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Hen Hud Faces Grim Reality of Losing Indian Point Funding

By Rick Pezullo

Knowing they literally can't afford to take the shocking news of the Indian Point nuclear power plants closing in four years lightly, Hendrick Hudson School District officials are trying to come to grips with the funding gap the shutdown will create in the annual operating budget.

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter addressed the Board of Education last week, two days after learning Entergy

had reached a deal with the State of New York and Riverkeeper to cease operating the controversial nuclear facility in the Village of Buchanan in 2021, leaving Hendrick Hudson with a 30% financial shortfall.

"We were dealt a pretty good kick in the stomach. A 30% gap in revenue is not easily overcome," Hochreiter said. "I know there is a lot of shock, and there are many questions and concerns about what happens. We have a job to do. We

will continue to do that job. We will continue to provide our kids with a world class education while we determine what our next steps are."

Under the pact that caught local municipal and leaders off guard, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy.

The Indian Point nuclear power plants

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Joseph Hochreiter



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Funds Raised for Franciscan Sisters

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina (left) was among those who pitched in last week at a pasta dinner at the Elks Lodge on Brown Street to raise \$8,200 for the Franciscan Sisters so they can repair or replace a heating system that left them in the cold last month.

School for Autistic Youth Proposed to Replace Phoenix House in Shrub Oak

By Rick Pezullo

Plans for a school for autistic youth and adults on the grounds of the former Phoenix House on Stoney Street in Shrub Oak were presented to the Yorktown Planning Board last week.

The Shrub Oak International School, which once fully operational hopes to serve up to 300 individuals, ages 14 to 30, is looking to open in September 2018. A public informational meeting is being discussed for the near future.

The project requires a special permit since it's a private school and site plan approval from the planning board. The school will be staffed 24 hours a day with approximately 60 workers at night and 150 during the day.

The 130-acre campus, which will be put back on the tax rolls, was originally utilized by the Archdiocese of New York as a teaching seminary for hundreds of students. The first Phoenix House Academy, which provides residential and outpatient programs for adults and adolescents with drug and behavior problems, moved to the site in 1983 after facing some public backlash.

The Phoenix House vacated the property in June 2015, citing a change with fewer teens being sent to residential treatment centers.

According to its website, the annual tuition for the day program at the Shrub Oak International School is \$145,000, while the residential program costs \$300,000.

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“An Evening of Dance” at Yorktown High

The Yorktown High School Dance Company has a long tradition — 42 years — and is still going strong. Its highly-anticipated “An Evening of Dance” is ready for the stage Jan. 19-21 in the auditorium at Yorktown High School. “The dedication of the members of this year’s company to each other and to the art of dance is beyond that of typical adolescent expectations. They eat, sleep and breathe dance,” said Christine Orlando, a special education teacher who advises the group with Jessica Mackenzie, a school psychologist. The winter program will consist of 24 dances. The program opens with “Enter the Circus” and ends with “Can’t Stop the Feeling,” featuring the full company. A dance choreographed by Olivia Resko is based on a poem entitled “To This Day” by Shane Koyczan about what it feels like to be a youngster who is bullied. “An Evening of Dance” will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 and 21 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Yorktown High School Auditorium, 2727 Crompond Road. Tickets are \$15 each and can be ordered online at www.yorktown.org or purchased at the door. A program will also be presented to area senior citizens on Thursday, Jan. 19.

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have been a fixture in the Village of Buchanan for more than 50 years and help provide electricity to several million homes and businesses in Westchester and the five boroughs of New York City.

Entergy, which purchased the controversial plants 15 years ago, invested \$1.3 billion in safety improvements and has been seeking a 20-year license renewal from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission since 2007 to continue operating the facility, cited sustained low current and projected wholesale energy prices that have reduced revenues, as well as increased operating costs, as reasons for opting to close the plants earlier than projected.

While acknowledging that the district was disappointed by the way the news about Indian Point was communicated without any warning, Hochreiter praised Entergy for being a good partner for the district in many ways over the years, including providing hundreds of thousands of dollars to enrich educational opportunities for students.

Hochreiter said there are plans for district administrators to meet with representatives from Governor Andrew

Cuomo’s office, which has committed publicly to making the district “whole.” Regardless, Hochreiter urged district residents to express their concerns directly to Cuomo.

“Our goal is to get the governor’s attention,” Hochreiter said. “We have a lot of people to speak with. We have a lot of people to tell our story to.”

Board of Education Vice President Barbara Pettersen maintained “there’s so much unrest right now” in the community following the Indian Point bombshell, while Trustee Charles Thompson said district officials will have to be “innovative and creative” in finding ways to provide quality educational programs for students.

“We have to be pragmatic and face the facts,” Thompson said. “It’s very scary. It’s nothing we have ever faced before.”

In addition to the funding Hendrick Hudson receives from the plants, about 46% of the Village of Buchanan’s operating budget comes from Indian Point, 64% of the Verplanck Fire Department’s budget and 28% of the Hendrick Hudson Library’s budget. The Town of Cortlandt receives \$1 million annually, which represents 2% of its budget.



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A: It is the healthiest way, bar none, to feed and nurture most newborns, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). They recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, and continued breastfeeding as solid foods are introduced throughout your baby’s first year.

Q: How does breastfeeding benefit my baby?

A: There are many benefits, which continue as your baby develops. The World Health Organization (WHO) finds that babies who are exclusively breastfed have fewer ear infections, serious illnesses and allergies than those who were not breastfed or were partially breastfed. Moreover, the AAP reports a more than one-third drop in the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome among breastfed infants. Breastfed babies are also less likely to become obese adolescents or adults. Interestingly, the composition of breast milk changes over time to support baby’s ongoing developmental needs.

Q: What are the benefits for mom?

A: The advantages for mothers are numerous. Breastfeeding women often find it easier to lose their pregnancy weight quickly. In addition, the WHO finds that women who breastfeed lower their risk of breast and ovarian cancers. Breastfeeding also decreases a woman’s risk of developing both Type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis. There are also important psychological and emotional benefits: nursing offers peaceful downtime that can have a restorative and meditative effect on the busy mother of a newborn.

Q: How do I succeed at breastfeeding?

A: Some new mothers worry they “won’t do it right.” Others are concerned about painful, sore nipples or that their baby won’t get enough milk. First-time mothers are often unsure how to continue breastfeeding once they’re back to work. Preparation is the key to success. I advise every expecting mother and their partner to take a breastfeeding class in the last trimester of pregnancy. You’ll feel empowered and gain confidence by learning what to expect during the first weeks with a newborn. You will be ready to experience this intimate act of love between mother and baby.

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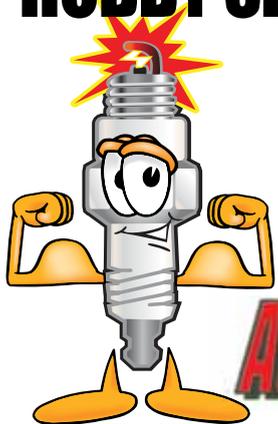
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Court Gives Green Light for BJ's Gas Station to Move Ahead

By Rick Pezzullo

Land use approvals granted by the Town of Yorktown to BJ's Wholesale Club to allow the construction of gas-line filling stations for members in Staples Plaza on Route 202 were upheld last week by a state judge.

In a 79-page decision, Judge Gretchen Walsh, presiding Judge of the Environmental Claims Part for the New York

State Ninth Judicial District, ruled January 9 that the town's approvals last year, which were challenged by area competitor gas station owners and grassroots environmental organization Yorktown Smart Growth, were rational and consistent with Yorktown's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code.

Walsh also agreed with the town's determination under the New York State

Environmental Quality Review Act that the gas stations, which will be located in the parking lot of BJ's near the entrance and exit to the plaza, would not have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

David Steinmetz, who represented BJ's and Urstadt Biddle, owner of Staples Plaza, said it was clear Walsh concluded that the Yorktown Town Board and Planning

Board carefully went through the environmental and land use process.

"We are pleased that BJ's can move forward with providing this amenity to its members," Steinmetz said. "This gasoline filling station will be a welcome addition to the Staples Plaza, and will continue to bring economic growth, aesthetic improvements and vitality to the town and surrounding community."

Yorktown Athletic Director Nardone Receives Coaches Award

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown School District Athletic Director Fio Nardone received the Don DeMatteo Service Award by the Section One Football Coaches Association during a banquet in Pearl River.

Nardone, who has been Director of Athletics and Physical Education in Yorktown the last 16 years, was named the Section One Athletic Director of the Year by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association in 2015.

"I am honored and humbled to be given this award which comes from the football association made up of my colleagues," Nardone said of receiving the service award last week named after a late varsity football coach and physi-

cal education teacher at Gorton High School in Yonkers. "But it is really about the students and how sports can enhance their educational experience."

