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#### **Battle of Yorktown**

Yorktown Councilman Ed Lachterman (right) and other Yorktown Lions Club members teamed up with "Bubbles" and Goldfish Swim School to fight litter Saturday in the annual Battle of Yorktown cleanup effort that took place throughout the town.

# New Sports Complex in Shrub Oak Behind Schedule

By Rick Pezzullo

The extended wet and cold weather has put a damper on the expected opening of the much anticipated multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art sports complex off Stony Street in Shrub Oak.

Sports enthusiasts in town were rooting for the Granite Knolls Sports Complex to be ready for action in mid-May, but an engineer informed the Yorktown Town Board at a recent work session that the contractor, Montesano Bros., Inc., was delayed at least three weeks due to Mother Nature's reluctance to let go of winter-like temperatures and precipitation.

As a result, Joe Riina, owner of Site Design Consultants, told town officials it won't be until about mid-June until youngsters can make their debut at the facility, which is slated to include two multi-purpose turf fields, a baseball field with a press box and bleachers, a golf putting green, basketball courts, handball courts, a pavilion, playground equipment, and restrooms on a 15-acre section of town-owned land.

"It will probably be one of the finest facilities in the state," said Yorktown Recreation Commission Vice-Chairman Al Avitabile at the work session.

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# **Conservation Easement Secured to Protect Stuart's Farm**

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Stuart's Fruit Farm and its 172 acres in Somers will forever be used for agricultural purposes after Westchester Land Trust closed last week on a conservation easement.

The project, which took a decade to complete, is valued at almost \$3 million and includes the Town of Somers, Somers Land Trust, Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Westchester County and New York State.

The conservation easement extinguishes the development rights on the farm. In the absence of the conservation easement, the farmland could have been sold for residential development.

"The protection of Stuart's Fruit Farm is the product of years of work and is a tribute to the commitment that the Stuart family and our community have to our agricultural heritage," said Lori Ensinger, Westchester Land Trust's president. "It has been a joy and an honor to work with the Stuarts to help protect this cherished resource. We are grateful to all of our funding partners for investing with us in the permanent protection of Stuart's Farm and believing in the importance of keeping farmland available for generations to come."

"I often think about the future of this land that has been in our family for seven

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Members of the Stuart family celebrated preservation of property with entities involved in transaction.



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# **New Sports Complex in Shrub Oak Behind Schedule**

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The project is being done in phases. The baseball field will be completed before the multi-purpose turf fields since it needs to be "stabilized" before the turf field work starts, according to Riina.

During the winter, Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli lent a hand by providing wood chips to the property to help stabilize the land.

Montesano Bros., Inc., owned by a Yorktown resident, submitted the winning bid of \$3.8 million for the project, but that price tag did not cover the cost of the turf and some of the buildings. The Recreation Commission said the project was only about \$152,000 over budget.

Two weeks ago, the Town Board au-

thorized the transfer of \$2.2 million into a fund for the project which started with approximately \$6 million. The transfer was to cover the purchase and installation of lights at the complex, and other expenses.

'Time is of the essence here in many aspects," said Supervisor Ilan Gilbert. "You all did incredible work here. You have the gratitude of the whole board and the gratitude of the whole town."

The site, located next to the former Phoenix House and recently approved Shrub Oak International School, was purchased by the town in 2010 for passive recreation and has been used by Yorktown Athletic Club football for practices in recent years.

# Conservation Easement Secured to Protect Stuart's Farm

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generations. We have customers who've picked apples here as a child who now bring their grandchildren to the orchard! We are so grateful to all who worked with us on this conservation easement because we can rest assured knowing the land we love and share with thousands of visitors each year, is safe from development forever," said Bob Stuart, who owns the farm with his sister Mary Lee Stuart

"Our parents, Lee and Mary Stuart, would be thrilled knowing that the future of the farm will continue in our family. Thanks to all who made this possible - this is a very, very special day for us," Gerlach added.

Established in 1828, the farm attracts

visitors from the tristate area who pick peaches and apples, purchase produce and flowers at the on-site farm stand, select Halloween pumpkins and Christmas trees, and recreate along the adjacent North County Trailway. Stuart's is also a cherished destination for thousands of schoolchildren who visit each year to learn about Westchester's agricultural heritage.

"Scenic Hudson is delighted to participate in this model of public-private collaboration with the Westchester Land Trust, Town of Somers, Westchester County, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets--and, of course, the Stuart family--to conserve this productive land and community resource. Stuart's Farm not only provides consum-

ers with fresh, local fruits and vegetables but allows visitors to learn about the importance of local agriculture," said Scenic Hudson Land Trust Executive Director Steve Rosenberg.

Westchester Land Trust works with public and private partners to preserve land in perpetuity and to enhance the natural resources in Westchester and eastern Putnam counties—a densely populated region under persistent threat from the pressures of development. Through the use of conservation easements and outright acquisition, WLT's efforts benefit the long-term health of these communities by safeguarding air quality, food supply and community character, as well as critical watershed areas. Since its founding in 1988, WLT

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# **Candidates for Local Board** of Education Races Set

#### By Rick Pezzullo

The May 15 Board of Education races have been set in local school districts with the deadline to file petitions having expired last week.

In the Lakeland School District, at least two new residents will be joining the board as two current trustees have opted not to seek new terms with four seats up for grabs.

Carol Ann Dobson, a former board president and vice president who has served five three-year terms, is bowing out, as is Trustee Keri Fiore, who was appointed last year following the resignation of Elizabeth Kogler.

Running for second terms are Michael Daly, former treasurer of the Lakeland Education Foundation, and Karen Pressman, former president of the Lincoln-Titus Elementary School PTA.

Looking to join the board for the first time are Angela Conti, Robert Mayes and Stephen Reid. The top three vote-getters will earn three-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will have to settle for the one-year unexpired term, which ends June 30, 2019, being left vacant by Fiore.

In the Somers School District, four candidates are running for two seats. Incumbents Sarena Meyer, current board president, and Trustee Michael D'Anna are being challenged by newcomers Heidi Cambareri and Jill Schantz.

In the Hendrick Hudson School District, three candidates will be vying for two seats. Mary-Pat Briggi, a former board president, and Laurie Ryan are running for reelection, while Richard Sklar is also in it to win it.

In Yorktown, three incumbents, board President Jackie Carbone and trustees Peter Bisaccia and Lisa Rolle, are running unopposed for reelection.

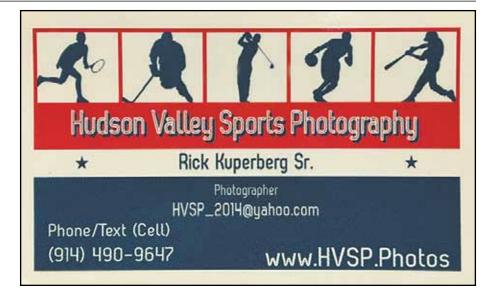
In Croton, two seats are available and only two candidates are running. Trustee Andrea Furey will return for another three-year term, while newcomer Jordan



Humphrey will replace current Trustee Giuseppina Miller.

In Ossining, four candidates are running for two available seats. Trustee Diana Lemon is the only incumbent in the race with Felix Flores not seeking a second term. Also on the ballot are Melissa Banta, Katherin Crossling and Aaron Spring.

Residents will be voting on school budgets on the same day the Board of Education contests are held.





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# **Ceremony Held for 16 New Townhomes in Peekskill**

By Rick Pezzullo

The American flag was raised Thursday to mark the completion of the final floor and roof of the Gateway Townhomes project at 700 Main Street in Peekskill, across from the Kiley Youth Center and Bohlman Towers.

The project, being constructed by Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), will feature 16 rowhouse townhome-style condominiums with a selection of two and three-bedroom homes ranging in size from 1,649 square feet to 1,915 square feet. Fourteen of the homes will be sold at market rate prices, starting at \$325,000, and two units will be offered as affordable workforce housing with a sales price of about \$240,000. Sales are expected to begin in the summer.

