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# **YHS Football Team Scores for Support Connection**

The Yorktown High School varsity football team held its annual "Pink Night" on September 28, selling merchandise and collecting donations at the game, and raised \$3,500 for Support Connection and its free programs and services.

# CHHOP Holds Controlled Community Meeting on Homeless Shelter

**By Anna Young** 

Following months of increased scrutiny surrounding the controversial relocation of the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter in Peekskill, Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) took a different approach to mitigating residential concerns during a community meeting last week.

With CHHOP's first informational forum last month sparking intense anger, the roughly 50 people in attendance during the Nov. 14 forum were separated into small groups to answer questions related to their concerns, hopes and suggestions for community building. Throughout the roughly 90-minute meeting, groups engaged in discussion submitting one answer per question in writing for CHHOP to consider.

With CHHOP officials guarding the entrance and exit at the Peekskill United Methodist Church, two Peekskill police officers present and two members from company Simple Knowledge pacing the room, facilitators at each of the roughly 10 tables were advised via written instructions to prevent angry and hostile remarks, grandstanding, disruption and misleading comments.

Attendees were also instructed to turn off their cell phones and not to record or take pictures during the meeting. CHHOP executive director Cynthia Knox said the meetings format promoted healthy discussion.

"My first impression walking into the community meeting was as a lamb being led to slaughter," Peekskill resident Faith

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# Police Probe Newspaper Defaced with Hate Symbols

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill police are investigating the defacement of a copy of last week's The *Northern Westchester Examiner* with swastikas and the letters KKK.

November 20 - November 26, 2018

The hate symbols were discovered November 14 at about 8 a.m. at a Chase bank branch at 1025 Brown Street in Peekskill.

The lead story in the Nov. 13-Nov. 19 edition of the paper was about the election of Yorktown High School graduate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to Congress.

A reader who discovered the defaced copy of the paper filed a report with Peekskill police last Wednesday and Police Chief Donald Halmy said Friday police were still actively investigating the incident and had not yet identified anyone responsible for the act.

"After speaking with the assigned officer, I'm confident Peekskill police are taking the matter seriously," said Examiner Media Publisher Adam Stone. "All of the anti-Semitic and racist incidents arising across the country are deeply disturbing, and it's incredibly troubling to see the volume of incidents increase the last two years. It's vitally important to shine a bright spotlight on all of these incidents and resist any temptation to accept them as the new norm."

"The Holocaust & Human Rights

Education Center commends the action of the citizen who, upon discovering the hate symbols on the newspaper, immediately brought it to the attention of the Peekskill Police Department to investigate," said Millie Jasper, executive director of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center. "We encourage the officers to investigate this matter thoroughly, sending a clear message to the community that the Peekskill law enforcement agency does not tolerate behavior showing prejudice and bigotry."

Front page of Nov. 13- Nov. 19 newspaper with hate symbols.





# **CHHOP Holds Controlled Community Meeting on Shelter**

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Manocchi Booth said. "For months I've been vilified because I don't support the proposed location for the shelter. This meeting was the first time I didn't feel bullied by the organization and the first time that it seemed as if members of CHHOP were trying to understand my concerns."

Peekskill resident Lindsey Fitzgerald, who is spearheading a petition with more than 1,000 signatures opposing the relocation, said she felt CHHOP attempted to control attendee's from speaking freely by placing restrictions on the meetings format.

"No information was shared by CHHOP and no questions were allowed to be asked," Fitzgerald said. "I still have the same concerns and questions that I've had for the past two-and-a-half months since they announced relocation plans."

CHHOP is currently proposing relocating its year-round, 24-hour shelter for homeless adults in northern Westchester to a residential neighborhood on 851 Washington Street. The shelter, which has operated on 200 North Water Street since 1988, is planning to move in 2020.

Members of CHHOP have previously said the new location would provide a safer environment for residents to ensure they stay on the premises. Residents will be provided with dorm-style rooms, a kitchen, and a common area for programs and emergency services during the day. Currently, residents must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most days because CHHOP does not have space to accommodate them.

Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor and enclosed space.

While the building on Washington Street is in dire need of expensive repairs and restorations, CHHOP is seeking to purchase the facility for about \$900,000. Besides needing approvals from the city's planning and zoning boards, they need a special use permit from the Common Council.

Knox said construction and rehabilitation of the new facility would be an 18 to 24-month process. She added that an application has not been submitted to the city yet, which City Manager Richard Leins confirmed during a Common Council meeting the day before.

Following group discussions, each facilitator announced their groups consensus and formally submitted it to CHHOP officials. While those in attendance were mainly members of CHHOP or non-Peekskill residents, many cited safety concerns, misinformation, anger from the neighborhood at the relocation site, and a lack of communication, transparency and concern

for the homes on Washington Avenue from CHHOP.

"Our main concern was easy, it's basically safety," said Pastor Carlos Figueroa, who served as a group facilitator. "Our hope is for the assurance of safety through a clear policy and plan."

Figueroa added that his group suggested electing a representative from the neighborhood on Washington Avenue to serve on Jan Peek's board.

While Knox didn't engage in dialogue or

answer any questions during the meeting, she said would respond to concerns and questions submitted during the meeting at a later date on social media or CHHOP's website

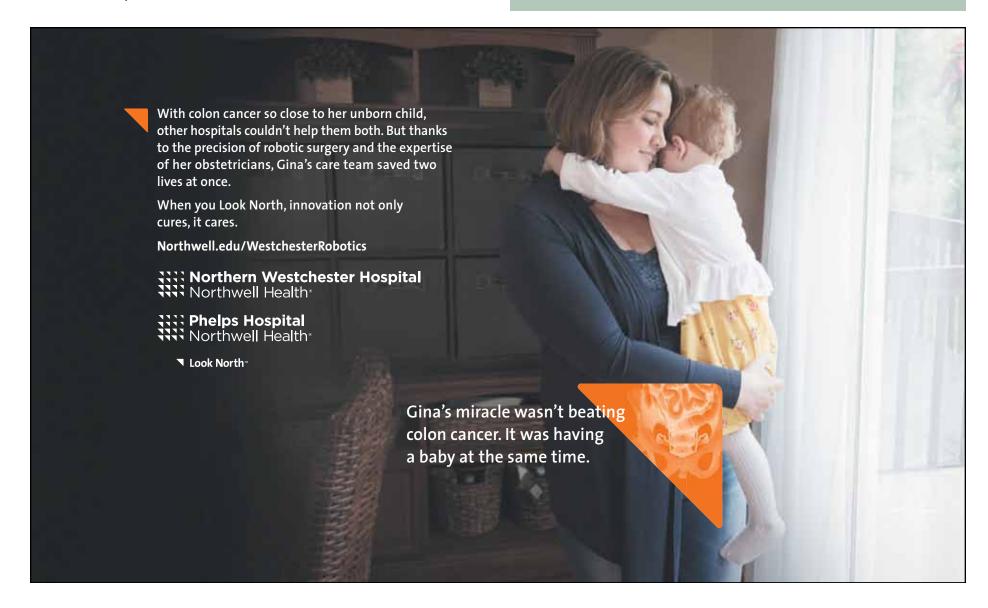
"A lot of great information was shared tonight," Knox said. "We're going to take this information, we're going to look at it, and then we're going to provide information back."

CHHOP's next community forum will be scheduled next year.



# **Eagle Scouts Honored**

Nicholas John DeMarsh and Arjay Rajesh Mirchandani, shown with their parents and Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel, recently received certificates of achievement from town and county officials for becoming Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 165.



# **Police Blotter**

## **Yorktown Police**

November 7 - 3:26 p.m. - Panayotes Klidonas, 48, of Yorktown, was charged with assault in the third degree following a report of a domestic dispute at a Yorktown residence. An investigation by Yorktown police officers revealed Klidonas allegedly pushed a female victim down a flight of steps, causing the victim to strike her head and sustain a laceration.

November 9 - 8:10 a.m. - Bekim Rexhepi, 28, of Yorktown, was charged with assault in the third degree and criminal obstruction of breathing following the report of a domestic dispute. A police investigation revealed Rexhepi allegedly threw a chair at a victim causing pain and injury. It is also alleged Rexhepi applied pressure to the neck and throat with his hands making it hard for the victim to breath.

