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## Public Pleas to Retain Schools Superintendent Fail

By Rick Pezzullo

The Peekskill community came out in full force last week to urge the Board of Education not to accept the resignation of beloved Superintendent of School Dr. David Fine.

Parents, teachers, students and others pleaded with trustees for more than 90 minutes not to let Fine walk away from the district where his commitment to the education and well-being of students as a superintendent, assistant superintendent of secondary education and middle school principal for the last nine years was second to none.

"Dr. Fine pioneered a transformation of our schools," said Margery Rossi, vice president of the Peekskill School District Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

"We are grateful to have worked so closely with such a courageous leader."

"Dr. Fine opened up the district to the whole community," said Ramon Fernandez, parent of a senior daughter at Peekskill High School. "In his short time he changed the view for the district."

The well-liked Fine, who officially took over leading the district on July 1, 2015, issued a short letter to the Board of Education that was publicly released March 31, stating he was resigning from his \$230,000 position.

"It has been an honor to have served the Peekskill community the last nine years," stated Fine. "It is a position into which I have placed my heart and soul," he stated. "I thank the board for the op-

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David Fine, (left), shown with Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, was widely praised last week, with one supporter saying, "He is the best thing that has walked on the face of Peekskill."

## Roundabout Plans Remain as Ossining Focuses on Downtown

By Rick Pezzullo

Plans to construct a roundabout in the Main Street business district are temporarily moving forward while the Village of Ossining Board of Trustees seeks recommendations on possibly redeveloping the downtown.

Approximately 75 residents attended a community meeting Thursday evening at Ossining Library and were told the board would make a final decision on the roundabout the first week of May.

In the meantime, the board will be accepting applications through April 18 for 15 members to be appointed to a newly established Downtown Redevelopment Working Committee. Those members are slated to be selected on April 26.

Mayor Victoria Gearity, a strong supporter of the roundabout project, explained construction of the significant intersection change and the committee's work would be progressing on a "parallel track."

"It's a necessary infrastructure upgrade that has not changed," Gearity said of the roundabout. "To do otherwise would be negligible and irresponsible. It would really distinguish us from other towns. An infrastructure upgrade to the intersection should have been done before I was mayor. It's annoying that it wasn't. Our intersection is not up to standards."

The Board of Trustees voted March 22 to table a resolution that would have de-

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### Peekskill Man Honored

John Gilleo, a lifelong Peekskill resident, was the recipient of the Distinguished Public Health Service Award last week in conjunction with National Public Health Week for his advocacy on behalf of comprehensive mental health care for low-income residents and his leadership as a HRHCare Community Health board member. He has also served as president of the tenant's associations for three affordable housing complexes in Peekskill.

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portunity and wish everyone all the best. However, at this point I must reassess my priorities and make a change so that I can provide some needed focus on my personal life and family."

In an email to district staff on March 30, according to a statement posted on the district's website by the Board of Education, Fine further mentioned his need to "regroup" and cited his "health" as another reason for his sudden departure.

Several speakers maintained it was out of character for Fine to leave anything unfinished and demanded answers from the Board of Education, which steadfastly explained it was prohibited from discussing personnel matters in public.

"I have never known Dr. Fine to be a quitter. He's a fighter," asserted Pamela McNair Means, mother of four children in the district. "I feel there's more to it. I want it to be investigated. We want to know as a community what's really going on."

Lauren Brady, a 2003 Peekskill High School graduate and administrative coordinator with the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, also raised some questions.

"To have somebody, who has been committed beyond anything for our community, in one day to be gone who

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PEEKSKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT-TEACHER

ORGANIZATION (PTO).

would never let his students down puts fear in all of us," Brady said. "Dr. Fine has been the first real community leader who has taken our school district and our community and mended those fences."

Others pointed out the constant change in leadership in the district, with four superintendents and 10 high school principals in the last decade.

"Consistency is something that we need here," said Thomas Douglin, a science teacher in the district, who credited Fine with turning the district in the right direction. "Don't let us lose such a precious resource that I'm sure other districts would be happy to snatch up."

A spokesperson for the Yorktown School District, which is currently conducting a search to replace retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ralph Napolitano, refuted a report from a community source that Fine was a leading

candidate for that job.

Peekskill Councilman Andre Rainey called Fine's work ethic "admirable and contagious."

"Your contribution to the city cannot be underestimated," Rainey said. "You have that Obama effect. That's the power and influence that you carry."

Even Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, who was appointed as acting superintendent until the end of the school year, a role he has performed on two previous occasions, felt compelled to speak on Fine's behalf and try to put the community at ease.

"I'm deeply moved by what I've heard here tonight," said Licopoli, who was superintendent when Fine was granted tenure as principal. "In Peekskill, our kids need an equal education. David was part of a collaboration, a team, that developed this vision. Whoever is your new superintendent needs to be that special

person. The next person needs to be a community-based person."

Following the community's turn at the mike, the Board of Education voted unanimously, with regret, to formally accept Fine's resignation, which is effective June 30, as Fine will be using his accumulated vacation and sick leave time to cover his paid leave of absence.

"We are very appreciative of all the work Dr. Fine has done for the district," said board President Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon. "Everything we have done has been with our children in mind. We've weighed all of our options. We've listened. I'm sure Dr. Fine would be moved to know how loved he was, and is, and how many lives he has touched and propelled forward to a better life."



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# Lakeland Board to Seek Reimbursement from School Trustee

By Rick Pezzullo

The Lakeland Board of Education is planning to ask one of its own to reimburse the district after he allegedly violated state law by exceeding a \$750 annual earnings limit while serving on the board.

In an April 6 statement posted on the district's website, the Board of Education, mentioning its "fiduciary duties," stated it will "seek to recover the overpayments made to Board Member Steve Rosen."

According to a published report, Rosen earned about \$23,000 since 2008, receiving more than \$750 eight of the 10 years he has served. President of the Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), Rosen earned the money working for the district, either providing security or operating the scoreboard at sporting events.

A week earlier, the Board of Education issued a statement praising Rosen's contributions on the board and with the SOAC.

"Steve Rosen is known to be a tireless and dedicated youth volunteer in the school community," the board stated. "He is also an important and contributory member of this Board of Education."

Rosen, who did not attend last week's board meeting, has declined to comment on the article that triggered the board's review, but noted he had received a lot of support from the community through phone calls, emails and text messages.

Meanwhile, the Board of Education

also stated the Lakeland Audit Committee will undertake a review of internal controls and procedures.

"Internal controls are reviewed annually by the district's external auditor and have been reviewed in the past by the district's internal auditor," the board stated. "Existing controls will be reviewed this year without waiting for the annual audit."

Last year, Rosen, who resides in Mohagan Lake and works in sales, was reelected to another three-year term.

# Nominations Sought for Westchester Sports Hall of Fame

County Executive Rob Astorino has announced that nominations are open for candidates to the 2017 Westchester Sports Hall of Fame, which honors outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen and sportswomen.

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Hall of Fame offers an excellent opportunity to give these professionals some well-deserved recognition."

The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals, living or deceased, who have gained prominence in their fields and who have made substantial contributions to sports in Westchester County. Since its establishment in 1968, more than 200 individuals have been inducted into its ranks.

A prospective candidate must be at least 25 years old and should be a person

of integrity and good character who has gained prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.

Nominees are reviewed by a committee that selects those who best meet or exceed the criteria of the Hall of Fame. Induction will take place this fall, when each member will be presented with a trophy and have his or her name inscribed on a plaque in the Sports Hall of

Fame gallery at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

All nominations must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 31. A nomination form is available at [countycenter.biz](http://countycenter.biz). Completed forms must be mailed to Westchester Sports Hall of Fame, in care of Kevin Cook, 450 Saw Mill River Rd., Ardsley, N.Y. 10502.

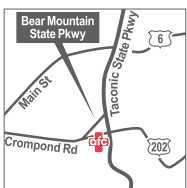
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# Ossining Village Board Joins Right to Bear Arts Movement

By Rick Pezzullo

The Ossining Village Board of Trustees recently joined the "Right to Bear Arts" movement when it strongly opposed President Trump's proposed budget calling for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

At a special legislative meeting on March 29, the board became one of the first municipalities to bring national

politics to a local level when it passed a resolution calling on Congress to reject the draconian budget cuts.

Trustee Rika Levin, who initiated the resolution, said eliminating the funding would have devastating effects on arts in local communities.

"Sixty-five percent of the NEA's direct grants go to small and medium-sized arts groups, which are often the only source of arts funding in many suburban and rural and undeserved communities,"

Levin said. "Every dollar invested by the federal government in the NEA leverages \$7 from other sources. Ossining has a vibrant art community and many of our veterans, seniors and teens participate in the arts for therapy, social inclusion and education."

The board urged every municipality to join the "Right to Bear Arts" nonpartisan campaign of the Creative Coalition and forwarded copies of the resolution to Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Sena-

tors Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

"Eliminating funding for the NEA will not hurt Broadway or Hollywood, but it hurts small town theaters, museums and community arts organizations," Levin said. "It hurts our wounded warriors who experience the healing power of the arts through their participation in NEA funded creative arts therapies, and families who count on after school programs for their children."

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funded the roundabout. Instead of opting to no longer finance \$500,000 in serial bonds for the project that it authorized earlier this year, trustees decided to stand pat while it gauged public opinion on how to proceed.

However, during the meeting at the library, interim Village Manager Paul Fraioli said "we are moving along kind of quickly" on the roundabout with work estimated to start in June and be completed in two to three months.

"We anticipate a fast-paced project," said Fraioli, who noted trustees would get a glimpse on April 19 of what areas of Market Square would be lost if the

roundabout is built.

Former Mayor Miguel Hernandez continued to contend a roundabout would destroy the historic character of the downtown.

"This roundabout is a top up decision that has been made instead of bottom up," Hernandez remarked. "We are introducing something that is foreign to a historic district."

