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Sexual Predators Targeted in State Senate Race

By Rick Pezzullo and Neal Rentz

The incumbent state senator in the 40th District and his potential Democratic opponent held separate press conferences on the same day last week advocating the passage of different legislation concerning sexual predators and their victims.

Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) appeared at Koegel Park in Somers last Wednesday with Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey, Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace, Somers Councilman Anthony Cirieco and others to call for the immediate passage of a bill creating child safety zones, a measure he contended had been stonewalled in the Assembly for years.

"The Assembly is playing politics with our kids, kids who have been victimized," said Murphy, a father of three. "This is an issue of protecting our communities. This is common sense. These are people who are

detrimental to our communities and need to be dealt with."

Child safety zones prohibit registered sex offenders from any place where children congregate, such as schools, parks, daycare centers and houses of worship. Murphy also mentioned the need for victim safety zones, which bar a level two or three sex offender from living within 1,500 feet of their victim.

Murphy, who is seeking a second two-year term in Albany, noted currently a level two sex offender lives within 1,000 feet of Koegel Park. Recently, residents in Peekskill learned a level three sex offender on parole would be living less than 1,000 feet from his victim.

"This one is a no-brainer," Grace said. "The number one role of government is public safety. This type of legislation is not

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PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

State Senator Terrence Murphy at Koegel Park in Somers, flanked by several local officials and others.

Historic Reynolds House Being Rebuilt in Somers

By Neal Rentz

Much progress is being made to rebuild the historic Reynolds House and restore its farm area, the Somers Town Board was told on September 1.

Supervisor Rick Morrissey said the board is scheduled to provide \$50,000 from recreation fees paid by the developer for the Reynolds House project when the town board meets on September 8. The request for additional funding came from Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Steven Ralston.

The Reynolds House is located near the Angle Fly Preserve entrance on town-owned land, according to literature written

by the Somers Land Trust.

In 2013, the Land Trust revealed a volunteer-driven project to rebuild the Reynolds House to bring its exterior to the late 1700's Federal-style appearance. The interior of the house will become a two-bedroom rental and be used as a residence for a town employee who will serve as a caretaker of the Preserve. The 73 acres of farmland that surrounds the house is also being restored.

The roof has been replaced using funds donated by the Somers Lions Club. The Land Trust has a goal to finish the exterior

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Search for Man in Yorktown Lake

The Yorktown Heights Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by rescue teams from Mohegan Lake and Mahopac Falls, searched Monday for an unidentified man who reportedly was on a floating device in Sparkle Lake in Yorktown, cried for help and then disappeared. Yorktown Police received a call at about 2:05 p.m. of a man in distress at the lake, which was closed for swimming. Some residents leaped into the water, located off Granite Springs Road, to try to save the man but were unable to locate the victim.

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work before the winter. The Land Trust is also seeking to fix the home's foundation, which it expects to cost \$40,000.

Michael Barnhart, chairman of the town's Open Space Committee and president of the Somers Land Trust, told the town board, "We're making significant progress." Barnhart said the work is being done thanks to efforts of volunteers, do-

nated and discounted materials and labor work by local businesses, grants and individual contributions.

In addition to the roof, siding has been replaced, Barnhart said. "It's really the gateway to the Angle Fly Preserve," he said.

Morrissey praised the efforts being made to rebuild the historic structure. "Thanks to all the volunteers," he said.

The \$50,000 would be provided for the

project from the \$200,000 remaining in the recreation fees fund, Morrissey said.

Once the Reynolds House work is completed, "It will have a new life," Barnhart said.

The historic Reynolds House in Somers is being rebuilt. The town board is scheduled to provide \$50,000 for the project from recreation fees paid by developers when it meets on Sept. 8



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a burden on anyone's rights. It is needed to protect our children."

Meanwhile, Alison Boak, a Pound Ridge Democrat running next week in a primary, held an emotional press conference last Wednesday at Mount Kisco Village Hall calling for lawmakers to pass legislation that would ease restrictions on the time childhood sexual abuse victims can report incidents.

Boak said the Child Victims Act would eliminate the statute of limitations for new child sexual abuse incidents and allow victims of past incidents one year to sue the abuser or the facility where the abuse occurred.

The legislation would also place convicted sex offenders on registries and limit their access to children, she said.

Under current state law, victims of childhood sexual abuse must report the abuse or file a lawsuit before they turn 23. Studies have indicated that it takes an average of 21 years for an abuse victim to come forward, Boak said.

"Between 70 and 90 percent of children that are trafficked into the commercial sexual industry have experienced some form of sexual abuse before they were trafficked," said Boak, co-founder of the International Organization for Adolescents, a nonprofit organization working to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation of minors.

"What I have seen in my experience is that children who are sexually abused can lose their confidence," she said. "They can become drug addicted to help cope with anxiety. They can't focus so they have problems in school. They become isolated.

In essence, they become perfect targets for human traffickers who prey on vulnerable children."

During her press conference, Boak slammed Murphy for failing to fight for the Child Victims Act.

"Either you're protecting the children or you're protecting the predators," she said. "Terrence Murphy is for supporting the predators. He is not supporting this bill. In fact, the Senate wouldn't even bring this bill to the floor for a debate."

Murphy responded through a campaign spokesman last week to his possible opponent's criticism. Michael Jefferson said extending the statute of limitations is worthy of debate, but there shouldn't be an unlimited timeframe.

"The most pressing question that should be answered is why when Sen. Murphy's

bipartisan legislation to enact child safety zones and victim safety zones to keep abusers away from our kids and those they've harmed has passed the Senate unanimously two years in a row, the Democratic Assembly majority has not brought it up for a floor vote," Jefferson said.

Among the supporters of the Child Victims Act who attended Boak's event were two adults who were sexual abuse victims as children.

"In 1966, I left my home a happy young boy of seven and I went to visit my father in a hospital," said Gary Greenberg, founder of the Fighting for Children political action committee, his cracking voice.

He was supposed to be given a tour of an X-ray room that day.

"I met an evil person. He didn't give a tour. He brought me to hell," Greenberg said.



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Q: Can I afford the advanced LDCT screening?

A: The screening is covered by Medicare and most commercial insurers. If you meet the criteria, and don't have commercial insurance or Medicare, NWH can help – with many payment options and below-average pricing. If you can benefit from the screening, we make sure you get it.

Q: What steps should I take?

A: If you think you meet the criteria, ask your primary care physician about ordering an LDCT. If you don't have a referring doctor, NWH's nurse practitioner will determine your eligibility and possibly order an LDCT. NWH is going the extra mile to make this potentially life-saving screening 100 percent accessible to everyone who needs it.

Residents, Officials Unnerved by Pipeline Drilling in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

Residents and officials in the Town of Cortlandt found another reason last week to hammer away at the gas pipeline expansion project taking place in Verplanck.

Supervisor Linda Puglisi filed an official complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (F.E.R.C.) and Spectra Energy, the company constructing the controversial pipeline, after residents complained of nighttime noise associated with drilling in the Hudson River.

"I am frustrated with the Spectra (A.I.M.) project as are our Cortlandt residents," Puglisi stated in a press release. "We have no jurisdiction over any of the work being performed. It was all approved by F.E.R.C. I have reported all of our concerns and is-

suues to F.E.R.C. and have requested no more nighttime hammering and that improved notification to our residents must occur."

In a detailed report of the activities underway, Spectra Energy explained on August 27 Algonquin commenced the pullback of a 42-inch diameter pipeline under the river but it had to be suspended due to some technical issues.

On August 29, Spectra stated Algonquin began notifying officials in Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan, and on August 30 70 informational flyers were delivered to residents in Verplanck. In addition, Algonquin compensated 18 households for relocation for three days. Another 80 informational flyers were delivered on September 1.

Spectra maintained the contractor spent only 21 minutes on August 30 operating a pneumatic hammer on five different occasions. On September 1, the hammer was utilized again in the nighttime for 90 minutes.

Noise mitigation measures used during the drilling were a low noise air compressor, sound abatement walls and sound blankets installed on fencing close to St. Patrick's Church.

Spectra stated additional drilling work on the pipeline is scheduled for September 6 through September 16.

The pipeline project was approved by F.E.R.C. in March 2015. Cortlandt has opposed the work, but F.E.R.C. supersedes all local governments. Puglisi is encouraging residents to voice their concerns to Spectra at 1-866-873-2579 and F.E.R.C. at 1-877-337-2237.

Meanwhile, several activists assembled outside a diner in Tarrytown Friday to confront Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino about his relationship with Spectra Energy. Astorino was making an appearance on a local radio show.

"We want to know why Astorino accepted money from Spectra," explained Lael Morgan of Croton-on-Hudson. Morgan was referring to a \$43,600 campaign contribution Charles P. Joyce, CEO of Otis Eastern Services, a business partner of Spectra and a major pipeline manufacturer, donated to Astorino's political campaign, as reported by The National Institute on Money in State Politics.

Inside the diner, the radio host reportedly asked Astorino about the contributions and he claimed to have no knowledge of it.

Cortlandt Family Fun Day Set for Saturday Near Youth Center

By Rick Pezzullo

The 11th Annual Cortlandt Family Fun Day promises a day full of activities and entertainment Saturday, September 10 from 2 to 8 p.m. next to the town's Youth and Recreation Center off Route 9A, with ample parking at the Cortlandt

Train Station.

Free admission for all, along with free popcorn and cotton candy. A food court featuring many local restaurants and delicatessens will offer a variety of meals and treats.

Some other attractions include bouncy

rides, Midway games, face painting, a new bungee ride and remote control animal rides known as Animal Tronics. A Westchester County helicopter will also fly in at some point.

Local band New Phase will be performing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the

event will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 8 p.m.

Rain date for Family Fun Day is Saturday, September 17, also from 2 to 8 p.m.

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August 27 -5:23 p.m. – Clarence Jones, 54, of Buchanan, was charged with driving while intoxicated following a two-car accident in the vicinity of Welcher Avenue and Route 9A.

August 28 - 2:12 a.m. – Innocent Dlamini, 33, of Ossining, was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated after being observed driving erratically in the vicinity of Central Avenue and Water Street.

2:30 a.m. – Bruce Phillips, 36, of Croton-on-Hudson, was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated after being stopped on Main Street for driving erratically. While he was in police custody at headquarters Phillips lit a fire in a waste basket which was quickly extinguished, leading to an additional arson charge.

3:15 a.m. – Christian Saralazo, 24, of White Plains, was charged with driving while intoxicated following a one-car accident in the vicinity of Park Street and Armstrong Avenue.

September 1 - 1:30 a.m. – Danny Moya, 30, of Tarrytown, was charged

with burglary and criminal mischief after it was discovered he had broken into unoccupied rooms at the Inn on the Hudson and removing three televisions. He was found in one of the vacant rooms by responding officers.

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Martin Costello

August 21
Martin Costello, 56, of Cortlandt,

was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment, both Class D felonies, following a report of a domestic disturbance on Ely Road. An investigation revealed Costello was working on his vehicle outside when the victim returned to the residence. Costello reportedly entered the garage and grabbed a Panther Arms A-15 assault rifle. The victim was able to enter the home and call 911. It was discovered after the victim entered the home, Costello discharged a round from the firearm from the garage into the backyard towards occupied homes. He was arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or \$5,000 bond.

Yorktown Police

August 21 - 7:48 p.m. – Louise Miller, 59, of Jefferson Valley, was charged with petit larceny after she allegedly intentionally removed \$55 from several cash registers while working as a Sears sales associate and concealed the money down the front of her pants.

