Columbus Day Festivities:
Celebrating Yonkers Style

By Dan Murphy

The 2013 Yonkers Columbus Day Celebration Commit-tee held its annual dinner/dance before the pa-ridge at Ridge Hill in White Plains. Volunteer Chairwoman Shirley Jenkins, also made remarks.

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Art Exhibit to Feature the Modernism of NY’s Rivers

Bridging socio-economic change, iron bridges and the epic waterways are the landscape of New York changing and growing in the first 40 years of the 20th century. "Industrial Sublime: Modernism and the Transformation of New York’s Rivers, 1900-1940" will be on display Oct. 12 through Jan. 17 at the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, showing the convulsive changes in the city’s harbor. In hailing the new, these artists created a fresh vocabulary for their century.

"Industrial Sublime" includes more than 70 works from museums around the country. The exhibition is co-curated by Kirsten Jensen, and Bartholomew Bland, director of curatorial affairs at the Hudson River Museum. Industrial Sublime is accompanied by a fully-illustrated companion catalogue. The exhibit and its catalogue are the fifth in the Hudson River Museum’s series "The Visitor in the Landscape." Experience Industrial Sublime four ways with artist-led workshops in three different mediums.

On Oct. 16, design and print "ru" tiles using patterns popular in paintings from the 1890s with artist Pepi Coonsma. Then, on Oct. 25, collage a city with Courtney Wrenn using the "wet-tear" paper montage process. Last, on Oct. 23,累桥 led by Alison Moritsugu. All programs take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, and are for ages 16 and older. The cost is $5 per session. Coffee and cookies will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring refreshments to share.

For more information, go to www.hrm.org, or call 914-963-4550.

Jen Chapin Trio Comes to Urban H20 Music Series

Jen Chapin Trio Comes to Urban H2O Music Series on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Urban H2O is a "rootsy" roots and folk music series now in its fourth season, going strong on the shores of the Hudson River in Yonkers. The Jen Chapin Trio will perform Saturday, Oct. 19.

Concerts take place on the third Saturday evening of each month at Beczak Environmental Center, 35 Alexander St. Tickets are $15 and include beer from event sponsor, Captain Lawrence Brewery, bring your own mug!
By Eric W. Schoen

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Vampires, witches, zombies, goblins, peer pressure, drugs, and alcohol.

Some Halloween dangers are much more real than others.

Halloween is one of the biggest nights for teen drinking and drug use. Combined with unsupervised parties and careless drivers, Halloween can be a frightful time for families. Power to the Parent is here to empower Westchester parents. Learn the facts, strategies and information to help you get through to your teens. Teach your teen how not to get tricked this Halloween. PowerToTheParent.org.

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This, Too, is Westchester To Outer Space

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The Hudson Valley Almanack Network will present a Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Hyperion Community Center on Friday, Oct. 25 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the importance of continued and additional funding to after-school programs. Speakers will include Mayor Mike Spano, Superintendent Bernard Patrunio, Debra Nieves and Sonya Brown.

This is an important opportunity for after-school program providers, legislators and stakeholders to join together and discuss collaborative efforts to ensure that children have the opportunity to benefit from high-quality after-school programs and the critical importance of continued funding. As well, it is truly an honor to have received the endorsement of the Democratic candidate for Yorkonks County Council in the Fourth District, has officially endorsed the Communication Workers of America, Local 1105.

CWA Local 1105 stated, “The people of Yorkonks need another strong advocate on the City Council that is willing to stand for the middle-class. Tim is that advocate and we support his running and continuing to bring new energy and dedication to the City Council.”

In fact, there has been no one endorsed by the Yorkonks Democratic Committee, the Working Families Party, Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, Sen. George Latimer, the Working-Patronal Labor Body and the Yorkonks Federation of Roachers.

“We have received overwhelmingly posi- tive report thus far,” he said. “We continue to knock on doors, I know the support we have is more than enough and will be the keys to connecting with voters.”