Steven Felsenfeld agreed with Hernandez and took aim at the Board of Trustees.

"We've been lied to by the Village Board that the roundabout would be tabled," he said. "Most people in Ossining don't want the roundabout. The rounda-

bout will be a danger; because of the hard right-hand turn somebody will die."

James Finger, a 15-year resident, said the roundabout was "the most contentious issue that I have known about."

"Maybe the roundabout is a great idea but there's certainly enough intelligent

people who think it isn't," he said. "Three months is in no way, shape or form enough time to develop a master plan for a city like Ossining. There's so much more opportunity for give and take in this community."



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# Astorino Seeks to Stop Closure of Indian Point with Lawsuit

By Rick Pezzullo

County Executive Rob Astorino is looking to put the brakes on the planned closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plants by Westchester filing a lawsuit against New York State.

Flanked by local municipal leaders at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill with the nearby plants in the backdrop last Wednesday afternoon, Astorino maintained the deal reached by Governor Andrew Cuomo, Indian Point owners Entergy and environmental group Riverkeeper earlier this year should be invalidated since a full environmental review was not completed prior to the agreement as required by state law.

"Whether you are for nuclear power or against it, there is no debate that the public had a right to know about the impact of closing Indian Point before the deal was reached by three men in a room," Astorino said. "If our laws are to have any meaning at all, then the process has to be fair, open and reviewable."

"It's hard to imagine an event with a bigger environmental impact than closing a nuclear power plant just outside New York City," Astorino stressed. "The only thing harder to imagine is closing a nuclear power plant just outside New York City without an environmental impact statement."

In early January, Cuomo, Entergy and Riverkeeper stunned local officials when they announced Indian Point would close in April 2021 since it was no longer profitable enough for Entergy.

The announcement sent immediate financial shockwaves since Entergy is a major funding source, providing 33% of annual revenue to the Hendrick Hudson School District, 46% to the Village of Buchanan, 64% to the Verplanck Fire Department, 28% to the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 2% to the Town of Cortlandt and 1% to Westchester County.

"The impact on our village is going to be staggering," said Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker. "What makes matters worse is that we received no advance warning from the state. There was no review process whatsoever. I strongly believe the SEQRA process would have given a better outcome or a plan B in the process."

According to Astorino, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Indian Point ceasing operation would determine the financial toll stemming from the loss of economic activity and property tax revenues, along with thousands of jobs; an expected increase in utility bills; and the environmental and financial consequences of leaving behind spent fuel rods on the site.

"The consequences couldn't be more serious," said County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill), Minority Leader on the Board of Legislators. "This seems to



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

County Executive Rob Astorino flanked by local leaders at Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

*'If our laws are to have any meaning at all, then the process has to be fair, open and reviewable.'* — ROB ASTORINO

be a no-brainer approach to try to get some action. This seems to be the only way we'll get some answers."

For the lawsuit to be initiated in state Supreme Court, the Board of Legislators must approve it by May 8.

"Every man and woman in New York, from every part of the entire economic and environmental spectrum, has an interest in seeking our lawsuit succeed," Astorino said. "A ruling against us says the powerful and special interests can override the environmental protections in our laws."

While Astorino maintained he didn't anticipate any resistance from the Board of Legislators, Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers), chairman of the board, called Astorino's legal attempt "dead on arrival," stressing he didn't see any "path" to the nine votes needed to approve the lawsuit.

Two other board Democrats, Majority Leader Catherine Borgia and Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, also lambasted Astorino's proposal.

"This lawsuit from the County Executive is another foolish waste of Westchester taxpayer money; Now is the time that we should be figuring out how to mitigate

the economic, social, and environmental impacts of Indian Point closing. Entergy has said publicly that the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant was operating at a loss and therefore made the business decision to pull out of operations that are not guaranteed utilities. As a member of Governor Cuomo's Indian Point Closure Task Force, I will continue to advocate for State resources to mitigate economic, job, school district losses and environmental concerns surrounding spent fuel rods," said Borgia (D-Ossining, Croton-on-Hudson, Cortlandt, Briarcliff Manor, Peekskill).

"It is ironic that the County Executive ignores the safety related issues of having a nuclear plant - with accumulating high level radioactive waste - in one of the most densely populated part of the country. Instead he chooses to engage in a bogus lawsuit that would make his friend, President Donald Trump, proud," added Borgia.

"Given the real public health and safety risks of Indian Point's continued operation, working towards closure is the only prudent thing to do," added Shimsky (D-Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington).

Meanwhile, Scenic Hudson signaled

its continued support for closing Indian Point. Riverkeeper was a party to the settlement on behalf of its partners, including Scenic Hudson.

"The historic settlement agreement to close Indian Point is a landmark victory for the Hudson River and the people of New York," said Scenic Hudson Director of Environmental Advocacy Hayley Carlock. "Closing the plant will have great environmental benefits for the Hudson Valley, and put us on the path to reversing decades of serious damage to our river. Sustainable and safe energy resources can replace Indian Point's power, and can do so economically. Additionally, Governor Cuomo and Entergy have committed to help plant workers find new jobs, and school districts and local governments will receive multi-year financial assistance from the state to help recover lost revenue from the plant's closing."

The New York State Public Service Commission also weighed in on the always controversial issue.

"The highly lauded agreement to close the Indian Point Energy Center by April 2021 protects the safety of more than 20 million people in the region, and it enables the state to closely monitor the plant's owner to ensure public safety and mitigate safety risks associated with the plant, including the storage of spent nuclear fuel. The agreement and the state's extensive planning for the closure allows for a responsible and orderly transition to a future without Indian Point. We intend to fully defend our justified actions to ensure public safety," said PSC spokesman Jim Denn.

*'This lawsuit from the County Executive is another foolish waste of Westchester taxpayer money.'*

—LEGISLATOR CATHERINE BORGIA

## Guest Commentary

### Protecting Yorktown's Wetlands

by Linda Miller, PhD

Here we go again: having gutted the law protecting Yorktown's trees and woodlands, the Yorktown Town Board has set its sights on another environmental protection law, our Freshwater Wetlands Law.

The Freshwater Wetlands Law protects wetlands and their valuable functions in balance with the rights of individual property owners. The law regulates the use of wetlands (e.g. building, filling, draining, cutting trees, farming, etc.) through a permitting process. The permit requirement insures each project will be reviewed, possibly with conditions imposed to minimize impact on the wetland, while still allowing the project to go forward. Another benefit of the permit process is that in some cases neighbors must be notified and public input allowed.

Why do we want to save, and even, increase, wetlands in Yorktown? Experience shows that wetland reduction results in more frequent and severe flooding, erosion and subsequent property damage. Wetlands serve the crucial function of controlling flooding and stormwater runoff by storing or regulating natural water flows, preventing the water from finding its way into backyards, basements or across roadways.

Our tax dollars could be spent on infrastructure projects to correct drainage problems, but the wetlands provide the service for free.

Wetlands also act as filters, protecting our water quality. Water in wetlands also seeps into the ground, recharging our aquifers, a crucial benefit for those who depend on well water. Wetlands provide essential wildlife habitat; they help sustain the rich biodiversity that contributes to our quality of life in Yorktown. It's definitely in our best interest to protect wetlands.

The Town Board, however, is determined to repeal the Freshwater Wetlands Law and replace it with a version that significantly weakens wetland protection.

The proposed law is weaker because it reduces the number of protected wetlands. Whereas the existing wetland law protects wetlands 1,000 sq ft or larger, a wetland has to be at least 4,356 sq ft to merit protection under the proposed law, so fewer wetlands will qualify. Town Board members dismiss small wetlands as mere "puddles" that serve no real function; they apparently aren't familiar with the scientific studies showing wetland function is cumulative; several small wetlands together can be functionally as important as one large one. If the Town Board gives away wetlands 1,000 sq ft at a time with no review, how will

we know when the wetlands have been reduced to a critical level? It'll be too late when every rainstorm becomes a flood event on someone's property.

The proposed law is weaker because, unlike the current law, it doesn't explicitly protect wetlands on Town property, and is unclear about the law's application to Town wetlands. Supervisor Grace maintains it doesn't make sense for the Town to comply with the permit process for encroaching into its own wetlands. If the standards for wetland protection are valid, shouldn't the Town be held to the same standards and requirements as private citizens?

The proposed law weakens the requirements for public notifications and input, because it increases the types and scope of wetland encroachments under the Town Engineer's permitting authority. And engineering permits require no public notice. This change means property owners will have less opportunity for input on activities potentially impacting their property, and in fact won't even be notified that a wetland permit is being considered.

The proposed law weakens the oversight of the process for replacing lost wetland function, or mitigation, an essential and visionary part of any law protecting and regulating a natural resource.

Under some wetland permits, there is necessary and unavoidable loss of wetland function, requiring mitigation. It may include establishing new wetlands elsewhere, or rehabilitating a wetland that has been degraded.

Wetland mitigation is difficult, and attempts to replace wetland function often fail. To compensate, wetland specialists recommend wetland replacement be done in a ratio of greater than 1:1, i.e. more replaced than lost. This greater-than-1:1 replacement provision has been eliminated from the proposed wetland law, greatly increasing the likelihood of losing wetland function. And in contrast to the existing law, the proposed law has almost no guidelines for mitigation plans; we won't know if mitigation measures are actually doing the job of replacing lost wetland functions.

Once again, the Yorktown Town Board is focusing on superficial solutions for "streamlining" a permit process. This is short-sighted. We should be paying attention to how natural environmental systems work, not how they look, in order to preserve their functions for the long-term benefit of the citizens of Yorktown.

