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## Lowe's, Eateries Look to Replace Costco in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

Whispers of Costco Wholesale Club bolting Yorktown and Lowe's coming in as a replacement were publicly confirmed this week.

Breslin Realty Development Corporation was scheduled to appear before the Yorktown Planning Board Monday night to discuss an amended site plan application for an 18.75-acre site off Route 202 that formerly housed a motel and had been approved last year for Costco and an accompanying members-only gas station.

However, Yorktown Planning Director John Tegeder confirmed Monday Costco changed its mind and are no longer inter-

ested in opening a store in that location, leaving Wilbur Breslin, president and chief executive officer of Breslin Realty Development Corporation, in search of another tenant.

Apparently, Breslin was successful in piquing Lowe's interest, as his amended application calls for Lowe's, along with two restaurant buildings and a bank building. Overall, Tegeder said the new site plan would utilize less space on the property (a total of approximately 137,000 square feet) than the 151,092-square-foot Costco store and gas station that planners gave their blessing to last November. The Lowe's building will be about 120,000 square feet.

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce was slated to receive a preview of the plan Monday afternoon prior to the Planning Board meeting in the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center.

Tegeder explained the Planning Board needed to review the amended plan to determine if the "impacts were equal or less" than the Costco project, thus negating having to submit any additional studies. Lowe's will still be required to get approvals from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for its storm water plan, plus a critical use and occupancy permit from the state Department of Transportation, among completing other conditions

in relation to the site.

Those requirements appeared to be difficult for Costco to obtain, while a few lawsuits filed by a local gas station owner and an environmental advocacy group also may have proven to be too much to overcome.

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace said the amended site plan with four buildings may be a better configuration for the property.

"We're very pleased that Lowe's wants to invest in the town and hopefully we can find a place for Costco," Grace said. "The only disappointment is that these things take much longer than they should."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL GIULIANO

### Making a Friend

Human beings and animals got to know each other better at the 92nd Annual Yorktown Grange Fair last week. For photos and a list of winners from the fair, see pages 14-15.

## Cortlandt Family to Appeal Feds Ruling in Lakeland's Favor

By Rick Pezzullo

A Cortlandt family is appealing a recent ruling from the U.S. Department of Education, New York Office for Civil Rights (OCR) that cleared staff at Van Cortlandtville Elementary School and Lakeland School District administrators of any wrongdoing regarding allegations of "intentional bullying" and discrimination on the basis of a learning disability against their now sixth grade son.

In mid-July, Michelle Browne received an 11-page letter from Nadja Allen Gill, compliance team leader for OCR, stating four complaints Browne and her husband, Neal, filed against the district on January 20 in ref-

erence to their son, Alec, had been investigated and there was "insufficient evidence" to substantiate the allegations.

Several of the complaints made by the Brownes centered around Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which provides students with special learning needs extra time to complete classroom work and tests. Michelle Browne maintained she had sought those accommodations for Alec since he was in first grade.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of the matter," stated Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone. "In Lakeland we do everything we can to ensure a free

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# Cortlandt Family to Appeal Feds Ruling in Lakeland's Favor

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and appropriate education for every student. Defending these actions and preparing the documentation cost our taxpayers thousands of dollars."

However, Michelle Browne questioned the way in which OCR conducted its probe, contending it wasn't a "neutral fact finding agency" and relied only on the information provided by the district and never interviewed Alec.

"We are baffled by the OCR's determination," Browne said. "The statements provided by the district and the school staff members and administrators contradict the statements and information provided with our complaint and their statements are in direct contradiction of Alec's reports of what occurred in the classroom. The OCR investigators ignored the documented evidence we provided and OCR investigators failed to obtain the documented evidence contained in Alec's educational file and records, controlled by the district. OCR relied solely on the controlled and manipulated information provided by the school and the district."

The Brownes have alleged a Dignity For All Students Act (DASA) investigation last October, which involved district staff to view all video of any occurrences where Alec and another student who allegedly constantly harassed him were together, led to a series of "intimidation and retaliation"

from Lakeland officials. They also accused administrators at Van Cortlandtville, namely Principal Jacqueline Woodruff, and district offices of violating their rights by "using official resources to punish" them.

On November 5, the DASA investigation conducted by the district determined any alleged DASA violations were unfounded. On November 19, the Board of Education upheld the findings after the Brownes questioned the validity of the DASA probe.

Alec was taken out of fifth grade at Van Cortlandtville in late November by his parents and placed at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Yorktown.

"We are submitting this appeal as it is our hope that the truth will come out and

the school and our district will be held accountable for their repeated failure to help the children in this class, even after the mismanagement of this classroom was repeatedly brought to the attention of Jacqueline Woodruff and (Assistant Principal) Dr. Frank Yanoti, they continued to retaliate against our family, when all our child wanted was for the staff to keep Student A away from him and stop allowing Student A to sit on the floor in front of his desk, lean against the desk, causing his desk to slide," the Brownes stated. "Student A would lean and lay on Alec's feet, legs and 'growl' and make other repetitive noises. This unwanted physical contact was extremely uncomfortable and embarrassing for Alec. Instead of stopping this the school and district staff

and administrators wasted time and precious resources retaliating against our child and family."

"We are saddened and deeply shaken by what the staff and administrators of the school and the district did to our child and our family," the Brownes continued. "In their own efforts to avoid serious issues with their repeated failure to provide Alec with the accommodations he was legally entitled to, they repeatedly tried to use tactics to frighten and intimidate us, which caused further harm to our child."

Even though OCR found no violations by the district, Gill stated the Brownes have the right to file a private lawsuit in federal court, an option Michelle Brown said is being considered.



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## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ATHLETES

*What you should know about preventing knee injuries*



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#### Q: What are the most common sports-related knee injuries?

**A:** There are three:

- An injury to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), a key ligament stabilizing the knee, either tears the ACL in two or rips it from the femur (thighbone).
- Damage to the medial collateral ligament (MCL), which keeps the tibia (shinbone) in place, usually consists of a partial tear.
- Made of cartilage, the meniscus is the knee's "shock absorber," and a tear causes pain and dysfunction.

#### Q: When should an athlete seek medical attention for a knee injury?

**A:** If, after two or three days, your knee is swollen; you are limping; you can't put your full weight on the leg; or you are in pain, head to the ER for an x-ray to determine if there's a break or fracture. Whatever the outcome, you should see an orthopedic specialist without delay. Knee injuries often require surgical repair, and left untreated, can have long-term consequences.

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therapies. The three injuries mentioned here require different treatment, and we are deeply experienced in each. An injured ACL must be surgically replaced with a new ligament taken from the patient's own body. An MCL injury normally heals with physical therapy, while a meniscus tear requires surgical repair.

#### Q: Is it possible to prevent sports-related knee injuries?

**A:** Female athletes are much more likely to suffer an ACL injury. The good news is that a specific 20-minute warm-up called a neuromuscular injury-prevention and performance enhancement program can dramatically reduce ACL injuries among female athletes. Inquire at the local gym for personal trainers who have been trained in this protective conditioning program, and can offer it outside of normal practice. Male athletes can also improve stability from the warm-up.

Parents also need to monitor the number and type of sports a young athlete is involved in. It's important to offset activities that stress the knee with others that offer respite. Be aware: Playing sports year-round with no break can stress the knee to the point of injury.

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### Did You Know?

Female athletes are **2 to 10 times more likely** to suffer an ACL injury than male athletes engaged in the same sport.

# Funeral Services Held for Yorktown Man Who Drowned in Lake

By Rick Pezzullo

Funeral services were held Friday for a 28-year-old Yorktown man who drowned in Sparkle Lake September 5.

Friends and family paid their respects to Darrin Wayne Dyckoff at Yorktown Funeral Home in Shrub Oak. As of Thursday night, \$2,800 had been pledged on a GoFundMe page set up to help the family with funeral expenses.

"Our family is overwhelmed with the support from our family, friends, community and strangers," Danielle O'Connor, Dyckoff's sister posted on Facebook. "Darrin loved helping others and volunteered with charity events, walk-a-thons, and especially worked close with My Brother Vinny. Our family is creating a way to help others with their pets for food and health care in his honor. Extra funds raised will go to start that and to create a legacy for him. At 28 years young he still had so much to do, and we will make sure his legacy gets it done!"

Dyckoff, a Yorktown High School graduate, was floating on an inflatable



Darrin Wayne Dyckoff

raft Monday at about 2 p.m. when he fell into the lake, which was off limits to swimming. Yorktown Police received a 911 call and were told by witnesses at the scene that Dyckoff yelled for help before going under and several bystanders attempted to assist but couldn't locate him.

Members of the Yorktown and Mahopac Falls Fire Department dive teams, along with the Mohegan Rescue Squad, searched for Dyckoff until nightfall Monday. On Tuesday, at about 9:50 a.m., the New York State Police Underwater Recovery Team recovered Dyckoff's body, which was entangled in weeds in

the lake.

O'Connor said her family used to live across from Sparkle Lake and Dyckoff enjoyed going there as a child to fish and walk his dog.

"We hope others learn from this tragedy and do not go out on rafts because the water is very dangerous with the weeds under the water," she stated. "Words cannot describe our feelings of grief and some sort of relief that he was found. We want to thank all the emergency responders and bystanders who assisted in the search, rescue, recovery, and for supporting our family during this most difficult of times."

According to his LinkedIn account, Dyckoff worked for the last eight months as a cashier at the Dunkin Donuts inside ShopRite in Cortlandt. Prior to that he worked for nine months at Café Pizzazz in Mohegan Lake and was Food Service Manager at Wayback Burgers in the Triangle Shopping Center in Yorktown for more than two years.

Paula Miritello, founder/director of the non-profit organization My Brother Vinny, expressed her sadness on the loss of Dyckoff.

"He was such a kind, misunderstood at times soul with a beautiful heart," Miritello said on Instagram. "He was one

of my life's cousins, our family shared a special bond for decades and we all weep now for him. He was quietly there for you, every event I had for My Brother Vinny, Darrin supported. He would help any way he could. He gave all he could and with true compassion. Everyone has hurt and tragedy---this loss hit way too close to home."



Balloons and flowers left at Sparkle Lake.

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# 9/11 Remembrances Keep Spirit of Those Lost Alive

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County and many of its communities spent a sparkling Sunday afternoon remembering and reflecting on the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Throughout the day somber but uplifting ceremonies recalled the nearly 3,000 lives lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the four airplanes that were crashed, along with the first responders who bravely rushed into the twin towers.

The day culminated with the county's annual ceremony at Kensico Dam Plaza in front of Westchester's 9/11 memorial The Rising.

"Our remembrance tonight is bitter-sweet," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "We come here to grieve what was so wrongly taken from us. And yet beneath these silver beams pointing to heaven, our prayer is a celebration of all that is good."

The nearly hour-long program featured the reading of the names by relatives and county officials of the 123 Westchester residents lost that day. Family and friends of many of those who perished placed flower bouquets, and in some cases, pictures of their loved ones in front of the panels with their engraved names that ring The Rising.



County Executive Rob Astorino addresses crowd at The Rising in Valhalla

Earlier, Rep. Nita Lowey at ceremonies in New Castle and Armonk, pledged to maintain the needed resources for a strong military and law enforcement domestically.

"We all work together to stop terrorism abroad and at home," Lowey said. "United together we will continue to endure and to protect the American way of life."

Astorino said that in the time since the attacks, there is a generation of Sept. 11 sons and daughters growing up who were either too young to remember a parent who died that day or who weren't

born yet. He recalled how President Franklin D. Roosevelt, shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, wrote a letter to the future President in 1956 to have a young American considered for admission to West Point as "an act of faith in the destiny of our country."

Caitlyn Lyons was 13 months old and her sister, Mary Michael, wasn't

born yet when their father, Michael, a New York City firefighter, was killed on Sept. 11. She is now a junior at Westlake High School in Mount Pleasant, while Mary Michael is a sophomore. Both are excelling in school and sports while Caitlyn is a talented artist, Astorino said.

Similarly, Ryan and Ethan Zeplin, who both attend Rye Country Day School, lost their dad, Marc, a Cantor Fitzgerald equities trader on Sept. 11, he said. Today, Ryan, a senior, and Ethan, a sophomore, are varsity athletes and honors students.

"There is no stronger renewal of President Roosevelt's act of faith than seeing Caitlyn, Mary Michael, Ryan and Ethan here tonight," Astorino said. "They give us confidence that whatever our challenges, our future remains an optimistic one."

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers) said the horrific nature of the losses for the victims and their loved ones makes it necessary for the entire community to grieve and remember.

"This far too public loss that brings with it a necessity and a responsibility to collectively mourn," Kaplowitz said. "The Rising memorial is a fitting and august place for our congregation, but it also provides hope and optimism for the future, for without such hope we cannot move on."

Astorino said the ceremony and the memorial is not only to pay tribute to the dead, but to help everyone re-evaluate their lives.

"It is a chance for all of us to hit the 'pause' button on the overstuffed, overstimulated and over-the-top activities that consume our daily lives," he said, "and quietly ask ourselves what are the really important things for us to accomplish during our short time on earth?"



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# Fallen 9/11 Heroes Honored with Bench at Riverfront

By Rick Pezzullo

Of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, more than 400 were emergency workers who rushed to the horrific scene attempting to save others.

Three of the first responders who perished were members of the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association: Captain William Thompson, 51, Mitchell Wallace, 34, and Thomas Jurgens, 26, who died near each other.

On Saturday, a day before the 15th anniversary of attacks, Thompson, Wallace and Jurgens were honored by several hundred fellow officers, family, friends and

others at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill with a bench bearing their names.

