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NYPD Officer from Yorktown Killed in Bronx Shooting

By Rick Pezzullo

A New York Police Department (NYPD) Officer who lived in Yorktown was killed during a shooting in the Bronx Sunday morning.

Brian Mulkeen, 33, who served with anti-crime unit in the 47th Precinct, was pronounced dead at Jacobi Hospital after being shot in the head, chest and legs around 12:30 a.m. near Laconia Avenue and 229th Street during a scuffle with Antonio Lavance Williams, 27, who was shot dead by police. A preliminary investigation revealed Mulkeen was shot by friendly fire from one of the officers at the scene.



Brian Mulkeen

"All of Westchester County mourns NYPD Officer Brian Mulkeen. Mulkeen, a Yorktown Heights native, and nearly seven-year veteran of the NYPD was serving with the anti-crime unit in the 47th Precinct when he was killed," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "In honor of his bravery and sacrifice I am ordering that all flags at County facilities be lowered to half-staff. Mulkeen was a true hero, and we will remember his dedication to his profession and sacrifice always. At this time, we as a county, offer our sympathy and support

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Hen Hud Students Earn Recognition

Hendrick Hudson High School senior James Reilly has been named a semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition, while seniors Matthew Klimek, Adhithya Rajasekar, and Julian Yu we named Commended students. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were named earlier this month. These seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships. worth more than \$31 million, that will be offered in the spring. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 of the more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT.

25th Annual Support-A-Walk Sunday at FDR State Park in Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

It started as a walkathon in October 1995, the brainchild of Nancy Heller, a breast cancer survivor, and Richard Adamski, who lost his wife Myra to the disease.

That event, called Share-A-Walk, drew 800 people and inspired Heller and Adamski to create Support Connection in July 1996.

"We reached for the skies," said Denise D'Amico, who helped coordinate the first walk. "It was amazing to see 800 people and we raised \$50,000."

On Sunday, October 6 at FDR State Park in Yorktown, the 25th annual Support-A-Walk, which generates 40% of Support Connection's annual revenue, will take place with more than 10,000 people expected to turn out to embrace family and friends battling breast and ovarian cancer and remember loved ones



Support-A-Walk honorary chairpersons Denise and Lou D'Amico.

who lost their fight but whose spirits live on. "It's home for a lot of people," said Katherine Quinn, Support Connection's Executive Director since its inception. "It's a bond. This is really amazing what we have here. I sit back sometimes and think it all started as an idea, as a dream. If shows if you really believe in something, and you have the right people working together...the reason we made it is because we're so passionate and we really listen to the people who turn to us."

All of the vast services provided by Support Connection, a non-profit organization not affiliated with any other cancer groups, are free and confidential. They have professional Peer Counselors on staff, all cancer survivors, available to answer questions and provide support from a Yorktown Heights

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to his family.”

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio also ordered flags be lowered to half-staff in honor of Mulkeen and Governor Andrew Cuomo gave his condolences.

“I am absolutely heartbroken by the tragic loss of NYPD Officer Brian Mulkeen, who was shot and killed in the line of duty early Sunday morning in The Bronx,” Cuomo stated. “At 33, Officer Mulkeen was taken far, far too early from his family and from the city he sacrificed everything to protect. He is the embodiment of bravery and a true New York hero. On behalf of the New York family, I extend my deepest sympathies to Officer Mulkeen’s family and loved ones during this excruciatingly painful period and I ask all New Yorkers to keep them in their prayers.”

NYPA Chief of Department Terence A. Monahan said police officers were patrolling the streets around the Edenwald Houses because of gang activity, which included recent shootings in the area.

“Behind that location, three officers in one police car got out of their vehicle to question a man. The man fled and a foot pursuit ensued. As Officer Brian Mulkeen and his partner attempted to apprehend the man, a violent struggle on the ground began,” Monahan said. “On body-worn camera video, Officer Mulkeen can be heard yelling, ‘He’s reaching for it - he’s reaching for it.’ At this time numerous shots were fired and our officer was struck a total of three times. Five officers at the location fired their service weapons striking the man. The suspect was pronounced deceased on the scene and his firearm - a .32-caliber revolver - was recovered by police.”

Mulkeen graduated from Fordham University and had recently taken a position as a volunteer throwing coach there. He was appointed to the NYPA on January 9, 2013. He lived in Yorktown with his girlfriend, who is also a cop in the Bronx - in the 44 Precinct, according to Monahan.

“As cops we know how rewarding our

profession can be. But I’ll tell you: There is absolutely no worse moment on our job than this. As we stand here this morning, a young man with a bright future who courageously patrolled some of New York City’s toughest streets has tragically lost his life,” Monahan said. “Brian was a great cop dedicated to keeping this city safe. In fact, just last night he arrested a man in possession of a gun in the very same precinct.”

“Tonight is a vivid example of the dangers New York City cops face every day. And, there’s never a doubt that our officers will continue to put it all on the line to keep people safe,” Monahan added. “Tragedies like this are not only an affront to the men and women in blue, but to all the people our cops proudly serve.”

Former Peekskill Mayor and current Westchester County legislator candidate Frank Catalina recalled Mulkeen attending Monroe Woodbury schools with his children.

“He was the sweetest, kindest kid I’ve ever met! He played on a CYO basketball

team I coached and he lived three houses away from ours,” Catalina posted on Facebook. “His parents, Brian and Camille, are unbelievably kind and wonderful people. Every time we lose a cop or soldier, we hear how great of a person they were, so you can add this testament to my homage to someone who was not far from my own son. Terrible loss for NYPD and horrific loss for his family, parents, sister, girlfriend and extended family. Please keep them in your prayers.”

The New York Police and Fire Widows’ and Children’s Benefit Fund, also known as Answer the Call, said they are donating \$25,000 to Mulkeen’s family.

A wake for Mulkeen will be held Thursday, October 3 in Orange County from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Smith, Seaman & Quackenbush Funeral Home on 117 Maple Ave. East in Monroe. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 4, at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 26 Still Road in Monroe.

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office. A toll-free telephone service enables the counselors to provide phone counseling to people across the country. Support groups and other programs are offered in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties, as well as national toll-free support groups and teleconferences.

Quinn, who was first drawn to Support Connection when a close friend, Isabel, was diagnosed with breast cancer and later died at the age of 41, said Support Connection

has provided assistance to more than 10,000 women and their families, stretching as far as France and Belgium.

“When you’re coming here it’s about hope,” Quinn said. “If we weren’t here, look at how many people wouldn’t have hope. People have found us as a great resource. We’re needed now more than ever.”

Denise and Lou D’Amico, honorary chairpersons for this year’s Support-A-Walk with WHUD radio host Kacey Morabito,

have been staunch supporters of Support Connection from the beginning.

“I just have an absolute admiration for this organization,” Denise D’Amico said. “It’s just become part of our lives. The secret and success of the organization is the caring and compassion from every single volunteer and people who work at the office. You call that office and the caring begins.”

Quinn said close to 200 volunteers help with activities at Support-A-Walk, which

kick off at 9 a.m. The walk begins promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

“These 25 years have flown by,” Quinn said. “It’s been good run for us. The first 25 years have energized us to move forward for the next 25 years and beyond.”

To learn more about Support-A-Walk or how to make a donation, visit www.supportconnection.org or call (914) 962-6402. The toll-free hotline is 1-800-532-4290.

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Peekskill Schools Capital Project Referendum October 7

By Rick Pezzullo

Residents in the Peekskill City School District are being asked to go to the polls on Monday, October 7 to vote on a Capital Project Referendum that includes two separate propositions.

Voting will take place on October 7 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Peekskill High School. Eligible voters must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days.

"Each proposition has been designed to address district needs, benefiting our students and enhancing our community's

investment in our schools," stated Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Mauricio.

Proposition #1 seeks approval for the allocation of \$10.6 million for upgrades at five district school buildings. Phase one of the proposed projects, estimated to cost approximately \$5.85 million, includes the construction of a new multipurpose turf field stadium at Torpy Field.

Other plans involve improving the pool chemical feed system at the middle school and replacing ventilation systems at Oakside, Woodside and Uriah Hill elementary schools.

Highlights of the phase two projects,

estimated to cost approximately \$4.75 million, are renovating the Technology and Art Classrooms---STEAM Innovation Center at the high school and constructing a STEAM Exploration Lab at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Under the current State Aid formulas, the district expects to receive building aid for the Proposition #1 projects at an estimated rate of 83%. That aid, combined with the fact the district is retiring debt, will result in no additional school taxes if the first proposition is approved, according to district officials.

Proposition #2 seeks approval for a maximum \$400,000 to purchase property

at 400 South Division Street for the new location of the district's Operation and Maintenance Department, Central Registration, Transportation Department and Parent Resource Center.

Currently, a large amount of space at the high school is being used for the Operations and Maintenance Department and storage. Those items, tools and vehicles would need to be relocated to make room for the proposed STEAM Innovation Center.

The 400 South Division Street purchase would also free up space at Uriah Hill for long-range planning for additional Pre-K classrooms.

Peekskill Man Pleads Guilty to Summer 2018 Manslaughter

By Rick Pezzullo

A Peekskill resident pled guilty Friday to manslaughter in the 2018 shooting death of a Bronx man in Peekskill.

Demetrius Bogan, 20, is scheduled to be sentenced November 21 after his guilty plea to the Class B felony for killing 22-year-old Khalil Lyons.

The fatal shooting took place in the area of 1245 Park Street during the afternoon of July 13, 2018. Bogan was arrested by Peekskill Police later that month.

Assistant District Attorneys Nadine Nagler, Chief of the Narcotics and Firearms Bureau, Jonathan Strongin, Deputy Chief of the Career Criminal Bureau, and Joseph Servino prosecuted the case.

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Missing Trail Link Completed in Town of Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

A project that was conceived more than 20 years ago became a reality Saturday morning when the completion of the Mohansic Trailway in Yorktown was celebrated.

"This is a wonderful day," said Susan Siegel, president of the Yorktown Trail Town Committee. "This is the culmination of a 20-year dream of (former supervisor) Linda Cooper."

Siegel explained that Cooper saw the 0.4-mile Mohansic Trailway on a town-owned right-of-way as the missing link between the North County Trail and FDR State Park. The trail continues from FDR to Strang Boulevard, and along Strang Boulevard to trails in Woodlands Legacy Fields, the Yorktown Trailway, Granite Knolls Park, and Sylvan Glen Park Preserve.

The Trailway is designed for pedestrians and mountain bikers and will be maintained at no cost to the town by volunteers from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

Jane Daniels, project manager, said with almost 60 miles of trails Yorktown has the most trails of any municipality in Westchester County.

"I can't thank the volunteers enough," Daniels said. "It's really neat that the town came together and said yes we want to do this."

More than 90 volunteers, ranging in age from 11 to 80, put in more than 1,300 hours to haul 55,000 pounds of lumber (discounted by Lakeland Lumber), construct



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTOS

Ceremonial ribbon was cut Saturday to mark completion of Mohansic Trailway.

three bridges over streams and build a lengthy boardwalk through a wetland at the Baldwin Road end of the Trailway. Part of the boardwalk was constructed by Austin Fritz as part of his Boy Scout Eagle commitment. The Yorktown Highway Department also assisted in different phases.

"This was an incredible joint opportunity and a joint effort by so many people," said Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert. "Welcome to another beautiful asset we have in the Town of Yorktown."

The Trailway was funded by 50/50 matching grants from the Hudson River



The new boardwalk built by volunteers starts at Baldwin Road.