*The author is a former Yorktown Conservation Board member and environmental consultant to municipalities.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Yorktown 'Drain the Swamp'

To the Editor:

Yorktown's Town Board is literally allowing large portions of Yorktown's wetlands to be drained in favor of land development. Have Town Board members placed their own shortsighted political ambitions and future profits of land developers above the long-term well-being of Yorktown's own citizens? The Town Board

has even eliminated the need to apply for a special permit to build in wetlands, ironically while the official Yorktown website still emphasizes the importance of maintaining and reclaiming wetlands. Majority Council members use terms like "pockets of water", "little puddles", and "just rain runoff" to diminish wetland's importance. The Town Board has even skillfully redefined

what's a wetland to seemingly limit their protection and in doing so limited the protections that wetlands afford us as well. Yorktown is a watershed with reservoirs but now appears isn't as wet as we once thought. Through political sleight of hand and legal wrangling Yorktown's Town Board have maneuvered themselves into a position to dry up as much of Yorktown's wetlands as they want, but to what end? Conservationists and voters need

to monitor how much of Yorktown's wetlands are being permanently destroyed in the name of 'progress'.

Wetlands have suddenly become a shrewd investment. Who will really benefit from newly proposed changes to Yorktown's wetland regulations; taxpayers, land developers or 'swampublicans'? Maybe Yorktown needs to 'drain the swamp' after all.

DAVID WITKOWICH

### Proposed Wetlands Law in Yorktown Weakens Protections

To the Editor,

"You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means." – Inigo Montoya, *The Princess Bride*

On several occasions our Town Supervisor has stated that the proposed wetlands law will "strengthen, not weaken" the existing law protecting our town wetlands. In the proposed law, however, I see little of that "strength."

By redefining protected wetlands as having an area of 4,356 square feet or greater

(the standing law includes wetlands of 1,000 square feet or greater), the wetlands that the town will even consider protecting would be significantly reduced. This is despite the fact that smaller wetlands, in conjunction with other smaller wetlands, can offer similar benefits to a single, larger wetland—serving as habitat and migration stops for wildlife, and water filtration and retention. I don't agree that protecting less of a resource equals "strengthening" its protection.

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## Obituaries

### Daniel Capozzi

Daniel J. Capozzi, a resident of Beacon and former editorial cartoonist at North County News in Yorktown, died April 7 at home surrounded by his family. He was 86.



Daniel Capozzi

Born on January 21, 1931 in New York City, he was the son of Daniel J. and Delphine (Finnegan) Capozzi. On October 17, 1959 at St. Joachim's Church in Beacon, he married the love of his

life, Margaret Hannon.

Mr. Capozzi was an account executive at Young and Rubicam in Manhattan for 20 years until 1979. He then worked at North County News in Yorktown Heights in advertising and as an editorial cartoonist, until his retirement in 2007. He was honored for his cartoons by the New York Press Association.

He was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. A 1953 graduate of Manhattan College, Mr. Capozzi was an active member of both the Manhattan College Alumni Association and Manhattan College Business Men's Retreat Group. He enjoyed cartooning, creative writing, Turner Classic Movies, reunions with family and friends on the Beaverkill River, and was a devoted Brooklyn Dodgers and Mets Fan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Mary Liz Lundgren and her husband Larry of Congers, Daniel J. Capozzi of Long Beach, Anne Capozzi of Manhattan, and Suzy Capozzi of Peekskill; and his grandsons, Patrick Lundgren of White Plains and Thomas Lundgren of Congers.

### William Casey, Jr.

William M. Casey, Jr., a resident of Mahopac and former Ossining High School varsity baseball coach, died April 7, surrounded by his loving family, after bravely fighting cancer for two years. He was 46.



William Casey

He was born in the summer in 1970 in New York, NY to William and Mary Ann (Borck) Casey. He married

the love of his life Kelly (Gagliardi) on August 10, 2008 overlooking the Hudson

River in Poughkeepsie. He was a graduate of Pleasantville High School, and completed his undergraduate and Master's Degree in Education at Iona College and Pace University. He first started his career as a sports columnist covering everything from his favorite team, the NY Yankees, to high school sports for the Gannett (Journal News). He was presently employed as a fifth-grade teacher in the Ossining School District since 2000. He was very passionate about his role as the head Varsity Baseball coach and was so proud of his team. Mr. Casey was an avid sports fan all around, and most en-

joyed playing baseball and golf. He will be remembered for his smile, his kindness, his humor, but most of all his love and devotion to his family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kelly, a teacher in Bedford School District and his incredibly loving young twins, Connor and Madison. Loving son of William Sr. and Mary Ann Casey, who predeceased him in 2007, and his sister Kimberly Wildey (Antony). He is also survived by his cherished five nieces and nephew Kathryn, Abigail, Michael, Juliana, and Daniela. He will truly be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 12 at St. John's Church Evangelist Church Mahopac at 11:30 a.m. Family may receive friends at Cargain Funeral Home 418 U.S. 6 Mahopac, New York 10541 (845)628-5655 [www.Cargainfuneralhomes.com](http://www.Cargainfuneralhomes.com). Tuesday, April 11 from 4-8 p.m. He will be brought to his final resting place following Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Mount Kisco. In lieu of flowers in William M. Casey Jr. memory family would like contributions towards

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## Letters to the Editor

### Indian Point Closing: A Business Man's Perspective

#### To the Editor:

I am a long term investor in real property in the city of Peekskill and the town of Cortlandt very concerned about the proposed "Deal" to close the Nuclear power plants that we have depended on these many years. First I would say that should the ageing plants be retired at a future date as obsolete I would personally recommend that a welcome choice would be to build another state of the art Nuclear facility at the same location to maintain our ever growing needs for continued power supply and the payment of the property tax that we are so dependent upon. Of course the existing jobs would remain and the new construction giving the additional "Real Jobs" the infusion of billions locally in the area.

With immediate results. Hopefully too that the pilot payments this time be spread along more of the local area? The old plants too could become the repository for the spent fuel rods inside the "Containment Domes". I don't believe that any other alternative to the expansion of nuclear energy will come close to meeting our insatiable power requirements in a timely fashion.

As for our financial needs the impact of the closing is unfounded and will prove unbearable to the local municipalities and

the schools resulting in chaos here. Lets face it most of us even brush our teeth with an electric toothbrush and with electric cars the next generation of transportation offered to us. Where are we going to get all that power with an environmental benefit in the time that is needed as a reasonable alternative, when we can't keep up now?

As for the financial alternatives to the financing of educating for our future generations the option should be taken in our society, as a social contract and responsible individual consideration. Isn't it time to take the tax for schools off our property?? Also isn't time to have a surcharge on income for all of us to pay and have the schools funded entirely by the state?? Surely the average homeowner would not object to having his property tax lowered by 60 to 70 % to perhaps pay another 2% in income? Let alone how competitive the commercial interests could compete in the market place without all the gimmicks that have been useless in promoting New York State as a place for business?

I too, thank our County Executive Mr. Astorino and our Peekskill Mayor Catalina for exploring a legal appeal to stop the premature closing of the existing facilities at Indian Point. That is the enlightened and rational ap-

proach as far as many of us feel, to hopefully forestall the process as put forth beyond the closed doors at the Governors behest.

My properties in Peekskill are in sight of the Plants and would more than welcome the addition and I would be happy to invest as I have put forth a residential building for the public, wishing to live on the river here,

as many other investors have put forth similar plans. To many of us, a nuclear facility is more than welcome and not an objection here. I think a lot of our municipal authorities and school officials would agree!

Sincerely,

PHILIP G. MILLER  
Peekskill

### Proposed Wetlands Law in Yorktown Weakens Protections

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The proposed law increases the scope of projects for which the Town Engineer may issue a permit without notices or notification of adjacent property owners, leaving them with no voice in a process that has the potential to cause harmful runoff onto their property. The position of property owners would be weakened, not strengthened, by the loss of input as to what happens to adjacent wetlands.

Finally, the proposed law fails to take into account that we are not always successful in managing Nature. The standing law has a requirement that, when one wetland is compromised or eliminated by changes in use, other wetlands of must be

either created or improved to maintain the current overall benefits provided by wetlands: water filtration, wildlife habitat, and flood prevention or mitigation. The new or improved wetlands have to be more extensive than the eliminated or damaged area. This allows for the possibility of some of the new wetlands areas failing to function in the desired fashion. The proposed law lacks any such assurance. Failing to anticipate predictable hurdles is a weakness, not a strength.

I urge my fellow citizens to learn more about the proposed law, and come to the public hearing on April 18th.

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# Elderly Couple Killed in Yorktown House Fire

By Rick Pezzullo

An elderly couple was killed in an early morning fire Monday on Central Street in Yorktown.

Yorktown Police received a 911 call just before 3 a.m. from a neighbor that a single-family home at 1703 Central Street was on fire. When officers arrived the home was fully engulfed in flames

and they were unable to get inside.

The Yorktown Heights Volunteer Fire Department then arrived and began to fight the fire. Firefighters entered the burning structure and removed Jeffrey Ginman, 74, and his wife, Helen, 70 from the home, but the couple died at the scene.

Yorktown Fire Chief Jason Swart told

reporters the flames from the roof were visible in the downtown area. Once the roof started collapsing, firefighters were forced to retreat and battle the blaze from the outside.

Investigators from the Westchester County Cause and Origin team are looking into the cause of the fire, but police said a preliminary investigation

does not seem it to be suspicious.

Yorktown firefighters were assisted at the scene by Mohegan Lake, Buchanan, Millwood and Bedford Hills fire departments, while Mount Kisco firefighters manned the Yorktown headquarters. Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps and paramedics were also on hand.

## Police Blotter

### State Police

**April 5** - Christopher O'Connor, 20, of Buchanan, was charged with driving while impaired by drugs and possession of a hypodermic instrument after being stopped in a Jeep for speeding on Route 9. A passenger in the vehicle, Sarah Pisanelli, 19, of Verplanck, was also found to be in possession of hypodermic needles and a pipe containing burnt cocaine residue. She was charged with possession of a hypodermic instrument and criminal possession of a controlled substance. Both are due to appear in Cortlandt Town Court April 20.