August 27 -10:30 a.m. – Valdet Lajqi, 24, of Yorktown, was charged with two Town Code violations for allowing his

two dogs to run at large in a recreational area and allowing the dogs to chase and harass a person. According to police, on July 9 at about noon, a female was walking at Turkey Mountain Preserve when she was chased, jumped upon and harassed by two dogs. On August 15, in a separate incident, park patrons were again chased, jumped and harassed by two dogs. Lajqi is due in Yorktown Town Court on September 13.

August 28 - 5:42 p.m. – Tyler Aulicino, 19, of Yorktown, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance after police received a call from a resident of Locksley Road requesting police check on the welfare of an alleged suicidal male at Patriot Skate Park on Underhill Avenue. Police responded to scene and found Aulicino in possession of a quantity of Xanax. Aulicino was released on \$100 bail and transported to Northern Westchester Hospital for a psychological evaluation.

August 29 - 8:31 p.m. – Kathleen McDevitt, 49, of Mahopac, was charged with petit larceny and endangering the welfare of a child after allegedly stealing assorted merchandise valued at \$99 from Sears while in the presence of her nine-year-old daughter. She was released on \$200 cash bail.



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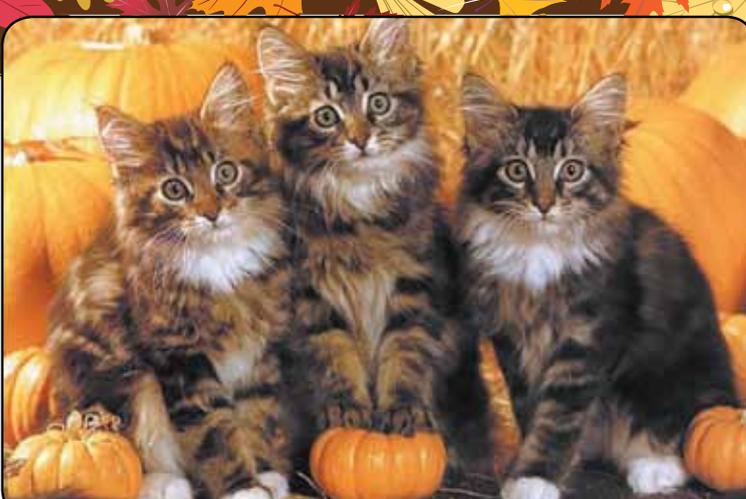
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Anthony's Power Equipment Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

Putnam Valley resident Antonio Cinquanta said last week he has been familiar with how to do small engine repairs since he was a teenage who studied at the Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES Tech Center.

That skill has been a valuable asset for him for many years.

Cinquanta has owned Anthony's Power Equipment, located in Yorktown, since 1991. His business offers sales and repairs of outdoor power equipment, such as weed whackers, tractors and chain saws. He also sells parts.

Cinquanta said most of his customers live in Yorktown. The business was originally located on Crompond Road in Yorktown and after the property was sold earlier this year Cinquanta moved to Mahopac for about a month, before transferring to its current Baldwin Road location in July. The business is located behind the Blossom Knoll Nurseries.

Before owning his own business, Cinquanta said he put his expertise in small engine repairs "on the backburner" when he worked for a supermarket. He was later hired by General Motors in Tarrytown. His first job for GM, which



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Antonio Cinquanta, owner of Anthony's Power Equipment in Yorktown.

ran for one year, was to work in the body shop working with sheet metal. For the roughly next four years he was a quality control auditor, which included doing

test drives of cars.

Cinquanta was forced to move from the car manufacture and decided to open his own business. "I fell back on this after

the plant closed," he said.

Cinquanta said he gets satisfaction from owning his business, "especially when people think it might have cost a lot more or feel treated unfairly elsewhere" and come to his business. "They feel comfortable" at Anthony's Power Equipment, he said.

He said he provides "personalized service" that would not be given at a chain store. "We don't hide behind toll-free phone numbers," he said. "If there's a problem, we get right on it."

Cinquanta has a simple goal for his business. "Just stay afloat and pay the bills," he said. He said moving back to Yorktown after a brief stay in Putnam County was positive. "I'm glad to be back in Yorktown where people know me," he said. "This is a great spot that I found."

Anthony's Power Equipment is located at 1943 Baldwin Rd. in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-962-3800.



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92st Annual Yorktown Grange Fair September 8-11

This year "All Signs Point to the Fair!" Follow the signs and enjoy the wonderful competitions and exhibits. Livestock, produce and flower shows, beautiful local craft displays, a fun fair midway and delicious food are all on the signboard for 2016!

The Yorktown Grange has announced the slate of performers and the schedule of live music for this year's fair to be held September 8-11, and is excited to present CB Smith & The Lucky Devils. They will bring their unique mix of literate songwriting, bluegrass fire, and classical training on Friday evening's performances at 5 p.m.

Other scheduled performers include:

Chain of Fools, Classic Motown, Dance, with many lesser known as R&B and Philly S. Strong and soaring harmonies combined with talented guitar and drum work. Songs you know and love but may have forgotten played with love and affection. They will kick off Friday evening's performances at 7.45 p.m.

Saturday's main stage line-up begins at 11:45 a.m. with live entertainment for the kids by Overhill Shenanigans featuring interactive songs by multi-instrumentalist John Griffiths. At 2 p.m., the Grange Fair is proud to once again showcase local teen musicians under the banner of the Justin Veatch Fund All Stars. The caliber of tal-



Pie eating contest is always a favorite at Grange Fair.

ent of these young musicians is not to be missed. They will be followed at 5 p.m. by Amanda Ayala, a young Rock-Singer/Songwriter with her amazing voice. At 8 p.m. on the stage is coming Rock N Blues band that plays the best of the 60's and 70's - The Hey Baby Band.

Sunday's main stage line-up begins at 11.30 a.m. with Unfunded Mandate band, enjoy and listen sounds of classic rock, they will come back on the stage at 2.30 p.m. Followed by the Molly Adele Brown at 4.15 p.m. and 5.45 p.m., and sing with her coun-

try music.

There are few things that get kids more excited than going to a fair. Brightly colored carnival rides spinning and twisting, midway game booths hung with alluring prizes, funnel cakes and cotton candy – all the irresistible attractions of carnivals everywhere. The Yorktown Grange Fair has all that and lots more to appeal to kids and adults alike.

All rides are open on Thursday at 6 p.m., on Friday at 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.

At Saturday and Sunday kids can also see Magicians, Jugglers, puppets and a lot more.

But that's just the beginning of what the Grange Fair has to offer. Check out some of the additional activities for the kids at this year's fair: <http://www.yorktowngrangefair.org/entertainment.html>

There will also be competitions and exhibits of produce, flowers, baking and crafts, and entries are open to the general public – you do not have to be a farmer or even a

Yorktown resident to enter. Entries for the arts and craft categories (art, photography, needlework, and Legos).

Do you want to compete and show up.

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Your garden product can enter on: Thursday, September 8: 6 -10 p.m. and Friday, September 9: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

And this year we have LIVESTOCK SHOW. As in years past, the Grange Fair will also play host to an impressive menagerie of farm animals. You can bring cattle, goats, llama, pigs, sheep, horses and donkeys.

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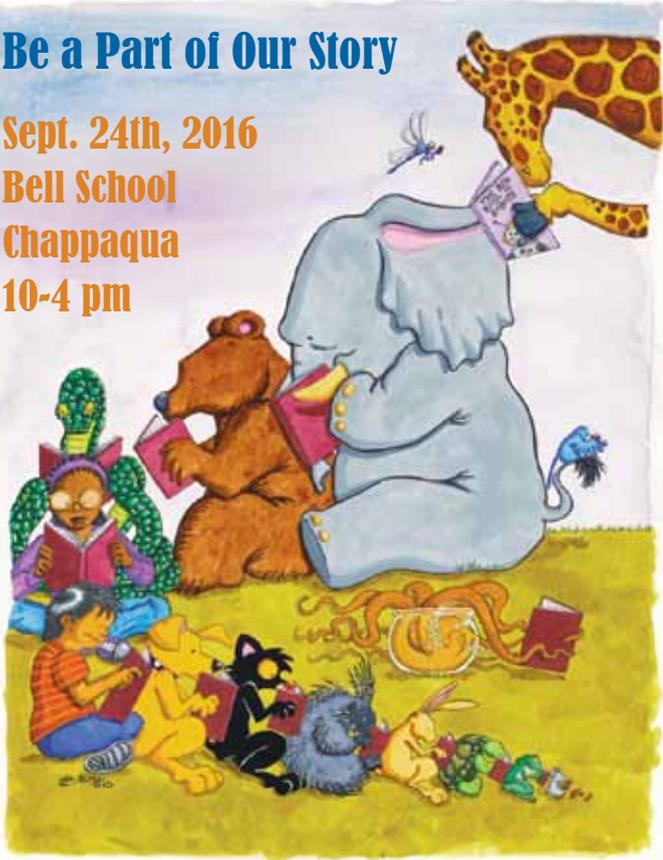
For the rules and entry information visit <http://www.yorktowngrangefair.org/contests.html>

Continuing the long tradition of Tractor Parade, an impressive array of farm tractors, many of which are antiques, will parade through downtown to the Grange fairgrounds on Saturday at noon. This impressive farm tractors will be displayed all day at Saturday and Sunday. Everyone who wants to display their machines or participate in the parade should join us.

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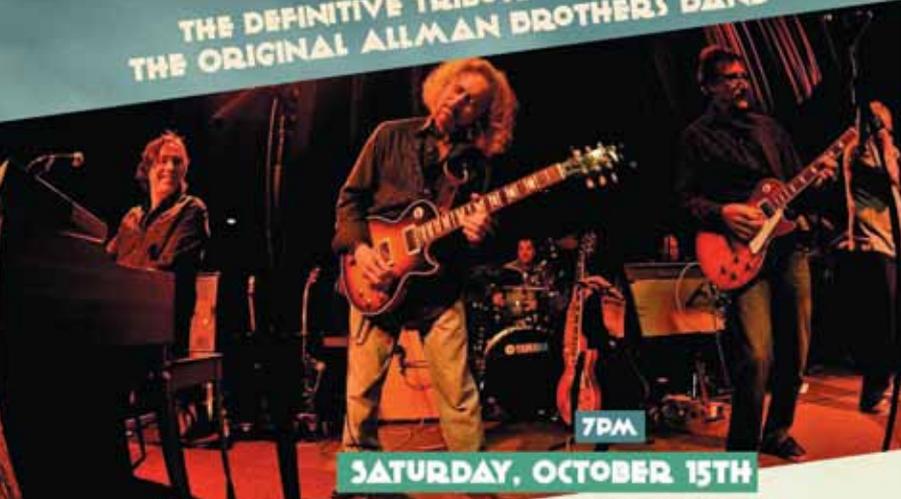
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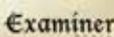
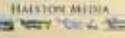
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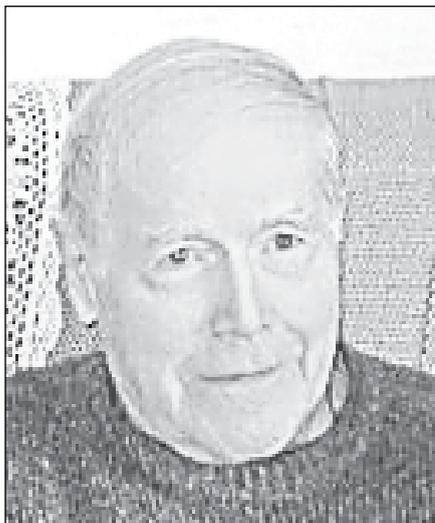




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Obituaries



John 'Jack' Joseph McNally

John "Jack" McNally

John 'Jack' Joseph McNally, a longtime Cortlandt resident, died suddenly on his 83rd birthday, September 1.