Valley Greenway to Yorktown (\$7,500) and the Yorktown Trail Town Committee (\$12,500). Cash donations were also made by four anonymous individuals, The Marvin and Susan Raskin Charitable Trust and The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.



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Pending New Owners of Indian Pt Promise Quicker Decommissioning

By Rick Pezzullo

The company in line to oversee the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan told state and local officials last week that process will take place decades sooner than if Entergy remained the owner of the facility.

Holtec International, a privately held technology company, has managed the nuclear fuel and dry casks storage at Indian Point for more than three decades. In April, Entergy announced it had reached a deal to sell the plants to Holtec after the facility stops operating in 2021.

The sale includes the transfer of the licenses, spent fuel, decommissioning liabilities and Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts for Indian Point Units 1, 2 and 3 and is expected to speed up the decommissioning process. The transaction is awaiting final approval from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Holtec has agreed to hire many of the more than 1,000 employees currently working at Indian Point “whose services are required for that phase of decommissioning.”

Joy Russell, Senior VP and Chief Strategy Officer for Holtec, spoke at a joint New York State Indian Point Closure Task Force and Town of Cortlandt Community Unity meeting in Cortlandt September 25 and stressed Holtec’s top priority with Indian Point was safety.

“That is our main objective. Holtec will be a good neighbor, good stewards of the environment,” Russell said. “We will carry out decommissioning in the safest and most

effective manner that is humanly possible.”

Russell noted 118 nuclear plants in 12 different countries use Holtec’s dry spent fuel casks. She also mentioned Holtec owns a 1,000-acre site in New Mexico where spent fuel could be shipped in the future.

On January 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, 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.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate 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 Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi sent a letter to Cuomo September 12 requesting a meeting to discuss how the state can lend the local area a helping hand.

“Indian Point has been our largest taxpayer and employer for many decades and without assistance from New York State and the federal governments, we are facing becoming a distressed area when the plants close,” Puglisi penned in the letter. “It’s a

large and very lovely community. WE NEED YOUR HELP and ATTENTION to these very serious challenges.”

The NRC will be holding a public meeting on the decommissioning of the Indian Point plants on Wednesday, October 2 at 6 p.m. in the Cortlandt Morabito Community Center on Westbrook Drive.

Earlier this year, the NRC solicited public comments on potential locations for public meetings to discuss best practices for community engagement panels near nuclear power plants facing decommissioning. These meetings will be part of the NRC’s process to meeting a reporting requirement to Congress which was included in the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, passed in December 2018 and signed into law in January 2019.

According to NRC, it will develop a report on best practices for community engagement panels in areas surrounding nuclear power plants that have ceased operations and begun decommissioning in consultation with states, surrounding communities, and local advisory boards.

Harckham Grant to Buchanan



State Senator Pete Harckham (40th Senate District) announced Saturday that he had secured \$125,000 for Buchanan to rehab the Veterans Park Pavilion. The covered pavilion in Veterans Park was given to Buchanan in the 1970’s by the power authority and is used for community events, by charitable organizations and by people from all around the region.



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Workers, Legislators Demand Altice Stop Outsourcing Jobs

By Neal Rentz

Several Altice employees and members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators were among those who gathered in front of the county office building in White Plains September 23 to protest the company's outsourcing of some of its jobs.

The participants shouted slogans including "Altice – bring back the jobs" and "What do you want – our jobs" at the press conference.

Altice is a cable television provider with headquarters in Long Island City. The company delivers pay television, Internet access, telephone services and original television content to customers throughout the U.S.

Altice workers in Westchester have recently become part of the Communications Workers of America Local 1130. CWA Local 1103 President Kevin Sheil said the participants were seeking to have Altice provide its Westchester employees with the jobs protections provided to its Brooklyn employees and stop outsourcing Westchester jobs.

"One of the top priorities of any legitimate union" is to fight for good middle-class jobs, he said. "It is long been a cornerstone of CWA's efforts to protect the rights of all workers not just union workers," he said. "We have seen across all industries how the race to the bottom subcontracting has devastated communities with job loss and customer service issues."

Sheil said Altice has an agreement with



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Altice employees and members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators were among those who participated in a press conference on Sept. 23 in front of the county office building protesting the company's outsourcing of some jobs.

the state Public Service Commission that includes "specific protections against layoffs along with customer service and broadband access requirements." The company has eliminated more than 200 middle class jobs in Westchester and a total of about 1,000 in the tristate area, he said. The jobs have been shifted to lower skilled and paid contract workers, he said.

The transfer of Altice jobs to contract workers hurts Westchester's economy and threatens the quality of service, Sheil said. "Altice has systematically eliminated good middle-class jobs in order to make a quick buck," he said. "If Altice continues to treat Westchester's workers and customers as second class citizens we will look to the New York State Public Service Commission to

carry on its review of Altice's compliance with requirements made under their agreement."

Altice field technician Jonathan Carter, who lives in Wappingers Falls, said he has been employed by the company for 13 years and for the past three years he has been part of the company's splicing project working out of Hawthorne. "In those last three years I've seen our workforce go from 300 plus workers down to 130 to 120," he said. The job cuts came after Altice purchased Cablevision in 2016, he said. "It seems like our work is being contracted out more than ever before. When I say that job security is our number one issue I believe I speak for all of my brothers and sisters that work for Altice," Carter said.

County Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said the legislators who attended the press conference were standing with the CWA local and other union members in attendance. "We have your back," Boykin said. "We on the Board of Legislators when we see an injustice we're there to stand with you. And what we want for the Altice workers is the same security and the same pay that they're getting in Brooklyn."

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining), chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, said, "In our society we have seen this race to the bottom where corporate profits matter more than people having a decent living wage. Where we are trying to get services on the cheap where we place workers in danger, where people get hurt on the job or have to leave the job because

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Obituaries

Rosemary Underwood



Rosemary (Rose) Theresa (Sniffen) Underwood, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died September 25. She was 57.

She was born October 19, 1961 to Donald James and Georgianna Elizabeth (Beardsley) Sniffen in North Tarrytown. She recently retired from a lifelong career with two school districts and was able to finally travel and enjoy retirement.

She was a devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing cards, and watching tennis. She loved, most of all, animals, including her cat "Whiskey" and spending time with her grandchildren, at the Hudson River and the lake in New Hampshire. She opened her heart and her home to many over the years and will be truly missed by family, friends and all that knew her.

She joins her mother, Georgianna; her father, Donald; stepfather, Bob Sloat; sister's, Holly Rodriguez and Geraldine Sniffen; brother, Joseph Sniffen and lifelong friend, Lucio LaForgia, in Heaven. She is survived by her husband, David Maglin; children, Erika Miller (Charles Moncion), Crystal White (Dennis) and John Carlos; grandchildren, Kiara, Isabella, Charles, and Olivia Moncion; siblings, Donald, Miracle, Frances, Alfred (Barbara), Robert (Mary) and Charles (Marie) Sniffen and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. at Holy Name of Mary Church in Croton-on-Hudson. Flowers are being accepted or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund (www.worldwildlife.org) in Rose's memory.

Robert Sabol, Sr.

Robert W. Sabol, Sr., a resident of Cortlandt, died September 26. He was 70.

He was born June 3, 1949 in Yonkers to Daniel and Agnes (Ormond) Sabol. He was a proud United States Navy combat veteran and served in the Seabees during the Vietnam War. On October 17, 1971, he married Barbara Ann D'Ambrosio at Mt. Carmel Church in Yonkers, and they were blessed with two sons. He continued his legacy of service and became a police officer for the Village of Tuckahoe in 1973, earning the rank of Sergeant in 1983 before retiring in 2004.

Always quick to make a joke, his undeniable charm made him easy to love. An avid Green Bay Packers and New York Mets fan, Mr. Sabol treasured Sundays with his family. He loved sitting at the riverfront with his soulmate Barb when they weren't hitting the casinos. Summers on LBI were the family tradition. Growing up in Yonkers, "Knob" was a proud Bullyok, forging friendships that would last a lifetime. "Pop" to his grandsons, nothing made him happier than spending time when them.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his sons Robert, Jr. (Jeny) and Brian (Michelle), brothers Richard (Janice) and Raymond (Susan), and beloved grandchildren Sebastian and Leonardo. He was predeceased by his siblings Daniel Sabol and Nancy Cummings.

All are welcome to attend a Memorial Mass on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers. Entombment of Cremains with Military Honors will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, also in Yonkers.

Pauline Hunt

Pauline Marie (Frugis) Hunt, a resident of Peekskill, died September 15 in the Royal Cape Cod Rehabilitation Center in Buzzards Bay, MA. She was 82.

She was the widow of the late Charles R. Hunt and the daughter of the late Sebastian Frugis and Beatrice (Tritto) Hongach. She was born in White Plains, and was a lifelong resident of Peekskill. She graduated from Peekskill High School in 1955.

Mrs. Hunt was a loving mother and devoted friend who worked at A T & T, Robinson's Florist, as a medical office assistant and volunteered for the Peekskill Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Jeffrey C. Hunt and his wife Renee of Marion, MA and Gregory P. Hunt and his wife Lisa of Blue Bell, PA; a sister, Georgann Douglas of Fort Worth, TX; 4 grandchildren, Evan Hunt and his wife Danielle Hunt-Prague of Waban, MA, Kara Hunt of Denver, CO, Sam Hunt and Madeline Hunt both of Blue Bell, PA. She was the sister of the late Sebastian Frugis.

A funeral Mass will be held at the Assumption Church in Peekskill October 19 at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the Assumption Cemetery immediately following the funeral mass.

Lucy Zadra

Lucy Zadra, a resident of Buchanan, died September 22. She was 83.

She was born March 19, 1936 in Brooklyn to Joseph and Erina (Ferrari) Zadra. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Norman. She is survived by her brother Louie and several nieces and nephews.

Linda Sestito

Linda Marie Sestito, a resident of Yorktown, died September 21. She was 64.

She was born March 6, 1955 in White Plains to Herbert and Frances Rucker. She is survived by her husband Peter, two sons Peter Sestito Jr. (Christine) and Richard Sestito, a sister Susan Bunker (Leo) and a brother Paul Rucker (Robin), two grandchildren Ava and Grace. Also survived

by a niece Jennifer Bunker, nephew Scott Bunker (Andrea) and their children Scott, Isabel and Jack.

Joseph Cummings

Joseph F. Cummings, a resident of Peekskill, died September 23. He was 71.

He was born on Staten Island in 1948 to Helen and Edward Cummings. He worked as a teacher for the New York City Board of Education until he retired in 2003. He enjoyed swimming and was an avid reader.

He is survived by his sister Dorothy Santospirito, his brother Edward, his nieces, Julianne and Melissa and his brother-in-law, Christian, and his sister-in-law, Judi.

Annie Prokop

Annie M. Prokop, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died September 27. She was 95.

She was born in Ossining on November 22, 1923 to Rafael and Consiglia (Lavella) Bertoldi.

She was a "Rosie the Riveter" during WWII and worked at Eastern Aircraft in North Tarrytown. She was also a former operator at Bell Telephone until she started her family.

Mrs. Prokop is survived by her two daughters Carol Prokop (Woodrow Setzer), and Marlene (Pat) Natalo; three grandchildren Anna Setzer, Meredith Conti and Stephen Natalo; and her sister Florence Morini. She was predeceased by her husband Michael in 1982.

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Editorial

25 Years of Providing Hope and Help

Whether it's a business, a friendship or a marriage, reaching 25 years is quite a milestone, and an achievement certainly worth celebrating.

On Sunday, October 6, the 25th Support-A-Walk will be held at FDR State Park in Yorktown, Support Connection's annual fundraiser that draws thousands of people with a special bond and a common mission.