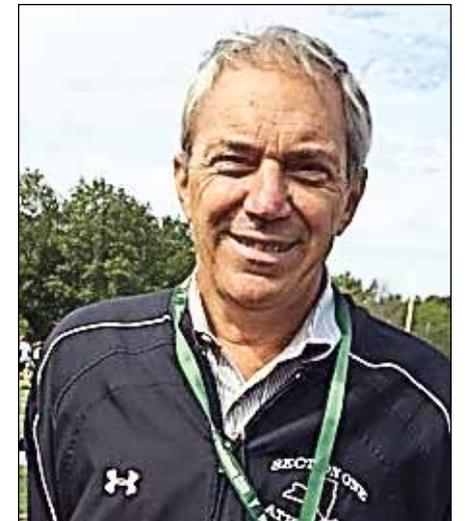
Nardone was nominated for the award by varsity football coach Michael Rescigno, who said Nardone has been a long-time advocate of improving the game of football in all aspects.

"I have witnessed Fio make incredible contributions both locally and section-wide," Rescigno said. "Fio has been involved in the leadership of Section One Athletics in a capacity that cannot be defined by any one title. He has always donated his time beyond Yorktown because he believes

that interscholastic sports are the cornerstone of education."

During his years in Yorktown, Nardone has overseen the construction of new turf and softball fields and the remodeling and renovating of the fitness centers and locker rooms at the high school and middle school. He also played an integral part in the renovation of the swimming pool, and recently received a \$10,000 grant to fund a trophy showcase that will be unveiled this spring.

"Fio leads by example, models what he expects and supports our coaches, athletes and programs at all times," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ralph Napolitano.



Athletic Director Fio Nardone

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Man Charged after Threat to HV Hospital Led to Lockdown

By Rick Pezzullo

A Bronx man was arrested last week after allegedly making a phone threat to an employee at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt that led to a tense lockdown and police presence.

State Police responded to the hospital January 10 at 2:10 p.m. after a staff member, reportedly in the Case Management Department, was threatened by a disgruntled caller, who was later identified

as Anthony Alfano, 39.

The threat led to a "Code Orange" alert at the hospital, where employees were instructed to shut off lights, lock doors and hide under desks while State Police manned the interior and exterior of the building, according to one hospital department head.

Alfano, who did appear on the grounds of the Route 202 medical facility, turned himself in at the Cortlandt State Police barracks, where he was charged with

aggravated harassment in the second degree. He was arraigned before Justice Daniel O'Brien in the Village of Buchanan Court and was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$1,500 cash bail.



Anthony Alfano



Supervisor 'Cautiously' Confident of Referendum Passage

By Neal Rentz

Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey said last week he believed residents would approve a referendum to allow for the construction of a public safety center on Route 100.

The planning board approved the proposal from the Somers Fire District one day before the January 12 town board meeting where the supervisor made his comment.

The new center would house the Somers Volunteer Fire Department, Somers Emergency Services and, the State Police

through a rental agreement with the fire department, on a 12-acre parcel at 295 Route 100. The facility would also include a helistop for emergency medivac use.

Morrissey said even with the planning board approval, the project would need public approval via a referendum. The date for the vote the vote has not been announced, he said.

If the referendum is approved, the State Police could stay in Somers for many years, Morrissey said.

Morrissey said he was "cautiously optimistic the referendum will pass."



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Lakeland High School graduate and BSA Troop 165 Eagle Scout Brian Fitzgerald, shown with his parents and two brothers, has enlisted in the U.S. Army and left January 4 to Missouri for basic training, as well as his advanced individual training. Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel presented Fitzgerald with an American flag and the community's best wishes.

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Astorino Blasts Cuomo, Touts Own Record in WCA Address

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino last week derided Gov. Andrew Cuomo's key initiatives in the traveling State of the State addresses as "fake news" for being unrealistic or lacking detail while touting his accomplishments in office.

Astorino, speaking last Thursday at the Westchester County Association's annual county executive breakfast in Tarrytown, invoked the now often used label to describe Cuomo's calls for demanding that counties and municipalities cut taxes, for announcing the closure of Indian Point in 2021 without a revenue or energy replacement plan and promising free public college for middle and lower income families.

While Cuomo has failed to cut mandates during his tenure as governor, Astorino said he cut taxes 2 percent his first year and has maintained a flat tax rate for the past six years.

"We've done it the old-fashioned way, just like you're doing - managing within our means," Astorino told several hundred business leaders. "It's not always easy. Trust me, the calls for more spending by special interests are always there, as well as the unfunded mandates that are always there, as well as the new ones Albany is always sending our way."

He said \$4 billion in taxes are sent to Albany annually from Westchester taxpayers who receive only \$1 billion in aid in return. Meanwhile, 77 cents out of every dollar on the property tax goes upstate to pay for the state's unfunded mandates, Astorino said.

The county executive saved his strongest comments for Cuomo's critiques of local and county governments spending too much money and for his sudden plan to shut Indian Point within four years.

"To correct this inequity, the governor is pretending that Westchester is the problem, that all the local communities are the problem," said Astorino, widely believed to be seeking a rematch against Cuomo in next year's gubernatorial race. "The solution is to sock it to the middle class.

"Here's where it gets a little weird. Without any authority, the governor is demanding that I and other elected officials go in a room, make up a plan to cut services and then force residents to keep on voting for that plan until they pass it."

Astorino blasted the governor for his secretive deal with Entergy and Riverkeeper to shut Indian Point.

He said there has been no plan offered to replace the electricity to Westchester and New York City or the tax dollars that

could be lost to the host communities of the Town of Cortland, the Village of Buchanan, the Hendrick Hudson School District and the county.

Cortlandt stands to lose an estimated \$1 million in annual revenue, Buchanan \$2.6 million, Hendrick Hudson \$23 million and the county more than \$3 million, Astorino said.

Indian Point has shown to be one of the safest and most reliable energy sources in the United States, he said. Without it 1,000 jobs are in jeopardy, another roughly 1,000 ancillary workers will be affected, taxes will skyrocket in the host communities and there could be energy shortages, Astorino warned.

"Electricity to 10 million people is at stake," he said. "You're going to need real power transmission, not power point presentations. New York and the whole metropolitan area may be subject to brownouts and rationing like a Third World country."

Astorino mentioned that development has been strong in Westchester, boosting the county's coffers. He promised to get personally involved to help promote business in the county, if that would help.

Various government initiatives are being planned that will also improve the quality of life and generate revenue, in-

cluding the proposed lease of Westchester County Airport to a private concern, the proposed ice skating facility and fountains at Kensico Dam Plaza and Playland. A lawsuit by the City of Rye is the only hurdle preventing that privatization to continue, he said.

Astorino said that with the affordable housing settlement behind the county, he looks forward to working with the Trump Administration. Westchester will have an ally with Donald Trump in the White House, particularly in stopping what Astorino has consistently described as an overreaching federal government.

"I'm very optimistic that local control of zoning will be preserved and we will win this year-long battle that has gone on since 2009, and he will be a friend to us," he said.



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Dance Event Raises Awareness, Funds to Fight Cancer

On Saturday, January 21, dancers from studios throughout Westchester County will take the Yorktown Stage to showcase their talents in an event called Dancers Against Cancer. The event, led by Alexis Diaz Menendez, owner of Street Beat Dance Studio in Cortlandt, will benefit Izzy's Infantry Fighting Pediatric Cancer and Spinal Trauma (Izzy's Infantry), a non-profit organization that provides funding for childhood cancer research and support programs to patients and their families.

Menendez started Dancers Against Cancer three years ago. Inspired by her mother's own fight against cancer, Menendez knew that she had to help find a cure in her own way; by doing what she loves for a cause about which she is deeply passionate.

"I love to dance and it's a blessing to be able to take my love of dance and turn it into something that can help the community at large," said Menendez of the event.

This year's event has a little extra meaning for Menendez who chose to work with fellow Yorktown High School class of 2001 alumna, Sonia Rita, co-

founder and president of Izzy's Infantry. "I've been following Sonia's daughter's battle with cancer for some time now, so it was an obvious choice for me this year," Menendez added.

"My heart was racing and I was over the moon when Alexis reached out to me about Dancers Against Cancer," Rita said. "I had just received confirmation of our 501c3 status for Izzy's Infantry and to get an opportunity like this was more than I could have expected so soon after starting my own non-profit, but especially in honor of my little girl."

Rita co-founded Izzy's Infantry in August of 2016 after witnessing her one-year-old Isabel, who is referred to as Izzy Warrior Princess, battle a spinal cord tumor through 42 chemotherapy infusions over the course of 14 months.

"It was a tough time and Izzy is doing much better now though we have a long road to full recovery, but even in the midst of watching Izzy suffer all the worst side effects of chemo I knew I had to do something for her and every child facing a cancer diagnoses," said Rita of her reason behind starting a non-profit organization. She added, "Izzy had just

turned one when she was faced with the battle of her lifetime and this was the best way I could think of honoring her bravery and fight."

Menendez added that, Dancers Against Cancer has helped pave the way for local studios to come together as well and is incredibly grateful for their participation. She said she enjoys working with the wonderful people at the various studios participating, which include: Spotlight Studios of Performing Arts, Dance Expression, Star Struck and The Pulse. Last year's event raised more than \$9,000.

Dancers Against Cancer will take place at the Yorktown Stage at 2pm. Cost of admission is \$20. For more information, please contact: StreetBeatAgainstCancer@gmail.com

About Street Beat Dance Studio

Street Beat Dance Studio, founded in 2006, offers kids not only a place to dance, but also a place to call their second home. We are more than just great dancing! Our dancers go beyond technique to develop important life skills, such as learning to be respectful, confident and responsible young people who share their talents with the community.