3:15 p.m. - Shaheda Noonan, 61, of Katonah, was charged with petit larceny following a report from K-Mart of a shoplifter in custody. An investigation revealed Noonan allegedly stole assorted cosmetics, assorted pet items and assorted clothing items by concealing them in a bag and leaving the store before being stopped by security. The items were valued at \$139.53.

#### **State Police**

November 9 - State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Dawn M. Lyman, 50, of Lake Peekskill, for DWI. She was operating in the Walmart parking lot in Cortlandt, and was the subject of an erratic driver complaint as well as observed committing a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently

November 10 - State Police from SP Somers arrested Debra S. Brande, 56, of Somers, for DWI. She was traveling on Lovell Street in Somers, and was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

November 11 - State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Fausto T. Cabrera, 38, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt, when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Michael W. Beckett, 26, of Peekskill, or DWI. He was traveling on Highland Avenue in Peekskill when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Rene Tenesaca Pugo, 23, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Albany Post Road in Peekskill when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. In-

vestigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Jonathan F. Montano, 31, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Sprout Brook Road in Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

## **Burglary Probe**

State Police from the Cortlandt barracks continue to investigate an attempted residential burglary that occurred on November 7 on LaFayette Street in Verplanck. The attempted burglary occurred prior to noon perpetrated by a suspect described by the complainant as a white or Hispanic male, in his late teens to early 20s, approximately 5 feet 11 inches tall, wearing all black, with a green hat, and white bandana.

If any person believes they may have information regarding this incident or the identity of the suspect, they are asked to please contact Investigator Dooley at (914) 737-7171. Please reference

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# Historic Pines Bridge Monument Unveiled in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

An historic Revolutionary War monument about 10 years in the making was finally unveiled Saturday at Railroad Park in Yorktown.

"It's been a long and winding road. Almost 10 years," said Michael Kahn, a member of the Pines Bridge Monument Committee, to an appreciative crowd of current and former town officials, members of the Yorktown Historical Society, town employees and other supporters. "I know it's been that long because the Chicago Cubs actually won a World Series in between."

The monument, in the form of a heroic sculpture by nationally noted sculptor Jay Warren of Oregon, who was in attendance, pays tribute to the members of the Rhode Island Regiment who died defending the Pines Bridge crossing of the Croton River. It depicts Colonel Christopher Greene, the legendary commander of the regiment. Two soldiers fight beside him, an African American and a Native American, all doomed to perish in the brief and desperate battle.

The history of the Rhode Island Regiment embodies the racial and ethnic melting pot that represents America's greatest strength and her greatest trials. The mixed fighting unit, made up of men of European, African, and Native Ameri-



ICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Sculptor Jay Warren addresses crowd Saturday at ceremony marking the unveiling of the Pines Bridge Monument in Railroad Park.

can descent, was rare until the American military officially integrated nearly two centuries later.

"This is a tribute to the nation's very

first soldiers and our very first veterans," said Paul Martin, president of the Yorktown Historical Society. "These men set the standard for all United States soldiers

to follow---brave, honorable, steadfast in their beliefs. It is my hope that this monument becomes a focal point, a starting point, a rallying cry to educate the town on the significance of Yorktown Heights in the history of the American Revolution."

The monument was originally planned to be located in Downing Park. The project cost approximately \$300,000, which the town funded a large portion of. Former State Senator Greg Ball secured a \$50,000 grant for the effort. Other notable donations came from: Owners of the Mohegan Diner (\$5,000); 2016 Yorktown San Gennaro Feast (\$4,100); and Yorktown Chamber of Commerce (\$3,000).

"Yorktown deserves a sculpture of this magnitude," said former Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace, who thanked town board members who had the "wisdom and fortitude to fund this to make a dream come true."

"Hopefully, it's the beginning of the future revitalization of downtown Yorktown," he added.

Planned for May 14, 2019 is an anniversary celebration of the Battle of Pines Bridge. At that time the brick pavers that were donated in support of the monument will be unveiled and dedicated.



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# **Local Municipalities Stay Within Tax Cap with 2019 Budgets**

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Proposed 2019 budgets released by local municipal officials in recent weeks have all stayed within the state-imposed tax cap levy provisions.

#### Cortlandt

Supervisor Linda Puglisi's 28th spending plan calls for a miniscule 0.11% tax hike for next year and only 58% of the allowable increase by the state.

"From the beginning of my administration that began 28 years ago I pledged to our taxpayers that I would make it my

priority to deliver town tax controls, tax relief and very low town tax increases every year," Puglisi said. "Over the years, we have had a voluntary and real tax cap in the Town of Cortlandt that has benefited all of our property owners both residential and business owners. At the same time, we have tripled our town savings (fund balance) and every year produced a surplus."

## Peekskill

The tentative budget released by City Manager Richard Leins and reviewed by the Common Council includes a 1.78% tax increase to fund city governmental operations---about a \$40 hike for the average single-family homeowner in the city.

The budget includes the use of \$1,052,000 of Restricted Funds-Reserved for Firehouse-to pay debt service associated with the new Central Firehouse, which is slated to open soon. Leins noted the city has a fund balance remaining of more than \$2 million.

"The City of Peekskill is seeing unparalleled economic activity and interest, and the city itself has also embraced major projects and initiatives to ensure that the community continues to move forward in the years ahead," Leins stated.

#### Somers

The Somers Town Board voted unanimously on Nov. 8 to provide five percent salary increases for elected officials but declined to increase their pay for next year.

Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey has proposed a \$9.2 million 2019 general fund budget that is tax cap compliant. The tax rate and tax levy increases are both 2.9%. Though the cap for Somers is 2.8%, town Director of Finance Robert Kehoe said previously the town can exceed the cap because "we have unused tax cap carried over form 2018."

Morrissey is seeking to increase spend-

ing by \$40,000. Councilman Thomas Garrity and the other three councilmen determined that as the head of town government Morrissey should receive the same five percent raise that other department heads will obtain. The board voted 4-0 to increase Morrissey's pay to \$109,233. Morrissey abstained from voting on his raise.

The councilmen declined to increase their \$12,612 salary for 2019. However, they did provide the five percent salary increases to Town Clerk Patricia Kalba to bring her pay to \$77,968 next year and the salary of Highway Superintendent Thomas Chiaverini for 2019 will go up to \$112,309

A public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget has been scheduled for December 6 at 7 p.m.

## Village of Ossining

Village Manager Deborah McDonnell released a \$53 million budget that includes an estimated \$80 tax increase for the average household.

Rates for water and sewer services in the village are projected to increase by 5%. Funds are allocated in the budget to begin updating the Comprehensive Plan for the village.

The budget is slated to be adopted on December 5.



NEAL RENTZ PHOT

# **Somers Town Board Honors Town Clerk**

Somers Town Clerk Patricia Kalba was honored with a proclamation from the Town Board on November 8 for her being elected as District 2 Director for the New York State Town Clerk's Association and earning the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.





# **Chabad Jewish Center Inducts New Torah Scroll**

On Sunday, November 18, a Torah scroll was ceremoniously inducted for ritual use by the Chabad Jewish Center of Yorktown, Cortlandt and Somers. The scroll was dedicated during a ceremony at the Mohansic Elementary School in Yorktown. A musical procession followed to escort the Torah to its home, The Chabad of Yorktown Synagogue. This Torah is written in memory of Mrs. Rochel Leah Heber OBM, mother of Rabbi Yehuda Heber, who died one year ago. Said Rabbi Yehuda Heber, rabbi of the Chabad of Yorktown: "The Torah represents the unbroken chain of Jewish tradition and survival. The ancient wisdom contained in this scroll is the essence of our identity as Jews, and possessing our own Torah scroll at an academic center of learning is cause for great pride and celebration?











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# Letters to the Editor

# Relocation of CHHOP Shelter in Peekskill is Not Acceptable

The CHHOP shelter, as are most nonprofits, is an economic engine. It is in the nature of economic engines to seek to expand. However, their expansion within a largely residential neighborhood, with the doubtless concurrent increase in the number of police and ambulance calls to the area, is not acceptable.

This is not a partisan issue, though those in favor of the relocation are striving mightily to make it so. I would submit that this is a matter purely for the discernment of those who would be

most affected by the proposed relocation. I do not see the residents in the area of Washington Street commenting on issues local to Yonkers, for instance, or Mount Vernon, or White Plains, or any other community in Westchester. For non-Peekskill residents to comment on matters solely affecting Peekskill is the height of self-indulgent hubris.

When one group seeks to impose their will on another, endeavoring with all their might to bully them into submission through public excoriation and castigation, it is unacceptable.