Born on September 1, 1933, to Thomas and Anne (Shiel) McNally, he served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He was a devout Catholic and a communicant of the St. Columbanus Church in Cortlandt, where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 14991.

Mr. McNally is survived by his seven children: Patrick McNally, Kathleen McNally, Eileen (Richard) Lepore, Maureen (Dan) Scott, John (Debbie) McNally, Colleen (David) Gray, Thomas (Donna Straface) McNally; and also his 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive him. He was predeceased by his wife, Esther May McNally, sister, Catherine Frisch, and his infant son, Michael McNally.

David Ferris

David James Ferris died August 30, at the VA Castle Point Veteran's Village community living center. He was 84.

He was born to Gilbert and Katherine on December 14, 1931 in Peekskill, and married Joyce M. Lawrence on August 3, 1951 at the Assumption Church. He proudly enlisted in the Army to serve during the Korean War (936th Armored Field Artillery BN (155mm) HQ and HQ BTRR, Dec. 1951 - Aug. 1952). Raising his family in Verplanck, he worked as a master HVAC engineer for firms of his own and others. He continued his service to our country as a 14-year volunteer at VA Castle Point. He was a life member of DAV Chapter VA Castle Point 144, and Mended Hearts.

He is survived by his children Jane (Gary) Heinrich of New Paltz; Jay (Cindy) Ferris of Wappingers Falls; Margaret (Wayne) Michael of New Paltz; sister Cheryl O'Dell of Milford, PA; grandchildren Jennifer (Glenn) Androvett, Lindee Helander, Kristin Ferris, David Philip Ferris; and great-grandchildren Tyler, Casey, James Anthony, Teagan, and Sophia. He was predeceased by his wife, son Michael, and brother-in-law Kenny O'Dell.

Michele Wolny

Michele Wolny, a resident of Cortlandt, died August 26. She was 83.

Born in New York City on December 26, 1932, she was the daughter of Romeo and Juliette Barone Perretti. In 1959, she and her husband, Rudolph Wolny, moved to Cortlandt where they raised their four children, Kenneth, Kathleen, Peter and Patricia.

Mrs. Wolny began a long career working as an Administrative Assistant at the VA facility in Montrose. She was known as a great organizer who arranged many activities for the employees' association, including shopping trips to the outlets in Pennsylvania.

She was a good friend to all who knew

her. She enjoyed life, loved to dance and had an infectious laugh. She will be remembered as a loving wife as well as best friend to her husband Rudy and as a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and sister.

In addition to her husband and her children, she is survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as her sister, Matilda Celentano.

Kenneth Smith

Kenneth F. Smith, a resident of Somers, died August 29. He was 70.

Mr. Smith was born on September 27, 1945 to Franklin Z. and Wilma (Yeager) Smith in Elmhurst, PA. Before he retired in 2000, he was the Assistant Superintendent of Business for the Briarcliff Manor School District, in Briarcliff. On July 19, 2003, he married Elyse Sloan in New York, NY.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elyse, his two beloved daughters; Michele Smith-Greco and Lisa Wetherbee, his beloved step-daughter; Hope Althouse, his two brothers; Robert and Franklin, Jr. and two cherished grandchildren; Mitchell Wetherbee and Sydney Wetherbee whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart.

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Editorial

We Must Never Forget

Journalists. Educators. Clergy. Citizens. We all share a responsibility to remember, remind and reflect on one of the tragic events this country has ever experienced---the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people, 111 in Westchester County, and injured more than 6,000.

How quickly 15 years have passed from that day, a day most people can instantly recall where they were when news broke about the first plane that had crashed into the Twin Towers in Manhattan. It was unclear what was unfolding until the second once seemingly indestructible structure, and suddenly everyone knew the United States was under attack from evil individuals who had no regard for human life, even their own.

That day, which also included a sinister-led plane that crashed in Pennsylvania and another at the Pentagon, changed so many things forever, not just for the families and friends who lost loved ones, but how citizens in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave



Twin Towers were felled 15 years ago on 9/11/01.

lived life. Added security measures were added everywhere, and just the way we dealt with people and approached situations was no longer the same. It was as

if you always had to be on guard, like an innocence had been lost.

Yes, the country has rebounded, but it will never be the same as it was before

9/11. Which is why it is vital that day not become a distant memory or just another footnote in a history book as time passes. There will be some ceremonies held locally, like at the 9/11 Memorial on the banks of the Hudson in Croton, and at Riverfront Green in Peekskill, where three New York State Supreme Court officers who were killed trying to rescue others will have their names added to an existing area that memorializes fallen Peekskill firefighter Samuel Otice, Jr.

Attending those types of events is important, but maybe a more significant gesture would be to do something charitable, lend a helping hand to someone in need. However you decide to mark that day it's vital that it not be forgotten, this year on the 15th anniversary, or ever. Ignoring it is not an option. That won't erase what happened.

Stand tall. Stand proud. Say a prayer. Thank a first responder. Do anything it takes to keep the memories of 9/11, as painful as they are, alive in your minds, your hearts and your actions moving forward.

Guest Commentary

Passing of Another Community Store Owner in Yorktown

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Having lived in Yorktown Heights for four decades, our family has come to know many of the shop and store owners that we have done business with all these years. Living in what was once referred to as a "small town," there is a certain connection with these people we might see on a daily or weekly basis. The nicest part of this customer/retailer relationship is that the merchant often remembers your preferences, possibly knows you by first name or the name of your small children along for these shop-

ping excursions. That's why when one of these store owners passes away or closes the business due to retirement or health reasons there is sadness at this ending. This is the case with the recent passing of "Buddy," George Phillips, of Mitchell's Hardware store that is added to the list of small business owners that are now gone.

Going back to when our family first moved to Yorktown, Mitchell's Hardware store was visited frequently for items needed to fix up the older home we purchased. At that time it was Buddy's father, George, running the store with

his wife, Jeanette. Customers could see Jeanette daily in the tiny front office doing the billing accounts, with the cutest, well behaved little white poodle lying at her side on the floor. After George's passing, his son Buddy came to take it over and keep the store going. All of the employees that work at Mitchell's are helpful, knowledgeable and ready to find just the right item a customer needs. Several of my lady friends have always expressed their preference for shopping at Mitchell's just for this reason. So many times they have said, "I can walk into the store with some tiny part, gadget or broken tool and the clerk will find me the exact replacement without my having to search rows of shelves I am unfamiliar with." In my opinion, this is what is special about shopping in a local store over a large department, home supply or discount store. You can't put a price tag on the value of personal attention and assistance. Plus the proximity is more convenient than driving five or more miles for an item you need right away while you are in the middle of a project or repair job.

Continuing down memory lane over the years, long-time Yorktowners will remember many of the store owners that were literally fixtures in town. Think about the Karl Ehmer butcher and its long time owners, The Kapfer family.

How about the dry cleaners located at the parking lot above the Karl Ehmer store and you'd find the dad, "Vinny," working there seven days a week. After Joe (Josef) Kapfer's and Vinny's passing their family continued the business as long as they could keep them going. The dry cleaner's Vinny owned recently closed without fanfare and those of us that brought in bulk items to be dry cleaned sorely miss this convenience, along with its other services.

Of course, there are so many other stores that have changed hands, while new ones opened now in the community, but often the long-time connection is not there "yet." I have found that large institutions such as the banks or retail stores in town are striving to welcome shoppers and customers into their place of business and to help them feel "connected." It is possible of course, but it is just not the same as the small time shop keeper that was the backbone of Yorktown of long ago.

Perhaps I am just feeling a touch of nostalgia for something that was once a way of life back then and is slowly changing. In any case, the passing of one more long-time merchant that served both private and business owner's coming into the hardware store prompted this trip down memory lane.

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Letters to the Editor

Yorktown's Trees and Forests Are in Danger

To the Editor,

The local law protecting neighborhood trees and wooded areas throughout Yorktown is about to change — but not for the better.

On September 20th, the Town Board will be holding a public hearing to repeal the current tree law and replace it with a new, much weaker law, one that offers far less protection to Yorktown's trees and forests and which will negatively affect homeowners, the character of their neighborhood, and the value of their property.

Buffer zones, the side, rear and front yards between properties, play an important role in preserving both neighborhood character and property values. That's why the zoning ordinance requires certain distances from property lines for sheds, swimming pools, and yes, even emergency generators.

The current tree law regulates the removal of trees in the buffer area, balanc-

ing the rights of property owners with the town's responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents. The law doesn't say homeowners can't remove trees in the buffer; it just says that before they do, they need to apply for a permit so that the town can make sure that removing the trees will not cause any environmental damage. For example, depending on the slope of the land, cutting down trees on one parcel may cause uncontrolled erosion, run off and flooding on neighboring properties.

Regulating, but not prohibiting, the removal of trees in the buffer zone protects property values by preserving both the visual character of a neighborhood and a zone of privacy and noise barrier between adjoining properties. The proposed law has NO restrictions on tree removal in the buffer area. And, there are NO restrictions on how many permits or trees can be cut down in any given time period on other

parts of the property; with multiple permits, your neighbor could continue to cut down trees throughout the year.

Here's another major weakness in the proposed new law that directly impacts homeowners: The current law protects trees and forests on both private and town owned property but the proposed new law applies only to private property; it specifically exempts the roughly 4,000 acres of town owned property located in neighborhoods throughout the town and ranging in size from less than an acre to hundreds of acres.

What this means is that if the town wants to cut down trees on town owned land, land that may be in your neighborhood, it won't need a permit; it can do whatever it wants — with no oversight or public input. Unlike private property owners, the town won't be required to notify neighboring property owners of its plans to cut down trees, hold a public hearing so

that residents will have an opportunity to comment on the tree removal plan, or undertake mitigations measures that would compensate for the environmental damage caused by the tree removal.

The first sign homeowners may have that the town is removing trees in their neighborhood, may be the sound of chain saws.

These are only two of the major problems with the proposed new tree law; there are others, equally troublesome for homeowners.

Which is what makes the September 20th public hearing so important. The hearing will be your opportunity to urge the Town Board to go back to the drawing board and come back with a stronger tree law, one that protects and preserves your property values by protecting and preserving the trees and forests in your neighborhood.

SUSAN SIEGEL

Yorktown Law Misses Forests Through the Trees

To the Editor:

Amusing puns and aphorisms abound when talking about trees and forests, but these word plays usually have their roots in serious truths. The fact is that Yorktown's proposed new tree law is seeing some of the trees, but missing all the forests.

The Purpose section of the proposed new law talks about preserving, protecting, conserving and regulating forests, woodlands and trees, while the Findings

section has language about the importance of "fundamental ecological systems" and makes reference to the role of trees in broad, systemic environmental issues such as air pollution absorption, soil erosion, oxygenation and wildlife habitat. The fact is that the proposed new tree law doesn't follow up with the regulations needed to carry out its goals. It doesn't recognize that a woodland is more than just a collection of trees, but rather a vital, interacting community of many species of plants and

animals that includes trees and also shrubs and ground cover. While valuable and worthy of protection, a stand of 10 trees, which is the extent of the protection afforded by the proposed law, is not a woodland nor a "fundamental ecological system."

The proposed new law has no provisions to regulate the removal of forests or woodlands in Yorktown. The law doesn't even apply its regulations to Town-owned land, by far the largest chunk of woodlands we have.

The current tree law, which the Town Board wants to repeal, specifically regulates (but does not prohibit) the removal of woodlands; has provisions for mitigating any loss of over 30% of the woodland on a site; and it affords town-owned woodlands the same protection as those on private land.

The proposed revision, doesn't protect, doesn't regulate, in fact doesn't even see the forests for the trees. How short-sighted!

