Kids Find ‘Golden Eggs’ At PAL Easter Egg Hunt

Yonkers Recognizes Women of Distinction

State Budget to Provide Answers to Yonkers Budget

Two dancers with the Barynya Russian Song and Dance Ensemble perform traditional Russian and Jewish dances. Photo by Robert Kalfus.

By Dan Murphy

As Gov. Andrew Cuomo and members of the State Senate and Assembly negotiate a spending plan for the 2016 New York State budget, due April 1, stakeholders in Yonkers are working to find a way to support the budget for the City of Yonkers, the Yonkers Public Schools and the taxpayers and residents.

Funding for YPS has become a priority, as always, for the Yonkers members of the state delegation.

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What do the Hudson River, an eel, a coyote and a boy named Marquis all have in common? They are all characters in the production of “How to Hug a Tree,” one of four performances at Sarah Lawrence College’s Center for the Urban River in Yonkers during the month of April.

The performances are part of the college’s “Hudson River Through the Arts” series, funded by a grant from National Endowment for the Arts in an effort to bring theater to underserved populations.

Allen Lang, co-director of the theatre outreach program, which is performing “How to Hug a Tree,” encouraged people from the community to attend these free performances. “We are very excited about presenting this production featuring original songs written by the ensemble to the community and opening up this wonderful world to children who otherwise might not have access to theatre,” he said.

On tap as part of the series are:

- **Jerry Craft** will present “The Artist and Storyteller” on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. Craft, a recognized cartoonist and children’s book illustrator, will help participants create their own Hudson River characters and cartoon drawings in a step-by-step process and will create on-the-spot drawings suggested by the audience.

- **Kim and Reggie Harris** will present “Music of the Hudson River” on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. This is a concert of songs, stories and narratives about Hudson River, slavery and the quest for freedom. The Harris’ will lead participants in song and stories to show how all races can come together to build a strong community.

- **“How to Hug a Tree”** will be presented by the college’s theatre outreach program Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. The musical is directed by award-winning playwright, director and painter Shirley Kaplan, founder of the theatre outreach program. It aims to teach children about the importance of the environment and values like loyalty, bravery and ethics. It is part of the program’s mission to use art to stimulate, encourage expression and build self-esteem across all age groups.

- **“Music and Dance Along the Hudson River”** will be presented Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. This is an original improvisational piece created by SLC faculty Kathy Westwater (dance) and John Yamazaki (music) and performed by SLC students. An interactive workshop with children and families will be held before the performance.

All performances are free and open to the public. The Center for the Urban River is located at 35 Alexander St., Yonkers. For more information, call 914-395-2412, visit www.sarahlawrence.edu or e-mail collegevents@sarahlawrence.edu.

Yonkers Rising volunteer photographers Paul Manitsas and Robert Kaffas submitted photos of winter and spring last week. Manitsas took this photo from the Sprain Brook Parkway during the last snowstorm of the year (hopefully) which quickly melted away.

Kaffas submitted a photo of daffodils bowing their leaves due to the shock of the snow weighing them down on the first day of spring, only to have the warming sun melt the snow and restore the flowers to life. Please send your Yonkers photos to risngmediagroup@gmail.com.

‘Grand Slam Fridays’ at Mets

FRIDAYS STARTING APRIL 8TH
5PM-7PM
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
BASEBALL TICKETS
EVERY 30 MINUTES

Empire City Casino
By Eric Schoen

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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was considering moving the displaced Assembly member to two blocks in Manhattan to 2nd Street. N.J. "To watch it as a bus stops in the area to show us the beautiful land in New Jersey."

New York State is considering a law to allow health providers to earn a medical license on the same basis as nurses or physicians. Over five years in this time frame and it’s quite cold! It’s never too late to start cracking into the security functions of an egg hunt in Connecticut at its corporate headquarters!"