**March 20**- Carlos Perez, 30, of Lake Peekskill, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs after being stopped on the Sprain Brook Park-

way for erratic operation. Perez was charged with felony DWAI Drugs when a criminal history revealed a previous DWI-related conviction in 2011. He is due to appear in Mount Pleasant Court April 13.

### Yorktown Police

**April 4 - 7:36 a.m.** - A 12-year-old male from Yorktown was charged with juvenile delinquency, the underlying charge being falsely reporting an incident second degree, a Class E felony after Mildred E. Strang School Resource Officer Brian Mundy was alerted by a student that she had received a text message from an unknown number that contained a non-specific bomb threat. Yorktown Police personnel quickly responded to the scene and met with

school officials, who deemed the threat to be unsubstantiated. The investigating officers identified the person who sent the text message as the 12-year-old male. The juvenile's parents were contacted and responded to the school. The juvenile was then issued a juvenile appearance ticket for the above charge and is set to appear in the Westchester County Department of Probation


**April 25.-11:26 p.m.** - Richard Lennox, 26, of Brewster, was arrested on a bench warrant issued by Yorktown Justice Court for failing to appear in court last December after being stopped for driving with no front plate. He also allegedly had a bench warrant issued by the Putnam Sheriff's Office and an arrest warrant issued by the White Plains

Police Department.

**March 23 - 6:23 p.m.** - Damien Luna, 21, of Tampa, Florida, was stopped on Curry Street for disobeying a stop sign. A computer check revealed Luna's driver's license was allegedly suspended for failing to answer a summons on two separate dates and he held two unexpired licenses from different jurisdictions. He was released on \$100 bail and is due in Yorktown Town Court April 25.

**March 22- 12:12 a.m.** - An unidentified 17-year-old male from Yorktown was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh de-

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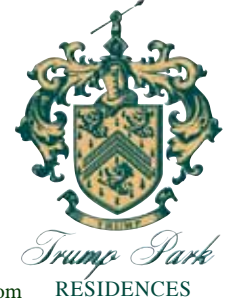
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# Chamber Reveals More Details Leading to CEO's Arrest

By David Propper

When former CEO/executive director of the Great Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Erin Meagher, was arrested for stealing from the business organization, Joseph Tock admitted the chamber suffered a black eye.

But he told chamber members during a State of the Chamber address recently the non-profit hasn't been hit with a knockout punch.

In light of the allegations, Tock, the legal counsel for the chamber, updated fellow chamber members at Four Brothers Restaurant in Mahopac. Tock, during brief remarks, gave further details about Meagher's grand larceny arrest, including a firmer timeline of events and how the board internally handled the situation when financial discrepancies apparently arose. Meagher worked for the chamber for 13 months.

Tock described the alleged theft as a clever scheme meant to defraud the Mahopac Chamber of Commerce. He said about a month ago, board president and vice president, Faith Ann Butcher and Amy Sayegh, respectively, uncovered the potential theft. Once they discovered something, the two called Tock and the trio immediately met up.

During those four weeks leading to the arrest, Tock, Butcher and Sayegh met

at Tock's law office on Route 6, instead of the chamber office because Meagher might be there, he said. At his office, they reviewed documents and financial statements over several days and then called the district attorney's office.

From there, Tock, assistant district attorney Larry Glasser, a district attorney investigator and sheriff office personnel all met multiple times and went over "a lot of evidence."

By March 21, the board was ready to act and so was law enforcement. Tock said at about 9:30 a.m. Meagher was fired from her position and then that afternoon she was arrested by the sheriff's department. The same night, an emergency board meeting was held where Tock urged board members--all volunteers--to not speak to press or comment about the arrest on social media because some board members are witness to the allegations.

Tock also thought it was important to have one voice, and the local attorney thought he was the best person to fit that mold.

"You have a right to feel angry, you have a right to feel upset, you have a right to feel betrayed," Tock said, adding later. "We've been around for 69 years and I submit to you despite the black eye, we're

going to be around for another 69 years, at a minimum."

The chamber also has an insurance policy, Tock noted and whatever money went missing will be replaced and the chamber would be whole again.

Tock said he's met with personnel from the district attorney's office about eight times over the past three-and-a-half weeks and said the investigation was ongoing as of last week. Right now, Meagher is accused of stealing more than \$1,000, Tock said, which equates to grand larceny in the 4th degree, an E felony.

"The district attorney has indicated there may be additional charges and that is certainly a possibility," Tock said. "Sit tight."

Meagher has denied the accusations leveled against her. Meagher's attorney, Kevin Reverri, said Meagher would be vindicated when all the facts are released.

"I believe that I was targeted because of my youth and political affiliation with numerous organizations," Meagher said in a statement to The Putnam Examiner following her arrest.

Three weeks ago, Tock, on behalf of the chamber, wrote a strongly worded statement to fellow chamber members and the press, accusing Meagher of using

the chamber debit card as her personal slush fund to purchase clothes, handbags, shoes and jewelry. He additionally accused her of fabricating false invoices from Amazon to fool the chamber board of directors.

Both Tock and Butcher told members the chamber would work toward implementing better financial controls and policies in the coming months.

Near the end of his remarks, Tock reminded chamber members the community events the chamber organizes, the money it contributes toward scholarships and its other community involvement.

Meagher has a court date scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 in Town of Carmel Justice Court at 6 p.m. Tock encouraged chamber members to attend the court appearance.

"I have a lot of confidence in the district attorney's office that they will do the best possible job," Tock said. "that they will vigorously prosecute this person and they should."



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## Businesses of the Week

# Rock's Smoke Shop Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

Queens resident Rock Liu had such success with owning a smoke shop in Newburgh that he decided to open a second location in Yorktown, which made its debut in March.

A few years ago, Liu recalled recently, he passed by the Commerce Street property that would become the site for his new business and decided to open his second shop in northern Westchester in an industry he was already familiar with. "It looked pretty good," he said.

A wide range of smoking related items are offered at Rock's Smoke Shop, including tobaccos, vapes, E-liquids, pipes, cigars, and smoking charcoal. The store's most popular items are pipes, cigars, E-liquids and roll your own cigarettes, Liu said.

Liu said vaping has become popular recently because it is cleaner than smoking traditional cigarettes and it is used to help some people reduce and eventually stop regular cigarette smoking. There are a variety of levels of nicotine in tobaccos used for vaping and people can even vape without nicotine, he said. Peach, strawberry, vanilla and menthol



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

: Queens resident Rock Liu opened Rock's Smoke Shop in Yorktown in March.

are among the liquid tobaccos available at his store, Liu said. "There are many of them," he said.

The tobaccos sold at Rock's Smoke Shop are natural with no chemicals and are produced in America.

Rock's Smoke Shop is roughly 850

square feet. Not many renovations were needed to open the store, Liu said, noting most of the renovation work was to install equipment.

Liu said most of the customers for his new establishment live in Yorktown.

"We're still new, it's a little bit slow, but

it's getting better and better," Liu said. "As more people know us they come back and come back."

Rock's Smoke Shop is located at 1925 Commerce St. in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-302-2497 or 646-573-1030.

## Police Blotter

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gree after allegedly being in possession of one alprazolam pill. He is scheduled to appear in Yorktown Town Court April 25.

**7:19 p.m.** – Scott Baia, 26, of Yorktown, and Samantha Valdes, 19, of Mahopac, were charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree after police allegedly observed drug activity inside a vehicle at the Jefferson Valley Mall. It's alleged both defendants possessed a marijuana cigarette that was burning and open to public view. They were both released on \$100 cash bail and are due in Yorktown Town Court April 25.

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### Henry Landi

Henry P. Landi, a resident of Yorktown Heights, went to be with his Lord and his beloved wife Felicia, on March 31. He was 88. He leaves behind his five children, MaryAnn Nutly (Albert), Terri Mahadeen (Farris), Cathy Hair,



Henry Landi

Janis DePaola (Victor) and John Landi (Virginia); nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many others who knew and loved him.

Mr. Landi will be remembered as an honorable, loving man whose favorite times were those spent with his family. He served in the Korean War as an Army Pharmacist and would often share his memories of his duty station in Germany. He was an accomplished Research Chemist at American Cyanamid, whose legacy will live on through his many inventions and 40 patents. Donations in his loving memory to: Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017; [alzinfo.org](http://alzinfo.org).

### Mary Duren

Mary S. Duren, a longtime Cortlandt resident, died April 4. She was 83.

Born on January 6, 1934 to Captora Joyner and the late George Smith, she was a graduate of Elizabeth City Teacher's College, and she worked for many years as a teacher at the Woodside and Oakside Elementary Schools in Peekskill, retiring in 1995. On June 8, 1957, she married Donald Duren, who survives her. She was a member of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. She loved cats, and enjoyed her soap operas.

Along with her husband of 59 years, she is also survived by her mother Captora Smith; and her son Darryl (Debbie) Duren, and her grandson, James Duren. In addition, she is survived by her five brothers and one sister: James, Fred, Richmond, Thornton and Samuel Smith, and Florentine Downing.

### Robert "Bob" Knapp

Robert "Bob" Knapp, a resident of Peekskill, died March 31. He was 64.

Born and raised in Peekskill, he was one of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp (deceased). He worked for many years for the Local 235 Laborers Union. He leaves behind his four children, daughters Malinda, BobbieJo, and Holly, and son, Jason. He is also survived by nine grandchildren with a 10th on the way, his siblings Richard "Dickie" George, and Lois, and many more family and friends. He was predeceased by his brother, William "Billy" Knapp.

Mr. Knapp had recently retired to upstate New York. He enjoyed his hobbies

of fishing and hunting. His dream and goal was to retire to his own property in the country, surrounded by mountains and wildlife; his own piece of paradise, with a Pepsi in his hand.

### J. Edward Burguiere

J. Edward Burguiere, Jr., a longtime resident of Ossining, died March 30. He was 84.

He was born in Ossining on August 4, 1932, and was the son of the late Julius Edward and Mary (Johnson) Burguiere.

