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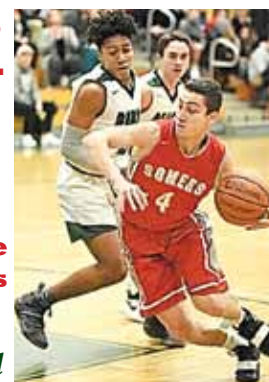


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Longtime Yorktown Detective Retires

On January 22), Yorktown Police Detective George Davis retired after 40 years of service to the town. Detective Davis began his career with the Westchester County Sheriff's Office in 1977. He transferred to the Yorktown Police Department on September 18, 1978. He was assigned as a detective in January 1982. During his career, he was the recipient of countless commendations from his superiors, multiple Yorktown Police Department Excellent Police Duty Awards, a Life Saving Award, and too many "Thank You" letters from the public to count, according to Police Chief Robert Noble. Some of the investigations Davis received recognition for involved a murder conviction in 2009, an attempted murder conviction in 2005, several narcotics investigations, burglary collars, and weapons cases. "George knew this town better than most. It's police officers like George Davis who make town police departments like ours the valuable backbone of any community. He can retire knowing he made a great deal of positive differences in the lives of many in the Town of Yorktown," Noble stated.

Indoor Sports Facility in Cortlandt Gets Mixed Reaction

By Rick Pezzullo

A proposed indoor sports facility on Route 202 in Cortlandt near Cortlandt Lanes received mixed reviews last week during a public hearing.

The 68,000-square-foot, two-story building, known as Cortlandt Pitch, will feature an artificial turf surface and is designed to mostly serve youth soccer and lacrosse players. It is planned on a former six-acre farm land close to Lincoln Titus Elementary School in the Mohegan Colony section of town.

Martin Russo explained 45% of the venture by NY Indoor Sports is owned by town residents, such as himself, with the other funding coming from investors and sports enthusiasts. He stressed the vital need in the area for indoor space for athletes from November through May when outdoor fields are often unplayable. He also said existing town and school fields were unable to handle all

the games that are scheduled.

"It's by the residents of Cortlandt, for the residents of Cortlandt," Russo said. "It's a great facility. I'm very proud of it."

Marty DiCola, longtime president of the Cortlandt Soccer Club, said the indoor fields would be a godsend for local youth.

"We absolutely need a facility like this in our area," he said. "This will be a great benefit to all of the local soccer clubs and all the local sports organizations. There is nothing in this area that we can utilize."

Glen Rohan, a volunteer soccer coach since 2000, echoed the frustrations of a few coaches who said it was unfair some local players had to join teams in other municipalities or travel long distances because of the lack of adequate fields nearby.

"I've always been an advocate for more

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CHHOP Files for Zoning Change with City to Move Shelter

By Rick Pezzullo

Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. (CHHOP) has officially filed for a zoning text amendment with the City of Peekskill to relocate the Jan Peek House Shelter from North Water Street to 851 Washington Street.

If a special use permit is approved by the Common Council, the zoning law change would apply to all districts in the city, thus allowing shelters in any

C-3 zones. Separate approvals would be needed from the city's planning and zoning boards.

City Manager Richard Leins said Friday CHHOP submitted its application on January 18 and the request was being reviewed by planning staff. He said the council would likely address the matter at a work session in about a month.

The Jan Peek Shelter, the only year-round, 24-hour shelter for homeless

adults in northern Westchester, has been open on the banks of the Hudson River since 1988.

In September, CHHOP Executive Director Cynthia Knox said her organization did an extensive search and settled on 851 Washington Street since it can be renovated to serve its needs and is close to a bus stop.

The building on Washington Street was purchased by CHHOP for about

\$900,000 and is in dire need of expensive repairs. Knox has said the new location will provide enhanced services to its clients, including many veterans. A major attraction of the new facility will be a dedicated space where those in need of emergency services can stay during the day. Currently, those individuals must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most days because CHHOP does not have space to

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playing space for our children,” he said. “Why do our children have to go somewhere else? We just don’t have the space here.”

However, several residents of Mohegan Colony, while sympathizing with providing facilities for youth, called for a time out, insisting the location, which is only planned to have one right hand

turn in and out from busy 202, wasn’t the place for the indoor field of dreams.

“Nobody seems to be looking at the community right near this facility. I’m amazed,” said Connie Stringer of Briar Lane. “Yes, there is a need for some place. Is that the right place? Traffic is a nightmare. What is proposed is ridiculous.”

“This is not the location where it belongs,” said John Polinsky of Lincoln

Avenue, who noted he was a big sports proponent. “I don’t disagree with the facility that this may be needed to a certain extent. However, it’s just not the location that would be best feasible.”

There will be no road connection to the site from either Maple Row or Cortlandt Lanes. There are 175 parking spaces proposed.

The Cortlandt Town Board is the

lead agency for the proposal and will be making the final determination on the project and all its related environmental requirements, along with modifications to the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing is scheduled to resume at the Town Board’s February 12 meeting at 7 p.m. at Cortlandt Town Hall.

CHHOP Files for Zoning Change to Move Shelter

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accommodate them.

In addition, the new site provides for shared rooms by a couple of residents, as well as a kitchen rated for cooking, rather than just warming. Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor space. The new shelter is planned to have 35 beds.

More than 1,000 signatures have been received to date on a petition opposing the shelter’s move, with nearby residents and business owners citing safety con-

cerns and frequent police activity that the existing shelter attracts.

Philip Miller, owner of the current shelter on North Water Street, has stated he offered the city a proposal for the relocation of the shelter to city-owned property on Corp Drive, off Highland Avenue. Miller said he would construct a 50,000-square-foot building, which could be shared by the shelter and a new Peekskill Department of Public Works.

CHHOP is hoping to move the shelter by late 2019 or early 2020.



Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce President Deb Milone received the Community Service Award at the 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, hosted by the Peekskill Preservation Company at The Mansion at Colonial Terrace.

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Q: How else is ERAS different from traditional protocol?

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PV Man Saved in Dramatic Rescue on Lake Oscawana

By David Propper

A dramatic rescue made for the movies occurred January 23 in Putnam Valley when neighbors and emergency responders were able to pull a male out of a freezing Lake Oscawana after the ice had broken beneath him.

With the help of surrounding neighbors and other emergency workers, the man's life was saved after he was in freezing waters shortly after 7 p.m.

Sheriff's deputy Jonathan Bradley was responding to a call when he was flagged down around Coleman Landing by 14-year-old Zachary Kuttruf, who is a sheriff's cadet and Boy Scout. Kuttruf led Bradley to the area of the lake where 49-year-old Brendan Foran, of Putnam Valley, had fallen through the ice, according to the sheriff's office.

Foran had been riding an ATV across the lake when the ice gave way and the ATV fell into the freezing water. When Bradley arrived, Foran had already been in the water for ten minutes, clinging to a rock, the sheriff's office said.

On the shore, Bruce and Jennifer Kuttruf, who live nearby, were attempting to rescue Foran by throwing a garden hose, but the hose was unable to reach him. When Bradley tried to throw the hose from a closer vantage point by walking onto the ice, the ice broke underneath his feet and he was unable to get any closer to Foran, authorities said. The water was not deep enough to give Bradley trouble though.

Jennifer Kuttruf then found an extension cord from her home with off-duty firefighter Jonathan Cummings tying a knot and throwing the cord to Foran to hold onto. From there Bradley, Cummings, and the Kuttrufs were able to pull Foran to the shore. Other deputies and EMS and Putnam Valley Fire Department volunteers had arrived and also assisted in getting Foran out of the lake and then carried him to the awaiting ambulance.

Foran was taken to a nearby hospital for evaluation and possible hypothermia

and was later released.

"If not for the quick actions of Deputy Bradley, Brenden Foran could have died from this incident," sheriff's sergeant Thomas Lee said. Sheriff Robert Langley also commended his deputies, other emergency personnel, Cummings, and Zachary Kuttruf and his family who played a crucial role in the rescue of Foran.

Brendan Foran was saved after he fell through the ice on Lake Oscawana last week. Foran, a well-liked figure in town, spends many days



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State Police

January 23 - New York State Police from the Troop K Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), Special Operations and Response Team (SORT), Troop K Major Crimes Unit, and the Cortlandt barracks, arrested Nicholas Luciano, 25, of Cortlandt, for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, a class B felony, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree, a class D felony, Rape in the 3rd degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, both class E felonies, and Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor.



Nicholas Luciano

Subsequent to an investigation by CNET and the Bureau of Investigation from Cortlandt a search warrant was executed at Luciano's residence in Cortlandt. As a result, approximately 125 grams of marijuana, two grams of heroin, six grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and an illegally possessed loaded

.40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun were discovered.

Additionally, SP Cortlandt BCI arrested Luciano for Rape in the 3rd degree stemming from a prior investigation. Luciano was arraigned in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Court, and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$75,000 cash bail or bond.

January 19 - State Police from Somers arrested Nathan S. Prince, 28, of Somers, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 202 in the Town of Somers when he was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

January 18 - State Police from the Somers barracks arrested David Koraca, 51, of Somers, for Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree, a class D felony. Investigation found Koraca fraudulently posed as a criminal defense lawyer, and stole more than \$3,500 from the victim.



David Koraca

He was arraigned before in Town of Somers Court, and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail or secure bond.

State Police from Somers arrested Nancy Joyce, 54, of Somers, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 202 in the Town of Somers when she caused an injury motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Somers arrested Krystle R. Fernandez, 29, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 22 in the Town of Milan when she was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Sergio F. Granda Lliguipuma, 33, of Peekskill, for DWI and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 1st degree, a class E felony. He was traveling on Highland Avenue in the City of Peekskill when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Peekskill Police

Peekskill Police are currently investi-

gating a missing cash envelope containing approximately \$8,000, according to a source, from an office at Assumption Church.

Police Chief Don Halmy said the investigation is ongoing, but reportedly the office was broken into on January 17 and the missing money came from the CCD program.

Yorktown Police

January 11 - Steven Cilento, 33, of Peekskill, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs, criminal possession of a controlled substance and several traffic violations following a motor vehicle accident on Route 6 in Yorktown at about 6:43 p.m.