One cannot change the facts, in black and white, present in the police and EMT reports, nor should the concerns of the residents of this neighborhood be cavalierly dismissed with a wave of a hand and insinuations that they are, in some way, reprehensible and uncaring people—for, yes, expressing legitimate concerns over issues of public safety.

The level of rancor I have seen directed at the residents of the Washington Street neighborhood is disconcerting. These are our neighbors, after all, whose desire to maintain the peace and tranquillity of this neighborhood has been characterized in the basest forms possible.

Yes, the homeless require and deserve services. No one disputes this, or has disputed this. However, it would be in the best interests of all were a better placement to be found, one which all parties could agree upon.

Thank you.

**MARYANN** MCCARRA-FITZPATRICK Peekskill

# Jack O'Lantern Blaze Works Hand-in-Hand with Croton Eateries

To the Editor:

I was delighted to read the many comments from restaurant owners in your recent story about The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, a Historic Hudson Valley event now in its fourteenth year at Van Cortlandt Manor.

I do need to correct three things.

First, while Historic Hudson Valley would be overjoyed to welcome 250,000 visitors at Blaze, a fund-raiser that supports our non-profit education and preservation mission, our capacity doesn't allow it. This year, we'll top out around 175,000.

Second, selling snacks at Blaze is nothing new. It's a visitor amenity we've offered since the first year. These grab and go items that supplement dinner had elsewhere are expected by visitors,

and they contribute to the success of the event by boosting visitor satisfaction.

Third, since the first year of Blaze in 2005 and indeed, throughout our long history of preserving and operating Van Cortlandt Manor as Croton's only National Historic Landmark (one of just 19 in Westchester), we've been big supporters of businesses in Croton, restaurants in particular.

This year we've successfully placed stories in the Journal News and other media about "where to dine" when visiting the Blaze. We encourage writers to highlight the many excellent options in Croton. When they write stories like this, we share the results widely on our social media accounts, which have more than 100,000 followers.

Our website, which receives an

enormous amount of Blaze related traffic, includes "spend the day in Croton" blog posts, which highlight a number of to-dos locally, as well as a dining page, where we include all Croton restaurants. It's one of the most popular pages on our website during the Blaze season. Not surprising since about half of our visitors tell us they dine at a restaurant as part of their Blaze experience (and another 15% shop locally...a lower number because many, though not all, Blaze visitors are here in the evening when most stores are closed).

Blaze ticket buyers receive a welcome email prior to the evening they are attending which features prominent "where to dine" info with a link back to our website's listings. This is the most effective way of getting the word out directly to those attending. In doing so,

we promote every option in town, equally.

From a marketing perspective, the value of this cannot be overstated, as it directly targets those known to be coming to Blaze. We're thrilled to provide restaurants with these various touchpoints to our visitors, all for free. This kind of exposure provides a big head start, something substantial they can use to leverage their own marketing efforts.

The positive comments from multiple restaurant owners and others in your article are a testament to the success of this strategy. We are delighted to contribute to these successes and look forward to continuing to do so for years to come.

> **ROB SCHWEITZER** Vice President, Historic Hudson

# Local Small Businesses Matter

To the Editor:

The holidays are around the corner, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday are on the horizon. Much shopping is left to do. Please take the time to seek opportunities to patronize our Local Small Businesses.

The Small Business Administration recently reported that there are 30 million small businesses in the country. The Business Council of Westchester recently posted a chart that indicated of the 31,733 businesses in Westchester County, 25,411 are small businesses

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# **Bear Mountain Bridge Renamed for Purple Heart Veterans**

The New York State Bridge Authority last week unveiled a sign designating the Bear Mountain Bridge as the Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bear Mountain Bridge to honor Purple Heart recipients. The

ceremonial designation comes after Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill sponsored by Senator Bill Larkin and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef on October 2.

The ceremonial designation of the Bear Mountain Bridge celebrates America's heroes who have given so much, for many being the ultimate sacrifice. The designation also recognizes the rich history the Hudson Valley holds for America's oldest military decoration, which traces its lineage to the Badge of Military Merit established by Commander-in-Chief George Washington while he was at his headquarters in Newburgh in 1782.

"We are honored to designate the Bear Mountain Bridge as the Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bear Mountain Bridge," New York State Bridge Authority Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero said. "Members of the traveling public will be now able to reflect on the sacrifices given by these brave men and women who served in our nation's armed forces. With this dedication, we show eternal



Local veterans and elected officials pose at renaming ceremony of Bear Mountain Bridge.

gratitude to these selfless individuals who embody our best values and traditions."

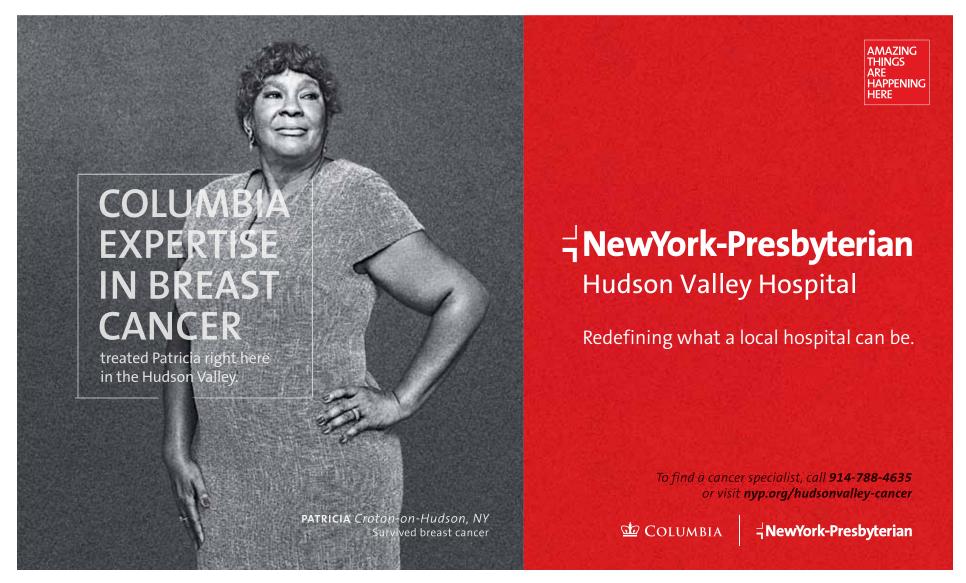
As the oldest bridge within the jurisdiction of the New York State Bridge Authority, it is fitting to give the Bear Mountain Bridge this honored designation as it is rich with history of its own. The Bear Mountain Bridge was the first vehicular river crossing built between New York City and Albany. At the time the bridge was built, it was also the longest suspen-

sion bridge in the world and the first suspended bridge to have a concrete deck. The project of building the Bear Mountain Bridge marked the beginning of a golden age of long span bridge building along the Hudson River and throughout the New York metropolitan area. The success of the inventive methods used broke new ground and paved the way for the building of other suspension bridges such as the George Washington Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

'We thank Governor Cuomo for today's ceremony to dedicate the Bear Mountain Bridge to service members who have been awarded the Purple Heart," said Major General Ray Shields, Adjutant General of the State of New York and Commander of the New York National Guard. "Today is a great opportunity to remember their sacrifice and dedication to our nation. It is equally fitting that the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located nearby in New Windsor, NY. It's my honor to represent all the service members of the NY Army and Air National Guard who have been awarded the Purple Heart over the years."

New York State Division of Veterans Affairs Executive Deputy Director Joel Evans said, "As a Veteran and the relative of a Purple Heart recipient, and an advocate for New York's Veterans and their families, I am honored to take part in the designation of the Purple Heart Veteran's Memorial Bear Mountain Bridge. In the spirit of Veterans Day, this designation honors those who have served and sacrificed for us so that we may all have the opportunity to access and enjoy the natural beauty of New York."

"It is so special that on this Veterans' Day weekend we are honoring our veterans by designating the Bear





#### By Neal Rentz

Iconic Lash Lounge is the first business Yonkers couple Sandra and Nicholas Guarriello has owned.

Mrs. Guarriello said last week the new business allows her to continue working in an industry, lashing, which are eyelash extensions, that she enjoys.

"I absolutely fell in love with it," she said. "We knew that we wanted to open our own business and have something that was ours. And it took a little while to figure out exactly what we wanted to do."

