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Pantries Benefit from Turkey Trot

This past Thanksgiving, two local food pantries were grateful to the more than 400 runners that participated in Senator Terrence Murphy's First Annual 5k Turkey Trot in Yorktown. St. Mary's Food Pantry in Mohegan Lake and St. John's Food Pantry in Mahopac each received a check for \$2,836.18 on January 24 from Murphy in his local office.

Local Officials Feel Shortchanged by Gov. with Indian Point

By Rick Pezzullo

Members of the Indian Point Community Unity Task Force lashed out last week at Governor Andrew Cuomo for not including any funding in his proposed 2018 state budget for local municipalities who in a few years will collectively be losing \$32 million annually in revenue when the nuclear power plants in Buchanan stop operating.

"I'm disappointed there were no funding or recognition for any of the work we're doing," Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter

remarked at Cortlandt Town Hall. "His budget is absolutely silent on anything on Indian Point. It makes me wonder if the absence of the acknowledgement of Indian Points sends a message. We have to keep ensuring our communities that this is front and center."

It has been one year since local officials were blindsided by the announcement from Entergy, Cuomo and Riverkeeper that the Indian Point nuclear power plants, which have been a major energy producer and employer in the region since 1962,

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Peekskill Police Arrest Two Following Armed Robbery

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Police made two arrests following an armed robbery January 22 on the 900 block of Main Street.

Police responded to the neighborhood at approximately 7:15 p.m. after a report of a dispute between a male and a female. Officers found a male subject in distress and learned he was the victim of an armed robbery.

The victim told police he had been accosted by a female who threatened him with a razor and a male accomplice who pinned him against a wall and stole his wallet. Officers called in a description of the suspects and within minutes located two individuals matching the descriptions two blocks away.

The female, Saraya Bailey, 40, of Harrison Avenue in Peekskill, was detained,

while the male, later identified as Derrick Dickey, who claimed to be homeless, was able to elude officers.

Bailey was found to be in possession of a razor knife. Dickey, who was apprehended a short time later, was found to be in possession of money believed to have been stolen from the victim. The stolen wallet was recovered a short distance from the crime scene.

Bailey and Dickey were both charged with robbery in the first degree, a Class B felony.

Police Chief Eric Johansen commended Sergeant Sue Bielomvza and police officers Nick Franco, Alvaro Farias and Scott McDonough for their quick response and teamwork that led to the quick arrests of the suspects.



Derrick Dickey



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Officials Feel Shortchanged by Gov. with Indian Point

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would be shutting down in 2021.

Since that time, government, school and community leaders have been meeting to seek ways on how to replace the funding and 1,100 permanent jobs. Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. The Town of Cortlandt will be taking an \$800,000 wallop.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said she was hopeful additional funding would be set aside in a special cessation fund that has been established by the state for about eight communities that are facing similar revenue setbacks. The fund currently has approximately \$45 million.

“We’ll never recoup that money (\$32 million from Indian Point), but maybe we can put a dent in it (by attracting some new businesses,” Puglisi said. “There’s no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It’s going to be difficult to get close to that loss. This is such a unique situation here. The state needs to set up a cessation fund just for us. The fact that they didn’t put one red cent in the cessation fund is outrageous.”

Cortlandt is putting aside \$100,000 each year from its annual budget specifically for post-Indian Point and last

week hired an economic consulting firm, AKRF, that Puglisi noted the town will be requesting the state and/or Entergy to pay the estimated \$75,000-\$100,000 bill for.

“Now it’s time to play hard ball,” Puglisi said. “The clock is ticking.”

Councilman Richard Becker and others agreed the task force needed to be more pro-active in its approach, instead of waiting for some assistance. One idea mentioned was chartering a bus to lobby state representatives in Albany.

“We have to light their hair on fire,” Hochreiter said. “I think it sits in their lap.”

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) stated it will be a challenge trying to deal with the state’s projected \$4 billion deficit.

“Hudson Valley families aren’t looking for deaf rhetoric and empty promises, but rather solutions on important items like the closure of Indian Point, controlling Albany’s spending and cutting property taxes,” he said.

Under the pact reached by Entergy, Cuomo and Riverkeeper, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event

of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy.

Last spring, the governor also set up a special task force, which Puglisi, Hochreiter and Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker sit on, and the state has retained a consultant to specifically address the reuse of the 240-acre site. That

report is expected to be completed in April.

“What are we going to get out of it? A report tied up in a nice red bow?” Puglisi said.

Puglisi noted Westchester County Executive George Latimer may appear at the 23-member local task force’s next meeting in February.

Entergy, Utility Workers Union Reach Contract Agreement

By Rick Pezzullo

Entergy and the Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2 reached an agreement last Wednesday on a new four-year contract for the union’s approximately 330 workers at the Indian Point Energy Center.

The agreement between Entergy and union leadership will have to be approved by the union membership in a vote that is expected to take place within the next few weeks. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

“This agreement benefits all parties – the workers, the union, and Entergy. I applaud the union’s negotiating team, led by James Slevin, for its continued discus-

sions to reach an amicable agreement,” said Tony Vitale, site vice president and Entergy’s top official at Indian Point. “All of our employees will continue to focus on their mission to provide reliable power to millions of New Yorkers through the date of permanent closure in 2021.”

Indian Point Energy Center, in Buchanan, which employs nearly 1,000 employees, is home to two operating nuclear power plants, Unit 2 and Unit 3, which generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County.

The nuclear plants are slated to shut down in 2020 and 2021.



Life-Saving News For Women

What you need to know about cervical cancer screenings...

Ask the doctor

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Q: What causes cervical cancer?
A: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes about 90 percent of all cases. HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that is so common, most people will have it at some point in their lives. Certain strains of HPV can cause changes on a woman’s cervix that may result in cervical cancer. Additional risk factors include smoking, extended use of birth control, and having many sexual partners.

Q: What are the symptoms of cervical cancer?
A: It’s important to realize that in most cases, there are no symptoms. Uncommon symptoms include unexplained vaginal bleeding, bleeding after intercourse and abnormal vaginal discharge. Given that the HPV strains that can lead to cervical cancer *are themselves asymptomatic*, it becomes clear why you must be regularly screened for cervical cancer.

Q: How often should I have a Pap smear?
A: New guidelines recommend women have a Pap smear and HPV test every three years starting at age 21 until age 65, provided you have no risk factors or abnormal Pap smears. This regimen makes it extremely likely the disease will be caught while still in the highly

curable pre-cancerous stage. Some women require more frequent screenings. At each visit, your gynecologist will evaluate all risk factors and determine if you need a Pap smear. Although the recommendations call for getting a Pap smear every three years, annual gynecologist visits are extremely important to your health. Pelvic exams, Pap tests and breast cancer screenings help detect problems at an early and potentially highly treatable stage.

Q: What about the HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer?
A: Two other forms of prevention include the condom and the HPV vaccination, which protects against several strains of HPV known to cause cervical cancer. It does not, however, protect against all strains. I often recommend to my patients that they get the vaccine when they are considering becoming sexually active. Note that the vaccine does *not* replace the need to practice safe sex or to get regular Pap smears.

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Pet Crematory Celebrates Recent Opening in Yorktown

By Anna Young

It's never easy losing a pet, but the owners of the newly opened Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory in Yorktown want to ensure every pet is treated with dignity, love and respect.

Owners Eric and Liz DiBartolo celebrated their grand opening on Sunday surrounded by local officials and members of the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce. Eric DiBartolo, president of the chamber and also co-owner of Yorktown Funeral Home in Shrub Oak, said as a dog lover he wanted to deliver a service that provides empathy and comfort during a challenging time in a family's life.

"There are a lot of people that don't know aftercare for pets is completely different than aftercare for humans," he said. "There's really no regulations and a pet is a huge part of the family, so we're

taking it to the next level and we're excited."

Rainbow Bridge offers around the clock, on-call pickup services, private and communal cremations, personalized urns, and a comfortable waiting room where clients can wait for their pets remains or watch the process via camera system. Clients can expect their pet remains within 24 to 48 hours.

Private cremation takes place in a cremation chamber at the state-of-the-art facility on Front Street, with a private vehicle available to transport the pet from the home or veterinary clinic. A unique ID tag is placed with the animal and the remains are placed in a decorative urn and hand delivered to the family. The family will also receive a certificate of cremation, framed Rainbow Bridge poem with the animal's photograph, a clipping of the pet's fur in a laminated pouch, and their paw print in hardened clay along with a grief package.

Complimentary private cremation services are offered for police and fire K-9's.

Transport is also included in communal cremation, but the animals are cremated in a group setting with other pets. While the facility maintains a prominent level of respect and dignity towards the



Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory is owned by Liz and Eric DiBartolo (below).

pet, the ashes are not returned and are properly disposed of in a designated location.

Rainbow Bridge also offers a variety of urns and keepsakes, along with personalized art pieces, garden stones, memorial candles, remembrance cards with paw prints, video tributes and grief support literature.

Eric DiBartolo said when he presented his business plan to the Yorktown Town Board last April his idea was received with support and enthusiasm. He credited former town Supervisor Michael Grace for his continuous support and

thanked him for not turning his back on the project. Town Supervisor Ilan Gilbert also paid homage to Grace for his guidance, adding that Yorktown is a community that encourages business.