LINDA MILLER

Ossining High Freshman Already a Varsity Volleyball Team Veteran

Although she is only a freshman at Ossining High School this year, Mychael Vernon will be returning to the varsity volleyball team for her third season.

When she was a seventh-grader, Vernon successfully made the varsity team as a middle blocker and performed well. In her second year, she led the team in kills, was second in digs, second in aces and third in blocks.

"Mychael is an all-around player, strong on defense with great blocks and quick digs, a consistent and competitive server, but she is something to be reckoned with at the net," said Lauren Riccardi, varsity coach and a teacher at OHS. "She is able to hit the ball with such force and precisely in specific locations as to make any team tremble. I look forward to watching her grow as an athlete and shine as she will."

Riccardi said Ossining volleyball is off to a good start this season. "The team is motivated and hungry, working hard every day. We have a competitive sched-

ule ahead of us, which we look forward to."

In the off-season, Vernon plays club volleyball and beach volleyball and attends various camps and clinics. She tried out for two elite programs this past summer. She was selected to be on the Garden Empire Volleyball Association team and played against the best girls in the country at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Florida. The Garden Empire Volleyball Association is the local Regional Volleyball Authority of USA Volleyball.

Vernon was one of 128 girls selected (out of thousands who tried out) for the USA Volleyball Girls' Select National A2 Invitational Team Program. However, she declined the offer because only the A1 team would compete at the High Performance Championships and she wanted to play. USA Volleyball is the national governing body for the sport and selects the Olympic team.



Mychael Vernon will be starting her third season on varsity.

Falk Ready to Fight for Progressive Values at State Level

By David Propper

For the past several years, Andrew Falk believes he has continued to fight for middle class and working class folks that don't have a political voice in the state government process.

Describing himself as a liberal and progressive Democrat, Falk said he has the best shot to unseat Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy in the general election.

He hopes Democrats recognize that in next week's primary.

"The name recognition and my proven performance in the Republican part of the 40th Senate District makes me the only candidate with a possible path to victory," Falk said.

He said he's been on the frontline fighting for a minimum wage increase, a woman's right to choose, better public education and fair and equal pay for female employees. Falk said voters know what his values are, instead of opponent Alison Boak who has recently spoken up about a litany of issues.

Prior to this campaign, Falk has run three times in the last four years. In 2012 and 2014, he lost to Republican Assemblyman Steve Katz in a GOP safe district. Last year he lost narrowly to Republican Rich Williams in the Patterson supervisor race.



Andrew Falk

In improving life for the middle class, Falk said when state government has a good idea, they should pay for it instead of shifting the expense to municipalities and raising property taxes through unfunded mandates. He used the costs attached to the Common Core education standards as one example.

Speaking of Common Core, Falk said the standards should be dumped. He encouraged parents to bring in their refusal letters for the state tests during the first week of school.

He wants to return local control to school districts and said "nothing good

comes out of the state Education Department and Board of Regents." Current education commissioner MaryEllen Elia should be tossed from the job, Falk said, because of her ineffectiveness.

"Politicians should not be telling teachers how to teach," he said.

Corruption has been a major issue in Albany, Falk acknowledged. He wants the limited liability company loophole closed and pensions stripped from any elected official convicted of a felony related to his or her abuse of office.

Falk also believes he's led by example. His law office hasn't taken any new clients this year because he doesn't want someone to hire him just to have access to a possible state representative. If elected, he will close his law office and be a full-time lawmaker.

Furthermore, if a pay raise is pushed through by a state commission, Falk said he won't accept the additional money.

Falk doesn't consider the minimum wage increase much of a victory because in Putnam it was only raised to \$12.50 instead of \$15 in Westchester and New York City. He said the current \$12.50 standard isn't a livable wage.

In order to offset the extra costs for small businesses, Falk believes a tax credit is appropriate.

Falk said he supports an assault rifle ban and gun buyers should be subjected to a rigorous background check. He stressed he believes in the Second Amendment, but wants everyone to remain safe from gun violence.

"Those two rights should not be in conflict with each other," he said, noting legal gun owners should be part of the conversation.

When it comes to which Democrat should face Murphy in November, Falk said he's been in the trenches fighting for the issues he believes in and wants to do so at the state level.

"If you believe in what I've been talking about then I need your support one more time," Falk said. "I'd say choose the person who has been fighting for our values and our issues, not the person who comes late to the party and says, 'I'll fight, too.'"

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Boak Looks to Leap to State Senate, Primary Comes First

By Martin Wilbur

Over the past decade Alison Boak has watched some of the state's legislative leaders run afoul of the law and resign in disgrace, but Albany's culture remains largely unchanged.

Now she's prepared to do something about that, running for the 40th state Senate District seat.

"You have a greater chance of being a state legislator and ending up in jail than beating an incumbent right now," Boak said. "There's something wrong with that."

In order for the former Pound Ridge councilwoman, who was narrowly defeated last fall for re-election, to get the chance to defeat Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy in November, she must first win next Tuesday's primary against Patterson resident Andrew Falk. The district includes Mount Pleasant, New Castle and Mount Kisco along with much of northern Westchester and Putnam and a portion of southern Dutchess County.

Boak, 46, the co-founder and executive director of the International Organization for Adolescents, which works to eliminate human trafficking, and who teaches at the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at City College, would head up to the state capitol to team up with reform-minded colleagues to press for ethics reform and greater transparency. A back of the Clear Conscience Pledge presented by various good government groups that vows to limit legislators' outside income, she would support legislation to meet that goal.

In order for that to happen, Boak said the legislature should have full-time representatives, and she would oppose any lawmaker pay hikes until reforms are enacted.

"I think it all starts with sending people to Albany with a different mindset, that are going to limit their outside income, who are going to make the legislature their full-time endeavor and to make their commitment to the people,"



Former Pound Ridge councilwoman Alison Boak.

Boak said.

She also wants more transparency from lawmakers who bring back funds to their districts for projects by outlining where that money comes from in the state budget.

Boak initially became involved in Pound Ridge municipal government when local officials failed to deliver adequate answers following revelations of well water contamination caused by a golf course. As a strong protector of the environment, she backs Gov. Andrew Cuomo's initiative to have 40 percent of the state's power derived from renewable energy by 2030.

"Because I'm in favor of that, I'm not really in favor of expanding pipelines, I'm not in favor of expanding natural gas infrastructure," said Boak, a mother of four daughters. "I'm in favor of using our technology and innovation to help us keep building these clean, renewable energy sources."

She would also like the state to play a role in convincing regulatory officials to eventually close the aging Indian Point nuclear power plant. Without a viable evacuation plan, Boak calls it "a huge accident waiting to happen."

Boak acknowledged that the facility won't be closed overnight because it would decimate the local economy, but

there should be a plan to retrain the more than 1,000 Entergy employees for renewable energy jobs.

She called for the state to take over the counties' financial responsibility for Medicaid, which would free up vital resources for services. Boak supports the state tax incentives for small businesses and downtown main streets while searching for government efficiencies.

"There's always ways where you can look at it being done, how can it be done cheaper, what state agencies can be more efficient, how can they have cost savings passed along to taxpayers," Boak said.

An Oswego native and graduate of SUNY Albany, Boak said she is a fierce advocate for public education and for local districts to determine what's best for their students. She said the state must rethink the excessive testing that have many strong students, including her own children, stressed out.

Boak said she supports the 2 percent tax cap but would eliminate the 60 percent approval for districts who exceed that threshold.

"We don't want our schools crumbling because we can't make major improvements to them because it will put us over the 2 percent," she said.

After having snagged endorsements from 11 of the 15 Democratic committees in the district and an assortment of Democratic municipal, county and state

elected officials, she's feeling good about the upcoming primary.

Her dissatisfaction with the status quo, particularly Murphy, motivated her to take her shot at the seat.

"I'm one of these kinds of people that when I complain about stuff, I don't complain about it, I step up and try to do something about it," Boak said. "So that's what I'm doing here. I'm not happy with the lack of integrity. I'm not happy with not following the same rules, not paying taxes like the rest of us. I don't think that's right, so I'm stepping up to offer people a different choice."

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Byrne Wants to Reverse People Leaving New York State

By David Propper

Afraid New York State is losing a generation of young people to crushing costs, Kevin Byrne is running for the assembly in the 94th district to implement policies that will keep residents in the state. He believes a new direction of conservative leadership can help turn that course around.

Along with millennials, Byrne, a Mahopac resident, noted many senior citizens are leaving as well once they reach retirement because they can't afford to live here on a fixed income. As a 31-year-old, Byrne called his campaign run a "personal one."

"It's a pure motivation," Byrne said of the mass migration. "And people relate to it."

Byrne said even though he would be in the super-minority in the Democratically controlled assembly, he believes there are issues like affordability and taxes that are nonpartisan because they affect everyone. He wants to see a state income tax fairer and flatter and wants to potentially cut or eliminate the state income tax, reduce the corporate franchise tax and get rid of the death tax all while making the state tax form a single sheet of paper, according to his website.

Byrne assailed Governor Andrew Cuomo and criticized his business development plan, "Start-up New York" as "a farce and ineffective."

"It's proven to be more of a marketing ploy for the governor than actually job creation," Byrne said.

In order to combat public corruption, Byrne supports term limits for elected office, including for leadership positions in the assembly and senate. Additionally, pensions should be stripped from lawmakers convicted of a felony, he said.

He also wants to see pension double-dipping forbidden solely for state lawmakers.

Byrne is strenuously against a pay raise for state lawmakers because current legislators "don't deserve one" until New York State improves.

"Make New York State the Empire State again, the one that I grew up in, the one that I love," Byrne said. "Make us number one then you can get a pay raise."

To stop the drug scourge, Byrne wants to prosecute drug traffickers "aggressively and relentlessly" and would support a law that would charge heroin dealers with homicide if a buyer dies of an overdose, according to his website. He also noted drug treatment courts are imperative to seek recovery.

Byrne stressed he is both pro-life and pro-second amendment, which would include repealing the SAFE Act. He doesn't want laws that "selectively punish" law-abiding gun owners. He admits it'd be difficult with a Democratic governor, but wants to work with gun advocacy groups to possibly dismantle it "bit by bit."

As for being against abortion, Byrne noted part of it is his religious background and the other part is his "moral belief in life from inception all the way to until you're a senior." As an EMT, Byrne has transported seniors to hospice care and is also against physician-assisted suicide.

While in many ways immigration is a federal issue, Byrne would fight any legislation that would help illegal immigrants get state benefits, driver's licenses, or vote in state elections, according to his website.

Byrne is hoping to replace Steve Katz, who has endorsed him to take over his

seat after six years on the job. He was also endorsed by the vast majority of GOP committee members from Putnam and Westchester counties.

Despite being young, Byrne knows he brings valuable experience, education, and background. He is also on the Conservative, Independence, and Reform parties line going into the general election against Democrat Brian Higbie

"I bring the best opportunity to keep this seat Republican," Byrne said.

Kevin Byrne



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McDonough Looks to be Conservative Voice in Assembly



Suzi McDonough

By Andrew Vitelli

After six years on the Carmel Town Board, Mahopac resident Suzi McDonough is vying for the Republican nomination for the 94th Assembly District.

McDonough, first elected to the town board in 2009, has also served as former senator Greg Ball's chief of staff.

"Serving locally on the Town level and on two Senate staffs has opened my eyes to the real problems facing our state and what someone who truly cares can accomplish in office," McDonough

said in e-mail to The Putnam Examiner (requests for an in-person or phone interview were turned down). "Conservatives, Christians and patriots are under siege in this state. We need a rock solid conservative voice to represent us against the liberal New York City politicians."