"What we're doing is we're taking a synthetic lash and adhering it to your natural lashes to create a more dramatic effect or a more full effect," Guarriello said.

While Mrs. Guarriello does lashing at her facility with the rest of her staff, her husband has his own responsibilities. "He's awesome at marketing," she said. "We make a good team."

Mr. Guarriello also has another job: building movie sets.

Before opening Iconic Lash, Mrs. Guarriello said she had many clients for her services when she was working at other facilities. "There were so many clients that we were turning some away,"

# **Iconic Lash Lounge**

# Yorktown



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Sandra Guarriello, shown above, and her husband, Nicholas, are co-owners of Iconic Lash Lounge in Yorktown. The Yonkers couple opened the business in September.

she said.

Mrs. Guarriello is a state licensed esthetician with a certification in lashing. "We specialize in everything with the skin," she said.

Though she is qualified to provide a variety of services, the new business

specializes on lashing, Mrs. Guarriello said.

"There's a lot of places that you can go but they focus on a lot of different things. They're doing hair. They're doing nails. They're doing lashes," she said. "My husband and I really wanted somewhere that you're going to go and you know this is all we do. So, we really wanted to say I'd rather be a master of one trade rather than a jack of all trades."

She explained by using synthetic eyelashes, "You can make them longer. You can make them fuller. You can make them thicker. We always taker your natural lashes into consideration. We want to make sure your lashes are healthy and remain healthy with the extensions on."

Mrs. Guarriello said her clients are given aftercare instructions on how to care for their new semi-permanent lashes. "You shed between two to five lashes a day normally," she said, noting synthetic lashes will shed out with natural lashes.

She said she and her husband have a passion separate from their new business and that is animals. They participate in the Wands for Wildlife program.

The clients from Iconic Lash are given a little mascara wand that they use at home, Guarriello said. Rather than discard the wands, Mrs. Guarriello said her customers are encouraged to bring them back or donate their own wands to Iconic Lash, which will send them to Appalachian Wildlife Refuge. The wands are used to remove fly eggs and larva from the fur of wild animals that are being rehabilitated. "My husband and I are huge animal lovers," Guarriello said.

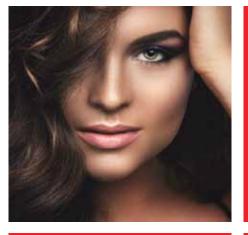
Guarriello explained how she and her husband came up with the name for their new business. "We really fooled around with a lot of names, but we really loved iconic," she said. "It's held to a higher standard. When you hear iconic it's excellence. We really want to base everything that we do around that. So, it was really important for us to find a name that kind of fit exactly what we're looking for and I think iconic was the perfect name."

Iconic Lash Lounge is located at 1853 Commerce St. in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-352-6565, visit https://www.iconiclashlounge.com or send an e-mail to management@iconiclashlounge.com.

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# **Latimer Proposes 2019 County Budget Carrying 2% Tax Increase**

#### **Bv Anna Young**

Westchester County Executive George Latimer unveiled his proposed \$1.94 billion operating budget for 2019 earlier this month that maintains essential services but will result in a two percent tax levy increase.

The budget contains a spending increase of \$98 million over the current year. The two percent jump is below the allowable 5.7 percent increase that Westchester is afforded under the state's tax cap, according to an independent audit.

Latimer said his budget maintains essential services for county residents, factors in the \$12 an hour minimum wage, increases support for daycare and nonprofit service providers and covers the costs of the state raising the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 years old.

As Latimer presented his first budget to county lawmakers in White Plains last Friday, he said the spending plan represents his pledge to uphold transparency and improve infrastructure. He added that the county needs to establish a multiyear plan to ensure longstanding solvency, and the proposed budget is a bridge to that goal.

"We're not in a position, given our current level of revenue, to be able to establish that plan clearly for everybody



County Executive George Latimer discussed the first budget proposed by his administration.

to see," Latimer said. "But bridging from where we are through this year, we intend to visit our colleagues in Albany and discuss a host of different revenue areas that would give us the predictable revenue that would allow us to do the investments that are necessary going forward."

With a budget gap of \$71 million, resulting from a \$32 million deficit from last year and a \$39 million shortfall this year, Latimer said his budget aims at restoring fiscal order. He added that the county could have spiked property taxes, but it would have been an irresponsible decision. The county will also refrain from dipping into its reserves.

While there are no staff cuts proposed,

Latimer said the county will impose a hiring freeze to control costs except to fill commissioner positions. Latimer said the freeze will be lifted sometime next year as he expects some Civil Serve Employee Association (CSEA) members to submit their retirement papers.

"We'll lift the hiring freeze at that point in time," Latimer said. "Then each of the commissioners will be making individual decisions in their respective departments over which of these positions must be replaced immediately or which we can hold off for three months or six months or nine months in order to receive some one-time non-recurring benefit of that."

The county is hoping to save \$7 million through the vacancies, Latimer said.

Latimer said alternate means of revenue are being sought to reduce the pressure on property taxpayers and help close the deficit.

The county has proposed transferring control of the Westchester County Center parking lot to a private company for \$22 million. The county will also bond \$8.5 million to pay for corporate settlements for tax certioraris.

Other proposed actions include new fees to book Airbnb, applying surcharges to Uber and Lyft rides, additional charges in park fees and expanding taxes on internet sales.

"The money that we have to balance this budget will come from one-shot arrangements," Latimer said. "However, I would highlight this is very different from changing the governance of the airport."

Other changes include renegotiated contracts, shared services implementation, collective bargaining stability where CSEA members will contribute to their healthcare premiums for the first time, a county space assessment and consolidating and streamlining the implementation of capital programs.

"This budget strikes a balance between providing the services all of the residents of Westchester expect and deserve, and keeping property taxes at a level they can afford," Latimer said. "The modest increase included in the budget is within the state property tax cap and acknowledges the hardship the federal government has imposed on the people of Westchester through the loss of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction in the American Tax Cuts and Jobs Act."

Latimer handed the budget off to the Board of Legislators for a full review that will conclude with a vote by the full board. The board is expected to vote on the budget before the end of December.



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# **Obituaries**

# Kay McGuire

Kay Jackson McGuire a resident of Shrub Oak, died November 10 of a malignant brain tumor. She was 66.

She was born March 26, 1952 to Glen R. and Yvonne O. Jackson. She grew up in the suburbs of Salt Lake City. She graduated from Utah State University in 1974 with a BA in Fine Art. Print making being her main love and talent. She moved from Utah to New York in 1979 where she met her husband Francis (Mickey) McGuire.

She is survived by her loving husband Mickey of 36 years and three siblings: Dawn Jackson, Long Meadow, MA., Danna Gray, Salt Lake City, UT. and Amy Jackson, Salt Lake City, UT., 10 nieces and nephews, their families and many close, wonderful, loyal loving friends who supported her through a heart wrenching brutal illness.

The family would like to express how truly grateful they are for the tender kindness and care Kay received from the sweet nuns at Rosary Hill.

# Margaret Nestor

Margaret Nestor, formerly of Ossining, Peekskill, and Wappingers Falls, died November 9. She was 89.

She was born in Ossining on December 7, 1929 to William and Helen (Flanagan) Ryan. She married Michael Nestor on June 5, 1954 and was a very loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. She was a former Executive Secretary at Guerlain in Somers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Michael; sister Betty Hyslop, brother John Ryan, and sister Noreen Ryan. She is survived by her children Garry Nestor and Linda Bianco; grand-children Brianna Nestor, Tristen Bianco and Torey Bianco; sister Cecilia Bowdren and brother-in-law John Bowdren; former daughter-in-law Karen Nestor and former son-in-law Tom Bianco as well as many nieces and nephews.

# Patricia Upton

Patricia Upton, a former resident of Montrose, died November 2. She was 94.

She was born August 22, 1924 at her family's home in the Throgg's Neck section of the Bronx, the eighth of nine children to Patrick and Mary Agnes (Ryan) Cunningham. She graduated from Cathedral High School in Manhattan in 1942 and went on to work at Met Life. She married George Upton on

October 22, 1955 at her home parish, St. Benedict's. In 1957, she and George and their son, George, moved to Montrose, where she lived until moving to Bemidji in 2001. Mrs. Upton worked as a postal clerk for 20 years in Montrose until her retirement, when she began travelling with her siblings to Europe and Ireland. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Patrick's in Verplanck, and since her move to Bemidji, of St Philip's.

