**Memorial Day Has Special Meaning in Yonkers**

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**Saunders High School Valedictorian Sabrina Madera and Salutatorian Karthik Maddur. Photo by Bayan Baker.**

The Murphy family owns a service station on McLean Avenue, and Pat is now a member of the Yonkers Fire Department. We are happy to report that everyone in the photo made it back home safely after their deployment.

Lt. Patrick Murphy, far left, during his tour in Afghanistan.

By Phil Foley

This weekend, the City of Yonkers and several veterans organizations and neighborhood associations will hold Memorial Day parades and events to remember, and memorialize, those we lost fighting for our country.

Pictured above is Lt. Patrick Murphy III, far left, during his tour in Afghanistan.

**Saunders High School Hosts Career Day**

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Saunders High School Valedictorian Sabrina Madera and Salutatorian Karthik Maddur currently sat down with Yonkers Rising to discuss the many ways in which Saunders High School has prepared them for success and to express their love for their teachers.

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Floating Sculpture on the Hudson is Awe Inspiring

By Robert Pfitzenmeier

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The sphere responds to the ever-changing currents of the river. Like a boat, it trails down current and when the current accelerates, the sphere rotates. After dark, the Sphere is illuminated with solar-powered lights.

In the summer of 2014, YPRC’s free public kayaking sessions last approximately 30 minutes, and YPRC provides all equipment including boats (single and double sit-on-top kayaks), life jackets and paddles. YPRC also provides safety-trained volunteers on and off the water to ensure a protected zone at JFK Marina.

YPRC has successfully run free kayaking programs since 2006, putting thousands of youth and adults on the water and introducing them to environmental stewardship of area waterways.

In the summer of 2014, YPRC’s free public kayaking program put more than 1,050 youth and adults on the water – a threefold increase from the summer of 2013,” said John Maggioto, a Hastings resident and Commodore of YPRC. “We expanded our program to meet this need.”

Individuals are welcome to walk-up and sign-up on the spot as space is available; YPRC encourages groups of 8 or more to register on yprc.org in advance.

“it’s harder than you’d think to kayak in the Hudson if you don’t have your own boat – if you’re just beginning, without spending a lot of money,” said Cathy Siefert-Hansen, a YPRC member from Dobbs Ferry. “Community groups like Nepperhan Community Center, Scouting and Yonkers Bike Club bring people to YPRC’s free public kayaking. It is so much fun for families and young people to kayak for their first time, and how they progress as they keep coming back. People really learn to love being on the river!”

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The Hudson River has a great protective presence, in which I am constantly awe-struck. I am delighted by the time I spend on and around it.

Constitutional with a stainless steel frame clad with 720 recycled/reused plastic bottles, two stabilizing weighted bags hold the position to allow it to turn on its axis when the flow is present.

The Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club will again offer free kayaking to the public at JFK Marina and Yonkers this summer, every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., from June 18 to Aug. 27, as well as Sundays, July 26 and Aug. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Groups and individuals should register at www.yprc.org. For more information, email yprcykcy@gmail.com.

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Lincoln High School Teacher Wins Barnes & Noble Contest

Lincoln High School teacher Helena Osinloye has been named the winner of the Barnes & Noble “My Favorite Teacher” contest, and was honored at the Barnes & Noble on April 15.

The recognition is the result of the efforts of one of Osinloye’s students, Chelsea Blum, who acted on her own initiative and submitted a winning essay in the Barnes & Noble’s national “My Favorite Teacher” contest. She named Osinloye as her favorite teacher, explaining that he was eloquent in detail.

Osinloye received a $50 Barnes & Noble gift card and plaque, and Chelsea was recognized for her work and read her essay to the audience. Her essay will be submitted to the national contest where both she and Osinloye stand to achieve even greater recognition, as well as $5,000 for Osinloye and $5,000 for Lincoln High School.

The Superintendent has directed the Central Office administrators and budget staff to continue searching for the $200 million necessary to return a sound, balanced budget for 2015-16 by May 26. At the special Budget and Finance Committee meeting last week, trustees repeatedly noted that the time has run out on what they believe is good for Yonkers students – or good for the community.

The actions that are required to take are being forced upon the district due to the lack of sufficient funding, they said. Dr. Nader Sayegh, board president, reminded the public that the budget process, which began last fall with a request for a $342 million budget, would now require critical programs and services that were depleted over the years. “It is a budget that is right for our students and would have required an additional $390 million to ensure a sound, basic education to Yonkers children,” he said.

