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Community Mourns Death of PV Boy Killed in Storm

By David Propper

Indescribable tragedy hit Putnam Valley Friday when a local boy died from a downed tree that crashed into his house.

During a late winter storm that brought winds upward of 50 to 60 miles per hour, a large tree collapsed and killed 11-year-old Carmelo Singleton inside his home, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's deputy Charlie Johnson responded to 33 Dunderberg Road where the incident took place after he received a report of someone trapped under a fallen tree, the Sheriff's Office stated.

When Johnson arrived, he saw a large

tree had fallen onto the home, trapping Singleton underneath. Johnson attempted to rescue Singleton but was unable to reach him, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Another deputy arrived on the scene, along with Putnam Valley Fire Department members, and helped in the rescue of the boy, who was home with his mother. EMStar paramedics pronounced the boy dead at the scene at about 12:50 p.m. His mother was taken to a nearby hospital.

Singleton was home after the Putnam Valley school system closed all schools Friday because of the threatening

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Carmelo Singleton, with his mother Arin Travis. Singleton lost his life Friday when a tree fatally struck him inside his home.

Principal Shakeup at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School

By Rick Pezzullo

The principal at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School has been replaced, but district officials are remaining tight-lipped about the circumstances surrounding his ouster.

In a statement on the district's website, which was posted Friday, no mention is made of what happened to Principal Robert Bergmann, who served in that role for the last four years. Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone also declined to comment on Bergmann's departure when reached by email Friday.

However, a district source



Robert Bergmann

told the *Northern Westchester Examiner* alleged inappropriate behavior with another district employee led to Bergmann's

exit from the district, where he worked since 2004. Bergmann previously served as assistant principal at Van Cortlandtville Elementary School and as a teacher in the district.

Last Thursday, the Board of Education appointed Assistant Principal Frank Ruolo as Acting Principal at Copper Beech, while Samantha Shulman was named to fill Ruolo's shoes as assistant principal.

"The administrative team at the middle school will be working with central office administrators to ensure continuity and limit disruption to the learn-

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The March 2 nor'easter caused massive destruction in local municipalities, such as Continental Village in Cortlandt, where residents were without power since about 10 a.m. on Friday and were not expected to be on line until tonight (Tuesday). Westchester County Executive George Latimer issued a State of Emergency for the entire county, as did the towns of Somers, where 95% of residents were in the dark, and Yorktown, where more than 8,000 residents lost power



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Q: I'll be 50 next month and the thought of a colonoscopy makes me nervous. What should I expect?

A: One of biggest misconceptions is that it'll be painful or uncomfortable. You'll barely know you've had one. You'll be sedated, making the procedure painless. Other than some post-colonoscopy grogginess and a little bloating, you won't feel a thing. The toughest part is the day before when you have to take laxatives to clear the colon.

Colon cancer begins in polyps inside the colon, and it can take five to eight years to develop. If pre-cancerous polyps are found, the doctor can remove them during the procedure. Should a colonoscopy detect cancer that can't be treated during the procedure, surgery is the next step.

Q: If I need surgery what are my options?

A: There are a few options: traditional open surgery, laparoscopic and robot-assisted. Find out if your doctor is – or can refer you to a surgeon who is – board certified and trained in colorectal robot-assisted surgery. You'll get the best information and best range of options from a surgeon who has experience with open incision, laparoscopic, and robotic techniques. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each as they pertain

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Q: In addition to a colonoscopy, is there anything else I can do to reduce my risk for colon cancer?

A: There are lifestyle choices you can make: Eating a high-fiber diet, maintaining your weight and staying active will significantly reduce your risk, according to the research. If you have a parent, sibling or child who developed colorectal or a related cancer such as endometrial, stomach, pancreas, ovary, kidney or brain before they turned 50, you may want to talk to your doctor about getting genetic counseling.

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weather, which included a forecast of snow.

Singleton attended Putnam Valley Middle School. According to his obitu-

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ing environment at the middle school. Thank you for your continued support," the district stated on its website.

When asked if Bergmann, who earned an annual salary of \$156,704, was terminated or resigned, Stone stated in an email that "will only be answered when there is personnel action taken and posted publicly. Hopefully sometime in the very near future."

Bergmann is also the lead singer in the band Unfunded Mandate, comprised of district employees and sponsored by the Lakeland Education Foundation that has been in existence for about the last four years.

Other members of the band include Stone, who is the drummer, Lakeland High School Principal Chris Cummings, who plays lead guitar, Chris Ruggiero, director of math, who is on keyboards, and Rick Russo, music teacher at Copper Beech, and Charlie Rhyner, music teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, who plays guitar.

Stone said Unfunded Mandate had no comment on whether Bergmann would continue with the band.

Meanwhile, Stone said "there will be no repercussions for student participation" at either Lakeland or Walter Panas high schools during National Walkout Day on March 14.

"Student leaders at this both high schools have indicated a desire to schedule a short event that day. They are still working with principals on the plans that have not yet been finalized. Administration received and considered their request and did agree to assist them in making these safe, educational and meaningful events," Stone stated.

Women's March Youth EMPOWER has called for students, teachers, school administrators, parents and allies to take part in a #NationalSchoolWalkout for 17 minutes at 10 a.m. across every time zone on Wednesday, March 14 to protest Congress' inaction to do more than tweet thoughts and prayers in response to the gun violence plaguing the schools and neighborhoods, and to pay respect for the 17 students and faculty gunned down on Valentine's Day in a high school in Florida.

ary, he loved playing PlayStation and leaves behind his mother, and younger brother, Chase, as well as many other relatives.

Sheriff Robert Langley called the death a loss for the entire county.

"Situations like this, there are no words to describe that loss," Langley said. "Our thoughts are with the family."

Even though Putnam Valley schools were closed again Monday as the county continued to recover from the brutal nor'easter, a special grief sharing session for staff, parents and students was held

at the high school. Snacks, coloring activities, and therapy dogs were provided and counselors were on hand for those seeking help.

Putnam Valley Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills said the community would help each other through these challenges and mourn the tragic loss together.

"We want to share our grief with his family. This terrible event shakes our sense of well-being and reminds us of the precious lives of our children and our vulnerability to forces of nature that

are unfathomable," Wills said in a letter to the school community. "It is very difficult to accept that this awful event has taken the life of a beautiful, innocent little boy."

A fundraising page on GoFundMe has been started to help pay for Singleton's funeral costs. The goal of the fundraiser was raise \$12,000. In one day, more than \$28,000 has been raised by more than 500 people.

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Messages of Love Given at Peekskill Vigil at Riverfront

By Rick Pezzullo

Mayors from across the region, other area officials, local students and residents gathered at a peaceful vigil Thursday evening at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

The vigil, attended by about 75 individuals, was held to lend support to the families of the 17 students and faculty members gunned down in a school in Florida on Valentine's Day by a former student, and to talk about ways to prevent future tragedies.