She is survived by her treasured sister, Peggy Cunningham, Bronx, son George (Kathy) Upton of Ingleside, Illinois, daughter Barbara (Jose) Gomez of Nassau, Bahamas, and Peggy (Mark) Schultz of Bemidji, beloved grandchildren Kiersten Upton, Elizabeth (Alex) Ramsay, Cristobal Gomez, Gabriela Gomez, Conor (Kelly) Schultz and Sarah Schultz and many nieces, nephews, and friends in Bemidji and in New York.

She was predeceased by her parents, spouse and siblings, Marion (Lawrence) Gill, Ciss (Adrian) Murphy, John (Anne) Cunningham, Ed Cunningham, Winnie (George) Biolsi, Vin Cunningham and Billy Cunningham.

Pat's family wants to extend their warmest thanks to the staff at Gold Pine Home where she lived for the last two years. Those years were well lived and

well-loved with lots of laughter. Mrs. Upton will be remembered for her laughter, kindness, generosity and strong Catholic faith.

# Raymond Kenneson

Raymond Dale Kenneson, a resident of Putnam Valley, died suddenly at home on October 17. He was 73.

Ray, also known as Dale to family and close friends, was born in Waterbury, CT to the late Raymond M. and Pearl Kenneson on August 15, 1945, the day World War II ended. He graduated from Ward School of Electronics in Hartford in 1966, after which he began a 30-year career at IBM as a field technician and worked his way up to become a computer programmer. He received several awards for his work on the MVS/TSO mail system and became a manager of the MVS systems group at the IBM TJ Watson Research Center in Yorktown before he retired.

He moved to Putnam Valley in 1968 with his young family and was active in the community over the past 50 years. He was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities over the years, most recently he enjoyed singing in the choir. He had

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Jane VanBeek, formerly of Cold Spring, NY, passed peacefully from Glioblastoma Multiforme at her home in Darien, CT on Saturday, November 10, 2018 surrounded by her adoring family. She was just 72 years old.

Jane was the proud mother of Dr. Corinne VanBeek of Darien, CT and Ryan VanBeek, and mother in law to Paul Ferrone and Donna Mastromonaco VanBeek. Perhaps her most cherished role was that of grandma "Babi" to her beloved three granddaughters, Gianna, Michela, and Isabella Jane VanBeek. Jane was the matriarch to the VanBeek Family. She lived for her children, and she was extremely close to her small family. She exuded unconditional love that surpassed the imaginable. She incessantly sacrificed herself for the happiness of others, and on numerous occasions saved the day with her relentless determination. Her boundless energy motivated and inspired. Her passion for life and affection for all children captivated all those around her. Jane's infectious laugh warmed our hearts, while her constant grace was always notable. She was a spontaneous adventurer and traveled the world, most recently taking several trips with her daughter. She loved socializing with people from all walks of life and enriched their lives with her humor, compassion, and love. Jane could be seen dancing to blasting 1950's doo-wop behind the wheel of her Volkswagen with the windows down and sunroof open. She loved burying her feet in





beach sand and listening to ocean waves.

Jane was a worshipped elementary school teacher in Ossining, NY for over 30 years. Her enthusiasm and genuine love for her school children left an indelible memory in their young minds, with many of them visiting her decades later. She spent as much time in her classroom as out with her school children, even sledding with them on snow days and making cotton candy at recess. During her retirement, she continued her commitment to educating children as a tutor and volunteer in schools and libraries. She was tirelessly committed to each child, to educate and love each one. She was known for her warm welcoming smile with her baby blue eyes, steadfast patience, and open arms.

Jane was predeceased most recently by her 99 year old father Andrew Pless, as well as her sister Marion Burger and mother Marion Pless. She is survived by her former spouse Cornelius Van-Beek and devoted children and grandchildren, who share her vivacity and zest for life.

A Jane VanBeek Fund has been established in her honor. All monies raised will directly benefit children. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Jane's GoFundMe page that directly funds the Jane VanBeek Fund. On Thursday morning, an intimate graveside ceremony will be attended by her closest friends and family. A celebratory memorial will be held Thursday evening.



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# We're Thankful for Our Veterans: It's an Honor to Serve Those Who Have Served Us

#### By Cliff Brunelli

(Former Sergeant in the US Airforce, and John Paine, Administrative Director of Physician Practices, both members of the Veteran's Committee at Northern Westchester Hospital)

Service members often return home from military duty to become business and community leaders, inspiring others with their work ethic and patriotism, but the transition isn't always easy. That's why our Veterans Committee is committed to doing whatever we can to take care of our veterans and show our deep appreciation for the sacrifices they make on behalf of us all. We're proud to show our respect and gratitude for the service of America's military members and veterans, as well as their families.

# How the committee began...

In early Fall of 2016, Dr. Michael Rosenberg, NWH VP Physician Surgical Services, Associate Medical Director and



Veteran's Day ceremony was held at NW Hospital.

retired Army Plastic Surgeon, gathered patriotic employees (Veterans and Non-Veterans) and decided to hold a Veteran's Day celebration at NWH. After a very successful event, we saw the overwhelming support that our hospital and community provided and decided to form a committee to further our goal of helping Veterans in our local community. We like the idea that the "committee" can be anyone at any time so long as they want to help Veterans in need. Our committee is combination of Veteran and Non-

Veteran, Clinical and Non-Clinical alike. No service member should ever feel forgotten or left behind.

Our committee looks for opportunities in our community to help Veterans in need. Whether it be painting our Mount Kisco American Legion, raising money and awareness for disabled Veterans through our annual World TEAM Sports Liberty Ride, or sending boxes of toiletries and supplies to family and friends of our coworkers who have loved ones serving overseas, our group seeks to help in any way we can.

#### **Barracks to Business**

Barracks to Business is a Northwell Health Veteran's employment initiative that helps Veterans take their valuable military skills and translate them to the civilian workforce. Veterans possess strong leadership qualities, team-work capabilities and goal/mission-mindedness. These are skills and ideals that we value within our organization. Our goal

is to help veteran's make a seamless transition from military to civilian workforce.

#### ProVetus Veteran's Mentoring Program

The ProVetus Veteran's Mentoring Program is a program that provides peer-mentorship for Veterans in need. Cliff Brunelli is our first ProVetus mentor at Northern Westchester Hospital. To find out more about becoming a member, please visit provetus.org.

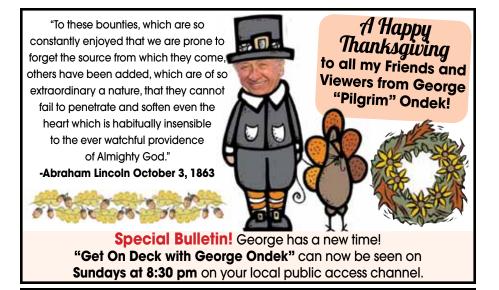
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# Ossining Rotary Club Gives "Employee of the Year" Award

Lynn Alfarano, a longtime senior office assistant at Roosevelt School, received a Rotary Club Employee of the Year award November 5.

Alfarano, who lives in Putnam Valley, received the award at the Rotary Club's annual Scholarship Fundraiser at the Bethany Arts Center.

In nominating her for the award, Roosevelt Principal Michelle Grier described her as "forward-thinking," "thoughtful," "passionate," "efficient," an advocate for students and families, and more.

"Lynn is, without question, a tremendous asset to our school community, and she continues to work tirelessly to support me and ensure my transition to the district is as seamless as possible," Grier wrote.

The principal, who started in the po-

sition July 1, 2017, said she admires the kindness and compassion Alfarano has for the students and everyone she interacts with in her job.

Getting the award was very exciting, Alfarano said. "It was a real honor that Michelle nominated me," she said.

Alfarano started at Claremont School in November 2008, when it housed grades 4 and 5. In 2009, she moved to Roosevelt when it became a fifth-grade school.

"I like working in my school. I love my job," she said. "It is never the same every day. My favorite part of being at Roosevelt is working with the students. Roosevelt has become part of my family."

So it is bittersweet for her that she is retiring at the end of December.

"This is one of the best experiences of

my life and I'm really going to miss this job and all the people I work with," she said. "Whoever gets this position is going to be very lucky. It's a great job and it's a great place to work."

Outside of school, she works part time for Croton Animal Hospital. She plans to continue in that job for the time being.

Before taking the job in Ossining, Alfarano owned a "Curves for Women" gym and had other secretarial jobs. "The gym was a lot of fun, but I think I got more out of working in a school and working with kids," she said.