"We are extremely excited to bring this new endeavor to Yorktown. It was a dream that we had put together," DiBartolo said. "This is what happens when a community comes together."

Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory is located at 1789 Front Street in Yorktown Heights. For more information, call 914-455-4270, email info@rbpetcrematory.com or visit www.rbpetcrematory.com.



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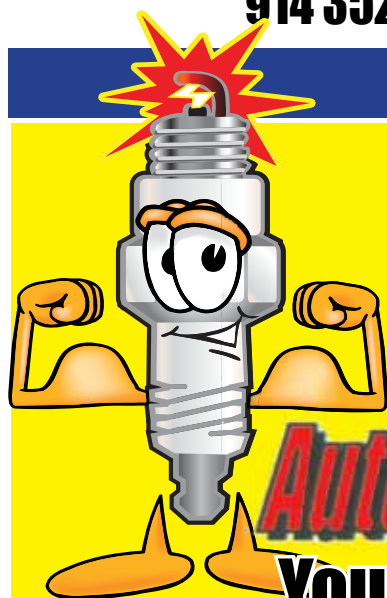


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Obituaries

H. Carlton Smith

H. Carlton Smith, a resident of Somers, died peacefully January 24. He was 87.

He was born in Yonkers in 1930, to Harold and Ruth Smith. He was predeceased by his brother, Ronald Smith. He is survived by his wife, Louise (née Servodidio), five children and their spouses, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He had great love for his immediate family as well as his



H. Carlton Smith

extended family.

He received his bachelor's degree at Concordia College in St. Louis in 1950 and his Master's in Social Work degree at Fordham University in 1954. Carl was an adjunct professor at Fordham University and a full-time professor at N.Y. Medical College.

Prior to his faculty position at N.Y. Medical College, and appointment as Director of Social Work Services at the Mental Retardation Institute in Valhalla, N.Y., he served two terms as Director of

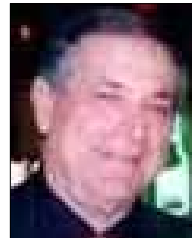
Putnam County's Mental Health Department. He was a clinician and president of the Board of Directors at Westchester Exceptional Children's School in Purdys, N.Y. Carl was treasurer and regional president of NYS School Social Workers' Association and authored numerous papers on social work.

Mr. Smith helped many children and adults who were developmentally disabled. His work to bring dignity and the joys of life to this often forgotten segment of our society will be his legacy.

Those wishing to make a charitable contribution can do so to any of the following: Alzheimer's Association, alz.org or Westchester Exceptional Children's School, North Salem, NY, wecschool.org.

Michael Chirico

Michael A. Chirico, a resident of the Village of Buchanan, died January 26 with his family by his side. He was 75.



Michael A. Chirico

He was born to Roger and Elsie (Esposito) Chirico on June 24, 1942 in Peekskill. He married his beloved wife

Patricia A. Gorman on May 13, 1967. He retired as an engineer for Metro North Railroad. Mr. Chirico was an outdoors man who was one of the original founders of the Indian Point Bowman. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Sportsman Club. He won first place in NYS Trap Shooting Association 1973 and was recognized many times in the Pope & Young Record Books.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia Chirico, loving children Matthew Chirico (Debbie Cole) and Melanie Chirico- Pfeiffer (Kevin), adored grandchildren Philip and Jack, and cherished siblings Jean Ruh, James Chirico (Beth), Roger Chirico (Jeannette Yannitelli), and Palma Schlour (Dave). He was predeceased by his brother Victor Chirico.

Joseph DeAngelis

Joseph T. DeAngelis, a longtime Ossining resident, died peacefully January 26, surrounded by his loving family at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. He was 73.

He was born in 1944 in the Bronx to Kathleen Burns and Joseph DeAngelis. He graduated from Fordham University School of Business in 1965 and then joined the United States Navy. He

proudly served for 29 years and retired as Captain, Supply Corps, USN. He also worked in the financial industry for over 40 years.



Joseph T. DeAngelis

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bernadette, whom he married on City Island, NY. He is the loving father of John (Margie) DeAngelis of Ossining; Nora (Stuart) Horlacher of Yorktown; and Claire (Edton) Ganal of Ridgefield, CT. He exceptionally loved and was loved by his grandchildren: Luke, Mark, and Jack DeAngelis; Sean and Anna Horlacher; and Sofia, Christopher, and Brendan Ganal. He is also survived by his brother Michael (Grace) DeAngelis of West Suffield, CT, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Lillian Cassidy

Lillian Cassidy, a resident of Cortlandt, died January 24. She was 89.

She was born May 26, 1928 to Anna and William Dacey in the Bronx. She

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Man Sentenced for Taconic Crash that Killed Four

A 35-year-old man was sentenced last week to four months shock incarceration probation for the 2015 Taconic State Parkway crash in Yorktown that killed four people, including his two-year-old daughter.

According to Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr., Nerim Sinanovic of the Bronx was driving his BMW SUV northbound Taconic in Yorktown on August 15, 2015 at approximately 2:50 p.m., his wife was in the front passenger seat and their two young daughters were in the rear seats.

Sinanovic told New York State Police that while driving northbound on the Taconic State Parkway, he took his hands off the steering wheel, turned towards the back seat and steered with his knees. This caused the vehicle to veer to the right. His wife then grabbed the wheel and the vehicle veered left and continued up and over the dividing center median between the north and southbound lanes.

The vehicle became airborne and crashed into a Toyota Camry which was traveling in the southbound lane. There were three family members in that vehicle at the time of the crash. Two sustained massive internal injuries and were pronounced dead within hours. The third person died on Sept. 15, 2015 at Westchester Medical Center.

Sinanovic's children, a two-year-old and a one-year-old who were both in child seats, were ejected from the vehicle. The two-year-old was pronounced dead

at the scene.

Two additional vehicles, a Ford Escape and an Acura RSX, were also struck. Those occupants sustained non-life threatening injuries. A toxicology report indicated the Sinanovic had a level of Xanax in his system over therapeutic levels at the time of the crash.

Sinanovic, who pleaded guilty in August 2017 to four counts of criminally negligent homicide, one count of reckless driving, and one count of violation of Section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law (driving a vehicle at a speed greater

than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions), was sentenced by Judge Barry Warhit. Under the terms of his sentence, Sinanovic will serve a four-month jail term followed by nearly five years of probation.

"Today's sentencing ends a very sad chapter for two families brought together by tragedy," Scarpino said. "It addresses the complexities of the evidence presented in this case, and honored the wishes of a family who chose forgiveness and compassion for a defendant who admitted his guilt."



Nerim Sinanovic

Police Blotter

Buchanan Police

January 23 - At about 4:45 p.m., Police Officer Robert Budde received a call from a hysterical woman. The only information he could obtain over the phone was the address. When he arrived, the hysterical woman brought him to an 11-month-old baby she was caring for. The baby was not breathing and had no pulse. Budde immediately began performing CPR on the baby. While Budde was performing CPR, the baby regained a heartbeat and began to breathe. Cortlandt Paramedics, Cortlandt Ambulance Corps and Buchanan Fire Department all arrived a short time later. Care for the baby was turned over to the paramedics, who transported the baby with Cortlandt Ambulance to the hospital. The paramedics said that because of his quick response and care, the officer saved the baby's life.

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Garrison Resident New Support Connection Board President

Support Connection, Inc., a Yorktown-based not-for-profit organization that provides free support services to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has elected Gary Wawrzycki as Board President.

Wawrzycki has strong ties to the Hudson Valley as a lifelong resident of Garrison where his parents also still live. For the past five years he has been the Regional Banking Branch Manager for the Shrub Oak Branch of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. For 12 years prior to that he was a premier banker and a manager for Wells Fargo Bank. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Sociology from SUNY Albany, and an MBA from the Lubin School of Business at Pace University.

Wawrzycki joined the Support Connection Board of Directors in 2017, but has been actively involved in supporting the organization since 2013, when he met Executive Director Katherine Quinn at his branch. He got involved with the



Gary Wawrzycki, newly elected President of the Support Connection Board of Directors

annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer, and invited other bank employees and customers to do so.

In 2014, Wawrzycki was instrumental in nominating Support Connection for

a Wells Fargo Community Connections grant, which the organization received 3 years in a row. Since 2015, Wawrzycki has been on the planning committee for Support Connection's annual Benefit Golf Outing. In 2017, Wawrzycki spearheaded a fundraising campaign for the Support-A-Walk which involved more than 30 Wells Fargo branches across Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties.

Wawrzycki is happy to be on the Board of Directors and to serve as President: "I believe in the work that Support Connection does. I've seen the direct and positive impact they have on a daily basis on the lives of women and families affected by breast and ovarian cancer."

Support Connection's Board of Directors also elected the following officers: Vice President: Denise D'Amico (Shrub Oak); Treasurer: Dave Sacarny (Armonk); Secretary: Janet DeVito (Danbury, CT).

The Support Connection Board of Di-

rectors is a diverse group of dedicated volunteers who devote their time and talents to helping the organization fulfill its mission. The Board includes people whose lives have been impacted by cancer, business leaders, and members of the community. In addition to providing governance for the organization, the Board works to raise funds and pursue resources to enhance and sustain Support Connection's programs and services.