McDonough was first elected to the town board on the Democratic line, though she was a member of the Independence Party at the time. In 2013 she was re-elected on the Republican line. In her run for the Assembly, McDonough has stressed conservative issues includ-

ing her opposition to the NY SAFE Act, a gun control law, and her pro-life position.

"Our taxes are too high, the Second Amendment is under assault, we are murdering innocent life in the womb, our infrastructure is crumbling, the needs of the special needs people are not [being] addressed and, we have a generation being lost to the Heroin epidemic," McDonough wrote. "I will fight to freeze school taxes for seniors, honor our veterans, pass term limits and end pensions for crooked politicians."

A mother of five, McDonough was married to Jimmy McDonough, a Carmel councilman who died of cancer in 2005. She later helped launch the Jimmy McDonough Cancer Foundation, which assists local cancer patients.

McDonough said the state needs to cut spending 10 percent across the board. She said she hoped to cut legislative salaries and pensions as well as "wasteful social and corporate welfare programs," to defund the NY SAFE Act, and to end taxpayer funding of abortions. Regarding unfunded state mandates, McDonough pointed to Common Core, Wicks Law and No Child Left Behind as areas where the state's burden on local municipalities can be alleviated.

According to her website, she wants government to shrink and noted New York is last in many categories concerning business development and affordability.

She wants to see Common Core addressed with more input from teachers.

McDonough, according to her website, said she believes terms limits, including for legislative leaders, is necessary to reduce corruption and strong ethics monitoring that includes full disclosure of outside work and income would help, as well.

Against a pay raise for state lawmakers, McDonough started an online petition opposing that action.

"Our district cannot afford another lost day without a solid conservative voice," McDonough wrote. "No training wheels needed here. I'll be able to hit the ground running with relationships that will allow me to be a powerful conservative voice and an effective legislator, day one."

McDonough will be vying with Kevin Byrne for the Republican nomination for the assembly seat. Incumbent Assemblyman Steve Katz, who has held the seat since 2011, is not running for re-election. The 94th Assembly District includes the towns of Carmel, Patterson, Southeast and Putnam Valley in Putnam along with Yorktown and Somers in Westchester.



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Families are Tapping More Scholarships, Grants to Pay for College

Families spent less out-of-pocket for college in academic year 2015-16 compared to the previous year, as they took advantage of more scholarships and grants to foot the bill, according to “How America Pays for College 2016,” the national study from Sallie Mae, the country’s largest private student lender, and Ipsos, a global independent market research company.

Scholarships and grants covered 34 percent of college costs, the report stated, the largest percentage of any resource over the last five years. About half of families used a scholarship or grant to help pay for college.

“Families wrote smaller checks for college this year as they looked less to their wallets and more toward free money to make college happen,” said Raymond Quinlan, chairman and chief executive officer for Sallie Mae, a company focused on helping families save, plan and pay for college. “Scholarships and grants have become an increasingly important part of the pay-for-college mix, and it’s encouraging to see organizations, schools and the government stepping up to provide them.”

• Bachelor’s: the new norm. Families are firmly in agreement on the value of college: 98 percent believe it’s an investment in their child’s future and 90 percent expect their student to earn a bachelor’s degree. What’s more, 54 percent of families expect their student to earn a graduate degree.

Families are putting their money where their mouth is – the vast majority are willing to stretch financially to make college happen.

• Making college more affordable. Nearly all families took at least one cost-saving measure, while most took five or more. These measures include cutting personal spending, working while in school, living at home and taking accelerated coursework to graduate faster.

Additionally, four in five students attended college in their home state, and one in three started at community college. Eighty-five percent of families completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

• Borrowing’s not a forgone conclusion. Fewer than half of families bor-



rowed last year. In fact, the proportions of funding from family savings and income and scholarships and grants were twice as high as the proportion of funds borrowed. Student borrowing paid 13 percent of all college costs, down from 16 percent last year.

• Cost important, but not a top factor: Sixty-seven percent of families narrow college choices based on cost, but when it comes to making the final decision, this takes a back seat. Primary reasons in choosing a college are split evenly between academic program and personal choice, which includes campus culture, extracurricular activities and student

population. Cost ranked third at 27 percent.

• Planning still pays off. Only 40 percent of families have a plan to pay for college – but in families with plans, students are more likely to pursue bachelor’s degrees, there is more willingness and ability to spend on college and students borrow 40 percent less than those from families without plans.

For the complete report, visit SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPaysForCollege. Join the conversation using #HowAmericaPays. To learn more about planning for college, visit Salliemae.com/PlanforCollege.

“The results of this important annual study shed light on critical financial decisions families are making for and with their college-bound students,” said Julia Clark, senior vice president at Ipsos Public Affairs. “The changing roles that college cost, borrowing and savings play in this process are essential to understand as key factors in the broader higher education landscape.”

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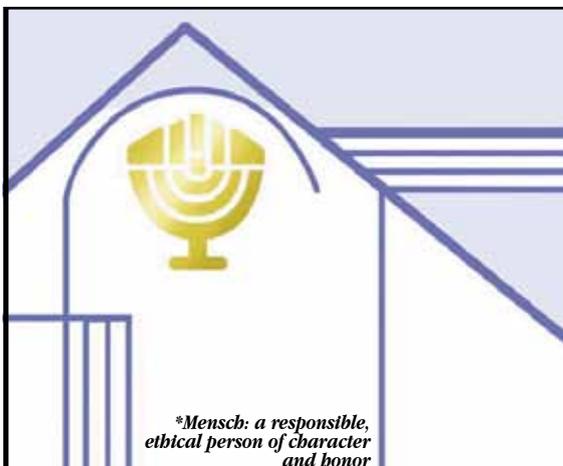
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A Sampling of Home Guru Musings

This week I reprise some musings based on both practical and absurd observations made from past columns. For an index of previously published Home Guru articles, visit: www.TheHomeGuru.com.

About the common complaint of noise from neighbors: No man is an island, but there were a couple of occasions, especially when I lived in an apartment building that was not well insulated for sound, when I wished I were. Noise is the biggest complaint we have about neighbors. According to a survey by Trulia, 67 percent of us like our neighbors. Should that leave us to assume that the other 33 percent of us don't like them for some reason?

Why has the great American front porch disappeared? Blame the advent of television and computers that keep people inside. The society that created the need to socialize with neighbors and passersby on the street has vanished. Those who still build front porches are expressing a longing for the way things used to be. Understandable in today's fast paced world.

But, if you have a front porch, paint the ceiling blue. The theory here is that the insects are fooled into thinking the blue paint is actually the sky where they can't nest. In the old south, folks believed the sky color

warded off evil spirits. In any event, blue is a calming color, so using it to paint a ceiling in any area intended for relaxation makes sense. You can simply enjoy that rocking chair or chaise lounge and not give a second thought to any nasty spirits lurking around.



By Bill Primavera

He's boiling, she's freezing: What to do? Men have more insulating muscle than women do, so sometimes people living in the same household have a hard time agreeing on a room temperature. To the rescue are the home heating/air conditioning systems with several zones. But what about in a shared bedroom? An electric blanket with two controls is the answer.

St. Joseph strikes again: I've told several stories about the lore and techniques attached to burying a St. Joseph statue on the property of a home seeking a buyer. My favorite is about a home owner who tried several underground locations and positions for the statue, but none worked. Frustrated, he threw the statue in the trash, only to learn a week later that the town dump had been sold.

Will we all return to dust? Did you know that household dust is composed mostly of our own flaking skin? If we are uncomfortable when our house is dusty, is that being uncomfortable in our own skin?

Why is there an elongated toilet? The design of the elongated toilet bowl surely was designed to accommodate the male anatomy. Trading up from a circular bowl to an elongated one is for a guy like going from jockeys to boxer shorts.

Not to belabor the point about the toilet, but... While we would all agree that it's the gentlemanly thing for guys to return the toilet seat to the down position out of courtesy to the women of the household, most times the practice requires reminders. However, we should all engage in the practice of also lowering the lid before we flush in that it prohibits the spray of bacteria into the air and onto surfaces around the toilet.

A bathroom practice I've never understood: I've always wondered about the idea of placing a basket of magazines or even books on the tank or next to the toilet. It seems to me that anyone who has to sit long enough to read a magazine article waiting for that final stage of peristalsis to take place should be thinking about visiting a gastroenterologist.

Of death and taxes: We've all heard the expression that the only certainties in life are death and taxes, and, while we can't do anything about the inevitability of death, we can try to negotiate property taxes by grieving them. If a tax grievance is in your future, I wish you good luck. And if somehow you

manage to negotiate the inevitability of death, write and let me know how you did it.

A mattress tale: My wife tells a cute story about mattresses. When she took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress and the salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee, her mother said, "At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee. Can I get a better price for that?"

Too much shorthand in real estate! If you're buying or selling a house, you've certainly encountered such abbreviations as FSBO (for sale by owner), AO (accepted offer), CMA (comparative market analysis), EIK (eat-in kitchen), SLD (sliding glass doors), etc., and sometimes it seems that our whole world, especially with texting, has gone much too far into shorthand degeneration. When making an admittedly low-ball offer on a house and told that the listing agent would "follow up" after speaking with her clients, you can imagine how startled I was with her return email when the subject line was abbreviated simply to "FU!"

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 - 4 Support
 - 10 Informal acknowledgement of debt
 - 11 Trick-taking card game
 - 12 Profit-oriented
 - 14 Lake in Quebec
 - 15 Turncoat
 - 18 Mortars' partners
 - 24 Be sickened by
 - 26 Lozenge target
 - 27 Reckless jaunt
 - 29 Hardly candid
 - 30 Single
 - 32 Small detached house in Italy or Mohegan Lake restaurant
 - 39 Type with a slant
 - 40 Injured
 - 41 Indicate
 - 42 Thinking sound
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 - 2 Eggs from the sea
 - 3 Barbell move
 - 4 Foster care agency in Buchanan, Kids_____

- 5 Civil war site, with Bull
- 6 Month, for short
- 7 Sorority letter
- 8 Dot-com's address
- 9 ___ wee baseball
- 13 Italian vacation spot
- 15 "Big Bang Theory" character, first name
- 16 Blood group system
- 17 "___ will be done"
- 19 Display of temper
- 20 Gift-tag word
- 21 Jean-___ Picard, Star Trek captain
- 22 I problem?
- 23 Withdrawn
- 25 This ___ that
- 28 Sweetly, in music
- 31 Inscribe
- 32 Cover
- 33 Wore away
- 34 Transport
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- 36 Started a blaze
- 37 Just one antacid?
- 38 Mechanical cash cow so to speak

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Tuesday, Sept. 6

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

Taghkanic Chorale Welcomes All Singers: Join us for the first rehearsal of our 50th anniversary season at the Westchester Korean SDA Church (formerly Church of the Nazarene), 1243 White Hill Rd., Yorktown Heights, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Under the baton of acclaimed director Stephen Fox, we will begin rehearsing pieces by Monteverdi, Gabrieli, Vivaldi and Mendelsohn, among others, for two gala concerts in December. New members may sing through the month of September without an obligation to join. For further information, visit www.taghkanicchorale.org or call 914-737-6307.

Social Action Committee Forming: Do you want to help the hungry and those in need in our area? Do you have ideas for social action projects? Come to the new year's planning meeting for the Social Action Committee held at First Hebrew; all interested parties are welcome. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., in the library at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of Beach Shopping Center. For information, call 914-739-0500, e-mail fhc@firstthebrew.org or visit www.firstthebrew.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Relax with Reiki: Relax with Reiki will be held at 5 p.m. at the Somers Library. Join Reiki Practitioner Andrea Deierlein for a conversation about the relaxing power of Reiki, which helps restore the body, clear the mind, and refresh the spirit. Reiki is a natural healing practice that originated in Japan. People use Reiki for relaxation, stress reduction, and symptom relief to improve overall health and well-being, for example when coping with anxiety, chronic pain, recovery from surgery and other health conditions. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717

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.firstthebrew.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 begins tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will run for five consecutive Wednesdays. For more information and to register visit www.ChabadYorktown.com. or call 914-962-1111.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Stay Fit: Stay Fit and Strong, a program presented by Mainstream and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services will be held on 14 Thursdays through Aug. 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave. The program will include exercises to improve balance, agility, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and strength. The free class is open to Peekskill seniors. Call the Center at 914-737-3400 for more information.