He attended Ossining schools and was a longtime mechanic at Sleepy Hollow Country Club. He was a member of the Ossining Fire Department, Monitor Hose Co. No. 4 for over 50 years. He was a member of the Ossining Gospel Assembly and later, Fishkill Baptist Church.

Mr. Burguiere is survived by three children, Deborah (William) Mackey, Edward (Cheryl) and Craig (Peggy); his daughter-in-law Susan; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Eleanor (Carlson) and his son Steven.

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# The Kitchen Sink: An Increasingly Decorative Element

When you're at the kitchen sink cleaning lettuce or rinsing dishes, do you ever wonder about the origins of this trusty staple in the heart of your home? Or did you ever wonder where the expression "everything but the kitchen sink" originated?

The answer to the latter question is somewhat obscure, with its earliest reference found around 1918. But there is more reliable information about the sink's history.

I am old enough to remember the days before most people had dishwashers, when children shared the chores of washing dishes over a kitchen sink that somehow seemed higher than necessary for little kids like me. But then, since I was the youngest of three, I never really had to wash the dishes. My older sister and brother, who were tall enough to actually reach into the sink, did the washing. I prided myself on my drying, leaving no telltale drops or streaks.

My mother didn't have a dishwasher until she won one at a drawing at an appliance store when I was 10 years old. I remember the great joy in learning that the new appliance in the house both washed and dried the dishes. It was convenient, yes, but the dishwasher's bottom line effect was that my siblings and I probably spent less time together after its arrival.

I find it fascinating to know the history of everything involved with today's homes, and kitchen sinks probably have the longest history of all, starting in the Neanderthal age. The first sink was simply a large rock that had eroded into a concave shape from centuries of rain. There was not much progress through the ages until the time that households included rooms designated as kitchens. For centuries, most kitchen functions were performed around the cooking hearth or, for wealthier families, in a separate building to lessen the chance of household fires.

During the early 1800s, our first official sink needed water pumped from supply tanks or wells and collected in bowls set into metal troughs. Copper and nickel silver, an alloy of zinc, copper and nickel, were among the first two materials used for the butler sinks usually found in the homes of the wealthy.

One of the most charming features in the oldest wing of my recently sold 1734 home, is a very early 19th century indoor plumbing system, with a hand pump on a wooden counter, directly over an artesian well found in the crawl space below. The water at one time drained into the still-existing metal trough sink, which features a drain for waste water.



By Bill Primavera

In the 1920s, indoor plumbing created the need for sturdy sinks made of non-corrosive materials like copper and nickel, manganese silicon, carbon and iron, and from World War II, porcelain.

With the convenience of the dishwasher, homeowners spend less time toiling at the kitchen sink today, yet it has greater potential than ever as a decorative element, equal in interest to homeowners and decorators as is the countertop and backsplash.

Today's bowls come in a wide range of materials from the expected porcelain to the newest kind of granite composite. There is also a return to copper, which I think is the most interesting material of all in that it develops its own patina with age and proper care.

Kitchen sinks are always best installed from below the countertop and at a lower level so that water and waste materials can be easily scooped into the bowl. More sinks are now available with the drains strategically placed at the back of the bowl so that there is more front storage space in the cabinet below.

More and more, I am seeing installations of the farmhouse kitchen sink, which features an apron that protrudes an inch or two from the countertop to show the full depth of the bowl. It is offered in a variety of stones such as granite, soapstone or limestone. They are also manufactured in cast iron, stainless steel, copper or fireclay, which has

the finish of china.

While there are many options for the kitchen sink, there is always strong sentiment to locating it directly under a window, both to avoid a claustrophobic feeling and to enjoy a pleasant view as we perform otherwise boring chores.

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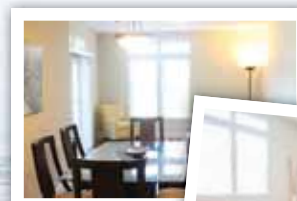
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**Seder In Peekskill:** The 11th Annual Community Seder! Temple Israel of Putnam Valley will be holding its 11th Annual Community Seder on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. Please join us for the unleavened experience of a lifetime! Food, wine, song, and four famous questions. Adults \$30, Children 10 & under \$15. Reservations required. Kindly RSVP no later than April 6th at [rsvp@tipv.org](mailto:rsvp@tipv.org) or (845) 528-2305. TIPV - 137 Lake Drive, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. [www.tipv.org](http://www.tipv.org).

**Holy Week Services:** Holy Week services are continuing at the First Presbyterian

Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. Masses will be held today through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, the Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer and a worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. On April 16, a sunrise service will be held at Downing Park across from the church at 6:15 a.m. followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Worship services will also be held on Easter in the church at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Info: 914-245-2186 or [www.fpcyorktown.org](http://www.fpcyorktown.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) or [www.hyinhealth.com](http://www.hyinhealth.com).

## Wednesday, April 12

**Yorktown Jewish Center Services:** Passover services will continue today and on April 17 and 18 at 9:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

**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 am. 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:** POUND™ 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](http://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 or [www.firsthebrew.org](http://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 chal-

lenging 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, whatever 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, April 13

**Religion Classes:** A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages are being held at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come - and to bring a friend - even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. We meet (almost) every Thursday in the social hall on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.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; March 17 through May 14 and May 19 through July 9. Info: 914-737-4909.

**Demystifying Medicare:** Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is requested at 914-231-3236.

## Friday, April 14

**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.

**Temple Beth Am Shabbat:** Temple Beth Am will "open 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

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**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services at 6:30 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. During the month of February, Rabbi Sternstein will introduce a siddur called Siddur Eit Ratzon, which is filled with modern translation, transliteration, meditation and commentaries. It is designed to work for the traditional "daveners" who is familiar with Hebrew text and for those who want to join in communally sung parts. Siddur Sim Shalom will also be available for those who prefer to use the regular siddur. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

## Saturday, April 15

**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](http://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](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Torah Study:** Study Torah at Temple Beth Am will be held at 9 a.m. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

**Seed Choices:** Seed Choices: The Relevance of Seeds and Our Local Food System will be held S at 10:30 a.m. at the Somers Library. This exploratory discussion offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the idea that we all—gardeners and eaters alike—play a role in stewarding one of our most valuable natural resources: seeds. Shanyin Siegel will lead this informative conversation about seeds and the seed industry, and how they both impact one of the things most essential to our everyday lives—our food. Register online at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call 914-232-5717.

**Art Exhibit:** The Artists of Northern Westchester 51st Annual Art Exhibit, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley, is the longest-running juried art exhibit in Westchester County. The ANW Exhibit was instituted by the late, nationally acclaimed Hudson River painter, George Kelly. Gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (April 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30). Directions can be found on

[uuchudsonvalley.org](http://uuchudsonvalley.org). For more information please e-mail Sheri Brown at [slme-brb@gmail.com](mailto:slme-brb@gmail.com) or call 914-762-8522.

**Yoga Program:** Support Connection announces a free program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday through the end of April 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.

**Historical Society Program:** A memoir and vintage pictures of Chester "Chic" Gilbert, known as the first "peace" officer in the Town of Cortlandt in the 1920s and 30s, will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Ave., Cortlandt. Using his own words and pictures, his daughter, Juanita Gilbert Taylor, and her husband, Jack Taylor, will show a PowerPoint program on screen illustrating the life and times of her late father in his early life in Van Cortlandtville, his service in the Marine Corps, and the proud and dedicated years he served as a New York State Trooper (starting in 1921) and later as Cortlandt's first "peace" officer with a special concern for the school kids in his neighborhood Little Red Schoolhouse. Sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society, the program is free and open to the public. For more information and directions visit: [www.vancort.net](http://www.vancort.net); or, call 914-736-7868.



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4. A place to stay “out of the gutter” in  
Carmel - goes with 24 down  
9. Large, flightless bird  
10. Young Hawaiian women  
12. Suited to the task  
13. Is rife  
14. Montrose’ “prime” athletic club  
16. Not very talkative person  
20. Hated war, informally  
21. Boston Bruin Bobby  
22. Medieval pop singer  
27. Part of a Hall & Oates title and lyrics  
28. Reserved  
32. Storage capacity measurement, abbr.  
33. Spire  
34. Berlioz’s “Les nuits d’\_\_\_\_”  
35. Grand \_\_\_\_ Auto  
36. “\_\_\_\_ Rosenkavalier” (Strauss opera)

DOWN

1. Piles  
2. Mark  
3. Safeguarding  
4. In need of money  
5. More, musically  
6. Tavern or hotel  
7. Simpsons’ neighbor Flanders  
8. Pressure cooker sound  
10. Actor David of “The State”  
11. Assist in wrongdoing  
15. Exec’s note  
17. Star Wars Jedi  
18. Forked  
19. Knowledgeable  
23. Unskilled  
24. See 4 across  
25. Teen spots  
26. I got that, on the radio  
28. Believer’s suffix  
29. To the \_\_\_\_ degree  
30. Inferior grade  
31. Flag thrower