We are beyond thrilled to take our love for dance and help make a difference.

About Izzy's Infantry Fighting Pediatric Cancer

Izzy's Infantry Fighting Pediatric Cancer and Spinal Trauma was founded in 2016 to honor Isabel "Izzy Warrior Princess" Rita's battle against a spinal cord tumor. Isabel was just one year old when she underwent a 10-hour spinal cord biopsy and began her 14-month-long chemotherapy treatment.

Our mission is to fund research that will lead to better treatment options and a cure for childhood cancer; fund programs and research that provide spinal cord injury rehabilitation for children; and help improve the quality of life for children in treatment and their families through programming, outreach and support groups.

Izzy continues her fight to walk and run like other children her age, but has managed to galvanize communities around her to help children battling cancer and those who are battling their own spinal trauma.

For more information on Izzy's Infantry, please email info@izzysininfantry.org.

Letters to the Editor

Closing Indian Point Will Be Costly

To the Editor:

It seems that politicians like Mr. Feiner are not in touch with reality so to speak. They don't seem to understand the economics of the closing of Indian Point. It will not only effect the economy of the communities that receive taxes paid to

them by Entergy but the fact that electricity will cost more to millions. They also have not planned on how the 2,000 megawatts generated by the plant will be replaced. You would think that those opposed to the plant, might have taken that into consideration. Did I miss some-

thing? Is there a plan? Unless this 2,000 megawatts is replaced, we can look for brown outs during high demand periods and possibly outages. We are using more electricity now a days, not less.

When your electric bills go off the wall and you are sitting there in the dark,

you may want to thank Mr. Feiner, The Riverkeeper, Clearwater, Scenic Hudson, IPSEC, WESPAC and so many others. They certainly weren't looking out for you.

FRANCIS T MCVETTY,
Yorktown

Funding Needed to Protect Park Sites

To the Editor:

We just celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with free admission to our 23 national park sites in New York and all

across the country. Each year, our parks welcome more than 305 million Americans and international visitors alike to explore our nation's most historic, cul-

turally significant places.

However, among the stunning landscapes and places in our National Park System that share the stories of our country are less welcome sights: crumbling buildings, roads in disrepair and closed trails. When added up, our national parks across the country are facing a more than \$12 billion infrastructure repair backlog.

For example, the nearby Home of Franklin D Roosevelt National Historic Site has more than \$19 million in deferred maintenance needs. This daunting challenge facing our parks is just one example of why our members of Congress need to step up and take action to make funding our national parks a national priority again.

I call on Representative Nita Lowey, members of the New York delegation and all of our members of Congress to take action, to ensure our park managers

have the resources and support needed to continue protecting America's favorite places.

AMANDA CESARIO
Yorktown

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Obituaries



Timothy C. Maloy

Timothy Maloy

Timothy C. Maloy, a lifetime Peekskill resident and beloved teacher in the Lakeland School District, died December 11, 2016 after a long illness. He was 70.

Born in Peekskill on September 10, 1946, he was the son of Donald and Dorothy Maloy. He attended Assumption grammar school and was a graduate of Peekskill High School. He graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a BS, and received an MS in Earth Science from Western CT State College. Mr. Maloy was an educator whose love of science began early in life by collecting and studying rocks during long walks with his grandfather. It was also fostered by the sisters of St. Joseph's Home in Peekskill,

where he spent summer vacations from college as a counselor.

A teacher for 33 years in the Lakeland School District, Mr. Maloy started off in Lincoln Titus Elementary School, and then found his true career path teaching in both Walter Panas and Lakeland High Schools. Affectionately known as "Moose," he taught Earth Science, and ran the Weather Club which made daily forecasts on WLNA/WHUD. He also coached cross country and track. In 2000, he was given the opportunity to be an adjunct professor at Pace University in Pleasantville. There, he taught Meteorology and Oceanography. He held this post until his death.

On August 22, 1970, he married his wife, Carol, at St. George's Church in Shrub Oak. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol, three sons, their wives, one granddaughter and three grandsons. He is also survived by his sister-in-law. He was predeceased by his brothers Richard and Michael. A celebration of Tim's life was held Saturday at Dorsey -Carlone Funeral Home in Peekskill.

Loretta Fox

Loretta Fox, a resident of Yorktown, died January 11, in the comfort of her home with loving family at her side. She was 88.

She was born on September 11, 1928 in

Brooklyn, to Henry Silk and Marion (Morris) Domke. She married George, the love her life, on November 30, 1947 and together they dedicated themselves to each other and their family. George passed away in 2007 and Loretta felt his loss daily, but now they are reunited.

Mrs. Fox was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shrub Oak, and later, St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown. In her early years, she served her church and community through active participation in various community service organizations. Mrs. Fox, along with her husband, was an active volunteer for the Angel Guardian Home in Brooklyn, opening their hearts and home for many years to benefit the lives of numerous children in need. Her greatest joy was spending time in the company of her family, especially her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enriched the lives of many and she will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind her son, Kevin Fox of Exeter, NH; three daughters, Geraldine Watson and her husband, James, of Rye, Maureen Geher and her husband, Wayne, of Concord, NH, and Kathleen Giblin and her husband, Michael, of Falls Church, VA; nine grandchildren, Matthew Fox and his wife, Sarah, Christopher Watson, Joshua, Brandon and Shannon Geher, and Sean, Kaitlyn and Connor Giblin, as well as four great-

grandchildren, Savanna and John Watson, Willow Mallma, and Scarlett Fox. In addition, she leaves one brother, Henry Domke and three sisters, Bernadette Fox, Barbara Mason, and Helen Nicolini, as well as her extended family.

Benjamin Pelliccio

Benjamin J. Pelliccio, a resident of Yorktown, formerly of Yonkers, died January 8. He was 84.

Born to the late Anthony and Louise Merone Pelliccio, he was the beloved husband of Nancy Davi Pelliccio, whom he married on October 12, 1957. They had been married for 59 years. He was loving father of Louise (David) Cashman and Frank (Susan) Pelliccio. adored grandfather of Matthew, Anthony and Christopher Cashman and Kara Prichard, and dear brother of Joseph Pelliccio, Patricia DiDomenico and the late Anthony Pelliccio and Emily Gallicchio. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Pelliccio was a U.S. Army Korean Crisis veteran and worked for Westchester County in the general Maintenance Department. Prior to moving to Yorktown Heights, Mr. Pelliccio was a 50-year resident of Yonkers, where he was a faithful parishioner of

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County Narrowly Approves Gun Show Ban; Veto Expected

By Neal Rentz and Anna Young

On a strict 9-8 party line vote, the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved banning gun shows at county-owned facilities on January 9, but it's unlikely to withstand an anticipated veto.

The legislation came about after County Executive Rob Astorino scheduled the Northeast Gun Show at the County Center in White Plains for the weekend of Jan. 21-22. It would be the first gun show since 2012, before the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre of 20 first-graders and six staff members in Newtown, Conn.

Last week's vote came after intense debate among opponents and supporters of the ban. Democratic legislators who supported the measure said they did not want the county promoting gun sales in county facilities.

They also denied it would infringe on gun owners' Second Amendment rights.

Ban supporters referred to recent acts of gun violence, including the shooting at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport that resulted in the death of five people and the death of a 13-year-old Mount Vernon girl who was hit by a stray bullet while a passenger in a car driven by her mother.

Legislator Virginia Perez (D-Yonkers), chair of the board's Legislation Committee, was one of the strongest supporters of the bill. Her younger brother was shot and killed 10 years ago while on his job delivering food in Yonkers.

"My brother's shooting was a major motivating influence in my decision to enter public service and so I will sup-



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Rep. Nita Lowey held a press conference hours before the Board of Legislators Jan. 9 at the county building in White Plains with other Democrats and gun control advocates urging for passage of the gun show ban.

port any proposal that makes Westchester County residents more safe when it comes to guns," Perez said.

Despite the narrow approval, Astorino is expected to veto the legislation and there doesn't appear to be the required 12 votes for an override. That would allow this weekend's show to go forward.

Republican legislators supporting the bill said it would violate Second Amendment rights of county residents. Representatives of the Department of Public Safety had testified during committee meetings last week that no firearms sold during gun shows at the County Center were used in crimes.

Furthermore, gun shows at the facility have tight security with a strong police presence, they said.

Board Vice Chairman James Maisano (R-New Rochelle) said people have "a constitutional right to bear arms," which

would be abridged if the gun show ban was enacted, he said.

In a related action, the Board of Legislators voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing at the County Center on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. to hear comments for legislation proposed by the board's Republican caucus that would require gun show operators adhere to strict operational guidelines recommended by state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

Earlier last Monday, Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), accompanied by other Westchester Democrats and gun control advocates, voiced her disgust with the move to bring a gun show back to the County Center four years after the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

"We cannot allow the reinstatement of the gun show in the Westchester County Center to be a harbinger of successes to come for those seeking to weaken gun

safety instead of strengthening them," Lowey said during a press conference at the county building. "A gun show simply must not be held on government property. It should not be held at the Westchester County Center period."

The county discontinued gun shows from 1999 to 2010. Astorino lifted the ban after taking office and one was held at the County Center in 2012.