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He, Too, is a Doctor Who Will Be Missed

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I say thank you to the doctors who offer us the solution. He doesn’t have you wait a long line for the best care. I hope you take the time to know your doctor to the best of your ability. He doesn’t have you wait a long line for the best care. I hope you take the time to know your doctor to the best of your ability."

But for legions of patients he truly is a long time. Dr. Safran certainly has fulfi lled his promise to treat us with care, research and compassion."

The Nepperhan Community Center is the recipient of Health’s Creating Healthy Schools and Communities program. The grant will be used to build the new school for Complex Students in the City of Yonkers, but it cannot be used to build infrastructure. The school’s $20 million project is expected to begin in the spring of 2016. The school will be 350,000 square feet, which will house 22 classrooms, a gym, and an auditorium.

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In addition, the Assembly member did a tremendous job in extending the state’s $50 million allocation to the Bee-Line bus service. He authored the legislation directing the state to ramp up funding for pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure in the final state budget, which the governor signed into law.

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Big Band Music at Library

"Big Band Sunday Afternoon," a musical program featuring the Yonkers Pops Band under the direction of Dave DiLullo, will be held Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library, 1500 Central Park Ave. The event, sponsored by Friends of the Yonkers Public Library, is open to the public free of charge and no tickets are required. Seating will be in the 255-seat Passion Auditorium.

For the big band enthusiast, the event will feature oldies but goodies, including straight ahead crooners, swing, and ongoing blues, all presented by a band that is a popular choice for special occasions. The Yonkers Pops Band will be featured, and guest vocalists will join the band for a wonderful afternoon of music. Call the library at 914-373-1500 for directions and more information.

Nominations Accepted For Sports Hall of Fame

The Yonkers City Council has unanimously approved the Special Artisans and Industry District designated at the old Carpet Mill, also known as the YoHO Confederation District, as the members of the City Council last week.

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City Cleans Up Old Croton Aqueduct Trail

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Seven seniors and health care

Five Star Premier Residences Supports Quality Living

Five Star Premier Residences of Yonkers said it welcomes all residents to celebrate life, and to do so on their own to the best of their abilities. “When assistance is needed, our warm and caring staff is there to provide support, offering all the comforts of home and more through our nourishing and memory care services,” said Five Star.

The facility is told that every resident is different, and for that reason offers a customized assessment of support services requirements before a new resident moves into the community. “With this information, we can plan to meet each person’s assisted living needs from the very beginning,” said Five Star.

Some of the services offered include licensed nurses on staff 24-hours a day, personalized medication management, personal care services, housekeeping, and transportation for shopping, errands and doctor appointments. Residents only pay for the specific services they need and use.

For residents who may require memory care services, the community offers the nationally-acclaimed Bridge to BrainHealth® Alzheimer’s care program. This is Five Star Senior Living’s innovative approach to helping residents rediscover the joys in everyday life. Based on the same Montessori methodology used in school systems, the program is personalized for each resident, focusing on their strengths to help them retain their individualized identities as a loving parent, successful lawyer, etc. However, skilled staff is on hand to guide residents and support families in their transition, helping to maximize a level of care and options for a fulfilling lifestyle,” said Five Star.

All residents at Five Star Premier Residence of Yonkers can choose from a full complement of social, educational, wellness, creative and spiritual programs, as well as a variety of support options. Walking/increase groups, book clubs and movie nights are readily available to all of the residents in order to stay active and social.

“The comfort of home, the composition of a caring team, and the fulfillment of companionship is the Five Star difference,” said administrators. For a personalized tour of the property, call 914-795-1234.

Five Star Premier Residences of Yonkers said in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

blood drive by up to 15 minutes. Offsite RapidPass, which allows donors to complete the donation process in 15 to 20 minutes, can be used in office, thus reducing the time they spend at the office, and in a room to complete the donation process in 15 minutes.

The Red Cross Red Blood drives are designed to improve strength, balance, agility and mobility.

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The Red Cross Blood Services program is crucial in saving lives and ensuring a steady supply of blood for those in need.