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KDB PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 2/15/17. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **KDB Property Maintenance LLC, P.O. Box 1669, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 197 FOWLER ROAD, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 13, 2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **Timothy J. Maher, 12 Oak Valley Lane, Purchase, New York 10577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MAGDOM, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 3, 2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **Lori S. Gage, 12 Elskip Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of KP & LM, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 29, 2016, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **1 South Broadway Unit 4F, White Plains NY 10601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SWAT LIMO, LLC.** Articles of Organization filling date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 27 February 2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may

be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to **208 West Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MEDINA CONSULTING USA LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/02/2017. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **77 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ENTERPRISE WEB SPECIALISTS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 03, 2017. Office in Westchester County. 3H Agent Services has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. 3H Agent Services shall mail process to: **Enterprise Web Specialists, LLC 1767 Central Park Avenue #374 Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 926 SJA Realty, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on January 27, 2017. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803. The principal business address of the LLC is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC**, a foreign limited liability company ("LLC") Cert. of Formation filed with Sect'y of State of DE, Div. of Corps., PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903 on 3/7/2014. Cert. of Authority filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/16. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: David B. Petshaft, P.C. 222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605 **Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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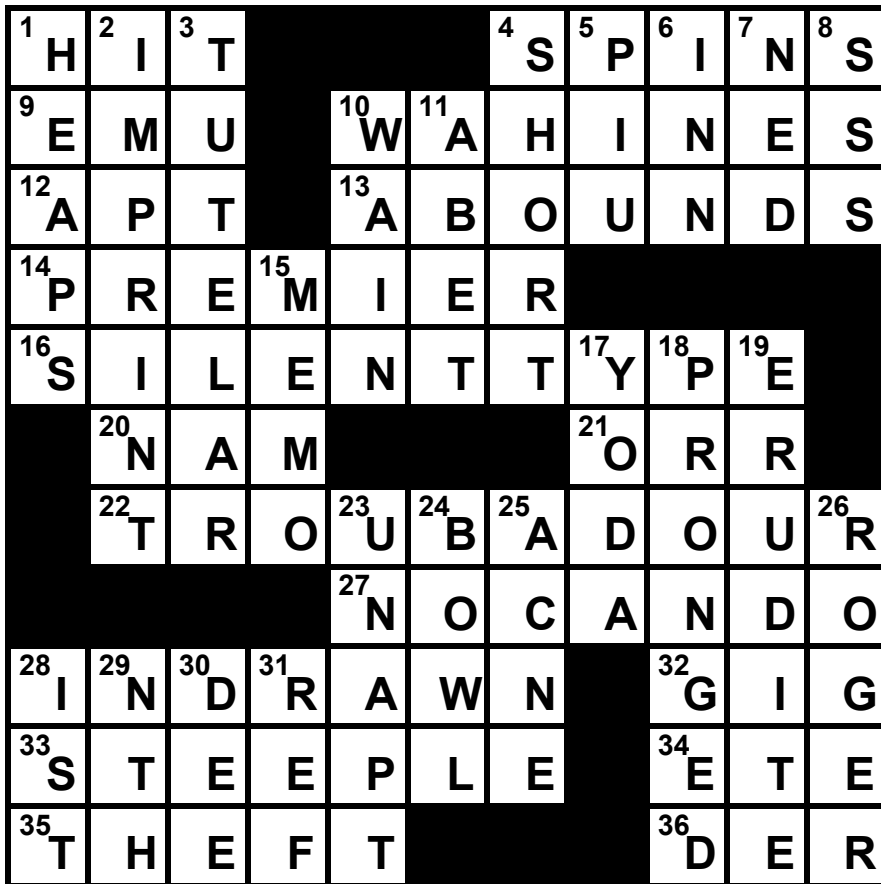
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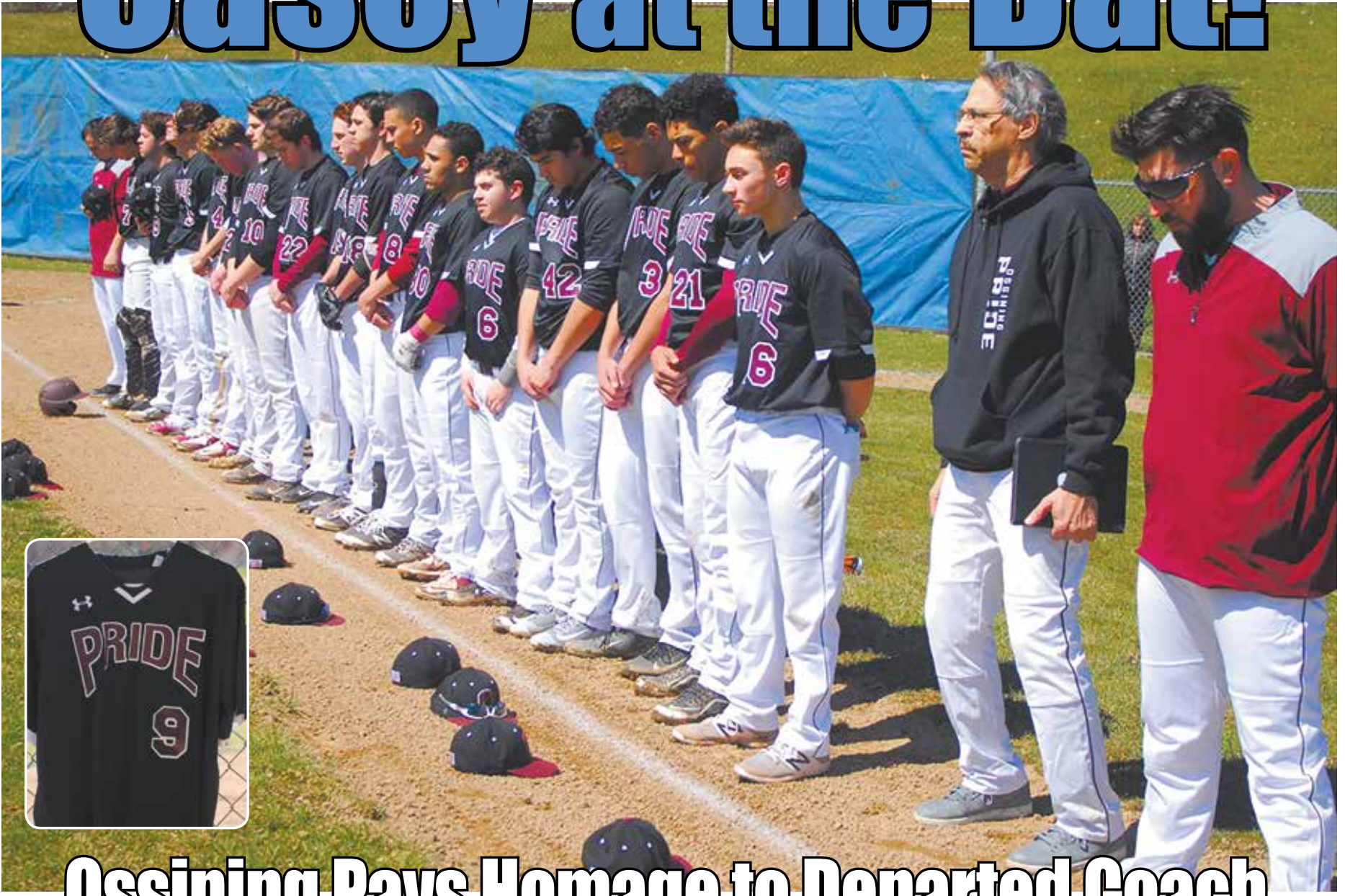




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# Casey at the Bat!



## Ossining Pays Homage to Departed Coach, Beats Mahopac, 8-6

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Prior to Saturday's 8-6 season-opening win over host Mahopac, Ossining players line up for a moment of silence to honor deceased Coach Bill Casey, who lost his tragic battle with cancer the night before. The emotional Pride played the game in #9's beloved honor and rallied for a late-inning victory; what the Pride hope will be the first of many in a season dedicated to the former Mahopac resident and Ossining Middle School teacher... see Baseball Notebook. Memorial services for Casey were set for Monday-Tuesday (4-8 p.m.) at Cargain Funeral Home in Mahopac with burial to commence Wednesday at St. John's Parish (11:30 a.m.)... see Baseball Notebook



# Sports

## Baseball Notebook

# Ossining Sobs, Rejoices in Memory of Coach Bill Casey

## Undefeated Hen Hud, Croton off to Hot Starts During Ice Cold Spring

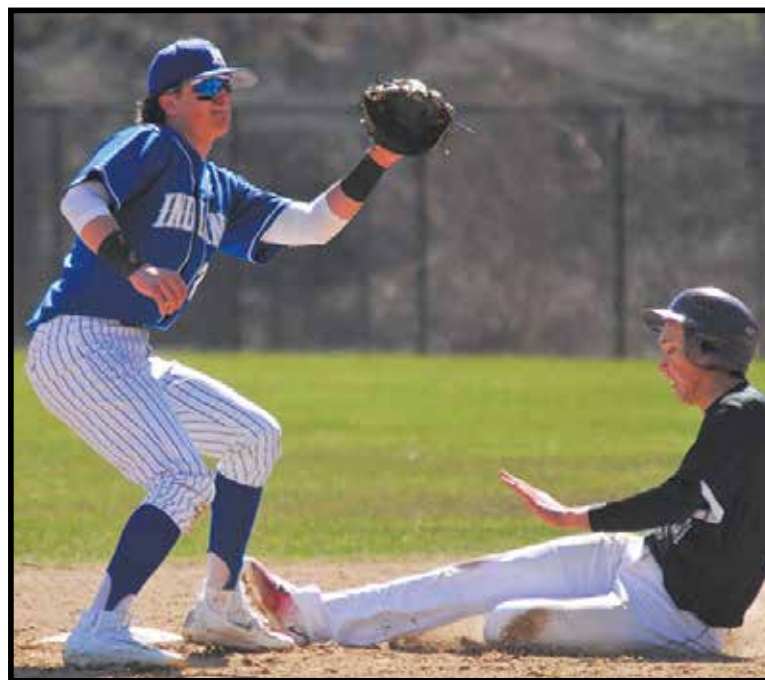
By Ray Gallagher  
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Section 1 baseball lost two of its loved ones last week, including longtime legendary Eastchester Coach Dom Cecere and Ossining's Bill Casey, a beloved, genuine, soft-spoken soul.

Casey, a 46-year-old Middle School teacher at Ossining, who also worked for The Journal News, and the old North County News as a sports reporter between 1990-2000, passed away last Friday after battling squamous cell carcinoma for several years. He leaves behind four-year-old twins and a wife, Kelly, who was married to one of the nicest, kindest men I've come across in all my years on the local sports circuit.