January 18 - Tyler Spice, 25, of Putnam Valley, was charged with petit larceny in connection with the January 4 theft of personal property, valued at \$500, from the men's locker room at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley.

January 20 - Rose Marie Goss, 31, of Lake Peekskill, was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor after officers responded to the ACME parking lot

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New Affordable Housing Law Proposed in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

The Yorktown Town Board was presented with a proposal last week to consider approving a law that was taken off the books in 2016.

Ken Belfer, chairman of the town's Community Housing Board, appeared before the board last week with a proposed new law that has been drafted by the Housing Board, which is intended to revive affordable housing in Yorktown.

He explained that new law was based on the 2011 law that was repealed five years later by a Town Board led by Supervisor Michael Grace. Prior to the 2011 law, the town had an affordable housing program from 1988 to the early 1990s that resulted in 13 affordable single-family houses being built in Shrub Oak.

The proposed new law would apply only to new construction for single-family and rental units of 10 units or more and would require the developer to set aside an affordable unit for every 10 units. Different income eligibility limits would be set for single-family and rental units based on the Westchester area median income statistics prepared on an annual basis. The units would be made available on a lottery basis as was done in the past.

One major difference between the proposed law and previous requirements is local preference cannot be placed on the

available units since that practice is now illegal. However, Belfer noted the majority of individuals who apply for affordable housing tend to come from the immediate area.

"People tend to look for housing in areas they're comfortable with," Belfer said, adding as an example some recent developments in Greenburgh and Yonkers with affordable units that mostly attracted applicants from those municipalities.

Belfer said owners could remain in their unit even if their income increased over the years, but there would be restrictions on the sale price of the unit if they wanted to sell. However, renters would not be able to renew leases if their income exceeded a certain percentage above the area median income.

Yorktown is currently one of the few municipalities in Westchester that does not have an affordable housing law.

"This makes it possible that someone's mother or their kids can continue to live here," said Councilwoman Alice Roker.

"If you start at high rentals, no one can afford it," Councilman Vishnu Patel said. "Nobody is born with a tuxedo."

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert also expressed similar sentiments, saying having such a law could help teachers, first responders and local students afford to stay in Yorktown.

However, Councilman Ed Lachterman

said he several reservations about the proposed law, including the inability to include local preferences and the restriction on the resale price. He said that the market's supply and demand was sufficient to create affordably priced housing, adding that the change in The Weyant plan to 23 units from 36 probably would increase the eventual cost of those units.

"There's still some issues that I don't have resolutions on," Lachterman said. "We need to help our seniors and our kids in Yorktown."

Councilman Thomas Diana agreed, say-

ing, "It almost seems that there should be a hometown rule with this thing."

Belfer, who resides in Mohegan Lake, said there were currently three developments pending in town that could produce more than 15 affordable units.

"As housing prices increase, this is a statement by the town that we're trying to offset that in some way," said Maura Gregory, a member of the Community Housing Board.

The Town Board may refer out the draft law at its next meeting and the public will be given a chance to weigh-in at a future date.



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Communities Continue to Plan for Loss of Indian Point Revenue

By Rick Pezzullo

Two years after local officials were blindsided by the announcement that the Indian Point nuclear power plants in the Village of Buchanan would be shutting down in 2021, communities continue to plan for ways to replace \$32 million in collective revenue that will be lost annually.

"It is looming. It is coming up very soon," Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi remarked at a Cortlandt Community Indian Point Task Force meeting last Thursday at Cortlandt Town Hall. "We have to be realistic. We will never be able to accrue that \$32 million. We are never going to cross that line to become a distressed community. That will never happen."

On January 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, owners of the plants, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Riverkeeper was revealed. Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy. Entergy officials have said that scenario is unlikely.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate



The Indian Point nuclear power plants are slated to stop operating in April 2021.

approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County. This represents approximately 25 percent of the electric power used in the region.

Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. Cortlandt will lose \$800,000 annually, which represents two percent of its budget. In addition, the Verplanck Fire Department will lose 64% of its budget and the Hen-

drick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said village officials were exploring cost-saving measures within village government and mentioned a company had shown interest in moving to Buchanan.

However, she also expressed disappointment with the recent failure of a bill in Albany called "The Stranded Act" that would have provided compensation for communities forced to store spent fuel rods as Buchanan has at Indian Point.

Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of

Schools Joseph Hochreiter said Cuomo had included \$10 million in his 2019 Executive Budget for a state cessation fund that currently has approximately \$70 million. Those funds cannot be tapped in for several years after the plants shut down.

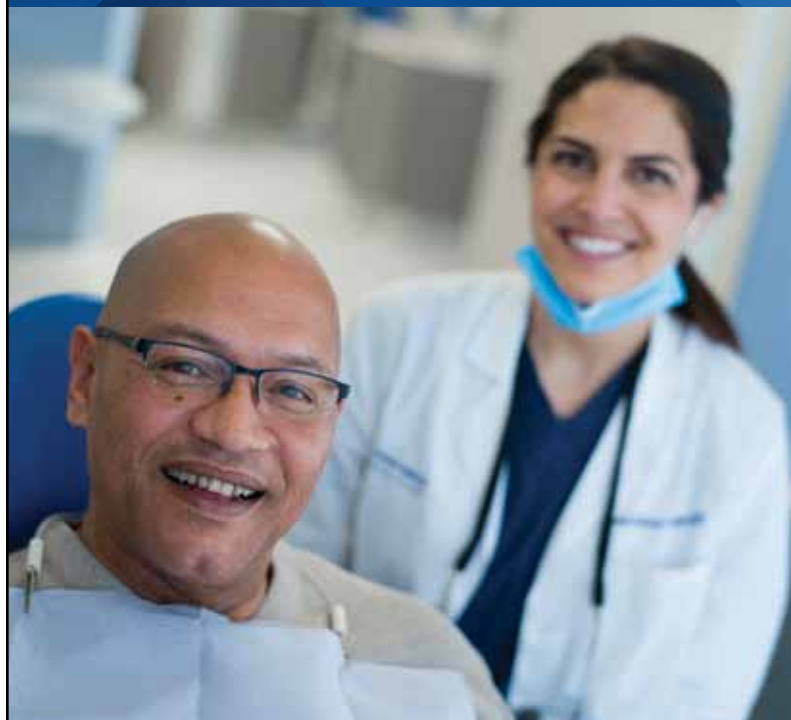
Freshman State Senator Peter Harckham (D) offered his assistance to the local municipalities and said he would investigate if the state played any role in taxing the spent fuel rods.

"This is certainly the largest single issue in my district," Harckham said. "It will get the lion's share of my time. I understand what a serious issue this is."

In the meantime, the Cortlandt Town Board, which has agreed to set aside \$100,000 annually in a special fund to prepare for the end of Entergy's financial contributions, is interviewing for an economic development coordinator whose job will be to attract corporate park, industry and commercial entities to the town.

Entergy officials said \$1.8 billion has been set aside for the decommissioning of Indian Point, a process the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has given a maximum of 60 years to complete, although it has been estimated it will only take about 15 years to finish.

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Guest Commentary

Supervisor Gilbert's Lack of Transparency Has Stalled Progress

By Yorktown Councilman Ed Lachterman

As everyone now knows the Jefferson Valley Mall's owner Washington Prime Partners (WPP) has shelved plans to develop the northeast corner of its property based upon a plan of development fully approved by the Grace Administration's board in December 2017. The Mall is the second biggest tax payer in town and its survival and vibrancy is critical to the wellbeing of our town. As a Councilman that approved the redevelopment of the Mall I was shocked and dismayed at the news that the expansion of the Mall was not going ahead. The only loose end that remained once Supervisor Gilbert took charge was to have the town sign off on the final language for the maintenance of the "ring road." As far as I was concerned entering 2018 nothing else was required to move the project along. As a result of the news that the project was not going ahead I sought answers as to how this vital project became sidetracked. Supervisor Gilbert claimed in a newspaper article he had nothing to do with the shelving of the project. However, it is now known that the expansion project was before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. A variance which was not required as the

plan of development was already approved by the Town Board which has full approval authority over the project's details to the exclusion of all other town boards. When I questioned Supervisor Gilbert about the news he remarkably sought to shut down a public discussion of the issue and demanded to go into closed session. Closed session items are restricted to personnel matters, litigation and negotiations and not to have questions answered that may prove to belie the notion that Supervisor Gilbert and his immediate staff were innocent of the Mall's shelving the expansion plans. I give my assurances to the public that this matter will be fully investigated. However, at this point what needs to be addressed and what in fact has contributed to this unfortunate news is Supervisor Gilbert's lack of transparency and his failure to communicate and/or keep the Town Board abreast of the progression of this project. Supervisor Gilbert needs to understand that his job was to keep a vigilant eye on the project's progress and to usher it through the remaining process.

It was a newspaper story when I first heard of issues with the acceptance of the ring road and objections being made by the Highway Superintendent in early

2018. With due respect to the Highway Superintendent it was not his decision as to the final form of any maintenance agreement for the road. It was for the Town Board to decide upon the final agreement. Supervisor Gilbert should have brought all issues of the ring road to the full board. He did not. His failure to do so caused further delay and hedging regarding the town's wiliness to accept the road; uncertainty being the enemy of a commitment to invest. Now it is come to light that someone directed WPP to go to the ZBA for a variance. Again the full town board which had ultimate approval authority, sufficient to override any ZBA decision was not informed. Again had we been informed perhaps Supervisor Gilbert could have likewise been advised that a ZBA application was unnecessary. More unnecessary and lethal delay resulted. To deflect accountability at the last meeting Supervisor Gilbert's assistant Stu Glass stood up and maligned WPP. So much for being helpful! And Councilwoman Roker joined the chorus blaming WPP for not coming to the Supervisor if they felt their project was faltering. Roker's protestations were remarkable as it was WPP going to

the Supervisor for "help" that derailed the entire project. It had to be a direction from the Supervisor's office or his staff that sent WPP to the ZBA. On the other hand, if as Supervisor Gilbert claims he had nothing to do with it, then it his abject neglect in overseeing the progress of this project that resulted in it being misdirected to the ZBA.