"I'm happy to see them finally get the recognition they deserve," said Supreme Court Officers Association Chief Joseph Baccellieri, Sr. "They responded because fellow Americans needed their help. They responded because they are heroes, true heroes."

"The word hero almost seems trite for what they did," said New York Supreme Court Judge Richard Braun. "They went back in to help other people. It is something so moving to all of us what happened that horrific day."

Robert Mastanduno, treasurer of the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, had tried for more than two years to have the names of the three officers added to an existing 9/11 Memorial at Riverfront Green but was met with resistance by the Peekskill Fire Department, which fully funded and built the memorial in 2009.

The 9/11 Memo-

rial in Peekskill was primarily designed to honor Samuel Oitice, a 25-year member of the Peekskill Fire Department and a former city police officer. Oitice, 45, who worked for FDNY Ladder 4 after working as a police officer in the city, died at the World Trade Center. He was found on March 13, 2002.

"It was a long and hard road to get to here today," Mastanduno said. "Three heroes are taking their place next to the others who gave their lives."

Philip Hersh, a prominent attorney in Peekskill, worked with the firefighters and Court Officers Association to reach a compromise and organize the memorial service. No city officials attended the service Saturday. State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D/Ossining) and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia were in attendance. The bench was



PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

New York State Supreme Court Officers salute their deceased colleagues.

installed by the Peekskill Parks Department.

"It's very special that we're recognizing them here today," Galef said. "I feel for the families here. It just gets relived every year. Let us not allow their sacrifices to be in vain."

The three deceased court officers are memorialized at Ground Zero in Manhattan and at a memorial in Coney Island. The Supreme Court Officers Association has court houses in Peekskill.

"This was a very important thing to happen in the City of Peekskill and it's the rightful thing," said Westchester County Supreme Court Judge Linda Jamieson.



Family members of three officers who died admire bench unveiled Saturday.



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## Obituaries

### Frances Hutton

Frances Joyce Hutton, a long-time resident of Yorktown, died peacefully at home on September 10. She was 87.

Mrs. Hutton taught English at Yorktown High School for many years. She was also a successful Real Estate Agent for Frances Billingsley. Mrs. Hutton was born in New York, NY, to Francis and Rosemary (Morrissey) Joyce. She resided with her family in Tuckahoe, where she was a Communicant at Immaculate Conception Church. She graduated from Aquinas High School in the Bronx, then earned a BA with Honors from Good Counsel College in White Plains, and a Master's Degree from Western Connecticut State University. In 1951, she married Charles P. Hutton at Immaculate Conception Church in Tuckahoe.

Mrs. Hutton will be remembered for her love and dedication to her children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending time in her garden. Mrs. Hutton is survived by her husband, Charles P. Hutton, Sr., sons Charles P. Hutton, Jr. and his wife Patricia, and Robert F. Hutton and his wife Myra, daughters Lynn H. Cater and her husband Barent and Patricia H. Marino and her husband Mark. She is also

survived by her grandchildren: Charles P. (Alison) Hutton III, Sean Hutton, Michael (Katelyn) Hutton, Ryan Hutton, Katie Hutton, Cynthia (Robert) Pascuzzi, Kimberly (Matthew) Petre, Tara (Peter) Borstelmann, Danielle O'Connell, Brendan O'Connell and Kassie Marino; and twelve great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her brothers Robert E. (Karen) Joyce and Edgar M. (Anne) Joyce, her brother-in-law Paul C. Hutton and her nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; stjude.org, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation; pdf.org or Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam; hospicewestchesterputnam.org.

### Frieda LaMedica

Frieda LaVonne LaMedica, a longtime Croton resident, died peacefully on September 4. She was 91.

She was born May 7, 1925, in Dangerfield, Texas, the daughter of Showalter Wright and Ophelia (Kennedy) Wright. Born and raised in east Texas, she married northerner and soldier Louis LaMedica on January 6, 1945 while he was stationed in Houston, Texas. The couple was married for over 50 years.



Frieda LaVonne LaMedica

Frieda, who was a resident of Croton for 66 years, resided in the house built by her and her husband in 1950 and was lovingly cared for at her home for the past three years by grandson Sean Riordan.

She was known for her boisterous laugh, Texas twang and fiery personality (and hair) until the day she passed. She was a member of Trinity Boscobel United Methodist Church. Her achievements in life were numerous, but she will be remembered as a woman of Faith, who loved and is loved.

She is survived by her son Louis LaMedica and wife Marcia; daughter Deonne (LaMedica) Riordan and husband Dennis; seven grandchildren, Dennis Riordan, Buffy (Michael) Horan, Sean Riordan, Louis (Kyung Hui) LaMedica, Christopher (Leah) Riordan, Michelle (Brian) Lake and Julie (Josh) Moses; and 6 great-grandchildren, Caitlyn Riordan, Michael Horan, Sophia Horan, Giovanni LaMedica, Savannah Riordan and Valentina LaMedica as well as several beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis LaMedica on August 13, 1996.

### Barcliff "Eddie" Atkins

Barcliff "Eddie" Atkins, a resident of Peekskill, died September 2. He was 89.

Mr. Atkins worked at Walmart for upwards of 20 years where he was a greeter. He was born in Jamaica on December 29, 1926 to Celyne and Susan Atkins. He immigrated to England in 1955, then to the United States in 1982.

He is survived by his son, Danny Atkins and his daughter-in-law, Eve Atkins of Ossining; grandchildren Jill Duffus and Betty-Ann Atkins; and three great-grandchildren; Tamaya, Jasmine and London Duffus. He was predeceased by his wife, Lenore G. Atkins.

### Paul Scheuerman, Jr.

Paul R. Scheuerman, Jr., a life-long Putnam Valley resident, died September 7. He was 94.

Born November 9 1921 in Peekskill, to Paul R. and Marie (Bohringer) Scheuerman Sr., he served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946, with the 503rd paratroopers in the Philippines. On September 8, 1956 in Putnam Valley, he married Frances Tapp, who predeceased him in 2005. Mr. Scheuerman worked as a plumber for 30 years with the Local 21 in Peekskill, until retiring. He was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Putnam Valley, and was a member of the Putnam Valley VFW; he was a life-member of the Peekskill Elks Lodge 744.

He is survived by his son and two daughters: Paul R. Scheuerman 3rd, Marta-Ellen Szuba and Marie Richards; and also his six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one brother and two sisters also survive him.

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# Retired Hen Hud Teacher to Lead Tour on Benedict Arnold, Major Andre

By Martin Wilbur

If you love history, Pleasantville resident Dennis Corcoran has scheduled a tour for later this month that you won't want to miss.

Corcoran will be the guide for the Benedict Arnold and John Andre Conspiracy Tour, retracing some of the steps both men took locally during the Revolutionary War that ultimately resulted in the capture of Andre by American militiamen and Arnold joining the British after his plot with to hand over West Point was exposed.

"It's the most historical event that took place in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties," said Corcoran, a retired social studies teacher at Blue Mountain Middle School in the Hendrick Hudson School District, "Both the Americans and the British wanted to control the Hudson River. That was the key to the New England colonies, the mid-Atlantic and the southern colonies, having control of that river."

The tour group will learn about the two American militiamen who began firing on the British ship, The Vulture, resulting in a change in Major Andre's plans after meeting with Arnold in Haverstraw. There will be a stop in Tarrytown, near where Andre was captured.

Those who attend will go for lunch at the Old 76 House in Tappan and see the room where Andre was held prisoner, then visit the Dutch Reformed Church, which served as George Washington's headquarters and where Andre was hung. There is also a stop to where Arnold and Andre met face to face.

The tour crosses back over the Hudson via the Bear Mountain Bridge to go to Garrison, where Arnold escaped to join the British. If there is time at the end, the group will visit the Post Hannock House in Verplanck. It was there that Washington awarded medals to Andre's captors. The tour is expected to last more than five hours.

What helps make the story so intriguing, Corcoran said, is how Arnold was a distinguished general early in the war, helping to stave off the British at Valcour Island in Lake Champlain and preventing them from gaining control of the Hudson.

"Washington we're all told was a tremendous leader," said Corcoran, who has written three books on Pleasantville and is also a baseball historian who wrote the highly successful "Induction Day at Cooperstown: A History of the Baseball Hall of Fame Ceremony" in 2010. "(But) he had difficulty in the beginning and



Retired Hendrick Hudson social studies teacher Dennis Corcoran

then he really changed. He was very aggressive, then become more defensive."

However, Arnold, who often suffered from money problems, was repeatedly passed over for promotion despite his early successes.

For Corcoran, who has organized this tour several times in the past decade, said the biggest challenge this time is to attract about 48 people in time to reserve a coach bus. He needs to have confirmation from attendees by next Monday in order to reserve the bus.

In the past, they used a school bus from Chappaqua Transportation but looked to upgrade. If necessary, they will opt for a smaller bus, he said.

Corcoran has reached out to many of the historical societies in the county looking to sign people up.

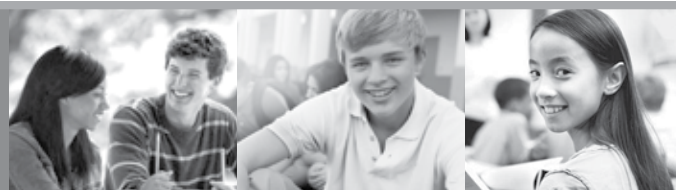
He has also contacted Claire Caposella, with whom he taught with for years at Blue Mountain, and is a representative of the Red Hat Society to entice others to attend.

Corcoran hopes that some area schools will be receptive to him talking to students about the area's close connection to Arnold and Andre.

"If you tried something today in schools a lot of kids wouldn't know Benedict Arnold," he said.

For those interested in reserving a space, the tour, which beings at the ShopRite parking lot in Croton, costs \$54, including lunch. The money needs to be received by next week. For additional information, contact Dennis Corcoran at 914-769-8819 or e-mail djcinduction-guru@gmail.com. To reserve a space for the tour, send a check to Dennis Corcoran and mail to 90 Weskora Ave., Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Barges in Hudson Would Be Bad for Business

#### To the Editor,

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce adamantly opposes the proposed Hudson River commercial anchorages from Yonkers to Kingston. Besides the obvious environmental and safety concerns, the barges would be a visual pollutant to our historic river at a time when we are positioning ourselves as a tourist destination.

The river is an important economic generator for local businesses in the

Hudson Valley. Communities with river access and vistas promote the waterfront as a place to take in the breathtaking panoramic views of this majestic waterway. The river also serves as a recreational resource for residents and visitors alike, which fuels the local boating and watersport industries.

The Hudson is the centerpiece of our tourism efforts, and attracts people from all over the world. Those tourist dollars benefit our hospitality, food and beverage

industries as well as other businesses that rely on visitors to survive. In 2012, visitors spent \$4.75 billion in the Hudson River Valley, creating over 81,000 direct jobs and generating \$318 million in local taxes benefiting small towns as well as larger cities. The Hudson Valley is ranked number two by Lonely Planet in its top ten travel destinations world-wide.

Mariners have been navigating the Hudson River for four hundred years without the need for anchor barges. This

ill-conceived concept by people who don't even live here is unfathomable at a time when the Hudson and its shoreline communities are making a comeback.

On behalf of our nearly 500 member businesses: Please consider the economic, environmental, safety and aesthetic impact this will have on our business and residential communities.

DEB MILONE

Executive Director

HV Gateway Chamber of Commerce

### Quarterback is Wrong for Not Standing Up to Salute Flag

#### To the Editor:

While it might be his right under the Constitution of America to not stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance and The National Anthem, it's wrong the way a pro football hero quarterback is displaying his political feelings about how he feels America is doing. It is as wrong as the protesters who appear at funerals of soldiers to protest the brave men and their families who gave their lives for their country and the

American flag and everything it stands for.

The owner of the San Francisco 49ers should demand he salute the flag. George Steinbrenner, may God bless his soul, would probably have told this player to honor the American flag or take a walk. After all this player plays football which many now say is equal to baseball as America's game. Well it may be in the Constitution that he can protest by sitting down during the salute to America, this is the wrong forum to express his views.

rum to express his views.

If he plays and does not respect the flag and his country, shame on the National Football League, its sponsors and San Francisco 49ers for letting the sacrilege to propagate. We watch sports in America to escape for a few hours the harsh reality of what's happening in the world. America is the greatest country in the world with our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. If Colin

Kaepernick can't salute the flag and set the right example of the use of America maybe he should go to another country he feels is better than play football and make millions and see if he could have the right like he does in America to not salute their flag.

Yours truly,

A proud American disabled Vietnam veteran,

GEORGE ONDEK

### Kudos to Dave Paganelli and the Highway Department Crew

#### To the Editor:

Upon returning from a Labor Day trip, I found that I was unable to access my Hickory Street home because a gigantic tree had just minutes before fallen from across the road, blocking the road and taking down the Verizon and electric lines with it. But obviously the Highway Department had al-

ready been alerted and, within a very short time, a crew was here. The foreman told me that the electric and cable lines had to be dealt with first as a safety measure, then they could do their job to clear the road of the massive tree. I called Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli for good measure and he said that he would be sure to follow

up. When Verizon had done their work, the Highway Department crew returned and I must say, the job was done with the most painstaking care you could imagine. The foreman asked if he could come on my property as well, and completed the job by cleaning away the branches there as meticulously as I would have done myself.

Better. They even returned to an upright position several panels of fencing along my property line that had been knocked down. Our Highway Department and its Superintendent are top notch, concerned for public safety, yes, but good neighbors as well.

BILL PRIMAVERA

## 2016 Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro Sept. 15-18

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, is scheduled to grace the Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro with his presence on Saturday, September 17. Cardinal Dolan is scheduled to be at St. Patrick's Church

in Yorktown at 2:30 p.m., when he will speak about mercy. At 5:15 p.m., he will conduct mass at St. Patrick's. His arrival time at the Feast of San Gennaro is yet to be announced.

