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YHS Shines with 17 National Merit Students

Six Yorktown High School seniors have been named Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship program and 11 others were named Commended Students. (L-R:) Front Row: Anna Prybylski, Sophie Vernik, Emma Guarini, Hannah Farley, Grace Chen, Samantha Armstrong, Nimisha Gupta, and Laura Jocelyn. Back Row: Snehal Dubey, Nabil Kamal, David Sharp, Tyler Merson, Rohan Subramani, Michael Lin, Ethan Jeon, Andrew Lu, and Spencer Schutz. The Semifinalists are Gupta, Jeon, Jocelyn, Lin, Lu and Schutz. The semifinalists are among approximately 16,000 semifinalists nationwide, named earlier this month. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered in the spring. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Earlier this month the U.S. Department of Education named Yorktown High School as a National Blue Ribbon School for exemplary academic excellence.

Hilltop Hanover Farm Slated to Receive \$875,000 from County

BY ABBY LUBY

Westchester County Executive George Latimer told a crowded room at Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center in Yorktown Saturday that \$875,000 has been allotted in the county's 2020 Capital Budget to fund repairs, rehabilitation and improvements of buildings and infrastructure at the farm.

Hilltop Hanover Farm is a 187-acre Westchester County-owned crop farm and environmental center. The farming and educational classes are managed by the Friends of Hilltop Hanover Farm, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, in cooperation with the county.

Latimer explained that the budget the county operated on the first year of his administration had parameters pre-approved by his predecessor, Rob Astorino.

"We argued that we needed additional, non-property tax revenue and we received

authority from the state to get sales tax revenue to compensate for resources we just didn't have," Latimer explained. "We got that authority and from that point forward we have a different financial structure for the county. We are beginning to make certain investments here at Hanover Hill, and in other places."

Latimer said the current proposed capital budget would be evaluated by the Board of Legislators and more or less money could be added to the budget. His commitment going forward was to invest in places like Hilltop Hanover on a continuing basis.

Discussions on the capital plan budget precedes voting on the operating budget by about three weeks. "We have the budget in place which will establish the operating and capital budget for this facility," said Latimer. "Much of what we have to do here has yet to be determined and we're here to get citizen's input before we finalize the

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Woman Dies After Car Plunges in Hudson in Verplanck

BY RICK PEZZULLO

An unidentified woman died Friday afternoon after her vehicle plunged into the Hudson River in Verplanck.

Westchester County Police responded to the area at 12:45 p.m. after receiving a call that a car had driven into the river and become submerged. The vehicle entered the river from a boat ramp in a Town of Cortlandt park off River-

view Avenue.

Patrol, Marine Unit and Aviation Unit officers searched for the vehicle with assistance from the New York State Police and the Verplanck, Montrose and Croton-on-Hudson fire departments. The vehicle had drifted from where it initially entered the water and was located nearby in about 10 feet of water.

Members of the Westchester County Police Marine Unit and

the Yorktown Heights Fire Department dive team recovered the body of a woman, reported to be in her 30s. The identity of the deceased was being withheld by police.

The County Police Forensic Investigation Unit also responded to process the scene. The Westchester Medical Examiner's Office will determine the cause of the woman's death.



Rescue workers at scene on boat ramp in Verplanck.



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Hilltop Hanover Farm Slated to Receive 875,000

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budget. Between now and December 9th the budget is in flux."

The challenge for the proposed capital budget is to match the revenue with expenses. Latimer likened balancing the county budgets while figuring out how to save deteriorated county-owned properties to a popular plate spinning act made famous on the Ed Sullivan Show in the 1950's and 1960's where Erich Breen was spinning five glass bowls all on top of tall sticks while simultaneously spinning eight plates.

People were invited to give comments on the farm's current needs and its future. "First and foremost is that we want to keep this farm, but how do we sustain it?" said Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert.

Gilbert suggested that the farm, with its spectacular vistas, could be a destination point or an event location for special occasions such as weddings. "That would invigorate the Yorktown region," Gilbert said, adding he could envision expanding a partnership with the county through Westchester Community College. "We may be able to incorporate a satellite location for WCC's culinary and veterinary schools right here on the farm," he said.

Janet Harckham, who is Hanover Hilltop Board Co-President with Board Co-President John Bell, said she'd like the farm to be a model public-private partnership for the county. "As a county-owned farm, I'd like to broaden it to become a re-



PHOTO BY ABBY LUBY

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert at Hanover Hilltop Farm Saturday.

gional asset. We are part of a regional farm network," she said. "The use of farms is critical for saving the planet. Farms protect our water, farms give us food, encourage community and biodiversity - all things that are currently in jeopardy. This farm can be an incredible asset to future generations."