However, after the Sandy Hook tragedy, a 2013 show was canceled and a handshake agreement was made among county officials that the center would no longer host gun shows.

Democratic legislators stressed that the ban does not extend to private venues.

The vote was held after a Jan. 3 joint committee meeting that sent the measure to the full board.

"I, as one legislator, recognize the right to the Second Amendment," Board Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said last week. "I don't read in there the right to have a gun show at the County Center."

Republican Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) said personal views swayed Democrats.

"I think we need to keep in mind that we talk about discrimination and equal protection, and all these things are conveniently being sent to the side because of personal views," Testa said. "There's been a lot of talk about taxpayer funding, but a lot of the people going to this show who own guns and purchase guns pay taxes also and want this show."

The Royal Hanneford Circus Returns to White Plains

By Anna Young

The Royal Hanneford Circus is continuing its family legacy, returning in February for its 42nd annual residency at the Westchester County Center.

In keeping with the traditional three-ring circus acts that everyone knows and loves, including clowns, high flyers, acrobats, tigers, elephants, Grandma the Clown and many more will return to this year's two-hour event.

As a special treat this year, Adrian Poema, a sixth-generation circus performer and husband to owner Nellie Hanneford, is excited to reveal a brand new show President's Day weekend.

With the introduction of a new ringmaster, Rick Curtis, who will perform several musical numbers, many new routines have been added to the show, including juggling Diablos, roller skating on spinning tables, double flying trapeze, a diamond areal production, a 17-foot-high trampoline walk, a tiger act and a mixed animal act, including camels, zebras, and ponies.



Zhen Yu, a Diablo performer from China, will thrill the crowds at the Royal Hanneford Circus with a juggling act.

"We like to keep the show traditional, but also look for unique acts we can add to the show every year," Poema told The Examiner last week.

While sticking with tradition, photos with the animals, a moon bounce, pony rides and face painting will be offered during the shows 15-minute intermission.

There is a lot of work that goes into putting a production together, and Hanneford-Poema are most proud that their four children, Kathryn 20, Mariana 18, Adrian Jr. 16 and Tommy 10, have made the family business their lifestyle. All four children will perform in this year's production.

"We never pushed them (their kids) into performing, they became interested on their own," Poema said. "This is a family business and it passes on from generation to generation."

Kathryn will follow in her mother's

footsteps as the aerial star. Mariana will be featured in the elephant act. Tommy will have a small cameo and Adrian Jr. will be the star of the Risley act in which one performer lies horizontal and vaults a somersaulting partner into the air using his feet. Adrian Jr. will also be seen juggling, and performing acrobat and trapeze acts.

"The whole show is a family and I wouldn't change that for anything," Poema said. "We are proud to have our family entertaining your family."

The 2017 edition of the Royal Hanneford Circus will perform nine shows Feb. 18, 19 and 20. Show times are 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

Tickets to the Royal Hanneford Circus are available at the Westchester County Center Box Office, 198 Central Park Avenue, White Plains. Box Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. The County Center phone is 914-995-4050. Tickets are also available from ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more should call the County Center for information on the group discount.



Kristyna's Cleaning Service LLC Somers

By Neal Rentz

Somers resident Kristyna Wavrova does not just speak about the importance of preserving the environment, she practices what she preaches.

Wavrova is the owner of Kristyna's Cleaning Service LLC, which does not use harmful chemicals for cleaning homes and businesses.

The cleaning service is the first business Wavrova has owned. Her professional life began as a home and business cleaner. The company's services can be provided as often as the clients' desire, Wavrova said.

Wavrova said her business provides her platform to promote the importance of preserving the environment. "I tell them everything little by little so it's not overwhelming," she said.

She started her business by using store purchased cleaning products, but they contained chemicals that posed health hazards to both her clients and employees, Wavrova said. "That's why I made my own cleaning products," she said. She has created a series of products that clean individual types of items including wood floors, countertops,



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Somers resident Kristyna Wavrova is the owner of Kristyna's Cleaning Service LLC.

granite and marble stone and glass, as well as a laundry detergent. Though Wavrova did not want to disclose all the ingredients in her cleaning products, two of the major ones are vinegar and fruit peels.

Wavrova plans to sell cleaning products to her clients, who come from Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties, in refillable plastic bottles.

Many clients have written testimonials about the cleaning service, she noted.

She is also active in efforts to protect the environment aside from her company. One example was her participation in a coastal cleanup of a beach in Connecticut with her employees, Marcela and Daniel, last year. Wavrova wants to do more environment work in the coming year, she said.

Ocean pollution is a major concern for Wavrova. Garbage that gets into oceans are eaten by fish and other animals that are killed because they think garbage is food, she said. Fish that eat plastic are eaten by people, she said.

Wavrova said she wanted the use of plastic bottles reduced because people often do not recycle them. The United States uses the most plastic bottles among the nations of the world, she said. "Nobody really knows about that problem," she said.

Wavrova is also a member of the Putnam Chamber of Commerce and she is seeking to become an officer of the organization. Wavrova said being a Chamber member is a way for her to promote her business and environmental concerns.

Speaking to her clients about environmental issues is important to Wavrova and they appreciate it. "They love to be educated by me," she said.

Kristyna's Cleaning Service LLC can be reached by calling 914-334-1440 or by sending an e-mail to wavrova.kristyna@gmail.com. The businesses is also on Facebook and Instagram.

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Wired or Wireless: Today's Choices for Our Home's Doorbells

Not so long ago, the sweetest young lady who worked at my firm had attached a ring sound to her iPhone signaling her mother-in-law, which was the theme song from "The Addams Family." Her husband, even adoring as he was, wasn't amused and she rapidly changed it.

With the new electronic doorbells, welcoming visitors can take on any jazzy theme imaginable.

When I was a child, my parents bought a newly constructed home featuring a doorbell with a particularly beautiful set of chimes just inside the door. I'm told it was that special feature that sold my mother on the house.

From earliest times, visitors to a home were announced simply by banging one's knuckles against a door. Shortly after, knuckles were spared by the use of knockers, which gave Gene Wilder a great line in "Young Frankenstein." Later, a bell on the inside of the house was sounded by pulling a string from the outside.

In 1831, the electric doorbell was invented by Joseph Henry, an American scientist who was the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. It was a simple device, much like the wired doorbells we see today, where an outside button is

pushed and electrical current flows to an inside transformer which activates a noise signal.

In the beginning, this noise was an annoying buzz, but the sound was enhanced in the 1920s to bells or a chime.

In my recent mid-18th century home, the doorbell still features that annoying buzz sound, much like an insect zapper. The cover has so many coats of paint on it that its shape is hard to define. I'm convinced that the same device has been working faithfully since the 1920s.

Well, maybe not so faithfully. In the recent past, any unannounced visitor could get frustrated trying to reach us inside.

It's embarrassing to admit, particularly because I write as The Home Guru, but something went haywire with my doorbell system. It somehow got disconnected and didn't ring for a couple of years without my knowing it. Visitors would call us on our cell phones saying they were waiting for us in the driveway.

Recently, I had a handyman install new buttons outside thinking that was the problem but, not being an electrician, he couldn't figure out the connection to the buzzer. Even the electricians who came later had a hard time getting it operational

again. But now it works like a charm, albeit still with the annoying buzz.

While the basic function of a doorbell has always been as an important signaling device, there are times when you don't want to hear it. For instance, during a visit to my local Subway, I was seated near the door trying to enjoy my meatball sandwich. Every time a customer walked through the door, there was an annoying and loud sound that all but stopped my heartbeat. I can only imagine the effect this must have on the staff members there who have to listen to it all day, everyday.

From the first mechanical systems, it seems that inventors have spent a lot of time and effort devising new ways to alert homeowners of visitors, from the first use of chimes to iTunes ringtones.

Today the major choice in doorbells is either a wired or wireless version, and there seems to be a debate about which is better. While wired doorbell systems are still the preferred choice, wireless has caught the imagination of younger buyers. Wired doorbells are cheaper than wireless, but more involved to install. Wireless can be up and running, literally in minutes. Aesthetically, wired doorbells are more appealing, with many designs, shapes and materials from which to choose, while wireless models are more

utilitarian in design. Wireless wins out on portability; its receiver, whether battery operated or plug-in, can be moved around the house at will.

Sound quality and the range of tunes are clearly better on the wired models, while wireless can have erratic performance if there is outside interference.

With the advent of iTunes and the MP3 player, sounds announcing visitors are limitless, much like telephone ringtones. Now each time that I hear that annoying buzz from my antiquated but functional doorbell, I imagine what would best represent my personality in a customized sound.

In my new condo, there is a sturdy knocker on the door, but not a single person has had the chance to use it. Visitors are announced at the concierge desk and, as though I haven't seen a human in years, I swing open the door wide before they have a chance to knock. I hope I don't frighten them.

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Tuesday, Jan. 17

Ladies Only: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. at 7:30 p.m., Marsha Sternstein will conduct her next monthly class discussing the intricacies of Hasidism. You do not need any prior knowledge; just bring your curiosity. The class is for women only; all are welcome and bring a friend. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org. The program will continue on Feb. 7, March 14, April 4, May 9 and June 13.

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC. You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second-floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The WorkOut – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext.1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

Senior Exercise: We offer the Workout M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. Free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Anime Club: An Anime Club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Join us for a chance to watch anime from Crunchyroll with your friends. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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 of www.firsthebrew.org.