Former town councilman and current Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Anthony Grasso will be out in front as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro, which will take place in downtown Yorktown from Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 18.

The four-day outdoor event will be located on Commerce Street between Downing Drive and Kear Street. It is produced by CCM of Westchester, Inc., registered in the state of New York, and certified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation. A generous portion of proceeds from the Feast are donated to faith-based groups, community charities and civic organizations.

The Feast features a mouth-watering array of authentic Italian dishes from street vendors, plus games and rides for children, and a full schedule of music. Hours are 5-11 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, and Friday, Sept. 16; noon-11 p.m. on

Saturday, Sept. 17; noon-9 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18. There will be a closing procession on Sunday.

The public is invited to the opening procession, which departs approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 from behind Engine Co. #1's Commerce Street firehouse.

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# Noble Appointed New Police Chief in Town of Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

Robert Noble was appointed last week by the Town Board as Yorktown's new police chief, replacing retiring Daniel McMahon.

Noble, a 1985 Mahopac High School graduate, joined Yorktown's Police Department in 1994 and was promoted to lieutenant in 2005. He has been with PBA activities for years, along with being a well-known basketball, softball and lacrosse coach in the Shrub Oak Athletic Club.

"This is an amazing night. I'm overwhelmed," Noble said to a standing-room only crowd of family, friends, colleagues and well-wishers at Town Hall. "This job is a calling and very few are cut out to do this as a career. We're constantly challenged, physically and emotionally. We see people at their worst."



PHOTO BY VISHNU PATEL

New Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble.

McMahon, who served 10 years as chief and 35 years overall in Yorktown, said during the 23 years that he worked with Noble his successor demonstrated many qualities that will serve him well as the head of the 58-member force, which

protects 40,000 residents.

"Bob is honest, decisive, empathetic, focused and utmost loyal," McMahon said. "That's why I know he will be an excellent chief of police for the Town of Yorktown."

Noble vowed to work to combat drug abuse in Yorktown and help protect senior citizens.

"I want to express my commitment to keep the community safe," Noble said after thanking his wife, three children, parents and in-laws for their support. "This town is such a great, great place. The Yorktown Police Department will continue to be the backbone of this community. I'm a lucky man to be working here."

Also sworn in were Julianne Vicinanza, who was promoted to Administrative Sergeant in the Detective Bureau, and James Graham, who was promoted to Operations Lieutenant.

"Yorktown is extremely well-served by its Police Department," said Supervisor Michael Grace. "We're in great hands."

## Police Blotter

### Yorktown Police

**August 30 - 9:30 p.m.** – Kevin Valenzuela, 27, of Yorktown, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana after police officers observed what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction in the parking lot of a local business. Officers followed one of the involved subjects, Valenzuela, and stopped him in the parking lot at 1929

Commerce Street. Police alleged Valenzuela was in possession of a quantity of marijuana on his person and in his vehicle.

**September 1 - 4:20 p.m.** – Evan Weissman, 39, of Yorktown, was charged with punching and choking a female resident of Scarsdale while she sat in her vehicle on Sidney Court on August 6 at 9:43 a.m. Weissman was arraigned by Town Justice

Gary Raniolo and was issued a temporary order of protection.

**6:51 p.m.** – Aysha Altizer, 22, of Yorktown, was charged with petit larceny for stealing assorted merchandise valued at \$34 from Taconic Pharmacy.

**September 4 - 2:40 a.m.** – Jonathan Zambrano, 24, of Croton-on-Hudson, was charged with unlawful possession of

marijuana and two traffic violations after being stopped on Route 6 for failing to use a designated lane and disobeying a traffic control device.

**2:30 p.m.** – Zachary Heady, 24, of Putnam Valley, was charged with attempted assault and unlawful possession of marijuana after police received a call

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# Lawmaker to Fight for Epinephrine Price Gouging Legislation

By Martin Wilbur

A state legislator has introduced a bill that would give New York's attorney general the powers to oversee the pricing of Epinephrine and punish the manufacturer for price gouging.

In the wake of the recent controversy stirred by reports that Mylan, the company that acquired the EpiPen in 2007, had increased the price by a staggering 950 percent in that time, state Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) announced that his measure would levy penalties of up to \$500,000 if a court determined the company was guilty of exorbitantly raising prices.

An estimated one out of 13 children in the state need Epinephrine, which reverses potentially deadly allergic reactions to food, bee stings and other sources, making it a life-saving drug, Carlucci said. About 15 million Americans need to have Epinephrine available to combat Anaphylactic shock, he said. The drug is contained inside an injector called an EpiPen.

"We have to make sure that EpiPens are available to everyone that needs them," Carlucci said outside Value Drugs in Briarcliff Manor with several parents of children who have allergies and must regularly buy the drug. "Not having access to an EpiPen could mean the differ-



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

State Sen. David Carlucci, holding an EpiPen, announced recently in Briarcliff Manor his legislation to combat exorbitant spikes in the price of Epinephrine.

ence between life and death. That's no position that any parent should be in."

Carlucci said he will be drumming up support for his bill at the next legislative session and hopes that the recent outrage can help propel the measure to approval.

Ben Zebelman, of Ossining, whose son was diagnosed with a food allergy in 2008, said he and his family are fortunate that they have good health insurance, but for families that must pay high out-of-pocket costs, the expense can be a financial calamity.

Typically, a family must have three to

five sets available, including one at home, one with the child, another with the school nurse and a set with either one or both parents, Zebelman said. Each pack contains two EpiPens, which expire after a year if not used, forcing families to restock.

Although the average price is now in excess of \$600, Zebelman said he noticed one pharmacy that he recently visited selling the pack for \$729 at full price, to him a clear indication of price gouging for a drug that was introduced inexpensively in the 1970s and remained that way for years. Meanwhile, an EpiPen pack costs about \$100 in Canada, he said.

"It's just incredible how the price has risen for so many with a technology that was essentially developed by the U.S. Army about 40 years ago," Zebelman said. "Epinephrine is one of the most expensive drugs out there."

With no generic drug yet readily available, families have nowhere to turn, he said.

Ossining resident Marisa Caruso said her 10-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a peanut allergy and she must have multiple packs available.

"This is a necessity for us," Caruso said. "We don't have a choice to live without it."

Value Drugs pharmacist Gary Moretto said many of his customers have insurance plans where they might have a \$30 or \$60 co-pay for Epinephrine, although some have much higher deductibles. But Moretto placed blame for the drug's skyrocketing cost on multiple sources, including insurance companies, all looking to make money.

Regardless of the reasons, Carlucci said the obscene profiteering on drugs at the public's expense must stop and hopes his bill is a model that can be followed in other states.

"We have to make sure it's as available as possible and we have to make sure that companies are not putting profits in the way of saving people's lives," Carlucci said. "That's why we're here today. We need to give New York state the tools to go after price gouging and let the court decide."

## Remembering 9/11



PHOTOS BY CLAUDIA VAHEY

Residents and officials gathered Sunday evening at the Tri-Village Reaching for the Shadows 9/11 Memorial on the Hudson River in Croton-on-Hudson to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Ceremonies were also held in Peekskill, Yorktown, Somers and Ossining.



## Businesses of the Week

# KidsPeace, Buchanan

By Rick Pezzullo

Founded in 1882, KidsPeace is a nationwide charity in 10 states that is dedicated to serving the behavioral and mental health needs of children, pre-adolescents, teens, young adults and families by providing specialized residential treatment services and a comprehensive range of treatment programs and educational services.

Locally, KidsPeace provides services in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange counties and has an office at 2 Greentown Road in the Village of Buchanan, where Program Manager Kevin Gonzalez and his staff can work closely with the seven children currently in foster homes in Ossining, Mahopac, White Plains and New Rochelle.

"We go above and beyond giving our support to families because we live in the communities as well," said Gonzalez, who has worked in the social services field since 1990. "We help the community by providing these kids with a place to live. The key thing is safety. We're all about safety. These children have gone through a traumatic event being removed from their home. We just don't place kids in a home. We don't want to set anyone up for



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

KidsPeace Program Manager Kevin Gonzalez poses inside his Buchanan office.

failure."

Funded by the New York State Office of Family and Child Services, KidsPeace receives referrals of children in need through the Family Court system in each county. KidsPeace then tries to match children with families who go through rigorous background checks, training and home visits.

"You want to be as normal as possible, with the least restrictions," Gonzalez explained. "When we place kids in a home most of our families will consider adoption. We look to see what families will be a good fit."

KidsPeace provides foster care services for newborns through children 18 years old, although children are permitted to

stay with foster families until the age of 21. Gonzalez said the foster families are compensated as if they are employees.

"They are part of our family. They opened up their homes to welcome these children," said Gonzalez, who noted KidsPeace also has respite services available. "They all do it because they want to give back."

Gonzalez grew up in Westchester, moved to Florida and then returned to New York. He said his goal for KidsPeace is to double the number of children they serve within a year and expand the roster of foster families.

"It was a passion I stumbled upon," Gonzalez said. "It pays in dividends when you have a kid come up to you and say thank you, or trust you enough to talk about their feelings. It's unfortunate kids will always be part of the system. We make it clear up front what kind of services we offer. There's a great need for that out there."

Anyone interested in learning more about KidsPeace or possibly becoming a foster family can visit [www.fostercare.com](http://www.fostercare.com) or [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org), send an email to [Kevin.Gonzalez@kidspeace.org](mailto:Kevin.Gonzalez@kidspeace.org) or call (914) 736-1986.

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# DICK'S Sporting Goods Now Hiring Sports and Outdoor Enthusiasts at New JV Mall Store

DICK'S Sporting Goods (NYSE: DKS), the largest U.S.-based, full-line omni-channel sporting goods retailer, has announced it is now hiring for a new store opening soon at the Jefferson Valley Mall in Yorktown.

DICK'S is looking for exceptional applicants, passionate about sports or the outdoors, to join the team at the mall location at 650 Lee Boulevard. DICK'S will plan to staff this new location with approximately 70 full-time and part-time associate positions. Ideal candidates will draw on their personal experiences and in-depth knowledge to guide, inform, equip and inspire our customers. Associates will benefit from competitive pay, store discounts and the opportunity to work with the best sports and outdoor brands. Visit [dickssportinggoods.jobs](http://dickssportinggoods.jobs) to learn more about joining the DICK'S Sporting Goods team.

The new store is expected to open in October and will feature athletic and outdoor apparel and the latest gear for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting and fishing. The location will also be one of the first to include a new and improved footwear section designed to offer a broad selection of sports performance and casual footwear.

To celebrate the new store in Yorktown, DICK'S will host a three-day weekend of Grand Opening festivities with a variety of giveaways and special appearances in-

store. Additional details on the Grand Opening activities will be available in the coming weeks.

DICK'S is committed to serving its communities through the efforts of its Community Marketing and Community Youth Sports programs, which work to support local schools and youth organizations in their pursuit of sports and outdoors. LIKE DICK'S Sporting Goods on Facebook at [facebook.com/dickssportinggoods](http://facebook.com/dickssportinggoods) for the latest information on local appearances, special events and brand activations.

## About DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc.

Founded in 1948, DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc. is a leading omni-channel sporting goods retailer offering an extensive assortment of authentic, high-quality sports equipment, apparel, footwear and accessories. As of July

30, 2016, the Company operated more than 645 DICK'S Sporting Goods locations, serving and inspiring athletes and outdoor enthusiasts to achieve their personal best through a blend of dedicated associates, in-store services and unique specialty shop-in-shops. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, DICK'S also owns and operates Golf Galaxy, Field & Stream, True Runner and Chelsea Collective specialty stores.

## Obituaries

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### Joseph Virag

Joseph C. Virag died peacefully at his home in Ossining on September 5 with his wife and children by his side. He was 85.

He was born on November 19, 1930, in the Bronx, and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann and their seven children; Joseph (Monica) Virag, JoAnn Virag, Jeanmarie (Robert) Mullen, Jennifer (Adam) Schoelkopf, Jacqueline (Jason) Hoffman, Jessica (Michael) Piche, James Virag, and 12 grandchildren.

A longtime resident of Ossining, Mr. Virag was the owner of Millwood Hardware and Bedford Hardware before passing the stores on to the next generation upon his retirement in 2000. He spent his retirement expressing his creativity developing his yard and gardens and creating beautiful fountains and sculptural rain catchers. Having raised his family in the home that he built, he continued to enjoy renovating his children's homes when not relaxing in Florida.



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# Politicians Continue Pressure on Coast Guard Barges Plan



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi was joined by other officials in Montrose.

By Rick Pezzullo

Area officials last week continued to apply full court pressure on the U.S. Coast Guard over a proposal to anchor dozens of commercial barges in the Hudson River from Yonkers to Kingston.

With the river in the backdrop at George's Island Park in Montrose, state senators Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) and Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park), joined by about a dozen other regional elected representatives, announced they would be hosting a public hearing on Wednesday, October

19 at Croton Village Hall to outline the Coast Guard's proposal.

Two of the 10 sites being considered by the Coast Guard are located within the borders of the Town of Cortlandt: approximately 127 acres in the Montrose region that would accommodate as many as three vessels, and approximately 98 acres between Tomkins Cove in Rockland County and Verplanck that would also handle up to three vessels. The Coast Guard is proposing to use more than 2,000 acres of the Hudson for barges.

An online petition created by Murphy in July opposing the plan has been signed by more than 1,600 residents. Murphy said residents should not have to wait until the spring for the Coast Guard to hold hearings to learn about the details of what he views as a major threat to the environment.

"The public deserves to know about the dangers behind this issue," Murphy said. "This is a security issue. We want to know what their actual intentions are."