Unassuming, yet so pro-active, Bill Casey, affected more kids in a day than most do in a lifetime. A loving dad, devoted husband, teacher, coach and media member; there was nothing he couldn't conquer... save for cancer. Like he did in all walks of his life, Casey went down swinging. He battled this rare form of cancer for some two years before succumbing, going as far as to pursue experimental treatments in the Philippines. His approach to cancer was like his slant to coaching: you try anything to win. Different methods, different ideology, whatever it takes to survive the day-to-day battles and get the most out of life.

Ossining played its season opener on



Ossining's Manny Sanchez slides in safely under tag of Mahopac SS Pat McGee in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Saturday, not even 24 hours after Casey's passing; because that's what Casey would have wanted. As free a spirit as we've seen around the Section 1 diamond in a long time, Casey would want the Pride to thrive in his honor, and that's what Casey's old team did at Mahopac High, just a few miles from his home. The Pride outlasted Mahopac, defeating the Indians 8-6, while avenging last year's season-ending playoff loss; Casey's last game behind the bench. How fitting!

Pride Manager Scott Deleso admitted it was a tough 24 hours, but he and the Pride basked in the glow of what Casey would have demanded from them; a winning effort and attitude.

"The whole day I tried to get my emotions in check to be strong for our team," said Deleso, who was torn up inside but held things together like a champ. "On the way to the game today I think I cried the whole drive over. When we got to the field, I took the players together and just talked to them for a little bit about how much Coach Casey would want us to play today. I told the kids it's ok to be emotional today, it's ok to cry."

"One of Coach Casey's favorite quotes was 'You can only control your attitude and effort,' and I told the kids that's what we will do today," he added. "I told them that today's game is so much more than a game of baseball and that it was about honoring the memory of Bill, who did everything in his power to make sure he was on this field with the kids. The kids were extremely emotional before we took infield/outfield and slowly settled into the game that Bill loved."

When the Pride lined up for the national anthem and the moment of silence,

they fought back tears. Mahopac Coach Chris Miller said he would have bought in bagpipers to honor Casey, but Deleso said the wounds were too fresh.

"Once the moment of silence was over I pulled our team together and told them one of Coach Casey's favorite quotes: 'Any day on a baseball field is a good day' and win or lose just go have fun and honor him the right way," said Deleso, who used Casey as his own personal rock upon the passing of his beloved mom to cancer just a few years back.

The game was just a blur for Deleso,



Ossining's Tyler Hernandez scurries back to bag as Mahopac 1B Matteo Avalone awaits throw in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians Saturday.



Mahopac C Chris Montuoro picks up Coach Chris Miller's signal in Indians' 8-6 loss to Ossining.



# Sports

## Baseball Notebook



Mahopac LF Dylan Brehm comes up just short of diving catch in Indians' 8-6 loss to Ossining.

who was at a loss for words in the post-game huddle after the Pride's impressive sophomores Matt Minihan, who sparked at 3B, and P/OF Peter Bossinas knocked in three runs apiece to secure victory in the late innings.

"The team huddled afterward and I could barely get any words out before I just started crying along with the kids," he said. "I just said what better way than to honor Bill then to beat Mahopac; the place where he coached his last game. We always talk about family and that is what we are and we lost a huge part of our family and Coach Casey would be proud of us. Clearly, today was so much more than a baseball game. It showed how many lives that Coach Casey touched."

Countless, comes to mind...

### AROUND THE DIAMOND

Games are backing up left and right due to the crummy weather/field-related conditions throughout the region, but **HEN HUD** is off and running at 3-0 after wins over Yonkers, Byram Hills and a most-impressive 6-5 win over reigning Section 1 Class A champion John Jay CR.

Against Jay, the Sailors rallied in the bottom of the seventh for the win, erasing a 5-3 deficit when Jack Kelly doubled to start the rally. Jack Attinelly (2 hits, 2 RBI) singled him home, C Dan Weimer doubled home Attinelly, Joe Grullon hit by pitch and Pat McGovern ensured the walk-off win when he singled in winning run.

In the 11-1 in over visiting Yonkers Sailor ace Jack Attinelly allowed one hit over five innings for the win. He was supported by junior slugger Jack Kelly, who mashed two triples and knocked in five. Jordan Grullon added three RBI for the Sailors.

In the 4-1 win over Byram, No.2 hurler Matt Luis was the story. The senior lasted 6.2 innings, allowing just one run, five hits and two walks. He was supported by Weimer, who went 2-3 with two RBI and McGovern (2-3, RBI).

The Sailors are on a collective mission, where no one player is above the team; just ask senior OF Nick Cunningham.

"While guys on our team might not be recognized as the top players in the

section, we have a lot of good players and the whole of our team is greater than the sum of our parts," Cunningham said. "We are going out there trying to have fun and play baseball like we've done so far this year. We are just taking it game by game and the most important game is the next one."

**LAKELAND** managed to get in one game, an 8-3 opening-day win over visiting Carmel last on Monday, April 3rd.

Against the Rams, Lakeland senior OF Austin Cassese showed some serious potential when he went 2 for 3 with a double, a bomb and three RBI to support lefty chucker Matt Mikulski. The senior was dominant in his Lakeland debut, allowing a pair of earned runs over 5 1/3 innings. He worked ahead in the count and managed eight whiffs to earn the win.

"We saw their No.1 and he looked the part," Carmel Coach Joe Hackert said. "He got ahead of us and was really comfortable in the counts and had us taking some bad approaches. It was one of our first days on a field with live pitching and he's a good one."

**MAHOPAC** played typical Mahopac ball in a 4-3 season-opening win over host Clarkstown North when Chris Montuoro drove home the winning run with a suicide squeeze in the seventh. Anthony Simeone scored twice for the tribe and Matt Montera had an RBI. Indian reliever John Ravoli struck out two in the seventh for the win.

But the Indians weren't particularly sharp against Ossining, as six walks were issued, leading to eight earned runs. The Indians left 10 men on base. Mahopac 1B Matteo Avalone doubled twice but was stranded in scoring position on both counts. Dylan Brehm scored twice and knocked in another for the Indians, who were set to face rival Carmel Monday.

### CLASS B

**CROTON-HARMON** is surging out of the gate. The Tigers started the week by defeating host Rye Neck, 4-3, Keio, 5-1, and Blind Brook, 7-2, before closing out the week with a 7-0 win over **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Saturday.

Croton took full advantage of five PV errors, which opened the flood gates to runs in each of the first four frames, including two in the first and three in the fourth, and that was all senior P Chris Colombo would need in an overwhelming effort. His fastball had too much zip for Put Valley hitters, who hadn't faced a live pitch all spring. Colombo fanned 11 Tigers

in five frames, ripping through a PV lineup that needs some quick fine tuning.

"Put Valley made a couple mistakes that helped us take an early lead," Croton boss Eric Rosen said. "Our bats are off to a great start. Through four games we have



Hen Hud Coach Dutch Pritts has some sage advice for C Dan Weimer in Sailors' 4-1 win over Byram Hills last Wednesday.

position with two outs our guys come through; in particular Luke and Casieri. Our pitchers have not allowed an earned run yet either and they are striking out guys regularly. We need to clean up some stuff defensively while we are down south



Mahopac SS Pat McGee can't get tag down in time on Ossining's Tyler Hernandez in Pride's 8-6 win over Indians Saturday.

six hitters over 300. Senior Max Ambros has really jump started our offense going 7-11 through the first four games with three or four walks to boot."

Croton 2B Nick Casieri added a couple of RBI hits with two outs. With a 4-0 lead and two outs in the fourth, Colombo crushed a three-run yard bomb over the left field wall for the final margin.

In general, Croton is crushing it. Freshmen phenom Max "Bubba" Luke is hitting .500 and has had several clutch hits.

"We have done an outstanding job hitting in the clutch," Rosen said. "It seems like every time we have a runner in scoring

(Fla.). If we can do that and continue to hit in the clutch good things will continue to happen as our schedule becomes more challenging (including defending Class C champion North Salem)."

Against host Blind Brook, Croton P Gabe Corser threw a complete game and did not allow an earned run while getting major support from Brian Mackay (2 2Bs, 2R, RBI). Against Rye Neck, All-League P Chris Colombo had two double and three RBI for the Tigers.

Baseball Coaches are encouraged to send stats/results/web page info to [raygallaghersports@gmail.com](mailto:raygallaghersports@gmail.com)



## Sports

## Softball Notebook



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Yorktown's Julianne Strauss barrels up a ball in Huskers' 28-1 win over visiting Hen Hud Saturday.



Yorktown players mob Kaitlyn Bennett after she went yard in Huskers' 28-1 win over Hen Hud.



## Yorktown, Lakeland Come Out Swinging in Routs



Hen Hud's Angie Serrano can't tag down on Yorktown's Kami Johansen in Huskers' 28-1 rout of Sailors.



Lakeland 2B Cameron Lischinsky tripled, doubled, scored twice and knocked in a run in 21-0 rout of visiting Beacon.

## Girls LAX Notebook

# Yorktown's Fusco Scores 100th Goal, Adds to Family Lore

By Tony Pinciario

Yorktown senior Rilea Fusco was not aware of her accomplishment, even after her teammate said something to her prior to the draw.

"After I scored, we went back to the draw circle and McKenna Duff asked me if I had just scored my 100th goal because she thought she just heard that said," said Fusco, with a laugh.

Duff was correct as Fusco hit the century mark for career goals, doing so during a five-goal effort in Yorktown's 18-9 victory over Guilderland (Section 2).

Fusco also collected seven assists.

"I had no idea I was coming up on 100," said Fusco, who will join older brother, Austin, at Syracuse this fall. "After the game everyone was coming up to hug me and congratulate me. It's definitely an accomplishment and something to be proud of."

Fusco said her goal was nothing fancy. She picked up a loose ball and put a shot on net. What made the goal special is that it came in a victory and Fusco explained that it was on the same field where Yorktown won its 2016 regional final.