Dr. Joan Baseel is the new program coordinator for a veteran's program known as Hilltop's Heroes. Baseel described how veterans were experiencing the farm as a way to rejoin the world. "These veterans get to be outdoors and not only discover botany, but learn about the business of farming, harvesting and food preparation. This is a

rare place where we can offer a ton of experiences. It's a tremendous service."

Former Hilltop Hanover board member Helen Banks said she was glad to see the farm was in the budget. "But \$875,000 just scratches the surface. Even though two of our education positions are county positions we need a total of four positions including an education coordinator. We need to be teaching children throughout the summer, spring and fall, by a full-time position paid for by the county."

Many diverse ideas aimed at keeping the farm fiscally solvent for years to come, including building a hotel in Yorktown,

seen as a local and regional economic boost, were suggested.

Last to speak was Westchester County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D) who is leaving the board of legislature at the end of the year after 22 years of representing the 4th District (Yorktown, New Castle and Somers). He gave a brief history of the farm.

"This farm has been through good and bad times. The purpose was always to educate about farming and the environment. Now a public private partnership can really work. I am confident and hopeful that this will go through the legislature and this fa-

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Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

Councilmen's Attempt to Replace Town Attorney Fails

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Yorktown councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman's attempt to seek new legal representation for the town following a recent ruling of an ethical complaint they filed against the law firm now employed fell flat last week.

The board engaged in a midnight spat with few spectators remaining in the audience as Lachterman proposed two resolutions: issuing a new RFP for legal services for the town, and having separate counsel for him and Diana, citing no confidence in Attorney Richard Abbate or the Oxman Group.

Diana and Lachterman promised to introduce those resolutions during a press conference October 7 outside Yorktown Town Hall where they chose to publicize an August 14, 2019 decision from the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee that admonished attorney Marc Oxman for dual legal representation.

Oxman's law firm was awarded a contract for more than \$211,000 in January 2018 by the town board in a 3-2 vote to provide legal services. Oxman has not actually served as the town attorney. Instead, one of his attorneys, Abbate, has served in that capacity.

Prior to that appointment, Oxman sued the town board in October 2017 on behalf of resident tax watchdog Ed Ciffone after the board voted to pay \$2,500 to Marvin Ray Raskin to represent former Supervisor Michael Grace relating to a grievance that had been filed against him by Susan Siegel, a former supervisor and councilwoman.

At the same time Oxman was representing Ciffone pro bono, Diana and Lachterman maintained Oxman was negotiating with Supervisor-elect Ilan Gilbert to replace Michael McDermott as town attorney since the Democrats held a 3-2 majority on the board.

Oxman, a former town justice in Yorktown, stressed he had never had a complaint filed against him previously in his 50-year legal career and contended the decision from the Grievance Committee was supposed to be private and confidential.

Gilbert, who along with fellow Democratic councilmembers Alice Roker and Vishnu Patel rejected last week's resolutions by abstaining, further admonished

Lachterman and Diana for violating the rules of judicial confidentiality.

"I refuse to vote on a resolution filled with untruths and false innuendos. It's a calculated character assassination and appears to be politically motivated," Gilbert remarked. "There was no conflict when the firm was hired. There has been no public censure of Mr. Oxman or the Oxman law firm."

Lachterman and Diana said they felt obligated to go public with the committee's ruling since Oxman did not inform the town himself.

"I chose to give up my confidentiality. This is something our town deserves to

know. The complaint was brought for a reason," he said, while also telling Gilbert, "You just want to cover it up, roll it all up in a rug and drop it."

Roker responded, "I'm not hiding anything. I will not sit here though and give the world fodder. I believe Marc's firm is held in high regard in Westchester County."

Gilbert noted Oxman's firm has recently helped Yorktown collect more than \$400,000 of the \$2.9 million owed from residents in delinquent property taxes.

Yorktown Councilman
Ed Lachterman



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State Funding Secured to Expand Trail in Historic Park

BY RICK PEZZULLO

An existing trailway will double in size in Peekskill's historic Fort Hill Park thanks to an infrastructure grant secured by State Senator Peter Harckham (SD-40).

Surrounded by city officials and prominent developer Martin Ginsburg at City Hall, Harckham announced \$221,000 would be given to Peekskill for capital improvements on a site where a skirmish with British soldiers during the American Revolution took place.