About Support Connection: Support Connection, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Founded in 1996, Support Connection is based in Yorktown Heights, but through their toll-free hotline and website they serve people throughout the country. To learn more, call 914-962-6402 (toll-free: 800-532-4290) or visit www.supportconnection.org. Support Connection: We've Been There. We Care.

"The Lion King, Jr." Heads to Peekskill Middle School Stage

The magic of Disney will be coming to the Peekskill Middle School Theater on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3 when the school's Drama Club presents, "The Lion King, Jr."

The show's cast and crew consists of approximately 40 PKMS students, and is led by Peekskill City School District Performing Arts Teachers Cynthia Reynolds, (Director), Alison Kramer (Music Director), Katrina Lester (Choreography, Sets, Masks) and Yolanda Guardino (Peekskill Middle School Drama Assistant).

The 60-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film. "The Lion King, Jr." tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept

the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved pride lands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar.

"Working on, "The Lion King, Jr." has been a great experience for our diverse population of performers, who have been learning to sing in African languages as well as researching African culture," said Reynolds.

Students are enjoying the process of rehearsing for the production, and are excited to showcase their talents in the upcoming show.

PKMS student Gabriel Berger, who



Lion King Jr. will be staged at Peekskill Middle School Feb 2-3.

plays the villainous Scar says he liked having the opportunity to transform into the character during rehearsals.

"I like playing Scar because being an evil character is fun," Berger said. "I'm not obliged to be good, and I can let a side out of me that I couldn't if I was playing a good guy."

The Peekskill Middle School Drama Club has been producing musicals and

dramas since the 2014-2015 school year. Previous productions include, "Once on This Island, Jr." (2015), "Willy Wonka, Jr." (2016), "Aesop, Come Back!" (2017) and "Annie, Jr." (2107).

"The Lion King Jr." will be playing at Peekskill Middle School (212 Ringgold Street) on Friday, February 2 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 3 at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Forum Held on Bill that Would Discipline Prosecutors for Misconduct

By Anna Young

The Peekskill NAACP and the Peekskill High School Black Culture Club hosted a panel discussion last Thursday night in support of New York establishing a Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct, a bill that would investigate and discipline prosecutors for misconduct.

The panel, comprised of five men who have been on both sides of the law, explained to the large crowd that prosecutors are seldom punished for violating their judicial integrity, including persuading witnesses to lie, using fraudulent evidence, suppressing evidence or convicting someone wrongfully accused.

Jeffrey Deskovic, a former Peekskill resident who was arrested at 16 years old in 1990 for a rape and murder he did not commit and later spent 16 years in prison despite a pre-trial negative DNA test, said prosecutorial misconduct played a major factor in his wrongful conviction.



Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey speaks at forum.



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

(L to R) Peekskill High School Principal Rodney Arthur, Criminal Defense Lawyer Mayo Bartlett, Kenneth Chmaberlain Jr., Peekskill NAACP Criminal Justice Committee Chair Samuel North, Jeffrey Deskovic, Bill Bastuk, Professor Dr. Bennett Gershman.

He explained how the medical examiner altered evidence during his trial and ultimately trashed the victim's reputation to fit the prosecution's theory. He added how he faced extreme challenges fighting the wrongful conviction and efforts to have more testing done. Following his exoneration, in which DNA testing identified the actual perpetrator, the medical examiner admitted the evidence presented during his case did not exist.

"The job of the prosecutor is not simply to win convictions, it's to do justice and that means convicting guilty people through lawful means using legally obtained evidence while not violating any rights and it means dismissing cases when somebody is innocent," Deskovic said.

"Prosecutorial misconduct is a problem statewide. They're not afraid to do it. The judges rarely call them out on it and if they do happen to get caught nothing is going to happen to you so where's the punishment? Where's the deterrence?" he added.

New York is ranked second in the country in wrongful convictions behind Texas, and if passed, the Commission would be the first in the nation. The Commission would be composed of 11 members including prosecutors and defense attorneys who will conduct the investigations. Only the Governor can

remove a prosecutor.

Bill Bastuk, founder of It Could Happen To You, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the falsely accused, said prosecution withheld evidence he was legally entitled to after a teenager falsely accused him of rape. He said the prosecutor violated her power to get "a gold star on her head and a golden hammer on her door." He was later acquitted.

"What happened to me happens quite often," Bastuk said. "Prosecutors are the most powerful people in the criminal justice system and they are the least accountable. When they break their own rules, there are no consequences. That's not common sense and it makes no sense."

Dr. Bennett Gershman, Professor at Pace Law School, agreed how there is no accountability for prosecutors who violate their power. He said while most prosecutors try to do the right thing, several commit serious acts of wrongdoing and a process must be put in place that holds them responsible like judges.

Kenneth Chamberlain, Jr., founder of the Coalition for Police Reform and whose father was allegedly killed by White Plains Police in 2011, said he continually questions the investigation that was handled by former Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore.

With audio evidence of the encounter that included racial slurs said by police officers to the victim, Chamberlain added that he wonders what was presented to the Grand Jury and why there were no indictments.

Deskovic stressed how important it is for the state, county and local municipalities to support the resolution and not "chicken out" when it gets to the floor for a vote. He urged elected officials to do what's right and to stop protecting professional wrongdoing.

"I'm here for action, I'm here for support, I'm here for solidarity, I need the people behind the bill and for that we need to share some move to action items," he said. "We're at a moment of truth."

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey, who was in attendance along with Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, Yonkers Councilwoman Shanae Williams and County Legislator Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), told Deskovic that he will always vote in support of what is right.

"There's no chicken here and I stand by that," Rainey said. "Whether I'm here as an elected official or just a citizen of Peekskill, I'm always going to stand by what's right. You have somebody that's in an elected position that will support what's right."

Police Blotter

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landt barracks arrested Steven J. Cilento Jr., 32, of Cortlandt, for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree, a class D felony, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd degree, a class E felony, Menacing in the 2nd degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree, and Resisting Arrest, all class A misdemeanors. At approximately 9:10 p.m., troopers were dispatched to Broadway and 14th Street in Verplanck for a report of a male screaming. Once on scene troopers confronted Cilento, who approached and damaged the window of State Police patrol vehicle. Cilento then

fled on foot and later used a fence post to damage nearby vehicles. Cilento also menaced a neighbor who exited their residence to see what the disturbance was. After ignoring several commands to drop the fence post, troopers utilized a taser in order to take Cilento into custody without further incident.

Yorktown Police

January 11 - 5 p.m. - Shea Kirschbaum, 30, of Maybrook, was charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree for allegedly attempting to extort money from a Yorktown resident. He was re-

leased on \$500 cash bail.

January 13 - 5:30 p.m. - Toni Alfonsin, 39, of Peekskill, was charged with driving without a license, with a suspended registration and without an interlock device after being stopped on Crompond Road for allegedly driving over a double yellow median.

January 16 - 2:28 a.m. - Maxwell Allen, 47, of West Lawn, PA, was charged with driving with his privilege allegedly suspended while ability impaired using drugs and speeding after being pulled over on Underhill Avenue.

January 26 - 2:10 p.m. - An unidentified 17-year-old Yorktown male was charged with reckless driving, speeding and other traffic violations after losing control of his vehicle on Crompond Road near Elizabeth Road and being involved in a four-car accident.

January 28 - 3:03 p.m. - Jamie Bradford, 39, of New Milford, CT, was charged with burglary in the second degree following a domestic incident in which he allegedly entered a home, stole several items and left the area.

Business of the Week

Mohegan Wines & Liquors Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

For the first business he ever owned, Mount Kisco resident Michael Chen chose to operate Mohegan Wines & Liquors in the Cortlandt Town Center shopping center in Mohegan Lake off Route 6, which opened five months ago.

"I like drinking wines, so that's why I bought it," Chen said in a recent interview. Chen added that many of his friends also own liquor stores.

Chen said he offers wines "from all over the world."

Since opening his new store, Chen said he has added to the wine selection and lowered prices. He has specials that provide a 10 percent discount for the purchase of six bottles of wine or liquor or 15 percent off the cost of 12 bottles.

Chen said he particularly enjoys drinking red wines, Cabernets from California and Redd Brand wines. His store sells wines from all over the world, including such nations as France, Australia, Italy, Spain, Germany and Portugal.

The establishment also offers a wide variety of liquors, including gin, brandy, and tequila. His new business is "one of the biggest liquor stores in this area,"



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Mount Kisco resident Michael Chen opened Mohegan Wines & Liquors in the Cortlandt Town Center five months ago.

Chen said.

Chen said he likes the location of his new store. "We have ample parking," he said. The location, which is next door to an Acme supermarket, is also convenient for his customers, Chen said. He said his

customers mainly come from northern Westchester.

"We have increased business every month," he said, noting a particularly busy time for his store was late last year when his customers were purchasing

for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays.

The secret to his new store's success has been customer service, low prices and the variety offered, Chen said.

Among his goals for his store is to "try to make our customers happy," and offering the lowest prices possible, Chen said.

Mohegan Lake Wines & Liquors is located in the Cortlandt Town Center shopping center at 3065 E. Main St., next to the Acme supermarket. For more information, call 914-528-1088, send an e-mail to moheganwines17@gmail.com or visit its Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/moheganwines/?rf=389905207864852>.