"We're honored to play a role in Peekskill's revitalization, especially at a site which is, quite literally, the gateway to the city," said GDC Principal Martin Ginsburg. "Gateway Townhomes offers the convenience of downtown living at a reasonable price for new construction condominiums in Westchester County. I have no doubt Peekskill will be a destination place on the Hudson River."

Plans to redevelop the property, which once housed a bar called Bunch's Place and other merchants, were first presented to Peekskill officials in 1997.



PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

U.S. flag was raised on roof of Gateway Townhomes in Peekskill Thursday; (bottom) Legislator John Testa and GDC Principal Martin Ginsburg.

"It's nice to see where it is now after all these years," said Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R/Peekskill), who was just starting his political career as a councilman 20 years ago. "At the end of the day we have something really spectacular. It's a testament to what Peekskill has become---a destination city."

Gateway Townhomes is the first new construction in the area in more than 65 years. The first floor of each townhome features an entrance hall, home office/guest room and a two-car garage. The second floor consists of the living and dining rooms with a large eat-in kitchen,

while the top floor has two or three bedrooms.

"This collaborative effort with GDC is an example of what the city, and our community, can look forward to," said Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey. "Going forward, we strive to always deliver more than expected for the people in this wonderful community. There's nothing better than a project like this where you can come and park. Ginsburg has brought that love and creativity to the City of Peekskill."

The project comes on the heels of a nearby \$64.5 million mixed-use devel-

opment in Peekskill that Ginsburg broke ground on last June. That venture, called Fort Hill Apartments at the Abbey Inn, will feature 178 luxury one, two and three-bedroom rental apartments, some with views of the Hudson River, in three five-story buildings arranged in a quad around a wooded knoll. Amenities include a fitness center, club room and outdoor pool.

In addition, the development will have Abbey Inn, a 42-room hotel with a restaurant and spa in the former St. Mary's Convent building. The chapel will be used for gatherings and events.





# Peekskill Rotary 1st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Plant Sale & Book Drive to be Held April 28

The Rotary Club of Peekskill will host its 1st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Plant Sale & Book Drive on Saturday, April 28 at the Peekskill Riverfront Green. Admission and parking are free with easy access from the Peekskill train station.

The event will go on, rain or shine. Festivities will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring a plant sale, book drive, ceramic pot painting, poster contest and kids' activities that include face painting, candle making, a cherry tree trail tour with prizes and an educational scavenger hunt!

In addition to a Cherry Blossom Raffle, there will also be a Silent Auction with donated prizes to include designer sunglasses, tickets to the NYC Football Club, the Giants, Mets and Yankees as well as gift certificates from Arthur Weeks Jewelers and Skinchanted Spa. Food trucks featuring delicious fare from local restaurants will also be on hand.

There are 80 trees in the ground at the riverfront, from Peekskill landing all the way down to China Pier. Another 20 will be planted near Charles Point Marina in the fall, and once they are, the 100 donated trees will represent an \$80,000 gift from the Rotary Club of Peekskill and will commemorate Peekskill Rotary's 100-year anniversary in 2019.

Rotary President Chappy Manzer, owner of Peekskill-based Manzer's Landscape Design & Development, Inc., secured the trees wholesale and planted them at no cost. Once the remaining 20 plants are in the ground, the city will take full ownership of them from the Rotary. "The long-term goal is to bring a multiweek cherry blossom festival to Peekskill.

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We want something similar to what goes on in Washington, DC and in Belleville, New Jersey," he said.

"This year we are working with Peekskill schools," Manzer said. "Next year, we hope to work with Peekskill and Hen Hud or Peekskill and Walter Panas. After that, maybe Peekskill and Putnam Valley or Yorktown. We want to involve the entire region." In fact, schools are already pitching in, working with the Rotary to hold a poster contest among the students. The winner will see his or her painting on festival shirts and posters.

The event will also feature a children's book drive for the Peekskill Rotary Golden Bookshelves project which aims to increase literacy skills in Peekskill among pre-school and school age children. Please bring new or gently used books for newborns through age 12 to our book drive.

"The riverfront is so nice and adding the cherry trees makes it that much nicer," Manzer said. "This is our gift to Peekskill and surrounding towns that allows everyone to get out of the house and celebrate the beginning of spring."

The Rotary Club of Peekskill was chartered 99 years ago. The club has about 90 members representing a cross-section of the Peekskill and Cortlandt communities

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# Murphy, Residents Take Utilities to Task for Poor Storm Response

**By Anna Young** 

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) hosted a public forum last Thursday with local officials and utility representatives to help prevent future widespread power outages suffered as a result of last month's dual nor'easters.

Throughout the two-hour meeting at John F. Kennedy High School in Somers also attended by representatives from Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), Murphy and residents blasted the utilities for inadequate preparation and response to the March 2 wind and rainstorm and the March 7 snowstorm.

"We were out of power for approximately 10 days. I personally was out eight days with my wife and three kids," Murphy said. "We have had enough of the e-mails and the robocalls, we have representatives because they were kind enough to be here but we are going to get some answers."

Con Edison representatives said they prepared a week before the first storm struck by requesting line workers through mutual aid. But they anticipated a much weaker storm than what arrived.

"For Con Edison, Westchester County was our hardest hit area," said Steve Parisi, Con Edison's vice president for Westchester electric operations.

With roughly 104,000 outages in the county, Parisi said the March 2 storm



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

State Sen. Terrence Murphy, seated center, with officials from several towns and representatives from Con Edison and NYSEG during a public forum he hosted last week.

caused more damage and outages than Hurricane Irene in 2011. He said the second storm, which triggered 43,000 additional outages, caused restoration efforts to lag.

Inaccurate information provided to customers during the storm was also blamed on a "software defect," he said.

"While we believe we effectively followed our executed storm response plan, clearly this is not acceptable and it's not the result we were striving for," Parisi said. "We're committed to making the longterm corrective actions to ensure we provide customers with timely and accurate information throughout similar events."

Cindy Chadwick, NYSEG's director of public affairs, said the utility followed its most current emergency plans and staged about 850 line workers and tree cutting crew members across the state prior to the first storm. Chadwick said NYSEG's Brewster division, which includes Yorktown, Lewisboro, North Salem, Bedford, Pound Ridge and Somers, was most impacted.

Following the March 2 storm, Chadwick said NYSEG had 1,200 workers, including its own personnel, local contractors and additional resources. NYSEG reported more than 72,000 customers without power, 3,000 downed wires, 400 broken poles and damage to the transmission and distribution infrastructure.

Despite lengthy explanations from both utilities, angry residents said there wasn't enough personnel available to restore power more swiftly

"I don't consider a four-day restoration an acceptable restoration time. The storm was Friday, but a Tuesday restoration isn't something we should be applauding," Somers resident Andrea Peters said. "I expect workers to be in place when there's a storm in my town ready to go. And they shouldn't have to come from eight to 10 hours away two to three days later."

Peters added that she has fought with NYSEG for several years because of ran-

dom power outages.

Other residents echoed similar sentiments, contending that NYSEG has removed resources over the years. Residents at Somers' Heritage Hills said NYSEG has failed to replace fuses within the senior community leading to constant problems.

"We have more senior citizens at Heritage Hills than all of Westchester and you left us for seven to eight days?" said Kenneth Ferrara. "It was 39 degrees in my unit, that's not really good."

Heritage Hills resident Mark Bergman advised NYSEG to increase its communication. He said he's been waiting a month for his reimbursement, but after contacting the utility three times, NYSEG has been unresponsive to his claim.

Lydia Howie, another Somers resident, stressed that hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire stations and senior community centers need to be a restoration priority. She said her mother, a resident at Waterview Hills Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in North Salem, had pneumonia and was fighting for her life as the nursing home went four days without power.

