

cause. . . on a given day we're trying to accommodate the needs of more than 1,500 people," said superintendent Anna Hunderfund. "The thought is we just give adequate notice to anyone who is driving from the east or from the west on Horse Hollow Road that they are approaching a school and that as a result they should just please be very cautious."

Hunderfund said she was unaware of any accidents in front of the school but said it is a major thoroughfare and cars and buses regularly get backed up at the school's entrance and exit. The village attorney said last month he would review the laws before the board makes a decision.

"We're strongly in favor of schoolchildren and keeping them alive," said Lattingtown mayor Clarence Michalis in an interview. "Whatever we have to do to get it done, we're doing."

The designation would mean putting in signs, painting the road and possibly lowering the 35 mph speed limit. — **TED PHILLIPS**

ISLIP

Manufacturer plans move to Hauppauge

A Locust Valley manufacturer is moving to Hauppauge after the Islip Town Industrial Development Agency offered hundreds of thousands of dollars in incentives to relocate.

MultiDyne Video & Fiber Optics, a high-tech manufacturer of fiber optic communication equipment for broadcast, cinema and professional audio-visual industries, plans to move to 35 Hoffman Ave. in Hauppauge, according to a news release from the town.

The new facility will be nearly 20,000 square feet and enable the company to hire 13 more employees in addition to its current 17 employees.

The town IDA offered MultiDyne \$50,000 in sales tax exemptions, a mortgage recording tax savings of \$19,230 and \$217,384 in property tax abatements.

"We feel lucky to have found an ideal location in a town that has been very accommodating and sensitive to our personal needs and that of our growing business," said Frank Jachetta, president of MultiDyne Video & Fiber Optics, in the release. "Our expansion plans call for continued growth in the manufacturing of video production and signal distribution equipment, as well as adding value to the

surrounding area. We're excited and pleased to call the Town of Islip our new home."

"With the advent of HD and 4K Ultra HD, the equipment designed, manufactured, and sold by MultiDyne is a necessity, and we are fortunate to have companies such as MultiDyne bringing their advanced technology business to Islip Town," town Councilman John Cochrane said in the release.

— **SOPHIA CHANG**

MINEOLA

Bullying information seminar March 2

Students, parents, educators, social workers and others can learn how to address bullying in schools or on social media at the Nassau County Bar Association next month.

The free seminar, "Bullying: Prevention and Intervention," is to be held March 2 at 6 p.m. at the Bar Association, at the corner of 15th and West streets.

The impact of New York State's Anti-Bullying Law and the Dignity For All Students Act will be examined, along with how the legislation affects students, what is expected of schools and what parents can do, including legal remedies.

Speakers will include an elementary school principal, a deputy bureau chief with the Nassau County district attorney's office and other lawyers with expertise in the area.

Reservations are requested by calling 516-747-4070 or emailing kcatz@nassaubar.org.

— **SID CASSESE**

MANHASSET

State funds library workshop for parents

The Manhasset Public Library has been awarded state funding to run workshops aimed at preventing bullying and drug abuse.

State Sen. Jack Martins (R-Old Westbury) announced the \$5,000 funding in a news release. Officials said the funds help the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse to present its workshop series, Power of Parenting.

"Children face many challenges as they grow up; peer pressure to use alcohol or drugs, being bullied, and maintaining a positive self-image," Martins said in a statement. "Parents themselves faced these same challenges when they were

growing up, but are unsure about how to help their own children through them."

Events to be held at the library, at 30 Onderdonk Ave. in Manhasset, include:

■ "The Fragile Teen Brain," on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

■ "What Adults Need to Know About Bullying" on March 11, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

■ "Raising Confident & Healthy Girls," on April 29 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. — **SCOTT EIDLER**

GREAT NECK PLAZA

Submissions sought for poetry contest

If you think you have a way with words, you might want to enter Great Neck Plaza's Fifth Annual Poetry Contest to win prize money and a reading before an audience and have your work posted in village hall and other local locations.