We need answers. The supervisor's office has been working in a vacuum. His failure to keep the full board apprised of the progress of this major town project is inexcusable, but, unfortunately all to consistent as to how he does business. As Councilman I am tired of getting my information from newspaper articles and I am tired of seeing all progress in the town stalled because of Supervisor Gilbert's lack of transparency and desire to communicate. Granite Knolls has been inexcusably delayed and where does the town stand on the Heights revitalization project and the several hundreds of thousands of dollars in State grant money?

To Mr. Gilbert contrary to your belief, this is NOT to be blown off as the beginning of election season. Yorktown deserves answers and it is your obligation to provide truthful ones.

Letters to the Editor

Letter Writer Was Wrong on Tax Relief in Yorktown

To the Editor,

There he goes again... Mark Lieberman's letter regarding my work on tax relief for Yorktown is just a flat out lie. The facts here are simple. I passed legislation in 2018 with bipartisan support, signed by Governor Cuomo, to refresh and update an outdated study to determine the actual cost to local taxpayers of state-owned land within their municipalities. The study Mr. Lieberman cites took place in 1996, and if

he actually read the study, he would have known the data is from 1993. A lot has changed in the past 25 years. Now that the study has just been completed by the Department of Tax and Finance we know for a fact that Westchester is shortchanged by \$9 million annually from New York State. This number will only grow as more land is acquired by the state - such as the recent addition of 346 acres to the existing Rockefeller Preserve (a state park). If Mr.

Lieberman would prefer state aid based on the lower 1993 tax estimate, I'm sure the Governor and the legislature would happily oblige, but like his data Mr. Lieberman's constant critiques continue to miss the mark. Let's be clear: my record shows my commitment to delivering our fair share of state funding including millions in grant money to help our local municipalities, local roads, school

districts, libraries, fire departments, and police departments just to name a few. Mr. Lieberman's letter is the epitome of hyper-partisan misinformation that people are sick of, and I look forward to correcting him whenever needed, since the policies regarding letters to the editor no longer seem predicated on facts.

DR. TERENCE MURPHY
Fmr. State Senator 40th District

Taxing Parks in Hen Hud District Should be Explored

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor last week, I read that then Senator George Latimer drafted a bill to make New York State park land in Westchester County subject to local property taxes. This bill would help the Town of Yorktown collect tax revenue from the large State Parks that are in the Town.

While the Town of Cortlandt too has state land in its boundaries. It also has two County owned Public Parks. More specifically, these parks make up approximately 15% of the total land in

the Hendrick Hudson School District. As many are aware the Hendrick Hudson School District will have a \$24 million dollar shortfall once the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Closes. Taxing this park land could make a significant dent in the shortfall of the school district.

County Exec. Latimer, if it's good for the State to pay property taxes on its parks, shouldn't it be good for the county as well?

Please take a look at this proposal.

Thank you.

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Business of the Week

Railyard Arts Studio Croton Falls

By James Miranda

Jill Leary was 13 years removed from teaching art and wanted to go back, but didn't want to be bound by a school district. Opening Railyard Arts Studio in Croton Falls was the perfect way to do it.

The 49-year-old artist taught in the Brewster School District—first at CV Starr Intermediate School then at H.H. Wells Middle School—for 12 years before giving birth to her first of two daughters. She had always wanted to own her own studio, which opened on Monday, January 7, and wanted it to be a social, community rendezvous for everyone to motivate and evoke different ideas.

"I don't want to be locked in a room doing my artwork by myself, and some people are great at that," said Leary, who first took up pottery her sophomore year at Syracuse University in 1989. "The whole vision for it was a space where people want to come in and not leave. For me, it's very hard to do art work alone, I like to be social."

While some artists create with the intent for their pieces to have a deep meaning, Leary, a Somers native, creates for function for the most part. She creates bowls, cups, and other items that



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILL LEARY.

Railyard Arts Studio opened on January 7.

people can use among other things. But the same can be said for the business.

While business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, members have 24-hour access to the building to work anytime of the day. There are two main studios and a lounge area in the lobby for classes and socializing. They're provided with cupboards and shelves where they can store their work. And it's "closed" on weekends for artists to have some dedicated time, with the exception

of workshops and rentals.

"Everything I put in [Railyard], is what I would have wanted in a studio," said Leary, who teaches pottery, knitting and croqueting, and children's art classes. "A lot of pottery places all over the place—not just even where we live—even in Syracuse, it was a hut. We took a lot of time thinking about what we were going to put in here and I'm lucky enough to be able to do that."

The 2,300-square-foot art studio offers

a considerable number of classes and workshops for all skill levels such as pottery/wheel throwing, art journaling, stained glass, and portrait painting. Class prices can range from \$200 to \$360 and workshop prices vary between \$40 and \$80 depending on the length of the class, but were designed with affordability in mind.

Railyard also serves as a philanthropic spot for the "Healing Hugs Happy Hearts" program her and a friend founded, which sees more than 1,000 handmade Valentine's Day cards prepared by local school children then delivered to various hospitals on Valentine's Day. It will take place at Railyard on Sunday, February 10.

It's indicative of what future possibilities Railyard might hold.

"We're trying to do more one-night workshops like a paint night or come try the wheel out for a night just to get people not afraid of the art, it's for everybody," Leary said. "I'm open for anything."

Railyard Arts Studio is located at 621 Route 22 in Croton Falls. For more information, call 914-617-8541 or email info@railyardarts.com.

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Obituaries

Penny Markowitz-Moses

Penny Markowitz-Moses, a former village trustee and deputy mayor in Ossining, died January 21 at Ross Manor in Bangor, Maine, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Penny Markowitz-Moses

She was 67. She was born March 30, 1951, in Ossining, to Sidney Markowitz and Hazel (Cooper) Markowitz.

She graduated Ossining High School, class of 1969, and went on to get her Associates degree at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan. During her school years, she worked with her parents at their store in Ossining—Markowitz Men's and Boys' Wear. After graduation from FIT, she worked in Manhattan's garment district in the marketing department for Lerner's Clothing and then as a buyer for Mohawk Button. When she retired from her career in the garment industry in the late 90s, she worked at her friends' wine and liquor stores in Katonah and Croton. She also worked from home selling Wusthof cutlery on EBay.

She loved her hometown and was a village trustee and deputy mayor for several years between 1990 and 2002, as well as a Planning Board member. When she moved to Maine in 2014, she joined the Zoning Board in her new town of Hampden and was on the board of her condominium complex.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by the love of her life, her husband Al Moses, and by her very special friend, Isabel Tomlinson.

Penny's personality attracted everyone she met. She liked to be crusty on the outside, but she was warm and soft on the in-

side. Her sense of humor was undeniable, her wit was unparalleled, and her kindness and generosity were without limits. She is cherished and her memory will live on in her loving family — her stepmother, Freddie Markowitz of New York City, her stepsisters Deirdre Fishel, Allegra Fishel and her husband Peter Rich of Brooklyn, her nieces Lucia and Maeve Fishel, and Mariel Fishel-Rich, all of Brooklyn; Her stepdaughter Diane (Moses) Lieberman, stepdaughter Nancy (Moses) Kanter and husband Gary, stepson Howard Moses and daughter-in-law Barbara Moses, grandchildren Gregory Lieberman, Florence (Lieberman) Pinto and husband Michael Pinto, Daniel Lieberman and wife Maya, Erica (Moses) Cooke and husband Evan, Stephanie Moses, Jaclyn Moses, Alexander Coleman and his partner Christin Gibbs, as well as four great-grandchildren, and her special "Cuzzin" and lifelong friend Susan (White) Currie of Winterport, Maine.

Penny loved animals and respected military veterans. Donations in Penny's memory to help animals or veterans in any way are appreciated.

Elaine Amato

Elaine Amato, a resident of Yorktown, died peacefully January 14 with her loving family by her side. She was 83.

She was born on April 23, 1935 in the Bronx at home to her parents Cora (Raimo), Frank Glaus and sister Marie. She married Frank Amato in a beautiful spring wedding on May 1, 1965. Together, Frank and Elaine would be blessed with two loving daughters.

She graduated from Central High School in Valley Stream, NY. She would



Elaine Amato

eventually go on to earn her Associates Degree from SUNY Farmingdale in Dental Hygiene and in later life she would return to college and graduate with a bachelor's degree in English from Mercy College. She was a bright and independent woman with a thirst for knowledge. She passed on that spirit to all she encountered and touched the lives of many. She did this by being a wonderful dental hygienist, working for the Peekskill Area Health Center, going into the local schools and providing preventative dental care to many grade school children over the years. She was also a past-president of the American Dental Hygienists Association.

She retired after more than 40 years of service to this community. In her retirement she became an active member of the Friends of the John C. Hart Memorial Library passionately advocating for libraries and library services. Above all Elaine had a strong presence, was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She lived for her family and friends and always made time for the people she cared about. She was a woman filled with much laughter, was generous of spirit and shared all of this with those around her.

She is survived by her two daughters Christina and Maria. She is also survived by her greatest joys, her grandchildren; Zachary, Noah, Sarah, Madison, Melaine and Andrew. She was predeceased by her loving husband Frank (2018).

Marianne Pendzuk

Marianne "Nan" Pendzuk, a lifelong resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died January 20, at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC. She was 82.

She was an active senior, volunteering for many years at Tarrytown Music Hall, Paramount Theater, Peekskill and the Ossining Food Pantry at Trinity Church. The daughter of Joseph and Mary Myatt Bryk, she was predeceased by her husband Steve, also of Croton.

She is survived by her sons Steven (Kate) of Ossining, Dennis (Cathy) of Poughkeepsie and Patrick (Michelle) of Beacon, sister Barbara Tuttle of Croton and brother Michael Bryk of Silver Springs, FL., five granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Ossining Food Pantry or Tarrytown Music Hall. In the care of John G. Crawford Memorial Services, LLC.

William Small

William E. Small, a resident of Cortlandt, died January 25. He was 83.

He was born on June 8, 1935 to William G. and Sarah A. (Tuttle) Small in Peekskill. He



William E. Small

retired from the Hendrick Hudson School District after many years of dedicated service. He was a lifetime

member of the Buchanan Engine Company No. 1. His love of baseball motivated him to be a coach for the Peekskill Lapolla Little League youth organization in the 1960's. He was a true Yankees fan. Above all, he loved his family.