The Hudson River Museum will present some “Family Studio” arts and science projects in the next month.

On Saturdays, Oct. 12 and 19, find out how people travel on the Hudson River, make your own paper airplane and travel with Roaches to travel with Roaches. On Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 12 and 19, do a sketchbook, an airport or a highway and find out how steel, plas- tons, concrete and wood affect us you travel. Projects run from 1 to 4 p.m. at the museum and are free with museum admission.

The IRMA will also host a trip to the Walkway Over the Hudson on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A bus will take participants from the museum to Poughkeepsie for a 45-min- ute to 1-hour-long walk across the Hudson River bridge, 252 feet above water.

The Hudson River Museum will present the Black Marble violin duo Karn and Mozart, among others. The title of the concert is “Kultur,” which was inspired by Steoliy’s novel.

The violinists of Black Marble are the nominating committee of the Hudson River Museum.

An organization of artists and creatives, the Hudson River Museum’s mission is “to promote excellence in visual, literary, and performing arts and to stimulate and create a public awareness of the arts and enhance the cultural life of the community.

A free information session titled “Adoption: Everything You Need to Know” will take place Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the Yonkers Riverfront Library in Community Room B, the Lucy Linker. Registration is neces- sary.

This event is open to anyone interested in or involved with the adoption process, including professionals, community members, prospective parents, adoptive or prospective adoptive parents, and adoptees. Learn about the domestic and in- ternational adoption process and meet staff of Forever Families Through Adoption, which is au- thorized in New York and Connecticut.

For more information, contact Anna at apha@f- fta.org, or 914-950-1180 or adopt@forever- familiesthroughadoption.org, or go to www.forever- familiesthroughadoption.org.

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Weekend Events Happening at The Westchester Country Nature Centers

The following events will take place Sat- urday, Oct. 19.

A Fall foliage hike will begin at 10 a.m. at the Truland Tides Nature Museum at Wound Pond Railroad Reservation in Mamaroneck. This hike will be great for families and beginners.

A guided tour of the glass orchids at Cran- berry Lake Preserve in north White Plains will take place at 10 a.m. Join artist David Licci for a tour of the flowers of Cranberry Lake. This walk is limited to 20 people. Call 914-201-2400 for reservations.

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Yonkers Public Schools Holds 2nd College Board Testing Day

Providing its high school students accessible access to College Board Assessments that support post-secondary aspirations, Yonkers Public Schools will hold its second annual College Board Testing Day on Wednesday, Oct. 16. At no cost to families, students will be provided in-school SAT (grades 12), PSAT (grades 10) and SAT (grades 11) and Roadmap (grade nine) exams. The three assessments are vertically aligned to measure similar skills in these basic areas critical reading, writing skills and mathematics.

The district is driven to enhance its college-going culture by providing students access to resources that support their educational journey beyond high school,” said Superintendent of Schools Pamela Fletcher.

He explained that because the SAT is integrated to the college admissions process, it is imperative that each student be given the opportunity to take the exam. “This in-school testing option ensures that our 12th-grade students sit for the SAT, either for the first time or as an opportunity to improve their scores. Our ninth- through 11th-grade students take supplemental assessments known to improve one’s performance on the SAT.”

The district’s College Board Testing Day was introduced last year in conjunction with the College Board-sponsored SAT School Day program, which takes place in limited districts across the country. While the SAT School Day program involves 11th- and 12th-grade students, it did not include SAT testing for the SAT day during the school day, Yonkers’ College Board Testing Day is unique, expanding to ninth- through 11th-grade students, as well. The RedStep, PSAT and SAT serve as an assessment system that aligns with the Common Core Standards and provides a progressive measurement of college-readiness. In this way, each exam serves as a benchmark for our educators, allowing them to monitor student progress and target areas in need of improvement,” said Yonkers Board of Education President Dr. Nadir Sayyah.