Her retirement plans so far include visiting her daughters in Jackson, Wyoming, and doing some traveling.

"Getting ready for retirement is very exciting," Alfarano said.



Roosevelt Principal Michelle Grier, Rotarian Karen LaRocca-Fels, Lynn Alfarano, Rotarian Marcia MacNeil

# **Educator Named Project Lead the Way Outstanding Teacher**

Hendrick Hudson High School science teacher Jeanine Hall was recently recognized as a Project Lead the Way Outstanding Teacher at PLTW Summit, the organization's national conference.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization serving millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the United States. Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) knowledge as well as in-demand skills they will use in school and on any career path they take.

High school Principal Anthony Giovinazzi nominated Hall for the honor. "Jeanine engages and inspires her students, helping them make connections between the classroom and the medical field," he said. "She takes the PLTW program to another level, providing her classes with guest speakers and field trips that open students' eyes to potential college and career opportunities."

Senior Emily Guida, a student in Hall's Biomedical Innovations class this year, said, "Mrs. Hall's classroom is constantly



Hendrick Hudson science teacher Jeanine Hall

changing, as she finds new and improved ways of engaging with her students and

steering towards what she sees we like and benefit the most from. I could not

have had a better experience with PLTW in my high school career, due to her constant support and guidance."

PLTW selects Outstanding Teachers through a competitive nomination process focused on how teachers empower students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Award-winning teachers demonstrate a strong record of delivering an inspiring and empowering student experience in the classroom, expanding access to career learning for students in the school and community, and using innovative methods to engage students in activity-, project-, problem-based learning.

Hall is teaching Principles of Biomedical Sciences and Biomedical Innovation this year. She is certified to teach all four Biomedical PLTW courses, which include Medical Interventions and Human Body Systems.

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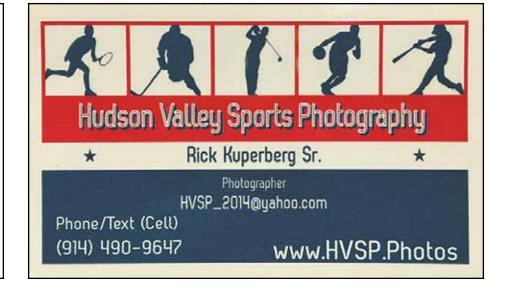
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# Damned Be Roof Ice Dams, A Damned Nuisance

When I moved from the city to a home in the suburbs, I really enjoyed our first winter of heavy snow. I remember that when I built a snow man for my four-year old daughter, it stayed clean, fresh and

white, rather than being speckled with black soot like the one I had built the year before in Brooklyn.

I also remember looking up at the roof line on the northern side of my house and admiring the icicles hanging from the fascia and gutters, thinking that they added interest to the wintry scene, much like a perfect Currier and Ives print.

Little did I know, naïve as I was as a homeowner at that time, that icicles were a byproduct of an ice dam, that winter roof phenomenon that can cause leakage into the

house, damaging insulation, ceilings and walls. And that's exactly what happened to me, in a year full of surprises as the new owner of an antique house.

I've since learned that ice dams form in a complex interaction resulting from heat loss from a house, snow cover and outside temperature. What happens is that snow on the upper part of the roof, where the temperature might be above 32 degrees F, melts and flows down to the lower part of the roof where the temperature might be below 32 degrees, and there it freezes to form the ice dam.

The dam continues to grow while the water trapped behind it finds cracks and

The

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By Bill Primavera openings in the exterior roof covering, dripping into the attic space and, from there, flowing into the exterior walls and ceiling. It can be a mess.

The solution is complicated because a number of factors can contribute to the possibility of ice dams, including exhaust systems that come from our bathrooms and kitchens, recessed lights, skylights, complicated roof designs, and heating ducts in the attic.

Once an ice dam happens there is little that can be done for an immediate remedy. Trying to break

the ice dam physically can do more damage than the dam itself. That first year, one well-meaning neighbor suggested that, next time it snowed, I should physically remove the snow from the north side of my roof with a roof rake and push broom. Sure thing, I thought, all I have to do is climb on the roof when it's snowing. That suicidal I'm not.

Another possibility is to make channels through the ice dam where water can run

through them to the ground. But that too can be a dangerous proposition.

On many homes you see electric cables along the ridge of the roof and, while some roofers say they may be dangerous if the wires wear thin, several homeowners who have them have told me that they work fine and, at less than \$1 a linear foot, make a cheap and quick fix. But that doesn't fix the problem long term.

If you have the problem, the best long-term action is to call in a contractor who should check to see that your ceiling is airtight so that no warm, moist air can flow from the house into the attic space. After that, it can help to increase the ceiling/roof insulation to cut down on heat loss by conduction. That's what I did, and it worked.

If you live in a relatively new home, you're probably the beneficiary of state codes for proper ceiling/roof insulation levels that all but eliminate the possibility of an ice dam. Or, if you live in a house with a high-pitched roof, the problem is less likely to occur.

But if you are a homeowner with a lower-pitched roof and you see that ominous build-up of ice and icicles, call in a contractor to assess the situation and address it.

In the meantime, if you experience leakage from an ice dam into your house this winter, wait until the ceiling and walls have

totally dried out before you attempt any repair work. But, more importantly, interior repair should be done in concert with correcting the heat loss problem that created the ice dam in the first place or the damage will occur again.

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor\* associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call (914)522-2076.

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# Happenin8s

## Tuesday, Nov. 20

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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, Nov. 21

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

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

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

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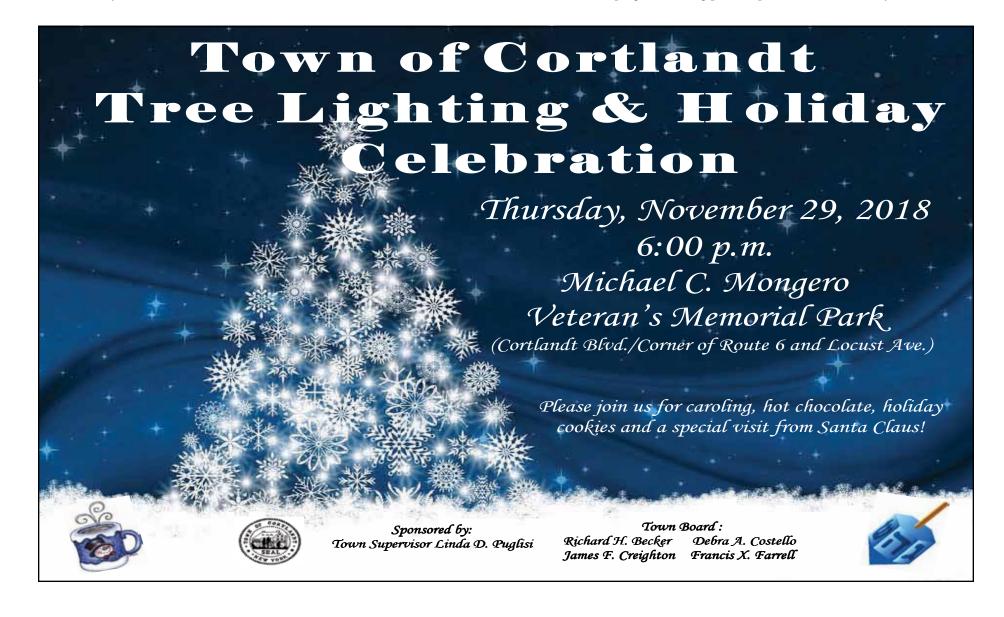
vided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

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.

#### Thursday, Nov. 22

Art Exhibits: A series of exhibits are being held at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. "Between I & Thou," is on display through Dec. 17. Peter Bynum's "Illumination of the Sacred Forms: Divine Light Mission and Sanctuary" is running through Dec. 17. Info: 914-788-0100, www.hvcca.org or Facebook.

Acting Classes: The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave.,



# Happenin8s

Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

#### Friday, Nov. 23

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 "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 7 p.m. during the summer. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning ses-

sion 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, Nov. 24

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, pastureraised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit

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Giant Peach: From the fantastical imagination of children's literature icon Roald Dahl, "James and the Giant Peach" comes alive through Nov. 25 at the Yorktown Stage, 268 Veterans Rd., in its popular musical version. Ticket prices: children (11 and under) \$19; seniors (62 and over) and students (under 22) \$21; Adults \$26. Group discounts are also available. To purchase tickets online, visit YorktownStage.org. For more information call 914-962-0606 or e-mail barryysproducer@gmail.com.