Religion Classes: A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages resumes on Sept. 8 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. In this first session of the season, we will review what the Talmud is, how it came to be, why Judaism would be unrecognizable without it, and why we should study it today. 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 yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Community Blood Drive: New York Blood Center is set to host a community blood drive at Center Court in the Jefferson Valley Mall from 1 to 7 p.m. The community-based, non-profit organization has joined blood donor organizations across 21 countries with the Missing Type Campaign to highlight an almost 30 percent international drop in new blood donors compared to a decade ago. The community is invited to roll up a sleeve to help save lives and give hope to patients in the United States, including accident victims, heart surgery patients and those undergoing chemotherapy. Sign up to donate by visiting www.ny-

bloodcenter.org/blood or call toll free: 1-800-933-2566.

Yorktown Grange Fair: The Yorktown Grange has announced the slate of performers and the schedule of live music for this year's fair, scheduled for Sept. 8 through 11. Performers will include CB Smith & The Lucky Devils, who will bring their unique mix of songwriting, bluegrass fire, and classical training on Friday evening's performance at 5 p.m. Other scheduled performers include: Chain of Fools, Classic Motown, Dance, with many lesser known as R&B and Philly S. Strong and soaring harmonies combined with talented guitar and drum work. Songs you know and love but may have forgotten played with love and affection on the fair state on Friday at 7:45 p.m. Saturday's main stage lineup begins at 11:45 a.m. with live entertainment for the kids by Overhill Shenigans featuring interactive songs by multi-instrumentalist John Griffiths. At 2: p.m., the Grange Fair is proud to once again showcase local teen musicians under the banner of the Justin Veatch Fund All Stars. They will be followed at 5 p.m. by Amanda Ayala, a young rock-singer/songwriter. At 8 p.m. on the stage is coming Rock N Blues band that plays the best of the 60's and 70's - The Hey Baby Band. Sunday's main stage lineup begins at 11.30 a.m. with Unfunded Mandate band, enjoy and listen sounds of classic rock. Followed by Country music with Molly Adele Brown at 4:15 p.m. Brightly colored carnival rides spinning and twisting, midway game booths hung with alluring prizes, funnel cakes and cotton candy - all the irresistible attractions of carnivals everywhere.

Social Security Educational Workshop: A workshop to cover savvy Social Security planning tips for single, married, divorced and widowed individuals will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Sept. 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Somers Public Library on Route 139. The session will also address issues such as when to start the benefit, how to take advantage of Social Security's rules and new rules and the closure of two loopholes recently enacted by Congress. The free program is being presented by Paul Petrone, an independent Social Security and retirement income specialist and a CPA and certified financial planner. Somers Public Library, Registration, which is required, can be done by calling 914-232-5717 or e-mail Valerie Herman at somers@wlsmail.org.

Bible Seminar: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, will present a Summer Bible Seminar titled, THE APOSTLE PAUL ON

CELIBACY AND MARRIAGE (1 Cor 7), given by the Rev. Martin Kowalski. It will be held Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Seton Memorial Chapel: 9/8 - Only in the Lord: Paul on Mixed Marriages. Fr. Kowalski is from Kielce, Poland. He studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and at the Rothberg International School in Jerusalem. He teaches courses in the Old and New Testaments at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and at the Seminary in Kielce. He is an editor of "Biblical Annals" and a host of TV and radio programs popularizing the Bible. This is a free event. All are welcome. Bring your own Bible. For more information, call 914-528-3547, e-mail seton@bestweb.net, or visit us at: www.seton-parish.org.

• Everything you wanted to know about death and dying is up for discussion over coffee, tea and dessert at this informal small group meeting at 7:30 p.m. at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill. There is no religious slant or expected outcome. Participants can discuss practical, philosophical or spiritual aspects. Space is limited and RSVP is required to rabbi@firstthebrew.org or call 914-739-0500. Info: www.firstthebrew.org and www.deathcafe.com.

Friday, Sept. 9

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 a.m. 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.

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 rabbi@firstthebrew.org if you have questions. Visit www.firstthebrew.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. Light refreshments are

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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 yorktownjewishcenter.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.

Saturday, Sept. 10

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 www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

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 11a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-962-2970 or Yorktownmuseum.org.

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.

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 feel-

ing, and gain a sense of personal empowerment that supports them through change. Registration is required. Please go to 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.

Day Of The Word: The Day of the "Word" will be held today at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. From 2 to 3:30 p.m. The Art of Curating for Public Projects and Commercial Venues panel discussion will be held, followed by Q&A. The moderator will be Susan Hodara, a writer with The New York Times. From 4 to -5:30 p.m. Optimizing One's Exposure in Group Exhibitions will be held. The moderator will be Patricia Miranda from Miranda Projects. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., the panels will be followed by cocktails, music and dance. There will be live music by DJ Noodle Noo (Andre Rainey), live performances by WORD artists Victoria Arakcheyeva and Lucas Rollins-Page. Attendees can also view the many WORD pieces in the Silent Auction area. Info: 914-788-0100 or hvcca.org.

Harvest Square Dance: The Lower Hudson Sierra Club will hold its third annual Harvest Square Dance and Fundraiser at 5 p.m. at the Faraway Farm in Yorktown. This year the festivities will benefit both our Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group and SEnRG, the Safe Energy Rights Group fighting natural gas pipelines. Faraway is donating 10 percent of proceeds from sales during the event to the benefit pot. Info: <http://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/lower-hudson>.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Commemorative Dedication Ceremony: A Veterans Commemorative Brick Dedication Ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Yorktown American Legion Post #1009. The ceremony will dedicate the engraved Veterans' Bricks which have been installed during the past year into our Veterans' Commemorative Park at our Post Hall at 235 Veterans Rd. in Yorktown. Join us as we celebrate the military service of these U.S. veterans and present donations from this program to help four local veterans-related charities; - 'My Brother Vinny', 'United

for the Troops', the Montrose VA Food Pantry, and the Montrose VA clothing shop. The public is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For more information, call 914-953-6807.

Hebrew School: It is not your parents' Hebrew school. First Hebrew's Jewish learning experience is an interactive approach to learning about Jewish values and their relevancy to the modern world. Registration is ongoing for classes which begin today at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz for full information and tuition-free offers at rabbid@firsthebrew.org or 914-739-0500. First Hebrew is on the border of Peekskill and Cortlandt at 1821 Main St. (Route 6).

Parish Picnic: Join First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown at 10:45 a.m. for our annual kick-off to the programmatic year with our Parish Picnic in Downing Park in Yorktown Heights at 10:45. We worship together, and then share lunch around picnic tables. Bring your own lawn chairs, if you'd prefer. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share and the church will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Info: 914-245-2186 or <http://fpcyorktown.org>. The church also has a Facebook page.

Jewish Cooking Program: The first meeting of the season of First Hebrew's Sisterhood is free cooking program is open to those interested in an interactive cooking program for Rosh Hashana and year-round. A breakfast will be served at 9:15 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m. First Hebrew is just west of Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org, e-mail fhc@firsthebrew.org or call 914-739-0500.

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: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Bingo: Bingo will be played tonight and on Sept. 25 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-

2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Firefighter Tribute: For The Love Of Their Brothers is the heroic story of New York firefighter Stephen Siller, who died on 9/11, and his loving family, who were determined to honor his life will be presented at 7 p.m. at Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Through archival footage and radio dispatches from 9/11 and interviews with Siller's family, Sen. Chuck Schumer, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, and retired New York police detective Daniel Rodriguez, For the Love of Their Brother chronicles Stephen's life, recounts the day his family's life changed forever, and highlights how they turned heartache into heroism. The recommended donation is \$10. Info: <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com> or 914 739-0039. Paramount Hudson Valley is also on Facebook and Twitter.

Monday, Sept. 12

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

College Application Essays.: How to Write a Great College Application Essay: will be held at 7 p.m. at the Somers Library. Seating is limited. Please register on the online events calendar on the library's website or call the library. This program is intended for high school juniors and seniors. Parents are also welcome to attend. Registration is required. Please go to somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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 or call: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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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 located is Westchester. **FOURTH:** The Secretary 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, Pleasantville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:** The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, 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 location: 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 Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Adila Francis, 1 Alexander St Ste 409, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVALORIZER DIVERSIFIED OPERATIONS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2016. Office loc: Westchester County - 119 Pondfield 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 lawful 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 designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Jennifer Mann, 11 Oneida Street Rye, New York 10580. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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cess to **Erika Da Cunha, 13 Bent Avenue Apt. D, Port Chester, New York 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central 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, Westlake 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 Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct 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 account 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 proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. 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 registration 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

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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 Mancus, District Clerk**

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The Science of the Wine Glass Shape (It's Not Just Aesthetics)

I just emptied the dishwasher this morning and started storing the wine glasses. I began to ponder, once again, the difference in the sizes and shapes of the glasses. Do the characteristics of a wine glass really matter? (After all, wine doesn't spend enough time in a glass to warrant deep analysis.)

The answer is an emphatic YES. It matters. From enhancing the appearance of a particular wine to enhancing the appreciation of its aromas, it matters. Here are my three immutable axioms that warrant discussion:

- 1) The proper drinking glass is one with a stem.
- 2) The proper shape of a wine glass is bowl-shaped.
- 3) The proper proportion of wine in a glass is one-third full.

Stems: When I was growing up, at Sunday dinner I was served a bit of wine in a small, stemless, straight-walled glass. Now that I'm a grown-up, I drink wine from a larger, stemmed, bowl-shaped glass. Although I enjoyed my Dad's

homemade wine in my youth, that glass hindered my appreciation of the finer elements of his wine.

Today, there is a trend to stemless glasses. I'm not a big fan. To me they are counterintuitive to the principles of enjoying wine, which I've outlined below.

Wines are intended to be consumed at the temperature they are served. Without stems, we hold the glass with our fingers - or palms, or both - around the wine, transferring our body heat to the wine; this changes the temperature and therefore our appreciation of the wine. And our BBQ sauce-laden fingers cloud our view of the color - which has a sensory influence on our anticipated experience of the wine.

Bowl Shaped Glasses: Wine glasses generally should have a chimney shape: broader at the bottom, tapering to a smaller opening at the top. The broader bottom will allow you to swirl the wine, releasing its essence. The narrower top will capture the essence of the aromas and flavors of the wine, channel them upward, and better transfer them to your nose and mouth.

The basic classification for wine glasses

is four-fold: red, white, champagne and fortified. There are shapes and sizes of glasses for a multitude of wines. One of the more famous glassware producers, Reidel, sells over 20 different glasses, touting the uniqueness of each one for a particular varietal.

Red wine glasses tend to be the most pronounced in shape and largest in size. Why? Red wine has the strongest aromas and flavors; more surface area and volume of the glass allow the wine to breathe more openly and provide a bouquet directed to the top of the glass. Of course, different red wines have unique characteristics, so there are many styles (shapes) of glasses.

White wine glasses tend to be smaller, narrower and more tulip-shaped than red wine glasses. The smaller size requires refilling sooner - minimizing the exposure-time to the ambient temperature. The narrower bowl has less surface area - quickly forcing the aromas to the top.