College Board Testing Day extends the district’s ongoing initiatives to make college a reality for students. This year’s transatlantic Collegiate Academy offered high school students the chance to earn up to three college credits, and partnerships with local colleges and universities provide summer programs that introduce students to college life while providing advanced lessons highlighting a facet of the science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum.

In November, Yonkers Public Schools was named to the College Board Area District Honor Roll for increasing access to advanced placement coursework—which has increased the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. In October, the district plans to launch an After-Advanced Darkroom program to support AP photography offerings.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction and Supervision Dr. Edwine Quezada explained: “The Academy expands access to college-level classes and the potential to earn college credit by providing an after-school opportunity. Students may now register for AP courses that their current schedule, or class size limitations, previously prevented them from taking.”

The New York League of Conservation Voters, which works to make environmental sustainability a top political and policy priority in New York State, has announced its endorsement of Liam McLaughlin for Yonkers City Council president.

“Yonkers City Council needs a leader who can strengthen the city and its economy, while also advancing environmental protection and improving quality of life,” said Yonkers Board of Education President Dr. Nadir Sayyah.

“At this time of unprecedented economic challenges and as we prepare for Yonkers’ future, we need a leader who can strengthen the city and its economy, while also advancing environmental protection,” said Michael Rotanelli, a Republican candidate for Yonkers City Council and the League of Conservation Voters’ local chapter leader. “Yonkers needs a leader who can strengthen the city and its economy, while also advancing environmental protection,” said Michael Rotanelli, a Republican candidate for Yonkers City Council and the League of Conservation Voters’ local chapter leader. “Yonkers needs a leader who can strengthen the city and its economy, while also advancing environmental protection.”

“Yonkers Public Schools extends the College Board Testing Day beyond high school students dismiss after the completion of their last class. Students who are taking the PSAT, SAT or AP tests will follow their schedules once completed.”

Council president candidate Michael Rotanelli at the podium, and County Executive candidate Noam Bramson, front right from left, at the campaign opening were (from left) Councilmember Christopher Johnson, County Board candidate Rocky Richard, Council President Chuck Lesnick, Yonkers Democratic Party Chair Synya Brandon, Judge Doran, County Legislator candidates Brandon Rochelle "Rocky" Richard for District 14 and Delilah Henry for District 15, and Council candidate Corazon Pineda for District 2 and Euthimios Theotokatos for District 4.

To learn more about Liam McLaughlin, go to www.LiamMcLaughlin2013.com.
Yonkers Debuts Film Festival

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced on October 8 that the City of Yonkers will be hosting its first Film Festival, which will take place on October 19 at 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library. The event will feature an opening ceremony, followed by screenings of various films, including documentaries, shorts, and feature-length films.

The festival will be held in collaboration with the Yonkers Film Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the arts and culture in the community.

The Yonkers Film Society is seeking film submissions for the festival. Submissions can be made through their website, which contains all the necessary information and guidelines for submission.

The festival aims to provide a platform for local and international filmmakers to showcase their work and promote the arts in Yonkers. For more information, please visit the Yonkers Film Society's website.
Ave., Mount Vernon. Also call the Help Line to basics” workshops, on Oct. 10, Nov. 7 and Services at 914-813-6100.

If you’re nearing retirement now, it may seem an extraordinary circumstance that these days you can all from the comfort of your home office. Amazing but true: You can do so much online, including getting an estimate of their benefit, finding current retirement options, completing and submitting your retirement application online, and more.

Picture a man sitting at his computer. He’s not sure what he should, so he calls the Social Security Administration to find out. The Social Security Administration provides free help at the federal Social Security Administration. Also call the Medicare Rights Center.

As in most cases, there are no papers Medicaid.

The program in Sleepy Hollow will take place Fridays from Oct. 11 to Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heath Center in Sleepy Hollow, 156 Broadway. To register, call 914-638-6680 or 914-797-4184.

Next stop…the retirement zone.