Last month, a new organization of municipal officials called the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance was announced. The alliance includes the towns of Cortlandt and Ossining, the villages of Ossining, Buchanan and Briarcliff Manor and the City of Peekskill. An online petition on [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) was also launched by the alliance.

"It's so important that we stand united," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi. "The Hudson River has been designated an American Heritage River that needs to be taken care of. People come to the river to reflect. People don't need to reflect on these permanent barges."

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina said municipalities and private entities have invested millions of dollars in redefining and enhancing waterfronts along the Hudson in recent years.

"This is horrible," Catalina remarked. "It would just be a shame and a giant step backwards if their plan was allowed to go forward."

There is currently only one anchorage ground for vessels along a 100-mile stretch in the Hudson River from New York City to Albany. The Coast Guard, which has noted the plan is only in an exploratory phase, has publicly stated the proposal was initiated by the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ Tug and Barge Committee, the Hudson River Port Pilot's Association, and the American Waterways Operators.

"We're all in this together," said Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker. "We have to let the Coast Guard know we're not going to stand for this."

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino said it's clear the Coast Guard is taking notice of the concerns being raised since it extended the public comment period from September to December.

"The good news is we won the first round," Astorino said. "People need to know that the proposed anchorage is a mooring where multiple commercial vessels can drop anchor. These barges could stay there for a very long time without having to move at all. We have a dangerous place, the New York area, which could become more dangerous."

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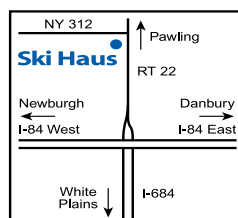
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## And the winners are...

### PRODUCE BEST OF SHOW

Farm Market: The Meadows Farm, Yorktown  
Commercial Grower: Stuarts Farm, Granite Springs  
Veggie Creature: Pamela Schiente, Yorktown  
Tomatoes: Marilyn Fitzgerald, Cortland Manor  
Peppers: Cecilia Soprano, Katonah  
Herb: Carolyn Worsley, Katonah  
Summer Squash: R. Caputo/C.J. Lee, Yorktown  
Winter Squash: Savannah Piazza, Yorktown  
Pumpkin & Gourd: Maulyn Fitzgerald, Cortland Manor  
Heirloom Vegetable: R. Caputo/C.J. Lee,

Yorktown  
Garden Novelty: Maulyn Fitzgerald, Cortland Manor  
Youth Up To 17 Years: Eggplant: Crompond  
Lettuce Bloom Garden, Yorktown

### PHOTOGRAPHY 1st PLACE WINNERS

**YOUTH:**  
Pets & Animal: Hunter Morgan, Yorktown  
Architecture: Samantha Soriano, Fishkill  
Still Life: Samantha Soriano, Fishkill  
Portraits: Mark Worsley, Katonah  
Future Picasso: Erik Hanson, Yorktown

### ADULT:

Grange Fair Past & Present: Jordan Confino, Mahopac  
Portrait: Emily Fountain, South Salem  
Still Life: Linda Shand, Yorktown  
Pet & Animals: Jordan Confino  
Architecture: Paul R. Martin, Yorktown  
Landscape: Aliãcia Darcy, Yorktown  
Patriotic: Jordan Confino, Mahopac

Black & White: Mark Cooperman  
Computer Enhanced: Marcie Kaplan, Mohegan Lake

### ART AFTER 55

Best of Show  
Oil & Acrylic: Susan Shaiken, Mahopac  
Water Color: Millie Masi, Yorktown

### LEGO SHOW

**Best of Show**  
Youth I: Julia Essell, Yorktown Heights  
Junior: Robert Gaudioso, Amawalk  
Character: Willa Olson, Yorktown Heights  
First Place Winners  
Erica Essell, Yorktown Heights  
Lee Birch, Yorktown Heights  
William Betz, Yorktown Heights  
Liam Woolven, New Fairfield, CT  
Luke Olson, Yorktown Heights

### BAKING

Best of Show  
Adult: Pumpkin Pecan Pie, Nicole Piazza,

Yorktown Heights  
Youth: Choc/Vanilla Cupcakes w/Cherry Frosting: Penny Einhorn & Ava McLaven, Yorktown

### NEELEPOINT

Best of Show  
Knit Shawl: Elizabeth Corless, Mahopac  
Best of Class  
Knits: Elizabeth Corless, Mahopac  
Quilts: Jennifer Lappaber, Cortland Manor  
Crochet: Dale Mangequillo, Yorktown Heights  
Countec Cross Stich: Sal Amuso, Yorktown Heights

### LIVESTOCK

Senior Cow Showmanship: Kim Teves, Yorktown  
Josh Tetto, Somers  
Junior Cow Showmanship: Finn Keenan, Croton Falls  
Novice Goat Showmanship: Olivia Padovani, Croton Falls

# and Entertains Visitors



Nika Sorokabi, Croton  
 Josh Tetro, Somers  
 Finn Keenan, Croton Falls  
 Intermediate Goat Showmanship:  
 Grand Champion: Rachel Hershman,  
 Chappaqua  
 Reserved Champion: James Sasso, Croton  
 Advanced Goat Showmanship:  
 Marguerite Pugliese, Somers

## FLOWERS

### Best of Show

Water Lilly Attraction: Linda Henning,  
 Yorktown  
 Other #15: Lisa Schulz, Yorktown  
 Hydrangea: R. Kreutzberg, Yorktown  
 Dahlia Pumpkin Spice: Liz Gould, Yorktown  
 Youth/Zinnia: Timothy Holz, Hopewell  
 Junction  
 Youth: Hydrangea: Hayley Cooper,  
 Cortlandt Manor  
 Color Foilage: Carol Schulz, North  
 Carolina  
 Zinnia: Carol Wolery, Katonah

Cactus More than One: Carol Schulz,  
 North Carolina  
 Design/Grow with the Grange: Cecilia  
 Soprano, Katonah  
 All Signs Point to the Grange: Pamela  
 Schiente, Yorktown  
 Grow with the Grange: Donna Reilly,  
 Cortlandt Manor  
 Best of Class  
 Grow with the Grange Design: Cecilia  
 Soprano, Katonah  
 Succulents More than One: Carol Schulz,  
 North Carolina  
 Amber Waves of Grain Design: R.  
 Gaudioso, Amawalk  
 Container Grown More than One Color:  
 Carol Schulz, North Carolina  
 Sunflowers: Cecilia Soprano, Katonah  
 Anemone: Cecelia Soprano, Katonah  
 Dahlia: Liz Gould, Yorktown  
 Dahlia: Andy O'Neil, Valhalla  
 Bodacious Anemone: Cecelia Soprano,  
 Katonah  
 Photo: Pamela Schienle, Yorktown

Photo: Krista Marie Pratt, Cortland Manor

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CONTESTS YOUTH KARAOKE

Harlie Yarkovsky  
 Madison Delgado

## BUBBLEGUM BLOWING

Adult  
 Michael Santocki  
 Tina Fasani  
 Youth  
 Michael DiCioccio  
 Roselyn Diamian

## WATER BALLOON TOSS

Alina Anderson, Yorktown  
 Amanda Schulte, Hopewell Junction  
 Kayla Holz, Hopewell Junction  
 Erika Holz, Hopewell Junction

## RUBBER CHICKEN THROWING

Adult: Lee Casseday, Fishkill  
 Youth: Colin Brooks, Somers  
 Andrew Kibel: New York City  
 Reagan Byrne: Yorktown  
 BALLOON BLOWING  
 Youth: Dalton Savva, Verplanck  
 Grace Gomez, Yorktown  
 Adult: ToniAnn Rubin, Garnerville  
 Keith Dondl, Katonah  
 WATERMELON EATING  
 Youth: Hailey Praslick, Pleasantville  
 Youth: Finn Iaia, New Paltz  
 Adult: Annmarie McDonald, Pleasantville  
 Adult: Keith Dondl, Katonah

## PIE EATING

Youth: Jane Hanson, Yorktown  
 Youth: Blake Baratz, Yorktown  
 Adults: John Pecorino, Putnam Valley  
 Madison Pezzello, Yorktown

# Tree Lover Tells When and if to Plant (and Gripes a Little)

This article might well be titled "The Joys and Agonies of Being a Tree Lover."

The subject of planting trees comes to me each year as we approach autumn because it's the perfect time to plant deciduous and evergreen trees as they enter into dormancy. And, Lord knows, I have done my share of planting trees through the years, even though I bought a property that was more than half wooded.

The idea of planting small, manageable green things and watching them develop over time into sculptures of beauty reaching to the skies in graceful forms and providing shade, has always appealed to me.

When I saw an ad for what turned out to be my dream house in the country, I called the owner and asked if it had privacy, noting that I preferred not seeing any neighbors. He answered, "No matter which window I look out of, all I see is trees."

How wonderful, I thought, considering that when I looked out of my window in the city, all I saw was one scrawny Ginkgo that had been hit repeatedly by cars vying for the parking space in front of it. The last time I visited the old neighborhood, it had finally lost the battle to the cars and hadn't been replaced.

But my 1.5-acre property in upper Westchester was laden with generous thickets of sugar maples, honey locusts, ash, black walnuts, cherries and many other species I never bothered to look up. Former owners had planted some old dogwood, ornamental flowering trees and a long row of hemlock.

Having grown up in an urban setting with no trees, I just enjoyed looking at them, often reminding myself of Joyce Kilmer's poetic turn, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree," and becoming somewhat of an expert in shade gardening.

It wasn't long, however, before reality set in. I learned that trees, especially the big ones, can fall. Or they get sick and have to be removed.

As recently as last weekend when I was returning from vacation, I couldn't turn on to my street because a large maple on the edge of my corner property, which had looked in perfect health, fell across the road, taking with it the telephone, electric and cable wires. Thankfully the utilities companies, then my wonderful local highway department, took care of the damage, otherwise it would have been costly.

I can't even calculate the amount of money I've spent through the years to have fallen or diseased trees removed. Early in the 1970s, during a very wet season, my dogwoods were all wiped out by a fungus infection. In the '80s, my hemlocks fell to woolly adelgid. Then, a number of my largest maples got "thrip" and slowly withered. One evening we heard a thunderous noise as a half dead pine fell just inches from our house. Each calamity involved the very expensive proposition of dealing with tree removal. I started to feel cursed.

Having become good friends with my tree service provider, I asked him why it seemed that I had such bad luck with trees. He answered simply, "It's just because you have so many of them."

If there's any moral to this story, I guess it would be to consider the responsibilities that go with a wooded property. If a property is lacking trees and you want some shade, consider their variety, manageability and distance from the house.

There are certain trees that have been very popular either for their beauty or fast-growing habits that, from experience, I would not recommend. Chief among them are the weeping willow, the Bartlett pear and the white pine.

Most people know that the weeping willow's roots are ready to suck all wa-

ter out of the soil and don't like anything else planted near them. Unless you have a wetland area on your property and lots of space, avoid it.

Many homeowners and professional gardeners regard the Bradford pear as desirable for its pyramidal shape and lovely white flowers in spring, but that characteristic shape also makes it very fragile. Its branches tend to break during storms or strong winds.

The same goes for the Eastern white pine. While they grow fast, they shouldn't be planted close to the road because they suffer from salt burn and sustain damage in winter when their branches become laden with snow.

My favorite tree plantings have been the flowering ornamentals – particularly my crabapples and weeping cherries – that are contained in size and offer the joy of flowers in the spring, greenery until late fall and not much cleanup to worry about.

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- 4. Died down
- 10. Grazing area
- 11. "Corrida" figure
- 12. What an artist might add to their masterpiece or Cortlandt Manor window treatment, goes with 27 across
- 14. Blackbird
- 15. Certain sorority woman
- 18. Class
- 22. Barely manage, with "out"
- 23. Cereal grain
- 24. Bawls loudly
- 27. See 12 across°
- 29. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 31. Aquarium fish
- 35. Began
- 36. Frigid
- 37. Make thinner, like mountain air
- 38. Author Harper

- 5. Physicist Niels
- 6. Seed coverings
- 7. Basic belief
- 8. A little bit of work
- 9. Manage
- 13. Evil spirit
- 15. Lock opener
- 16. Alias
- 17. Bench
- 19. "That means \_\_\_!"
- 20. Resinous deposit
- 21. Biblical verb ending
- 25. Where to get your small engine repairs in Yorktown, Anthony's \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment
- 26. Teatime treat
- 27. Bear in a crib
- 28. Baseball's Master Melvin
- 30. Not kosher
- 31. Masseur's workplace, maybe
- 32. Be indisposed
- 33. Rocks, to a bartender
- 34. Caustic chemical
- 35. Quebecois gold

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- 1. Grimm character
- 2. Floral ring
- 3. "Holy smokes!"
- 4. Befuddled

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## Tuesday, Sept. 13

**It's Your Health:** Free health workshops for older adults and adults with disabilities are being held this fall at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. It's Your Health will be held from Sept. 13 through Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to noon. Let's Move will be held from Oct. 11 through Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to noon. Eating for Optimal Aging will be held on Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Call 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

**Support Connection Open House:** Support Connection is holding an Open House from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Support Connection office, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown. Everyone is invited to meet Support Connection staff and volunteers, enjoy free light refreshments, and receive hands-on help getting ready for the 2016 Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. To learn more, visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org) or call: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## Wednesday, Sept. 14

**Hart Library Evens:** Two events have been scheduled for today at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak. At 1 p.m. How to Prevent the Flu Naturally by Dr. Michael Berardis. Learn the three proven actions to keep you healthy this flu season. Please register for this program online or at the reference desk. At 6 p.m. a Women's Health, A Holistic Overview Led by Marianne Messina. This is an interactive workshop in which information will be shared regarding lifestyle prevention and the ongoing work of body/ mind/ spirit related to women and conditions and issues that are relative throughout a woman's life cycle. Please register for this program online or at the reference desk. Info: <http://www.yorktownlibrary.org/> or 914 245-5262 Ext. 227.