Torah Studies: Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., is proud to announce Season one (11 classes) of the Torah studies course. The program brings you a series of stimulating text and discussion based classes that take place on a weekly basis. Our lessons will engage you in a multidimensional way by challenging you intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. They explore contemporary issues through a Torah perspective as well as tackling timeless questions in the Jewish tradition. The classes are open to all, what-

ever your level of learning may be. The fee for the full season is \$36, which includes textbook. Each class is independent. For more information, to view the topics of the classes, or to register call 914-962-1111.

Thursday, Jan. 19

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

Hospital Programs: Three programs have been scheduled for the coming days by New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. "Lunch and Learn" How Common is Heartburn and GERD? Will be held on Jan. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. in the ground floor conference room. The presenter will be Dr. Frank Turchioe, MD, a gastroenterologist. Seating is limited for the free program; to register call 914-734-3159. Plant Power: A Lesson in Anti-Inflammatory Foods will be held on Jan. 20 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at The Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. The cost is \$15. Registration: 914-734-3780 or teachingkitchen@hvhc.org. Foods for the Chinese New Year will be held on Jan. 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. Join us to learn about Chinese cuisine and how to prepare some traditional dishes for the holiday, such as dumplings, summer rolls, sticky rice, and sauces. The program will be held at The Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. The cost is \$15. Registration: 914-734-3780 or teachingkitchen@hvhc.org.

Swim Lessons: Swimming lessons are being offered by Society Hill II, 2 Campus Rd., Peekskill. Weekly classes are held on Thursdays and Saturdays. The session dates are Jan. 15 through March 12; March 17 through May 14 and May 19 through July 9. Info: 914-737-4909.

Teen Advisory Group: Help volunteer at the Somers Library. We are looking for middle and high school students who are interested in developing and implementing teen programs/events, creating book displays, enhancing the library's Web site, and anything else we can think of. All members will receive community service hours. The group will meet every other Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Yorktown Historical Society: The Yorktown Historical Society will present, at 7:30

p.m. at the Yorktown Community Center on Commerce Street, "The Spencer Optical Works: Mount Kisco's Industrial Past." "THE SPENCER OPTICAL WORKS: MOUNT KISCO'S INDUSTRIAL PAST" by Michael Savoca of the Mount Kisco Historical Society. From 1874 to 1888. Mount Kisco was home to an industrial giant, the Spencer Optical Manufacturing Company. It was the largest manufacturer of optical goods in the United States; it brought industry and employment to an otherwise quiet village. The free program is open to the public. Info: Charles Radke, Yorktown Historical Society, 914-962-4370, c.radke@computer.org, or www.yorktownhistory.org.

Friday, Jan. 20

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.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Teen Pokémon Club: A Teen Pokémon Club will begin meeting on Fridays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Somers Library, beginning today. This program is for teens/tweens in grades 5th and up. Meeting dates are 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, & 6/2. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services at 6:15 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 served and everyone is invited to join us as we share

Happenings

in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Jan. 21

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

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

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is being held indoors through April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 34 S. Highland Ave. 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.

Tot Shabbat: Calling all parents and toddlers. Spend a winter morning with your toddler that includes music, stories, breakfast and meeting new people. Join us for Tot Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, 31 Glengary Ro., Croton. Accomplished song leader Laura Copel will be playing toddler tunes on her guitar. Become acquainted with Rabbi Jaech and Cantor Ellerin, the members of our clergy. All are welcome. Please RSVP to educator@tinw.org.

Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held on Jan. 16 and 30 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.

SAT Program: Teen Talk: Improving Your Score on the New SAT – will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. The snow date is Jan. 28 at 12:30 p.m. SAT and math tutor, Michael Goodman will offer students tips the following topics: the right way to read a passage on the SAG; the right way to approach an SAT math problem and surprising things that help improve your score. Space is limited. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

River Bridging History: Crossing the Croton will be the topic of a PowerPoint program on three centuries of fords, fer-

ries, trestles and trusses over the Croton River. Historians Marc Cheshire and Carl Oechsner of Croton Friends of History will use rare photographs, maps and drawings to show how the lower Croton River from Quaker Bridge to the Hudson was crossed during the last 300 years: from Native American fording places, the Van Cortlandt Manor ferry, and the Revolutionary War “New Bridge,” to the legendary High Bridge and Old Albany Post Road crossing. The program is being sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society at 2 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 27 Locust Ave., Cortlandt. The free event is open to the public. For more information, visit www.vancort.net; or,

Feeder Watch: Project Feeder Watch will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 21 and 22 at Croton Point Nature Center, Croton Point Avenue, Croton. Learn to identify and count birds at the feeders with members of Saw Mill River Audubon. The program will also be held on Jan. 28 and 29. Info: sawmillriveraudubon.org or 914-736-7868.

Tree Of Life: Arbor Vitae: Tree of Life, the tree paintings of Susan Stillman, will be on exhibit at the Anderson Chase Gallery at Katonah Art Center through Feb. 3. The Anderson Chase Gallery is located at the Katonah Arts Center, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. For more information visit AndersonChaseGallery.com or call 914 232-4843, and the Web sites of Susan Stillman: SusanStillmanFineArt.com and for Home Portraits, SusanStillman.com.

Sunday, Jan. 22

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.

Monday, Jan. 23

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Fitness Classes: Mainstream, The Institute for Mature Adults at Westchester Community College is hold Stay Strong and Fir (fall prevention) will hold Chair Yoga classes on Mondays through Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave.

Bird Walk: The Fourth Monday Bird Walk will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Croton Point Park, Croton Point Avenue, Croton. Bring binoculars and join members of Saw Mill River Audubon for a hike through this National Audubon “Important Bird Area.” Meet in the parking lot. Info: 914- 864-7280.

Art Class: A Multi-Media Art Class begins today at 10:30 a.m. at the Somers Library. It will also meet on Mondays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/27. This class is all about your choices...if you want to paint in acrylics or work with watercolor pencils or watercolors, put them in your bag & let's have fun. The \$25 fee is payable to the instructor, Judika Lieberman, on the first day of class. Call for the supply list. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St. Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Obituaries

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St. Bartholomew's Church. He was also a member of The American Legion Bajart Post and member of CSEA.

Marguerite “Margot” Anderson

Marguerite ‘Margot’ F. Anderson, a long-time Peekskill/Cortlandt resident, died January 9. She was 85.

She was born August 3, 1931, to Eugene C. and Anna Claire (Conlin) Whalen. She graduated from St. Joseph's College in Maine, and worked at St. Vincent's Hospital in NYC, and attended the school of nursing. She was a registered nurse at the Peekskill Community Hospital from 1967-1987; and later worked at the Field Home Holy Comforter from 1987-1999, until retiring. She was a member of the Holy Spirit Church in Cortlandt, and was a member of the Nor-Cort Seniors and the Van Cortlandt Historical Society.

She is survived by seven children: Donna Ann (Kirk) Davis, Barbara Jean (Stephen) Wiezik, Donald C. (Donna) Anderson, Joan Marie Anderson, Kevin Michael (Cindy) Anderson, Mary Ellen Vaught, Jane Elizabeth (Maggie) Anderson; 12 grandchildren: Matt, Anna, Michael, David, Kim, Don, Brian, Ernie Jr., Ian, Lauren, Donato and Gabby; three great-grandchildren: Hudson, Allison and Finley; two nieces and two nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Anderson, and her two sisters, Ann and Frannie.

William Kachmar

William M. Kachmar, a resident of Cortlandt, formerly of Yonkers, died January 11, at Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt. He was 56.

He was born on December 19, 1960 in Yonkers, where he was raised and educated, graduating from Yonkers High School. Mr. Kachmar was a bus driver for Liberty Lines in Yonkers for the past 10 years. Pre-

viously, he was a laborer at Domino Sugar in Yonkers for 26 years. He was a former member of the Longshoreman's Union and most recently a member of the Transit Workers Union. On November 12, 1982, he married his loving wife, Theresa Matuszkewysz, in St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Mrs. Kachmar survives and lives in Cortlandt. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, William M. Kachmar, Jr. (YPD) and his wife Lynda of Yorktown and Matthew Kachmar and his wife, Jessica of Ossining. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Noah and Gray and an aunt and uncle, Diana and Peter Serafin. He was predeceased by his father, William C. Kachmar, in 1999.

Barbara Trask

Barbara Blomquist Trask, a resident of Somers, formerly of Scarsdale, died peacefully January 6, following a brief illness. She was 81.

She was born in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota on October 5, 1935 to Bernard and Alice Blomquist. As a girl, she was involved in many activities which she loved including ice skating, roller skating, cheerleading and playing clarinet in the high school marching band. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minn. She married James Emerson Trask III in 1958, and they had three children. After raising her children she entered the workforce as an Executive Assistant. Throughout her life, She was a very physically and socially active woman who more than anything enjoyed spending her time with her family. She was also very athletic and loved to compete. In addition to tennis, she enjoyed piano, bocce, golf, bridge, cooking, and her needlework.