When it became clear that budget cuts would not be funded, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Yazurlo presented a status quo budget for next year from the state and special education programs will be reduced. In addition, certified and non-certified overtime expires and materials, as well as travel, at the district.

We will not give up our efforts.”

On This Day in Yonkers History...

May 25, 1903: A petition from several May 27, 1862: John Kendrick Bangs was born in Yonkers. This humorist ran unsuccess- notable Yonkers residents was presented to the Common Council. It asked that a section of the street be called Midland Heights, and it was allowed.

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Yonkers NAACP to Address Gun Violence at Meeting

The Yonkers Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its monthly general membership meeting and its annual Youth Leadership Workshop on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Yonkers Community Center, 342 Warburton Ave.

The speaker will be Assistant District Attorney Steven Brown-Vega, who is director of community affairs for the District Attorney’s Office. He is one of the founders of the For the Justice of All campaign, which works to deliver a consistent anti-gun and anti-gang message to community members.

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Consider Adopting Lulu

Lulu needs a loving home.

There are many pets available for adoption at the Yonkers Animal Shelter. Lulu is a mixed-breed dog about 3 years old and 50 pounds. She’s a mixed Bully Breed who went to the shelter as a stray dog some months ago. While she behaves appropriately when walking in the vicinity of other dogs, she would prefer not to share her home with other pets — she wants her person all for herself. She is smart and affectionate and loves to learn. Lulu knows “sit,” “down” and “give paw.”

Lulu was at the Yonkers Animal Shelter at 100 Ridge Hill Blvd, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekends, and noon and 4 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 914-377-6700 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time, email lesliem147@gmail.com.

Lincoln Students Learn from Reporter During Career Day

Every year, more than 25,000 people gather by the Hudson River in downtown Yonkers to listen to music and learn about new products and causes. This year, on Sept. 12 starting at noon, thousands of people of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy some exciting new features as part of the 23rd Yonkers Riverfest, a free festival sponsored by the Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District, the City of Yonkers and Domino Sugar.

It is one of the largest family-friendly gatherings in Westchester County. The Legends of Motown (Leonard, Cole- man and Blunt) are the showcase act. Including members of the Temptations, the Platters and the Drifters, the band will play such timeless favorites as “Under the Boardwalk,” “My Girl” and “Save the Last Dance for Me.”

The “Innovation Station” is based on the “Maker Faire” model, and will showcase inventions and new technologies, including 3D printing, home inventions and more. Yonkers was a birthplace of the pickle industry, so the BID is bringing the brined cucumber (and other vegetables) back in a “memorial” form.

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Yonkers is one of the many veterans, past and present, who call Yonkers home. On this weekend, we salute your service and remember those who never made it home.

The City of Yonkers will remember and honor the number of the annual force who sacrificed their lives when it hosts its annual Memorial Day parade May 30 on McLean Avenue. The city will host the event in conjunction with the Charles N. Bajart American Legion Post 1122.

The parade will commence at 1 p.m. with a ceremony at Stillwell Park (McLean Avenue at 24th Street) and proceed along McLean to the American Legion Post at 840 McLean Ave. A ceremony will conclude the parade at the post, with the placing of wreaths.

“Memorial Day is an opportunity for all of us to recognize and thank our veterans in Yonkers and all across America for their patriotism and devotion, especially to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

“Yonkers removes its enduring pledge to always honor and never forsake its fallen heroes.”

Additional local Memorial Day events in Yonkers include:

* City of Yonkers Memorial Day ceremony May 25 at 9 a.m. in Crestwood Memorial Day parade May 25 at 10 a.m. The parade/ceremony is hosted by Ernest Pasqua American Legion Post 1506, and participating groups include veterans from various posts throughout Yonkers, Mayor Spano and local elected officials, the Yonkers Police Honor Guard, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Yonkers High School marching band and the Knights of Columbus and buglers.

* Catholic Slovak Club Memorial Day parade May 25 at noon

* Expressway Post 375 Memorial Day service May 25 at 2 p.m.

The first official recognition of Memorial Day, known then as Decoration Day, was May 30, 1868. For additional information on all Yonkers Memorial Day ceremonies, contact the city’s Department of Veterans Services at 914-377-6700 or visit www.yonkersny.gov.