**Hendrick Hudson Library Events:** Several programs have been scheduled for this fall at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 186 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. A Writing Group meets on Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, and Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. This program is for adults 18 and over. Please provide an e-mail address at registration. A salon for a public audience will be on Sunday, Dec. 4. The Cortlandt Stamp Club meets on Wednesdays, Sept. 14 and 28; Oct. 12, and 26; and Nov. 9, all at 6:30 p.m. Join a group of worldwide stamp collectors for the excitement of a lifelong hobby. Youths under 12 are welcome with an adult. Our weekday matinee film series continues in the community room at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming schedule is

Sept. 15 – "Elvis & Nixon" (R); Sept. 22 – "Eye in the Sky" (R); Story Times will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29.

**Bingo Wednesdays:** Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Yiddish Course:** This summer Chabad of Yorktown is once again offering an Introductory Yiddish Course. Join the course to learn ah bissel Yiddish, kibbitz and schmooze. Chap a nosh while you are at it. The course continues tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will run for four more consecutive Wednesdays. For more information and to register visit [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com) or call 914-962-1111.

## Thursday, Sept. 15

**Religion Classes:** A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages are being held at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come - and to bring a friend - even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. We meet (almost) every Thursday in the social hall on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewish-center.org](http://yorktownjewish-center.org).

**Historical Society Program:** "One Room Schoolhouses: The Start of Education in Yorktown" by Lynn Briggs, Mary Anne Ruvo, Ingrid Cichette, and Chuck Radke will be presented by the Yorktown Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. on the ground floor of the Yorktown Community Center, 1974 Commerce St. In the last half of 1800s there were nine districts totally within Yorktown plus several shared with other towns. Each had a single one room schoolhouse with one teacher and was located so no one had to walk more than one-and-one-half miles. Photos exist for many and several houses still remain; Lynn Briggs is the owner of one. Many events before the late 1800s led to free public schools with required attendance for Yorktown. Info Charles Radke, Yorktown Historical Society program coordinator, at [c.radke@computer.org](mailto:c.radke@computer.org), or 914-962-4370, Website: [www.yorktownhistory.org](http://www.yorktownhistory.org).

**Ovarian Cancer Trial:** Support Con-

nection, announces a free Educational Webinar: "Clinical Trials and Ovarian Cancer," scheduled for 8 to 9 p.m. The program is open to women nationwide who are living with ovarian cancer. It is being held in September in recognition of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The guest speaker is Dr. Stephanie Blank, a gynecologic oncologist at the NYU Clinical Cancer Center, and a Principal Investigator in numerous cancer research studies. The program is free but pre-registration is required. Those who cannot access the webinar can participate via toll-free teleconference. To learn more or to register, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## Friday, Sept. 16

**Coloring For Adults:** It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 am to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

**Back To The Bronx:** Bronx: The Way It Was will be discussed at 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. F Steve Samtur, editor and publisher of the magazine Back In the Bronx' and author of four books brings his special presentation about the Bronx including over 450 magnificent pictures and video clips of the Bronx during the 1940s, 50s and 60s. Info: [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or 914-232-5717.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** The Buchanan Ladies Aux. Engine Company #1 is holding a Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. the cost for adults is \$10, for seniors is \$ 7, and kids under 12 \$ 5, and kids under 5 are free. There will be raffles Info: Barbara Stewart at 914-737-6404.

**Family Shabbat Service:** Bring the family to First Hebrew for an interactive, meaningful, and entertaining Shabbat Service for school-age children, their families, and people of all ages interested in an engaging approach to welcoming the Sabbath. This monthly program, set for the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m., will be held September 2 at 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of Beach Shopping Center. No charge, no rsvp necessary but call 914-739-0500 or e-mail [rabbifirsthebrew.org](mailto:rabbifirsthebrew.org) if you have questions. Visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services in the

spring and summer will begin at 8 p.m. and Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays, after the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Tonight at 7:30 p.m. join us for a special Sabbath service. Our own band, "Shir Chutzpah," will perform during the service and provide music and joy for our congregation and guests. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewish-center.org](http://yorktownjewish-center.org).

**Relaxed Shabbat Summer Services:** Summer is a time for us to relax and kick back a little. Temple life can be the same. Every Friday evening over the summer, Temple Beth Am will create a relaxed atmosphere that is engaging and enjoyable. Our Friday services are designed to take in the ambiance of the season, creating a welcoming space for people to pray and mingle. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl., Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500.

**New Riders Performance:** New Riders of the Purple Sage w/ opening guests: Professor Louie & the Crowmatix will perform 8 to 10 pm. At the Paramount Hudson Valley. Info: 914- 739-0039 or <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com>. The theater is also on Facebook and Twitter.

## Saturday, Sept. 17

**Putnam Valley Shabbat Service:** Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30am on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated, and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, visit [www.tipv.org](http://www.tipv.org) or call (845) 528-2305.

**Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit

# Happenings

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[www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com) or call 914-962-1111.

• The Sylvia J. Kalil Dedication Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Reis Park Administration Building. Sylvia Jean Kalil, former Superintendent of parks and recreation for the Town of Somers, died on April 21, 2014. She was hired to work for the Town of Somers in November 1978 as director of parks and recreation and eventually superintendent of parks and recreation. She dedicated her professional life to the growth and development of programs and facilities providing many recreational opportunities for Somers residents. She retired in March of 2004 and moved to North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Yorktown Museum Exhibit:** The Yorktown Museum, located in the Yorktown Community Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St., top floor is hosting "School Days" features old school documents, photographs and items from and about early Yorktown Schools. Top of the list are photos of nearly all of the first Yorktown (started c 1813) one room school houses and where they were located. Bring the kids to show them how hard it was in the old days. The present exhibit at the Yorktown Museum runs thru Nov. 5. The museum is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-962-2970 or [Yorktown-museum.org](http://Yorktown-museum.org).

**Peekskill Paintings:** Paul Moro: The Peekskill Paintings 1926 -1937 is on display through Oct. 29 at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. The opening reception is slated for today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: peekskill.org or 914-737-1212

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market

is being held outdoors every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit [DowntoEarthMarkets.com](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Maritime History:** The research and discovery of some of the Hudson Valley's lost maritime treasures will be the topic of an intriguing PowerPoint picture program entitled Finding Einstein's Sailboat on at 2 p.m. at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Ave., Cortlandt Manor. Professor David Allen of Verplanck, who teaches maritime history at SUNY Maritime College, will tell the story of how his students overcame the problems they encountered in their explorations of the waters and shorelines of our region. The event is open and free to the public. The program is being presented by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society. For more information, visit: [www.vancort.net](http://www.vancort.net); or call 914-736-7868.

**Family Yoga:** A Family Yoga & Mindfulness Workshop: will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. - Yoga and mindfulness is an excellent tool to ease the transition to the new school year by giving children a way to release tension in the mind and body, become more aware of how they are feeling, and gain a sense of personal empowerment that supports them through change. Registration is required. Please go to [somerslibrary.org](http://somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717.

**Yoga Program:** Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday for the remainder of September from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The

program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**WCT Fundraiser:** Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will hold its annual fundraiser "Endless Summer Gala" from 7 to 10 p.m. at ShattemucYacht Club, 46 Westerly Rd., Ossining. Tickets are \$75 pp or \$130 per couple, and can be purchased through their website <http://www.wctheater.org/current->

**Almost Queen:** Almost Queen will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley. Tickets are between \$25 and \$35. Info: 914-739-0039 or <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com>. The theater is also on Facebook and Twitter.

## Sunday, Sept. 18

**Backpack Blessing:** Blessing of the Backpacks will be held at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. With school back in session, we want to send as many kids as possible back to school with God's blessing and the support of FPCY. Education is a great gift that truly makes a difference in lives of children and youth, giving those choices in life and helping them grow into the intelligent, creative, funny, playful, musical, athletic people they can be. Note: Church school begins at 9:30 a.m.. Sign up at [www.fpcyorktown.org](http://www.fpcyorktown.org).

**First Hebrew Open House:** An Open House & Brunch will be held at First Hebrew, 1821 Nain St, just west of the Beach Shopping Center, at 10 a.m. Meet the First Hebrew community and tour the facilities; learn about programs for adults, teens and children. Kindly

RSVP to [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org) or call 914-739-0500. Visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Healing Yoga:** Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

**Donovan Commemorative Performance:** To commemorate the 50th anniversary of his #1 hit "Sunshine Superman," Donovan has announced a performance at Peekskill's Paramount Hudson Valley at 7 p.m. After a breakthrough and historic period of hit recordings, Donovan actively and consistently performed live, and today remains a towering icon of rock's golden age. He played with and influenced generations of music's greats while releasing a canon of music that changed the world. Info: 914-739-0039 or <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com>. The theater is also on Facebook and Twitter.

## Monday, Sept. 19

**Art Program:** Water Soluble Oil Pastels & Water Colored Pencils will be held every Monday, through Sept. 26, at the Somers Library. Join us for an artistic adventure with water-colored pencils, water-colored oil pastels, and ink. Beginners through experts are welcome. Call for supply list and to register at 914-232-5717.

**Movie Mondays:** Movie Mondays is being held at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill at 6:30 p.m. "Me Before You" will be screened on Sept. 19; "The Confirmation" will be screened on Sept. 26; "Calle 54" will be screened on Oct. 3 and "The Shallows" will be screened on Oct. 17. Info: peekskill.org.

## Justin Veatch Fund Benefit Fall Concert at Paramount

Forty-five years ago this month the first live album by an American rock band was released. The Allman Brothers double disc record documented their momentous concert at the Fillmore East NYC in March of that year. Fans who were there remember and those who weren't wished they had been after listening to the release celebrating that occasion. On Saturday, October 15, that moment in music can be re-lived as The Justin Veatch Fund brings Live at the Fillmore--a tribute to the original Allman Brothers band--to Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill.

Live at the Fillmore--seven star musicians from Philadelphia--play the music

of the Allmans in one of the most distinctive tributes to the early years of The Brothers. Twin guitars, two drummers, percussion and all the rest are the most true-to-form recreation of that musical moment in time. The band features Rick Baldassari (guitars/vocals), Dennis Barth (drums/percussion), Jeff Quattro (B3/piano/vocals), Barron Chandler (acoustic guitar/harmonica/vocals), Mike Mahomet (bass), Lou Maresca (guitar/vocals), and Don McCormick (drums/percussion).

The upcoming concert will also present an opportunity for The Justin Veatch Fund All Stars to strut their stuff at the historic Peekskill Theatre. "We're excited

about returning to The Paramount," says Jeffrey Veatch, president and founder of The Fund, who recalled the success of the Fund's Best of the Eagles concert last October at The Paramount.

"Last year was a blast, but this year we're going to raise the bar," said Fund vice president Thom Iannicari who also serves as concert production manager. "Show up and you will see what we mean."

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Paramount Hudson Valley box office. All proceeds will go to Justin Veatch Fund scholarships and other programs.

The Justin Veatch Fund is a 501(c)3 organization and official New York State

charity formed in 2009 following the death of Yorktown High School senior Justin Veatch from an accidental drug overdose. Jeffrey Veatch, Justin's father, has presented his multi-media talk A Message from Justin--which addresses the issue of substance abuse among young people--to more than 24-thousand students. Justin's story is also told in the documentary Whispering Spirits which premiered in November, 2014 at the Jacob Burns Film Center and is being screened by community anti-drug coalitions in 36 states.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1005 LECTURES, LLC