More than 10,000 individuals have received guidance and emotionally assistance from the remarkable and dedicated staff at Support Connection since the unique non-profit organization was started to offer a helping hand and a compassionate ear to women and their families and friends affected by breast and ovarian cancer.

All of their confidential services, which have steadily grown over the years, are free. There is no other place like it, since all the professional peer counselors on

staff, and other staff members, are cancer survivors and know first-hand the fear and anxiety that a cancer diagnosis creates.

"We're needed now more than ever," said Kathy Quinn, Support Connection's longtime Executive Director, and who this year's Support-A-Walk Honorary Chairpersons Denise and Lou D'Amico called the "heart and soul" of the Yorktown-based entity. "This is really amazing what we have here."

Amazing, without a doubt, since Support Connection relies on donations and is not affiliated with any of the larger national cancer groups. It's as grassroots as it gets, and it is thrived and survived because of the generosity of average citizens who want to make a difference for a loved one in need.

Support-A-Walk is an event like no other, where the human spirit is on full display. For a few hours on the first Sunday in October, those currently battling cancer or

in remission can come together with others in their shoes to share a hug and stories on what is and isn't working for them in their personal fight.

It's also powerful when families and friends unite at the walk to fondly remember someone who has left this Earth but has left behind memories to always cherish.

The success of Support Connection has shown that dreams can come true, and when people with passion for a cause never lose sight of what the purpose is, anything is possible, especially when the lives of people are at stake.

"The first 25 years has energized us to more forward for the next 25 years and beyond," Quinn said. "It's been a good run for us."

To ensure that run continues for another quarter of a century, get up early and walk on October 6 at Support-A-Walk. You're guaranteed to be inspired and empowered.

Letters to the Editor

There is No Planet B

To the Editor:

Scientists have been telling us climate change was coming, and that it wouldn't be pretty, for over a decade. We already see the undeniable effects we were warned about: increasingly extreme weather causing unprecedented flooding, drought, and wildfires. We have procrastinated for so long that saving the world from the disastrous effects of climate change now requires aggressive action. Youth engage global leaders at the United Nations Summit to act on climate solutions. Members of Congress promote the Green New Deal to solve the climate crisis.

Locally, the Peekskill Common Council has for several years been taking positive action by increasing the energy efficiency of our street and parking garage lighting and using renewable sources to power some city activities. More recently they passed a Climate Emergency Declaration, formalizing a

broad policy of energy efficiency and use of renewables.

I went to the Climate Action demonstration at Senator Schumer's Peekskill office on Friday, September 20. It was encouraging to see young and old agree that the time for action is now. The youth want to have

a future, and it's up to us older folks to help make that future while there's still time. At the senator's

office songs were sung, a student asked that we make this a better place for him and for the human race, and speakers cited examples of climate change caused crises, urging us to read up on this overwhelmingly important issue and take action because this is a real and present danger to us all.

If our climate was a bank we would have saved it already! If we don't save our planet, who will?

—Linda Wildman,
Peekskill

Better Suited for Albany than Yorktown

To the Editor:

Under the previous Grace Administration, Councilmen Diana and Lachterman never dared stray from the approved party line. During the Gilbert's Administration, Councilmen Diana and Lachterman have become known for pointing fingers and dragging their feet in partisan opposition. Legislature Candidate Michael Grace's

short comings have played out all too often in front page news stories. Supervisor Candidate Matt Slater's claim to fame is that he lives in Yorktown, worked for former State Senator Murphy and has ingratiated himself with Yorktown's Republican Political Machine. How does Slater's resume translate into someone that deserves to be Town Supervisor? Leadership by osmosis or

experience through association? A political dynasty that's wishing they could have a carination instead of an election. That's more fitting back room Albany wheeling dealing rather than addressing Yorktown's kitchen table issues.

—Stephen Brown
Yorktown

Vacant Stores in Yorktown are Not a Local Government Problem

To the Editor:

While I will miss the Kmart store when it closes in Yorktown, I don't see this as a local government problem. The town didn't cause Kmart to move out any more than it can fill the vacant store when it closes. What solution can the town offer other than abating local taxes for years, which then puts more of the burden on the residents? Stores in the JV mall and the Food Emporium, among others, have been vacant for years

under both Republican and Democratic administrations despite discussions with potential tenants.

Businesses are attracted to towns with favorable demographics and good infrastructure. We can't do much about demographics, but the town can provide good roads, services, police protection, and utilities to attract businesses that see a fit with the Yorktown community. Contrary to the previous Grace administration's record,

the current Gilbert administration has been doing a good job of replacing leaky roofs on town buildings, repaving roads, and upgrading town parks and trails. I'd say the choice is clear--

continue the progress that Mr. Gilbert and his administration are making or go backwards.

—Michael Epting
Yorktown

Op-Ed

Councilman Patel Didn't Violate the Ethics Law

By Susan Siegel

The Ethics Board was wrong. Three members of the Town Board were wrong. Councilman Patel never violated the Ethics Law. He never disclosed confidential information, the violation he was wrongly accused of.

If anything, it was the members of the 2017 Town Board, Supervisor Michael Grace and Councilmen Lachterman, Diana, and Bernard who violated two laws: the NYS Open Meetings Law and the Yorktown Defense and Indemnification Law.

Confused? It's no wonder. In all the political spin surrounding the issue — and oh yes, it is all political — no one is taking the time to explain the LAW. And it's the law, not politics, that should count.

The information Councilman Patel disclosed WAS NOT confidential

As reported in last week's Examiner, the closed executive session information Councilman Patel disclosed dealt with what he believed was a gross misuse of public funds.

If the members of the Ethics Board and the Town Board had taken the time to consult the experts on the issue of confidentiality — the NYS Committee on Open Government

— they would have known that the information disclosed by Councilman Patel was not confidential and that Councilman Lachterman's complaint was without merit.

In Advisory Opinion OML3929a (available online), the Committee found that: "... there is no basis in law for prohibiting a person present during an executive session from speaking about that closed session. Further, I do not believe that a committee of the City Council can adopt a rule that has the force of law or is empowered to silence an elected official."

And in Advisory Opinion OML3382, the Committee found that for information to be considered confidential, "...a statute must prohibit disclosure and leave no discretion to an agency or official regarding the ability to disclose.... In the context of most of the duties of most municipal boards, councils or similar bodies, there is no statute that forbids disclosure or requires confidentiality."

And, in 2017 when the Examiner initially reported on Councilman Patel's disclosure, it wrote: "Kristen O'Neill, assistant director of the Department of State Committee on Open Government, said Monday there was no provision in the Open Meetings Law that prevents an elected official from publicly discussing any issues talked about privately."

As for the two laws that the 2017

Town Board violated.

THE Open Meetings Law

The NYS Open Meeting Law is very clear on the subjects that can legally be discussed in a closed executive session, e.g., issues affecting public safety or involving the employment history of a town employee, contract negotiations and litigation. As explained in last week's Examiner, the discussion at the heart of Councilman Lachterman's ethics complaint against Councilman Patel dealt with a 2017 complaint to the Grievance Committee of the Ninth Judicial District that alleged that Michael Grace, acting in his capacity as a private attorney, not as a town employee, violated the conflict of interest provisions of the New York State Bar Association's Rules of Professional Conduct. There was no litigation that involved the Town. The discussion was about the actions of a private citizen, not the employment of a town employee. As such, the discussion clearly violated the Open Meetings Law.

(Full disclosure: I was the person who filed the complaint with the Grievance Committee.)

Defense and Indemnification Law

Yorktown's Defense and Indemnification Law states that, "The town shall provide for

the defense of an employee in any civil action or proceeding in any state or federal court or administrative action arising out of any alleged act or omission which occurred or is alleged in the complaint to have occurred while the employee was acting or in good faith purporting to act within the scope of his public employment or duties." (Emphasis added.)

But, as explained above, the conflict of interest complaint involved Mr. Grace's actions as a private attorney, not his actions as supervisor. Therefore, the Defense and Indemnification Law did not cover Mr. Grace's actions as a private attorney and the 4-1 Town Board vote to spend \$2,500 of taxpayer funds to assist Mr. Grace in his defense was a clear violation of the Defense and Indemnification Law.

When the political dust settles and the facts are explained, what is clear is that:

Elected officials should absolutely be publicly accountable for their actions — all actions.

Elected officials should respect the law — all laws.

And yes, Yorktown's Ethics Law needs amending — something the previous administration refused to do.

Susan Siegel is a former supervisor in Yorktown

Yorktown Cannot Succeed with Its Current Leadership

To the Editor,

The Yorktown Democrats should be ashamed of their recent ads in our local papers. Supervisor Gilbert and Town Clerk Quast continue to merge general accomplishments without providing a speck of evidence of them. They are so desperate to deflect from their failures. Here is an abbreviated summary for their failures:

taxes and spending have gone up, our local economy is sputtering (at best) and ethics complaints against elected officials conveniently stall for six months. The Democratic Party was brought to court by the entire planning board for slander and now they are lobbing gross accusations about the Chamber of Commerce, one of Yorktown's strongest institutions. How is it acceptable

for the Town Attorney to be an officer of the Yorktown Democratic Party, frequent donor and even has hosted fundraiser at his house? But we should expect impartial legal advice to Democrats and Republicans alike? The Yorktown Democrats have proven one thing to me: how hypocritical they are. Yorktown cannot succeed with this type of leadership and we should reject their

ethically challenged campaign immediately. Yorktown is not better off than we were two years ago - we are far worse. I know it, my neighbors know it and this town knows it. I can only hope on November 5th we speak as one community and reject this nonsense once and for all.

**—Marianne Violante
Yorktown**

It's Time to Pass the Baton in Yorktown

To the Editor:

I moved to Yorktown 36 years ago before Matt Slater was born. The deplorable Roma Building still looks the same as it did then. Desolate.

K-Mart shopping center now looks like the same as did desolate Caldors.

NYSDOT dumping ground at Route

100 & 118 still looks the same, and where other than Yorktown does the front of one commercial development face the rear of another commercial development.

PLEASE, it's time to pass the baton. Let a younger generation have a chance for change. Matt Slater has more energy, more enthusiasm, and a real desire for change

along with a great governmental background. He also happens to be starting a young family in Yorktown just like I did 36 years ago.

Now that I am a senior citizen, I want to hold our taxes down, but I also want services to make Yorktown a place where I still want to live, and a community where I would like to see my Grandchildren grow up. Please

remember a vote for Matt Slater is a vote for change. Pass the baton to the next generation and vote for Matt. If you do, I doubt 36 years from now Yorktown will still look the same.

**—Priscilla Lennox
Yorktown**

Slater's Plan for a Climate Smart Community is Sound

To the Editor,

Matt Slater continues to impress with his deep knowledge and vision for Yorktown. Last week he proposed a comprehensive plan to make Yorktown a certified Climate Smart Community. Matt said it best, we have wasted a lot of time debating the cause of climate change but

there is scientific evidence that proves it is happening. We need to stop wasting time and act. Matt's plan calls for the creation of a Climate Smart Community Task Force and he wants to do it within his first 30 days in office. The next step will be a Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory which focuses on the greenhouse

gas emissions caused by the day-to-day operations of our local government. It is time Yorktown leads from the front. Matt Slater's plan provides a holistic approach to make sure town government leads by example and implements policies that have an actual purpose. This isn't the crazy rhetoric we hear out of Washington but a sound plan that

three other municipalities in Westchester County have already implemented. As someone who is starting a family here this is exactly the type of leadership I want in my town. Matt Slater continues to display so much promise as our next Town Supervisor

**—Sincerely,
Kerry Farrell**

The Scenic Worlds of PV Resident, Tony Winner Joseph Forbes

By Abby Luby

If you've seen a scintillating Broadway stage with wild purple swirls and black, jagged strips vibrating in a shadowy haze of smoke, you must have seen the set of the show *Beetlejuice the Musical*. The visually seductive power of a scenic backdrop like this one was created by Joseph Forbes, a master at creating sets and backdrops, the kind that promises audiences a transformative experience.