Mrs. Trask is survived by her children; Gretchen Barbieri (Vito), Timothy Trask (Lisa), Elizabeth Luther (Jack) and her five grandchildren; Alexandra, Griffin and Juliet Barbieri, and Colby and Lauren Trask. Her brother Richard Blomquist (Veryl) also survives.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HARBALL CONSULTING LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2016. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **15 Bank St. #102A, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KIDS IN SPORTS II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 07/11/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal business address: **1420 Second Avenue, New York, New York, 10021. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SILVER RUSH PRODUCTIONS, LLC. ARTS OF ORG filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ANDY ROBLES LLC/A ROBLES LLC RECENTLY WITH IRS. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 8th, 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: **17 Limerick St., Stamford, CT 06902. Purpose: Landscaping and hardscaping.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TAX-SOLUTION4EXPATS.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Seung Yup Kang, 27 Overlook street, Mount Vernon, New York 10552. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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 - 5. Woman's hat
 - 11. Wise men
 - 12. ___ than life
 - 13. Nectar flavor
 - 14. A gradual decline
 - 15. Place to unwind
 - 17. Putnam Valley dance studio, NY Dance _____
 - 21. Cut down lumber
 - 24. One kind of bread
 - 25. Cow or sow
 - 26. Blood system letters
 - 27. Wish
 - 28. Largest Israeli city
 - 30. European skyline sight
 - 31. Mahopac fine iron works, By Hammer _____
 - 36. Pine (for)
 - 40. American, for one
 - 41. Disaster
 - 42. Final bit
 - 43. Nest setting
- Down
- 1. Game arbiter, for short
 - 2. Return postage tool (abbr.)

- 3. Ottoman Empire officer
- 4. Guinness adjective
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- 6. CSI evidence testing area
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- 8. Special effects: (abbr.)
- 9. She's prone to brooding
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- 17. Zap
- 18. Reply to a captain
- 19. Big name in dolls
- 20. Caterwaul
- 21. Restroom
- 22. ___-Wan Kenobi
- 23. E-mail address ender
- 29. Separated
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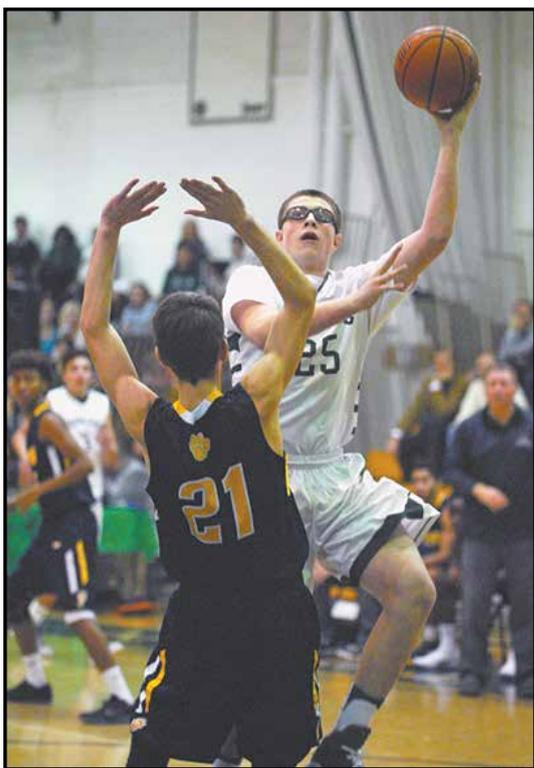
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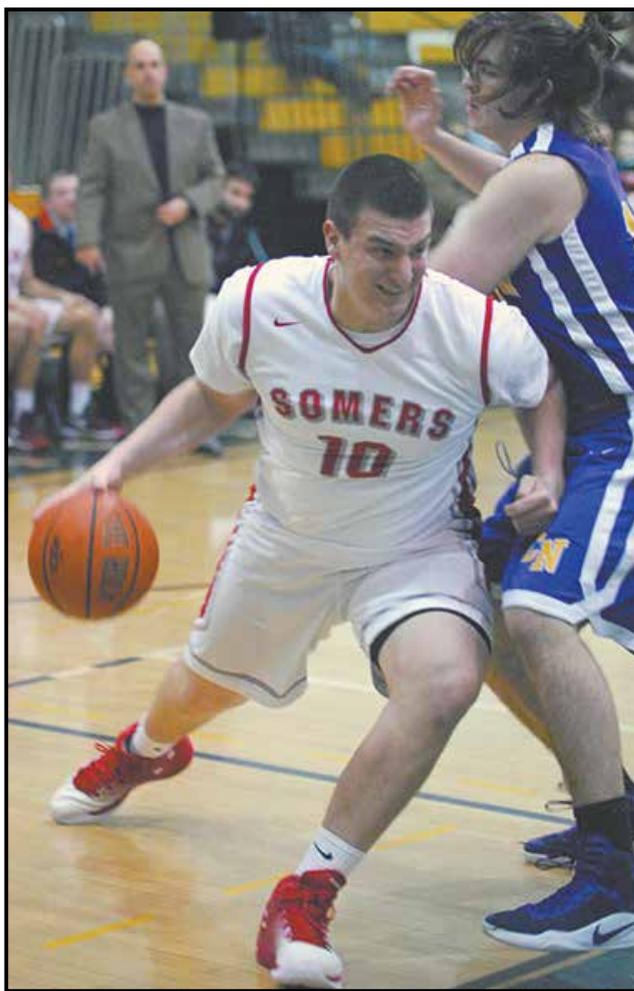
The Section 1 Class A scenario is shaping up to have two prohibitive favorites – state-ranked No.2 Byram Hills (10-1) and No.5 Tappan Zee (11-0) – which leaves two spots for the Final 4 and the subsequent pomp and circumstance of playing at the hub of Section 1 hoops, the Westchester County Center. Just how good are Byram and TZ considered throughout the state? If the NYSPHSAA tournament were to start today, the Bobcats and Dutchmen would be the two top-ranked teams entering the public-school tournament. That said, there were several teams that gave each a scare last Saturday, including Saunders and Hen Hud.

Two Class A hopefuls tipped off last Thursday night in **PEEKSKILL** where the determined Red Devils (9-3) continued their long-awaited ascension to the ranks of the mighty with a 53-51 win over **HEN HUD** (6-4). The County Center was Peekskill's home away from home between 1993 and 2009 when former boss Lou Panzanaro's Red Devils won 10 sectional crowns, five state titles (fourth most in NYS history) and three Federations. But that seems like eons ago.

After several poor seasons since Coach P's departure, Peekskill is hungry to



Yorktown F Joe Sgobbo goes up for two against Panas defender Peter Andersen in Panthers' win over Huskers last Friday.



Somers C Nick Gargiulo powers for two of his nine points in loss to Clarkstown North in Yorktown tourney last Friday.

return to the County Center and junior swingman CJ Redd, who, despite a rough start, dropped 13 on the Sailors, including the game-winning hoop with 14.4 left. Redd is the face of these ravenous Red Devils, having been there, and sticking it out, despite the last two tough seasons.

"Winning the league is a small goal of ours," Redd said. "The team we have this year, we're expecting to bring the tradition back to Peekskill. We're still a young team and we make young mistakes, but coach has put it in my hands to lead us throughout the season. We've started to gel as a team and hopefully we continue as we start coming into the end of the season."

Sophomore G Nadame Tucker added a game-high 17 for Peekskill, which currently holds the No.5 seed in Class A. Sailor F Kyle James (16 points) and Mekhi Gray (13) had the Sailors, currently seeded 7th, in position to win.

"I thought it was a well-played, physical game," Hen Hud Coach Jordan Hirsch said. "It's a great rivalry and I think both teams love playing in that environment twice

a year. As I have felt in every game we've been in, our guys played as hard as they possible could. Peekskill forces you to make decisions under duress, which I thought affected our execution and situational play at some pivotal points of the 32 minutes.

"Of our nine games so far, six have come down to one possession," Hirsch added, "and we have come out of each one, win or lose, with a deeper understanding of who we are and what our identity is. I expect the same will come from this game."

Hirsch also suspect the Sailors will learn more about themselves after Saturday's 47-44 loss to host Tappan Zee, in which Hen Hud squandered a 27-18 halftime lead. Still, if nothing else, these two losses should prove the Sailors can hang with anyone in the section and Class A hoops could provide a wild ride in early March.

The County Center-starved Sailors are, perhaps, one of the hungriest outfits in Section 1 to return, having been denied entry since 1991. Every Sailor since has been forced to buy a ticket to get in, and the Dylan Fraser-led Sailors are back in the hunt after losing in the quarterfinals last year in a last-second loss to Byram Hills.

Getting there won't be easy with Class AA semifinalists and sneaky-good Saunders (8-3) down in Class A this season, and an upstart Rye (9-2) outfit in the mix, along with enigmatic **SOMERS** (7-4), which has as many athletes as any team in Class A and relies on depth, grit and defense. Even Ardsley (11-4) could prove worthy, and **WALTER PANAS** (6-6) on its best day.

"I'm very happy with their progression," Somers Coach Chris DiCintio said. "They seem very focused at practice now and I truly believe they have turned the corner with their basketball play. I also believe they have moved on from their tremendous accomplishments with their fall sports and are focused on trying to make some history with basketball now."