**FIRST:** The name of the Limited Liability  
Company is 1005 LECTURES, LLC (here-  
inafter referred to as the "Company")  
**SECOND:** The Articles of Organization of  
the Company were filed with the Secretary  
of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:** The  
County within the State of New York in  
which the office of the Company is locat-  
ed is Westchester. **FOURTH:** The Secre-  
tary of State has been designated as agent  
upon whom process against the Company  
may be served. The post office address  
to which the Secretary of State shall mail  
process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleas-  
antville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:** The  
Company is organized for all lawful pur-  
poses, and to do any and all things nec-  
essary, convenient, or incidental to that  
purpose. **Dated: August 26, 2016**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE  
KRELL GROUP LLC.** Arts of Org.  
filed SSNY on 8/23/2016. Office loca-  
tion: Westchester County. SSNY design.  
Agent of LLC upon whom process may  
be served and mail to **144 Stone Meadow,  
South Salem, NY 10590. Purpose - any  
lawful act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Pink  
Pulse, LLC.** Articles of Organization  
filed with Secretary of State of New York  
(SSNY) on April 11, 2016. Office in West-  
chester County. SSNY has been design-  
ated as agent of the LLC upon whom  
process against it may be served. SSNY  
shall mail process to: **Adila Francis, 1 Al-  
exander St Ste 409, Yonkers NY 10701.**  
**Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RE-  
VALORIZER DIVERSIFIED OPERA-  
TIONS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy  
of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2016. Of-

fice loc: Westchester County - 119 Pond-  
field Rd., Suite 924, Bronxville, NY 10708-  
0924. United States Corporation Agents,  
Inc. designated as agent upon whom  
process may be served and shall mail  
process to **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202,  
Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any law-  
ful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JENN  
MANN INTERIORS, LLC. ARTS.** Of  
Org. filed with SSNY on 7/07/16. Office  
location: Westchester County. SSNY des-  
ignated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-  
cess may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-  
cess to **Jennifer Mann, 11 Oneida Street  
Rye, New York 10580. Purpose: any law-  
ful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARCU-  
RIAM, LLC.** Articles of Organization  
filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY)  
on 7/14/16. Office in Westchester County.  
SSNY has been designated as agent of the  
LLC upon whom process against it may  
be served. SSNY shall mail process to  
**The LLC, 15 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY,  
10530. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WIN-  
NERS ROW, LLC.** Articles of Organi-  
zation filed with SSNY on 4/28/16. Of-  
fice location: Westchester County. SSNY  
designated as agent of LLC upon whom  
process may be served. SSNY shall mail  
process to **Hakim Dixon, 33 Lincoln  
Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose:**  
Winners Row, LLC is a full-service en-  
tertainment company, inclusive of art-  
ist, songwriter, producer and engineer  
management; music publishing; touring  
& merchandising; film & television; new  
business ventures; and a music label.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYRIE  
02, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with the Secy  
of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/2016. Of-  
fice loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as  
agent upon whom process may be served  
and shall mail process to the principal  
business address: **20 Oak Rd., Katonah,  
NY 10536. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ERIKA  
CLEANING SERVICE, LLC.** Arts. Of  
Org. filed with SSNY on 7/26/16. Office  
location: Westchester County. SSNY des-  
ignated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-  
cess may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-  
cess to **Erika Da Cunha, 13 Bent Avenue  
Apt. D, Port Chester, New York 10573.**  
**Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
MEETING MOUNT PLEASANT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pur-  
suant to a resolution adopted by the Board  
of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cen-

tral School District (the "District") that a  
special meeting of the qualified voters of  
said District be and the same is hereby  
called to be held in said District in the  
Westlake High School Gymnasium, West-  
lake Drive, Thornwood, New York on  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 7:00 a.m.  
until 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting  
on the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION:** Shall the Board of Ed-  
ucation of the Mount Pleasant Central  
School District be authorized to (1) re-  
construct various District buildings and  
facilities, including infrastructure and  
site work improvements, construct and  
reconstruct athletic fields and courts, and  
acquire original furnishings, equipment,  
machinery or apparatus, at a maximum  
cost of \$39,621,180, (2) expend such sum  
for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary  
tax therefore, to be levied and collected  
in annual installments in such years and  
in such amounts as may be determined  
by the Board of Education taking into ac-  
count state aid; and (4) in anticipation of  
the collection of such tax, issue bonds and  
notes of the District at one time or from  
time to time in the principal amount not  
to exceed \$39,621,180, and the levy of a  
tax to pay the interest on said obligations  
when due? The vote upon such proposi-  
tion shall be by machine or absentee bal-  
lot. The hours during which the polls  
shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m.  
to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long  
thereafter as necessary to enable qualified  
voters who are in the polling place at 9:00  
p.m. to cast their ballots. Personal registra-  
tion of voters is required, and no person  
shall vote whose name does not appear  
on the register of the District. Any voter  
who has heretofore registered pursuant to  
Section 2014 of the Education Law and  
has voted at an annual or special district  
meeting within the last four (4) calendar  
years or is registered and eligible to vote  
under Article 5 of the Election Law, also is  
eligible to vote at this meeting. All other  
persons who wish to vote must register.  
Any person may register to vote during  
regular school hours on any week day not  
less than five (5) days preceding the vote  
between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the  
office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake  
Drive, Thornwood, New York.

The register prepared by the Board of  
Registration shall be filed in the office of  
the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive,  
Thornwood, New York and will be open  
for inspection immediately upon its  
completion by any qualified voter of the  
District from during regular school hours  
on each of the five days prior to the vote,  
except for Saturday, October 15, 2016 and  
Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the  
office of the District Clerk. Applications  
for absentee ballots must be received by  
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the voter, on or prior to October 17, 2016, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 18, 2016. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each business day during school hours until the date of the vote. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. **Dated: August 31, 2016, Mary Beth Mancuso, District Clerk**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on January 24, 2016. Off. Loc.: 134 Alta Avenue, Yonkers, NY, Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy to is: **WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC, 134 ALTA AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: TECH-FINANCE VENTURES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State on 08/03/2016. Office location: West-

chester County. Secretary of State designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **14 Harwood Ct, Suite 220, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GHOST PAPER GOODS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/25/2016. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **209 RIVERDALE AVE 2ND FLOOR, YONKERS, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

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# Which is the Better Choice: Wine By The Glass or Buy the Bottle?

"May I offer you a drink?" "Yes, I'd like a glass of (white, red, sparkling) wine."

This seemingly innocuous interchange with a waiter or bartender can be fraught with indecision, or worse, a hurried choice that has a mediocre result.

In today's dining environment, we've gravitated to watching our wallets as much as our waistlines (they seem to be heading in opposite directions). Restaurants, bars and wine bars understand this. Offerings of wines-by-the-glass at reasonable prices have increased multifold into broader and deeper selections of wines from around the world. But, "I'll have the house wine" is still the typical response when ordering a glass of wine.

Let's change that behavior pattern. Be adventurous. Order wine by the glass with the goal of finding a new "favorite" wine. Better yet, why order a bottle when you can pick and choose multiple wines from the by-the-glass list?

As with most adventures, caution is paramount. Be aware of the pitfalls that lurk as you navigate through this process. Here are my guidelines for how and

when to order a glass of wine, whether seated at your restaurant table or waiting to be seated at the restaurant's bar. Whether meeting friends at your local watering hole or socializing at a wine bar.

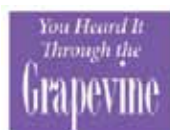
## First, the benefits.

1) When dining with the special person in our life, we tend to order one bottle for the evening, trying to find a middle ground to satisfy differing food preferences as well as the competing flavors of our first and second courses. We rarely succeed. This situation cries out for a glass(es) of wine perfectly paired with individual dishes.

2) When socializing with friends at a local bar, it's too easy to order generically. Be inquisitive. "Which red (white) wines are you offering this evening?" Ask the server to describe each - the country of origin and the style of wine. "The Chilean Cabernet sounds appealing. May I sample it?" Your server has been trained to lower the barriers of selection; multiple choices usually lead to multiple glasses.



By Nick Antonaccio



3) If you're like me, you have a life list of wines to enjoy before you kick the (ice) bucket. Today many restaurants and wine bars offer high-end wines by the glass. Are they expensive? Yes. Would you otherwise have the opportunity to check them off your life list? Probably not. Besides, \$25 for one glass is an extravagance I can better psychologically rationalize than \$200 for a bottle.

## Now, the pitfalls.

1) Financially, wines by the glass yield a low return on investment for you and an extraordinarily high return for restaurants and bars. Here's the math: the typical restaurant or bar pour is 4 to 5 ounces, which equates to 5 to 6 glasses per bottle. The average price to you for a glass of wine is \$8 to \$12. The average cost of that bottle, at wholesale, is \$8 to \$12. The math: the restaurant or bar typically needs to sell one glass to recover their cost of the bottle (not including overhead). The remaining pours from the bottle are profit.

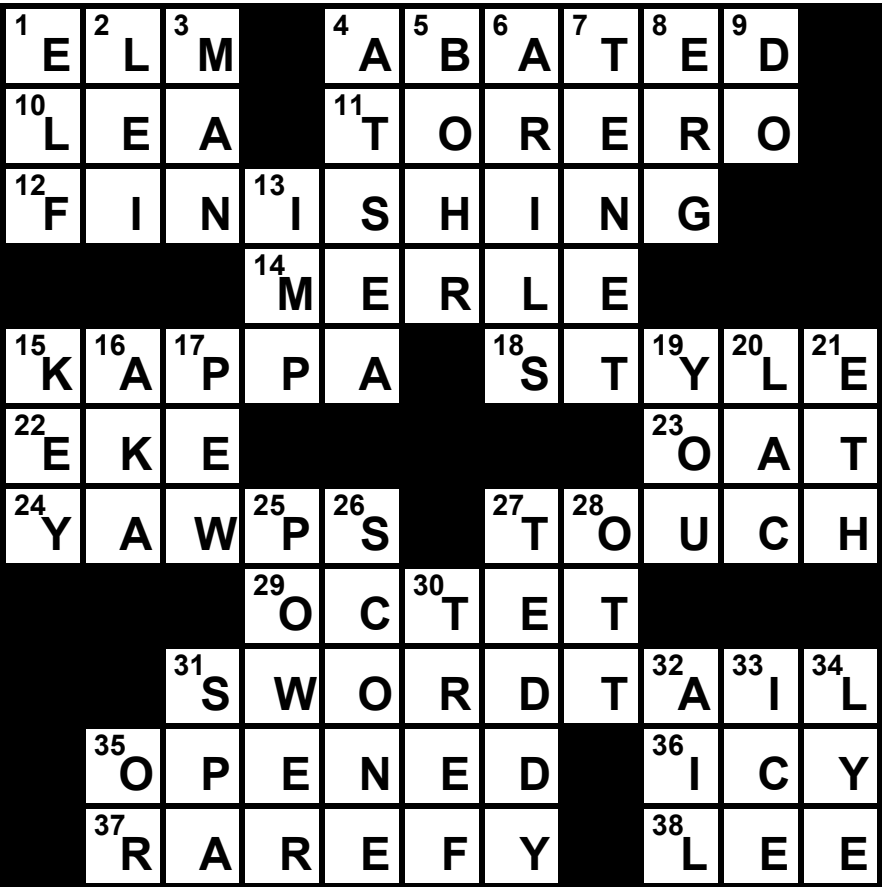
2) "I'll have a glass of the house wine." My advice: never order the house wine.

It may be convenient to do so in the midst of conversation, but by spending a few minutes being more selective, you will most likely experience a new wine and expand your knowledge and palate - for only \$1 to \$2 more than the house wine.

3) Be sure the wine being poured into your glass is the wine you ordered. Reputable establishments will always present the bottle as they are pouring; this helps you prevent any bait-and-switch tactic.

Ordering wine by-the-glass is an excellent way to experiment with new wines. Employing a financial analysis can result in a cost-efficient experience. Find the right balance and you've created a win-win experience.

*Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine*



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Police Blotter

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from a female resident of Commerce Street reporting a domestic dispute. The woman told police Heady allegedly pushed her to the ground and kicked her in the back. Heady was remanded to Westchester County Jail on \$10,000 bail.  
**September 5 - 11:15 p.m.** – Neil Quinn, 38, was charged with two mis-

demeanors after police received a call from a female resident of Summit Street reporting a domestic dispute in progress. An investigation revealed Quinn allegedly choked the female and menaced her with a knife. Town Justice Sal Lagonia served Quinn with a temporary order of protection. He is due back in Yorktown Town Court September 27.

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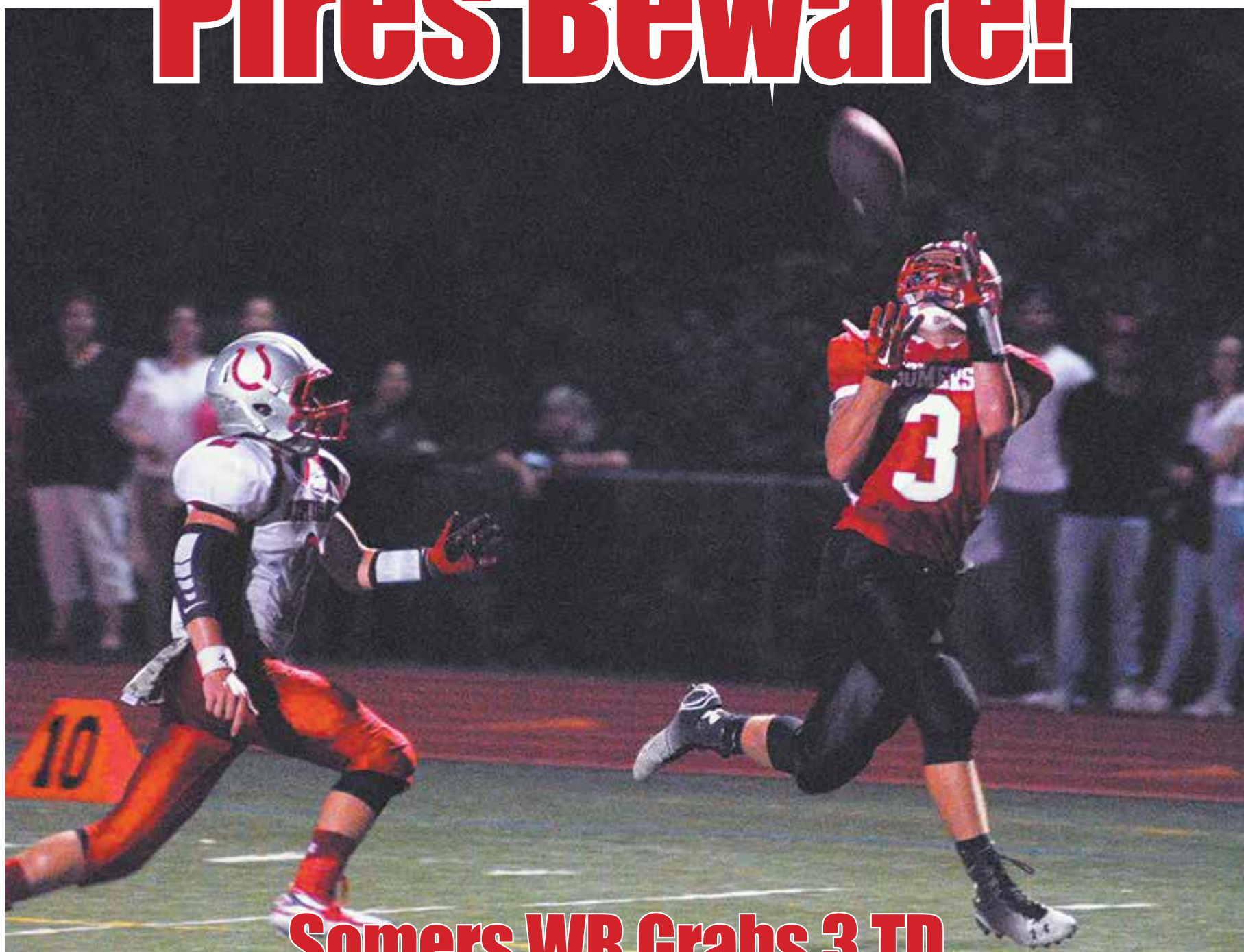
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SPORTS SECTION

# Pires Beware!



## Somers WR Grabs 3 TD, Returns Punt for TD in 28-6 Win

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Somers WR Matt Pires hauls in one of three touchdown passes he would take in off the arm of junior QB Kevin Olifiers in the Tuskers' 28-6 win over visiting Sleepy Hollow last Friday when the Tuskers improved to 2-0 and then turned their attention to a highly anticipated Week 3 showdown with undefeated host Yorktown this Friday on Homecoming Day at The Murph... see Grid Notebook

## Sports

## Grid Notebook

# Four Locals Remain Unbeaten in Class A, Two Will Survive

## Week 4 Collision Courses: Brewster vs. Hen Hud, Somers vs. Yorktown

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Week 3, which begins on Friday the 16th, could be one for the ages on the local Section 1 grid circuit, but Week 2 was downright hard to stomach, unless you're a fan of local blowouts. Carmel's 14-9 loss to visiting John Jay EF on the Class AA circuit was one of the few close games in our neck of the woods, but the vast majority of the locals either won big or got gonged.