Lincoln Students Learn from Reporter During Career Day

News 12 Westchester reporter Grace Noone recently participated in Lincoln High School’s annual Career Day. In addition to speaking to the students about their career, exposing students to a variety of professions and helping them realize the abundance of future employment possibilities available to them, Noone spoke with 11th-grade student Evers Innocent.

Temptations, Tech & Brine Coming to Yonkers Riverfest

Traditions such as arts and crafts, children’s activities, environmental exhibits and entertainment on five stages will also continue to be part of this day-long festival.

“We’re also expanding our sponsorship outreach to include major national brands,” said Dan Lapa, executive director of the Yonkers BID. “We’re so grateful to the companies — both small and big — that enable us to produce this annual event. It’s a great opportunity for brands to reach a huge, diverse population.”

The 2015 sponsorship options are available at www.YonkersRiverfest.com/sponsors. In addition to Riverfest, the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID is gearing up for its spring/summer activities, including a series of free events such as “Movies on Main Street,” “Friday Night Jazz, Blues and More,” “Riverwalk” Wednesday children’s shows and a Fourth of July fireworks concert.

New York area families are always looking for something fun and interesting to do during the summer and on weekends,” said Yonkers developer and BID President Kenneth Danzien. “This year, we want to give them more reasons to take the short ride up to the waterfront to see all the unique things going on in downtown Yonkers!”

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CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA - TAX AUCTIONS - The City of North Tonawanda is holding a public Tax Foreclosure Auction on June 5th at 10:00am. Contact: Steve Schmitt, City Assessor, at (716) 694-5090.

NOTICE: It is hereby noticed that an amended order made by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, on the 30th day of April, 2015, bearing Index No. 0109/14, authorizing service of the summons in the above-entitled action for Division be served on defendant Carl Kelsi, by publishing the same together with a notice of the object of the action in the Yonkers Rising, which has been designated as the local newspaper for the County of Westchester, defendant, once in each of these three successive weeks, the first publication to be made within thirty (30) days after the granting of this order.
More than 250 dedicated members of the CancerCare family joined together May 3 at Greenwich Point for the third annual Greenwich Walk/Run for Hope to celebrate survivors, support patients and employees. They are not only there to support people with cancer, but are also there to support the people around them who are affected by cancer. "There aren't too many organizations out there that offer such a wide range of support services for such a wide range of people," said Fastiggi. "And that's important because they help absolutely anyone affected by cancer," she said. "There aren't too many organizations that offer such a wide range of support services for such a wide range of people."

Kicking off the event, Greenwich native Wendy Yarish spoke about her own experience in a breast cancer survivor, and why she was moved to become an advocate for CancerCare. "CancerCare's services are so incredibly important because they help absolutely anyone affected by cancer," she said. "And that's important because they help absolutely anyone affected by cancer," she said. "There aren't too many organizations out there that offer such a wide range of support services for such a wide range of people."

"That's why we're here, to be ambassadors of health and wellness," said Fastiggi. "People think cancer is a disease that you just have to wait for, but it's not. It's a disease that you can fight and win."

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May 27, 1882: The American branch of the Bicycle Touring Club made its first annual meet run from New York City to Yonkers.

Al Del Bello

Al Del Bello is a historian who, as a major supporter of the historic Yonkers Jewish Center, has been instrumental in its development and its growth. His contributions have been many and varied, reflecting his deep commitment to the Jewish community of Yonkers and its historical legacy.

He served as the president of the Yonkers Jewish Center and was a member of its board of directors for many years. During his tenure, he worked tirelessly to raise funds for the center’s maintenance and expansion, as well as to increase its visibility in the community.

Al was also a key figure in the establishment of the Yonkers Jewish Historical Society, which was founded in 1980. He served as its first president and was a driving force behind its success.

In addition to his work with the Yonkers Jewish Center, Al was involved in many other community organizations, including the Yonkers Historical Society, the Yonkers Performing Arts Center, and the Yonkers Public Library. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Yonkers Board of Education.

Al’s contributions to Yonkers were recognized in 1992 with the presentation of the Yonkers Jewish Center’s highest honor, the “Marty Rochelle Award.” He received this award for his dedication to the center and his commitment to the Jewish community.

Al Del Bello’s legacy lives on today, as the Yonkers Jewish Center continues to serve as a vibrant hub of Jewish life and culture in the community. His contributions were a testament to his love for Yonkers and his commitment to its future.
Cross County Shopping Center Announces SummerFest Lineup

From left are COUNCILLOR Christopher Johnson, CSEE co-founder Sobeida Cruz, Chelsea Freeman and Donise Lyons from Youth Theatre Interactions, and Ed Birdie.