"We need to spread the love. It feels good to spread the love," said Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey. "That's what's needed right now."

Other mayors in attendance were Oss-

ining Mayor Victoria Gearity, Tarrytown Mayor Drew Fixell, Cold Spring Mayor xxx and Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Thomas. Members of the Peekskill Common Council were also on hand.

"There are parents in my community and every community that want every school to be a fortress," Gearity said. "School buildings are not the only place that I want my children to be safe. Let us all wake away from here today and take action as if all of our lives depend on it."

Peekskill First Baptist Church Pastor Gary Colter said people can rely on government officials to make necessary safety changes.

"There are people in the White House that don't care about my children like I care about my children," he said. "I realize my community and my church has to do something. We can express ourselves through love. Even though we go through storms we can make it through life together."

Several high school students, one from Peekskill and two from Sleepy Hollow, also addressed the crowd.

"School is supposed to be a place of safety and learning. I shouldn't be afraid to say goodbye to my parents in the morning like it's going to be the last time I will see them," said Kira Gleit, 16, of



PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey lit candles for some of the attendees at vigil; Peekskill High student Netonia Holliman was one of several students who spoke.

Sleepy Hollow High. "I'm 16. I shouldn't be afraid that I can't make it out of my teens. We want to live in a world where we feel free and protected."

Liam Kharem, also a student at Sleepy Hollow, pointed out there have been 90 fatal school shootings since 1999.

"I notice myself looking twice at people in the hall I don't recognize," he said. "Why did it take so many disgusting acts for people to say enough is enough? The video games and the music we listen to is not the reason for the violence. We're awakened and we're ready to be involved. Let us be the final generation plagued by

violence."

Netonia Holliman of Peekskill High said there have been so many school shootings that her generation is becoming immune to such tragedies.

"Are we shocked? Not at all," she said. "This vigil should not have happened because the events that led it should not have happened. We have to do more. Getting active would show we more than care."

Rainey, who has a school-aged son, praised the teens that spoke, saying, "If this is what our future looks like, our future is bright."



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New Peekskill Police Chief Excited About Opportunity

By Rick Pezzullo

The Peekskill Common Council last week approved the appointment of Lieutenant Donald Halmy as provisional police chief.

Halmy, who will earn an annual salary of \$153,873, has worked for the city's Police Department for 19 years and will succeed Eric Johansen, who retired from the force, effective March 2, to take another undisclosed law enforcement position.

"When Chief Johansen made his announcement that he was retiring, I was in shock as was most of the department. As an officer who has spent the last 19 years proudly serving the City of Peekskill, I never dreamed that this opportunity would become available," Halmy said.

Halmy grew up in Queens and worked for many years in management positions at the Bronx Zoo. He also was employed as a New York City school teacher, working in the shadow of Yankee Stadium, which he noted was difficult for a Mets fan.

"When I arrived in Peekskill I always tried to be the best police officer that I could. Through hard work I was rewarded with promotions to the rank of Sergeant in 2009 and then to the rank of Lieutenant in 2017," Halmy said. "When



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

New Peekskill Police Chief Donald Halmy speaks with Councilman Colin Smith at vigil at riverfront last week.

the Chief's position became available, it was then that I realized that if one tries their best, and is successful in the process, then rising to the top position is something that would be part of a natural progression."

"I realize that it's going to take a lot of hard work but first and foremost, I want to continue on the path that Chief Johansen has set us on," he continued. "Our work with the local schools has helped many of our youth in their positive development and has helped them

to build relationships with our officers moving forward. I hope to continue this work and to expand upon it with additional sports and education programs that many of our officers want to become involved in. We need to continue to broaden our community policing efforts, working to bridge any gaps that may exist and promote transparency."

Johansen, who served five years as chief during his 24 years in Peekskill, applauded City Manager Richard Leins and the Common Council's choice of Halmy.

"Don is the consummate professional who will serve the City of Peekskill honorably and professionally as Chief of Police. During his 19+ year career he has demonstrated a commitment to the public's safety and the police department is in very competent and capable hands," Johansen said. "I wish him continued success which will translate into the City of Peekskill continuing on its current path as a great destination for all to live, work, and visit."

Halmy said he is more than ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

"I have seen great progress in this city since I started in 1999. We have not only provided for a safer community for our citizens, we have also been part of the revitalization of our downtown area and the expansion of our Riverfront Green Park, both of which has attracted an influx of visitors from neighboring towns," he said. "We want to continue the proactive and modern policing that has been so successful, while looking to work with our citizens to achieve similar goals. I look forward to serving as this great city's Chief of Police and although I have received many great words of wisdom, I think the best came from one of my friends when he said, 'Just run the department like the Yankees, not the Mets.'"

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Ossining Makes Case for Increased School State Funding

By Anna Young

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) and state Senator David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) joined Ossining school officials last Thursday outside Anne Door Middle School to advocate for a greater increase in foundation aid funding in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's 2018-19 state budget.

With a significant increase in enrollment over the last decade, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez said the Ossining School District has become one of the lowest funded foundation aid districts throughout the state struggling to provide the necessary resources to ensure students receive the best possible education.

"We have made sacrifices, we've dissected every non-instructional area in search of efficiencies," Sanchez said. "Unless we address the fundamental funding issue, our school district will struggle to maintain the programs it needs to provide a sound basic education for its students here in Ossining."

Since the foundation aid formula was established in 2008, the district has failed to receive the adequate funding to support the school's 24 percent (963 students) enrollment increase. While most of the more than 700 school districts in the state have decreased in enrollment,



Ossining Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez, flanked by state, county and school officials, speaks at press conference last week.

Ossining is one of 18 districts statewide to experience an increase in enrollment of more than 500 students.

The district has also experienced a 53 percent increase in free and reduced lunch applicants, 59 percent increase in students with extraordinary needs, 70 percent increase in students living in poverty, and a 31 percent decrease in the combined wealth ratio, which measures the community's ability to share the bur-

den of educating its students.

"As we move forward, the Ossining School District will be hard pressed to retain the programs that are necessary to meet the needs of its students," Sanchez said. "Because of the unique needs of our school district it is critical we receive greater aid."

Under Cuomo's proposed budget, Ossining would receive a projected increase of \$156,638 in foundation aid money, which

would bring the districts 2018-19 total to \$11 million resulting in a \$16 million gap.

"This is the greatest school district, it is wonderful, but you can't starve them with state money," Galef said.

Both Carlucci and Galef were able to secure an additional \$2.2 million in foundation aid money last year after changes were made to formula calculations, but Carlucci said those changes were "kicked out." He said Cuomo's executive budget doesn't work for Ossining and criticized the allocation of state money calling the system "unconscionable."