"I watched day after day as trucks drove past the nursing home to go to other areas. This could have been a tragic situation and it almost was," Howie said. "I do recognize this was an extraordinary situation, but I really think you need to look at priority. I would have gone two weeks without power but senior facilities like Heritage Hills who have in-home care need to turned on as soon as possible."

Chadwick said that nursing homes are classified by NYSEG as critical facilities and its list of those facilities are being reviewed.

North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas and Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey agreed medical facilities must be a priority. Morrissey said Heritage Hills was one of the last places in town to have its power restored.

"Restoration should have been a priority," Morrissey said. "Residents at Heritage Hills who had to be out basically the eight days they were some of the last ones to be restored. That's unacceptable."





# **Electric Car Charging Station Unveiled in Ossining**

#### **Bv Anna Young**

Ossining officials celebrated the town's newest electric car charging station at Louis Engel Waterfront Park during Saturday's Green Ossining Earth Day Festival.

"We are so proud to be at the forefront of sustainability and make it that much easier for the Ossining community to go green by purchasing an electric vehicle with the opportunity to charge while enjoying our beautiful town parks," said Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg.

The charging station is one of three two-port charging stations that were purchased through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Zero-Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program, Levenberg



anna Young Photo

Electric car charging station was unveiled during Earth Day festivities.

said

The other two charging stations are located at Ryder Park and Cedar Lane Park. The two-port stations can charge two cars with a level-two charge, which provides a 220-volt charge. Three hours of charging is available with a \$5 charge for each additional hour.

"We did a lot of work to get here," Levenberg said. "We're hopeful that this initiative will incentivize more people in our community to purchase zero emissions vehicles to help further reduce our carbon footprint."

Levenberg added that Ron Kamen,

director of Sustainable Westchester's Clean Transportation Program, introduced the grant opportunity to town officials. Along with the charging stations, the grant afforded a fully electric 2017 Nissan Leaf to the municipal fleet.

"This is a very exciting day," state Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining) said. "It's really for me a joyous day to see what we do in Albany and how it comes back to the community."

The charging stations are another step forward for Ossining as officials continue to make the town a climate smart community. Other successful initiatives have included utilizing LED street lights throughout the town, community choice aggregation and benchmarking energy usage at town-owned buildings.

"Ossining is really encouraging this new technology to make great things happen for our community and our planet," said Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity.



Local officials joined Sustainable Westchester last week to kick off Community Solar project.





### Letters to the Editor

# Turning Around Low Voter Turnout

#### To the Editor:

Low voter turnout, particularly among young people, has reached crisis proportions – what will we do about it?

In terms of the percent of people voting, the United States ranks near the bottom among developed countries in the world; New York ranks 44th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. If we do nothing, we can expect fewer than 20% of 18 to 24-yearolds to vote in the coming mid-term election! We need a bipartisan effort to increase voter registration.

There are a series of legislative measures, supported by the non-partisan League of Women Voters that are now being considered in the state senate that would make it easier to register and vote:

- 1. Early voting (in effect in 34 states and DC) would allow people to vote on the 13 days (including 2 weekends) before the election so people would not have to vote on a work day.
  - 2. Same-day registration would allow

people to register to vote up to election day.

3. Automatic voter registration might simply register eligible voters if they have a driver's license.

The cost for early voting is only \$7 million, four thousandths of one percent of the \$168 billion State budget. There is no evidence of fraud in the 34 states that have adopted similar measures and it is hard to imagine that with less than half of the registered voters actually voting in the last election in NY, people would risk jail time to vote illegally.

Elected officials from different parties will have different approaches to various issues, but for voter registration, there should be a bipartisan effort to increase participation, particularly for young voters. The preservation of our Democracy is literally at stake!

So what can YOU do about it?

Take the lead in addressing this issue. Please call your representatives in Albany to join in a bipartisan effort to enact voting reform and write to your

Town Board encouraging similar action in addressing this issue.

Ask the cooperation of your high school administrators in getting the message out to young people who will turn 18 by the end of the calendar year, encouraging them to register to vote now before they are actually 18. With graduating high school seniors concerned about summer jobs and starting college, it would seem that the best time for them to register and learn about the issues would be during senior year of high school. What can you, together with the school board, do to ensure that all of your seniors are registered by the time they graduate, are informed of the issues, and are motivated to vote in November?

Young voters, their parents, community groups, religious communities, businesses, schools, unions, political parties, elected officials and the media have a duty to increase voter participation. We need a community-wide effort to tackle this problem! And if registered but away at

school on Election Day, young voters can request an absentee ballot at http:// citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/ voting/absentee-ballots.

Execution is everything; We need posters in store windows, registration forms available at meetings, voter registration promotion on your websites and young people, register and brag about it on Instagram; change your Facebook status to, "Newly registered voter." If you are not registered, go to the Department of Motor Vehicles website and register to vote right now: https:// dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voterregistration-application.

Will you commit to this important bipartisan effort? What will you do? The time is NOW!

> **JAY FORBES** Croton-on-Hudson VIRGINIA STILLMAN Ossining LARRY & MARY JANE KILIAN

# Montrose Property Owners Have Been Treated Unfairly

#### To the Editor,

I attended the Town of Cortlandt ZBA meeting last night to support my friends of over 30 years Larry and Sue Deresh.

They have been trying to build a house on College Hill Road in Montrose for over 15 years. The Town of Cortlandt Zoning Board of Appeals have been blocking them from doing that. Why? Simply put, because the neighboring property owners don't want them there.

The Deresh's were issued a legal building permit back in 2003 to build their house. Immediately after, the neighboring property owners filed a suit in NYS Supreme Court to stop them. The court ruled against the neighboring property owners. So they brought their

fight to the ZBA. There, the ZBA revoked the legally issued building permit.

Why? That is the question.

All of that took a tremendous toll on the Deresh Family. Both mentally and financially. They needed to step back and heal. Sue was pregnant while this whole issue was going on. Larry was working his butt off to support his soon to be family.

Fast forward to December 2017. The Deresh's have two kids. They have been heavily involved with their family and their community. Girl Scouts, Little League, Church and their school. They also were in a better position for another attempt to follow their dream of 15 years

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The Deresh's retained an attorney and returned to the ZBA. It was very comforting to see some new faces on the ZBA. However, several of the board members who were part of the 2005 decision to revoke the Deresh's building permit were still there.

Of those, Mr. Ray Reber and Mr. John Mattis both have revealed to the community, over the years, that they have a personal relationship with at least one of the neighboring property owners. While they never admitted to this openly, because Montrose is a small town, their conflicts have been exposed.

And at the December 2017 meeting the Deresh's attorney gave the board members the opportunity to address any conflicts they may have. Mr. Reber, without explanation, immediately recused himself. Unfortunately, Mr. Mattis sat silent.

At last night's meeting, after proof of a conflict was sent to Supervisor Linda Puglisi and Town Attorney Tom Wood, Mr. Mattis, without explanation, recused

The proof, was a picture that was taken at a local restaurant. Mr. Mattis and Mr. Bill Dalton (one of the neighboring property owners) having dinner together at a reserved table on a past St. Patrick's

Back in 2005 Mr. Mattis was the Chairman of the Zoning Board. I can remember all too well the smugness of his demeanor, as he sat on his throne, at the head of the dais. He held his gavel in one hand and the Deresh's future in the other. Helping his friends protect their sanctuary from "people of your kind," as said to the Deresh's, from one of the property owners on College Hill Road.

Even though Mr. Mattis is now recused, without explanation. He has had four months to spread his influence to the other board members. How can the Deresh's expect to get fair treatment?

The Zoning Board needs to make things right with the Deresh's. After 15 years of an abuse of power targeted at them. They need to throw out their original decision to revoke the Deresh's building permit and allow the Building Department to re-issue the original permit that Deresh's obtained back in

Mr. Mattis should be immediately removed from the Zoning Board of

Both, Mr. Reber and Mr. Mattis should be investigated for ethical violations and abuse of power.