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Enjoying Football, Junk Food and Wine: A Super Sunday



By Nick Antonaccio

We're in the middle of that time of football wasteland. No home team to root for in the post-season and no built-in reason to quaff our favorite wine or beer as we veg-out in our favorite reclining chair.

Super Bowl LII is as much anticipated for its off-the-field festivities as it is for its on-the-field combat. The season has come down to a single game and the glory and esteem it will bestow on one team.

A few statistics as a reference point for the game:

On the field: The New England Patriots are appearing in their tenth Super Bowl (first place all-time), with five wins. The Philadelphia Eagles have been in the Super Bowl three times. It's their first appearance since 2004; they are seeking their first Super Bowl win. Overall, two proven teams vying for national glory.

Now to the off-the-field coverage: Super Bowl Sunday brings together friends and family to indulge in the biggest junk food day of the year. Once a year we indulge guilt-free in those waist-widening, artery-clogging foods we attempt to avoid fastidiously all year. And what better way to wash down those calories and fat than with your favorite beverage. Although beer comes to mind as the beverage of choice for junk food, wine will stand up to the challenge for a number of these ubiquitous items.

On this traditional National Junk Food Day, the National Restaurant Association predicts that 48 million Americans will order takeout food. What will we be eating? 69% will be noshing on salsa, chips and dips and 63% will be inhaling chicken wings. In fact, according to the National Chicken Council, 1.25 billion chicken wings will be devoured. They calculate that is enough to put 572 wings on every seat in all 32 NFL stadiums.

When it comes to the American palate, we are gluttons for fat, salt and sugar, the Holy Trinity of obesity and early onset heart disease. And the staple of many American diets. So let's splurge this one time a year and indulge in those foods we crave all year but from which our intellect and heart try to dissuade us. Super Bowl Sunday is the perfect challenge: pairing potentially artery-clogging, blood-pressure-raising junk food with antioxidant, resveratrol-rich wine.

Here are my choices for pairing popular Super Bowl Sunday junk foods with wine.

1. Buffalo wings. The high acidity and seemingly perpetual bubbles of any sparkling wine cuts through the indulgent fat and spiciness of the wings. Suitable alternatives include Riesling and Grüner Veltliner.

2. Pigs in a Blanket. A soft, bright red wine works, as well as a medium-bodied white or perhaps a rosé, but don't go hog-wild (a tongue and cheek reference, literally, of earlier versions of miniature frankfurters) and consume too many. I suggest a fruity Tempranillo or velvety Merlot, but you can also borrow that bottle of Grüner Veltliner your wings-fanatic friend is hogging.

3. Spinach and artichoke dip, or its close cousin, the seven-layer taco dip. The fat, salt and sugar components are easily sublimated by a crisp, minerally, acidic Spanish Albarino or Verdejo.

4. The scores of fried, baked or otherwise-processed potato products. Again, it's the fat and salt combo that sets our salivary glands craving for a wine to cut through the grease and yeast. My go-to recommendation is Sauvignon Blanc for its acidity and minerality. Be it the lemon grass aromas of the New Zealand offerings, the grapefruit, tropical flavors of the New World offerings, or the lime, green grass French offerings, there's a perfect match for these finger-licking snacks. For fans of chips and salsa or hummus, certain Sauvignon Blancs also pair very well. French fries? Sparkling wine every time, to cut through the fattiness and salt, setting up our palate for the next morsel.

I've run out of space for other pairings such as chili with Cabernet Sauvignon, popcorn with Chardonnay, Jalapeno Poppers with Riesling and brownies with Port.

Just as Super Bowl Sunday draws many once-a-year viewers to football, so too can junk food draw once-a-year indulgers to satiate their cravings.

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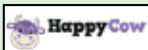
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Tuesday, Jan. 30

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fit-

ness 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 Work-out M-W from 10-11 am. And Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. The programs are free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

Anime Club: An Anime Club meets every Wednesday through May 30 at the Somers Library. from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for teens entering 7th grade & up. Info: 914 232 5717.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are 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.

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.

Race Unity: A Vision of Race Unity, a monthly dialogue, begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Talmud Class: Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages meets on Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come and bring a friend, even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Friday, Feb. 2

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.

Anime Nights: Join us for a chance to watch anime from Crunchyroll with your friend at the Somers Library. This program is for teens entering seventh grade and up. It meets one Friday a month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/11, and 6/1.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space A Tot Shabbat will be held at 5:30 p.m. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Torah Study: Study Torah at Temple Beth Am. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how this week's Torah portion is a mirror into our lives. 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 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

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. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information call 845-528-2305.

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

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

SAT Practice Exam: A SAT practice exam will be held at the Somers Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The exam is being offered by the Princeton Review. Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717. Our programs are funded by the Friends of the Somers Library through your donations.

Dance Party: Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will kick off the new season by inviting the community and WCT members to join them for a lively Midwinter Dance Party from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring DJ extraordinaire Kid Harlem at WCT's black box performance space, 23 Water St. in downtown Ossining. Tickets are \$20 at the door. There will be a cash bar and refreshments. For more information visit www.wctheater.org.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly

14th Annual EagleFest February 10 at Croton Point Park

The grand celebration of the bald eagle will soon descend upon Croton Point Park. The 14th annual "EagleFest" is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, a highly anticipated event that will once again take flight over the Hudson River with expanded programming, including a performance by Dar Williams, who *The New Yorker* calls "one of America's very best singer-songwriters."

In addition, bird experts Bill Streeter and Brian Robinson will make special presentations of their own. EagleFest is hosted by Teatown, a nonprofit environmental education center and nature preserve. Also, State Senator Terrence Murphy, an outdoorsman and a lover of wildlife, will partner with Teatown to sponsor EagleFest. He has secured a \$500,000 appropriation for a critical meadow restoration project at Croton Point Park, a sanctuary for bald eagles and other wildlife. This year, the event is poised to be an even bigger celebration than ever before.

"This event is a fun and celebratory way for Teatown to pursue its mission of inspiring our community to lifelong environmental stewardship," said Kevin Carter, Executive Director of Teatown. "With so much divisiveness in the world, it is a joy to bring people together with hope and purpose."

The annual EagleFest celebration allows visitors to see live birds of prey and provides opportunities to view the national symbol in its natural setting. Various birds of prey species will be featured



(L-R:) Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Red-Tailed Hawk "Blaze," New York State Senator Terrence Murphy, Teatown Executive Director Kevin Carter and Teatown Board Chair Howard Permut.

in a special program led by nationally renowned experts in the handling and care of the birds. The birds in captivity have been rehabilitated after suffering various injuries and are no longer able to live in the wild.

Environmental experts will lead other nature-related workshops and presentations to guests of all ages as well as host educational shows. Guests will also be able to enjoy cuisine from a variety of food trucks and enjoy live music inside heated tents along the river. Even more, Teatown educators will lead two-hour bus tours along the Hudson River to various eagle viewing sites where an eagle expert will be stationed with spotting scopes. This feature has limited seating.

Known as much for her staunch pro-

gressive ideals as her raw acoustic energy, Williams has been captivating audiences with her folk-pop songwriting since the '90s. Her growth as an individual over her two-decade-long career has gone hand-in-hand with her evolution as an artist, touring along the way with such distinguished peers as Joan Baez, Patty Griffin, Ani DiFranco, Loudon Wainwright III and Shawn Colvin among others. Dar's most recent album, *Emerald*, "deals as bluntly as ever with the shadowy, subtle corners of humanity" according to *Rolling Stone*, and was recorded with friends such as Richard Thompson, Jill Sobule, Jim Lauderdale, the Milk Carton Kids, Lucy Wainwright Roche, Suzzy Roche, the Hooters and others in various studios across the U.S.

Streeter, Director of the Delaware Raptor Center (DVRCC), has over 30 years of experience as a raptor rehabilitator, falconer, and educator. He has a BA in Biology and MS in Zoology, and has completed Tufts University Veterinary School's Leadership Program in Wildlife Medicine and Rehabilitation. He will provide a presentation to guests with his golden eagle and bald eagle. He trains and uses live hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls for more than 120 presentations to schools, camps, scouts, and a variety of other groups each year.

EagleFest 2018 will be held at Croton Point Park, 1 Croton Point Avenue in Croton-on-Hudson from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$17/adults (12+), \$10/children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. Tickets sold at the venue on the day of the event are \$22/adults (12+), \$12/children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. To purchase tickets, visit teatown.org/eaglefest.

Attendees coming from Manhattan or Poughkeepsie can take Metro-North trains to Croton-Harmon Train Station. Special EagleTrain Cars will depart from Grand Central at 8:50 a.m. from Poughkeepsie and 9:20 a.m. from Grand Central Station. During the trip, on-board naturalists will point out various Hudson Valley birds to riders. Free shuttle buses will bring attendees to/from the Croton-Harmon Train Station to Croton Point Park. To participate in this event, guests must purchase a regular train ticket from Metro North.