"Recreation and parks are such a vital part of improving the city's quality of life for those who live and work here. That's also what attracts new residents and businesses to the community," Harckham said. "People that live in urban settings, people in low-income areas, have a hard time getting to nature. This is rare to see."

The funding will help pay for restoring deteriorated stone stairs, providing wayfinding and educational signage, installing timber box steps and timber puncheons, and extending the trailway from 1.5 miles to three miles.

City Planner Jessica Youngblood said once the money is received the work is expected to



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

State Senator Peter Harckham (center) poses with Peekskill officials and others at City Hall.

take six to nine months to complete.

"It's great to see Peekskill take another step forward," said Ginsburg, founder and principal of Ginsburg Development Companies, which has donated 52 acres

to significantly expand the park. "The work will help preserve the park's rich and unique history. It will also benefit residents and businesses. The park is really spectacular. It is a unique geological formation on the Hudson Riv-

er.

Fort Hill has been a resource for the Decatur Avenue neighborhood and Oakside Elementary School. It also provided a sanctuary for the Sisters of St. Mary's religious community.

A former convent and chapel once used by the Sisters of Saint Mary on the property is currently be transformed by Ginsburg into a 42-room inn with a spa, event hall and restaurant with outdoor dining.

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Vote Set for Controversial Somers Sewer District Proposal

BY NEAL RENTZ

The controversial proposal to create Special Sewer District #2 for residents of the Lake Lincolndale and Lake Shenorock sections of Somers will go up for a vote of property owners in the two communities on Dec. 11.

The Town Board voted unanimously to set the vote date at a special meeting on October 16. Balloting will be conducted from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town House. No absentee ballots will be accepted for the referendum, which follows state law.

Town Clerk Patricia Kalba said at last week's meeting her office received 125 petitions calling for the referendum and 120 were determined to be eligible petitions.

Supervisor Rick Morrissey said even though residents' questions have been answered about the project during recent Town Board meetings, some residents were not aware of the project until recently. In an effort to provide the public with information about the project, the Town Board is hiring the Armonk and Manhattan-based Harrison Edwards Public Relations & Marketing to provide information about the project in a variety of ways. The Town Board voted unanimously to spend \$13,750 for the company's services.

Bob Knight, the company's executive vice president/COO, said his company will work with the town to provide information to the two lake communities to help property owners "make an informed decision."

Knight said his company would provide information to the public about the project in a variety of ways, including setting up meetings about the project.

The issue of creating the district has been debated at several recent Town Board meetings, with most residents speaking in opposition.

If residents approve the new district, the Town Board would need approval from the Westchester County Board of Legislators to expand the county sewer treatment plant in Peekskill and the proposed sewer district plan would also need to be okayed the office of state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

The proposal would ultimately cost about \$62 million and town officials have said they are actively applying for grants to reduce the cost. Somers is eligible to use \$10 million from the New York City DEP for the first phase of the project.

Costs would include capital construction, buy-in to the county sewer district for 10 years (which would cost between \$170 and \$184 annually) and annual operations and maintenance costs.

The plan is to complete the project in three phases. The first phase, which would include 65 properties in Shenorock and Lincolndale, would cost between \$10 and \$13 million. The second phase, which would include parcels in Shenorock, would cost between \$28.1 and \$30.1 million. The third phase, which would include properties in Lincolndale, would cost between \$21.1 and

\$22.1 million.

The cost for the average home in the new district would be \$1,200 annually at full buildout, but the town is looking to reduce the cost by obtaining state and federal

grants.

The plan is to ultimately have 985 properties included in the sewer district. The town is planning is to take out a 30-year bond to pay for the project.

Police Blotter

Homeless Man Sentenced in Christmas Day Stabbing in Peekskill

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced that Antonio Alvarez, 49, was sentenced October 17 to nine years in state prison for the 2018 Christmas Day stabbing in a Peekskill deli.

In August, Alvarez pleaded guilty to Assault in the First Degree, a class B violent felony. On Dec. 25, 2018 around 10 p.m., Alvarez, was in a deli on South Street Peekskill with several other men when an altercation broke out. Alvarez attacked another man and stabbed him in the neck with a knife. The victim was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery and survived. Alvarez did not have a permanent address and was homeless at the time of the incident.