You are about to enter another dimension: A man sitting at his home computer enjoying a hot cup of java at his favorite coffee house. She’s done with planning and preparing for retirement and now is planning and preparing for retirement. Before going to a local Senior Social Security office and participating pharmacies. The program also has additional benefits. The program is accepted at participating pharmacies, call toll-free 877-776-9626 or visit www.nyrxdiscountcard.com.

ProAct discounts are made possible through the federal Medicaid program. The discounts are designed for residents who do not have insurance or whose insurance doesn’t cover particular drugs. The cards, which are completely anonymous, cannot be used in conjunction with any other type of insurance or to discount co-pays. The program covers all prescription medications – brand name or generic.

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The Westchester American Heart Association celebrated local heart disease survivors at its annual Heart Walk last Sunday at Kensico Dam in Valhalla. Teams and individual walkers showed up in force despite the light rain to support the AHA’s mission of building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. The Heart Walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy lifestyles and raises funds to support heart disease and stroke research, as well as educational and advocacy programs in the Westchester area. Dozens of large company teams, community groups, families—even pets—walked for heart health.

One of the largest teams walked in support of Yonkers resident Jimmy Murphy. He suffered sudden cardiac arrest while playing basketball and was saved by the Yonkers Police Department and EMS, who used CPR and an AED to shock his heart back to a normal rhythm.

“Team Jim” raised more than $9,000 and had more than 200 team members. Murphy was honored along with Marlena Chase from Nyack, who survived Marfan Syndrome and atrial fibrillation.

The Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association held its 17th annual scholarship gala last week at The Surf Club in New Rochelle. More than 250 guests attended the event that honored Bedford Police Chief William Hayes and former Yankee great and singer-songwriter Bernie Williams.

Gabrielle Barrea-Fontane and Christopher Rosa were the 2013 WHLEA scholarship recipients; a silent auction helped raise funds for future scholarships.

Mayor Mike Spano, Mt. Vernon Mayor Ernie Davis and County Executive Rob Astorino were some of the many elected officials and Westchester dignitaries who came out to lend their support.

Meet the Author:

Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist JONATHAN SCHUPPE will appear at Yonkers Riverfront Library to talk about his critically acclaimed chronicle of an extraordinary true story: A Chance to Win: Boyhood, Baseball and the Struggle for Redemption in the Inner City

When Raymond Mason, an ex-con drug dealer from “Needles’ South Side,” was shot and paralysed, he vowed to turn his life around. A former high-school pitching ace with a 93 mph fastball, Mason decided to form a Little League team to help boys avoid the street life that had claimed his youth and mobility.

The players struggle, but through the lists and tears, expelled bases and rare victories, this bunch of orphans becomes a team and gives a struggling community something to root for.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and for autographing by the author.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, October 27, 2013
2 pm in the Yonkers Room (4th floor)

For more information, call Susan Thaler at 914-375-7941.

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Yonkers Columbus Day Committee Celebration Chairman Robert Ferrito with honorees Francesco Colaiacovo and father Terzi Vinzi.

Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers First Lady Mary Calvi and Christopher Columbus himself applaud the festivities at the dinner/dance.

Robert Ferrito, general chairman; Liam McLaughlin; and Anthony Gambardella, vice chairman.

Dr. Susan Pizzutto Campagnile, Miss Columbus 1986; Linda Magliacano Parisi, Miss Columbus 1985; Francesco Amurriata, Miss Columbus 2013; Gianna Tummolo, Miss Columbus 2009; and Gabriella Maganiello, Miss Columbus 2012.

Hall of Fame recipients Judith Koller, Marlaina Koller (holding Madison Rose) and Ed Koller Jr. with family members.

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Mayor Mike Spano, Miss Columbus, Council Minority Leader John Larkin and Police Commissioner Charles Gardiner.

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, Miss Columbus 2013 Francesco Amurriata and State Sen. George Latimer.

County Executive Rob Astorino, Columbus Day Committee honoree Francesco Colaiacovo and Supreme Court Judge Daniel Angiolillo.

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