Happenings

classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

Monday, Feb. 5

Somers Library Monday Programs:

Two programs are being held on Mondays at the Somers Library. Drop-in Art is held on Feb. 5, 18 and 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Do you want to create during the cold winter? Drop in; no registration is required. Bring supplies of your choice. There is a \$6 charge per class. Bridge at the Somers Library is being held on Mondays throughout 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. These classes are for beginners and players with some experience as well. Learn how to navigate your way around the game from bridge maven Walter Heitner. You will learn bidding and work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, you will all get better together. Space is limited; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call the library at

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Midrash Classes: Women's Midrash classes are held once a month at 7:30 p.m. in the library at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. For more information, please call 914-245-2324.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Bring A Friend: Corporate Anthropologist Andrea Simon will discuss the topics, Who will be your customer in three years? Are they all around you? at the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce's the Bring-A-Friend Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Yorktown Coach Diner, 340 Downing Dr. The fee is \$10 or free with a prospective new member. Please RSVP to Margaret Primavera: mpri-mavera@yorktownchamber.org or call 914-245-4599.

Obituaries

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was retired and worked for the telephone company for over 30 years. She was predeceased by her beloved spouse Charles F. Cassidy, Jr., who passed away in 1982, her sisters Anna Roche and Mary Agnes Blute, and her brothers William and Francis Dacey.

She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth (Carol), Chuck (Patty) Cassidy; daughter Joan Cassidy; four grandchildren: Chuck, Michael, Desirae, and Chuckie; five great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She will be fondly remembered for her love and devotion to her family and friends.



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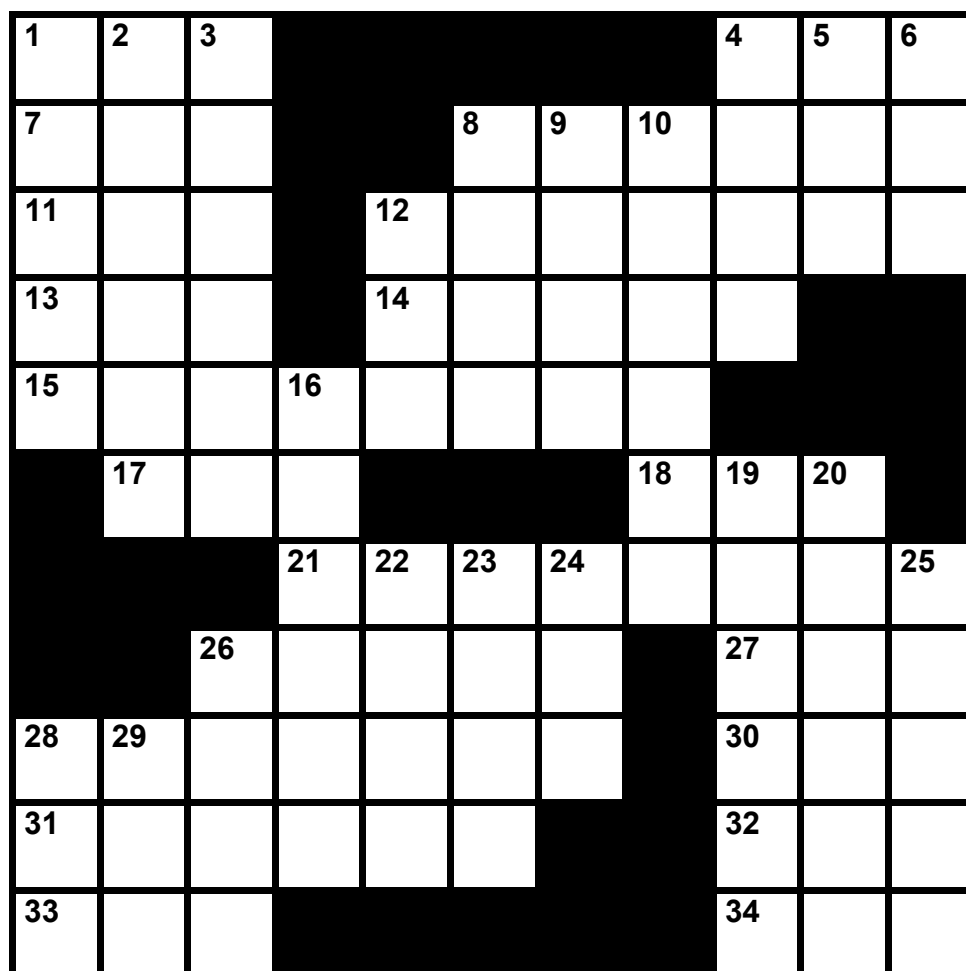
Crossword

ACROSS

1. Sandwich that often comes with mayo
4. Fishy eggs
7. U.N. workers' org.
8. This club, has no cubs, but roars with good deeds, goes with 26 across
11. H.S exam
12. Atonement
13. "The ___" starring Jet Li
14. ___ Coeur Basilica
15. Regardless of
17. Fig. in identity theft
18. Bill holder, abbr.
21. Exaggerates
26. See 8 across
27. Patient's need, for short
28. Like a romantic evening, maybe
30. Shelley's "____ Skylark"
31. Mixed with grain
32. "___ Town"
33. Vintage
34. Places for R.N.'s

DOWN

1. Wild animal
2. Almost treeless plains
3. Tribal symbols
4. Philosopher Descartes
5. Ogre
6. Japan follower
8. Couch
9. First word of "The Raven"
10. Ruined
12. L.A. clock setting
16. Embrocate
19. When buying or selling vintage treasures in Carmel, the place is ___ Shabby, 2 words
20. Velvet-like fabric
22. Field mouse
23. Oklahoma city
24. OPQ follower
25. Disfigures
26. Manilow's "Copacabana" show girl
28. Lady of Fr.
29. Canoe equipment



(Solution on page 18)

Planning for Housing When Retired

A while back I was asked to speak about real estate at a meeting of the Retired Municipal Employees Association, and as I planned my remarks, I thought about the reality that I'm at an age when some people think about retiring and living differently than they do now. As for me, I intend never to retire from the enjoyable work I do unless I absolutely must because of the physical considerations of aging.

A realtor must be able to get around and I sometimes wonder whether my "trick" knee will someday get the best of me. However, for now, I'm good. Nevertheless, my living preferences have changed significantly in the past few years, just as if I were retiring.

When I was still in my 20s, my wife and I moved to a historic home that was to be our residence for many years to come, and I was eager and ready to restore and maintain it. I was known as the "young guy" on the block who always answered the door with a hammer or paint brush in hand. Eventually, however, I reached the stage of life when I would rather be doing something other than hammering and painting. I now live in a one-floor residence where all maintenance is provided, so I can retire here if I

choose.

The housing issues facing retired and elderly people can be quite simple, such as finding living space on one level with no steps, and at the same time, they can be quite complex, such as the emotional toll that may come with leaving a home in which their children grew up.

While many older people are still in the homes in which they raised their children, married them off, and then retired as empty-nesters, these homes may have become too big to rattle around in or maintain, and the tax bill that paid primarily for the education of their children no longer has the same payback.

But they may still want to remain in those homes, no matter how impractical. Interestingly, surveys by AARP find that about 80 percent of older persons say that they want to stay in their own homes and not move, and this phenomenon has been called the preference to "age in place." It's understandable. After a long period of living in one place, our homes become an extension of who we are and how we express ourselves. Long time residence is also a connection to the community where people know their neighbors and merchants

as well as their houses of worship, libraries and community service.

But in today's sellers' market, retiring homeowners can do very well in selling their home at a price they could never have imagined when they first purchased it as young adults. The proceeds can allow a comfortable retirement, especially for those planning a move south where housing is much cheaper, as are living expenses.

Others who have paid off their mortgages and have equity can take reverse mortgages to stay put and live more comfortably through their golden years.

Those who decide to downsize still must think carefully about the percentage of income they should be paying for housing and still manage to afford other necessities of later life besides food and clothing, such as transportation and medical care. Affordability depends on their individual situations and whether they live with a spouse, alone or with relatives. Today, about 54 percent of older persons live with their spouses, 31 percent live alone, 13 percent live with relatives other than their spouse, and two percent live with non-relatives.

If the decision is to move later in life, people seem to know what they want. A recent survey done by the National Association of Realtors in concert with

MetLife found that retired and older citizens want easy, comfortable homes, with single-story floor plans or homes that offer a first-floor master bedroom. They also like home maintenance and repair as part of their next home purchase, preferable with no necessary outside duties and low maintenance inside, washers and dryers, storage space, easy-to-open windows and easy to use climate controls.

There are other quality of life considerations, such as proximity to hospitals and doctors, shopping, transportation and recreation.

Interestingly, my daughter recently informed me that she and my son-in-law have discussed the eventuality of my wife and I living with them when the time comes. I was greatly touched, even though I'm sure we would rather remain independent as long as we can and to seek at-home care should we need it. And while the sentiment expressed by my daughter is lovely, I do wish she had waited another 10 or 15 years before discussing the matter with me!

While Bill Primavera has enjoyed careers as a journalist and publicist, he is now a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate, specializing in upper Westchester and Putnam Counties. To engage the services of The Home Guru Team to market your home for sale, call (914) 522-2076.