#### Sunday, Nov. 25

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

## Monday, Nov. 26

Jewish Center Classes: A variety of classes have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible-led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas will be held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women, led by Marsha Sternstein, will next be held on Nov. 20. Talmud and Contemporary Issues- led by Wendy Segal—is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Introduction to Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew, led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein, is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah, led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh

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Torah (Maimonidean thought), led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The next class is scheduled for Nov. 20. Info: 914-245-2324 or Yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Restful Sleep: Foods to Support a Restful Sleep will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen, 1992 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. To register call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org.

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

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

#### Tuesday, Nov. 27

**Medicare Discussion:** How to Navigate Through Medicare will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Post Card Club: The Taconic Post Card Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Yorktown Museum, located on the top floor of the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1970 Commerce St. A lecture will be presented by Croton Village Historian, Marc Cheshire, who will take us on a tour of Croton at the dawn of the 20th Century using rare photographs and postcards from the Croton Historical Society and other sources. All presentations are open to the public. Please join us, with or without your postcards.

# Keeping Your Health on Track During the Indulgent Holiday Season

The holiday season can be an indulgent one, full of cookies, candies, heavy meals and eggnog. While no one wants to rein in the fun during the merriest time of year, there are simple ways to keep your health on track during this indulgent holiday season.

- Stick to Routines. To the best of your ability during this hectic time of year, attempt to stick to routines that promote wellness. Set a bedtime and honor it. Hit the gym. Meditate. Do whatever it is that keeps you grounded and feeling your best.
- Drink Up. Many people associate dehydration with the warmer months. But in winter weather it can be especially easy to forget to stay well-hydrated, especially when you're indulging in alcoholic beverages at all those holiday parties.

Remember, water doesn't need to be the only source of hydration you think about this season. Soups and purees made from hearty winter vegetables, as well as citrus fruits do the trick, too, and their nutritional properties can help keep you healthy in winter.

• Keep Things Organically Sweet. Staying on track doesn't mean you can't enjoy the sweetness of the season. Instantly boost the flavor of your favorite meals with organic honey. One great option is Organic Honey in The Raw. USDA Organic Certified and Non-GMO Project Verified, it's made from pure nectar collected from exotic wildflowers found in the remote Caatinga region of northeast Brazil. The hand-harvested, sustainable honey is raw (never heated above 117 degrees) and unfiltered, so it retains the

benefits of bee pollen.

And just one tablespoon of organic raw honey provides the right amount of sweetness and flavor for any dish or drink, including year-round staples like oatmeal, yogurt, tea, and more. You can also consider giving a honey makeover to all your favorite holiday recipes, including glazes and sauces for meat and poultry, cocktail recipes, and of course baked treats.

- Make Substitutions. Other healthful substitutions you can make this holiday season include topping pies with Greek yogurt instead of cream, using apple sauce in place of oil and nut flour instead of white flour in baking, and serving vegetable mash as an alternative to mashed potatoes.
  - Be Mindful. The holiday party cir-

cuit can be dangerous when it comes to making nutritious choices. When you enter a party with a buffet set-up, it can be tempting to reach for the richest foods first. Before indulging in the canapes and Swedish meatballs, try filling up a plate with crudité first. While you're doing so, get a good look at all the options available. This way, you'll be more likely to savor choice items you'll truly enjoy.

A joyful holiday season doesn't mean you must pack on pounds or feel under the weather. By keeping your health on track throughout this indulgent time of year, you can start 2019 with your best food forward.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STAR-DUST ADVISORS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 08/02/2018. Office location is New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 70 Pine Street, Apt. 3204, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Distribution of educational products and services to all NYS schools.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE ART CLOSET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 09/26/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 50 Old Roaring Brook Rd., Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF SURETY TITLE AGENCY COASTAL REGION, L.L.C. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/6/18. Formed in NJ on 10/12/99. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to 853 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The office address required to be maintained in NJ is 11 Eves Dr., Ste. 150, Marlton, NJ 08053. Cert. of formation filed with State Treas., 33 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 08/03/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Alternative Energy Resource LLC 36 Primrose Ave, Mount Vernon NY 10552. Purpose: Alternative Energy Consulting.

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- 15. Crag nest
- 17. Cold capital
- 18. Pertaining to pleasure
- 21. Alfresco
- 24. Bars
- 27. Once \_\_\_a time....
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- 32. Japanese sushi restaurant in
- Croton
- 35. Egg cells
- 36. Simulate
- 37. Cleveland cager, for short
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- 1. Singer Mclachlan
- 2. "Seascape" playwright
- 3. Eccentric
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- 5. Steam
- 6. Not well lit
- 7. Cheers
- 8. Mickey Mouse adversary \_\_\_ Eagle
- 9. Fermented soybean paste
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- 22. Tic-tac-toe win
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- style
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many hobbies including coin collecting, stamp collecting, fishing, woodworking and photography. In the late 70's and early 80's he frequently contributed photos to the now defunct Putnam Valley newspaper, The Community Current, and was often the 'unofficial photographer' at many community events. He was an avid Yankees fan and in recent years rarely missed watching a game on TV.

He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Linda (Brunetti) Kenneson; two daughters, Joyce Kenneson and Michelle St. John (Mark); two sons, Raymond A. Kenneson and David Kenneson (Desiree); a granddaughter, Emma Frattarola; two sisters Jacqueline Anderson (Bob), Judy Bianca (Paul), several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Roberta Ahrlich (Ronald).

Everyone who knew Ray, knew he was always cracking jokes, trying to make people laugh. He always took it a pun himself to find good puns. He'd be very happy with an afternoon 'Celebration of Life' since he wasn't a mourning person.





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Carmel High School Cheer had nine girls named All American at cheer camp over the summer and four of those girls — Isabella Faudar, Madison Finney, Samantha Imperati and Tatiana Canada -- were recently selected along with more than 500 junior high and high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. to perform in the 99th Annual Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, the oldest Thanksgiving Day parade in the nation. The foursome will return home and look to help lead the spirited Rams into the winter cheer campaign where they have had lots of team success in recent years.

# Haldane Falls, 6-0, Denied its First Trip to State Finals

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

Haldane High came as close as its ever come to making the program's first trip to Syracuse for the NYSPHSAA Class D championship on Thanksgiving weekend, but a 6-0 state semifinal loss to

just 2-of-11 3rd-down plays, advanced into Moriah territory in the waning moments but a late Haldane fumble sealed the deal with 1:32 left in the game. The game was a defensive battle until Moriah RB Maddox Blaise plowed in from three yards out to cap a 65-yard drive with 9:01 to play.



Haldane DL Matt Ortiz (R) was named Blue Devils' Defensive MVP in state semifinal loss to Moriah.

Section 7 champion Moriah last Sunday at Middletown High School denied Coach Ryan McConville's Blue Devils (7-2) their first crack at a state title.

Moriah (9-2) advanced to take on Section 6 champion Clymer/Sherman/Panama Friday in the title game at the Carrier Dome.

The Blue Devils, who gained just 102 yards from scrimmage and converted on

"It was a defensive battle throughout," Coach McConville said. "We played real tough on defense and forced a bunch of stops inside the red zone. The kids played physical we just could not get going on offense. I'm unbelievably proud of these guys, especially the seniors: two sectional and regional titles and going 13-5 over the last two years. The guys put their hearts and souls into these last four



RYAN HAYNER PHOTO

Haldane RB Sam Giachinta stiff arms his way ahead in Blue Devils' 6-0 loss to Moriah in NYSPHSAA semifinals last Sunday.

years. Just a great group of men."

Haldane senior RB Sam Giachinta was named Offensive MVP after he rushed for 80 yards on 22 carries but was kept out of paydirt for one of the few times in his sterling career, which concludes with a slew of school records, including his season long rushing records (1,377 yards and 18 TDs) and career rushing totals (4,066 yards and 43 TDs). Defensively, DL Matt Ortiz was named Haldane's top player. Brad and Craig Dowd had 10 and six tackles, respectively, to lead Haldane.

There's little doubt about where the grounded, hard-working Giachinta stands in the annals of Haldane football, having put together one of the greatest

careers in school history. When they comb through the record books and the Haldane historians put their heads together to determine the all-time greats, there's little doubt Giachinta will be the first one mentioned.