Somers boys' basketball



Somers G Matt Pires is met with resistance in Tuskers' loss to Clarkstown North Friday.

has not won a league championship in 27 years (1989), and may not do so again this season if the Tuskers play shabby defense like they did at times in 54-51 loss to Clarkstown North last Friday in the opening round of the Yorktown tournament. Tusker Lorenzo Bicknese led Somers with 21 points while big Nick Gargiulo had nine points in the paint.

Somers also saw G Matt Pires and swingman Bicknese each score 17 points in a 63-53 league win over John Jay CR. Pires' numbers were a career-high for the stud football player, who was named NYS co-Player of the Year earlier that day. That honor is about as big a distinction as any football player in the Northern Westchester/Putnam region has ever received.



Panas G Stephan Reyes and Yorktown G Tom Weaver square off prior to Reyes sinking game-winning shot in Yorktown tourney opening round.

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BOB CASTNER PHOTO



Yorktown G Sol Barer is checked by Panas G David Reynoso in Panthers' win over Huskers last Friday.



Somers junior G Lorenzo Bicknese hits the lane for two points in loss to Clarkstown North.

dropped the last two games to in blowout style, falling hard to Arlington (68-39) and Peekskill (73-50). Shion Darby had 21 points for Peekskill and Redd had 18 while Ryan led the Indians with 12.

YORKTOWN didn't quite get the fanfare nor the results the Huskers (7-3) were hoping for in the 20th annual George Budries Yorktown Tournament last weekend. 'The Crop', Yorktown's infamous fan base, was barren, and study F Tanner Dyslin was nursing an ankle injury, when the Huskers fell prey to PANAS in a 56-55 Yorktown setback in Friday's opening round.

Panas G Stephan Reyes hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to win it for the streaky Panthers (6-6), who won't be an easy out for any Class A contender. G Brandon Hodge led the Panthers with 23 points, four assists and two steals while Brandon Ramos may have had his best game of the season (21 points, 8 rebounds).

"I'm very proud of my team for battling the whole night," Panas Coach Shawn Sullivan said. "Every time Yorktown went ahead, we battled back and finally found a way to win. Hopefully, this win will be a turning point in the season."

Husker James Lundberg (18 points) had his finest game yet and F Kyle Casey added eight points, 14 rebounds and four blocks for the Huskers, losers of three-straight games, including Horace Greeley (7-6), and Class A Panas and Pearl River (4-6).

CARMEL (5-7) has lost three of the last four and needs to get going before the rematch with Mahopac on Monday, Jan.30th. The Rams need to stockpile wins in order to improve what is currently a No.14 seed for the playoffs, which would put them on the road in New Rochelle, which isn't exactly where anyone

wants to open up...

CLASS B/C

CROTON is apparently for real. Sometimes, it takes a tough loss to get folks to recognize, but Coach Ben Martucci's Tigers (7-3) did just that in a 57-56 loss to one-beaten Briarcliff (7-1) last Wednesday when Bear hotshot Jack Ryan put back a miss with three seconds left.

"The overall team effort was tremendous in this game, and we showed how much we've grown together as a group,"

Martucci said after senior point guard Charlie Goldberg (15 points, 4 assists, 5 rebounds), Rory Parker (18 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist) and fresh freshman Sean Macarchuk (career-high 18 points including five 3's in the 2nd half) did all they could in the loss to the Bears. "The execution wasn't there for us down the stretch. Briarcliff is a very talented, deep, experienced, and well coached team with great size. They are No.1 and the reigning champs in Class B for good reason. Hats off to them. Unfortunately, we had two costly turnovers at inopportune times, and missed nine free throws. In a one-point game, that can make a difference. We'll learn a ton from this experience, and move on."

Similarly, **PUTNAM VALLEY** (3-8) played very well in a tough loss, falling 67-59 at Woodlands, a premier Class B program. Up next for the Tigers is a highly-anticipated game with **HALDANE** (5-5) on Thursday the 19th. The League III-E title is starting to look like it might be out of the grasps of both Put Valley and Haldane as North Salem (8-1), which looks like a Class C favorite, has the upper hand and what looks like the best team in the league and Class C right now...

PUTNAM/NWE FAB FIVE HOOPS POLL

No.1 PEEKSKILL - Class A Red Devils have earned the right to be No.1 after knocking off Hen Hud, and with Yorktown slumping things had to change. Let's see if the Red Devs can sustain this momentum at the 1st annual Lou Panzaro Jr. Basketball Tournament Thursday against Woodlands.



Before hitting game-winning shot, Panas G Stephan Reyes guards Yorktown G Marc Spinelli in Panthers' win over Huskers.

No.2 HEN HUD - Class A Sailors are probably chomping at the bit for another go at Peekskill when the league title might be up for grabs on Feb.1.

No.3 YORKTOWN - Class AA Huskers are in trouble is Dyslin's ankle doesn't heal up, which we suspect it will.

No.4 SOMERS - Class A Tuskers need a consistent scorer beyond Bicknese to reach the next level.

No.5 PANAS - Class A Panthers will need to find some consistency and determine an identity down the stretch. With 7 games left, we see an avenue for a 5-2 finish, maybe better, if the real Panthers stick and stay.

HM CROTON - Class B Tigers would be a 4-seed in Class B if tourney started today, which gives them a couple of home playoff games if they can hold firm.

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Sports

Girls Hoops Notebook

Back & Better, Borsari Leads Brewster in Win over Lakeland

By Tony Pinciario

Julia Borsari was looking forward to playing basketball her senior year more than one can imagine.

The Brewster senior had a forgettable junior year between a torn deltoid in her ankle, then a bout with mononucleosis and an enlarged spleen, which resulted in a hospital stay. All of this amounted to Borsari playing in Brewster's final game of the 2015-16 season, a quarterfinal loss to Rye in the Section 1 Class A Girls Basketball Championship.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to experience," Borsari said. "Having to be out of my favorite sport was very hard, but my teammates were so supportive. They came to visit me in the hospital. They helped me get through it and still made me a part of the team."

Borsari is back, and healthy, and nobody is happier than Brewster coach Mike Castaldo.

"Having Julia back this season for one last season is like having another coach on the floor during practice and games," Castaldo said. "She is a four-year starter, two-year captain and the backbone of our team. Julia is what every varsity athlete should be. She never misses practices, plays when she is injured or sick, and always does the right thing on and off the court."

Borsari was instrumental in Brewster's two wins for the week - 68-33 over Lakeland and 48-37 over John Jay-Cross River. Brewster is 7-6 overall this season and 3-1 in league play.

Borsari had a game-high 19 points and 10 rebounds against Lakeland and 16 points, nine rebounds and five assists



Brewster's Maggie DePaoli goes up for two of her 19 points in Bears' romp over visiting Lakeland last Wednesday.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland's Val Potenza is met by Brewster's Julia Borsari in Hornets' loss to host Bears last Wednesday.

against John Jay.

While Borsari, Brewster's lone senior, leads the team in scoring and rebounding, it is her presence that has enabled her teammates to thrive.

"Julia is an irreplaceable kid and I can't describe how greatly the team will miss her," Castaldo said. "The younger girls really look up to her and are starting to follow in her lead. The team is headed in the right direction this year and I'm really excited for what we can accomplish and Julia is a huge reason behind all that. I hope we continue to play well so that can make a run at the county center. Class A is wide open this year and with someone like Julia we have just as good of a shot as any team."

Even though many of Borsari's close friends from last year's team graduated, she is enjoying this young group.

"This is just as much of a family as other teams I've played on and I'm having a ton of fun on and off the court," Borsari said. "Everyone on this team has so much potential and everyone has stepped up and made my season fun."

"Coach told us at beginning of year how he believed in us and how open the section is this year. The turning point was against Tappan Zee when we saw it all finally clicking. It showed us how good we

can be as a team."

Borsari received an assist from one of her young teammates as Maggie DePaoli had 19 points and six assists against Lakeland. In the triumph over John Jay, DePaoli scored 15 points and handed out four assists and Jess Miele had eight points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

HENDRICK HUDSON continued its excellent season with a 3-0 week with victories over Yorktown, 48-39, and perennial Class A powers and sectional champions, Pearl River (44-38) and Peekskill (51-39).

The Sailors are now 9-2 this season.

Hen Hud's defense was the story in the win over Yorktown as the Sailors limited the Cornhuskers to four points in the second quarter. As a result, Hen Hud led 29-14 at the half.

Caitlyn Weimar led the way with 15 points and 13 rebounds and Maria Scalf contributed 14 points. Jaelynn Smith added 10 points, six steals and five assists.

Hen Hud dialed up the defensive intensity in the first quarter, holding Pearl River to one point.

The Sailors closed out the week with a fourth-quarter surge, outscoring Peekskill, 17-7 to overtake the Red Devils.

Smith finished with 17 points, eight assists and seven steals and Scalf chipped in 15 points. Weimar had a team-high 11 rebounds and Jackie Raguso added eight boards.

OSSINING improved to 9-2 with an 83-63 victory over North Rockland as Audra Espinoza-Hunter erupted for a season-high 53 points. It was her third consecutive 50-plus-point game and fourth of the season. Espinoza-Hunter also has a 49-point game.

Kelsey Quain scored 12 points, Kialah Harris added 11 points and Helen Ishmael had a team-high eight rebounds.

Mahopac swept Dutchess-County rivals John Jay-East Fishkill, 40-29, and Arlington, 70-56.