Anything less leaves anyone to question any decision by the ZBA in the future.

Thank you, Sincerely,

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# **George Latimer Delivers First State of the County Address**

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer delivered his first State of the County address on April 16 announcing several changes that the county will undergo while acknowledging Westchester's financial structure needs improvement.

During his speech inside the legislative chambers in White Plains, Latimer was greeted with rapturous applause as he announced plans to focus on environmental protection, veteran's affairs, affordable housing, infrastructure, workers' contracts and the county's fiscal needs.

Latimer said former county executive Rob Astorino left the county in a difficult financial position. He is currently awaiting a full audit of Westchester's finances from state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

"While we have big plans to move the state of the county forward together, we must understand where our fiscal house stands. And much to my chagrin the numbers right now do not look pretty," Latimer said. "Our county's finances have fallen victim to sweep-it-under-the-rug economics for too long."

In his first budget, which will be voted on in December, Latimer pledged to consolidate services, maximize aid from Albany and Washington, eliminate pay-to-play contracts and execute creative solutions to spend tax dollars as wisely as possible.



County Executive George Latimer

Latimer said his administration is currently crafting a practical shared services plan that will eliminate duplicative services to generate savings and provide relief to taxpayers.

He plans to restore county contracts and start chipping away at a list of \$1.5 billion of capital projects.

"We are also working to identify projects that will go to bid this construction season and accelerating projects that are in design, so we have a robust 2019 construction season," Latimer said. "Together we can revive Westchester's economy and workforce with jobs and policies designed to boost

Westchester's workforce."

A housing needs assessment will be conducted to help the municipalities with the greatest needs. Latimer said he reestablished the Westchester Urban County Consortium in order to restore eligibility to receive federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Latimer said he wants to start a Veterans Court for former service members with legal woes. The court would provide an opportunity for the veteran to rehabilitate their life under supervision of the judicial system. A Woman's Wellness Center for female veterans at Westchester Medical Center will also be established.

A review of all county deals and programs is currently underway, including the Playland contract and the future of Westchester County Airport.

"Just because the prior administration started a program or brokered a deal does not mean we will automatically dissolve it," Latimer said. "We are committed to looking at everything."

With a status report on Playland's contract with Standard Amusements expected to be released next week, Minority Leader John Testa (R/Peekskill) hopes the current deal, signed by Astorino, will remain.

"You have to understand that the agree-

ment has a lot of revenue that will come back to the county as well as prevention of some of the spending that has been rampant in the past for Playland," Testa said.

Testa added that Latimer has a progressive agenda with left-wing policies that will significantly change county operations. He agreed it will be a difficult budget season but eliminating the existing Playland contract and airport deal would be problematic.

Latimer announced his intention to sign the Paris Agreement and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An environmental management council will be formed and charged with developing a climate action plan to protect air and water.

The county will also invest in an entire fleet of electric vehicles.

As changes are made, Latimer stressed the importance of unity and transparency. He said there are many hurdles to overcome but vowed to be as transparent as possible with his decisions and policies

"The state of this county, our Westchester, is determined. Determined to meet our challenges, to work together – successfully," Latimer said. "We are the greatest experiment in self-governance ever attempted. Flawed but constantly seeking improvement."

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# Dain's to Hold Annual Deck & Fence Show and Sale

**By Neal Rentz** 

Dain's Sons Company in Peekskill, which has a rich history in the local area, will hold its annual Deck & Fence Show and Sale on April 28 and 29.

Dain's Sons Company was established in 1848. In the 19th Century, Dain's delivered to construction sites by horse and wagon to areas along the Hudson River, including West Point, by the companyowned schooner, Annie. Most of the company's deliveries in its early days were heavy lumber and timbers, cement and lime.

Dain's offers a wide selection of building products at its three-acre site through its 30,000-square-foot warehouse, 5,000-square-foot store, 1,600-square-foot showroom and 2,000-square-foot deck showplace. A sawmill and millwork division was recently added to the facility.

Jeffrey Dain, great-great grandson of founder Nathaniel Dain, operates Dain's along with his staff that has over 75 years of combined experience.

James Dain, the son of Jeffrey Dain, said the store's annual Deck & Fence Show and Sale has been a popular promotion for several years, going back to the early 2000's.

Dain, who is the store's vice president, said, "We offer the best prices of the season" during the annual sale.

Among the items on sale this weekend are decking, fencing, railing, pavers and outdoor living spaces.

Though the regular store hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., one of the features of the store is the outdoor decking showplace. "This is open 24-7," he said, adding the area provides a good way to view the decking products.

Dain said the store's staff will work per-

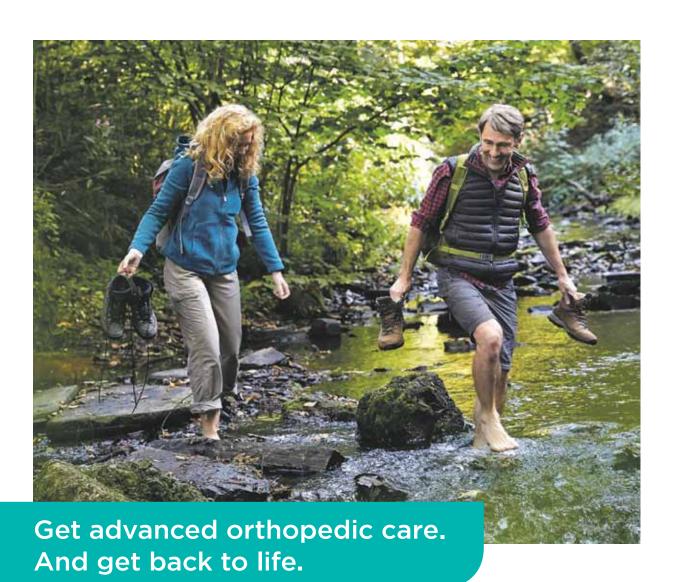


sonally with customers and offer advice.

1. Dain's Sons Company is located at 2 N. Water St. in Peekskill. For more information, call 914-737-2000, visit .N. Dain's Sons Co. - N. Dain's Sons Co. eShowroom, send a fax to 914-737-3897 or send an e-mail to dains@dainslumber. com. The company is also on Facebook

Dain's Deck & Fence Show and Sale will be held April 28 and 29.





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#### By Neal Rentz

Peekskill resident Elissa Diaz opened Hair Goddess Salon in Cortlandt six weeks ago, fulfilling a long time wish.

"I've always wanted to run and own my own business," Diaz said last week. "I didn't think it was going to be a hair salon per se."

Diaz, who majored in dance in college, originally thought she would own a dance studio. "But since I've always loved the craft of makeup and hair and being in the fashion industry, it just pulled me more toward opening a salon," she said.

"I do a lot of hairstyles and makeup for models and in the salon as well," she added.

Diaz, a published model, is the face of Plush, a plus size clothing line.

Diaz said business has been good so far at Hair Goddess Salon but she added she needed "to get the word out" about her establishment.

Hair Goddess provides its services to men, women, boys and girls. Some of the services include scalp treatments to encourage hair growth; Botox treatments to prevent hair broken ends; haircuts and coloring, Diaz said. The salon also offers hair extensions. Some of the

## Hair Goddess Salon Cortlandt



**NEAL RENTZ PHOTO** 

Peekskill resident Elissa Diaz opened Hair Goddess Salon in Cortlandt six weeks ago.

most popular services at the new salon are the Botox treatments and hair color highlighting as well as haircuts, Diaz explained.

The building that houses her new business was a flower shop at one point in the past. "This was completely gutted. There was nothing here," Diaz said.

"Everything you see here was completely built from scratch."

It took about six weeks to complete the renovations, she said. "It was definitely a very good feeling to actually see it completely done."

Diaz, who lives about five minutes from her business, said she chose the Cortlandt location for her salon because "There are no salons in the Cortlandt area."

Many of her customers live in Brooklyn and the Bronx or have moved up to the local area from New York City, Diaz said.