The Red Cross Blood Services team is dedicated to providing safe and effective blood donor services. They strive to ensure the highest standards of care and safety for both donors and recipients.

The Red Cross Blood Services program ensures that blood and blood products are distributed to healthcare facilities and patients in a timely manner and at the right time. This enables the Red Cross to provide blood and blood products to patients and healthcare providers when they need it most.

The Red Cross Blood Services team is committed to improving blood donor services, ensuring the safety and efficacy of blood products, and empowering communities to take action against blood shortages.
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to raise the minimum wage and my colleagues Chair Andrea Stewart-Cousins. 

ence Forum and the Empire Center for New York hours would be reduced, therefore netting the old $15 an hour for their first job. "

Jordan El-Hag, business manager of IBEW Local 1. "We need to work together to improve our tax raise wages for their employees altogether. 

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer added: "Imagine trying to survive on $30 a week in Westchester -- certainly not enough to pay for electricity, the telephone, or even to afford a pair of "As you are cheated out of what you are owed -- and you need to stand up for yourself. For too many workers, this is the case."

According to the Economic Policy Insti- tuition, wage theft is one of the most common the Barge is powered by solar energy. The zero pesticides and zero runoff. All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines and bioreactors, while the hydi- drone can be launched at the nearby Sand Hill. The Barge green- house grows an abundance of fresh produce, from like tomatoes and melons to lettuce and herbs, with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides and zero runoff. All of the energy the Barge is powered by solar panels, wind turbines and bioreactors, while the hydroponic greenhouse is integrated solely by cap- tured rainwater.

The Science Barge is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, NOAA, Hitachi America and the Hudson River Foundation. The Science Barge, a project of Groundwork Hudson Valley, is located at Dock 67 in Yonkers. For more information, contact Groundwork 914-675-2311.

News 12 Westchester  Wins 8 Emmy Awards

News 12 Westchester was honored by the New York Emmy Awards, and had four entries in- ad at the recent 99th Annual New York Emmy Awards ceremony at The Marriott Marquis Times Square in New York City.

"We're incredibly proud of these eight awards," said Jamie Rose, News 12 Westchester news director. "I'm so proud of Tan Ravitz and the entire News 12 West-chester team. Every day we strive to fulfill our mission of bringing news and information to our viewers in a truly professional manner. We are honored to be recognized for that effort."

We congratulate the following News 12 Westchester New York Emmy Award winners: "Drama in the Bronx I, II and III" for outstanding sports reporting; "News 12's Budget Breakdown" for news reporting of a serious and significant concern; "Talk of the Towns" for special religious programming.

Tan Ravitz was awarded in the fol- lowing categories: research of a craft specialty, on-camera reporting -- features, human interest, enterprise, news and program writing, and newswriting.

And Erik Mirtala was also awarded for producing。

News 12 Networks, which is comprised of seven daily, local, 24-hour news channels across Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, received a total of 13 New York Emmy Awards this year.

The New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, which presented the prominent membership organization serving the television industry. It encourages the pursuit of excellence and pro- vides the highest level of quality to televi- sion by confirming the industry's classic and distinctive standards and the recognition symbol of distinction -- the Emmy.

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Yonkers City Council Member
Cordially Invites Residents of the Nodding Hill to
Police Captain Peter Butler of the 3rd Precinct will also be in attendance.

Day: Thursday, April 7, 2016
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Place: Nodding Hill Community Center 140 Fallow Mill, Yonkers, NY

RotaTory Club of Yonkers - EasT OneKs INVITeS you to a SHOWING of the MOVIE

"BRICK BY BRICK" A one-hour film, the primary storytellers are Yonkers families from different backgrounds, who relate their personal encounters with housing and educational discrimination, and others who experience very different circumstances.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016 7pm - 9pm Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue

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Suggested Donation $10
Refreshments Available
RVP pvw@ optimum.net

Send photos of your recent event, or your upcoming event, to risingmediagroup@gmail.com

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The Yonkers and Westchester communities are mourning the loss of Alfred Weissman who passed away last weekend at the age of 90. Weissman was a prominent developer in the city and county, but served in so many other ways, including as a proud WWII veteran and philanthropist.