Galef said the formula that determines foundation aid needs to change and state officials only have two weeks left to do so. Galef and Carlucci said they plan to put pressure on their colleagues in both houses to recognize the formulaic issue and realize how unfairly the Ossining district has been treated.

"Our kids do not lack capacity, they only lack opportunity and that's what our teachers are struggling to do here in Ossining and they've done a great job with so little resources," Carlucci said. "Our educators have been able to stretch every dollar and do more with less but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be getting our fair share of funding in New York State."

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Letters to the Editor

Sen. Murphy Shouldn't Be Afraid to Meet, Speak to Constituents

To the Editor:

The essence of democracy is the free and open interaction between the citizenry and its representatives. At Town Hall meetings, citizens express their concerns and hopes for the future and officeholders explain their positions and plans. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

But, in New York's 40th Senate District, it's not that simple at all. State Sen. Terrence Murphy has not held such a Town Hall in living memory, and none

has been scheduled for the foreseeable future. When asked, his staff can shed no light on when Mr. Murphy might meet with his constituents. Even worse, when questioned about his positions on various issues, his staffers, paid by us taxpayers, either claim ignorance or provide only vague generalizations. Either the staff is hopelessly uninformed about Mr. Murphy's positions or they have been instructed not to provide any information to his constituents.

By contrast, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef held five Town Halls in her district over the recent recess, and Robert Kesten, who is challenging Mr. Murphy this year, has held four such sessions, with more on the schedule.

One can only conclude that either Mr. Murphy feels disdain for his constituents and doesn't care what they think or he lives in dread of meeting with them. Is he hiding something? Does he fear that there is something untoward that will be

unearthed in the record that he flaunts in his slick mailings (many paid for by the taxpayers)?

C'mon Mr. Murphy. Sit down and talk with us. Really, your constituents are good people. And, if you meet us, you might actually like us. And we promise not to bite.

Sincerely,

JOEL E. GINGOLD
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Political Sour Grapes by Lachterman

To the Editor:

Councilman Ed Lachterman recent Op-Ed regarding "Hypocrisy in Yorktown's Town Hall" is like Captain Renault being shocked that gambling was taking place in Rick's Cafe in the movie "Casablanca." It's apparent that Councilman Lachterman is very disappointed with his party's recent election defeats. Rejection by the voters must have been a bitter pill for him and his colleagues to swallow. Is Councilman Lachterman holding a partisan grudge and trying to settle a political score with his column? Ethics complaints plagued the last administration. Looking toward 2020, Lachterman's Op-Ed is trying to unfairly smear Supervisor Gilbert

with that same tainted brush that ultimately cost Lachterman's friends their political job. His refusal to attend the swearing in ceremonies of newly elected Town Supervisor and fellow Council Members, his consistent NO votes and his on-going obstructionist actions show that Councilman Lachterman maybe just a sore loser with an ax to grind. Lachterman's Op-Ed seems to contain more "political sour grapes" than substance. For Yorktown's sake, Councilman Lachterman please stop throwing stones and take Supervisor Gilbert up on his public invitation of full cooperation and participation in his administration.

STEPHEN BROWN

Peaceful Vigil Was No Place for a Protest

To the Editor:

On February 19 I attended a vigil on the steps of the courthouse in Carmel to honor those whose lives were lost in the Parkland, Florida massacre. A small group of pro-gun demonstrators gathered, some of whom chose to disrupt the gathering. They shouted over the co-organizer of the event, shouted over the clergy, and shouted interruptions throughout the short period of time we were there.

One man made his way through part of the crowd, invading people's personal space and yelling. My friend held up her sign to separate herself from this man, and he pushed her.

This was intended to be a peaceful gathering.

We heard from, among others, clergy who led us in prayer, Sheriff Langley of Carmel, a school teacher, a representative from Moms Demand Action who read the names of those who had been killed and asked us to repeat their names so they would not be forgotten, and a singer who led us in song by candlelight.

This was not a demonstration, a rally, or a protest. It was a VIGIL.

Who were these pro-gun activists and how is it they were organized to be in attendance? The event was posted on various Face Book groups and PTA walls. Why was a vigil chosen for their protest, and who directed them there?

ELISE-ANN KONSTANTIN,
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Love Your Library This Tax Season

To the Editor:

Ever since the first library opened its door in the colonial period libraries have been centers of community and learning. The library stands as a great equalizer, sharing information regardless of ability to pay. A lot

has changed since our colonial days, but libraries have remained a cornerstone of our lives and a cherished resource for many in our community. Over 51% of New Yorkers are registered library users. While there are so many ways to use and benefit from our libraries, there have

been few ways to return the favor and give back to libraries.

The Love Your Library Fund allows for people to give to libraries on their income tax return form, thereby funding summer reading programs for students. These summer reading programs help over 2 million students retain reading skills over summer breaks and develop a love for reading and libraries, helping teachers reduce the time spent re-teaching skills that are lost over the summer. On average teachers spend four to six weeks reminding students of material they have forgotten. Summer reading

programs help to reduce that time.

There is no better time or easier way to help fund a library program that benefits the next generation of leaders than by making their continued success a priority while filling out your tax returns. I encourage you all to make a donation to the program through a tax check off on your tax return forms this year and to support our libraries, our communities, and our students. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Obituaries

Regina Cahill

Regina Cahill, a longtime resident of Yorktown Heights, died peacefully February 25 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was 80.

She was born in 1937 to Elizabeth and Reginald Firehock in the Bronx, and spent most of her youth growing up in the Highbridge section. She was the youngest of four children. She was predeceased by her best friend and the love of her life husband George, and their youngest son Joseph. She was also predeceased by her sister Jean and brother Walter and is survived by her sister Elizabeth.

Regina and George were married at Sacred Heart Church in the Bronx and together they raised six children in a home filled with love and laughter. Mrs. Cahill had a deep love of life and a gift for making others feel special. Her door was always open and everyone was welcome for a cup of tea and a chat at the kitchen table where she often shared her motherly wisdom. Regina and George enjoyed many years of retirement together and while they traveled the world, her favorite place was at home in her "pretty house" filled with family and friends. She was particularly fond of the shenanigans, fun and games that took place at frequent

family functions. She was a charismatic and loving soul whose warmth and light touched the lives of everyone she met. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Mrs. Cahill is survived by daughter Patricia McCullough (James), daughter Anne Johansen (Richard), son Kenneth (Laura), son Kevin (Pamela), and daughter Regina Garrant (John). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Kyle, Kerrie (Dan), Alyssa (Chris), Rebecca (Mark), Gregory (Allison), Paige, Samantha, Quinn, Cassidy, Allison, Lindsey, Ryan and her great-grandchildren: Jack, Gray, Kate, Ava and Reese.

Elizabeth DeGolyer

Elizabeth Bertha DeGolyer, a longtime resident of Peekskill/Cortlandt area, died February 24. She was 87.