For decades, Forbes has built and created scenes for such Broadway shows as *Cats*, *Annie*, *A Chorus Line*, *War Paint*, *Sunset Boulevard*. His deft innovation and skill created the scenes in *Hello, Dolly!* and earned him the 2017 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical. The backdrops and scenery for films such as *Ghostbusters*, *Crocodile Dundee*, and *The Money Pit* are other gems created by Forbes.

A Lake Peekskill resident for 30 years Forbes, 67, said one of his most memorable productions was the 1992 Broadway revival of *Guys and Dolls* starring Nathan Lane. The scenic designer was Tony Walton.

"I was relatively new and the work totally revolved around Walton's designs," Forbes recalled. "I was told if I screwed up and the artwork wasn't right, I would be seen as a failure. But that wasn't the case. The show was a huge success and it established me on Broadway which gave me the credentials I needed."

Forbes grew up in Alexandria, Virginia and his middle school experience of acting in a play showed him the tantalizing world of theater. He was good in art and majored in Scene Design at the University of North Carolina.

"After I graduated, I took my entire life savings, which was about \$1,000, and skated off to New York City to make it in the big



Forbes at a studio space in Scenic Art Studios.

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apple," Forbes recalled. "I was absolutely terrified."

He lived in Greenwich Village and started taking classes at Lester Polakov's Studio and Forum of Stage Design. When he passed the United Scenic Artists Local 829 exam, he was his way to making his mark on Broadway stages.

Forbes founded the Scenic Art Studios in Newburgh in 1994. Since then, the company has painted scenery, created backdrops and sculptures for more than 350 Broadway productions including *Book of Mormon*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Beetlejuice* and *Beautiful*. In April, Scenic Art Studios was awarded the 2019 Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre, an award given to individuals and groups whose work doesn't fall into the usual Tony Award categories. Today, the

company can have as many as 50 of their scenic artists working in different locations.

Forbes said his experiences working with a set designer to turn their vision into a reality has run the gambit. "Ultimately the set designer is the boss and the more open dialogue I can have with them, the better." Some designers really enjoy the process, according to Forbes. "When they really look to you to take what they've come up with and apply your talents — that's when the design grows, changes and morphs into a living, breathing thing right up to opening night."

There have been many changes over the many years Forbes has built and created sets and backdrops. A big difference has been the escalating costs for both film and theater productions. "Today scenery for a Broadway musical can easily cost \$1 to \$2 million — and that's just for the scenery," said Forbes. "The smaller shows have smaller budgets and could be \$250,000. But there's a lot that goes into it. It's why ticket prices are so high."

Also, in the 1990s, communicating directly with someone like the Tony Award-winning theater producer David Merrick on a Broadway production was, for Forbes, straightforward. "Now you have to deal with giant corporations like Warner Brothers or Disney," explained Forbes. "These guys

are the producers, they own intellectual property for the show and it's an entirely different animal."

When Forbes realized he was out-growing New York City, he and his wife looked north. "We discovered Putnam Valley was a little slice of paradise and it was only an hour from the city." He and his wife Debra Forbes and their two children, Emma and Colin, made Putnam Valley their home. Today, Colin is in the movie industry working with HBO and Emma is a marine scientist working on climate issues in Hawaii. Debra Forbes is the Vice President/Charge Scenic Artist at Scenic Art Studios.

Ten years ago, Forbes started teaching scene building at SUNY Purchase, but he left last year. Because teaching was and is so important to Forbes, in 2004 he founded a not-for-profit theatrical scene painting school, also in Newburgh, called the Studio and Forum of Scenic Arts. The school offers a six-semester program that can be cut short for those with a drawing and painting background. Also, every Saturday there is a class in traditional painting skills. Every year the school takes a high school intern, sometimes from the local Newburgh Free Academy; others have been from the Royal Academy in London and the Royal Academy in Scotland.

"For some interns we offer tutoring in English and math," said Forbes. "If we want these kids to succeed. They need to understand math and know how to write." Forbes said he was passionate about his school. "When you see a 20-year old kid lighting up the first time they see how a completed set comes together, there's no feeling in the world like that. That's what drives me."

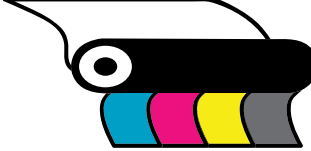
Forbes sees an abundance of opportunities today for those pursuing a career in scene building and set design, especially with new film studios opening in the greater metropolitan area. Recently Robert De Niro announced opening studios in Yonkers and New York City, another is said to be opened by HBO in Poughkeepsie.

"There's a lot of work in this field and the union is having trouble finding artists who are qualified," Forbes explained. "Scene painting is a hidden gem and it's really for someone who has good, artistic ability. If you are good at it, it offers a tremendous lifestyle, wages usually start at \$50/hour and full benefits packages. And, it's a lot of fun."

Ready for Action



A new turf field at Hendrick Hudson High School that was approved by voters in May 2018 as part of an \$18.5 million bond is scheduled to be ready for action Friday night when the Sailors' varsity football team plays under the lights.



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English And Western Riding Classes Highlight Peekskill Rotary's 49th Annual Horse Show & Country Fair Oct. 5-6

The Rotary Club of Peekskill will host its 49th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair October 5 and 6 at the Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill. Admission and parking are free and the show will go on, rain or shine. Competition and attractions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

This is the only show in Westchester County with both English and Western riding classes. There are 28 Western classes with eight championships on Saturday, and 28 English classes with eight championships on Sunday. Riders from stables throughout the tristate area participate in the show.

Fair attractions include pony rides, a country fair and craft market, bounce and slide rides, entertainment for the children, and a "Kountry Kitchen" offering home-baked goods, pumpkins, apples and mums. In the food tent, Rotarians serve up burgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage and peppers, fries, beverages, ice cream and pretzels. Breakfast is available for early arrivers.

To help promote bike safety for young riders ages 4-8, Peekskill Rotary and AAA New York will team up for the third time to host a Bike Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. (See details in flyer attached.)

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Program offered by Courtlandt Masonic Lodge #34 will be offered again this year. The program provides parents at no charge with a CD including a child's photo and background data to help law enforcement agencies more quickly recover a missing child.

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Rotarians who have worked so hard to make this event successful for the past 48 years."

The horse show continues to be our club's main fundraiser, with all proceeds donated back into the community and to meet international humanitarian needs." Blue Mountain Reservation is located on Welcher Ave. off Route 9.

The Rotary Club of Peekskill was chartered 100 years ago. The club has about 80 members representing a cross-section of Peekskill and Cortlandt communities.



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Attorney General Sues Dunkin' Donuts for Glazing Over Cyberattacks

New York Attorney General Letitia James last week announced a lawsuit against Dunkin' Brands, Inc. — franchisor of Dunkin' Donuts — for allegedly failing to protect thousands of customers targeted in a series of cyberattacks.

According to James, Dunkin failed to notify nearly 20,000 customers that their accounts had been compromised, even though their information and personal funds were in jeopardy. Dunkin' also failed to conduct an investigation into a series of attacks that would have helped it determine which other accounts had been compromised, what customer information had been acquired, and whether customer funds had been stolen.

"Dunkin' failed to protect the security of its customers," said James. "And instead of notifying the tens of thousands impacted by these cybersecurity breaches, Dunkin' sat idly by, putting customers at risk. My office is committed to protecting consumer data and holding businesses accountable for implementing safe security practices."

The lawsuit involves accounts of the company's customers created through the Dunkin' website or free mobile app for Android and iOS devices. These accounts

enable customers to manage "DD cards" — stored value cards that customers can use to make purchases at both Dunkin' stores and online. To encourage customers to create accounts, Dunkin' represented that the company was using reasonable safeguards to protect customers' personal information from loss, misuse, and unauthorized access and disclosure.

Beginning in early 2015, customer accounts were targeted in a series of "brute force attacks," which are repeated, automated attempts to gain access to accounts, often using usernames and passwords stolen through security breaches of other unrelated websites or online services. An attacker that gained access to a customer's Dunkin' account could not only use DD cards registered to the account to make purchases, but could also sell the DD cards online. In a matter of months, tens of thousands of customer accounts were compromised through these attacks, and tens of thousands of dollars on customers' DD cards were stolen.

By May 2015, Dunkin' personnel were receiving customer reports that attackers were gaining access to their accounts. In addition, over a period of several months

during the summer of 2015, a third-party app developer for Dunkin' repeatedly alerted the company to attackers' ongoing attempts to log in to customer accounts, and even provided Dunkin' with a list of 19,715 accounts that had been compromised by attackers over just a five-day period.

Yet, Dunkin' failed to take any steps to protect these nearly 20,000 customers — or the potentially thousands more they did not know about — by notifying them of unauthorized access, resetting their account passwords to prevent further unauthorized access, or freezing their DD cards. Dunkin' also failed to conduct any investigation into or analysis of the attacks to determine how many more customer accounts had been compromised, what customer information had been acquired, and whether customer funds had been stolen.

Moreover, following the attacks in 2015, Dunkin' failed to implement appropriate safeguards to limit future brute force attacks through the mobile app, despite customer reports of continuing fraud on their accounts. In late 2018, a vendor notified Dunkin' that customer accounts had again been attacked, and that the attacks had resulted in the

unauthorized access of more than 300,000 Dunkin' customer accounts, many of which had DD cards associated with them. Although Dunkin' this time contacted impacted customers about these attacks, the company did not disclose that customer accounts had been accessed without authorization. Instead, Dunkin' falsely represented that a third party had merely "attempted" to log in to the customers' accounts and that the attempt may not have been successful.

The lawsuit specifically alleges that Dunkin' violated New York's data breach notification statute, General Business Law § 899-aa, by failing to notify consumers and New York State authorities of the 2015 data breach, and failing to accurately notify consumers of the 2018 data breach. The lawsuit also alleges that Dunkin' violated New York's consumer protection laws, including Executive Law § 63(12), and General Business Law §§ 349 and 350, by misrepresenting to consumers that it provided reasonable safeguards to protect customers' personal information when they first signed up for an account. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief, full restitution to customers, civil penalties, and other remedies.

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the physical demands are too much, where they're being asked to do the work of three workers who did it in the past. I am all for efficiency but I don't think it happens at a human cost."


Altice representatives issued this

statement: "Altice is steadfast in its commitment to providing customers in Westchester and the entire tri-state area with the best products and a great overall experience as evidenced by investments in our Altice One entertainment platform,

newly launched Altice Mobile service, state-of-the-art fiber network deployment, and more. We are currently in negotiations with the CWA and committed to reaching a mutually acceptable agreement that provides for our employees while ensuring the

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Scott Schwartz, Croton-on-Hudson

By Neal Rentz

White Plains resident Dr. Scott Schwartz has been leading a dental practice in transition in Croton-on-Hudson.

The practice on Baltic Place had been owned by Dr. Bard Levey for about 20 years, Schwartz said recently. Levey is planning to leave the area and for the past two months they have been working together on the ownership transition. Levey has helped him in such areas as teaching him about the area and an open house was held recently to introduce Schwartz to Levey's patients and give them a chance to say goodbye to Levey, Schwartz said.