"Mr. Weissman was a great veteran who helped and encouraged us to run patriotic programs for students and for veterans here in Yonkers," said AMVETS Rauso Post 40 Commander Sam Riti. "Through our Flag Day events and essay contests, he has touched many in Yonkers and will not be forgotten."

Weissman, a recipient of the Americanism Award in Yonkers, made a significant contribution for the traveling Vietnam Wall to come to Yonkers several years ago, and was also a philanthropist in many other ways.

The UJA-Federation of New York expressed its sympathy over the passing of Weissman, who it says leaves behind a loving family that will carry on a tradition of exceptional Jewish philanthropy. "We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alfred’s beloved wife, Connie; his children, Alan (Gigi), David, and Julie (Michael); his grandchildren, and the entire family," the federation stated.

The Center for Entrepreneurial Jewish Philanthropy also mourns the loss of Weissman, calling him "a leader whose wisdom and generosity touched the lives of many. We extend our condolences to Constance and the entire family," said the center.

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer said: "He had a unique and personal commitment to those who served in the armed forces. Even in his late 80s he had meetings with soldiers to hear about their needs and experiences. His generous commitment to them was exceptional."
As part of this year’s Irish Heritage Month celebration at the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Bernice Spreckman of Mount Vernon and Yonkers has chosen Pat Quinn and Eileen Mannion to be honored, in recognition for their years of outstanding commitment and service to Westchester County’s Irish and Irish-American community.

Quinn is a Yonkers native from St. John the Baptist Parish and an alumnus of both Iona Preparatory High School and Iona College. A strong athlete, he played basketball in high school and rugby in college. His paternal family descends from County Armagh and County Down, while his maternal family descends from County Clare, County Cork and Westmeath.

Quinn is a leading advocate for raising awareness of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. He remains at the forefront fighting against ALS, coordinating and organizing the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which has raised more than $220 million for research to find a cure. Quinn attributes his success to the values instilled in him from his Irish-American heritage.

“It’s a real honor to be recognized during Irish Heritage Month here in Westchester County,” he said. “I attribute my inner fight, my strength to make a difference to my Irish blood and the local community. Not only in my hometown of Yonkers, but all across Westchester County, I have been supported in my fight against ALS. I am so proud to be Irish, so proud to be from Westchester County, and we will continue to battle this disease together. Thank you for this incredible award.”

Mannion came to Westchester after emigrating from her native Ireland. She arrived in the United States after leaving her hometown of Glenamaddy in County Galway in 1986. Since that time she has found success as a prominent businesswoman, owning and operating Eileen’s Country Kitchen on McLean Avenue for nearly 20 years.

She is also co-owner of The Heritage Bar and Restaurant, along with Eugene Collum, a native of Donegal. Part of her success has been found through her ability to bring a homey feel to her businesses and convey a sense of warmth and welcome to every customer. Aside from serving people her delicious meals, Mannion has made a point to serve her community by participating in many local organizations, including Aisling Irish Community Center and her local parish, St. Barnabas. She is also an active participant in Yonkers’ St. Patrick’s Day Parade and raises money for several charities by running in triathlons.

“Quinn & Mannion Honored For Irish Heritage Month”

Yonkers Rising received several emails and phone calls from our loyal readers asking how we could have forgotten to include the four Irish-American members of the Yonkers City Council in our coverage of St. Patrick’s Day. Editor in Chief Dan Murphy responded, “Simply put, there is no excuse.” Our apologies, and happy St. Patrick’s Day to, from left, Bobbie Shepherd and pooch, Pretzel; Councilman Dennis Shepherd; Majority Leader John Larkin; Council President Liam McLaughlin; and Councilman Mike Breen. Photo by Donna Davis.