Champagne glasses are small, very narrow, with long stems and a narrow bowl. This allows the carbonation to continue in the glass, allowing us the visual pleasure of a continuous stream of bubbles. The narrow top directs the bubbles

to the tip of the tongue and the delicate aromas to the nose.

Fortified wine glasses are for port, sherry, aperitifs and liqueurs. The shape is tall, but narrow with a slight bowl shape. This focuses the aromatic flavors toward the top of the glass and the nose, while suppressing the high level of alcohol.

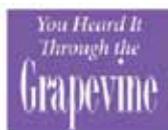
Proportion: The volume of wine should not exceed about one-third of the capacity of the glass. This allows the glass to concentrate the aromas and flavors over a greater surface area within the glass and then transfer these to the top of the glass towards your nose and mouth.

If selecting the "proper" wine glass seems daunting, or intimidating, don't fret. Just follow the basics. You'll find that the right glass for the right wine will increase your pleasure and enhance your wine palate.

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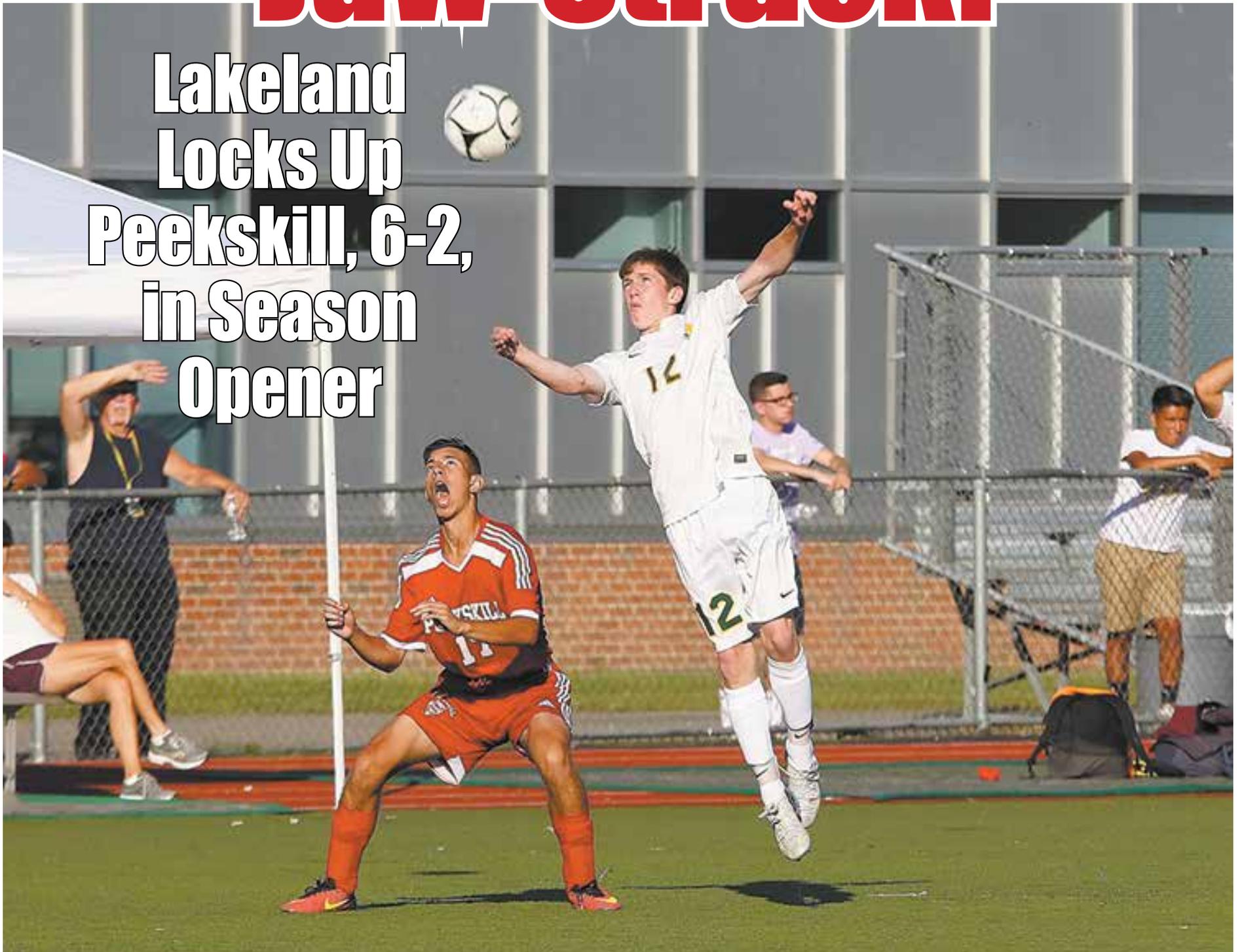
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**Lakeland
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RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSPHOTOS FOR MORE)

Lakeland's Kyle McHale gets some hang time to play head ball over Peekskill's Isaiah Rivera (L), who's jaw seem stuck in place as the Hornets went on to produce a 6-2 opening-day victory at The Hive where the Lakeland boys and girls walked off victorious last Saturday afternoon... see Soccer Notebook

Brewster, Hen Hud, Somers, Yorktown Post Impressive Debuts

Bears Stun Lourdes, Sailors Sink Byram, Tuskers Bash Lakeland, Huskers Smash Jay

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Saddle up, gang! Class A football is going to be a wild, wild ride. If Week 1 is an indication of things to come, Section 1 football fanatics could be witnessing a championship-like renaissance among the teams hailing from the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner region, including Somers, Yorktown, Hen Hud and Brewster, which notched the biggest win of the week in a 20-7 triumph of 2015 NYS finalists Our Lady of Lourdes last Friday night.

Walter Panas QB Brandon Hodge had a whale of a game in the Pathers' 34-31 loss to host Pearl River Saturday. Hodge hit on 7 of 13 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns, to go with eight rushes for 101 yards and two touchdowns, but it wasn't enough.

BREWSTER

Trailing 7-0, Brewster scored 20 unanswered points, including a 53-yard scamper by senior QB Jack Guida, a 3-yard run from RB Henry Terry, and a game-clinching 36-yard pick-6 by Guida early in the fourth quarter, which sent a packed house into a frenzy while turning NYS Class A football upside down.

"We knew going in to the game that



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster DL Connor Dignan busts through a double team to pressure Lourdes QB in Bears' 20-7 win.

me and I could see was the end zone. I just had to take it to the house."

Remember, Lourdes, now coached by former Brewster legend Brian Walsh, is just nine months removed from its first trip to Syracuse where the Warriors were nipped in the state finals. Now, Lourdes did lose a lot to graduation, but that won't tarnish the sense of belief inside the Bear's Den where Brewster's roar was heard loud and clear.

"Our defense came out great today," Brewster OL/DL Connor Dignan said after owning the trenches with his line mates. "That was a great opening-day test for us against a tough team but we feel pretty good right now. This boosts our

confidence but we know we've got a lot to work on in order to get better."

"You never know where Jack's going to go, so you just gotta hold your block," Dignan said of blocking for the shifty Guida. "He's cutting it back, and if you hold your block for a second longer, you know he's going to take off, so it's fun blocking for him."

A win of this proportion opens eyes and puts a bulls-eye on the Bears.

"Oh, absolutely it does," Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill admitted. "When you beat a Lourdes team, you've done something special. Our kids played great because you know I certainly didn't outcoach Brian Walsh, let's get that straight. He's one of the top guys. We knew our kids were good and I wanted to put that pressure on them

good. We not there yet, though."

Brewster (1-0) plans to make its bones on defense and the unit was stout, strong and quick to the ball, which should bode well in potential playoff matchups with explosive teams like Yorktown.

YORKTOWN

The Husker saw the emergence of RB/OLB Brett Makar, who went off on both sides of the ball: rushing for 210 yards and three TDs while adding three sacks and a slew of pressures on Indian QB Matt Lee in the Huskers' 44-21 win at John Jay Friday.

"It was definitely a huge night for all the big guys up front in the trenches," Makar said, praising his teammates. "They got big pushes on both sides of the ball, enabling sacks and big plays offensively. All the guys on the line were the for sure MVPs last night. All in all, we felt it was a great team win to start the season and we are excited to get back to work Monday."

The 5'11" 180-pound Makar, just a junior, was off the charts uncontainable, using a rare combination of speed and strength to come off the edge in Lawrence Taylor-like fashion. He was barely touched on his sacks and scores, leading one to believe the Huskers were getting it done up front. Coach Mike "House" Rescigno



Brewster LB Tim Meissner makes tackle in 20-7 win over Lourdes.

we had something special, especially on defense," said Guida, who finished with 130 yards rushing in his first varsity game under center. "This is such a statement game and gives us so much confidence going forward. I like our line on both sides of the ball and once our whole offense gets settled in and I get settled in at quarterback, I think we can be dangerous.

"The pick-6 was awesome," he added. "I saw the ball get tipped and heading toward



Yorktown QB Jose Boyer eludes a pair of Jay defenders in Huskers' 44-21 win over Indians last Friday.

today, and they did a great job responding.

"Our defense is going to be pretty good this year," he added. "Our front seven is excellent. If our offense can start to play like our defense plays, we can be pretty

knows the Huskers have some refining to do (too many offensive penalties and faulty time outs), but he enjoyed seeing the

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balance, which included QB Jose Boyer passing for 173 yards and a touchdown, RB Brandon Meyreles going for 114 yards (rushing and receiving) and RB Dom Cioffi chipping in with another 110 total yards and three touchdowns. The Husker (1-0) grossed 473 total yards of offense on a leaky John Jay (0-1) defense.

“We definitely shot ourselves on the foot a few times, but we bounced back from the penalties and continued to fight, which

was great to see. Offensively the linemen dominated the trenches. Brett, Brandon, Dom all ran extremely hard all night,” said Boyer, who looked clean and poised in the pocket while breaking contain with ease.

This much is true: 2014 Section 1 Class A runner-up Yorktown certainly looked like a team that could map out a path back to Mahopac – home of the Section 1 championships – for the second time in three years.



Yorktown's Brett Makar breaks loose on one of three TD trots in rout of Jay.



Brewster Bears revel in glory of 20-7 win over Lourdes, the 2015 NYS Class A finalists.

SOMERS

Somers (1-0) splashed back onto the circuit in what resembled the championship form of 2012-13, when Coach Tony De Matteo's Tuskers were repeat offenders. Behind a balanced attack that included over 400 yards of total offense during a resounding 41-12 victory Friday night, the Tuskers looked every bit the part of a Class A title contender yet again. Senior RB Messiah Horne showed



Yorktown RB Dom Cioffi leaves a Jay defender in dust in Huskers' 44-21 win over Indians last Friday.

appears to have it all going on.

As it stands now, it's not too early to start hyping the heck out of Week 3; not that Week 2 is something anyone can afford to look past. But Week 3 features a juicy Somers vs. Yorktown matchup on Husker Homecoming Day at the Murph. Meanwhile, Brewster visits Hen Hud at the very same time, making Friday the 16th one of those I-Wish-I-Had-A-Clone days.



Brewster's front four of Brian Milano, Justin Jimenez, Nick Leahy and Connor Digna owned the trenches in 20-7 win over Lourdes.

HEN HUD

Why, ignorant folk may wonder, is

Hen Hud such a vital piece of the Class A scene, what with the mediocre results the last decade or so? Well, those days are a thing of the past, and Coach Mike Lynch's Sailors force-fed that notion upon host Byram Hills in Saturday's 60-12 Class A beatdown on the Bobcats, who put a 53-spot on the Sailors two years ago.