Levey will stay for a few more weeks and then become a professor at the University of Tennessee, Schwartz said.

One of the first things Schwartz did in his new practice was to send out letters and e-mails about the transition. Schwartz added the practice's Instagram and Web site are being updated. Schwartz's personal Instagram account is The Tooth Guy. The practice is also on Facebook.

Schwartz, who previously practiced in New York City and White Plains, has been a dentist for six years. "I love the medical field. I never wanted to become a medical doctor," he said. Schwartz said he followed a family friend who was a dentist. "I fell in love with it right away," he said.

"We provide almost all dental services,"



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Dr. Scott Schwartz (far right) recently took ownership of the dental practice on Baltic Place in Croton. Also shown above from the left are hygienist Delsi Barrera, Dr. Bard Levey, who will be leaving the practice in a few weeks, and office manager Jasmine Bost.

Schwartz explained, adding his practice his offering more services than the previous practice did.

One of the services is "crown in a day," Schwartz said. Traditionally, a person gets a temporary crown for about two weeks until the permanent crown is created off

site, Schwartz said. But permanent crowns are available on the same day in his new practice. "We'll take a digital scan and we'll mill the crown in-house and it's made in about 30 minutes or so," he said.

"One of the biggest things that we're trying to do here is to have the best, newest,

state-of-the-art equipment," Schwartz said. For example, the practice is implementing new cameras to look inside a patient's mouth and show the image on a big screen television screen.

Some of the other services provided include root canals and implants, Schwartz noted. Services are provided for family members of all ages, he said. "I'd like to keep it as a family practice," he said. Though most of his patients live in the Croton area, other patients live elsewhere in Westchester, Schwartz said.

The current Croton practice is the first one Schwartz has owned. Being an owner has "definitely more responsibility," he said. His new responsibilities include working with the staff. "I have a great team," Schwartz said. "They've been really helpful for me getting through this transition."

Schwartz said he wants his practice to become "the go-to dental office in this area."

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Sarah Marinelli Named Educational Director at Our Montessori School

Longtime Montessori Method practitioner Sarah Marinelli has been named Educational Director at Our Montessori School, which maintains locations in Westchester and Putnam counties.

The announcement was made by Betty Hengst, who held the position previously, and who co-founded the 47-year-old private school with her late husband Werner Hengst. She will remain active as owner and Educational Consultant.

"After a long search," said Ms. Hengst, "we have found a wonderful person in Sarah to add to our team here at Our Montessori School."

For the past six years, Marinelli has been

a site director at Montessori pre-school The Alcott School, on its Dobbs Ferry campus. That role included her serving on the executive team.

In her new position at Our Montessori School, Marinelli, a resident of Purdys, will be responsible for supervision and training of faculty, and will handle general administrative duties.

She also will be the school's liaison with county and state education officials, and will spend part of her time teaching in the classroom. Her expertise extends to helping children with learning differences, in which capacity she works with their families and

therapists.

Marinelli has been a devout advocate for more than two decades of the famed Maria Montessori method, with stints at several Montessori schools in New England, including The Whitby School in Greenwich, Conn., and The Andover School in North Andover, Mass.

The new Educational Director holds a Montessori pre-primary credential, for three- to six-year-olds, from the American Montessori Society. She is an award-winning, classically trained singer with a Master's degree in music from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University,



Sarah Marinelli

Baltimore, Md.

"Montessori teaching is true to my heart," said Marinelli, who first became familiar with the Montessori Method as a young girl growing up in Columbia, Missouri.

"We lived down the street from a woman who started her own Montessori Children's House. Her name was Mary Angela Johnson, and she became my Montessori mentor and second mother." Marinelli went on to earn an American Montessori Society teaching credential from New England Montessori Teacher Training Center, Boston, Mass.

Expressing her educational philosophy, Marinelli said, "I believe that children need time to explore, create, and relax, so they can develop and learn at their own pace. In our competitive culture, child-directed spaces, where children aren't held back or pushed ahead by the level of their peers, are to be treasured."

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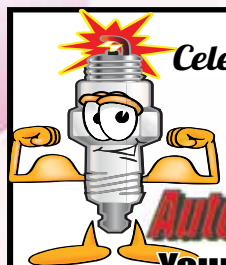
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I remember well when I first moved from the city to my country home, I was a bit overwhelmed by the attention and sweat my property required. After just one growing season, however, I was hooked as an ardent gardener and accepted the considerable toil with pleasure.

I have found that, for me, autumn in the garden and yard can be most gratifying as deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground. It forecasts shorter days. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing walkways of snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, the fall signifies the finiteness of garden chores. When a weed is pulled, it stays pulled and doesn't replace itself with double the aggression. When perennials are deadheaded, the gardener can take a furlough from assuring that they are properly fed and watered, but will welcome them back in spring after they both have rested.

The proportions of any garden change as the perennial and annual growth are whacked back, which makes the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminates many of the planning mistakes from one season to the next, as errant plans

are abandoned and bulbs and perennial roots are moved to other locations.

More creative joy comes from choosing which mums to feature as the color transitions from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palette, I always liked to stick to one color, two at the most.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

I now live at Trump Park where there is a fantastic landscaping program three seasons of the year. But I look back on my long-term gardening chores with great pleasure and nostalgia. My most gratifying fall jobs was always building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended and keeping the perennial roots from heaving.

I always asked my tree service provider to send me a truck load of wood chips if they are very clean (no leaves) and processed into

smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as expensive mulch. In fact, I liked it better because it offered more texture and looked more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year:

1. Harvest any vegetables left on plants. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and re-appear the next spring.

2. This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil because that allows plenty of time for it to break down.

3. For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low light conditions. Make certain that they are clean and free from little critters.

4. Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to three to six inches in height.

5. Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocuses in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them in drifts on the surface and plant them where they land for a more natural look.



By Bill Primavera

6. For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

7. Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

I don't advise readers about preparing lawns in the fall for next spring because I must confess that for years I didn't aerate and thatch the soil and I didn't fertilize. Because my former property was first cultivated in the early 18th century, I felt that I got a free pass to a very naturalized lawn accepting crabgrass and dandelions with grace.

But then, I engaged a wonderful lawn care service that took care of all those great chores that I said I was too busy to do. I do hope that it wasn't because I was too lazy.

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Tuesday, Oct. 1

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/>.

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.

Somers Library Events: Several events have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. The October art exhibit will feature paintings by Susan

Barrett. Dealing with Dementia - Effective Communication Strategies. Will be held on Oct. 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. WINK (WHAT I NEED KNOWN) - Important Information about Me will be held on Oct. 5 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Please contact the library at 232-5717 to register. Info: 914-232-5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

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, Oct. 2

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday 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.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Live Performances: Live ticketed performances are being held at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Tribute, theatrical, cabaret, independent and famous acts perform. Info: 914-455-4272.

Field Library Programs: A series of programs have been scheduled for the coming days at the Field Library, 4 Nelson

Ave., Peekskill. Harpist Nicolas Carter will perform in a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. An Evening with psychic medium Shira will be held on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will hold a Free Community Playwriting Workshop on Oct. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The library will be closed from Oct. 7 through 11. Info: peekskill.org.

Thursday, Oct. 3

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: Several courses have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The Talmud class is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The Rabbi's class will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324.

Acting Classes: 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.

Oct. 3

Green New Deal: The discussion will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Center at Mariandale 299 N. Highland Rd. Ossining. Door open 6:30 p.m.

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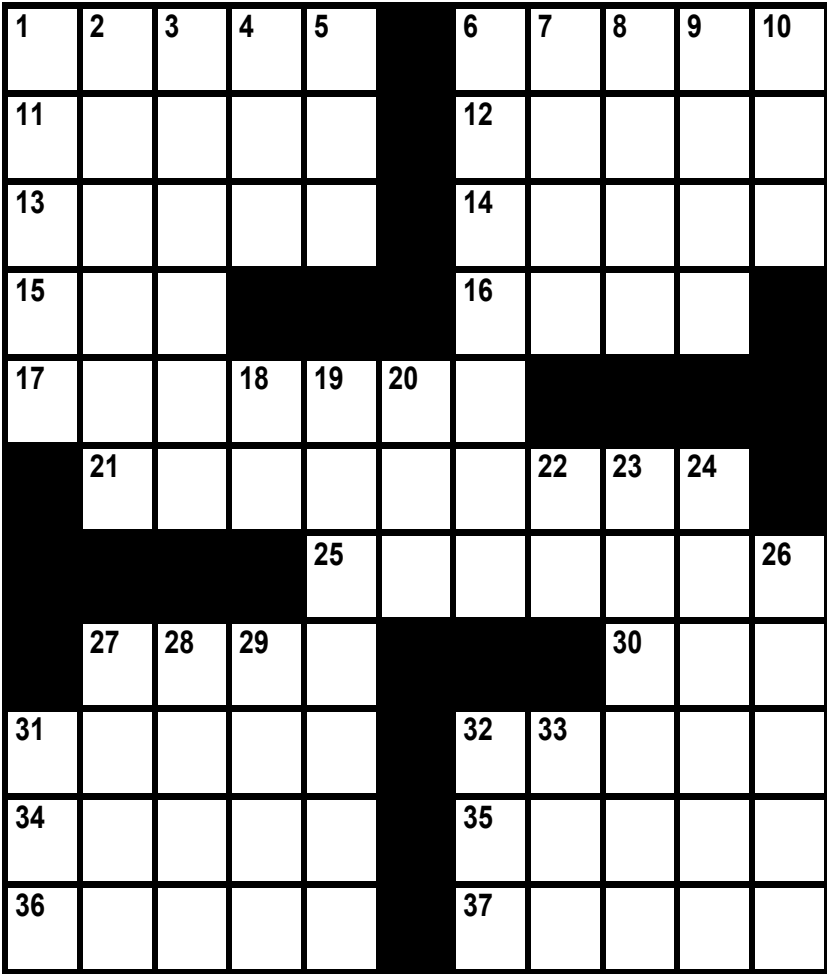
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- Across
- Down
1. Salt away

6. Acted as a ringer

11. Volcano outputs

12. Network connections

13. Skip the usual wedding preparations

14. In the slightest degree

15. Cornfield sound

16. Puts down

17. Any way you spell it, this Mahopac ice cream shop means "quality"

21. Physical problems

25. Cleopatra paramour or Carmel Jeweler

27. Character in Asimov's "Foundation Series"

30. Mole org.

31. Out of port

32. Expert

34. Child's playground toy

35. Receive charity

36. Part of a table setting

37. Equals
1. Smart one

2. African republic

3. Statement of belief

4. Oracle competitor

5. Compass point

6. Wall Street worker

7. Little bit

8. W.W. II turning point

9. Snaky swimmers

10. High-speed Internet inits.

18. ___ Bean, retailer

19. Burning up

20. Most spotted card

22. Quiet!

23. Tertiary period

24. Marksman

26. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" director David

27. New Year's Day game

28. Largest continent

29. Monthly budget item

31. Teaspoon, abbr.

32. Payroll processing company

33. Anonymous Jane

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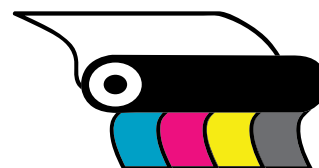


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Friday, Oct. 4

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.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 8 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

Hebrew Congregation of Somers: The synagogue, located at Cypress Ln & Mervin Drive, will host services and a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The service will be led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis and Hebrew School Director Jill Liflander. Info: 914-248-9532.

Saturday, Oct. 5

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.

Horse Show: The Rotary Club of

Peekskill will host its 49th annual Horse Show and Country Fair on Oct. 5 and 6 at the Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill. Admission and parking are free and the show will go on, rain or shine. Competition and attractions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Info: Jim Sacci at 914-275-1829.