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Cross County Shopping Center's Summerfest will feature Fit Fest activities, below, and characters from children's movies, above, all on the village green.

With warmer temperatures on the horizon, Cross County Shopping Center has announced a new lineup of activities for its SummerFest celebration this year. Along with several outdoor events and promotions, the summer series will include two new elements: a Style Lounge featuring tutorials and beauty workshops, and Fit Fest, offering outdoor fitness classes that promise to get participants moving right away.

Now in its fifth year, SummerFest is Westchester County’s premier summer festival of events, art and entertainment.

“We are always so excited when Summerfest comes around, but this year we’re thrilled to introduce our brand new Style Lounge and Fit Fest for you shoppers,” said Liz Pulbic, senior manager of marketing for Cross County Shopping Center. “Summerfest is more than just events—there are a variety of events every night that speak to many audiences.”

The Fit Fest will feature classes on shopping with a wellness and interest in healthy living and well-being. And the Style Lounge will supply shoppers who love to see and experiment with the latest fashion and footwear, from bare to clothes to rails and bag displays.

This year, Cross County Shopping Center has added an extra month to SummerFest 2015 with activities beginning in May. The events are free to the public and draw tens of thousands of visitors from Upper Manhattan and the Bronx to White Plains, and neighboring Westchester communities.

The following events are scheduled this year for SummerFest 2015:

**Style Lounge**—Celebrity summer in style with Cross County Shopping Center’s Style Lounge, presented by Macy’s. Declared out with all the glamour and excitement of an event, shoppers will be able to walk on the celebrity-style “pink carpet” while enjoying a variety of offers from nearly 30 retailers and restaurants.

**Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival**—On Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., throughout the mall, the community can see amazing works of art created in chalk by both professional and amateur artists.

**Fireworks**—The July 4 celebration by Milagro-Santana Tribute Band on Saturday, July 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Concert Series**—Get ready for the summer’s best outdoor concerts at Cross County Shopping Center. With a range of all music genres, a sense of live performances throughout the summer will include:

- The Milagro-Santana Tribute Band on Thursday, July 2, from 7 to 11 p.m.
- The Beatles on Wednesday, July 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Art of the Nutcracker on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- NYC Swing Band on Saturday, July 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.
- The Veronicas on Wednesday, July 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**FDR Drive on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

**British Invasion on Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Shoppers can bring their beach chairs and blankets to The Green, in the center of the mall, to enjoy these free performances.**

**For more information about SummerFest 2015 at Cross County Shopping Center, visit www.crosscountystyle.com or follow the center on Facebook at facebook.com/crosscountystyle.**

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State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins with YFT President Pat Puleo and City Council members Mike Breen, Dennis Shepherd and Michael Sabatino at a rally for education funding in Albany.

CSEA President Lionel Turner at the rally outside City Hall.

Mayor Mike Spano with City Council members Sabatino, Christopher Johnson and Conason Pineda, as well as parents, students and staff in Albany.

The initiative, titled “Nepal Earthquake: Help Children Now,” was quickly placed in motion as nearly 1 million children require humanitarian assistance. Pre-kindergarten to eighth-grade students rallied together to all donate $1 to the mission. School 23 proudly raised nearly $700 and mailed a check to UNICEF on Friday, May 15.

By Dan Murphy

The City of Yonkers and its elected leaders, parents, teachers and staff, have created a movement aimed at — once and for all — ending the education funding problem in Albany that has plagued the school system for decades. It is called “Yonkers Kids Matter,” and its Twitter account is #YonkersKidsMatter.

This week, rallies were held in Albany, on the steps of Yonkers City Hall, and at the recent Board of Education meeting where trustees were forced to make significant cuts to a school system that serves 27,000 students — but has already been cut to the bone.

Yonkers Public Schools needs an additional $26 million for the 2015-16 school year in order to maintain its current level of educational services, which does not include complete sports, arts and music programs, or enough librarians, guidance counselors and psychologists for every school.

There is no news yet of any decision or additional funding from Albany. The City Council will begin its budget reviews, which include a budget public hearing Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, where residents and educators can speak out.

Yonkers Lawmakers Tell Albany: Our Kids Matter

Yonkers 23 Students Donate to Nepal Earthquake Victims

Marie Martin’s fifth-grade class collected more than $1500 for the Nepal/UNICEF fundraising effort.