Diaz explained why she named her establishment Hair Goddess Salon. "I've always been into Greek mythology," she said.

A salon can provide services for individuals to promote positive feelings, Diaz said. "It's all about making people feel good within themselves," she said.

Hair Goddess Salon is located at 2093 E. Main St. in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-736-1235 or visit https://hairgoddesssalons.com. Hair Goddess is also on Facebook and Twitter.



# The Story of the Kitchen, from Survival to Self-Fulfillment

"Don't even bother to show me anything that doesn't have a new kitchen . . .you'd be wasting your time and mine," said the wonderfully assertive woman who called my real estate office. I in turn didn't bother to ask whether she would consider a great home at a great price

with a kitchen that could be renovated. I knew I was dealing with someone who knew exactly what she wanted.

"I just don't want to deal with re-doing a kitchen," she added, obviating my question. "Oh, and I want a kitchen that is open to the dining room or family room," she added, "I don't want to feel like a mole when I'm cooking."

There may not be too many readers old enough to remember when kitchens were to be used

and not seen, certainly not from the dining room. And, that was before the advent of family rooms. As recently as the 40s and 50s, kitchens were still very small, utilitarian and ugly, hidden from view. It was worse before that.

In 18th century America, many finer homes such as the Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton, banished the kitchen altogether from the house in separate structures, but mostly for heat considerations and the threat of fire. In fact, the major cause of death among young women in America in the 1700s and 1800s was by immolation from their skirts catching fire on open hearths.

So the early kitchen was a place for toiling and drudgery, and certainly not for a cheery Martha Stewart or Rachel

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By Bill Primavera

Ray. However, at the end of the Civil War, when there was an exodus of household servants from the kitchen who went to work in the factories of the new industrial age, women were left in desperation mode to both produce their families' food and to cook it. Help was needed and the entrepreneurial spirit of American enterprise came to the rescue with an onslaught of new gadgetry that remains unparalleled with any other period of

invention, even in today's age of technology.

Consider that before 1900, there were already more than 185 patents for various kinds of coffee grinders and more than 500 patents for different types of peelers for all the fruits and vegetables.

There was even a peeler that removed the kernels from ears of corn. There were also apple corers, cherry pitters, potato mashers, and sausage stuffers. Made of iron, with the patent numbers included in the casting, some tools were as simple as a round swiveling rod with a knife blade that peeled skin, to complex contraptions full of gears and wheels that could peel, core, slice and section, all from the same tool. This was the age of mass-produced helpers, from egg beaters and ice cream makers to juicers.

The Victorians were particularly adventuresome with invention, wanting the newest and the most modern. Outside they were creating "painted ladies" of their houses and, inside, they embraced anything that could improve the household.

Larger equipment, like the cast iron stove played significantly in the prosperity of Westchester. The discovery of an iron ore mine at Annsville Creek in Peekskill in the 1850s and the building of the railroad nearby were seminal events in the area's development as the iron stove capital of the world.

Once electricity wended its way across the country, the sky was the limit for harnessing this new power to aid housewives. Inventions from the 1880s to the 1930s included the first electric toaster, the electric kettle, electric mixers, and eventually the electric stove.

The refrigerator took a little longer as the 'ice box' continued to be in favor well into the 1930s. My mother told me that my Aunt Dolly kept her ice box until after World War II. Maybe it was a matter of the expense at the time, but I clearly remember Mother telling me that many women didn't want to give up their ice boxes because they could relieve the boredom of the day when the "ice man cometh," figuratively and perhaps literally in some cases. I didn't understand the joke until I was older and, today, I still don't know whether that was a reference to my Aunt Dolly.

So there you have it: the story of how women demanded that the kitchen transform from survival mode to one of self-fulfillment and as an indication of upward social mobility.

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The Northern Westchester Examiner We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Neal Rentz at nrentz@theexaminernews.com.com.

#### Wednesday, April 25

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.

**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, April 26

**Teen Spanish Workshops:** Teen Conversational Spanish Workshops will be held on Thursdays, 4/26, & 5/10 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for teens in grades seven & up. Space is limited and registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717.

IBM Retirees Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club will meet in the meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Guest speaker, Swati Sreedharan, director of Rehab-Bethel, will present Fall Prevention. Club 2018 dues will be collected. Set-up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee at 1 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

Somers Library Events: Several events have been scheduled for the next few days at the Somers Library. Including Researching College: A Guided Tour, which will be held on April 26 at 7 p.m. Join us for a presentation given by Jeffrey Hirsch of College Starter—Admissions & Application Academy. Warm Weather Colors will be held on Mondays, 4/30, 5/7, 14, 21, and 6/4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Continue to explore using water-soluble oil pastels and watercolor pencils and see the vibrancy they can bring to your Spring endeavors. Suggested supplies list: multi-media paper - 98 pounds or higher, water cup, soft brush, pencil, eraser, water-soluble oil pastels, portfolio, and/or Water-soluble pencils. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Staging Your Home to Sell will be held on April 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required; register online on our online calendar at www.somerslibray.org or call 914-232-5717.

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 "laidback" 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 atrabbiw@optonline.net

#### Friday, April 27

**Talmud Class:** Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages meets on Fridays, 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.

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

Tai Chi: Support Connection announces a free program for people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer: "Tai Chi: Eight Pieces of Treasure," a sixsession series, will be offered on April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Yorktown Community Cultural Center. To learn more or to preregister, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290

**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. 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

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 8 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. Also, a Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend will be on Friday evening, April 27th and Saturday morning, April 28th.

#### Saturday, April 28

**Zen Meditation:** Authentic Zen mediation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Tesshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 am. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 1698

Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at http://www.yorktownzen.org or e-mail us at yorktownzen@gmail.com.

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 April from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290

Trip To The Tropics: A quick trip to the tropics will be held at the new "Color of Summer" exhibit beginning today at the conservatory at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, located on Route 35 in Somers. The conservatory will be replete with tropical flowering plants from all over the world in a balmy, rainforest climate, accented with the music and sounds of the tropics. There will also be a visit from "Dillon," the veiled chameleon that has made friends with visitors to the conservatory. The exhibit will run through June 30. Admission fees are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under on weekdays and \$7

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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.

**Smart Sitters:** Introduction to Babysitting: Essential Knowledge for the Smart Sitter will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm at the Somers Library. Please bring lunch, a drink, a notebook, and a pencil. Certificates of completion will be given at the end of class. Space is limited, so recall 914-232-5717 or visit www.somerslibrary. org.

Handmade Marketplace: Shop for unique, high-quality handmade gifts for om or pick up something special for yourself from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ossining Pubic Library. The vendors will be found in the Art Gallery located on the lower level. A percentage of all sales proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Ossining Library, a non-profit group of volunteers who support the activities and goals of the library. A Make 'n Take art activity table will be available for the kids where they can create a Mother's Day card while the grownups shop. Admission is free. The library is located at 53 Croton Ave. For more information, contact Robin Larido at 914-325-1145 or visit www.northeastetsyartists.

#### Sunday, April 29

Paint and Sip: The Paint 'n Sip Fundraiser at Mount. St. Francis, 250 South St., Peekskill will be held at 2 p.m. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of painting and socializing. Artist/Instructor Richard Zorn will be with us to help bring out your artistic talent and you will go home with your own original artwork. Wine & cheese, crudités, soft drinks, coffee/tea, and dessert will be served. The \$45 cost includes all supplies. Attendance is limited. Please call Grace at 914-737-8442 or Vickie at 914-739-0280 for further

information or to reserve your space.

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

**Protecting The Earth:** Lakota Sundance Chief Lessert Moore will be conducting a Talking Circle on Protecting the Earth from a Spiritual & Cultural Perspective at the Amawalk Meeting House, 2467 Quaker Church Rd. from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome. No registration is required.