MAHOPAC used a 14-4 third-quarter advantage to take control of the game against John Jay EF. Zina McInerney led Mahopac with 11 points and Claire Felix finished with nine.

The Indians held a three-point lead after three quarters against Arlington before taking command in the fourth.



Brewster's Taylor Riccardi goes up for easy two in Bears' win over visiting Lakeland last Wednesday.

Felix led the way with a game-high 23 points. Amanda Geyer and Alison Reilly each had 12 points.

"A strong third quarter allowed us to open up our lead against John Jay," Mahopac coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "I felt defensively, we played pretty well. Offensively we were inconsistent but made plays when we needed to."

"In the fourth quarter we put distance between us and Arlington. The key to the win was a combination of good offensive execution and defensive pressure, as well as converting turnovers in points."

PANAS went 1 for 1 with a 67-34 win over North Salem as Melissa Keefe led the Panthers with 15 points.

"We were able to control the paint and scored around the basket consistently," Panas coach Matt Evangelista said. "Carlyn (Mucci) and Julia (Araujo) also did a great job defending Grace Curran."

Danielle Merante added 12 points and Mucci finished with 10 points and five steals.

CARMEL had a busy week, splitting four games. The Rams defeated Blind Brook, 63-55, and John Jay-East Fishkill, 39-32, but R.C. Ketcham, 60-31, and Pearl River, 50-34, got the best of them.

Khadijah Johnson had 17 points to highlight five Rams in double figures against Blind Brook. Maria Mazzamuto had 14 points, Kate Crawford and Emily Schidrick had 11 points apiece and Alex Barry netted 10.

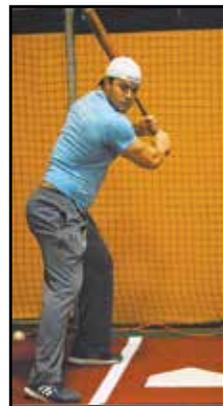
"It was our best offensive game this season with five players in double figures," Carmel coach Dan O'Hare said. "We also had 17 assists on 20 made shots

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9er Baseball & Sports Performance Opens in Somers

By Ray Gallagher

If you're a local baseball/softball player of any age, your Christmas/New Year's wish list might have included a new Easton Mako Beast or a Wilson A2000 glove, but if those things didn't show up under the tree or weren't among your Hanukkah gifts, we may have a fallback plan that can still get you ready for the upcoming spring season.



9er trainer Brooks Lawrence hones his swing on HitTrax simulator.

How about a joint where your baseball/softball swings were mechanically measured and your timing was accurately depicted in a manner the region is yet to experience. Too good to be true, right? Well, up until January of 2017, this type of virtual reality did not exist for baseball players in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region.

But Mahopac's Teddy Lawrence, a former MLB draft choice of the Detroit Tigers, and his son, Brooks, plus Putnam Valley's Joe Kesselmark (an LA Dodgers draft pick) and Pat Ahearne (a former Detroit Tigers pitcher) took baseball technology to the next level at their new simulated sandlot in Somers, NY, in the Somers Sports Arena at 245 Route 100 (right by Froggy's Deli).

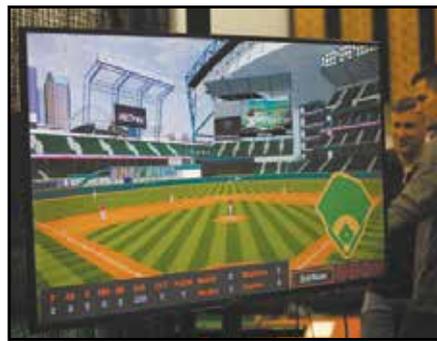
HitTrax - the world's first 'Batting Simulator' - will be presented to the area at the new hot spot and training facility: 9er Baseball & Sports Performance. The facility will cater to the hitting whims of every baseball/softball player throughout the region. In addition to the HitTrax simulator, Brooks Lawrence will offer personal training and fitness while a trained and certified baseball staff - featuring MLB draftees Teddy Lawrence, Kesselmark and Ahearne -- refines your stroke, trains pitchers and offers competitive opportunities for local baseball/softball programs at affordable prices.

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which shows great ball distribution and teamwork."

Barry went for 16 points and seven rebounds against John Jay and Johnson added 10 points.

"It was a very solid defensive performance by the girls," O'Hare said. "For the first time the season, we were able to come out in the first quarter and build a lead (18-12) and maintain it



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

After 9er Baseball co-owner Joe Kesselmark got in some whacks on the HitTrax simulator, he takes in a training session on its use.

The concept behind HitTrax is to "go beyond the cage". While batting cages offer a degree of refinement to one's swing, you never know where the ball would go in a live session. HitTrax, and the 17-foot high batting tunnels, at 9er Baseball is designed to show participants where the ball would travel, exactly or virtually (using a distance boost feature), in major league parks across the country. It's a powerful combination of analytics and entertainment that is rare among regional indoor facilities,



Binghamton University pitcher Cal Lawrence gets in some work at the new 9er Baseball and Sports Performance facility in Somers.

but will now be featured right here in our back yards in Northern Westchester.

The design offers tournaments, home run derby's and leagues, whereby local teams of all ages - from Little League to high school and college - can train individually or compete against each other in closely monitored leagues with actual stats, trends, progressions and league standings.

In league play: the gaming component allows Team A's pitching staff to 'Live Pitch' to Team B's opposing batters, thus creating a virtual battle that engages participants from the minute they arrive to the minute they leave. HitTrax combines technology and reality like nothing previously has,

for the duration of the game."

Schidrick scored a career-best and team-leading 14 points against Pearl River. After opening the week with a 48-39 loss to Hen Hud, YORKTOWN bounced back to defeat Horace Greeley, 61-39, and Nanuet, 59-33. The latter came in the first round of the 20th annual George Budries Memorial Tournament. Yorktown will have played Mount Vernon in the title

and local coaches now have access that enables them to keep their players sharp throughout the long winter months, thus getting them prepared for the short high school season and long summer campaigns.

The concept enhances sportsmanship as well: Participants aren't just waiting their turn in the cage; they're openly rooting for their teammates to mash while opponents await their turn to strategize a winning formula. With HitTrax, players are further engaged, and in-depth performance reports are quickly generated for coaches to assess and pinpoint improvement. Trainees receive instant feedback on their strengths and weaknesses. (HitTrax StatsCenter is a private online portal that puts HitTrax data at the fingertips of the player, coach and facility administrators).

9er Baseball intends to help players improve upon those weaknesses, too, implementing a staff of coaches and trainers designed to measure players' kinetics and take them to the next level by determining: Exit Ball Velocity; Distance of Hit; Launch Angle/Elevation; Batting Average; Hard Hit Average; % of Line Drives/Fly Balls/Ground Balls; SLG and OPS; Spray Charts; Strike Zone Analysis and Performance Trends.

On the other side, pitching coaches like Ahearne will determine: Pitch Velocity; Late Break Measurement; Pitch Location; % Strikes; % of Line Drives/Fly Balls/Ground Balls; Spray Charts; Batting Average Against; Analysis by Pitch Type; Strike Zone Analysis and Performance Trends.

"We are all things baseball," Teddy Lawrence said, "from performance enhancement to sportsmanship. We have three former pro ballplayers on staff, which is unquestionably to our advantage and to the players we are training and developing. We want the best for all of them and for baseball in this region, but it's more than just baseball. We have Sport Performance Coaches who are 'Bigger, Faster, Stronger, Certified Coaches' and each has played sports at the college level."

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Following individual skill/position practice, participants will then play fielding and hitting games to finish out the day. Players will also have the opportunity to be evaluated by the HitTrax System. Swing path, bat speed, ball exit speed, etc. There are also pitching features as well: pitch movement, mph, and location in strike zone. (see: www.hittraxbaseball.com for more information.)

Lunch: each player should bring their own lunch and drinks.

Equipment: Gloves, (helmet and bat if you have one, but not necessary) and catchers gear so catchers can work on their skills.

Clothes: Baseball Pants, rubber molded cleats (no metal) or sneakers. Short and long sleeve shirts.

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game, Monday.

Kat Severino was the leading scorer for Yorktown in the three games. She finished with 13 points against Hen Hud, had a game-high 16 against Greeley and also finished with a game-best 21 against Nanuet.

Senior Alyssa Francese added 11 points against Hen Hud, 12 against Greeley, as did Emily Nigro, and 18 against Nanuet.

HALDANE swept two games - 32-31 over Beacon and a 44-29 triumph over Pleasantville.

"We're our playing ok basketball right now," Haldane coach Tyrone Searight said. "We need too clean up some things before we enter the sectional run and I truly believe we will be fine. We're 9-2, which this time is a good thing and a confidence-builder for us."

Not on My Watch!

Panas Denies Yorktown in 20th Annual Budries Tourney

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Panas F Brandon Ramos sneaks in on the back side of Yorktown G Tom Weaver to block a shot in the Panthers' 56-55 come-from-behind win over the host Huskers on a last-second buzzer-beater by Panas G Stephan Reyes last Friday night in the 20th rendition of Yorktown's George Budries Basketball Tournament, which was set to conclude Monday night (post deadline)... see Boys' Hoops Notebook



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