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termining grievances in relations thereto by any person(s) conceiving himself aggrieved thereby on Tuesday February 20, 2018 between the hours of 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Clinton Street Senior Center, 1A Clinton Street, Pleasantville, New York. The last filing date is February 20, 2018.-**Village of Pleasantville, Pleasantville, New York 10570, Judith Weintraub Village Clerk**

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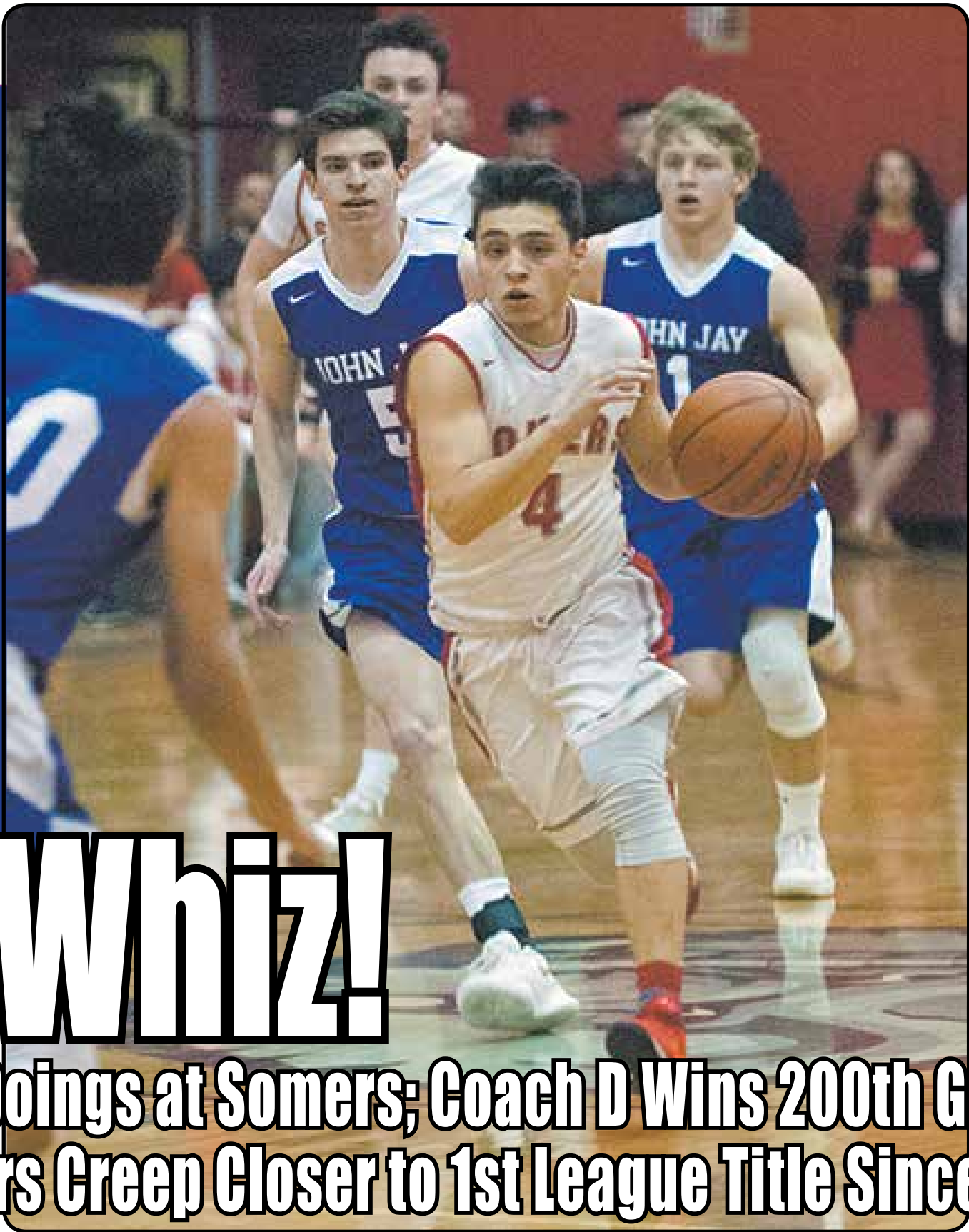


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G Whiz!
**Big Doings at Somers; Coach D Wins 200th Game,
Tuskers Creep Closer to 1st League Title Since 1989**

Shifty Somers senior point guard Gio 'G' Tradito (4) led the charge last Thursday when the Tuskers walloped visiting John Jay CR, 74-42, on a night when Tusker Coach Chris DiCintio would secure the 200th victory of his 17-year varsity career and Somers (4-0 in League II-C) inched closer to their first league crown since 1989... see Boys' Hoops Notebook

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

DiCintio Chalks Up Win No.200, Somers Inches Toward League Title

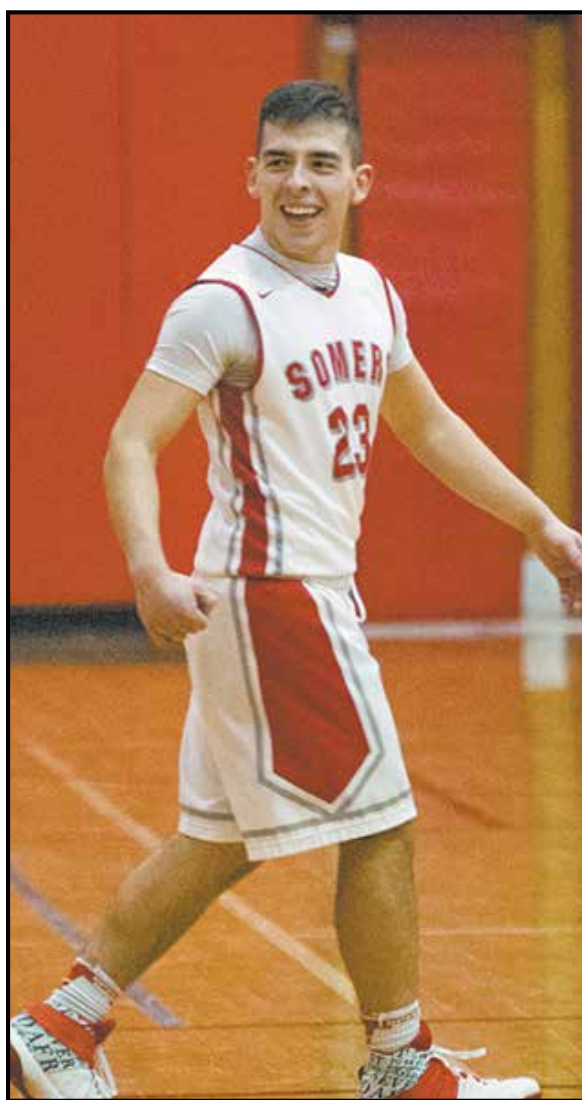
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So, imagine the pride a son might feel standing alongside his dad, the coach of the team, when dad secures a milestone like 200 wins.

Now, imagine you're that same son and you're in uniform, having just dropped nine points and played suffocating defense, icing out one of the more athletic teams you'll face this season while inching closer to a league title that has eluded the program since 1989.

That was the scene last Thursday night for Somers senior G Chris DiCintio, who was a typically strong, fiery participant in Coach Chris DiCintio's 200th career victory during the Tuskers' 74-42 romp of visiting John Jay.

Wing Lorenzo Bicknese led Somers with 14 points while teammates Max Germaine (13 points) and Gio Tradito (11 points) added to the splash of 10 different playing to hit the scoring pool. Most impressive, though, was the



Somers G Chris DiCintio walks the walk as a defensive stopper.



Somers G Chris DiCintio and C Max Germaine celebrate Germaine's career-high 13 points in win over John Jay.

defensive identity Somers has embraced this season, doing so behind the lead of Chris DiCintio. Just like he did the past



Somers G Lucas Fecci gets a clean look for two points in Tuskers 74-42 win over visiting John Jay last Thursday.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers G Drew Lasher gets up for two points in Tuskers' 74-42 win over visiting John Jay CR last Thursday.

two seasons on the gridiron, DiCintio, though undersized, is, pound-for-pound, one of the fiercest competitors Somers has had in quite some time.

As a 5'11" two-way lineman in football, DiCintio stood out when the Tuskers broke the huddle, due to his physical stature alongside the likes 6'6" All-NYS two-way tackle Nick Gargiulo, but he was rarely beaten due to superior technique and pure grit. On the hardwood, it's much the same thing; a combination of brawn and technique that enables him to thrive as a defender.

"It's a mindset," DiCintio admitted. "I've always prided myself on defense, like that's my thing. My dad has stressed defense to us since he coached us in the third grade; that's what he's coaching. He

is strictly defense first and everything else comes off of that. He preaches defense; fast and physical, and that's our motto. Words can't describe what it means for me to be out on the court tonight to be part of his 200th win.

"Our main goal right now is to get the league, and my dad wants to put us up in the rafters," DiCintio said, alluding to the league title banner. "We haven't won a league in decades and for him this means everything, and for us, too. For that to happen, we needed to pull out his 200th win for him against the team we're trying to beat for our league. We believe we're a Final 4 team, but we want that league title first and foremost."

His ol' man couldn't agree more. Entering his sixth season at Somers, after

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Boy's Hoops Notebook

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Haldane G Daniel Rotondo gets a lane to hoop as PV's Ryan Soto defends in Blue Devils' 56-31 loss to Tigers last Friday night in Brewster.