Mr. Small is survived by his beloved wife Barbara of over 63 years, devoted sons, William E. Small, Jr. and his wife Laurie and Wayne Small and his wife Virginia; loving daughter Cheryl Stevenson and her husband Wayne; and cherished grandchildren, Robert, William, Jennifer, Stephanie, Jessica and Mary. He is also survived by his adoring great grandchildren, Kristen, Landon, Avery, Kylie, Brynlee and Cyana and his caring brother, Albert Small. He was predeceased by his so

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NYS Legislature Approves Pro-Abortion Bill, Dream Act

By David Propper

Wasting little time taking advantage of their full control of New York State government, Democratic lawmakers approved stringent protections for abortion laws and extended financial aid for college to immigrants regardless of their legal status last week.

With Democrats controlling every branch of state government, the Reproductive Health Act was swiftly authorized last Wednesday with Gov. Andrew Cuomo signing the law into effect that evening. The state Senate voted 38-24 and the Assembly voted 92-47, mostly along party line, to codify Roe v. Wade even if the federal law is struck down by the Supreme Court, which now holds a conservative majority.

The law maintained an abortion is legal within the first 24 weeks of the start of a pregnancy or any time after that if a woman's life is at risk or if the fetus is not viable. Abortions could also now be done by other health professionals, besides physicians.

The proposal was first put forward in 2006 by the Democrat-heavy Assembly, but blocked at every turn by the Senate, which was controlled by the GOP until the start of this year.

"In the face of a federal government intent on rolling back Roe v. Wade and women's reproductive rights, I promised that we would pass this critical legislation within the first 30 days of the new session - and we got it done," Cuomo said in a statement. "Today we are taking a giant step forward in the hard-fought battle to ensure a woman's right to make her own decisions about her own personal health, including the ability to access an abortion. With the signing of this bill, we are sending a clear message that whatever happens in Washington, women in New York will always have the fundamental right to control their own body."

Republicans decried the measure



State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (D) voted against both controversial bills that were passed.

passed last week as overreaching.

"I opposed the 'Reproductive Health Act' and debated against the legislation both on the Assembly floor and in committee," GOP Assemblyman Kevin Byrne said. "I found the most offensive part of this legislation to be the seemingly generic exemption to permit late-term abortions, which would include partial birth abortion should the 2003 federal ban ever be repealed"

The state Legislature also voted to give undocumented immigrants the ability to receive financial aid and scholarships to state colleges with Cuomo expected to sign it into law soon. The state Senate approved

the measure 40-20 and the Assembly 90-37.

The law would be named after the late senator Jose Peralta, who died suddenly late last year.

"As a key part of our Justice Agenda, we look forward to finally making it law for all New Yorkers this year, for Senator Peralta and the Dreamers," Cuomo said in a statement.

Republicans pushed back against the measure, including Byrne, who said while he believes every person deserves the chance at success, the state should prioritize law-abiding citizens and residents before illegal immigrants.

"It is frustrating to see more of New

York's youth being forced to take on mountains of student loan debt because they too want to pursue their own dream of a college degree and a better life," Byrne said in a statement. "Instead of focusing on funding free college for illegal immigrants, we should be focusing on making it easier for college graduates to pay back their debt without inflating already sky-high tuition costs. We can do this by providing tax relief, increasing job opportunities and allowing legal residents to deduct a portion of the principal on student loan payments, not just the interest."

Local College Student Achievements

James Madison University is pleased to announce the following student who graduated with honors during the December 15, 2018 commencement exercises:

Gino Vincent Palmieri of Yorktown Heights, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Sport & Recreation Management from James Madison University during commencement exercises. Palmieri was among more than 820 students who received undergraduate, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees.

More than 1,000 students were named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Muhlenberg College. The following local students made the list:

Emily Casey of Yorktown Heights, Sa-

rina Cohn of Cortlandt, Emeline DiCrocce of Croton-on Hudson, and Sophia Richter of Ossining.

To earn this academic achievement, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the term.

Local residents were among nearly 1,600 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List.

THE STUDENTS WERE:

Katherine M. Gilmartin of Ossining, a

freshman chemistry major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Joseph A. Brancato of Cortlandt, a junior engineering management major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Kaitlyn M. Murphy of Somers, a senior strategic communication major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Jennifer A. Gold of Somers, a senior early and primary teacher education major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Cyan J. Scarduzio of Ossining, a senior early and primary teacher education major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Kevin T. Haag of Ossining, a sophomore marketing major in the University's

Kania School of Management.

Julia A. Cook of Yorktown Heights, a junior business administration major in the University's Kania School of Management.

The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Siena College has named the following area students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Those students are:

Sean Boyle of Yorktown Heights, **Gabriella Ferrao** of Ossining, **Elizabeth Lenihan** of Cortlandt, and **Rebecca Piehler** of Cortlandt.

Happenings

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Tuesday, Jan. 29

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday, except for Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers

Library. If you can't visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days. SBIC will not meet on days the Somers schools are closed due to snow. Collages and photographs by Jane Hogan are on display through Feb. 1 during library hours.

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

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

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

Support Connection Men's Program: Support Connection announces a free program: "Wing Nite-For Men Only" will be offered on today and on April 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Travelers Rest in Ossining. It is open to men whose lives have been affected by a spouse or partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required to attend, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held

on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues-- led by Wendy Segal --is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein-- is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein--- is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)-led by Rabbi Sternstein- is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

IBM Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees will meet at the United Methodist Church Hall, 1176 E. Main St, Shrub Oak. Deborah Petranchick, manager of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation at New York Presbyterian Hospital Hudson Valley, will discuss the services available at the Center for Rehabilitation. Set up is slated for 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916.

Acting Classes: The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

Friday, Feb. 1

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

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 7 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. For more information, please call our Rabbi

at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

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

Saturday, Feb. 2

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.

Bagels and Bible: Bagels and Bible will be held at 9 a.m. at Temple Beth Am. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how this week's Torah portion is a mirror into our lives. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information please call our Rabbi at 914962-7500 or email him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

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Happenings

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tice exam will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Somers Library. After the test, participants will receive an extensive score-report and a personalized consultation to go over your scores and answer your questions. If there are fewer than 25 registrants by the end of January, this program may be cancelled and the library will notify the registrants. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Ray Blue Trio: The Jazz Masters Series of Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will welcome a return appearance by the world-renowned Ray Blue Trio, featuring jazz artist/composer/arranger and saxophonist Ray Blue of

Peekskill, a New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee who has toured extensively throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. The cabaret-style performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at WCT's black box performance space at 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets are \$20; cash bar and refreshments will be available. Purchase tickets at <https://raybluetriowctjms19.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Sunday, Feb. 3

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: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Monday, Feb. 4

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

Acrylic Painting: An acrylic painting class will be held on Mondays 2/4, 11 and 25 and 3/11 and 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee to be paid

on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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.

Cortlandt Political Meetings: The Cortlandt Republican and Conservative parties are meeting tonight and on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Cortlandt Colonial restaurant to discuss and meet candidates for town supervisor, councilperson and justice. Info: 914-734-1915 or danielpaganolaw@optonline.net.

Bethany Arts Community Receives Grants from NYS

Bethany Arts Community (BAC), a new 44,000-square-foot, multi-arts space just completing its first year of operations in Ossining, is pleased to announce it has received \$202,347 in funding from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). The support comes in three categories. A \$7,000 capacity building grant supports BAC's wide range of programming and efforts to determine how to best serve the region's artists and diverse community. A \$7,800 rehearsal space grant will allow BAC to offer free and low-cost rehearsal time in BAC's new dance studios to the region's dancers and choreographers. A \$187,547 capital project grant will enhance BAC's programming by supporting the purchase of modern equipment for its performance

space, automated tools for its shop and maintenance equipment for BAC's 25-acre grounds.

"Bethany is ecstatic to receive NYSCA's support," said David Lyons, BAC's founder and Executive Director. "With limited resources during our first year, Bethany was able to bring over 50 events and programs to our community. This crucial funding will enable BAC to welcome even more artists and bring an even broader range of programs to the community."

During year one, BAC hosted a range of residencies for professional artists who lived and worked on site while engaging with our neighbors, including dancers and choreographers from the world-renowned Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company, musical theater in development

from HERE Arts and a women of color writers group. BAC also inaugurated an afterschool program featuring Hispanic music and dance and kicked off adult art courses. Several exhibitions by local and national artists filled BAC's galleries. BAC presented numerous adult and family-friendly programs in our performance space.

In 2019, BAC will build on the success of its first year. In addition to greatly expanding current programming and welcoming new artists, BAC will make affordable studio spaces available for rent to the region's artists and activate even more of our beautiful facility.

About Bethany Arts Community

The Bethany Arts Community mis-

sion is to create a space and environment where the many forms of art can be learned, produced and flourish. Artists of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to explore and create. BAC offers a number of important program tracks: short-term residencies where artists live on-site and interact with the community; presenting performing arts in our converted chapel performance space; rotating exhibitions in our galleries; adult and children's instructional programs; and offering affordable studio space.

Subsidized rehearsal space and other programs at Bethany are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Obituaries

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Anne De Lisi

Anne De Lisi (nee Lacerenza), a longtime resident of Yorktown, died January 20. She was 97.

Born in Manhattan on December 3, 1921, she was the daughter of Fanny Lacerenza (Salvatore) and Vincenzo Lacerenza, the youngest child in a combined family of nine.

She worked as an administrative assistant at Lavelle School for the Blind in the Bronx for 40 years until her retirement. She gained local notoriety for her acting, singing, and comedic genius in amateur theater.

Beloved by her family and friends, she always had a warm smile, an infectious laugh, and a kind greeting. She loved meeting new people, traveling, socializing, spending time by the pool, cooking, and family get-togethers. She is fondly remembered for her joyous spirit, sense of humor, and for making others laugh.

She is survived by her brother Anthony Lacerenza of Long Island; her daughter Teresa Juers and her husband Michael of Yorktown NY; her son Louis and his wife Ilene of Ardsley NY; her grandchildren Jennifer, Michael, and Allison; and her great-grandson RJ (who affectionately gave her the name "Nanny Meatballs" and will miss her famous meatballs more than words can say).