She was born in Peekskill on October 31, 1930 and lived in the Peekskill area until moving to Poughkeepsie over 15 years ago. She loved bingo and looked forward to Friday Night Bingo. She is survived by her daughter, Rosemarie (Paul) Post, three grandchildren: Kellie (Robert) Padmore, John Post and Kimberly Post, brother, Robert Roll, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-

grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence DeGolyer, Jr., on July 20, 1996.

Peter Cronk

Peter D. Cronk, a resident of Somers, formerly of Katonah, died February 24 at Westchester Medical Center. He was 75.

He was born on December 27, 1942 in Mount Kisco, to the late Douglas and Violet Cronk. He spent his career as a licensed land surveyor. He retired as a project manager from WSP SELLS in Briarcliff. He then went on to open two businesses, PC Land Surveying and Empire Layout LLC.

Mr. Cronk is the beloved husband of Barbara Mitchell Cronk, loving father of his daughter, Karen Disch and loving step-father of Eric, Edward, Bradley, and Brendan. He is the beloved grandfather of Adriana, Nicholas, Charlotte, Francesca, Cameron, Savannah, Gavin, and Elena. He is the bother of Miriam and Tony Perpetuo of Patterson, NY.

Rosina "Rose" Santucci

Rosina "Rose" Palombo Santucci, a resident of Ossining, died February 24. She was 82.

She lived a beautiful life dedicated to her family and friends. She was born June 7, 1935 in Sassinoro Italy. She was a well-respected employee of Cedar Manor nursing home for 28 years. She was widely known as a woman with a generous spirit and a welcoming smile.

She is survived by her loving husband Celestino Santucci. They were married for 64 years. They raised three children, Michael (Tracy), Gino (Kathleen) and Michelina (Mickie) (Larry - deceased). She is survived by her brother Donato Palombo, sister Christina Parthemore and predeceased by sister Michelina Conte. She was a devoted grandmother to seven loving grandchildren. Mathew, Peter, Kyle, Celeste, Josh, Sarah and Alicia.

Barbara Wines

Barbara P. Wines, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died peacefully February 24 at home. She had suffered from ALS. She was 73.

She was born Barbara Patricia Ruddy, in New York City on July 19, 1944 and raised in Jamaica Queens with her six siblings, Patrick, Peggy, Kay, Robert, Richard and Brian. She attended Immacu-

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Mt. Kisco Democrat Explores Run for 40th Senate Seat

By Martin Wilbur

A former state Supreme Court and Appellate Division justice is the latest candidate mulling a run against state Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) this fall in the 40th state Senate District.

Robert Spolzino, 58, a Mount Kisco Democrat, said in the coming weeks he will decide whether he will enter the fray in hopes of challenging Murphy, a two-term incumbent. Currently, the only Democrat who has committed to a candidacy for the seat is South Salem resident Robert Kesten.

"I will make up my mind, but I am considering it," Spolzino confirmed on Monday morning.

He did not reveal when he may make his decision, but noted that currently most of the county and state Democrats are focused on retaining Westchester County Executive George Latimer's 37th Senate District seat. Longtime Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) will square off against former Rye city councilwoman Julie Killian in an Apr. 24 special election.

Spolzino said he may run for the seat because the Senate needs a Democratic majority to ensure that the legislature doesn't stand by idly on a host of issues as resources from the Republican-dominated Congress and the Trump Administration are in danger of drying up for states like New York.

"The Republicans are the party of the wealthy and the party of the NRA and I think the public and the voters all understand that," Spolzino said.

While the Democrats do have a majority by party affiliation, eight state Senate Democrats are part of the Independent Democratic Conference and are aligned with the GOP.

Spolzino, an attorney currently practicing with the law firm of Smith, Buss & Jacobs, LLP of Yonkers, was elected in 2001 to a 14-year term to serve on the state Supreme Court. He was elevated by former governor George Pataki in 2004 to the Appellate Division and served in

that seat until he resigned in 2009. He said he left the bench for the more lucrative private practice as college expenses for his son approached.

If Spolzino does decide to enter the race, this would be the second time he would run for the state legislature. He ran unsuccessfully as a Republican 1994 for the state Assembly.

He also served for about seven years from the late 1980s into the 1990s as Mount Kisco village attorney and was on the board of Northern Westchester Hospital for 10 years, including four years as

chairman.

Spolzino re-registered as a Democrat in 2008. He said the GOP, which had fought for middle class issues has largely abandoned that role.

Since Kesten announced his candidacy early last fall, he has been holding public forums on various issues throughout the 40th Senate District. Spolzino called Kesten "a good man," but believes his own professional background and community service make him a stronger candidate. During his time on the bench Spolzino said he ruled on about 4,000

appeals in the Appellate Division and decided on cases as a matrimonial trial justice before that.

"I think I bring more to the table in governmental experience than he does," Spolzino said.

Another Democrat, New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland, had also flirted with the idea of running for the seat earlier this winter, but decided to abandon a candidacy a couple of weeks ago citing likely scheduling conflicts with family and professionally.

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Business of the Week

The Bagel Emporium Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

The Bagel Emporium already had locations in Armonk, Chappaqua, Tarrytown and Port Chester but the Rozins family decided another location was needed in Yorktown.

Michael Rozins and his wife, Idanne, of Armonk and their son, Queens resident Ryan, discussed their new establishment last week. "I love this location," Michael said. "We felt that this area needed a bagel store."

Yorktown "is an underserved market for just good food in general," Ryan said.

Michael said his family has called their eateries The Bagel Emporium because the bagels they offer are "the best."

Ryan explained why he felt his family's bagels were above their competitors. "We don't cut any corners. We do things the old fashion way," he said. He said the process of making bagels takes more than a day because after the flour is mixed to become dough "you need a day to let the bagels rise."

"We have a production facility in Port Chester where they're mixing dough 24 hours a day," Ryan said. "Every day there's deliveries of dough to each store."



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Michael (right) and Idanne Rozins of Armonk, and their son, Ryan Rozins of Queens, opened a new The Bagel Emporium in Yorktown in February.

It takes about 12 minutes for a bagel to bake, he noted.

Michael said The Bagel Emporium offers 24 types of bagels. "We like to offer some of the modern varieties like Fruity Pebbles, rainbow bagels and French toast

bagels," he said. "One of the most popular is jalapeno cheddar," he said. "We're always open to new ideas and we try to bring some new flavors." Several varieties of cream cheeses are also offered.

The Bagel Emporium sell egg

sandwiches that are tailored to customers' requests, as well as lunch sandwiches, wraps, entrée salads, coffees, teas and homemade baked goods.

Ryan said it was important for his Yorktown eatery to have an open kitchen. "So people could actually see the process and see the hot bagels coming out of the oven," he said. "Nothing that we do is hidden," Michael said.

Ryan stressed it was important that customers of the new Yorktown store know the facility is clean.

