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## Red Ribbon Reinforces Positive Actions

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Manhasset SCA and CASA's recent Red Ribbon Week celebration at Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary Schools reinforced the importance of children being kind to each other and making healthy choices. The week's activities highlighted the theme "Friends don't let friends bully or do drugs" and featured outstanding anti-bullying programs by Theatre Three of Port Jefferson.

**Stand-Up! Stand Out! The Bullying Project** educated K-3 students about the importance of being an "upstander" when faced with bullying peer situations. The production modeled how students can take responsibility beyond



Students' helping hands take-home art projects were displayed throughout Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Schools in celebration of Red Ribbon Week.

themselves and included different ways the main character could help another character who was experiencing bullying. Actors explained the difference between tattling and telling; tattling is to get someone into trouble and telling is to get someone out of trouble. In addition, the play identified four different types of bullying: name calling and teasing, social isolation, threats and physical bullying.

**Class Dismissed: The Bullying Project** reinforced with students in grades 4-6 that they have the power to acknowledge acts of bullying, address them, and stop their progress. The program highlighted how students are the solution and how they can

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## Freeheld Filmed In Town

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More than just local government is being held at 200 Plandome Road these days. The movie and cast of *Freeheld* were filming on site. The movie stars including actors Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, Ellen Page, and Luke Grimes, have been seen in and around the streets of Manhasset.



Steve Carell

The movie, based on a 2007 documentary, depicts a New Jersey car mechanic Stacie Andree (played by Page) and her police detective girlfriend Laurel Hester (Moore) both battle to secure Hester's pension benefits after she was diagnosed with a terminal illness.

According to sources in Town Hall, a court scene was filmed in the Town of North Hempstead boardroom and was transformed into an Ocean City, N.J. court room.

Trucks were parked behind Mary Jane Davies Park and food trucks were seen at the Baptist Church on Plandome Road.

The filming wrapped up in Manhasset last Friday, Nov. 7.

## Two Grand Openings In Manhasset



Manhasset Chamber and Town Of North Hempstead officials gathered with banking staff as bank CEO Micheal N. Vittorio cuts the red ribbon.

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Two new businesses opened their doors recently in Manhasset. One on Plandome Road, the other on Northern Boulevard in Munsey Park.

The First National Bank of Long Island opened its 39th branch at 572 Plandome Road in Manhasset on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The bank specializes in consumer and business banking products as well as commercial and residential lending and investment products.

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See it. Say it. Stop it! by turning away from being a bystander to acting as an upstander.

During the weeks prior, SCA Red Ribbon Week committee chairs Denise St. Jeanos and Jennifer Balsamo (Shelter Rock) and Heidi Franchetti and Jennifer Johnston (Munsey Park) worked tirelessly with fellow parents to promote prevention awareness in the Manhasset community.

The committees provided all elementary school parents with red ribbons to exhibit on a tree in their yard or neighborhood and engaged students to participate in a Helping Hands take-home art project.



**Manhasset CASA's Youth Committee representatives decorated the campus at Manhasset Secondary School to show support for National Substance Abuse Prevention Month left to right: Jenna Tishler, Alyssa Sanders and Griffin Hyde.**



**For more than 30 years, Theatre Three has been presenting educational touring programs in schools across Long Island as well as the tri-state area.**

In celebration of the week, schools and homes were decorated with red ribbons; projects were displayed throughout school hallways; and students wore red and received theme armbands as a symbol of their commitment to making healthy choices and being kind to others.

Red ribbon week highlighted the importance of secondary school parents talking with their teens about the dangers of underage drinking. Manhasset CASA's Youth Committee representatives Griffin Hyde, Alyssa Sanders and Jenna Tishler decorated the campus at Manhasset Secondary School to show support for National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. A parent presentation featuring

Dr. Robert Turrisi, from Penn State University's Parent Research Center, highlighted why parents need to use a clear no-use message when it comes to keeping teens safe from the many dangers associated with underage alcohol use.

October is recognized as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month where 680 coalitions worked to reduce substance abuse across our country. Red ribbon week is our nation's largest celebration of substance abuse prevention and awareness.

For additional information about Red Ribbon Week or prevention, go to [manhassetcasa.org](http://manhassetcasa.org) or like them on Facebook.



**Theatre Three**



**Shelter Rock Red Ribbon Week Committee chairs Denise St. Jeanos and Jennifer Balsamo and Munsey Park Chairs Heidi Franchetti and Jennifer Johnston assembled parent teams to display red ribbons across the community (Pictured: Shelter Rock School Volunteers Jennifer Pfeiffer, Denise Serafino and Allie Pritti)**

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Bank president and Chief Executive Officer Micheal N. Vittorio was on hand as well as a number of elected officials including Councilwoman Anna Kaplan and Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman. In addition to the branch staff, Manhasset Chamber of Commerce Co-President Nancy Morris was on hand to welcome the newest Chamber member into the community.

The bank established its first branch in Glen Head in 1927 and the bank was named the First National Bank of Glen Head. The second branch was opened in 1956 in Roslyn as a full service office. Since then bank continues to flourish open up new branches in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and New York City. The institution changed its name in 1978 and officially became the First National Bank of Long Island. Their motto is The First National Bank of Long Island "Where everyone knows your name."



**Nicole Rose and her brother  
Photo by Tonya Thomas**

The bank is a full service commercial bank which provides a broad range of financial services to individual, professional, corporate, institutional and government customers through its branch

system on Long Island and in Manhattan. The company in September announced a three for two stock split with a 7.7 percent increase in quarterly cash dividend. It anticipates opening its fortieth branch in Greenlawn shortly. For more information on the branch visit [www.fnbli.com](http://www.fnbli.com). Branch hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Saturday night, Nov. 8, friends, family and local village officials came to the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening party of Nicole Rose Salon. Nicole Rose Xouris, the owner of the salon, was surrounded by a sea of red and black to open her beauty salon. The salon located at 1689 Northern Blvd. in Munsey Park is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information visit their website at [www.nicolerosesalon.com](http://www.nicolerosesalon.com).