Residents of Nassau and Suffolk counties, Queens and Brooklyn are invited to submit up to three unpublished poems on any subject for a nonrefundable entry fee of \$15. The poems can be in any style, but they must have a title and not exceed more than 30 lines per poem. They are to be typed in single-space format.

"It's a lovely creative and artistic project," Mayor Jean Celender said of the contest. "We always look forward to seeing the entries come in."

Poets must include two copies of each poem, one anonymous and one with the poet's name and address below the poem. A cover sheet listing the poet's name, address, phone number, email address and title of each poem must be included.

Winners will be announced March 31 on the village website (greatneckplaza.net). An Awards Day reading will be held April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Great Neck Plaza courtroom. First prize is \$150 and a 20-minute reading on awards day; second prize is \$75 and a 10-minute reading; and third place is \$50 and a five-minute reading.

"If you've never heard a poetry reading live, it's quite an enjoyable experience," Celender said.

Each of the three winning poems will be posted for one month on seven secure outdoor village signposts, on the bulletin board in village hall, and in the waiting room of the Great Neck Long Island Rail Road Station.

Submissions can be hand-de-

livered or mailed to: Village of Great Neck Plaza, 2 Gussack Plaza, P.O. Box 440, Great Neck, NY 11022-0440, Attn: Poetry Contest. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28. Entries handed in must be presented a day earlier since village hall is closed on Saturdays, and mailed submissions must be postmarked by Feb. 28.

Visit the village website for more information. — **LISA IRIZARRY**

HUNTINGTON

Journey program to exhibit student art

The artwork of local high school students will be showcased as part of the Huntington Arts Council's Journey program.

The program was established in 1985 as a means of integrating multicultural arts into the classroom curriculum. The goal of Journey is to foster the appreciation of cultural diversity through the arts.

The participating students are in 11th and 12th grade and are from the Commack, Harborfields, Huntington, Northport-East Northport, Plainview-Old Bethpage and South Huntington school districts.

An opening reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at The Main Street Gallery at 213 Main St. in Huntington. All are welcome. The exhibit will be on display from the opening until March 2. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon until 4 p.m.

For more information visit huntingtonarts.org or call the Huntington Arts Council at 631-271-8423. — **DEBORAH S. MORRIS**

NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Town designated as age-friendly by AARP

The Town of North Hempstead is now a member of the "AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities," a designation given by the organization to areas committed to improving the quality of life for senior residents.

As an AARP community, North Hempstead is also part of the World Health Organization's Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. The town is allowed to access WHO resources to better serve its aging community.

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What I cover

Along with my colleague Carl MacGowan, my job is to keep Newsday's readers informed about happenings in Brookhaven Town. In addition to town matters, I focus on Patchogue and Mastic Beach villages, but I've never turned down a good story idea! Please say hello when you see me walking through your village or hamlet and let me know what's going on in your neighborhood. If you pass it along to me, I'll pass it along to everyone else.

Coming up

I plan to attend the Feb. 26 Brookhaven Town Board meeting.

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aging members of our community, and this honor bestowed by AARP reflects our commitment to keeping members of our community healthy and happy," Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth said in a news release. "North Hempstead is now recognized as an international leader in preparing for the needs of the growing number of mature adults both today and in the coming decades."

Bosworth noted the town operates the Department of Services for the Aging. Its Project Independence program focuses on ensuring that seniors can age in their homes with dignity, independence and civic involvement.

"Receiving this designation from AARP affirms that the programs offered by Project Independence are in fact helping to make North Hempstead an age-friendly community," said the department's commissioner, Kimberly Corcoran-Galante.

Project Independence programs include transportation for trips to the supermarket and doctors' appointments, social work services and fitness classes. For more information, call 311 in the Town of North Hempstead.

— **LISA IRIZARRY**