STATE POLICE

October 12 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Shannon R. Bishop, 27, of

Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt and was interviewed during a sobriety safety checkpoint. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Angelo P. Freiras, 53, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Somers arrested Rodolfo S. Machado, 24, of Cortlandt, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 Cortlandt when he was interviewed during a sobriety safety checkpoint. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested

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Letters to the Editor

Support-A-Walk Was an Outpouring of Love and Caring

To the Editor:

Sunday, October 6, 2019 marked Support Connection's 25th Annual Support-A-Walk. Love and caring permeated the air. Thank you to the Examiner News for being one of our greatest supporters throughout the years. Your promotion of the Walk helps us reach so many communities.

Thousands of people came to the Walk from near and far to support people impacted by breast and ovarian cancer. Our sponsors and walkers were there to celebrate and pay tribute to loved ones as well as increase awareness about breast and ovarian cancer and the free, confidential support services provided by Support Connection. Kacey, DJ from WHUD and a dear friend of ours, greeted walkers while the Golden Apple Chorus dedicated a special commemorative song to mark the occasion. Individuals and teams walked side by side along the three-mile route, greeted by cheerleaders, volunteers and musical performers. Over 250 tribute signs lined the Walk path, each one displaying a special message.

For 25 years, our supporters have helped Support Connection raise money at the Walk so that our counselors, all cancer survivors, could offer free peer counseling services, support groups, wellness and educational programs for women, their families and friends who are dealing with breast or ovarian cancer. They work with people nationwide.

Preparation for the Support-A-Walk is a labor of love. Support Connection's Development Coordinator, Melissa Higgins, did an excellent job coordinating the

event preparation, working with nearly 100 sponsors and over 150 volunteers. Barbara Cervoni, Support Connection's Director of Services and Communication, did an amazing job coordinating publicity for the Walk. Sponsors donated money and refreshments for the walkers. The FDR State Park staff, under the leadership of Bob Guarino, Park Manager, did a fabulous job making sure the park was in perfect condition. It would be impossible for me to thank everyone in this letter. A complete list of sponsors, volunteers, teams and all those involved in the Walk will be available on our website in November, www.supportconnection.org.

As the founding Executive Director of Support Connection, I continue to be overwhelmed by the power of caring exhibited by those who believe in Support Connection's mission. For those of us who helped establish Support Connection 25 years ago, we could never have imagined that Support Connection would grow into a nationally recognized organization that has provided help and support to over 10,000 people nationwide. It is the dedication of so many that continues to make this possible.

The Support-A-Walk captures the essence of our organization's spirit...you never have to walk alone with a breast or ovarian cancer diagnosis. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all those who helped make the Walk a great success.

With much gratitude,

KATHERINE QUINN
Executive Director
Support Connection

Yorktown Chamber Denounces Hateful Remarks by Dem Leaders

To the Editor:

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce is extremely disappointed with the Yorktown Democratic Committee and its Co-Chairs Eliot Krowe and Ron Stokes' profanity toward this organization in an email dated September 28th, 2019 and hence are not qualified to lead their party.

The Yorktown Chamber stands together with all the people of Yorktown in denouncing these hateful, divisive and antagonistic remarks put forth by the leaders of The Yorktown Democratic Committee.

In a statement Yorktown Chamber President Sergio Esposito said: "The truth wills itself out and It is clear that the leaders of the Yorktown Democratic Committee and Democratic Candidates chose to play politics at the expense of all the people of Yorktown and had no intention on attending the fair Chamber Debates. Further, there is no room for this hateful and divisive behavior in Yorktown and the people of Yorktown do not deserve it. I am calling on Supervisor Ilan Gilbert to take control of his party and denounce publicly the profanity laced remarks leveraged at The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce by the Yorktown Democratic Committee Co-Chairs to show good faith that the Yorktown Democrats stand against such hate."

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce stands firm in its belief that public officials and leaders should work with and not degrade local organizations, businesses and citizens that support the community regardless of what misperceived political affiliation the Yorktown Democratic Committee has deemed an organization or individual may or may not have. This is what it truly means to work for all the people of Yorktown.

The Chamber cannot and will not have its process influenced by any candidate or political party. The Yorktown Democrats have repeatedly attempted to influence the debate process.

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce is asking The Yorktown Democratic Committee to answer directly, and not continue to avoid, the following question which was posed some weeks ago: "How do you foresee that Chamber debate co-moderators Aaron Bock and Rosemarie Panio could conceivably conduct an unfair debate that would favor one candidate over another?"

Aaron Bock is a well-respected former Democrat Supervisor and district leader and Rosemarie Panio is a well-respected Republican district leader.