Put Valley F Darnel Shillingford powers up for two points against Haldane's Liam Irwin and Nick Dipolo in Tigers' 56-31 win over Blue Devils.

11 at Rye, Coach DiCintio welcomed back former players like John Decker and Pat Melly, who were at Somers in his initial season and helped lay the frame

for a successful foundation. He shared congratulatory hugs, thanked John Jay and everybody for coming, and then harped on that elusive league title.

"John Jay was not only playing well but we were evenly matched as far as our speed and our athleticism and they are a team we are fighting with for this league title we haven't won for quite some time now," said Coach D, who is 201-154 through 355 games. "They had a lot of pressure on them tonight as kids, with us trying to get to 4-0 in the league and me shooting for my 200th. They really set the tone. If we came out and played our game, we would be in the driver's seat. If we let them hang around, then it could be a game.

"It's certainly extra special because my son is on the team and he's a senior," he added. "But I also have several other kids on this team that I've been coaching since the fourth and fifth grade: Lorenzo Bicknese, Gio Tradito, Kevin Halper and Jack Gilroy, and it was great to see some of the other guys who have played for me come back



Yorktown's James Lundberg goes up for two against defense of Lakeland's Gabe Nieves in Huskers' 46-45 loss to Hornets last week.

tonight, guys who were on my original team here at Somers. Those are the guys that really put Somers on the map."

Will that map lead the Tuskers to their first league title in nearly 30 years? Me thinks so, and we should know by late Friday night when Walter Panas comes to town...

NWE/Putnam Examiner Super 7 Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Tigers (12-3, 3-0), the current No.2 seed in Class B, have seen their critical guard play improve as junior Austin Fabiano continues to pick it up, including career-high 12-point effort in PV's 56-31 league stomping of rival Haldane.

No.2 SOMERS – Tuskers (10-4, 4-0), the current No.7 seed in Class A, will have to navigate a tough league slate this week, which includes surging Brewster, John Jay and visiting, second-place Panas (4-1 in league) on Friday night, before a can't miss non-league bout with host Hen Hud on Saturday.

No.3 HEN HUD – Sailors (11-3, 4-0) turned down Mahopac 49-44 behind 14 points apiece from Jack Kelly and Kyle James and now face a pivotal stretch of games that includes two tilts with Poughkeepsie for League II-E bragging rights, plus Somers and once-beaten Rye, the current No.1 seed in Class A. We'll settle for a split of these 4 doozys, but 0-4 won't fly.

No.4 PANAS – Panthers (9-4, 4-1), the current No.5 seed in Class A, are too legit to quit with these Killer B's – electric Brandon Hodge (17 points) and mighty Brandon Ramos (career-

high 29 points) – stinging foes with double-edged swords like they did in 66-55 win over rival Lakeland. Do the Panthers have the moxie, though, to go into Somers on a Friday night and potentially snag a share of the league title? That's what it will take to do so.

No.5 OSSINING – The Pride (9-6, 3-3), currently No.11 in Class AA, crushed Hastings 58-42 in Croton's Hoops4Heroes event: Toppin (21 points 11 boards), Goss (8P, 5R, 6A), Thomas (11P) and Walker (8P, 7R) all got in on the act for Ossining, which could still finish in 2nd place behind Greeley in League I-D with strong finish.

No.6 MAHOPAC – Indians (6-8, 2-2), the current No.16 in Class AA, saw Justin Parker drop 18 in loss to Hen Hud, and they would open at mighty Mount Vernon if playoffs started today, so it'd be beneficial, to say the least, to improve upon that seeding.

No.7 BREWSTER – Bears (6-7, 1-4) defeated Carmel 57-47 behind point guard Harrison Dignan's 13 points and Kevin Stefanick's 14, but the Bears, the current No.19 seed in Class A, just can't seem to get over the hump in close league games like the

61-57 loss to Panas.

HM LAKELAND – Hornets (5-9, 0-4), the No.23 seed in Class A, slipped past Yorktown, 46-45, in buzzer-beating thriller, but the league has been cruel to date.

HM YORKTOWN – Huskers (6-9, 2-2) are still in hunt for 2nd place in League I-D behind surging Horace Greeley, but that'll be real tough with Fox Lane and Ossining in the chase as well.

HM CROTON – Tigers (6-7, 2-4) do great things each year in Hoops4Heroes event, but earlier lost 43-41 heartbreaker to Valhalla, despite double-double (10P, 13R) from junior F Miles Ackerman, who will team up with sharpshooting freshman Ryan Windrum and deadeye soph Sean Macarchuk next year to form quite the formidable Class B trio.

HM HALDANE – Hats off to Blue Devils for their recent charity fundraiser to fight a disease two players and their families know well. It's not too late support their 'Riding on Insulin' cause, an organization that supports kids and teens living with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Visit <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1238458> to do so.



Lakeland sophomore Joe Vetrano gains lane on Yorktown's Nick Buono in Hornets' 46-45 win over Huskers last week.

Sports

Grapplin' Notebook

Carano Boys Return to Mahopac, Steal Show at Caruso Tourney

By Tony Pinciario

While the Putnam Valley wrestling team looks forward to the annual, high-caliber Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament at Mahopac, it is especially personal for freshman Will Carano, Jr.

Carano's dad and Putnam Valley Coach, Will Carano, was a standout wrestler for Mahopac and culminated his career by winning a sectional title back in the day.

"I like going to the Caruso because I like wrestling at the school my dad wrestled at for four years and where he was a sectional champ," said the younger Carano.

The Caruso will now have added memories for Carano as he won the 126-pound title last Saturday in the tourney held in memory of former Mahopac wrestler, Peter Caruso. Class B Putnam Valley finished a robust fourth in the deep, 18-team tournament, prepping in earnest for its annual run at the Section 1 D-II crown.

In his first three matches, the second-seeded Carano registered three pins. He added the exclamation point to his day with a 6-1 victory over top-seeded Brendan Carroll of R.C. Ketcham in the final.

Carano was one of numerous placefinishers for Putnam Valley as it readies for the Section 1 Division II Championships, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at Hastings High School.

this is going to help them a lot and their confidence will go up. When they wrestle better they feel better about themselves."

Coach Carano was quite pleased with his team, especially his son.

"The team, as a whole, was very aggressive, much more offensive and very cognizant of being in good position," Coach Carano said. "Will is no different than anyone on this team in that the goals are always to be calm and composed, but relentless at winning every position."

This was Carano's third match of the season with Carroll. After Carroll won their initial meeting, at the John Jay-East Fishkill Tournament, Carano bounced back with an 8-5 decision, three days before the Caruso.

"When I lost to him in December, I didn't wrestle that much in that I wrestled to his benefit more than to my benefit," Carano said.

Carano seized control of the match in the first period with a quick five-point move – takedown and three back points. From that point on, Carano stifled Carroll.

MAHOPAC Coach Dennis DiSanto brought a banged-up team into the tournament, but still came away with seven placefinishers.

"My team did really well placing sixth out of 18 schools in probably the most competitive tournament in Section 1," DiSanto said. "My team has faced more adversity this year than any team I have ever coached with losing four starters for the season, but we still remain competitive in every match and every tournament."

Freshman Aidan Muldoon (106), Charlie Nicosia (145) and Mike Rivera (220) were runners-up. Muldoon advanced to the final despite being seeded sixth. He posted a major decision over the third seed, Middletown's Kenny Santiago, in the quarterfinal round

and a tech fall in the semis. Tom Mahoney (170) finished fourth, Tyler Roa (138) took fifth and Kevin Bunyea (120) and Andi Berisha (126) were sixth.

"Tyler went 4-1 and took fifth while Andi (Berisha), who was just coming back from an injury placed sixth," DiSanto said. "Tom Mahoney lost a tough-fought match against Somers' Antonio Vieira in the semis. There were so many hard matches in every round and it is a great tournament to get us prepared for the postseason."

DiSanto noted that the Caruso

Tournament – held in memory of former Mahopac wrestler Peter Caruso -- has made a name for itself in New York. Along with Section 1 teams, the 18-team field had representative from Long Island, Section 9 and Section 2. New Jersey power St. Joseph's Regional of Montvale also participated.

"Coaches contact me from all over the state trying to get in," DiSanto said. "This year, I had to turn down five schools, including one from Section 4 and one from Section 2. We just don't have the room to add more schools."

Major shout-out to John Caruso, the father of Peter, who, along with the Mahopac coaching staff and booster club, put in countless hours to make the tournament such a rousing success.

YORKTOWN had a pair of second-place finishers in Andrew Finateri (113) and Mauricio Arango (138). Dean Patierno (113) and Michael Naccarella (145) were both fifth and Christian Sinagra (152) placed sixth.

Arango, seeded second, outwilled his opponents in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds with a 5-3 overtime win and 1-0 victory, respectively. Finateri upset the third and second seeds on his way to the final.

"Mauricio has been tested multiple times throughout the season and this was another good test for him for the postseason," Yorktown coach Eric Fama said. "Mauricio and Andrew reaching the finals was definitely a positive for them, in terms of confidence going into the postseason. Both had quality wins on the day. Dean has been having a solid season all year and it was great to see Michael and Christian on the podium. I hope to see the same performances out of them at John Jay (Cross River) next weekend at divisionals."