Though it has been open for only a few days, The Bagel Emporium in Yorktown is already a popular destination. Idanne said, "They're coming back day after day," she said.

Michael said it was important for his family to contribute to the local community. "My goal is just to make people happy, make my son happy, my wife happy. That's my goal," he said.

The Bagel Emporium is located at 1893 Commerce St. in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-352-6444, visit bageemporium.com or send an e-mail to bageemporium@gmail.com. The Bagel Emporium is also on Facebook and Instagram.

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29th Annual Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade March 10

The 29th Annual Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Saturday, March 10, at 3 p.m. in downtown Peekskill. This year's Grand Marshal is WHUD Radio's Kacey Morabito Grean. The 2018 Aides are James Bertoline from D. Bertoline & Sons, Former Peekskill Mayor Frances Gibbs, Peekskill High School Band Director John Hahn and Community Volunteer Marianne Oros.

The parade is held rain or shine. The parade steps off near Assumption Church, makes its way down Union Avenue, then right on South Street, left on Division Street, right on Main Street and right on James Street. The reviewing stand is on the corner of James and Park Streets.

"We are so delighted to have Kacey as our Grand Marshal. She has been a staple in everyone's life on the radio, plus she dedicates so much time and energy to so many non-profit groups. We encourage area residents to attend the parade and stay afterwards in Downtown Peekskill to celebrate everything Irish," said committee chairman Bill Powers.

Morabito Grean has been helping to wake up Westchester and the Hudson Valley for 17 years on 100.7 WHUD. Born in Verplanck, Morabito Grean lives with "her husband the contractor," Mike Grean and their houseful of pets in Cold Spring.



Kacey Morabito Grean

Along with the WHUD morning show, Kacey also hosts a Sunday morning program called Shine On: The Health and Happiness Show, a popular podcast. She has a line of skin products, also called Shine On, and a vibrant reiki practice in Cold Spring and Peekskill.

Kacey filled in to co-host the TV coverage of the St. Patrick's Parade with anchor Bill Powers in 2013 when his co-anchor, Deb Carlin Polhill left the anchor booth to lead the parade as Grand Marshal. At the conclusion of announcing the parade, Kacey stated, "That was the hardest thing I have ever done."

James Bertoline currently serves as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of D. Bertoline & Sons, Inc. and has been active in many charitable causes.

Frances Gibbs is a noted trailblazer for being the first female Mayor of Peekskill and for being instrumental in the creation of the Peekskill Artist District among many other accomplishments.

John Hahn is the band director for the Peekskill High School Band and has marched in every parade for many years. He is teaching the next generation of fine musicians.

Marianne Oros is being honored for her volunteerism including serving on the Board of the Keon Center and on the Board of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

The parade is preceded by a Mass at Assumption Church at 1:30 p.m., which is open to all, and brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at 1038 Brown Street, Peekskill. The brunch will include a full buffet breakfast. Admission for adults: \$12, children 5-12 years old is \$5; children under five years old are free. All are welcome and attendees can pay at the door.

A Grand Marshal's pub tour of local establishments is planned for Friday, March 9, 2018 from 6pm to 10pm. The Grand Marshal and her Aides are piped into each establishment by Pipe Major Joe Brady, who happens to lead both the New York City and Peekskill parades. Brady is a Peekskill resident. Please check the parade's Fa-

cebook page at www.facebook.com/peekskillspa... for exact schedule.

In addition, the Grand Marshal and Aides are introduced at the committee's annual installation dinner held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 6pm to 9:30pm at The Mansion at Colonial Terrace, 119 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY. Tickets are still available. Please visit the committee's Facebook page for RSVP information. Proceeds from the dinner help to underwrite the parade.

Irish music and culture returns to the stage in Peekskill this year. Andy Cooney's Enchanted Music of Ireland - A Benefit for The Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade comes alive at the Paramount Hudson Valley on Friday, March 2, 2018 8pm as Cooney gathers together the best musicians, dancers and performers to ignite their audience in Irish tradition. Special appearances includes Peekskill's own Singer Doug Ferony and Pipe Major Joe Brady, Regimental Piper for the Fighting 69th. Tickets on sale NOW for \$45 and \$35. For tickets visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

The parade is presented by an all volunteer committee with the support and cooperation of the City of Peekskill, and is completely self-funded through the generosity of businesses and committee members, donations from kind-hearted community members and all-year-round fund raising.

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Diana Oliveira has broad experience in the real estate and financing sectors having spent 12 years in the mortgage industry while also owning and operating the family construction company. She has a passion for helping first time buyers and guides them through the process to make wise investment decisions. Being bilingual in English and Spanish has been very beneficial in helping many members in the Hispanic community with their real estate needs. Diana resides in Cortlandt with her husband, two children and chocolate Labrador. She covers the Northern Westchester and Putnam real estate markets. Call/text Diana today at 917-538-1369.


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Students in Hendrick Hudson High School's PLTW Biomedical class examine cow elbows and long bones.

Lowey Seeks Answers on Local Post Office Problems

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY17/Rockland-Westchester) last week was joined by Lower Hudson Valley elected officials and residents to demand long-term solutions to the systemic issues plaguing the post office branches in Westchester and Rockland counties,

including lost checks, missing bills, and undelivered medications.

Joining Lowey were Village of Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity; Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner; Cynthia Ferguson, and an Ossining resident who has been subjected to significant breaks

in delivery and late and missing mail, including bills.

"When the Postal Service is not working efficiently, families and businesses can face serious consequences," said Congresswoman Lowey. "Unfortunately, that's the case for too many area residents. During the past five months, I've received dozens of postal service complaints which indicate a wide range of structural problems. The shortcomings in our local postal service are not merely inconveniences; they are threatening the livelihood and well-being of some of our highest need constituents. It is unacceptable that New Yorkers would have to worry about missing a bill, not receiving a payment, or not having access to important documents or medication they need. I am committed to working with the community and the entire Postal Service team to find long-term solutions and rebuild trust in an institution that plays a pivotal role in this nation."

"Delivery failures directly impact the

lives of people in our community," said Gearity. "It is troubling that even after months of attempts, the postal service our residents rely on is still not fixed. We are grateful to Congresswoman Lowey for her efforts to address this ongoing issue."

At the press conference, Congresswoman Lowey described the pervasiveness of mail service problems in Rockland and Westchester which affect communities throughout the 17th Congressional District, and highlighted a number of cases her office has received in recent months.

Lowey has been in frequent contact with USPS to resolve issues facing residents and to put pressure on the postal service to address these ongoing failures. In September 2017, Lowey met with United States Postal Service Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman to discuss the postal issues in Westchester and Rockland, bringing to his attention

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Athletes Learn Key Lessons of Respect and Sportsmanship

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville Dad's Club hosted a special gathering at Pleasantville High School Saturday afternoon encouraging their young members to get involved in sports and to treat each other with respect on and off the playing field.