The Mt. Carmel Food Bank in Verplanck is Open

The Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Verplanck, a nonprofit social and civic group established in 1922, is hosting a monthly food pantry. Hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items were donated by area residents on New Year's Day at Mt. Carmel Hall, 155 Highland Avenue at Eighth Street in Verplanck. The food pantry opened Saturday, January 12 and will continue on the second Saturday of each month.

The Mt Carmel Food Pantry will be open Saturday, February 9 from 8 - 10 a.m. in the lower level of Mt. Carmel Hall, 8th Street entrance in Verplanck. Families from Verplanck, Montrose, Buchanan and Cortlandt are invited to shop for a large bag of free groceries. No

identification is necessary.

Donations will be accepted during pantry hours. The items most needed are: applesauce, canned and dried beans, canned chicken, canned fish, canned ham, canned vegetables, olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, canned or dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, rice, shelf-stable and powdered milk, canned soup, stew and chili, whole grain cereal. Diapers and paper products are also needed along with brown paper and cloth bags.

Please, no junk food, glass jars or plastic bags!

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Bathroom Oddities, Manners and Etiquette

The bathroom. When you think about it, while it may not be the room you spend the most time in, it's probably the room you visit most times during the course of the day and, if you're in my age group, you probably visit it a little more frequently than when you were younger.

I've been thinking a lot about the bathroom lately, forced by an unexpected experience I had the first day I was in my new digs at the gorgeous Trump Park Residences in the Shrub Oak hamlet of Yorktown. This joint is outrageous and outfitted with the finest materials and fixtures you might imagine: granite, marble and brushed steel everywhere you look. So, when it was time for me to visit the bathroom for the more serious function for which one visits the bathroom, and I started that slow descent, I realized that I wasn't reaching my destination when I usually do. I kept bending lower and lower, convinced that I would be in a full Lotus position before I would finally come to rest. Why I wondered, with all this luxury in a place originally built for the 55 plus crowd, would the builder have spec'd

such low-rise toilets? As soon as I finished my business, I went online to www.HomeAdvisor.com to find a plumber to install high-rise toilets in all three of my bathrooms.

As circumstance would have it, the next day, I had another bathroom experience, this time as a realtor with a seller client. When I visited the home to make my presentation and sign a contract, I was greeted at the door by the husband, a big guy with a hearty laugh. His wife had not yet arrived home from some errands, but his two sons were with him, both I would guess in either their late teens or early 20s, both strapping young men, well over six feet tall. When the mother arrived home, I was surprised to see that she was very petite, barely over five feet tall, and I commented how

surprised I was by her small stature compared to how big her boys were. I was equally surprised by her response, "Well, they weren't that big coming out of me!"

The first thing I do when I go for a listing is ask for a tour of the house, and this one had three full baths. Each time we entered one, the wife would walk in and,

seeing that the toilet seat was up, would immediately walk over, lower the seat and shut the lid. The first time she did it, she lowered them gently. In the second bathroom, she did it with less patience, and by the time we arrived at the third bathroom, she slammed down the lid in frustration, almost in meltdown mode, exclaiming, "Oh, these guys, why won't they ever learn to lower the seat and shut the lid!" I suspect this is her biggest frustration at home every day.

It's important to pay attention to the toilet's seat being down and the lid closed, not only so that women won't fall into the bowl but also for health reasons. According to scientists at Leeds University, when a toilet is flushed with the lid open, bacteria sprays into the air around the toilet. And some of those germs could pass along symptoms of diarrhea or vomiting. Yuck!

But the best reason for closing the lid is that it prevents anything and everything from falling in. Haven't you had the experience of not hearing from friends for several days, only to hear that their cell phones have taken the plunge?

There are other rules that should be considered concerning bathroom etiquette and manners, and it's not only because of airborne germs or the differences in plumbing between the sexes and

actual plumbing.

Wasn't it on Seinfeld where Elaine talked about going to the McDonald's bathroom when in a relationship, rather than fowling up the apartment john? I was quite impressed when, years ago, I first saw a bathroom where the toilet bowl was separated out from the rest of the room and you could do your more private business in, well, private.

And what about something as simple as replacing the toilet paper roll when it's depleted? I am always in such a rush, I'm guilty of just grabbing a new roll and leaving it on top, rather than going to the trouble of actually inserting it on the cylinder. Shame.

For those who do go through the trouble of replacing it, there's the question of positioning the roll for "over" or "under" dispensing. A former work associate of mine told me that it must be "over" so that the last sheet can be "folded" as in a hotel. "You FOLD your last toilet paper sheet?" I asked, astounded. "Yes," she responded, not skipping a beat. "You never know when guests are going to stop by." Oh, my God, where did I go wrong in learning good bathroom etiquette?

One other item I know about toilets. Did you notice that some are round and, in the past couple of decades, they are

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17. Wing ___ prayer
18. Belonging to actor Banderas, or Peekskill pizzeria
21. First Russian spaceship
23. Hospital transports
26. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
29. ___ cotta
30. "Semiramide" composer
33. Actor Mineo
34. Burst of ill temper
35. Lao-___
36. Med. specialty
37. Berlioz's "Les nuits d'___"
38. "Danny and the Dinosaur" author Hoff

DOWN

1. Plains tribe
2. Inter
3. Fortune telling cards
4. Naive young girl in a play
5. Board member, abbr.
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7. Pocket change
8. Lacking width and depth
9. Flat-topped land formation
12. Slippery
16. Rigging supporter
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20. Erstwhile
22. Limestone landscapes
24. Mohegan Lake paintball supply store, ___ Paint
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27. Horse color
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Police Blotter

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in Shrub Oak on a report of an infant left unattended in a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers located a seven-month-old child in the vehicle. Officers stayed with the child until the mother returned from shopping.

January 22 - Manuel Cochancela, 36, of Ossining, was charged with driving while intoxicated after an officer observed a red Ford truck turn from Lee Road to Route 6 erratically and failed to signal before colliding with another vehicle traveling west on Route 6 at about 2:28 p.m. Further investigation revealed Cochancela was unlicensed and had a prior conviction for DWI in the past 10 years.

January 24 - Omar Abulteen, 29, of Yonkers, was charged with burglary in the third degree in connection with a March 4, 2018 commercial burglary at the Gulf gas station on Route 202. Abulteen was arrested in Yorktown Justice Court where he was appearing for another matter.

Bathroom Oddities, Manners and Etiquette

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oblong in shape? Nobody mentions the obvious, but designers finally figured out that the male's front anatomy had to be accommodated. Thanks, guys! I say, for guys, that's the equivalent of going from jockey shorts to boxers.

And finally, did I mention that there should always, always be some kind of automatic air freshener or a spray deodorizer in the bathroom?

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And what better second tradition to follow than to celebrate what has, almost by default, become a feast above all feasts, National Junk Food Sunday.

While the Super Bowl contestants display their skills, strength, agility and, for the most part, trim bodies on the field, millions of Americans will be consuming food and drink that will likely detract from their athletic skills, strength and agility – and add a few pounds in the process.

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday:

48 million Americans will order takeout food. What will we be eating? According to the National Chicken Council, 1.3 billion chicken wings will be devoured. That's the equivalent of four wings for every man, woman and child in the United States. As for beverages, Americans will spend more than \$1.3

billion on a combination of mass-market and craft beers and over \$500 million on wine.

As I have for the past few years in this column, I thought of the rivalry on the gridiron and began transposing it to the bars and living rooms across the locales of the Super Bowl opponents. Does East Coast historical experience prove to be an advantage over the perceived youthful social fabric of the West Coast?



By Nick Antonaccio

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

First, the gridiron statistics:

On the field: The New England Patriots are appearing in their 11th Super Bowl (most of any team), including each of the last three, and five wins (second most).

The Rams franchise seems like America's itinerant team.

Founded in 1936 in Cleveland, it has moved three times; first to Los Angeles, then to St. Louis in 1995 (winning the 2000 Super Bowl) and finally returning to Los Angeles in 2016. They will be appearing in their fourth Super Bowl.

Experience favors the Patriots, while the Rams have youth on their side. The Patriots are legendary for finding their opponent's weaknesses and exploiting them. The Rams are a well-balanced

team, with few apparent weaknesses.

Food. Each region has its eclectic foods. Which is superior? Centuries-old New England Clam Chowder or a 21st century Los Angeles New Wave dish of Sea Urchin with Oxtail and Congee? Boston baked beans or a Hispanic-inspired Chorizo Breakfast Burrito? A Margarita pizza from Boston's North End or a smoked salmon with caviar and chives pizza from Spago's?

The verdict? It's the 21st, not 19th, century; I give the nod to the vibrancy and youthfulness of Los Angeles over the ageless experience of refined New England dishes.

Wine. Both cities have reputations as wastelands for fine wine. The consensus is that it is too cool in New England, too hot in Southern California.

Massachusetts' Westport Rivery produces a worthy sparkling wine and Rhode Island's Sakonnett Vineyards offers a quaffable Cock of the Walk Red.

A pleasant surprise on the southern West Coast: the Temecula Valley wine region. Warm days, cool nights and a constant Pacific mist make for an unsung region with great potential. So, too, with the Rams' upstart defensive line, led by Aaron Donald, which may be the surprise component to defuse the Patriots' precision offense. Look for the hard-to-

find Bordeaux blends from Bailly, Callaway, Churon, Doffo and Leoness wineries.

The verdict? Kudos to the Temecula Valley for its combination of balance and exuberance. Can this be a catalyst for a Super Bowl victory?

Beer. With the proliferation of small-batch craft beers across the nation, consumers have their favorite local breweries; more power to the people. But please don't offer me your brother-in-law's kitchen-counter home brew/ You can have it all to yourself.

The verdict? To each his (or her) own.

Super (Snack) Bowl Sunday: nirvana for football enthusiasts and junk food aficionados alike. Whichever camp you fall into, just kick back and enjoy the game and the camaraderie.