It took the youthful Sailors all of five minutes to put some payback on the Bobcats, featuring three first-quarter TDs, highlighted by QB Nick Cunningham's 35-yard TD pass to Alan Jackson, who out-jumped a pair of Bobcats for a 21-0 lead with 4:06 left in the first. Cunningham threw for two first-quarter TDs. One went to Jack Attinelly (8 grabs, 114 yards). He fired his third of the day to Marquan Anderson (5 catches, 119 yards, 2 TDs)

the burst he's best known for by going for 168 yards and two touchdowns on a mere 13 carries (do the math, it's 13 yards per). Junior QB Kevin Olifiers hit on 7 of 10 passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for an 8-yard score. Note that Olifiers threw 10 times, which is a lot for a DeMatteo-based attack. Senior WR Matt Pires was the primary beneficiary, snagging thee aerials for 66 yards and two touchdowns, including a nifty 42-yard score late in the opening quarter for a 14-0 lead on the overmatched Hornets (0-1), who saw Pat Morelli finish as the game's leading receiver with three grabs for 70 yards and a score.

Somers junior DL Nick Gargiulo was credited with 10 pancake tackles in a massive show of strength up front. Somers

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Sports

Class AA Grid Notebook

Carmel, Mahopac, Ossining Fall in Season Openers

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It wasn't a good opening weekend for the Class AA clubs in the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner region, as all three – Carmel, Mahopac and Ossining -- were beaten by Dutchess County clubs.

A packed house went home with the bitter taste of an overtime defeat last Friday night when host Carmel (0-1) suffered a 24-17 loss to Arlington, and it wasn't any better on Saturday when visiting Mahopac (0-1) got spanked by Roy C. Ketcham, 40-23. Ossining (0-1) had a slightly better excuse in its 46-20 loss, as it wasn't expected to defeat 2015 section 1 runner-up John Jay EF.

However, both Carmel and Mahopac were expecting to get the season off on the right foot, but both have put themselves in a tough position just one week into the season, as wiggle room is at a premium when it comes to cracking the field of eight Class AA playoff teams.

Carmel's loss was devastating and it doesn't get any easier with 2015 Section 1 runner-up John Jay EF on deck this Friday in Dutchess (7 p.m.). The Rams will find yardage equally tough to come by, as it was against Arlington, which stuffed Carmel's ground game and limited RB David Vega

to just three yards per carry (18 for 53). Vega scored both Ram TDs. Junior RB Leonard Flocco amassed 29 yards on just four carries.

Carmel QB Ryan Shilling, in his second varsity start, hit on 14 of 22 passes for 118 yards and found Ian Hubertus for six grabs and 44 yards. The Rams committed three costly turnovers and totaled just 227 yards.

MAHOPAC saw junior QB Andrew Ryan rush for 128 yards on 23 carries, including two TDs in a noble effort in which the Indians produced 196 yards on the ground and another 88 through the air where Ryan hit on 12 of 23 passes.

When Coach Mark Langella goes looking for bright spots, he'll likely consider Justin Munoz, who rushed six times for 62 yards and a TD, and Greg Libertino who hauled in five passes for 35 yards and took a 59-yard punt return to the house. What he won't appreciate, however, is the fact this his defense allowed 32 points – against sophomore quarterback Tim Cipollini -- before the Indians found paydirt themselves. The Mahopac defense permitted several big scoring plays, including TD jaunts of 80 and 26 yards, plus a 27-yarder through the air, before the half.

The Indians will host Greeley this Friday (7 p.m.) in a must-win situation.

Put Valley Falls to Defending Champ Westlake

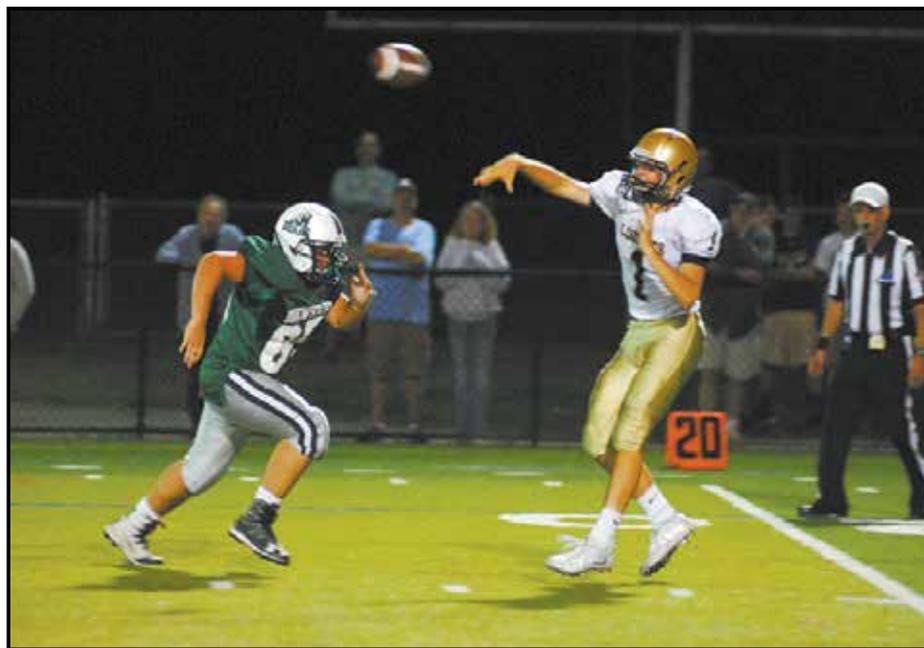


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Putnam Valley's Michael Gaitan gives chase to Westlake's James Gorman, who's on his way to a 65-yard interception return for a TD in the Tigers' 41-8 setback to the host Wildcats last Saturday. PV will host Valhalla in another tough matchup this Friday (7 p.m.).

Brewster, Hen Hud, Somers, Yorktown Post Impressive Debuts

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Brewster DL Alex Lomedico puts a hurry on Lourdes QB in Bears' win over Warriors.

from 16 yards out for a 28-0 lead early in the second and finished with a career-high four TDs before half.

In total, Cunningham had what we call a record-setting day: He connected on 21 of 31 passes and set school records with 334

yards and five TD passes. Cunningham spread out the aerial assault among four talented receivers, including Marquan Anderson, Alan Porter-Jackson, Jack Attinelly and Tom Maloney.

If what the Sailors did through the air

wasn't enough, RB Jordan Grullon had four carries for 80 yards, including three rushing TDs.

Be forewarned, which we've been saying in this space for over a year: These are not your momma's Sailors; these are a band of ruffians hell-bent on turning the tide at Hen Hud.

"We were very pleased with the execution of our passing game," Lynch said. "We still need to work on getting our run game going, but it was nice to see some of the younger guys step up in the moment."

Cunningham did more than step up; he set a tone that could determine a new era.

"It felt great to go out there and make a statement for our season this year, putting the whole section on notice," Cunningham said. "Now, we are just looking forward to playing our first home game next week against Lincoln.

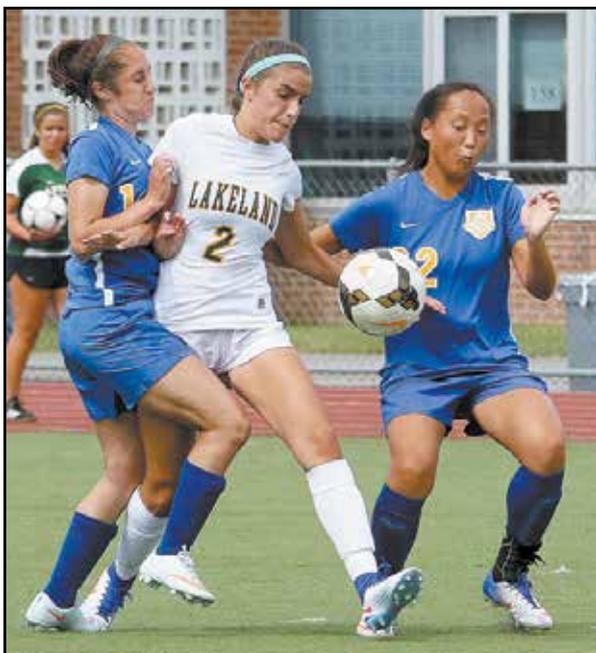
We are two, three guys deep at every skill position. It's really easy looking down field and seeing some of the guys we got running open in the secondary. Our student section isn't too shabby either. We're really looking forward to playing in



Burly Bear Nick Leahy was first to catch up with DB Nick Guida after his pic-6 sealed the deal for Bears.

front of all the students, led by Josh Spitz and Dan Maloney. They really showed up for our game on Saturday; the next one's gonna be fun."

Class A football: It's shaping up that way, for sure.



Lakeland's Uma Pepic powers past pair of N. Salem defenders in Hornets' 3-0 win last Saturday.

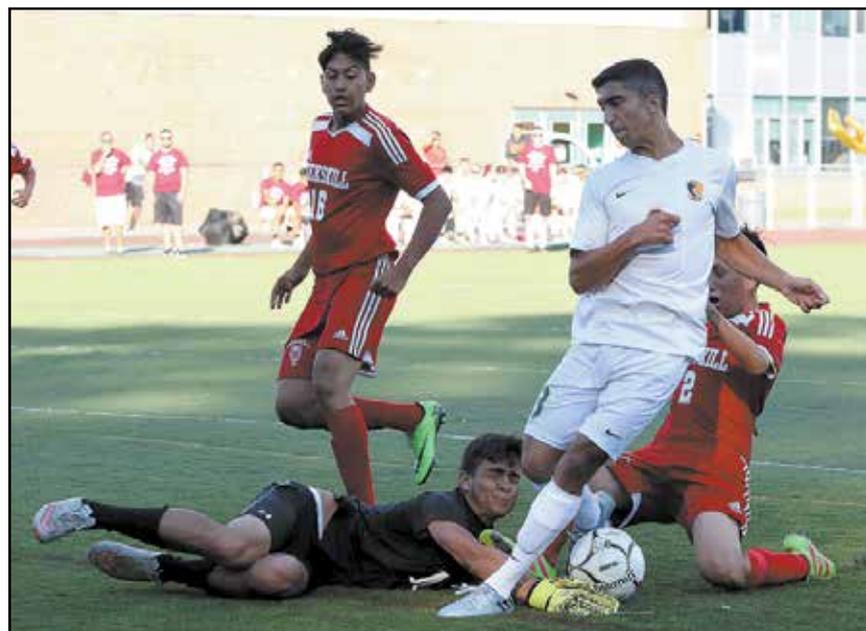
Hornets Buzzing About Hive in Boys', Girls' Soccer Triumphs



Nothing could stop Lakeland's Nick Foci from scoring twice in 6-2 win over Peekskill, including the loss of his shoe. RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS



Lakeland's Gabby Libertti (11) advances ball in Hornets' 3-0 win over North Salem.



Lakeland's Dhruv Girgenti is entangled with Peekskill's David Macas and Jose Pimentel in Hornets' 6-2 win over Red Devils.



Lakeland's Katherine Mauro shows the fight that led to two goals in 3-0 win over North Salem.



Peekskill's Juan Velez does his best to beat Lakeland's Matias Prando to head ball, but Prando would score twice to burn Devils.



Lakeland's Ashley Acevedo beats North Salem player to ball in Hornets' 3-0 win over Tigers Saturday at The Hive.

Dream Maker!

Yorktown Junior Grinds in Huskers' 44-21 Win over Jay



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown junior RB/OLB Brett Makar rushed for 210 yards and three scores while adding three sacks on the other side of the ball in the Huskers' opening-night 44-21 Class A league victory over host John Jay CR last Friday night when Yorktown began to envision its dream of winning the Huskers' first sectional title since 1998... see Class A Grid Notebook

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