On the positive side in Class AA, host Mahopac (1-1) worked a 42-0 waxing of Horace Greeley, which is really struggling for a once-prideful program. On the down side, Ossining (0-2) got crushed, 24-0, by an improving Port Chester team that hasn't had much success in recent years, leaving the Pride in a tough position.

On the bright side in Class A, host Somers knocked off Sleepy Hollow, 28-6, in a game that Coach Tony DeMatteo won't be writing home about as he prepares his



Somers LB Thomas Tooma puts a hurry on Sleepy QB.

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square off at the same time this Friday (7 p.m.) just 11 miles apart, which enhances the likelihood that one could get a look-see at portions of both games if one had to (which this photojournalist just might have to).

Here's what we know: Somers will have its hands full with Yorktown's multi-pronged attack. Husker QB Jose Boyer gashed Pearl River for 124 yards and a score off 14 carries while hitting on 5 of 8 passes for 75 yards and three touchdowns; two to his favorite target TE Max Costello, he of the soft hands and thick frame. The Yorktown defense was menacing against the Pirates, forcing three turnovers, including an interception and a forced fumble by junior DB Christian Torres, who, at 6' 165, has been a nice find for Coach Mike Rescigno's athletic secondary.

Somers, while it trotted off victorious, did not look particularly crisp on offense as senior RB Messiah Horne sat out the second half. The Tuskers will need a healthy Horne to blow off Yorktown because all Husker eyes will be on Tusker WR Matt Pires if not. Pires has a little Joe Festo in him, which makes him one of the more explosive receivers in recent Somers history, as was the speedy Festo during the Tuskers' sectional championship era (2012-13).

"Me and Olifiers have been working really hard in practice getting the timing down for the routes and it's been paying off so far," said Pires, who scored four touchdowns, including three aerals from junior QB Kevin Olifiers. Pires also took a fourth-quarter punt to the house for the icing on the cake.

"Pires was on fire route and route again," Olifiers said. "He's very fast and has instincts to catch the ball. He runs precise routes and is a very tough kid."

There is mutual respect, but no love-lost, between the Huskers and the Tuskers, two of the upper-tier football programs in Section 1, and the fact that it's Yorktown's Homecoming will only add to what should be a scintillating atmosphere at The Murph where The Crop and Tusker Nation will bring things to a quick and steady boil.

Likewise, the Hen Hud Bleacher Creatures will be out in force and Brewster's teeming fan base will travel well across county lines; bet your last buck on that. The Sailors have a lot going for them right now, but this burly Brewster club will be their first legit test of the season after a pair of



Mahopac's Greg Libertino gets one last block from Kamil Sudol (21) en route to his second punt return for TD this season.



Mahopac QB Andrew Ryan rushed for one score and passed for another in Indians' 42-0 win over Greeley Friday.

undefeated Tuskers (2-0) for a Week 3 showdown with undefeated Yorktown (2-0), which also throw in a 35-6 rout of visiting Pearl River.

Host Brewster (2-0) hopped all over Byram Hills in a 48-7 beatdown, getting four touchdowns from QB Jack Guida, who rushed for a career-best 197 yards. Henry Terry added nine carries for 70 yards and two TDs while Mike Buonadonna had 40 yards and a score.

U n d e f e a t e d Hendrick Hudson (2-0), which now preps in earnest for Brewster in what is essentially the Sailors' biggest statement-type game in many years, blew the doors off visiting Lincoln, 46-0.

On the down side in Class A, Lakeland (0-2) and Panas (0-2) are looking like a pair of teams that could be on the outside looking in come playoff time.

Host Lakeland suffered a 10-0 setback to Tappan Zee while the visiting Panthers were sent packing by John Jay CR, 38-13. They both need to turn things around in a hurry, or Week 5 (vs. each other) won't mean much of anything.

### CLASS A

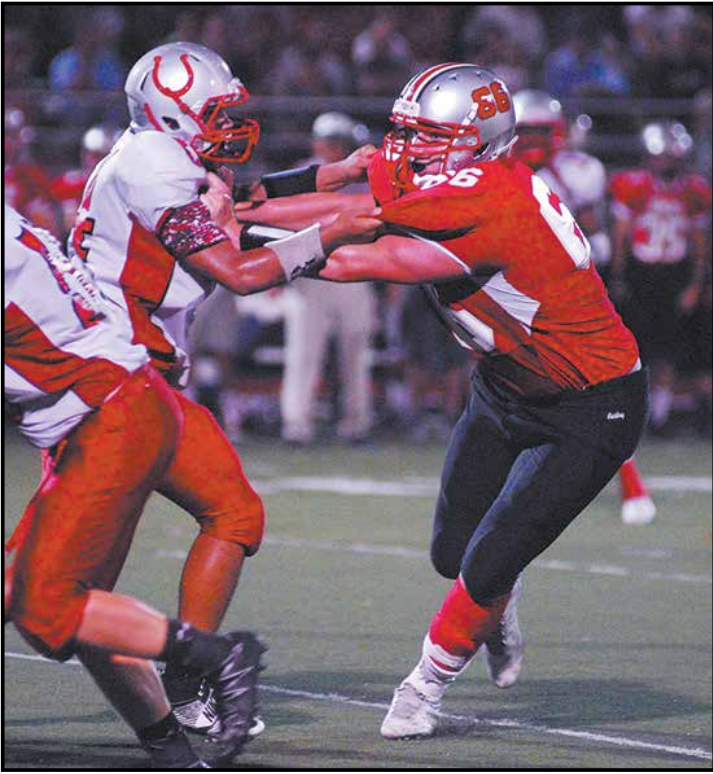
All eyes will be on two games this week, including the sizzling matchup between host Hen Hud and Brewster, plus the white hot bout between Yorktown and visiting Somers. The four unbeaten will



Somers QB Kevin Olifiers fired three TD passes in Tuskers' rout of Sleepy Hollow.

# Sports

## Grid Notebook



Sleepy had their hands full, literally, with Somers' beastly DL Nick Gargiulo.

laughers with Byram Hills and Lincoln.

"Hen Hud is gonna be a dog fight," Guida said. "We know what our front seven can do to stop the run, and we know

of Jack Attinelly (3 grabs, 15 yards), Peter Maselli (25-yard TD catch) and Marquan Anderson (30-yard TD grab). Defensively, the Sailors saw sophomore LB Jordan Grullon go bonkers, including a pair of Pick-6's he took to the house. Grullon in the real deal, folks; quick, strong, tough as nails. Hen Hud, which gets back-to-back tests with Brewster and Lourdes in Week 3-4, is up for the

challenge, according to Cunningham.

"This game is the biggest game we have played so far this season; everything else we have done this year pales in comparison



Somers RB Antonio Vieira gets edge in host Tuskers' 28-6 win over Sleepy Hollow Friday.

another in a must-win situation for the Indians, who still have their work cut out for them in a Week 3 matchup with rival Carmel. The Indians can't get too high off a win against a sub-par Quaker outfit, but had to like the fact that Brendan D'Iorio hauled in one score, RB Dino Milazzo rushed for 58 yards and a touchdown and added a sack. For the second week in a row, Greg Libertino returned a punt for a touchdown, taking off on an electric 75-yard jaunt. Justin Munoz and Ryan Dugan also scored for the Indians, who rushed for 208 yards in all and now prep in earnest for their crosstown rivals, who may be 0-2 but have faced two unbeaten teams - Arlington and John Jay EF -- to open the season.

While this Week 3 game may not have the flair it often does when it's played later in the season, it's still Mahopac at Carmel and it will still produce juice throughout that section of Putnam County where both the Mahopac Maniacs and Carmel

Crazies should fill their respective bleachers in a rare Friday night tilt between two programs that were once considered special in Section 1.

As both strive to return to the days of past glory, Week 3 is make or break for both; as Carmel cannot afford and 0-3 start, just as much as Mahopac can ill-afford to go 1-2. Carmel won't be a pushover after holding John Jay EF, the 2015 sectional runner-ups, to just 14 points. Ram Andrew Dileo (100 yards receiving) hauled in a seven-yard pass from QB Kyle Shilling (11 for 17, 148 yards) in the fourth quarter for the Rams' only offensive score, as the Carmel ground game has yet to get in synch

(just 55 yards on the ground vs. Jay) but plans on doing so this Friday.

On the bright side, the Rams, held the Patriots to just seven first downs and they currently hold the rights to the Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy after manhandling Mahopac in last season's finale. That's what's on the line this Friday night; the hardware and the bragging rights, baby!

### CLASS B

Putnam Valley (0-2) suffered a second consecutive setback, doing so in a fashion that might lead one to believe that Coach Ryan Elsasser's rookie season could be a rebuilding one after a 32-12 loss to visiting Valhalla (2-0). The schedule hasn't been easy out of the gate (defending sectional champion Westlake and upstart Valhalla) for the Tigers and doesn't get much easier, but the overall results are less than anticipated from a PV program that reached the Final 4 a year ago. It doesn't get any easier this week for the visiting

Tigers with perennial power Pleasantville on tap this Friday (7 p.m.).

### NWE/Putnam Examiner Week 3 Grid Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** - This much is true: Only a whisker separates 1-4 in this poll.

**No.2 SOMERS** - Didn't look particularly sharp in win over Sleepy; imagine what they will look like when they sharpen up.

**No.3 BREWSTER** - Bulk up front, combined with sneaky QB Guida, makes for a tough nut to crack.

**No.3A HEN HUD** - Poised to make the biggest statement in years; very possible they do.

**No.5 CARMEL** - Until Rams relinquish Higgins Trophy, they get nod over Pac.



Tuskers Jack Gilroy (8) and Jake Graham combine to make stop on Sleepy RB in Tuskers' 28-6 win over Headless Horsemen.

we need to stop the pass. We know we'll be prepared."

We'll see if Hen Hud can get against the Bears what the Sailors got from their personnel against the lowly Lancers: including a grinding ground game led by sophomore RB Manny Carbone (4 carries, 108 yards, 2 TDs) and Peter Maselli (8 carries, 40 yards, TD); the quick-strike passing of QB Nick Cunningham (5 of 6, 70 yards, 2 TDs); and the receiving corps

to this game," Cunningham said. "Leading up to Friday night, we are going to have the best work week that we have had all season. We are just laser focused on one thing, beating Brewster."

### CLASS AA

Mahopac saw six different players score TDs, including QB Andrew Ryan (9 off 11 for 113 passing yards, 72 yards rushing), who rushed for one and tossed



Lakeland RB Sean Makar is dragged down in Hornets' 10-0 loss to Tappan Zee last Friday.

## Sports

## Field Hockey Notebook

# Mahopac Snags Somers Title, Panas Still Surging

By Tony Pinciario

The Walter Panas varsity field hockey team established a base, last year, from which to build on.

The Panthers finished with eight wins, qualified for and won a first-round sectional game. Even though this was 11 months ago, the Panthers have carried that momentum and good vibes into the 2016 season.

"We have always been a hard-working team and to come back in preseason with everyone hustling and constantly working harder, I'm excited for the future of this team," senior and captain Carlyn Mucci said.

Panas opened its 2016 campaign with a 2-1 victory over Brewster and followed it up with a 4-1 triumph over Putnam Valley.

Panas jumped on Brewster with both goals in the first half as the Panthers converted penalty corners. Danielle Merante, who registered a team-leading 22 goals in 2015, resumed where she finished with a goal and an assist. Carlyn Mucci doubled the lead to 2-0 and Lisa Guzzo assisted on Merante's goal.

"We've been working much harder to execute our penalty corners properly and a big part of it is making sure everyone is focused and ready inside the circle," Mucci explained. "We've had some great opportunities, so far, and we've been able to produce."

Senior Jasmine Rosa, making her first varsity start, stopped seven of eight shots for her initial varsity win.

Panas doubled its goal output against Putnam Valley with Guzzo scoring twice, Mucci added a goal and assisted on the other three and Merante finished with a goal and an assist.

Even with a loss in the quarterfinal round of sectionals, Panas turned it into a positive.