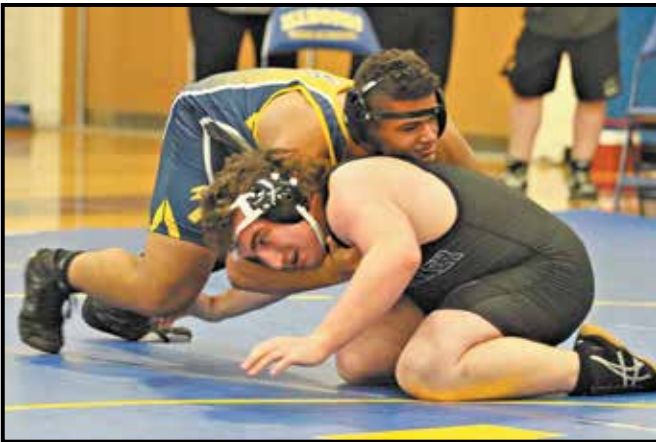
One week after a runner-up finish in the Westchester County Championship 195-pound final, **SOMERS'** Matt Kelly won the 195-pound Caruso title. He registered a technical fall over Middletown's Elijah Babb in the final.

"Matt has been working extremely hard and was very determined for this



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Putnam Valley Coach Will Carano poses proudly with his son, Will Jr., after he won the 126-pound title at Mahopac Tournament last Saturday.



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Mahopac's Mike Rivera (2nd) edged Putnam Valley's Mike Gaitan (4th) in the 220-pound semifinals of Mahopac's Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament Saturday.

Along with Carano, senior Kyle Sams, among the finest wrestlers in PV history, was the runner-up in the 132-pound weight class. Third-place finishers included David Ordenez (99), Hunter Lundberg (113) and Dean Appell (160), Mike Gaitan (220) placed fourth and Shane Appell (120) finished fifth.

"It's good that we had so many guys finish in the top six against tough opponents," the younger Carano said. "They wrestled offensively, and when they do that, like they did at the Caruso, they're going to score points and win. I think

tournament," Somers' coach Ron DiSanto, Jr. said. "He was very aggressive on his feet and then he dominated from the top position, which is his strength. I'm really proud of him to see his hard work paying off."

Antonio Vieira, a second-place finisher at the Westchester County Championships, finished second (170) at the Caruso.

"Antonio showed a lot of toughness," DiSanto said. "Most of his competition is more experienced than him, but he usually finds a way to push through. Even when he gets tired, he stays aggressive. The key to Antonio's success was his mental toughness and athleticism."

CARMEL sophomore Ben Rivera recorded three pins, all in the first period, and a decision to win the 152-pound title.

Rivera had a pin in 14 seconds and finished off St. Joseph Regional's Jack Farinaro in 58 seconds in the final.

Other placefinishers for Carmel were Ransford Wisdom, third at 182, Alex Guerra, fifth at 195, and Abby Duke, sixth at 99 pounds.

Now that the tournament season is over, Mahopac, Yorktown, Carmel and Somers will prepare for the Section 1 Division I Qualifying Tournaments, Saturday, at Carmel, Horace Greeley, John Jay-Cross River and Somers.

The top four finishers in each weight class advance to the Section 1 Division I Championships/State Qualifier, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 10-11, at Sleepy Hollow and Clarkstown South, respectively.

Ray Gallagher contributed to this story

Sports

Ice Hockey Notebook

Carmel, Mahopac Contribute Big-Time to Community Cares

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The concept of Hockey Fights Cancer is indeed a noble one and the \$2,000 return that Mahopac and Carmel High produced for Putnam County Community Cares was far more principled than the effort the Indians and Rams gave last Friday night at the Brewster Ice Arena.

The Rams took an 8-3 defeat on the chin after Mahopac junior TJ McKee bagged the hat trick for the Indians, but both teams left with their heads held high on account of the cause they fought for. Their on-ice investment will go toward something far bigger than the competition as Community Cares -- the non-profit helping moms and dads during cancer treatments by providing meals, laundry and cleaning service to families caring for school aged children -- will make it worth their while.

McKee (17G, 16A on the season) finished with four points and fellow Indians Nick Bricker (2G, 1A), Brian O'Shea (1G, 1A), Michael Truschelli (1G), John Dundon (1st varsity goal) and Gianfranco Pulice (1G) each found the back of the net while Indian G Logan MacDougall (22 saves) shored up the back line. O'Shea (18G, 15A) is having a big year for the Indians (12-6), who own the No.5 seed currently and could be Final 4-bound if they continue on the current path of success, which hit a hiccup in Sunday's 5-2 loss to Rivertowns.

Nick Smith (14G, 9A for the year) scored twice for the Rams, who weren't there to support talented senior G Willow Barnes in either of the last two games, including Saturday's 8-2 loss to Brewster/Yorktown.

Lakeland/Panas/Hen Hud's 5-3 win over New Rochelle is a sign that the Rebels are on the up-and-up, as was Saturday's



Carmel F Nick Smith celebrates one of two goals he would score in 8-3 loss to Mahopac.

4-2 win over Pearl River.

Against New Ro', Joe Fareed gave the Rebels a 4-2 lead with 12:47 to play, and Joseph Jimenez, the team's premier playmaker with 25 assists, netted the insurance goal for LPHH with 1:18 to play. Michael Mackey earned the win with 33 saves between the pipes.

Brett Hanson picked up two goals and an assist for the Rebels, who also got a goal from Joe Orza. Hanson has been the big story all season, putting up career digits with 31G and 16 A for 47 points through last Wednesday.

"It's all about the mindset," the rugged senior forward said. "Going out there believing I can be the best one out there, going hard every shift and letting the puck do the work."

The Division-I Rebels (8-4-1, 4-1-1 in League D), unofficially seeded 10th in the upcoming playoffs, have seen the unification of Lakeland, Panas and Hen Hud work to everyone's benefit this season, according to Hanson.

"It's worked out well so far," he said. "We've won five of our last six games. Everyone seems to be working well together."

Against Pearl River, the Rebels, winners of four-straight games, scored four unanswered goals for a 4-1 lead when Fareed, Hanson,



Mahopac senior F Gianfranco Pulice rips shots in 8-3 win over Carmel.

Quinten Evangelou (13G, 10A on the year) and P.J. Kowal scored. Matt Piciocchi made 29 saves for the Rebels, who are currently seeded 10th for the upcoming playoffs.

The winning streak came to an abrupt end in Sunday's one-sided 5-0 loss to Byram Hills.

BREW/TOWN is really starting to batten down the hatches defensively in the last few games, including Brewster/Yorktown's 2-1 win over Clarkstown and Saturday's 8-2 win over Carmel. These were two of the team's finest defensive efforts of the season for a unit that may be the best team in the Putnam/NWE region.

Against Carmel, Ram Brendan Murphy and Corn-Cub Justin Groux exchanged tallies before Brew/Town went off on a five-goal surge. Connor Sullivan had two goals and one assist for Brewster/Yorktown, winners of six straight. Groux (1G, 2A), Thomas Mark, Colin Dineen and Thomas Mark each notched a goal and an assist.

The defense is really shutting teams down as the unit's two-way play has intensified, according to Dineen.

"We know that if we want to make it far in the playoffs, we have to be able to play solid defense. The offense will come eventually because it always does, but playing from the net out is really important," said Dineen, who has 10G and 15A on the year for Brew/Town, the current No.3 seed in Division I.

Rory McLaughlin had a hand in both goals for BrewTown (9-2, 1-0 in League B), putting his team on the board first off an assist just eight minutes from Colin Dineen, who has 10G, 15 A on the year. McLaughlin then set up Kevin Moroney (5G, 9A on the year) on the game-winner



Mahopac players celebrate one of eight goals they would score in 8-3 win over Carmel.

in the closing minutes of the second period. G Dylan Tolbert (18 saves) held the lead for BrewTown (10-2), who has seen Sullivan lead the way with 18G, 9A this season.



Mahopac junior F TJ McKee celebrates one of three goals he would score with face-plant to Mahopac Maniacs in 8-3 win over Carmel.



Mahopac F John Dignam pins Carmel's Jack Lagan to boards in Indians' 8-3 win over Rams last Friday night at BIA.

Miles of Milestones!



Somers Coach Chris DiCintio acknowledges Tusker Nation upon notching the 200th win of his career last Thursday after 74-42 win over visiting John Jay.



Put Valley Coach Kristi Dini and prodigy Kelli Venezia bask in glow of Dini's 100th career win last Tuesday, a 50-32 win over visiting Croton-Harmon.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS (PLEASE VISIT HVSPHOTOS FOR MORE)
Ossining C/F Kailah Harris became the 14th player in Ossining girls' hoops history to score 1,000 career points in Pride's 76-32 win over visiting Yorktown last Thursday.



Somers Coach Chris DiCintio is surrounded by family and team members after notching the 200th win of his career last Thursday night after Tuskers thumped John Jay, 74-42.



Putnam Valley Coach Kristi is flanked by teammates and staff members after securing her 100th career win over Croton, 52-30, last Tuesday.

Ossining's Harris Scores 1,000th Point; Somers' Coach DiCinto Goes Bicentennial; Put Valley Coach Dini Gets 100th Win

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