In another statement Yorktown Chamber President Sergio Esposito said: "The Chamber will not play politics. The debates will continue as scheduled and I will have a chair waiting for all candidates. I ask the candidates to do what is right for all the people of Yorktown and the town level debates on October 23rd, 7 p.m. at the Yorktown Stage."

SERGIO ESPOSITO,
President, Yorktown Chamber of Commerce

Yorktown Dems Will Provide Results for Residents

To the Editor:

I am writing to endorse and to urge voters support the re-election of Supervisor Ilan (Lanny) Gilbert and Town Clerk Diana Quast and the election of their running mates for Town Council Sheralyn Goodman and Patricia Sullivan-Rothberg.

I have been able to work closely with Lanny, Diana and their new Democratic majority for the benefit of all Yorktown residents, including providing at \$200,000 for the construction of an adaptive playground, and \$71,000 in traffic safety equipment to slow traffic near Yorktown schools. Sheralyn & Trish are committed to Lanny & Diana's vision of effective and efficient government at the lowest cost to the taxpayer while maintaining Yorktown's quality of life and environmental protection.

The Gilbert administration brought over \$4.0 million in new revenue from the Atlantic Bridge Pipeline project, added a new 20-year wireless services agreement, supported additional re-paving, saved future costs by requiring Lowe's to maintain its own sewer and water, and saved \$700,000 in recreation facility and public service contracts.

Town Clerk Diana Quast created the mobile Town Clerk's office, started paperless digitizing of records while preserving historic documents, streamlined dog license renewal by putting the process on-line, and, with the Council, opened government to more community input and participation.

Sheralyn Goodman has practiced law for over 30 years, as a prosecutor, defense lawyer and advocate for those with drug addiction and mental illness, including our veterans. She is currently an administrator in law enforcement at the Westchester County Probation Department. Patricia Sullivan-Rothberg is a distributor of documentary films and has worked in the film industry for the last twenty-five years. Both will add their remarkable talents to the Yorktown Town Board and are committed to ending the culture of divisiveness that has plagued Yorktown politics for years.

Their whole team will continue the progress of the Gilbert administration who, working with my office, will continue to provide results for the residents of Yorktown.

Sincerely,

PETE HARCKHAM
NY State Senate, 40th S.D.

Slater Has a Record of Accomplishments

To the Editor:

Matt Slater has been slammed for running on the accomplishments of State Senator Murphy's office. Matt was Chief of Staff, managed the office and was an integral part of the successes. He has a strong record of accomplishment in government, and doesn't need to take credit for the accomplishments of others, including predecessors. Most importantly, Matt

is focused on the future of Yorktown, expounding fresh and innovative ideas. Matt has openly stated that he's willing to debate his opponent anywhere. Let's hope that Matt's challenge is accepted so that the town has the opportunity to clearly contrast the candidates.

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Letters to the Editor

Tactics Used to Sway Public Opinion Must Be Weighed in Booth

To the Editor:

I find that in today's political world, politicians fabricating horrendous stories against their opponents has become a right of campaign. The worse that one can make the other appear to the public is a tactic that many feel will gather them votes.

In the campaign for District 9 involving the Westchester Board of Legislators, which represents the area from Briarcliff Manor to parts of Peekskill, the incumbent, Catherine Borgia did just this to her opponent Robert Outhouse. This is an excerpt taken from the Westchester Gazette published during the Week of October 10th.

"The Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee has ruled 'unfair' comments made by Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-District Nine) in relation to her Republican opponent at a forum held in July in White Plains."

Borgia was cited by Fair Campaign Practice Committee, that there was no proof that any such mailer ever existed or was ever sent. Ms. Borgia's comments are in violation of one of the committee's principles: "The candidate will neither engage in nor be involved with false or misleading attacks upon the character of an opponent. ..."

In a requested e-mail response to the Gazette regarding the Fair Campaign Practice Committee's finding, Ms. Borgia replies "Mr. Outhouse can worry about scoring 'he-said/she-said' political points in the press."

Ms. Borgia made these statements on YouTube, there is no doubt she said these derogatory words at the forum hosted by the Indivisible Westchester. Ms. Borgia, seeking her fourth two-year term on the 17-member Board of Legislators this fall, was speaking about her opponent, Robert Outhouse, who had first challenged her

two years ago in his first run for public office. She then referred to a Republican campaign mailer "against me (in 2017) saying I wanted to let brown people in to rape our white daughters in Westchester, our blonde white daughters."