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Board of Trustees and the Assessor will meet for the purpose of completing such assessment roll and of hearing and determining grievances in relations thereto by any person(s) conceiving himself aggrieved thereby on Tuesday February 19, 2019, between the hours of 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Clinton Street Senior Center, 1A Clinton Street, Pleasantville, New York. The last filing date is February 19, 2019. **Village of Pleasantville, Pleasantville, New York 10570 Noreen Regan, Deputy Village Clerk**

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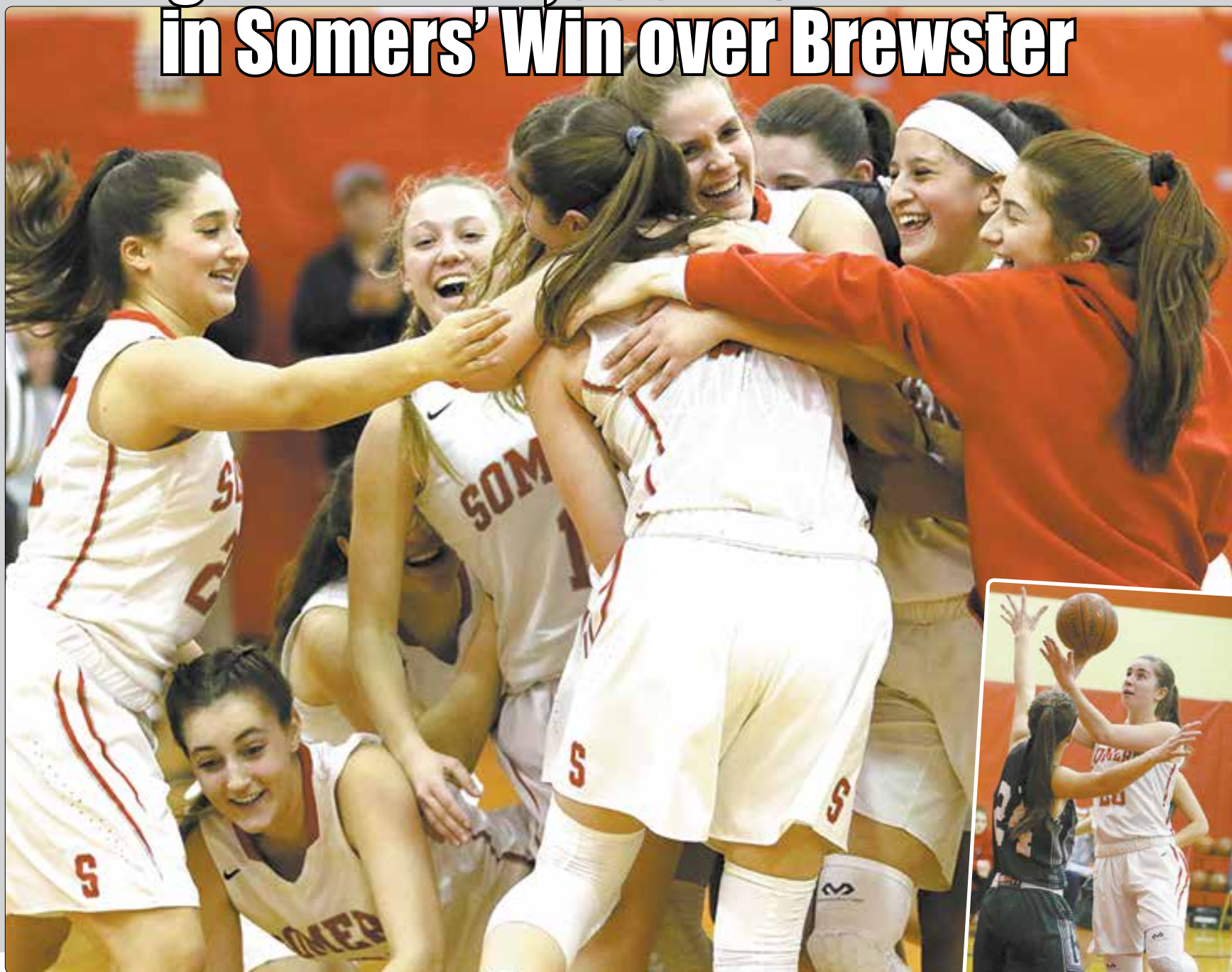
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Angelini Nets 1,000th Career Point in Somers' Win over Brewster



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Having matched the standard by which many Tuskers will be measured over her sterling four-year varsity career, Somers senior G Hannah Angelini and teammates celebrated her 1,000th career point in the Tuskers' 48-38 win over visiting League II-C foe Brewster last Thursday night when Angelini continued to add to her career victories (66 and counting), just five short of the school record set by Liv Lipski and Jackie Penzo (71)... see Girls Hoops Notebook

Sports

Girls' Hoops Notebook

Somers' Angelini, Ossining's Griffin, Harris Earn Acclaim

By Alex Wendling & Ray Gallagher

Order was restored in Class AA last week, as **OSSINING** got close to healthy, and there were plenty of milestones to be reached and notoriety gained in other places.

SOMERS defeated their conference rival **BREWSTER**, 48-38, last Thursday. Not only did the state-ranked (No.20) Tuskers get the win, but history was made in the second quarter when senior guard Hannah Angelini recorded her 1,000th career point. Angelini became the 12th player in Somers hoops history to record 1,000 points. Angelini was both thrilled and humbled by the milestone.

"It feels amazing," the All-Section senior said. "All of that extra time spent in the gym, shooting free throws, working on ball handling, analyzing film... it all feels worth it in the moment."

Angelini told her teammates before the game that her reaching this historic milestone should not distract the rest of the team from the ultimate goal of getting the win. "I would be lying if I didn't say I also felt relief after scoring that basket," Angelini said. "I didn't want to hinder our team's performance. Obviously, winning the game is much more important than scoring 1,000 points and I wanted to make that clear to the team before the game."

Angelini would go on to thank those that helped her in one of the finest careers in school history.

"I cannot thank my coaches and teammates both past and present enough," she said. "I would not be close to where I am without them. They find me in places where it's easy for me to score. All of the credit goes to them. My four years here at Somers have been more than I could've asked for, and both (former) Coach (Krisit) Dini and now, obviously, Coach (Mark) Hattam are to thank for that, along with my teammates who have



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers F Isabella Rukaj is challenged by Brewster's Alexis Mark in Tuskers' win over Bears.

been nothing but supportive of me. It was beyond heartwarming to see everyone who came to the game to support me."

Coach Hattem admitted he has a soft spot in his heart for Angelini.

"Han basically allows us schedule big games and gives us a chance in them due

to her competitive spirit and the fact that she'll guard anyone, anywhere and do it at a very high level," Hattem said. "Ossining, Ursuline, Lourdes... she's guarding major D1 talent and has had some very good offensive performances against those teams. In addition to that our league is a grind and she shows up every night. You need an elite competitor and defender to win big games.

"On top of that she

over Brewster, Somers' next game will be against conference rival Lakeland Hornets Wednesday (6:15 pm) at Lakeland where Somers will try to advance its winning streak to four games.

OSSINING (9-5) silenced the doubters last week when the eight-time defending Section 1 Class AA champs hammered state-ranked (No.5) Ursuline, 77-64, in a battle between the two top-ranked teams in the section. Recently-minted McDonald's All-American Aubrey Griffin made her long-awaited return

hasn't scored 1000 points by accident," he added. "She's multi-talented on the offensive end when her game is clicking. I wasn't around for the Gabby (Rosenzweig) years, but Somers has had some run of big time players that has made the program one of the best in the section. To be honest, I don't think she's playing her best basketball right now, but that's coming. Against Brewster she started getting that bounce in her step."

Maggie DePaoli led Brewster with 16 points as she inches closer to 1,000 for her undeniably terrific career.

After a big conference win

with 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists in a dominant effort that reminded everyone that the road to the Section 1 title runs through the O'. Senior Kailah Harris, who recently corralled her 1,000th career rebound, added 27 points and 16 boards for the state-ranked (No.8) Pride.

Griffin became the first girl from a public school in Section 1 history selected to play in the 18th annual McDonald's All-American Game last Thursday, joining Ursuline's Cori Chambers -- the first Catholic school player from Section 1 ever picked to play -- in one of the most prestigious high school basketball showcases in the world.

Griffin, who has legit NBA DNA, and her family will fly to the State Farm Arena in Atlanta on March 27, a little more than a week after the NYSPHSAA and Federation Tournaments conclude.

"I'm so happy for her, the kid's been through a lot and missed one-and-a-half seasons," Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said. "She works so hard to be in top condition."

That condition may land the UConn-bound senior with a pro contract one day.

"I agree that her ceiling is the highest of all my kids due to her size and athleticism, as well as her genes," Ricci said of Griffin,

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Somers teammates and coaches celebrate Hannah Angelini's 1,000th career point in Tuskers' win over Brewster last Thursday.



Brewster senior Meagan Beal is checked by Somers senior Isabella Rukaj in Bears' League II-C loss to Tuskers last Thursday.

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Surging Somers, Put Valley Rounding in to Playoff Form

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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In a light week of action, several things were revealed, including the fact that **SOMERS** is pretty dang good... just ask **BREWSTER**, who couldn't score much in its 61-39 setback at the hands of the Tuskers last Thursday. Additionally, **MAHOPAC** was served a chill pill in a 20-point defeat to Class A heavyweight Horace Greeley last Saturday. **LAKELAND** got into #KruiseControl with the return of junior wing Jack Krusie, who went off for 27 in a win over **YORKTOWN**. So, yeah, hoops is in late-season form and dreams are building and blowing up all over the place despite the negative outlook for the County Center. Let's have a look, shall we #SendItIn...

NWE/Putnam SUPER 7 HOOPS Poll

No.1A PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.9) Tigers (13-2) won ugly in 44-35 triumph of visiting Lincoln 35 when senior F Darnel Shillingford led all scorers with 18 points. More importantly, senior F TJ Brescia looks like he's fully recovered from the high ankle sprain he suffered in late Dec. P.S. I'm still confused as to why Haldane refuses to play PV because of some off-court incident that happened in 2017, despite being in the same league #MoveOn! #Forgiveness



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS
Somers F Henry Gilroy puts up shot against Brewster's John Olszewski in Tuskers' win over Bears last Thursday.



Brewster senior Cameron Hart takes run at Somers senior Nick Maestri in Bears' loss to Tuskers last Thursday.