Maryknoll Open House: Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers will be holding an Open House in celebration of Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission. Admission is Free. The activities begin at 1 p.m. and the prayer service will begin at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this Open House is asked to visit <https://MaryknollSociety.org/EMM>.

October Art Show: The October Art Show at the John C Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak is "Small Works" - Paintings and Drawings by Joann Zwolski. A reception will be held today from 2 to 4 p.m.

YCT Program: Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will present the music of singer/songwriter giants Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon as performed by Peter Calo, Carly Simon's guitar player and musical director; singer/songwriter Anne Carpenter; and special guest, Grammy Hall of Fame inductee John Lissauer, on multi-reeds. The intimate and informal evening will be performed in two sets at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at WCT, 23 Water St. in Ossining. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://calocarpenter19.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Blessing Of The Animals. Members of the community are invited to bring their pets and gather in the back parking lot at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. for the ceremony and individual blessings led by Pastors Chip Low and Tami Seidel. Info: fpcyorktown.org.

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

Tashlich In The Park & Potluck Picnic: Experience the Tashlich ceremony, where participants symbolically cast their sins into running water, using bread, on a chosen date after the start of the Jewish New Year. First Hebrew will hold a Tashlich and Potluck Picnic at the lake in Depew Park in Peekskill, beginning at noon, weather permitting. Meet at the park by Hudson Avenue. and Pomeroy, and bring a dairy or vegetarian dish. Bring the whole family; temple membership is not required. Info: Rabbi Dana at 914-739-0500 or rabbid@firsthebrew.org.

Monday, Oct. 7

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Yorktown Jewish Center Services; The Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., will begin Yom Kippur Kol Nidre services at 9 p.m. Services continue on Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. The final Shofar blast is at 7:15 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or www.yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Yom Kippur: The synagogue will hold a Kol Nidre service on Oct. 8 and Yom Kippur services on Oct. 9. We welcome all levels of observance and interfaith families. For more information, visit www.hebrewcongregationofsomers.org, email info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532.

Temple Beth Am Yom Kippur Services: The synagogue will hold a Kol Nidre service on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Yom Kippur morning services, Yizkor, will take place at 10 a.m. on Oct. 9. Both services will be held at the Yorktown Stage. Children's services begin at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl., Yorktown Afternoon and concluding services will begin at 3:45 p.m. at Beth Am. All are invited to come participate in this holiest of days. For, which will include ticket information, please call the office at 914-962-7500? For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914 962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbidw@optonline.net.

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley Yom Kippur: The Reform Temple of Putnam Valley is offering a variety of free children's programs for the High Holidays. All programs will be held at 362 Church Rd. in Putnam Valley. On Yom Kippur, Oct. 9 from 5 to 6 p.m. it will be taught by Jill Shoffiett. A teen discussion on Yom Kippur will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., taught by Isabelle Molle. Info:

845-528-4774.

First Hebrew Yom Kippur: High Holidays at First Hebrew begins at sundown on October 8 with the Kol Nidrei service, beginning at 5:45 p.m. at First Hebrew. Services continue October 9 at 9 a.m., and the holiday concludes with services at 4:30 p.m. The fast is free for all ticket holders but RSVP is required. For all information visit www.firsthebrew.org, call 914-739-0500 e-mail fhc@firsthebrew.org. First Hebrew is on the border of Cortlandt and Peekskill, at 1821 Main St., Route 6.

Chabad of Yorktown, Cortlandt And Somers Yom Kippur: The services will be held on Oct. 8 and 9 at the synagogue. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.



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ESTOPPEL NOTICE On August 26, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York (the "Village") adopted a Bond

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Westchester County, New York. Noreen Regan Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York

Town of Putnam Valley Work Session October 2, 2019 5 PM. Public Hearings

1. Expansion of septic pump out law
2. Deicer law Regular Meeting
3. Presentation of Town Budget by Sherry Howard, Town Clerk.
4. Discussion: rescind Town law prohibiting paint ball games and activities within the Town of Putnam Valley.
5. Schedule of 2020 Preliminary Budget Meetings.

Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board** will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday October 7, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm**
AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING The following public hearings have been scheduled for **October 7, 2019 at 6:00PM** (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the **Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579**. All interested

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parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. **Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12& 7.11/ File2019-0199)** The subject property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. 2. **Sposato Adam- 694 Sprout Brook Road TM#72.15-1-23/ File 2019-0198)** The subject property consist of +/-1.004 acres of land and is located on 694 Sprout Brook Road and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing an accessory apartment attached at the rear of the existing residence. A Site Development Plan and Special Use Permit is required. **SKETCH 3. Gjonaj, Chris- White Rock Road (TM#73.-2-30.1/ File2017-0170)** The subject property is comprised of +/- 3.9 acres and is located on White Rock Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence, driveway, septic system and well. 4. **Fields, Harrison-15 Locust Glen**

Road (TM#73.-1-44/ File 2019-0202) The subjects property is comprised of +/- 1.99 acres and is located on 15 Locust Glen Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a log cabin home on existing foundation. 5. **Copper/Bier- 23 Twin Pines Road (TM#74.-1-5/ File 2019-0201)** The applicant is proposing to demolish and reconstruct a single- family residence. The subject property is located in the Three Arrow Co-op and within the R-3 Zoning District. 6. **Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7/ File2019-0196)** The property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a Fire Station building +/-30,000 sq.ft. in size, with well and septic system, 127 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities and related site improvements. 7. **Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (TM# 72.20-1-7.11/ File2019-0204)** The applicant is proposing an amended site plan for improvements to allow shared access and parking with proposed fire station on adjacent property. The Planning Board will consider adopting a resolution declaring intent for lead agency for the Fire House and Ambulance Corp. project. **EXTENSION 8. Fiorentino, Annette- Wiccopee Road (TM#41.-2-14/ File2017-0169)** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9. Approve**

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Fortified Wine: It's Time it Receives the Recognition it Warrants



By Nick Antonaccio

The notion of naturally produced wines has gained significant support and popularity in the United States. Left behind have been naturally produced wines that are fortified. These wines

have been further processed with alcohol, typically brandy, a good deal of which are naturally produced.

I was never a big fan of fortified wines. But I've been fortunate in the past few years to enjoy a number of excellent, palate pleasing wines that happen to be fortified.

Sometimes it's been port, other times sherry, on a few occasions madeira. I will freely admit that it has taken me a number of years to develop an appreciation for this style of wine. I believe my experiences were likely influenced by the bad rap to which these wines were subjected.

There was the fortified wine of my teenage years (Thunderbird) followed, as a responsible twenty-something by Dry Sack Sherry (yecch). It was a bottle of vintage 1970 Dow Port I received on my 40th birthday that opened a new world of sensory pleasures to me; it was more sophisticated and more complex than many table wines I had previously enjoyed.

Even today, each time I pour a glass from an open bottle, it is different than the first or most recent pour from that bottle. I find

this is the defining element of these wines. They are living, breathing organisms that for several decades undergo constant changes in aromas and flavors. Each pour is steeped in nuance and is meant to be contemplated. Think of a Shakespearean passage that holds a different meaning each time it is read.

There are several types and styles of fortified wines, depending on their country of origin, the fortification process employed and the length of aging.

1. Port. This has been the signature wine of Portugal since the 16th century. The fortification is achieved from adding brandy to fermenting red wine, which halts the fermentation at a critical stage, sustaining the sugars present in the barrel. In this manner, the wines are able to develop their signature structure of raisins and a slight sweetness, making them perfect as dessert wines.

2. Sherry. During the Age of Discovery, Spanish explorers stocked their ocean-going ships with fortified wines, ensuring that the wines would not spoil on long voyages. Produced from white grapes and ranging from lighter-bodied to deep, complex, full-bodied styles, sherries have a much more diverse profile than port. Although fortified in the same manner as port, the brandy is added at the end of the fermentation process,

resulting in a drier style than port and easier to blend to a winemaker's preference. This makes most Sherries a preferred aperitif wine.

3. Madeira. On this island off the Portuguese mainland, wine is fortified in a manner similar to sherry, with one pronounced difference. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is distilled in oak casks – literally slow-cooked for up to three months before bottling. The concentrated end product has sophisticated, complex flavors that are best enjoyed in front of a roaring fire (with your favorite cheese).

4. Marsala. This is not the bottle that is in your kitchen pantry. Produced in Sicily from white (or red) indigenous grapes, it is fortified in a similar manner to port. It is a lighter, softer, nuanced wine that is best when served chilled and paired with fruit or hearty cheeses. Recently revitalized, Sicilian winemakers have made this a wine to be sought out.

The best way for you to introduce yourself to these wines is through a wine-by-the-glass list at a local restaurant, tapas bar or wine bar. Once you've isolated your personal palate preferences, purchase a bottle at a local wine shop.

I encourage you to take a step back –

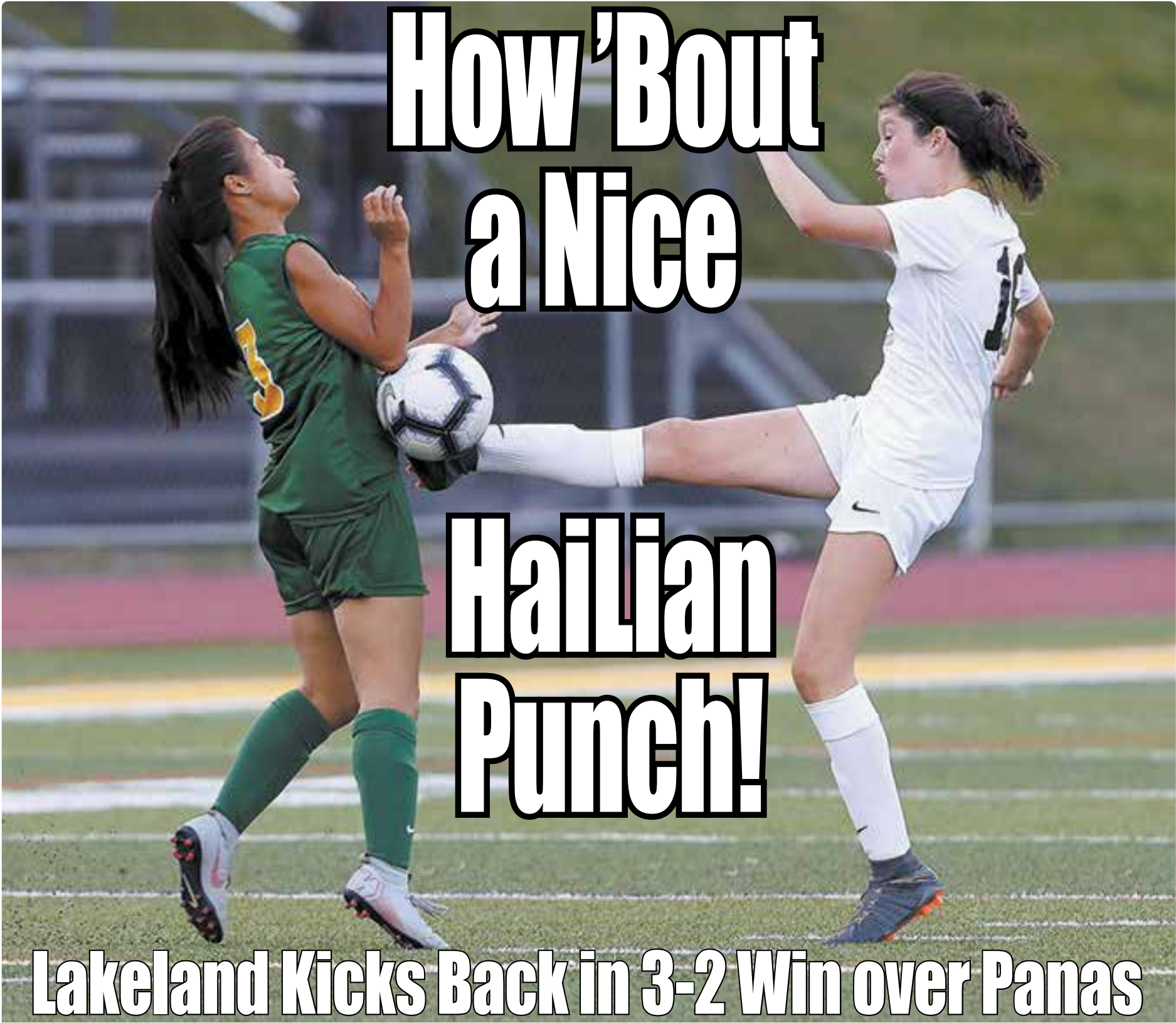
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clear your perceptions of fortified wines – and enhance your wine experiences with a fresh look at what's being offered today. Your palate, and your psyche, will thank you.