**Zydeco Dance:** Zydeco Dance with live music by Dwight Carrier & Black Cat Zydeco will be held today at the Westchester Ballroom 565 N. State Rd., Briarcliff Manor. The doors open at 5 p.m. The donation is \$22. Info 914-960-9057, laurarice26@yahoo.com or http://somebodyscream-ny.org.

**Bingo:** Bingo will be played tonight and May 6 and 27 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be

available. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org

#### **Monday, April 30**

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.



#### Crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Well known beer
- 4. Sure-footed mammal
- 7. Trash receptacle
- 10. Single in Madrid?
- 11. Comedian Margaret
- 12. Deck card
- 13. Ostrich comparable
- 14. Devon \_\_\_\_ (large-eared cat)
- 15. Relaxation site
- 16. Open sailboat or Mohegan Lake camp
- 18. Yorktown salon that's clean, fresh and sparkling
- 19. Metaphysical study of nature and being
- 22. Whines
- 24. Concerning finance
- 27. Singer Burl
- 30. Superman, to Lex Luthor
- 31. Beseech
- 32. Fulfilled
- 34. Music collectibles
- 35. "Where did \_\_\_\_ wrong?" 36. "The greatest"
- 37. Give the OK
- 38. Bernardino or Diego starter
- 39. Form of ID, abbr.

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- 5. Word repeated in the Beatles title "\_ \_ Said
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- 6. "Red" or "White" team
- 7. Neo-soul singer, Erica
- 8. Bakery aide
- 9. Bird protected in Hawaii
- 17. Dog treats
- 18. End zone marker
- 20. Ab \_\_\_\_ (from day one)
- 21. Heredity-related
- 23. Is suspicious
- 25. L'Enfant Plaza designer
- 26. Dermatologists' concerns
- 27. Storklike bird
- 28. Star in Lyra
- 29. Designer von Furstenberg
- 32. \_\_\_ware (computer virus spreader)
- 33. The Giants' Manning

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# Class A Crapshoot There for the Taking, Who's Grabbing?

#### By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

We are at the halfway point of the Section 1 lax season and the early data suggests the following: Class A is a crapshoot, with as many as four or five outfits in contention, led by state-ranked (No.14) Mamaroneck; Class B appears to be a two-man show between state-ranked (No.4) John Jay and No.6 Yorktown (some

Lakeland/Panas, which has befuddled laxers from Shrub Oak to the Sound Shore where Mamaroneck fully expected Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels (3-6) to be a legit factor. A combination of issues – health and youth among them – have the Rebels barking up the wrong tree, and it's getting close to the point where things have got to change in a hurry if L/P is to three-peat for the first time in program history (Lakeland did so in 1991 before



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Yorktown's Andrew Reese slips one of three goals past the goalie in Huskers' rout of host Scarsdale last Friday night.

things never change); Class C is very interesting with state-ranked (No.9) Rye, No.6 Nyack, unranked and disrespected Hen Hud (#DontSnooze) and Pelham among the serious contenders; and Class D should be a rematch between state-ranked (No.1) Pleasantville and No.3 Westlake, though No.15 Briarcliff may have a say.

Of all the data we just threw at you, the most surprising thing is no mention of two-time reigning Class A champion combining with Panas). Still, Class A is down this year, way down by its standards, and, there's an opening there for someone to swoop in and provide a challenge to Mamaroneck (7-3), who is hardly a sure thing with losses to Pleasantville and Rye under its belt.

"I believe we can overcome this adversity," L/P sniper JoJo Janavey said. "I think the schedule we are playing will greatly benefit us going forward. TJ Bryan

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Sean Laukatis (L) and the L-P Rebels had a rough time against Rye in Rebels' blowout loss to Garnets last Tuesday.



Put Valley M Mike Nolan takes run at Briarcliff's Elias Hoffner in Tigers' loss to Bears last Saturday.

## **NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll**

No.1 YORKTOWN – Did the Class B Huskers ever show the disparity between Class A and Class B in their 20-1 beatdown of Scarsdale or what? I mean, that could've easily been 30-1 if Coach Carney goes all jugular on the Raiders. How bout them Embury boys going all ballistic with Jamison Embury (21G, 30A) notching five goals and one assist while Hunter Embury (28G, 7A) added three goals and three assists, which they likely could have doubled if they stayed on the field. 87 points between them, jeez!

**No.2 HEN HUD** – If Connor Gallagher is going to tickle twine four times like he did in the Sailors' 11-5 win over Stepinac Saturday, maybe folks will finally notice these Class C Sailors (8-1),

who have now won six in a row and can no longer be ignored. Villanova-bound Austin Fraser added three goals and one assist and Bryce Caffery netted a pair of goals. Lefty-cranking Max Popolizio doled out four assists and G Vinnie Bell made 10 saves, so what's it gonna take for these athletic Sailors to creep up in some other rankings.

No.3 SOMERS – Tusker A Vincent Cartelli made it rain when he poured in seven goals in a 12-11 loss to Bronxville, and wingman Brandon LaSpina added four goals and an assist, but this is a game the Class B Tuskers (5-5) gotta have if they expect to break bread in the Final 4 #NoExcuses #BetterBeThere. Here's the challenge, go 4-2 from here on out and secure a top-4 seed.

No.4 MAHOPAC - The Class A Indians (6-2) are on a bit of a roll now after a 14-6 win over Fairfax (VA.) and young Tommy Elliott is about to bloom, which is good news for anyone that knows anything about the current state of Mahopac lax. His old man has put in the time from the ground up and his four goals and one assist were quite the spectacle Saturday. Senior Ryan Dugan, who will pass the torch to Elliot, added three goals, and James O'Brien added two goals and three assists. Mark Carey finished with two goals and one assist for a team with a lot to prove down the stretch and a Class A title there for the taking #WhyNotUs.

**No.5** LAKELAND/PANAS – An 11-7 win over Wappingers fuels some

hope here as JoJo Janavey's four goals facilitated the end of a four-game freefall. Regan Fallo did what he needs to do the rest of the way by adding one goal and four assists. Steve Magarelli scored twice for the youthful Rebs (3-6), who really need to put up the rest of the way.

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- The Pride are 6-1 and could be that monkey-wrench team that break up a Class B bracket. They haven't beaten anybody any good yet and did lose by a goal to Put Valley (4-5), which plays a much tougher schedule and could be Final 4-bound in Class D, but 6-1 is worth a mention since it indicates major effort. Same goes for Haldane, which has yet to lose at 6-0, but has some tougher tests ahead.

## **Sports**

# Youthful Hen Hud Hoping to Contend for Class C Crown

**By Tony Pinciaro** 

When the **HEN HUD** girls' lacrosse team first viewed its 2018 schedule, the girls were a bit nervous and apprehensive.

Hen Hud would open the season with five consecutive road games and the schedule was chock full of high-caliber competition, highlighted by perennial sectional powers Suffern, Yorktown and Somers, just to name a few.

Following preseason, senior G Mackenzie Porter and her teammates embraced their difficult schedule.

"We were kind of nervous, having never played Suffern or Yorktown, but we started to realize that we have so much potential that we started to feel comfortable and the first few games were not as scary as they were when the schedule first came out," said Porter, who will attend Rutgers in the fall and continue with lacrosse. "We feel we have a good team this year and this tough schedule is challenging us, making us and making our program even better."

Hen Hud bested Suffern, 12-8, in its second game of the season and is currently 5-5 after the difficult road stretch. Looks can be deceiving when it comes to the Sailors' record. They lost to Yorktown and Lakeland/Panas, 8-7, and Somers beat Hen Hud, 8-6.

Class C Hen Hud rebounded to hand Byram Hills its first loss of the season, 15-



Mahopac's Hannah Lieto takes a poke at Carmel's Camryn Shilling in the Indians' 9-7 win over the host Rams last Thursday.



Hen Hud's Fiona McGovern tries to split pair of Jay defenders in Sailors' loss to visiting Indians last Friday.

8, and held off Brewster, 7-6.