Throughout the hour-long forum, three current or former star Pleasantville High School athletes informed the roughly 50 elementary school competitors and their parents that trust, respect, hard work and compassion are essential to athletic success.

Pleasantville alumnus Jack Bramswig, who recently signed a contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, said players must always look out for each other. He said the best teammates he's had were those he could rely on for support and encouragement.

Bramswig also explained the importance of good sportsmanship and how coaches seek out players with strong character.

"If you're going to be on the field you have to be a good person, you have to be a good teammate, you have to be a worthy teammate and those are things that aren't just at a high school or college level but it goes all the way up to the Green Bay Packers and it's something



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Youngsters who participate in Pleasantville Dad's Club sports listen to Pleasantville High School head football coach Tony Becerra and three current or former star athletes for the school talk about how treating others and handling themselves with dignity is a vitally important trait on the playing field and in life.

every coach looks for in a player," Bramswig said.

Senior Charlie McPhee, who has played football, basketball and lacrosse for the Panthers, added that everyone deserves the same level of respect regardless of who they play for.

He said coaches instill trust and self-esteem between teammates so they can support each other regardless of the outcome of a game or season. Furthermore, it's vital to refrain from criticizing or yelling at a teammate for making a mistake. Instead, it's more beneficial to them and

the team to help them through their errors because everybody wants to win.

"You want to build confidence around your teammates and you really want them to feel like they can push themselves and be that great player and step up," said senior and multisport athlete Nick Salzarulo.

He also said that opponents also have to be treated properly.

"You always got to treat your opponent with respect – you don't have to like them – but you have to have that respect," Salzarulo said.

The athletes also touched on bullying. They reminded the youngsters that if they play varsity sports their teachers and district administrators will expect them to lead by example. They encouraged the children to always provide support when someone is upset. It is their job to listen and understand their teammates and try to improve the situation.

The trio of athletes said bullying is a sensitive subject, but there's no place for it in sports or society.

"Not everyone sees and understands what is making someone upset," McPhee said. "It's really important that if you see someone that's upset or something that's making them upset to step in and stop it."

Pleasantville head football coach Tony Becerra said his players are held to a high standard and are expected to treat each other, their classmates, parents and teachers with respect. He said on the first day of practice each summer he addresses behavior and bullying, making it a top priority.

"I don't care how good you are, if I can't trust you I can't have you on the field," Becerra said. "If you're not making good choices off the field you're not going to make good choices on the field. If you're trustworthy, committed to excellence and you care about others, you can lead and should."

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Tuesday, March 6

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.

Hebrew Classes: Hebrew Classes are being held at the First Hebrew Congregation every Tuesday through March 27. First Hebrew offers two classes for adults who want to either converse or read Hebrew faster. The conversational classes run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The classes are free for members of First Hebrew or \$5 per class for others. The class to read Hebrew faster follows at 7:30 p.m. RSVP fhc@firsthebrew.org or 914-739-0500. First Hebrew is located just west of Beach Center at 1821 Main St., Route 6, Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Wednesday, March 7

Senior's Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in the City of Peekskill on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10- to 11 a.m. The Class name is "The Workout." For more information, please contact Ray Glashoff at 914-734-4254. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center (Field Library), 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the Library.

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.

Thursday, March 8


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.

Somers Library Events: Three events will be held in the coming days the Somers Library. Teen Parent Talk – Understanding College Rankings will be held on March 8 at 6:15 p.m. The new date is March 22 at 6:15p.m. Math professor and SAT tutor Mike Goodman presents the pluses and minuses of the popular college ranking formulas and explains how just three numbers tell you almost everything you need to know. This presentation is geared towards teens and parents of teens beginning their college search. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Teen Parent Talk: College Application Process from A-Z will be held on March 10 at 11 a.m. It will be presented by Neal Schwartz of College Planning of Westchester. Seating is limited and registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717. The Middle School Newsletter Club meet every other Tuesday from March 13 through May 22 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Do you like writing reviews for books, movies or music that you have enjoyed? Do you like to let others know about great restaurants or special events you have attended around our area? If so, then join us to write for our newly created middle school newsletter. Published author and writing facilitator Christine Adler

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Rugalach Baking: The Chabad Jewish Women's Circle invites all women to learn to make Rugalach like a pro at Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a hands-on baking workshop and learn the art of baking Rugalach, the delicious traditional Jewish pastry. Take home a delicious batch for your family. The fees are \$18 to cover or \$54 to co-sponsor. RSVP: www.ChabadYorktown.com, Hadassah@ChabadYorktown.com or 914-962-1111.

Wine With Weiner: Wine with Weiner will be held at 7:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl., Yorktown. Come to Beth Am for an informal conversation with the Jewish community on the issues that affect our lives. With welcoming wine (or other beverages people bring), Rabbi Weiner facilitates a fascinating "laid-back" discussion while bringing us closer as a Jewish community. Congregants and non-congregants alike are invited to take this journey with our Rabbi. No previous knowledge is required, and all backgrounds are welcome. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him at atrabbiw@optonline.net

Friday, March 9

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

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. Tonight, sixth grad-

ers will lead us through prayers. Prior to the service at 5:30 p.m., a welcoming Tot Shabbat will be held. Filled with movement, music, and ruach (spirit), Rabbi Robbie and Rebbetzin Ellen help bring in the Shabbat with that special "Shabbat Spirit" followed by a Shabbat dinner. This month we will celebrate the holiday and the joy of Passover with singing and laughter. The only cost of the dinner is a Shabbat Shalom smile. To RSVP or for more information, please email Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com. 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 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, March 10

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.

Local Color: Local Color 2018, the exhibition of artworks by members of the Croton Council on the Arts, will open at the Unitarian Universal Congregation

of the Hudson Valley, 2021 Albany Post Rd, Croton, today. Show times will be Saturdays & Sundays, March 10 and 11 and 17 and 18, from noon to 5 p.m. The opening on March 10 runs from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. Works in the past have included paintings, collages, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, and fiber and bead art.

Support Connection Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday for the rest of March, beginning today, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Yoga and the Heart: The Yoga Studio, Club Fit, 584 N State Rd, Briarcliff Manor, will be offering Yoga and the Heart from 1:30-4:30 p.m. This practice uses the tools of yoga to discover what's already embedded there, enhances our relationship to the more sublime nature of our heart, and strengthens our heart's deep commitment to the world Shari Friedrichsen will conduct the program. The fee is \$45 for members, \$65 for non-members in advance. Info: 914-582-7816 or YTAyoga.com.

Sunday, March 11

Grace Church Pastor: At 4 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3830 Gomer S., York-

town, will install its new pastor, the Rev. Christopher Chantelau. Chantelau comes to Grace from Divinity Lutheran in Towson, MD and is a wonderful person, pastor and preacher to lead Grace into the future. He replaces our pastor of almost 38 years, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Kennedy, who retired in 2015. Please join us. A reception will follow. Info: <https://www.grace-lutheran-church.com> or 914-245-5737.