"Coming off of our loss last year in the second round, we are determined and focused as a team to make it back there, especially with Coach Trip pushing us

hard each day to achieve this goal," Mucci said. "It's also satisfying seeing everyone really involved this year and most of us have an even better understanding of the game."

**MAHOPAC** flexed its muscle at the Somers tournament, taking the title with a 2-1 win over the host Tuskers. Kim Brower



Panas captain Carlyn Mucci takes a rip in Panthers' win over Brewster.

scored five goals in the tournament and Briana Corace set up both goals in the clincher, including the game-winning goal by Kim Brower, who had four goals in the Indians' opening-round win over Yorktown, with 29:03 left. Mahopac led 1-0 at halftime on a Dominique Milian tally.

"This was a tough game as we were looking to win our tournament but took second place," Prysclak said. "The team played hard, but we were inconsistent. The first half we made some mental errors, but we corrected them at half time and played a solid second half, scoring in the first minute of play, which gave us some momentum. I felt like we controlled more of the second half giving our offense more opportunities but unfortunately were unable to convert. Again lots of lessons learned but we showed our true potential."

**SOMERS** split its games opening week with a 3-2 victory over North Salem. Katie Campbell had a hand in all of Somers' goals against North Salem as the Tuskers led 3-1 at halftime. Campbell scored twice and assisted on the third goal. Elizabeth Olsen had a goal and Hannah Lustig and Taylor Turchick each had an assist.

"I was happy with the outcome of the game especially since it is the beginning of the season and we are looking for a strong start," Somers' coach Jaime Prysclak said.

The seven-time defending Section 1 and New York State Class B champion **LAKELAND** Hornets began their quest for number eight with a 5-0 victory over John Jay-Cross River.

Meghan Fahey led the offense with two goals and Cali Cortese finished with a goal and an assist. Kelsey McCruden and Julianna Cappello each had a goal and Caroline Cahill recorded an assist.

Cassie Halpin (two saves) and Kellie Smith (0 saves) each played a half and combined on the shutout. John Jay goalie Hayley Martinsen made 28 saves.

Sleepy Hollow spoiled **HEN HUD's** season-opener as Gabby Delmonico scored twice in a 2-0 victory over the Sailors.

Hen Hud goalie Carole Sinicore made eight saves.

"Senior forwards Kelsey Byrne and Toni Ann Rosa did an excellent job getting the ball out on the fast break and midfielder Valentina Espinoza for giving 110 percent on every possession," Hen Hud coach Heather Gallagher said. "We know as a team what we need to work on before our next game."

Gallagher thanked and credited junior varsity players Jillian Attinelly, Katie Doorley, Savannah Lacey and Yash Rijal for stepping up because of a lack of subs.

**PUTNAM VALLEY** had a busy and physically-draining week with three games in the hot, humid weather.

The Tigers opened their week with a 4-1 setback to Panas. Freshman Cyera Daughtry gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead with her first varsity goal. Joanna Pelc started the play with a pass to Caleigh Jacobs, who fed Daughtry.

Putnam Valley and Croton had to endure the unseasonably-warm September weather, Thursday, but it was Croton who came away with a 5-0 victory.



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Indians celebrate one of five goals Kim Brower would score in Somers tourney clinching.



Panas Sloane Perry is met by Brewster's Grace Pastore in Panthers' win over Bears.

Putnam Valley played without a few players and closed out the week with a tough 1-0 loss to North Salem.

"We were missing some of our starting players, but our freshmen stepped up," Putnam Valley coach Rebecca Gherardi said. "Susanna Granieri, our backup goalie, had an unbelievable game in goal saving 12 shots. Fellow freshman Isabel Healy stepped up, too, and played an unbelievable game as a forward as she helped move the ball into North Salem's end, as well as coming back to help out on defense, when needed. Junior Joanna Pelc and senior Caleigh Jacobs played strong games, helping to make strong transitions from midfields to the forwards. And sophomore Danielle Cunningham stepped up as a key player in our defense."

**YORKTOWN** lost to Pawling, 3-1 in the consolation game of the Somers Tournament. Katie Vogel scored for Yorktown and Olivia Sanchez stopped four shots.



Mahopac F Kim Brower (R) led the Indians with five goals in two games en route to Somers

# Somers Kickers, Boys/Girls, Killing it on Pitch

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With nine starters back from a 20-1 season that ended with their fourth Section 1 championship in five years, the Somers Tuskers are the closest thing Section 1 Class A girls' soccer has to a dynasty and all that firepower and defense makes them the favorite again in 2016. Make no bones about it: It will take a Herculean effort to dethrone the Tuskers if the pieces fit in place again.

"We have many players returning, but right now we are searching for the right mix or combination of new players and returning players and trying to put the pieces in the right places," Somers Coach Paul Saia said. "This can take time, though, especially with the shortened pre-season not allowing for many scrimmages."

Senior co-captains M Melina Couzis (hat trick and two assists) and F Ciara Ostrander (two goals and two assists) led a star-studded cast in the Tuskers' season-opening 8-1 win over visiting Eastchester. Jessica Rodriguez, Ella Beresford and Natalie Walsh also scored for the Tuskers while Amanda Brugger set up to goals.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers Brendan Blanch fires shot on goal against pressure from Hen Hud's Dylan Marques in 3-0 Tusker win.

Hannon Eberts, who leaves at the tail end of a 42-game winning streak, which was snapped by Section 9 champion Goshen in the NYS regionals last fall. When paired with Georgetown-bound All-Section M Jenna Menta and Princeton-bound All-Section D Mary Murphy, the Tuskers have what amounts to the best Big 4 anywhere in the section; a unit that will settle for nothing less than a sectional three-peat.

Midfield/frontline depth comes in the form of Katrina Kurtz, Brugger, Stephanie Righetti, Sloane Ramsey, Dani Cucchiarella, Beresford, Tina Morgante and Ruby Avila; all of which have extensive know-how on the pitch. The defense is as stout as any around, including sweeper Claire Mensi, Brianna Penzo and Caitlyn Lucadamo; all returnees. Senior Hannah Tiso also returns after missing last year with an ACL injury. The goalie tandem lacks experience but remains athletic in senior Lauren Chiriboga and junior Lauren Jockimo.

## BOYS SOCCER

The ladies are not alone in their success at Somers. Rookie Coach Brian Lanzetta has his Tuskers performing at a high level right out of the gate, including a win over his uncle Ed Polchinski's Yorktown Huskers in the finals of the Yorktown

tourney. Sophomore Jon Riina added a goal for the Tuskers, who then went on to the Yorktown Tournament where they walked off with the title after a 1-0 win, courtesy of sophomore Lucas Fecci's goal from Riina with about 33 minutes left. Kenny Kurtz made 10 saves for the shutout.

"We did not match Somers' intensity and did not get into a rhythm until 15 minutes or so," Yorktown Assistant Coach Jason Huff said. "I think it was for the better though because it humbled us and should get us refocused for Monday's match against Mamaroneck."

"Somers is a hungry group of kids and have one of the better coaches in Section 1," Huff added. "Brian (Lanzetta) works with a majority of those kids all year round and he's developing an extremely rich soccer culture there. I wouldn't want to face them in the sectionals."

Somers advanced to the finals of the Yorktown tourney after a 2-0 shutout of Class AA Mahopac. Senior captain Jack Maher and senior Rocco D'Asconio each scored for Somers. Crafty Jared Mazzola had two goals to lead Somers to a 3-0 whitewash of visiting Hen Hud Thursday.

In other action, LAKELAND improved to 3-1 when Chris McGovern scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Luka Rudovic in a 1-0 win over Beacon. The Hornets and Tuskers are looking like legit Class A contenders early on, but there are as many as seven serious challengers -- Tappan Zee (3-0) and Somers (3-0), Lakeland (3-1), defending champion Pearl River (1-1), Byram Hills (1-1-1), Rye 1-0 and Keio (1-1) -- in a field of 27 Class A clubs, according to Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan.

"All seven of these teams will be heard from many times this fall," the coach said. "One week into the season it may be a bit too early to tell how things will shake out. With the nature of our sport being an open tournament it will be a crazy sectional season once we get there. Early on though, Tappan Zee and Somers have had a great first week. I am pleased sitting at 3-1 after four games."

Considering All-Section captain Matias Prando has only played 1-1/2 of the Hornets' four games, that's pretty good. Senior co-captain Nick Foci has led the attack with five goals in four games, including a hat trick in a win over Hen Hud...

Hugo Guerra had two goals and an assist in BREWSTER's 3-0 win over Beacon. The Bears (2-0-1) also tied Harrison 0-0 and defeated Lourdes 2-0, giving senior G Michael Charbonneau his third shutout of the season...

Blaine Fitzgerald notched seven saves in HALDANE's 4-0 shutout of Hamilton, the Blue Devils' first win...

In a 5-2 PANAS win over Gorton, Hunter Mastromonaco had two goals and one assist in the Panthers' (1-2) first win of the season...



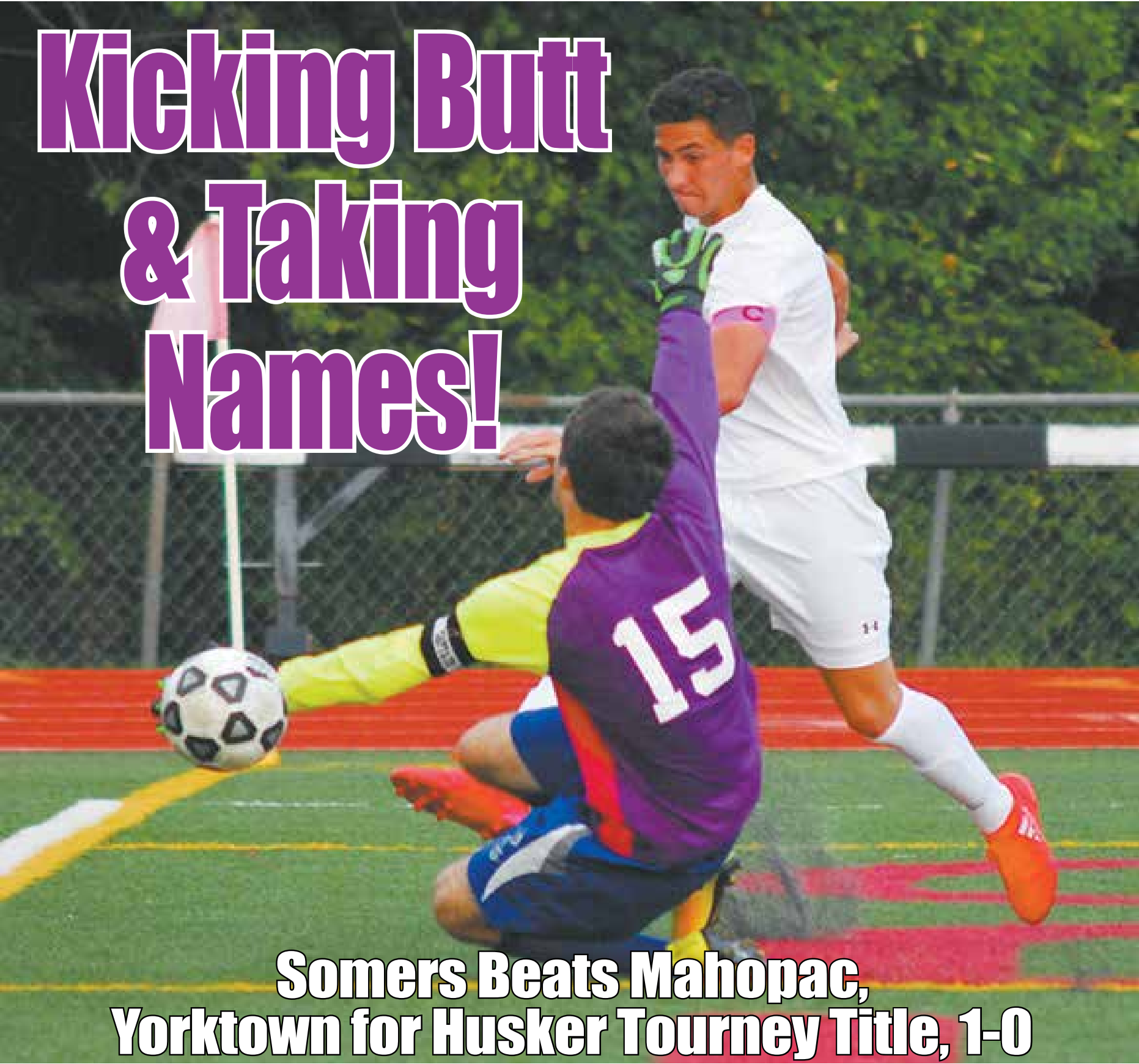
Somers' Jack Maher has a step on Hen Hud's Dylan Marques in Tuskers 3-0 win over Sailors.

The Tuskers then moved on to the opening round of the Yorktown Tournament where they defeated RCK, 3-0, behind goals from Ostrander, Danielle Cucchiarella, and Jessica Rodriguez.

The UConn-bound Couzis and the Yale-bound Ostrander are as decorated a duo as there is in Section 1 this season, and the damage these two All-NYS players inflict will be out of necessity minus the services of graduated All-American striker



Somers' Jon Riina (11) battles Hen Hud's Trevor Dowling in Tuskers' 3-0 win over Sailors last Thursday.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Somers captain Jared Mazzola (9) was one of many Tuskers to get the job done over the course of the opening days of the 2016 soccer season, which has both the Somers boys and girls going undefeated (a combined 5-0); with the boys pitching three shutouts over Mahopac, Hen Hud (and G Mike Donato, above) and Yorktown, whom the Tuskers beat 1-0 in the finals of the Yorktown Soccer Tournament last Saturday... see Soccer Notebook



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