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RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO

Lakeland’s HaiLian Rowan, a real bright spot this season, takes a stiff shot to the gut from Panas’ Molly Muller in the Hornets’ 3-2 triumph of the visiting Panthers last Tuesday when the Hornets (7-3) opened a steady week of action that concluded with a 6-1 win over Putnam Valley... see Soccer Notebook

Sports

Soccer Notebook

Somers Boys', Girls' on Impressive Early-Season Tears

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

There are good stories all about the Section 1 pitch, but Somers, where the reigning Section 1 champion boys' program is back on course, and lady Tusker are making a splash similar to years past, is on fire.

GIRLS SOCCER

SOMERS is shaping up as a legit Class A girls' title contender, currently ranked No.5 in NYS. Coach Paul Saia's Tuskers are 7-1-lafter their 6-0 whitewashing of Walter Panas last Thursday. Somers scored two goals in the first half and broke it open with four in the second half. Tuskers Ella Kittredge and Jessica Rodriguez each tickled twine twice while Alexis Atkinson and Ilaria Adornetto also found the back of the net. Dahlia Pepe, Alexa Vanga (2A), Danielle Accocella, Victoria Righetti and Angelina Hurtado each set up goals, putting nine Tuskers on the score sheet.

"I do like the balanced scoring," Coach Saia said. "It should make things more difficult for the opposing team. I would like to see us score more often, though. Last week was rough having three games in five days with two of the games going to OT. It would be have nice to have won all three, but Greeley was tough on us, as were both John Jay and Lakeland. The girls have been resilient though, and I'm extremely proud of them. We had the same situation this week, three more games in five days. We need to stay healthy and continue to strive to play our best soccer, which we haven't done yet."

In a 3-0 win over Briarcliff, Tusker Noelle DeMarinis said to hell with balance and scored a gorgeous hat trick, doing so off

assists by Alexis Atkinson, Dahlia Pepe and Tori Righetti.

Currently, Magnus, ranked No.3 in NYS, is the team to beat in Class A, but tradition-rich Somers is right there with them as the only state-ranked team on this side of the Hudson (Pearl River No.9, Tappan Zee No.19).

MAHOPAC senior Jenna Daly scored the Indians' lone goal with 17:37 left in the first half of a 2-1 loss to reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Arlington last Tuesday. The Indians put seven shots on goal and actually looked like the better team for much of the first half, but the state-ranked (No.6) Admirals are a battle-tested outfit, which saw sophomore Casey Stowell bury the game-winning goals less than 10 minutes into the second half, a half that belonged to Arlington.

The Indians (6-2) rebounded in Thursday's 3-0 win over RCK when Grace DiVincenzo, Daly and Mia Klammer each finished their runs with a tally. Saturday's 3-2 win over Scarsdale saw Klammer notch two goals and an assist, with another by Grace DiVincenzo. The goals were set up by Olivia Conlin and Daly.

Earlier in the season, UConn-bound senior DiVincenzo scored five goals in three games, including a victory over Class A heavyweight Rye.

Mahopac (6-2) should get on a roll with its next four opponents playing at sub-par levels. Mahopac will host rival Carmel this



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Brewster's Alex Rosales neatly clears zone in 8-0 loss to Somers' Joey Grippo and his visiting Tuskers.

Wednesday (6 p.m.). Mahopac is hoping to put it all together and get back to a third Final 4 in four years.

BOYS SOCCER

SOMERS threw a hurting on **WALTER PANAS** in a 6-0 shutout. Tusker senior

M Drew Lasher scored two goals, dished an assist and continued to look like one of the elite players in the section. Bennet Leitner and Joe Grippo each had a goal and an assist for Somers (8-1) while Michael Miceri and Derek Marques each had a goal.

Jose Giron had two assists, and Evan Mazzola had an assist. The Tuskers followed that up with an 8-0 win over host Brewster Saturday morning. Mazzola had two goals and one assist and would have had the goal of the game if not for being off-sides on a gorgeous sidwinding kick. The Tuskers, who have won five in a row, saw Lasher add a goal and dish two assists to bring his season-best totals to 11G and 6A.

The Lickens brothers of Brewster were up against it in goal: Louis Likens (18 saves) and Joseph Likens (2 saves) were under fire. Ethan Kukaj, Sean Dickson, Zane Bramson, Bennett Lietner and Jacque Vera all scored for the Tuskers.

Through no fault of anybody's, **YORKTOWN** hasn't exactly kept the best scoring records over the years, but we're here to tell you that senior striker Tim O'Callaghan is, in all likelihood, torching the record books with 17 points through Thursday (11G, 6A). We're not sure about the actual record books, but we



Somers' Ethan Cukaj heads one on goal in Tuskers' 8-0 win over Brewster's Brian Flores and the host Bears Saturday.



Lakeland's Nicole Haughney and Somers' Jessica Rodriguez are all in on this 50-50 ball in recent action.

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Brewster G Louis Likens was under fire all game but pushed this shot aside in 8-0 loss to Somers' Joques Vera and Tuskers Saturday.

can't recall a member of this program doing this kind of damage through eight games for the last three decades. O'C has emerged into one of the finest finishers and playmakers in the section while leading Yorktown to a 6-3



Somers senior captain Andrew Lasher rips shot in 8-0 win over Brewster.

start.

"He's doing a tremendous job of leading the team," Assistant Coach Justin Huff said. "He's a four-year varsity player for a reason; putting up monster numbers despite being man-marked and even double and triple covered at times because of our formation."

LAKELAND did everything in its power to lock O'Callaghan off last Wednesday, which opened the door for Ciran Donohue and George Poppivic to notch a goal and an assist in the Huskers' 3-2 win over Hornets. Husker Peter Tinaj added a goal and keeper

Dylan Lopez made seven saves for surging Yorktown, winners of six in a row. Senior F Genti Gashi notched both Hornet goals, with assists coming from freshman Bryan Jaramillo and senior D Ryan Brannigan. Lakeland (5-3-1), one of the best-coached teams in the region, continues to improve while reestablishing its rich tradition during a rare down season (5-13 last year).

Lakeland's 5-3 win over rival Panas (4-5) was largely on the back of senior F Augie Karaqi, who dialed up a career-high four goals for the Hornets. Jason San Lucas added a fifth while Bryan Jaramillo dished a pair of assists. Panas striker Tristan Phillips bagged a hat trick, scoring twice off PKs.

OSSINING'S Nolan Lenaghan has 16 goals and three assists for the state-ranked (No.8) Pride (8-2), which took a tough 3-2 loss to Greeley on the chin. Greeley's Owen Parsons nailed a penalty kick with 1:51 to play, ending the Pride's six-game winning streak. Kevon Evans gave the Pride a 2-1



Brewster's Kevin Sagastume and Somers' Joey Grippo play head ball in host Bears' 8-0 loss to Tuskers Saturday.

lead, building on a goal from Lenaghan, set up by Evans. Word on the street is that Ossining didn't go for the jugular after taking the lead, which is unforgivable against a program as solid as Greeley. The Pride need to play 80 minutes if they are going to produce a Class AA title with state-ranked (No.1) Mamaroneck looming.

HEN HUD won on the road in Poughkeepsie, 2-0, behind goals from Brandon Velasquez and Tyler Robinson. Gio Cardona came up big with game-winning shot in OT to get the Sailors (5-5-1) a 2-1 win over Lourdes Saturday.

MAHOPAC chalked up its third W of the season in a 3-0 whitewash of visiting RCK Friday and followed up with a fourth in a 6-1 rout of Mount Vernon. Against RCK, Mendim Berisha tallied twice and Bernardi added another for the Indians (4-6-1). Mount Vernon's defense was porous, allowing free runs for the Indians to put them away early.

CARMEL (6-3-1) lost 2-0 to RCK but the six W's is encouraging.

Soccer coaches are encouraged to email results and comments to raygallaghersports@gmail.com for inclusion in our weekly notebook (YOU owe it to YOUR players).



Lakeland's Linda Daly sets up her shot in Hornets' 3-2 win over Panas and Panther Kayla Guevara last Tuesday.



Panas' Kayla Guevara tries to track down Lakeland's Sydney Nivar in Panthers' 3-2 loss to host Hornets last Tuesday.

Sports

Grid Notebook

Lakeland Locks up Lourdes, State-Ranked Yorktown Still Unbeaten

By Ray Gallagher

Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

In a week of brutal local blowouts, perhaps **LAKELAND's** 22-20 win over host Our Lady of Lourdes is start of business this week, seeing how it was one of just a few single-digits games in the region. After winning three in a row and improving to 3-1, the optimism surrounding the future of the Lakeland program is real at The Hive, given the fact that the junior varsity team is holding teams pointless in three of four games and allowed just one tuddy all season.

The varsity squad just went on the road and won at Lourdes, which is a shell of the Lourdes teams we've witnessed the last five seasons under veteran Coach Brian Walsh. Still, this is a game Lakeland likely loses in prior years, so when Hornet junior QB Tyler Santucci connects on 13 of 19 for 140 yards and two TDs, plus a 2-point conversion, Coach Mike Meadows knows he's set under center. And when junior WR Rob Nardelli (4 catches, 62 yards, TD) and hard-nosed sophomore Nick Badillo (5 catches, 50 yards, 4 rushes for 16 yards) are making significant impacts, Meadows has some complimentary skill players in the offing.



BILL KENNEDY/BOB CASTNER/JOSUE ACEVEDO/RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Hen Hud Coach John Catano rallies the troops in Sailors' manhandling of Beacon Friday night at Lakeland.

So, when seniors RB Matt Makar (13 rushes, 42 yards, TD) and WR Landon Ruggieri (3 catches, 18 yards, TD, 2-point conversion) get ready to pass the torch, the

coaching staff is banking on serious Class A contention as early as 2020.

We've heard this before out of Lakeland and drank the Kool-Aid all too often. For

much of the last 20 years, Lakeland simply hasn't put a premium on football (through no fault of prior coaches or staff members), but Meadows, now in his third season, appears to have steered the program in the right direction. Let's hope so. Week 5 vs. reigning champion John Jay, ranked No.9 in NYS, is clearly a long shot, but an opening round playoff win and a quarterfinal playoff appearance should be goals set in stone.

Lakeland senior John Gufridda (13 tackles) led the defense while Jake Defede (5 tackles) and Jorge Duque (5 tackles) were key figures in holding the Warriors at bay.