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, March 12

Somers Library Monday Program: 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 914-232-5717.

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

Obituaries

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late Conception Grammar school, and Dominican Commercial High School.

After marrying her husband, Jan Wines, she worked at Mercy College and attended undergraduate and graduate school, obtaining her Masters of Business Administration in Management Information Systems at Long Island University. She then served as Registrar at Elizabeth Seton College, then Registrar at Marymount Tarrytown, and ultimately, Associate Dean and University Registrar at New York Medical College.

In 2002, she retired from New York Medical College, to join the U.S. Peace Corps, she and Jan served in Bulgaria for the next two years. Mrs. Wines taught English to high school students in Bulgaria. She and Jan have stayed active in Returned Peace Corps activities since their return from service.

After her Peace Corps service she worked at Bennett Conservatory in Croton overseeing the office and making sure that the budding musicians, waiting for their lessons, had their Graham Crackers. She also worked as a literacy volunteer utilizing her ESL skills learned in Bulgaria.

Subsequently she served as an Ombudsman at Cortlandt Manor Nursing Home for seven years, working to ensure

that the residents were treated with the care and dignity that they deserved.

Mrs. Wines is pre-deceased by her parents, Pat and Marge, and survived by all of her brothers and sisters, her devoted husband Jan, her two wonderful children, Kevin and Amy and her loving granddaughter Kiersten, as well as a large number of close nieces and nephews, some living as neighbors in Croton. She loved her time with her nieces and nephews, especially the annual summer stay with many of them on Block Island.

Mrs. Wines enjoyed working on quilts that she never quite seemed to finish, and taking long bicycle trips to raise awareness to fight children's cancer. She also enjoyed long walks along the river and traveling the world with her loving husband of 50 years.

Gertrude "Gert" Curry

Gertrude M. 'Gert' Curry, a lifelong Peekskill resident, died March 4. She was 97.

She was a School Guard and Matron for the Peekskill Police Dept. for 20 years. She is survived by her daughter, Donna Kelly, three granddaughters; Shannon and Colleen Kelly and Megan (Peter) Espinoza, and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, Winford F

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By Nick Antonaccio



Ancient water supplies were dangerous to consume; wine was created to kill off the harmful bacteria present in water. Likewise, drinking potable water was a constant concern among sailors on the high seas; the Portuguese and Spaniards produced Port and Sherry to consume in lieu of contaminated water.

There are two forms of fermentation: lactic acid and alcohol.

Lactic acid fermentation is the process utilized in preserving many foods. The interaction of salt, yeast and healthy bacteria (probiotics) produce what are commonly termed preserved foods.

Alcoholic fermentation is the process by which natural or inoculated yeast breaks down the sugars and carbohydrates in fruit, converting them to alcohol.

In some form, each of us ingests one or more fermented foods each day. For breakfast, many enjoy yogurt with the "Live & Active Cultures" seal on the container, assuring about 17 billion probiotic cultures in a six-ounce container. Others may enjoy breakfast with their cup of fermented coffee beans.

With dinner, a glass or two of fermented grape juice or perhaps a bottle of fermented malted barley or wheat seems to be increasingly popular. And why not top off dinner with a dessert of fermented cocoa beans?

The inspiration for this week's column is an organization and an individual who recognize the growing popularity of consuming fermented products; in this instance drinks produced by alcoholic fermentation.

This Saturday, March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kessel Student Center on the Pleasantville campus of Pace University, the Pleasantville Rotary Club is presenting its second annual Hudson Valley Fermented food and beverage fest. Proceeds support Rotary initiatives, primarily in the local communities.

Event Chair Henry Leyva and his team have assembled an impressive array of craft producers. With a focus on Hudson Valley and New York State products, eventgoers will be able to sample craft beers, artisanal wines and ciders and several local distilled

spirits. Local restaurants will supplement the beverages.

There are several unique aspects of HV Fermented, as it is dubbed.

1. For the first time that I'm aware of, multiple fermented beverages are being offered at the same venue, with stations manned by owners or their knowledgeable representatives. Rather than wandering aimlessly through a myriad of shelves at local retail establishments, attendees will have the benefit of a carefully curated list of hand-selected beverages, all of which are available for purchase or order at the event.

2. VIP tickets are available for \$75, which

permit early access to the event. For one hour prior to general admission (\$55 per ticket), VIPs will sample all beverages, chat with brewery, winery and distillery representatives and enjoy the local food, all in a private, intimate atmosphere.

3. Each of the dozen or more beer stations will offer at least two products and several will be pouring limited production brews.

4. The wine stations, organized and managed by Thierry Pradines, proprietor of Best Wine Purveyors, a popular wine shop in Pleasantville, will be offering about 50 wines and spirits from at least 16 wineries and distilleries.

5. Local restaurants – 13 at press time – will present a broad array of cuisines and beverage-friendly dishes.

Leyva is enticing folks to come to HV Fermented "to sample all this in one place for four hours and have a blast." I'll be there, filming the event, to be aired on Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV). You may view a promo on the PCTV website featuring myself, Leyva and Thierry at www.pctv76.org/video/2357/.

For more information on participating vendors and to purchase tickets, visit www.HVFermented.com or contact the organizers at HVFermented@gmail.com