Brewster G Kobey Hart does his thing in the lane in Bears' loss to Somers last Thursday.

No.1B SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (12-2, 6-1) looked like one of the premier defensive clubs in the section when they upended host Brewster, 61-39, limiting Bears' hotshot Cameron Hart to 14 points in the loss. Big Max Germaine led Somers with 12 points and a balanced Tusker attack led by Declan Talleur, Charlie Weissman (9), Jalen Wilson (8) and Nick Maestri (8) has helped this pollster put the early-Jan. loss to Carmel outta sight outta mind, and the 77-36 pummeling of Class AA John Jay EF in the Coaches vs. Cancer event at North Salem was impressive. When Somers is on, they can beat just about anybody not named Mt. Vernon. Licking my chops for the rematch with Greeley on Feb. 7. Would love to see Coach DiCintio and Coach McDonnell set up a pre-tournament scrimmage between the Tuskers and Tigers #WinWin.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (9-6, 4-0) were challenged by Class A state-ranked Greeley and came up short for a team with Final 4 hopes. Today's rematch with Arlington, with the League I-A title on the line, and next week's tip-off with state-ranked Tappan Zee will tell us all we need to know about these Indians, who have had a solid campaign but need to beat a legit contender in the coming days before playoffs begin.

No.4 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (8-6, 3-4) saw sniper Jack Kruse return from broken wrist back in Lakeland's season-opening loss to Brewster. The junior guard shook off some rust in a loss to John Jay then went off in 81-71 win over Yorktown, matching a team-high with 27 points behind five first-half treys. With Augie Karaqi (27 points), Joe Vetrano (13 points) and Rob Nardelli (10) all doing major damage, you cannot sleep on these Hornets now that they are healthy and tested.

No.5 BREWSTER – Coach Nelligan's Bears (4-9, 2-4) shocked John Jay CR,

but ran into three buzz saws in Greeley, Somers and Clarkstown South, so they have certainly tested their mettle but the gritty Bears simply lack the offensive weaponry to hang with the upper crust in Class A, but wins over Arlington and John Jay CR are proof positive the Bears can be a pain in the @\$\$.

No.6 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (11-4, 3-2) saw hot shot Sean Macarchuk reel off 25 points in 62-56 win over Horace Mann while three other teammates -- Spencer Fuchek (14) and Sean Reynolds and Braden Burke (10 each) all hit double digits. More importantly, Croton hosted its 5th Annual "Hoops for Heroes" Event in Tiger Town, USA, celebrating those who have served and continue to serve in our military while raising funds for the Hope for Warriors Foundation #CrotonGetsIt. Tigers then defeated Westlake, 47-39, to make the day even more special when Braden Burke went off for 18 points and Theo Curran

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Grappling Notebook

Mahopac Takes 2nd at Its Prestigious Caruso Tourney

By Tony Pinciario

Londrim Hasanramaj could sense it once Middletown's Armel Duke secured a front headlock in overtime of the Peter Caruso Memorial Wrestling Tournament 220-pound final.

"I felt how tired he was so I went for a double, got it, pushed him forward and he fell on his back," Hasanramaj said.

Once the Mahopac junior had the top-seeded Duke on his back, he finalized the match with a point, 30 seconds into overtime.

Hasanramaj won his first Caruso title and earned Most Outstanding Wrestler honors. Teammate Angelo Centrone was the 99-pound champion as Mahopac finished tied for second with Smithtown East. Each team had 297 points, behind champion Middletown (333 points).

The tournament is named in honor of former Mahopac wrestling standout, Peter Caruso.

Mahopac had 10 top-six placefinishers. Hasanramaj and Centrone are Mahopac's first Caruso champions in the last three years. Teammates Andi Berisha (132) and Frank Casagrande (170) were runners-up and Mike Rivera (195) and Tyler Roa (145) finished third.

Putnam Valley senior Dustin Koskinen-Falls was the 195-pound champion, leading the Tigers to a fifth-place finish (199 points). Dean Appell was a finalist in the 152-pound weight class.

Carmel's Ben Rivera won the 170-pound title and the Rams placed ninth (127 points).

Following his overtime win, Hasanramaj wasn't aware that he pinned Duke.

"I thought it was a decision, then I



BELLA DINAPOLI PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Shane Appel wins his 138-pound match over Yorktown's DePietro in Mahopac Tourney Saturday when he placed second.

looked back at it and I said, 'Wait, I pinned him?' " Hasanramaj said. "My teammates were laughing, I actually couldn't believe it."

Hasanramaj has made up for lost time. Last year, Hasanramaj only wrestled the first month of the season before separating his shoulder. Two days after returning to action, he tore a shoulder muscle.

What has made Hasanramaj's season even more spectacular is his ability to wrestle up a weight class. Entering the

season, Hasanramaj, who weighs 190 pounds, was wrestling in the 195-pound weight class. Each time he steps on the mat, Hasanramaj is yielding at least 25-30 pounds to an opponent. Hasanramaj also recently returned from a torn medial collateral ligament, which sidelined him for two weeks.

Despite this, Hasanramaj has been a consistent, winning force for NYS Hall of Fame Coach Dennis DiSanto.

"Since moving to 220, Lonnie has been on fire," DiSanto said. "He is wrestling with intensity and confidence. He believes in himself and his ability as a wrestler."

Along with winning the Caruso title, Hasanramaj now owns family bragging rights over older brother and former Mahopac wrestler, Liridan Hasanramaj, who was twice a Caruso runner-up.

"After the match, my brother told me that I made him very proud," Hasanramaj said.

Earlier in the week, Mahopac defeated John Jay-East Fishkill, 50-34, to win a league title and finished the dual-meet season with a program-best 31-5 record. Mahopac was also the Section 1 Division I (large school) Dual-Meet Championship runner-up.

"It's just a great feeling especially because this is Coach DiSanto's last year," Hasanramaj said.

Mahopac, along with all the Division I schools will wrestle in the Section 1 Division I Wrestling Championship Qualifying Tournaments, Saturday. The top four finishers at each of the four sites qualify for the Section 1 Division I

Wrestling Championships, Saturday (at Arlington)-Sunday (at Clarkstown South), Feb. 9-10.

Carmel and Ossining will be at Rye, Brewster and Yorktown go to John Jay-East Fishkill, Lakeland/Panas and Somers are at Arlington and Hen Hud and Mahopac will be at Horace Greeley.

Koskinen-Falls won his second tournament of the month and third of the season (Huntington and Hen Hud) in his first Caruso appearance.

The Putnam Valley senior registered an 18-8 major decision over Somers' Thomas Gall. The two met in the Hen Hud 195-pound final, earlier this month, with Koskinen-Falls posting a 7-4 decision.

Seeded fourth, Koskinen-Falls rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat top-seeded Mike Rivera of Mahopac,

5-4, in a semifinal. In his first match, Koskinen-Falls trailed before pinning Christian Ramirez of John Glenn 15 seconds into the third period.

"I just did what I always do, stayed calm and knew I could do it," Koskinen-Falls. "Going into the final, actually, I wasn't extremely confident even though I knew he is a good wrestler. But I was ready for everything he had this time around."

Koskinen-Falls has returned strong this season after breaking a collarbone right after the Shoreline Tournament last year, thus ending his season.

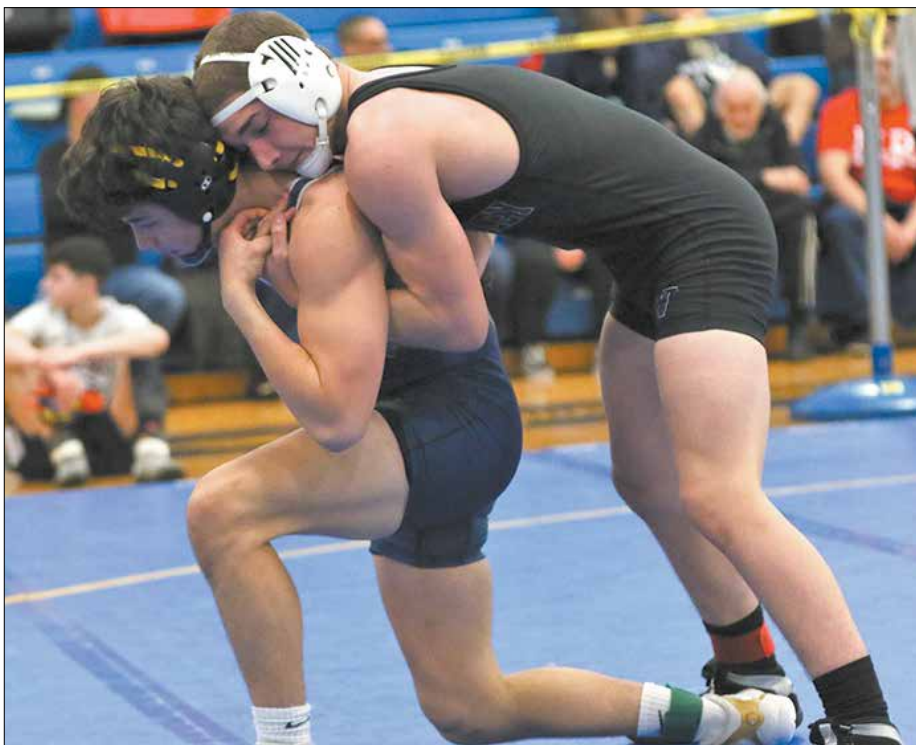
"Winning means everything to me because I'm making up for all the lost time I missed last year, because I broke my collarbone," Koskinen-Falls said.

Koskinen-Falls and his teammates will begin preparation for the Section 1 Division II (small schools) Wrestling Championships, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, at Edgemont High School.

Gall registered two pins, one in the first period and one in the third, in his first two matches, earning a berth in the 195-pound final.

"Thomas rose to the occasion," Somers' Coach Ronnie DiSanto, Jr. said. "Thomas is a gritty wrestler and he's mastering his individual technique. Everything is coming together at the right time to make a run in the postseason."

Somers' Peter Kim (152) placed sixth and the Tuskers were 14th in the tournament. Yorktown finished one placed ahead of Somers and had Christian Sinagra (182) place fourth.