Now for the blowouts, starting in Class A.

SOMERS went off on host Tappan Zee, 35-8, with RBs T.J. Deagan and Jack Kaiser (124 yards rushing) each scored two touchdowns for state-ranked (No.20) Somers, which played without versatile RB/DB Charlie Balancia (injured) yet again but improved to 3-1. Somers QB Jackson Kossow rushed for 73 yards and hit on 7 of 14 passes for 164 yards and fired two TD passes, including one to Daniel Rios. The Somers defense was stout with LB Kaiser and DB Nate Rosenzweig each posting an interception. Rosenzweig has truly stepped his game up in the absence of all-purpose senior Charles Balancia.

YORKTOWN toyed with Horace Greeley during a 49-7 shelling of the visiting Quakers, who could do nothing against the state-ranked (No.7) Huskers (4-0) in all phases of the game.

Yorktown RB Dylan Smith continued what looks like a potential All-NYS season, rushing for 90 yards on six carries, including three touchdowns, his longest a 41-yard jaunt.

Husker QB Trey Johnson completed 3 of 5 passes out of 5 for 135 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown pass to TE Ben Robinson and a 58-yarder to Keith Boyer.

Special teams-wise Yorktown was led by Dan O'Brien (8 kick returns for 400 yards) and Dean Patierno (4 punt returns for 146 yards, including 2 touchdowns of 59 and 75 yards).

Defensively, Alex Debenedictus (7 tackles), Smith (5 tackles), Jack Tinari (5 tackles, sack), Ed Capone (sack), Gabe Valentin (sack) and Vincent Cappelli with a fumble recovery) each came up big for the Huskers.

BREWSTER blew out winless visiting Poughkeepsie, 47-6, last Friday when the offense and defense scored at will against one of the poorest outfits in the section; this, among many. Brewster (3-1) RB Tommy Consolato got the offense going with two first-half scores while Paul Catalano and Jahq Williams each had a pick-6 in the second quarter.

Defending Section 1 Class A champion John Jay cruised past **WALTER PANAS**, 49-17, doing most of its damage in the first half. Undeclared (4-0), state-ranked (No.9) John Jay scored three touchdowns on special teams, meaning the Panthers have much to do on specials. Panas fell to 1-3 but took away some positives, including QB Mark



Mahopac linemen hold their blocks for QB Jack Casey to deliver a strike in Indians' rout of Mount Vernon Saturday.



Yorktown RB-WR Sean Vogel avoids a host of Quakers in Huskers' trounce of visiting Greeley Friday.



Mahopac players celebrate TD by LJ Nardecchia (24) in rout of host Mount Vernon Saturday.



Lakeland QB Tyler Santucci and RB Matt Makar are key figures in Hornets' 3-1 start.

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Lakeland Locks up Lourdes, State-Ranked Yorktown Still Unbeaten *continued from previous page*



Yorktown TE Ben Robinson hauls in 55-yard TD gran in Huskers' rout of Greeley Friday.

Perez's two TD passes to WR Robert Ennis (127 yards).

HEN HUD's home opener on its spanking new field was put on hold due to technical issues, but the Sailors (2-2) went over to Lakeland as its first home venue of the season and produced a 27-0 win over visiting Beacon. Sailor QB Braden Ellis fired touchdown passes to Mike Tosi (48 yards)

and Sergio Silvario (51 yards) and added a score on the ground. Hen Hud RB Ryan Travis found paydirt from 28 yards. The Sailors hope to christen their new stadium this Friday vs. winless Poughkeepsie, followed by Brewster in Week 6.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC and **CARMEL** each cruised to triumph, the Indians (2-2) ending a two-game losing streak and the Rams (3-1) winning their third in a row on homecoming day.

The Carmel Crazies were treated to quite a day when the Rams rushed for 286 yards and saw six different players score, including RB Andrew Bumgarner (2 TDs), RB James Cox (19 rushes for 159

yards) and QB Andrew Nunez (5-7, 74 yards, 2 TDs).

The Carmel defense allowed only just 38 yards passing and picked off two passes.

Mahopac senior WR Zach Esteves (121 yards) snared three balls, bringing each to the house, one from sophomore QB Anthony DeMatteo and two from senior QB Jack

Carey.

"Esteves has been a tremendous leader thus far this year," Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo said.

Mahopac RB Vin Bastone rushed five times for 44 yards and a TD while sophomore RB Matt Courtney added 41 yards on the ground. Indian RB Matt Piekutowski also found paydirt. The back half of the schedule after Suffern in Week 5 is brutal; with Arlington in Week 6 and Carmel in Week 7 a combined 6-2 through four weeks.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY held a 14-0 lead on host Pleasantville, but the 2018 Section 1 Class B runner-up Tigers (0-4) allowed 42 points bridging the second and third quarters, including five TD strikes from QB Mike LaCapria, four of which went to WR Jared Williams, whom the Tigers could not match up with.

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Class A Huskers (4-0) have to face a pair unbeaten tigers, or maybe two paper tigers; we're not exactly sure, what with Nyack and Fox Lane the last two weeks. Nyack hasn't beaten anybody worth its weight and Fox Lane has an RB in Michael Washington who could be a nightmare for the Huskers, but we just don't see anything preventing a 6-0 regular season.

No.2 CARMEL – Class AA Rams (3-1) go on the road for a tough assignment with Arlington Friday (6 pm); this is pretty much a pick-'em game but we like the Rams'

chances. Rams hope to run the table to get Coach Todd Cayea his 150th career win at Mahopac in Week 7; couldn't have been planned better if they tried since a massive portion of those wins have come against the rival Indians.

No.2A SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (3-1) are highly regarded as one of the top four Class A teams along with Yorktown, Rye and defending champ John Jay; oh, and by the way undefeated, unranked Clarkstown South is pretty legit despite flying under the radar. So, something's gotta give regarding a Final 4 with five team in the mix. We'll find out the truth about South this weekend as they hit up Rye.

No.4 MAHOPAC – Class AA Indians (2-2) have Suffern (2-2), Arlington (3-1) and rival Carmel (3-1) left, so if they finish up 2-5 the naysayers will be out in force. If they figure out a way to win two of the final three games, then this will be a truly inspiring regular season, but the Admirals and Rams are longshots.

No.4A BREWSTER – Class A Bears' (3-1) have Beacon and Hen Hud left on the docket, which should, if they bring their A-game, enable the Bears to go 5-1 with a realistic chance to host a home playoff game at the Bears' Den, which is a formidable 12th man come post season.

HM LAKELAND – Class A Hornets (3-1) went up to Lourdes, beat the refs, beat a legendary coach and bested the Warriors, who may be down this year, but still provide a quality test the Hornets haven't been able to pass in recent years.

Lakeland, Yorktown Wrap up Solid Week of Action

By Tony Pinciario

LAKELAND found itself in an unfamiliar situation entering the week as the 10-time defending Section 1 Class B champion Hornets were coming off of a loss – 1-0 to Dexter (MI) – at the Max Field Hockey National Invitational.

The Hornets did not dwell on their first loss of the season. Instead, they were back to their high-scoring selves with a 7-2 win over John Jay-Cross River and 9-0 triumph of Somers.

"The loss against Dexter was a learning experience," senior and captain Jenna McCrudden said. "As a team, we had countless opportunities to score while Dexter took advantage of their few opportunities and scored. Having the ball in their offensive end the majority of the game and not getting any results has shifted our focus to being smart offensively and working as a team."

In the teams' first meeting since Lakeland defeated John Jay-Cross River in the 2018 Section 1 Class B title game, McCrudden, along with Emma Fon and Lauren Salazar, each had two goals. Mia Smith also scored and McCrudden and Fon collected assists.

Lakeland improved to 4-0 in league play with the win over Somers as Salazar rang up three goals and two assists.

Emma Halderman and Fon each scored twice, Keirra Ettere had one goal and two

assists, Emma Ryan had a goal and Erin Daly added two assists.

"Winning two games has really got us back on track to our goal of winning the section," McCrudden said. "Being 4-0 in our league, right now, is really important for us. Going into second half of the season is looking really good for us. We have a lot of challenges coming up, but we've grown so much since preseason."

The week was not going the way **YORKTOWN** varsity field hockey would have liked. The Cornhuskers dropped their first two games – 3-1 to Hen Hud and 2-1 to Our Lady of Lourdes. Both games were even at 1-1 at halftime.

Yorktown was in need of a win to salvage the week and regain momentum it had from the previous week. Senior Melina Iavarone provided the morale boost that Yorktown needed. Iavarone had two goals and two assists as Yorktown dominated Nyack, 7-0.

Yorktown is now 3-6-3 and has four regular-season games remaining.

"Melina is a hard-working player who does everything she can to improve," Yorktown Coach Bernadette Gannon said. "Melina starts with summer league and does anything, as well, in between."

Iavarone assisted on two of the five Yorktown goals – Lexi Borges and Alyssa Albano -- in the first half. Borges began the offensive eruption. Sam Penneys and Alex

Bold also scored in the first half.

Kelsey McDonnell and Maddy Marr also had two assists. McDonnell's return to lineup, following an injury, also helped boost Yorktown.

"Melina works very well with Kelsey and they connect on the field together," Gannon said. "Melina had some pretty goals that she should be proud of. Having Kelsey back makes our offense click. She knows when to set someone else to score and when to take the shot. After two tough losses, this was a needed win. Hopefully, this was the momentum the girls needed to get through the last four games."

Yorktown's final four games are at Somers, at Brewster, home to Walter Panas and at Edgemont.

In the loss to Lourdes, Iavarone scored, assisted by Ellie O'Donnell. Addie Araneo made four saves for Yorktown.

Bold opened the scoring against **HEN HUD**, with O'Donnell assisting. However, Hen Hud evened the score at 1-1 on an Emma Schembari goal.

In the second half, Alana Espinoza and Logan Gougellmann scored for Hen Hud.

PUTNAM VALLEY dropped a 2-1 verdict to Pleasantville and rallied from a two-goal halftime deficit to earn a 2-2 tie with Albertus Magnus.

Alie Granieri and Sara Lussier scored three minutes apart in the second half against the

Falcons. Sydney Goldberg and Julia Carlin each had assists and Isabel Healy made five saves.

"At first, the Magnus game seemed to be very slow moving for us," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "The girls were putting in the effort, but not being successful in their attempts to score or move the ball down the field. We called a timeout about halfway through the second half and the captains had the opportunity to say a few words. They truly pumped up the team and went back in to play the remaining 15 minutes much stronger. Three minutes later, they scored which completely shifted their mindset for the rest of the game. They were hungry for another goal, and they got it. I think this tie showed the girls how all of their hard work is paying off. We lost to Magnus early in the season and now we tied them. They have been making many adjustments in practice and they have started to see a difference in themselves, which I think will push them in a positive direction for the rest of the season."

CARMEL edged **MAHOPAC**, 2-1, in the rivalry to end all rivalries. The Rams had come-from-behind goals scored by Laila Rosenquest and Shannon Ravert while Krista Dietz scored the game's first goal for the Indians, who will host the Rams on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 11 a.m. in a game that could go a long way toward determining league bragging rights.



Somers Lashes into Brewster! Tuskers Show No Mercy, Punish Bears, 8-0

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Somers senior M Andrew Lasher (right) and the visiting Tuskers had their way last Saturday morning in an 8-0 win over Brewster despite this terrific, well-played ball by Brewster senior M Eduardo Monges (left), who made a gorgeous sliding tackle on Lasher, who had the last laugh with a goal and two assists and now has 11G and 6A on the season for the 2018 NYS Class A runner-up Tuskers... see Soccer Notebook



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