Fusco is continuing the family tradition established by her father, an All-American member of the first Yorktown boys' lacrosse team to play for a state title. Her older brothers Frank and Austin also played for Yorktown. Frank played at Drexel and Austin is a red-shirt sophomore and defensive midfielder for the Orangemen. Fusco said she is excited about going to Syracuse with Austin.

"Rilea is one of the hardest workers we have ever had," Yorktown assistant coach Lauren McAulay said. "She loves the game and her team. She wants to do whatever she can to help our team win."

The victory over Guilderland followed up a 15-9 triumph over Walton (Ga.). The consecutive wins were just what the Cornhuskers were looking for after Darien (Ct.) controlled the second half in a recent win over the Huskers.

Following the Darien game, Yorktown was angry because it trailed, 6-4 at halftime, but did not score in the second half.

"We couldn't get the ball," said Fusco of the Darien game. "They played really well and I think we could have played better, like we showed in the first half. I think we had a lack of patience on attack and we were getting frustrated. We were disappointed and talked about it in the locker room and the next practice."

Yorktown addressed what it felt it needed to do from the Darien game and responded.

"Coming from that loss, we needed to play two halves and we came out with intensity and momentum," said Fusco of the Walton game. "The next couple of days in practice we worked hard to be the best we can be."

Michelle Seger netted eight goals against Guilderland and Caroline Keenaghan added a goal and five assists as Yorktown improved to 3-1 this season.

Yorktown will host 2016 Section 1 Class A champion North Rockland and travel to perennial Class A power, Suffern, Thursday.

SOMERS opened the week with a 13-3 victory over HEN HUD, but Mother Nature failed to cooperate so the Tuskers' game with Rye was cancelled.

Loyola-bound Livy Rosenzweig led Somers with a hat trick. Katie Campbell added two goals and two assists and Teagan Lucchese finished with two goals. Sophia Fiorino, Hannah Tiso, Emma Kittredge, Caitlin Spor, Jen Campbell, Jordan Cavaliero each had one goal. It was Spor's first varsity goal.

"We played a solid full 50 minute game and continue to work on gelling and building our chemistry," Somers' coach Jamie Pyschlak said. "We're looking forward to our next game to continue to improve."

Fiona McGovern had one goal and one assist for Hen Hud. Kira Varada and Kamryn Sherman also had goals.

MAHOPAC split two games, dropping an 11-6 verdict to defending Section 1 Class A champion North Rockland before rebounding with an 11-9 triumph over Briarcliff.

Gabby Light had three goals and two assists against North Rockland and Caroline Raymond added two goals.

Mahopac held a 6-1 lead over Briarcliff at halftime and extended its lead in the second half. The final score was indicative of Mahopac's control.

"After a tough loss it is nice to get right back on track and defeat a hardworking team like Briarcliff," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. "Briarcliff never backed down and pushed us to the limit, and I am

grateful we were able to hold on and finish the week off with a victory."

Marella Verde, Morgan Kirby and Katie McDonough had two goals apiece and Caroline Raymond added a goal and two assists. Emily O'Shea allowed one goal in the first half. Natalie Scanlon led Mahopac, scooping up eight groundballs and Kirby picked up six.

PUTNAM VALLEY went 1-1 for the week. The Tigers devoured Blind Brook, 18-3, but dropped a 15-5 verdict to North Rockland.

Jackie Phillips and Emma Rippon each had four goals against Blind Brook. Madelyn Deegan finished with three goals and Gillian Hanson had two. Melissa Clements, Maria Dedvukaj, Kaitlin Cohen and Jessica Denike all had a goal and an assist. Colleen Cassidy scored and Lindsay Cohen had an assist.

Cohen finished with two goals and an assist against North Rockland and Deegan scored a goal and set up two others.

BREWSTER, like Somers, had a game washed out because of April showers so the Bears lone action was an 18-9 loss to Mamaroneck.

"It was a tough game for us, but we learned a lot," Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. "Mamaroneck came out strong and we needed to make a few adjustments."

Lauren Craft had a hat trick for Brewster and Meagan Beal and Marina Souza had two goals apiece. Maggie DePaoli had a goal and an assist, Haile Ratajack scored and Dani Regan collected two assists.



# Sports

## Boys' Lax Notebook

# Yorktown's 2-2 Start: A Concern or Just Part of Grueling Schedule

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There are whispers out there already: Folks taking aim at Yorktown's almost unblemished image. With so much promise and so many players returning from a NYS Class B championship loss to Jamesville DeWitt, Coach Sean Carney's Huskers were supposed to come ripping out of the gates. Instead, the Huskers are 2-2 following Saturday's 11-8 setback at the hands of NJ power Bridgewater-Raritan (4-0).

Okay, so before we go ahead and put the cart before the horse, let's remember Yorktown's schedule, which is what we need to bear in mind every time we think: Wow, maybe this is the year John Jay knocks off six-time defending Section 1 champ Yorktown for the Class B title; or wow, Lakeland/Panas should win the coveted Murphy Cup this year for just the fourth time since 1990.

We'll remind you in this particular Lax Notebook that Yorktown has owned John



Jamison Embury's Yorktown Huskers are 2-2 through four games, leading skeptics to wonder when they will hit their expected stride.

Jay and Lakeland/Panas to tunes nobody else can sing. And, yes, the Huskers would prefer to be 3-1 or 4-0 after the first 10 days of the season, but it is what it is when you put Darien, ranked No.15 in the country (USA Today poll), and B-R, fresh off a 19-1 season in NJ, on the docket. Husker M Dom Cioffi had three goals against B-R. Them Embury boys, Jamison and Hunter, had two goals apiece and senior Kyle Casey set up four tallies, but the whispers continued into Sunday.

Here's the rub. John Jay is fresh off a 17-16 overtime win against perennial LI power Smithtown East, once ranked No.16 in the country (USA Lax); the country, dude, not the county or the state. Additionally, John Jay went toe-to-toe with LI power Manhasset, ranked No.25 in the country (USA Today), in an 11-10 OT loss. Simply put, Tim Schurr's Indians cannot be overlooked, not that Yorktown, which is still waiting for Notre Dame-bound

All-American D Jose Boyer (back strain) to get healthy, would ever do so.

And Lakeland/Panas has been nothing short of magnificent in wins over Section 2 power Shenendehowa and a 15-12 win over visiting CHSAA power Iona Prep last Saturday. Both Jay and L/P have been impressive in the early going.

Here's the point: While Yorktown is still Yorktown; the team that should – on paper – waste the rest of Section 1, it's doesn't appear, at least in early April, to be the foregone conclusion we anticipated in our preview issues. Still, there's a panic button out there, but no one in Yorktown is remotely close to pushing it, while the naysayers are ready to pounce.

The beautiful part about all of this is we'll get a better idea of the future this Saturday when the Huskers host John Jay at the Murph

### News & Notes

**LAKELAND/PANAS** worked a calm, cool and collected win over a quality Iona Prep club. Lakeland senior Tim Fallo had four goals and one assist for the undefeated Rebels (4-0). Junior A Jo-Jo Janavey sniped and dished, going for three goals and two assists while senior Sean Makar had three extremely huge goals.

No matter what happens across town, the reigning Class A champion Rebels are a competent bunch.

"I believe we have gotten off to a very good start," Makar admitted. "I think this is due to the hard work and dedication from our off-season and practice every day. Also, our experienced coaching and knowledge of the game helps. We are all

fired up to get back to the section championship and the sideline energy and competitiveness is going to get us there."

The Rebs will see Mamaroneck this Thursday in a game that should go a long way in determining everything from the Class A pecking order to who walks in with the most swag in late May...

Don't look now but **CARMEL** is 5-1 after an 18-6 win over Clarkstown North, a 10-7 win over New Rochelle, and 13-3 win over Haldane and a feisty triumph of Putnam Valley last week.

Against New Rochelle, Jaden Pellino notched a hat trick and John Melito scored twice for the suddenly-surgeing Rams, who are noticeably better but still

got waxed by Tappan Zee, 16-4, so let's keep it in perspective.

Mike Telesco scored a career-best eight goals against North and Richie Duffelmeyer added a hat trick. Joe Meyers scored five goals for the Rams in the win over Haldane. What the keen eye notices is the fact that Carmel's scoring is way balanced...

Little known Reese Andrews made a name for himself last week, bagging his first career hat trick and adding an assist to lead **YORKTOWN** to a 14-2 win over Suffern. Jamison Embury had a goal and two assists. Burly Justin Cavallo added two goals and one assist. Hunter Embury (5 of 6 on draws) and Anthony Altimari each scored twice for the Huskers while Kyle Casey added a goal and two assists...

**MAHOPAC** suffered and 11-9 loss to Mamaroneck as the pecking order began to develop in Class A, which shows an impressive defending champion – Lakeland/Panas – leading the way; though the Indians (2-2) proved early on they will be among the prime-time players for the crown. Mamaroneck, though, has had Mahopac's number since 2011...

**SOMERS** is probably the best 1-4 team we've seen in quite some time. Don't be fooled by the losses. The Tuskers are better than the record would indicate...

**PUTNAM VALLEY** saw Brian Conti bag a career-high four goals to lead the Tigers to an 11-7 win over **OSSINING**. PV middle Mike Nolan added three goals and an assist in the Tigers' first win of the year. Liam O'Connor had five goals for the Pride.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland-Panas has had much to celebrate during a torrid 4-0 start.



# Pitcher Perfect!



## Lakeland's Walsh Fires Gem in 21-0 Win

Lakeland senior chucker Colleen Walsh flashes the windup and delivery that led to a perfect game in the Hornets' 21-0 season-opening win over visiting Beacon last Wednesday when Walsh whiffed 10 batters in five innings before the 'Mercy Rule' was applied on the Bulldogs. Walsh (4 for 5) also drove home three runs and scored three while Olivia Knopf (3 runs) and Claire Fon each had four RBI for the 2016 Class A runner-up Hornets.

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