# Stepinac Wins Fourth CHSFL AAA Championship in Five Years

# Crusaders Beat Hayesmen, 29-18, to Repeat as AAA Champs

# **By Albert Coqueran**

NY Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham, Jr. could learn something from the 2018 Stepinac High football team. When your team is 1-7 and your season is on the line, there's no need to talk publically about winning the final games of the regular season and a championship; just go out and do it.

Yes, since Beckham announced his plan to win the final eight games and a championship, the Giants have won two crucial games. Nonetheless, Stepinac's record was 1-4, after losing to Chaminade High School, back on October

6, and they made no public predictions or announcements. All the Crusaders (7-4) did was battle on the gridiron to win the next six-straight games and the CHSFL AAA championship when they put their resiliency on display ever since, and did so again in last Saturday's AAA CHSFL championship game. The Crusaders erased a 12-point deficit to defeat the sixth seeded Cardinal Hayes High School, 29-18, to repeat as CHSFL AAA champs.

"This time of the year, either you put your gear away or your opponent puts their gear away, so they knew what was at stake," said Stepinac Coach Mike O'Donnell. The season was rough, both on and off the field, early on.

"What we went through at 1-4 and coming out and winning every game since, makes this feel even more amazing," said Stepinac QB Joey Carino. The junior signal caller, who hails from Somers, had a remarkable game for the second seeded Crusaders, completing 10-of 16 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns without an interception, including seven passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns to Offensive MVP Shawn Harris, the Stony Brook-bound senior.

Defensively, the Crusaders were led by

defensive MVP Joe Garbowski of Putnam Valley.

"It was not easy when we were 1-4 and people were saying that things were bad and bleak. But the players kept working hard and did not listen to the outside noise. My hat is off to them. They did a great job and are a great group of players," O'Donnell said.

The Crusaders advance to the CHSAA AAA New York State championship game where they will host Monsignor Martin Conference Champions St. Francis High School from Buffalo, Saturday, at 1:00 P.M.

# **Sports**

# **Local Boys Endure Rough Start, Finish Strong at Stepinac**



**Editor** 

As we transition from the fall sports season into the winter campaign, with just a Thanksgiving break bridging the gap, it's time to flip the page and brace for what I suspect will be a harrowing winter. So, I'll By Ray Gallagher be hold up in gymnasiums **Examiner Sports** throughout Westchester and Putnam County from now thru March, looking

forward to the possible championships out of Ossining and Putnam Valley where, respectively, the Lady Pride are the favorites to win a ninth-straight Class AA title, and the Class B Tigers, the darlings in the eyes of many, have set their sights on

the first Class B boys' title in school history.

We'll be going around the dial next week in our basketball preview edition, featuring the best of the best among the girls' and boys' programs in Northern Westchester/

Putnam County. Local varsity hoops coaches: Please send your preview info to raygallaghersports@gmail.com. Until then, I want to wish each and every person on the planet a blessed Thanksgiving and the happiest of holiday seasons. Love is in the air, if only you breath it...

Now, before we go on to hoops, we need to tip our collective hats to a bunch of local boys I don't get to see since they play their football down at Archbishop Stepinac High in White Plains where the Crusaders (6-4) are once again the talk of the town after knocking off Cardinal Hayes, 29-18, to repeat as CHSFL 'AAA' champions.

Through five weeks of the regular season, the once-bustling scene outside of Mamaroneck Ave. had turned into a dead end, the reigning champion Crusaders reeling through a 1-4 start and dealing with the controversial loss of a beloved assistant coach, Sheddrick Wilson.

But the unit never wavered, and doubt never crept in to their locker room, according to SMU-bound senior DL Joe Garbowski.

'This is definitely better than last year just because of how much we went through and how the only people who believed in us was ourselves," said Garbowski, the 6'3" 255-pound Putnam Valley resident who was named Defensive MVP. "Everyone though it was the end of a dynasty after we

> lost to Chaminade. But the championship was a crazy game and we couldn't be happier with the outcome."

Crazy was only fitting during an insane season, which will conclude, win or lose, this Saturday when the Crusaders will vie for

its third Catholic state title in four years at Stepinac against Buffalo-area Catholic champ St. Francis.

A bunch of local boys will be on the Step' gridiron looking to repeat for the first time in school history, including senior LB/RB De'Andre Smith (Cortlandt Manor), junior WR Gianni Cardenas (Ossining), junior WR Matthew Edwards (Cortlandt Manor), junior RB Kevin McKenna (Somers), senior OT/DT Jonathan Mucciolo (Mahopac), junior OL Michael Tartaglia (Shrub Oak), senior DT Nermin Metjajic, plus a pair of stars in Garbowski (Putnam Valley) and junior



Former Lakeland and Syracuse All-American Ric Beardsley will host a lacrosse clinic this Saturday at Lakeland High School.



Stepinac players, many local to the N.West-Putnam region, hoist the coveted hardware after winning CHSFL title last Saturday in Uniondale.

QB Joey Carino (Somers), who fired three TD passes in the title triumph, including two to Shawn Harris Jr., the Stony Brook commit, who snared seven passes for 150 yards...

I need to let y'all know that one of the finest athletes in the history of Section 1 sports will be returning to his old stomping grounds on Saturday, November 24th (noon - 2 p.m.) when former Lakeland High and Syracuse University All-American Ric Beardsley returns to 'The Hive' for a full detail of defensive skills and drills that no long pole in the region should miss if at all possible. The itinerary includes defensive holds, footwork, approaches and Beardsley's signature takeaway checks.

When I go back over the course of my 30-year career on the Section 1 sports circuit, there haven't been many athletes like Beardsley (on and off the field), who was the top defender on a pair of national championship teams at 'Cuse after leading Lakeland to its only NYS title appearance (loss to West Genny). As the current varsity lacrosse coach of the Christian Brothers Academy in the Syracuse region, Beardsley has won two more sectional titles with teams renowned for their

The clinic at Lakeland is open to both boys and girls, and it's one you certainly won't want to miss if you can fit it in to your busy holiday schedule...

I can only hope that over the course of the next four/five years, NY Mets P and recent National League Cy Young Award winner Jacob DeGrom can become for my son what former Mets P Tom Seaver was for me during my childhood... the kind of clean-cut, hard-working role model to admire during one's formidable years. DeGrom's season was statistically insane, despite the 10-9 record, but it's his humility and work ethic that serves as the most impressionable characteristics. Kind of get a similar feeling from Giants RB Saquan Barkley, who, little does he know will have his jersey packaged neatly under our Christmas tree in junior's tidy pile of

It's been a rough couple of years here in New York with the Yankees falling short of their goals, the Mets doing what the Mets do, the Jets and Giants combining for just six wins this season, the Knicks redefining futility but finally on the come and the Rangers in a hopeful rebuild mode, but having guys like DeGrom and Barkley in town sure helps to ease the pain...

I'd like to see the Saints and the Chiefs to make it to Super Bowl LIII this February in what I suspect would be one of the most entertaining games we've seen and the most combined points in the history of the big game. Thinking this is the year of the Saints and loveable QB Drew Brees, yet another guy you can't help but root for. And thank you, NFL. I know it's been a rollercoaster ride you've had with many of us fans the last few years -- from the various domestic abuse matters to the national anthem issue -- but you still provide me every Sunday from September to February with a four hour can't-misswindow-of-time with my fifth-grade son, which just happens to be the best period of every week: Side by side, daddy and son time... nothing quite like it.

# Off the HOCK!



# Something Fishy Coing On, Yorktown Man Lands Lunker Musky



Yorktown Heights resident Scott Dahlke, who goes by the nickname 'Musky Scott' in avid fishing circles, landed this 57-inch, 60-pound lunker Muskellunge, said to be seven pounds shy of world record (set in 1957), on Sunday, November 11th in the St. Lawrence River. Dahlke landed the monster off a 16-inch long walleye lure that lodged in the throat of the massive fish after a 10-minute battle to land. "I was alone and tried to release it, but it had two treble hooks deep in the throat," Dahlke said. "It's the sixth one we have caught in last two fall seasons and all others were released successfully. I really wish I could have released this fish." Dahlke will be headed back upstate in December for one last trip to give it one more shot this year before the season ends December 15th. "I believe the record will be caught on St. Lawrence River in near future," he said. "That river is my home away from home, love it up there."



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