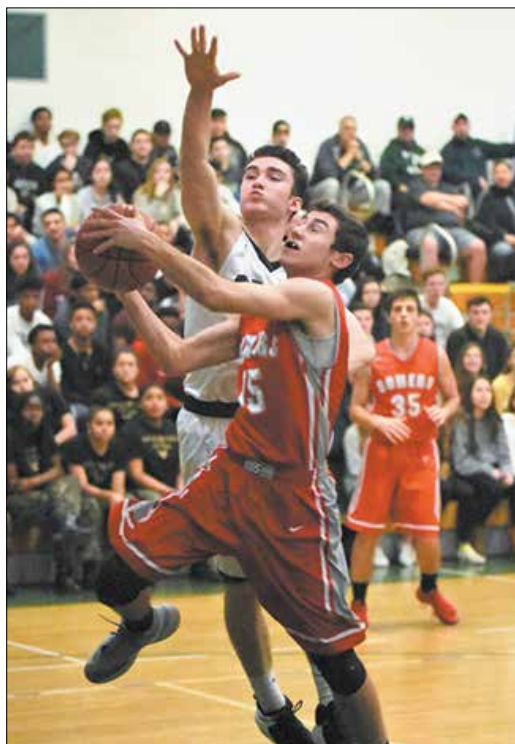


Putnam Valley's Will Carano and Mahopac's third-place finisher Tyler Roa tangle in the Mahopac tourney Saturday.

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Brewster's Paul Catalano blocks shot of Somers' Andrew Lasher in Bears' loss to Tuskers last Thursday.

Somers' Angelini, Ossining's Griffin, Harris Earn Acclaim

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whose dad Adrian was a former NBA player and current NBA coach.

PUTNAM VALLEY is trying like heck for the No.1 seed in Class B if it can win out and its 55-19 win over **HALDANE** was another step in the right direction. Junior wing Kelli Venezia led all scorers with 19 points while eighth-grader Eva DeChent added 16 points and looked really comfortable for the state-ranked (No.15) Tigers, who had eight players score.

Class B Putnam Valley took things a step further on Sunday, crushing Class A **YORKTOWN**, 50-22, to earn the 22nd annual George Budries Memorial Tournament title in convincing fashion. The Huskers are a legit 9-4 but were no match for Coach Kristi Dini's Tigers (13-1) who saw tourney MVP Arianna Stockinger lead all scorers with 28 points. Freshman Amanda Orlando and DeChent chipped in with eight points apiece for PV, and Venezia was named to the All-Tournament team along with Yorktown's Kat Severino. Quite frankly, what the Tigers are doing, despite the loss of All-Section senior Dora Rippon, who opted not to play this season for academic reasons, is simply amazing, given their youth and lack of a post presence, which could eventually catch up to them in the playoffs when the road runs through places like Irvington and Briarcliff.

Yorktown defeated **LAKELAND**, 64-43, in a league game earlier in the week with Amber Bodden scoring 18 points, including 6 for 6 from distance. Severino also had 18 points, 13 rebounds and

added 12 for Croton. Pleasantville, Briarcliff and Valhalla lay in wait between now and Feb.11th; go 2-1 against those foes and we'll all be impressed.

No.7 PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils (4-9, 2-3) lost to Class AA White Plains by two points and then held on for 62-56 win over Hen Hud behind 20 points from senior star Shion Darby while wing Antonio Taylor added 14 for Peekskill, which led by 18 before Sailor Dennis Emanuel came off the bench for 24 points. Nick Hiltzley added to a big week (he had 29 points and 8 boards in 67-61 loss to Lourdes) with 13 points and Tommy Fuchek had eight points and seven assists. So based on the close loss to White Plains, ya gotta give the Devils their due and drop 'em into the top 7.

HM HALDANE – Coach V's Class C Blue Devils (11-4, 2-0) put

up 96 points over a porous Children's Village squad and ran their win streak to four games last week. Big tests coming up against Saunders and Blind Brook to get ready for playoffs.

HM YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Huskers (4-9, 1-6) have struggled more than expected against League II-C foes,

but let's see if they can change their fortunes with a pair coming up against Brewster.

HM CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (5-8, 0-4) haven't been healthy all year and that win over Somers seems so long ago when followed up by losses to John Jay EF and Arlington.

O'Shea Moves to Second on Mahopac All-Time Scoring List



Mahopac senior F Brian O'Shea (9), the captain, passed Tyler Perrelle to become 2nd leading scorer in school history after netting two goals and setting up two more on senior night last Friday. Mahopac lost for just 2nd time this season to RyeTown-Harrison, 10-7. O'Shea is second only to teammate TJ McKee (71). Fellow seniors Nick Bricker, Niko DeCola, John Dundon, Logan MacDougall and Mike Sottile have done plenty during a terrific season.



Put Valley MVP Arianna Stockinger goes up for two of her career-high 28 points against Husker Izzy Cicinelli in Tigers 50-22 win over Yorktown.

three assists while Ashley Zeolla added 13 points and 18 rebounds. Melissa Severino had nine points and five assists. The Hornets (8-6) were expecting a better showing. Lakeland beat Horace Greeley, 65-53, earlier in the week behind 21 points, six rebounds and five steals from Alexa Cole. Hannah Deane chipped in 15 points, seven assists and four steals while Amanda Cole added 13 points.

WALTER PANAS (11-2) be the No.3



Putnam Valley G Amanda Orlando goes up for two of her eight points in Tigers' 50-22 win over Yorktown.

seed if the Class A playoffs began today, ahead of Somers (No.4), Yorktown (No.6), and Lakeland (No.10). The Panthers discovered a healthy John Jay CR team is among the top teams in the league when

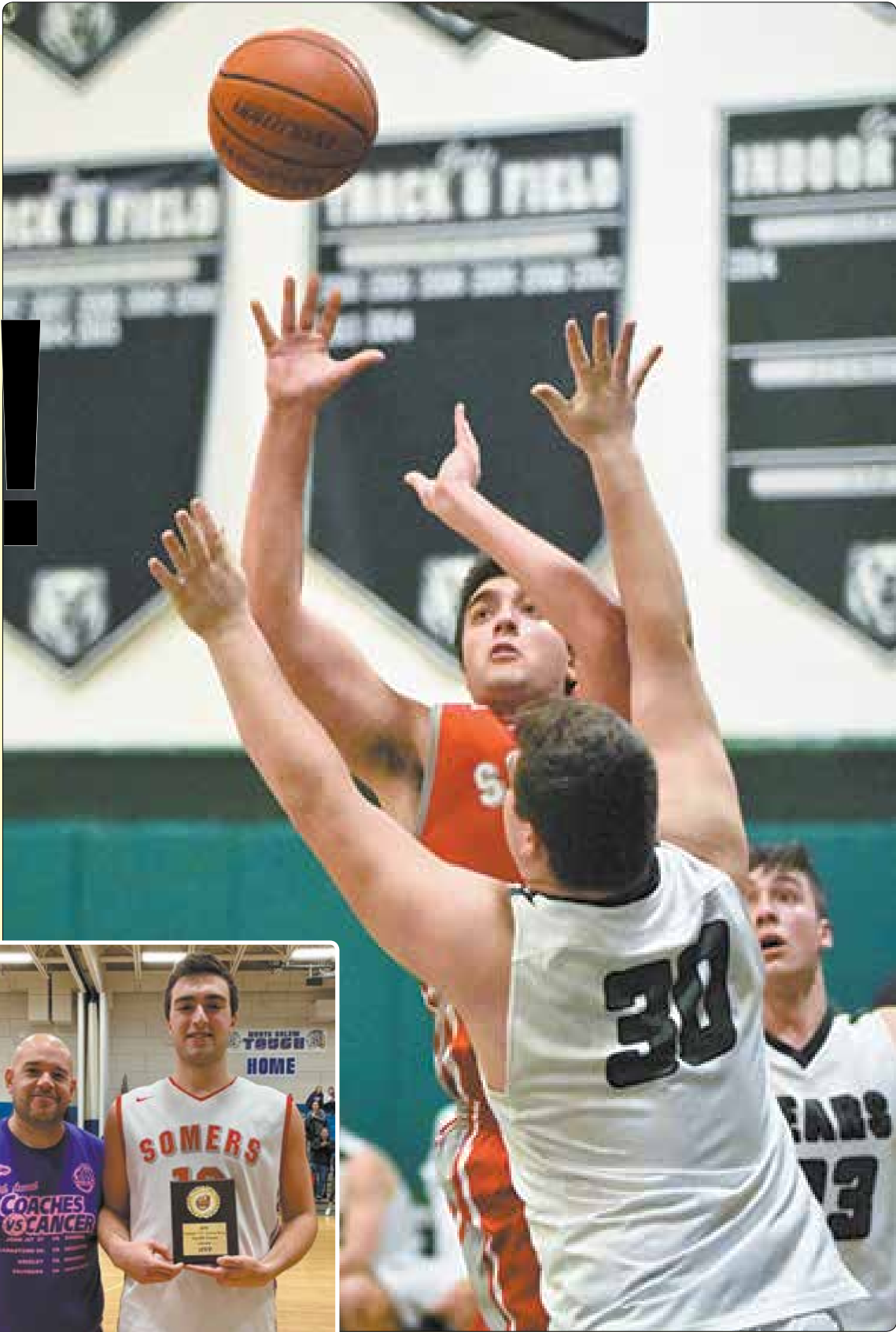


Yorktown's Amber Bodden had monster game vs. Lakeland and drives lane on Put Valley's Arianna Stockinger in Huskers' 50-22 loss to Tigers Sunday.

the Indians--now 6-0 in League II-C -- posted a 69-63 win to take a two-game lead in the conference.

A Max to Grind!


Somers Senior Chops Up Brewster, Then Wins Coaches vs. Cancer MVP



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Somers senior C Max Germaine gets after Brewster's C Nick Girard (30) in Tuskers' 61-39 League II-C win over the host Bears last Thursday, and the big man followed that up with an MVP effort (inset) in Somers' 77-36 trashing of John Jay-East Fishkill in Saturday's LHBCA's Coaches vs. Cancer Tip-Off at North Salem where Germaine had six points, 10 rebounds and three blocks in just 16 minutes to set the tone... see Boys' Hoops Notebook



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