"Getting that win against Suffern was an amazing experience," Porter said. "Going into the game we knew we could compete with teams that won sectionals



Carmel's Ally Storen is hunted by Mahopac's Caitlyn Reilly in Rams' 9-7 loss to Indians.

and playing for a state title."

No team likes to lose and coaches and players will always say there are no moral victories in a loss, but Porter felt otherwise. The two one-goal losses and two-goal loss were an eye-opener.

"Those were hard, but they taught us a lot, especially in the Brewster game," Porter said. "We knew we had to keep pushing ourselves throughout the game until the clock said 0.0. We learned from the losses and bettered ourselves."

Hen Hud has six games remaining before the Section 1 Class C Championships. The Sailors have an eye on returning to the sectional final, however, with a different result this year.

**PUTNAM VALLEY** continued its excellent play in the first half of this season, cruising to a 14-1 victory over Pawling. The Class D Tigers are now 6-1 on the season.

Maddie Deegan led the Tigers with a hat trick while Emma Rippon, Danielle Cunningham, Jackie Phillips and Lindsay Cohen all chipped in with two goals apiece. Kaitlin Cohen and Rippon each recorded two assists. Catherine Mazza, Lily Claire Gesson and Jessica Denike also had goals and

Kimberly Hyndman stopped five shots.

"Our win was a full team effort," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Everyone got a touch on the ball and a chance to score. We really practiced our ball movement on attack and off-ball movement, as well."

LAKELAND/PANAS overcame Somers, 8-6, improving to 6-2

Kelsey McCrudden scored twice and added an assist and Megan Mucci also had two goals. Jenna McCrudden (who also had an assist), Keirra Ettere, Emily Kness and Raquel Nieves also scored for the Rebels.

Somers received two goals apiece from Hannah Lustig and Ella Kittredge, Jen Campbell added a goal and two assists.

MAHOPAC split two games, dropping a 12-9 decision to North Rockland, but rebounded

with a 9-7 victory over archrival Carmel.

Caroline Raymond and Sophia DeFrancesco each had a hat trick and Lindsay Neilis added a goal and two assists for the Indians (5-4). Goalie Jordan Barbagallo made 11 saves.

Mahopac matched North Rockland in goals in the second half, seven, but the



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split Hen Hud freshman Kira Varada, a player to watch, pushes up field in  $ng\ a$  Sailors' loss to John Jay last Friday.

Red Raiders had a 5-2 at halftime.

"I think we took a big step forward, showing ourselves that we can hang with a great team like North Rockland," Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto said. "North Rockland played an extremely strong first half where they possessed the ball for a long time. We had a difficult time creating

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# **Mahopac Nips Put Valley; Boncardo Bashing at Somers**

# Ossining Takes Home Federico Title; Lakeland Nips Panas

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

It finally warmed up over the weekend and the bats got going on some of the local diamonds.

Before last week **MAHOPAC** junior OF Mike Musantry hadn't been an overriding factor in the Indians' season. But after a 7-2 win over Greeley Saturday and a 6-4 home win over Putnam Valley on Friday, Musantry is making a name for himself at the top of the Indian order.

With three hits and two runs in the Greeley game, plus a hit and two runs scored and a diving catch against PV, Musantry is making a bid for playing time.

"Moose has done a great job since getting his shot in the lineup," Mahopac

Coach Myk Lugbauer said. "We knew he had this potential, but for him to be producing the way he has so far has been awesome. He has been a spark for us at the top of our lineup."

Mahopac RHP Andre Simone, who pounded the strike zone, pitched five shutout innings for the win over Greeley while A. Caminitti added two RBI.

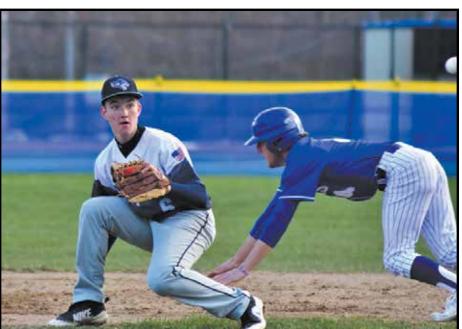
Mahopac junior Kyle Brandsetter looked like the guy Coach Myk Lugbaurer anticipated at the start of the season in Mahopac's 6-4 non-league win over visiting **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Friday. The lefty-swinging slugger was in the middle of every Mahopac rally, clubbing a two-run homer, doubling, driving home three and scoring twice. For a team that needs a thumping bat in the worst way, Brandsetter was just what Doctor

Lugbauer ordered.

Mahopac Billy Moeller didn't have his best stuff on this chilly afternoon, but he had enough to survive six innings of eighthit, four-run ball. He whiffed four, walked two and worked out of several jams. Put Valley SS Frankie Curran drove home a pair of runs off Moeller, who was relieved by RHP Casev Tewey (2 K's) for



Putnam Valley's Ben D'Addona sneak in ahead of tag by Mahopac 3B Joe Usewicz in Tigers' 6-4 loss to Indians last Friday.



Mahopac OF Dylan Brehm sneaks in to 2B ahead of tag by PV 2B Matt Carlsen in Indians' 6-4 win over Tigers.

the save.

"We did a good job today at the plate keeping approaches," said Lugbauer, who saw his team win two of the last three this week to improve to 5-4. "Kyle has been coming along this year and progressing nicely. It was great to see him put good swings on the ball today. Billy grinded it out on the mound today. He didn't have his best fastball today but did what he had to do to keep us in the game. He had been a bulldog on the mound for us all year long. Hopefully, we can keep things rolling as we play Greeley tomorrow."



Mahopac's Anthony Caminitti (L) and Connor Stepkoski celebrate Indians' 6-4 win over Put Valley Friday.

Put Valley also worked a 12-2 win over visiting when SS Franky Curran doubled and drove home four RBI as part of a team-high 13-hit parade. Curran and OF Angelo Milano had three hits apiece. Tiger P Ben D'Addona, who the Tigers are counting on as a No.3 hurler, fired five innings, allowing just one run on three hits while striking out six to earn the win.

Mahopac will now turn its attention to surging Carmel, with whom they will get after this Wednesday and Thursday in an attractive home-an-home set between the bitter rivals competing for the League I-A title

CARMEL defeated CROTON, 9-7, in an 11-inning barn-burner when Rams (7-3) ace Matt Vitro secured the win in relief. Vitro (4-1) also suffered a tough 2-0 loss to reigning Class AA champion Arlington after allowing just two runs in six innings.

That loss was preceded by a 6-0 win over Arlington in which Rams P Jack Sullivan looked the part of an ace against the Admirals. Sullivan went six frames, striking out eight while scattering six hits. Carmel's Jon Minotti (2 hits, 2B, 2 runs) had a big game as did AJ Gonzalez, Kenny Benitez, Matt Vitro, Anthony Febo, Dan Castrovinci, Gerry Loughran, who all had a hit for the Rams, winners in four of the last five.

Against Croton, Joe Ciatto (3H, 2 2B, 3R, 3 RBI), Dan Castrovinci (2H, 3 RBI), AJ Gonzalez (2 hits), Jon Minotti (2 hits) and Gerry Loughran (HR) were all primetime supporters of Sullivan, who earned the save.

Croton's Max Luke (4-6, 2B) and John Casieri (2-5, 2 RBI) had monster days, with Casieri going 5 2/3rds on the bump, allowing just one earned run.

The Tigers (3-7) also suffered a 3-1 loss to visiting **LAKELAND** on Friday. Lakeland P Eric Portella fired 5-2/3rds innings, whiffing four to earn the win while reliever Mike Scotto notched the final four outs, including three by strikeout. Leo Cummings and Andrew Baffuto each had an RBI for Lakeland, who improved to 4-3 and get Mahopac this week in what should be of interest, plus Carmel and two with Brewster. We'll see if Coach Casey's young Hornets are ready for prime time or still a year away.