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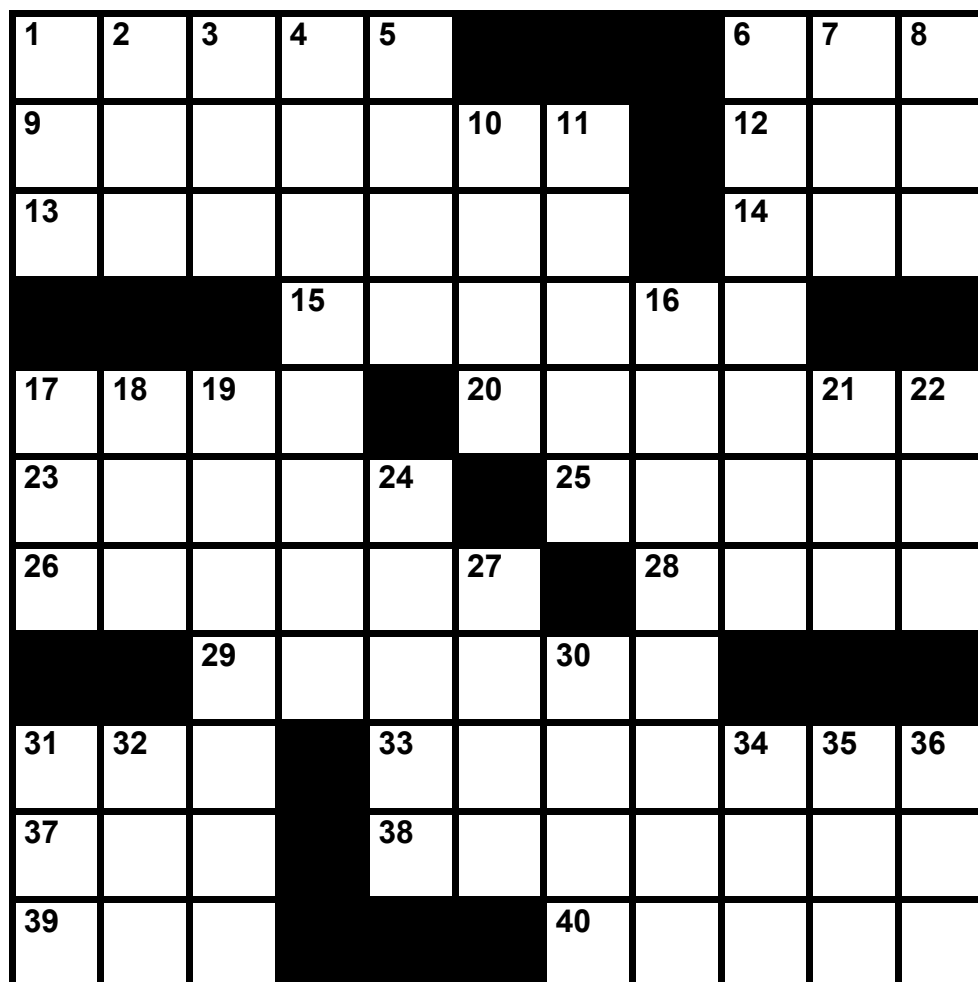
ACROSS

1. "Posh," "Scary," and "Ginger" would eat at this
Shrub Oak restaurant
6. Baseball stat
9. Musical intervals
12. Cries of regret
13. Tolerate
14. Global positioning fig.
15. Dress like a king
17. Physical
20. Revolt
23. Nobles
25. Pupils take part in it
26. Nuclear ___ or Mohegan Lake restaurant, Wild

28. Quaker form of address
29. Dine at a restaurant
31. Ending for east or west
33. Lectures
37. Mai ___ (cocktail)
38. River in Venezuela
39. Sound in a bar
40. Church council

DOWN

1. Plea at sea
2. Loan figure, abbr.
3. OJ judge
4. Roselike flower
5. "___ Almighty": 2007 Steve Carell film
6. North Carolina's capital
7. Won ___ nose
8. Believer's suffix
10. Silk color
11. Boutiques
16. French region
17. Football official
18. Évian, e.g.
19. "___ and Old Lace" play
21. Any car, affectionately
22. Berlioz's "Les nuits d'___"
24. ___ voce
27. Black, as la nuit
30. "Trinity" author
31. Numerical ending
32. Historic Thor Heyerdahl craft
34. Mafia head
35. Prefix with "friendly"
36. Lay turf




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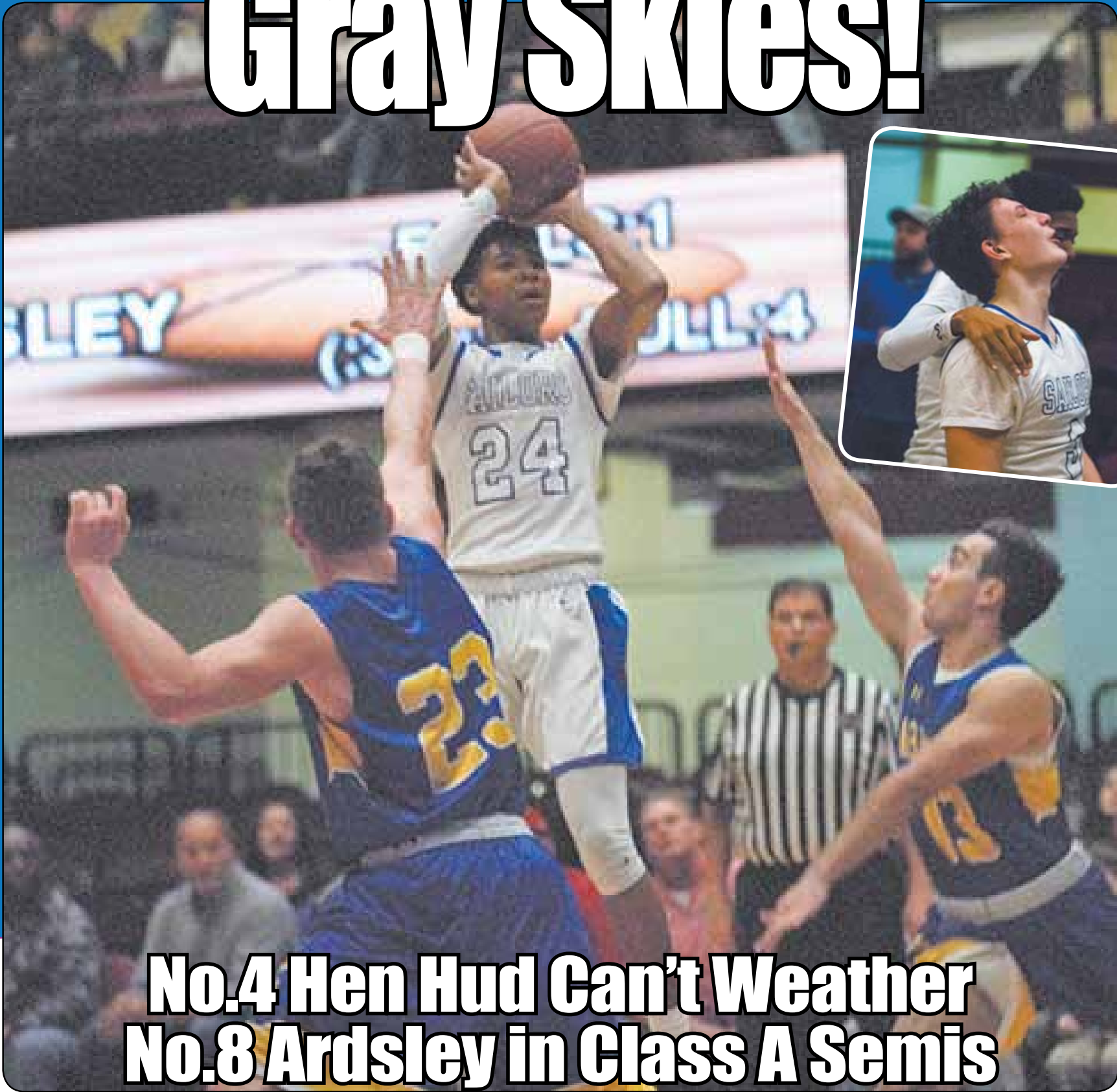
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