In other Class AA action, **OSSINING** has had some impressive wins, including a sweep of Greeley after last Wednesday's 5-0 win over the Quakers behind a three-hit shutout from Pride P Michael Laitman, who fanned seven and walked one for the Pride (5-3). Luke De Angelis went 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run scored for Ossining while Peter Bossinas had two RBI for the winners. Lucas Peterson added another RBI.

In the semifinal of the Christian Federico Memorial Tournament Saturday, Ossining beat Saunders 11-0 behind P Peter Tarricone's effort (2 hits over 5IP, 3K). Matt Minihan (2 for 2, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs) and Peter Bossinas (1 for 2, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Joe Bossinas (1 for 3, 2 RBI) and Luke DeAngelis (2B, 2 RBI) were all primary supporters. Ossining then defeated New Rochelle,17-9, to bring the coveted Federico trophy home behind an

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MVP effort from Laitman, who went 5 for 5 with three RBI and picked up the save. Tarricone secured an All-Tournament nod and Thomas Cascione earned the Christian Federico award.

#### **CLASS A**

WALTER PANAS won a 5-4 decision over Magnus on walk-off single by junior SS Lucas Feliciano (2 for 4, 2 RBI), plating CF John Young with the winning run. Panas C Pat Kelly and Jake Jempty each added an RBI for the Panthers (6-3), who saw Sal DeDona pick up the win by stranding two runners in the seventh.

The Panthers could not sustain that momentum in Saturday's 2-1 loss to rival **LAKELAND** in a battle of aces. Lakeland P Joey Vetrano led off game with solo bomb of Jempty and Matt Schenck doubled and scored on a sac fly by Leo Cummings. Vetrano went the route, whiffing 10 in the process. Jempty had eight K's in an otherwise splendid outing. At 2-1 in League II-C, the Panthers are still legit contenders for the league flag, but they need to beat Lakeland in the second go.

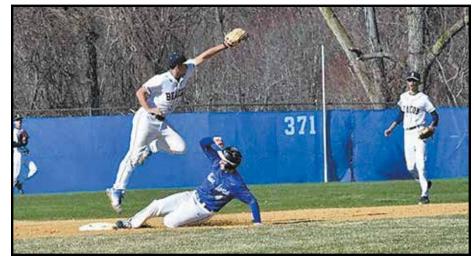
HEN HUD is opening some eyes after an 11-0 win over Tappan Zee, in which P Tom Pecchia threw a complete-game shutout, and a 2-0 win over Beacon on Friday, as the Sailors improved to 7-3 when P Nick Caruso pitched a complete game, three-hit shutout. Sailor P Matt Imimbo, who pitched five scoreless innings earlier in the week in a 2-0 loss to Beacon at the Dutch. The League II-E title is there for the take, will the Sailors pounce?

"I'm really proud of the way the players have competed and done their job up to this point," Hen Hud boss Van Vourliotis said. "We have a long ways to go, though. At the end of the day, seven wins doesn't get us where we want to go. Seven wins doesn't win us league, it doesn't qualify us for a playoff berth, it doesn't win a sectional or state championship. We have to continue to get better in every aspect of the game in the second half of the year, including pitching, hitting, fielding, base running and coaching. Our main goal continues to make sure we are prepared to play our best baseball after May 1st."

**BREWSTER**, winners of four-straight games, is making a push here of late, turning around a sorry start.

In a 6-4 win over Pawling, Conner Henderson had two hits and two RBI for the Bears (5-4) in the come-frombehind win, and Brewster followed that up with an 8-5 win over Pelham when Bobby McBride crushed two dingers and drove home five RBI. Tom Mark went the distance for the win, trailing much of the game, before the Bears finally got in the board with three in the fourth and five in the fifth. He fanned seven in an impressive performance.

In Brewster's 12-2 win over host Nanuet, Bears P McBride fired five innings solid frames, striking out five in a laugher. Tim Holler screamed for attention, yanking three hits and driving home three while Henderson and Brendan Brooks had two hits apiece for Brewster, who crushed Roosevelt, 17-0, earlier in the week when



Hen Hud senior Jack Kelly slides safely into 2B in Sailors' 2-0 win over Beacon Friday.

RHP Mike Charbonneau sent 11 batters down K-way to earn the win. McBride (4 for 5), Tim Holler and Brendan Brooks (two hits apiece) were crushing it.

The Bears have an interesting tilt with Put Valley on Monday.

**SOMERS** recovered from a 9-5 loss to John Jay with a 13-3 win over Pearl River when Chris Boncardo (2 for 3, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 runs) mashed, as he has all season, crushing his sixth dinger of the season.

"All the work that Chris has done in the off-season is manifesting itself during the regular season," Somers Coach Joe Wootten said after Somers improved to 7-3. "He is seeing the ball well and squaring it up. Chris has a plan when he enters the batter's box. The results speak for them self."

Nick Keating (2 for 3, 2B, run) and Logan Carriero (2 for 4, 2 runs) were big contributors to P Nick Keating's cause. Keating went five frames, scattering seven hits and four walks and three earned runs. The League II-C grind really gets going now, so we'll see if the Tuskers are legit in the coming days.

#### **CLASS C**

HALDANE's 3-0 win over Irvington, Blue Devil freshman Dan Santos threw 3-2/3rds innings of scoreless relief to chalk up the win, allowing just one hit while fanning four. Blue Devils Adam Hotaling and Kyle Kissinger each had RBI singles. Haldane went on to split with Pawling and now sits at 3-4.

#### Class A Crapshoot There for the Taking, Who's Grabbing?

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and Tom Barnett are coming back later in the season, but there is no excuse for not coming out and playing our best lacrosse."

Might Mahopac be willing to take a run at that Class A crown, what would be their first since 2011, which seems like an eternity ago? Might Coach Joe Buccello's Indians (6-2) be the team we're all overlooking? The Indians looked the part for the first 20 minutes against Pleasantville, the reigning Class C champs, but they collapsed in the second half of a blowout loss, so it'll take some doing for Mahopac to get past someone like Scarsdale in the semis, but it's suddenly a very conceivable notion.



Lakeland-Panas soph Matt Makar is hounded by Rye defender in Rebels loss to Garnets last Tuesday.

#### Youthful Hen Hud Hoping to Contend for Class C Crown

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offensive opportunities in the first half, but I like the fact that we were able to create more in the second half."

DeFrancesco led the 'Pac with five



Carmel's Emma McSherry takes a run at Mahopac's Kat Klammer in the Rams' 9-7 loss to visiting Indians last Thursday.

goals and Natalie Scanlon finished with one goal and one assist. Caitlin Reilly, and Neilis also had goals.

**BREWSTER** Coach Sara DiDio called it a 'tough week' for her girls as the Bears (6-3) lost to Hen Hud, 7-6, and Fox Lane, 10-8.

"We played two tough teams in close games," DiDio said. "Hen Hud was a physical game and my girls fought hard. Our defense really stepped it up and worked together and our attack had some good opportunities.

"Against Fox Lane, we had a great first half and going into halftime we were up 7-5. We were only able to score one goal in the second half and some turnovers caused the momentum to change. Fox Lane controlled the draw, but we continued to fight until the end."

Lauren Craft, Meagan Beal and Maggie DePaoli each had two goals against Hen Hud. Goalie Danielle Heintz made 12 saves.

Craft netted a hat trick against Fox Lane, Marina Souza had two goals and Dani Regan and Beal had one goal and one assist apiece.

# Twonty Micks!



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# Yorkiown Overpowers Searstale, 20-1

In a matchup that Class A host Scarsdale had waited years to measure up against, state-ranked (No.6) Class B Yorktown made short work of the title-hopeful Raiders in a 20-1 Husker victory that could have been much worse than the scoreboard indicated as Brett Makar (19), Brendan Williams and the Huskers won 14 of 17 face-offs and raced out to a 12-0 halftime lead before Scarsdale knew what hit them last Friday... see Boys' Lax Notebook