These inflammatory statements were found to be untrue as Mr. Outhouse never was involved in any mailer, nor did he make any statements in that vein towards anyone especially Ms. Borgia.

We as voters must question in today's political arena the egregious tactics that are being used to sway the public's opinion and subsequently their precious vote and separate "Yellow campaign tactics" and keep to the Issues that most effect our present and future lives. Integrity, and reputation must be a major factor in our voting decisions.

BRUCE BELLOM
Chairman Peekskill Republican Committee

Democrats in Yorktown Have Nothing to Point to as Their Own

To the Editor:

November 5th election is approaching quickly and every voter should be educating themselves on all candidates, not just those of their preferred party. Ask yourself what qualifications they possess and what are your expectations from them if elected. To be an effective elected official one must be honest, respectful, and intelligent with skills and experience to qualify for such positions. We want leaders who will represent all of us and do what is best for Yorktown, rather than their own self-interest.

For the past two years the resident of Yorktown have been subjected to cronyism, backroom deals and outright misman-

agement by the current Supervisor and the Democrats on the Town Board. The documented instances of ethics violations, no bid contracts to Yorktown Democrats District Leaders and failure to lead just to name a few. When asked about plans for developing the town's infrastructure they say they are looking for ideas. The Democrats take credit for the Grace administration's accomplishments (CareMount Medical Building for example) but have nothing to point to as their own.

Yorktown needs leaders who are willing to work in a bipartisan manner and have the strength and fortitude to stand up for the rule of law, the free press and to lead

in a fiscally responsible manner. Supervisor Gilbert and Town Clerk Quast have failed our expectations and have put party politics before the town. I support Matthew Slater for Town Supervisor, Mary Capoccia for Town Clerk, Councilman Ed Lachterman and Tom Diana for reelection and the most experienced candidates for County Legislature Michael Grace in District 4 and Frank Catalina in District 1.

I'm looking forward to a positive change but only you and I can make it happen. As voters, we hold the power.

KEVIN MURPHY

Slater Has Run a Campaign on Issues

To the Editor:

I was shocked to see an advertisement on my Facebook page by the Yorktown Democrats claiming that Supervisor Candidate Matt Slater was a racist, an "operative," and a "wolf in sheep's clothing." This rhetoric stemming from the Yorktown Democratic Committee, including Elliot Crowes email about the Chamber of Commerce an organization that supports so many businesses, fundraisers and town events in Yorktown, is dangerous and hateful. From what I can see, Matt has run a campaign based on important local issues that are important to me and my family. As a candidate Matt has put forward a plan to improve the viability of the town's environment, particularly lakes such as Lake Mohegan (which has not been swimmable for as long as I've lived in Yorktown). He's talked about the need to provide more serv-

ices for our Veterans and establish a local Veterans council. And he's talked about the need to make Yorktown a place where he can afford to stay and raise his family, and where I, or rather we, can all do the same.

Most importantly to me, though, whenever Matt has criticized Supervisor Ilan Gilbert, it has been based on his record, not baseless personal attacks. On the other hand, I have seen nothing criticizing Matt Slater's service to our community. Instead, out of pure desperation, the leaders of Yorktown Democratic Committee have resorted to a reprehensible smear campaign. Shouting out that Matt Slater is a racist and bigot is not leading our town to betterment, it is just hate.

It's more important now than ever to elect responsible local officials with character and integrity. The Yorktown Democratic committee lost my vote when they chose

to attack Matt Slater's personal character instead of standing by their own record. Perhaps they don't have much to stand by. All I know is that when this election is all over, every one of us will still live here in Yorktown, as neighbors, shopping at the same stores, sitting next to each at school functions or at places of worship and with that being said and if I happen to run into Matt and his family, whether at Acme or JV Bagels, I'll be proud to shake his hand.

CAROLE ESPOSITO,
Yorktown

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Letters to the Editor

Lachterman is Hard Working and Community-Oriented

To the Editor:

I do not know the writer of the letter in the Yorktown News (October 3, 2019) "Support the Yorktown Democrats" but I was offended by the remarks made against a friend of mine, Ed Lachterman.

The writer based their opinion on an incident at a town board meeting in October of 2018 where Councilman Patel interrupted Ed while he was speaking and waived a piece of paper in Ed's face.

When Ed tried to remove the paper from Mr. Patel's hands, Mr. Patel picked up the gavel and tried to strike Ed. Ed apologized repeatedly for his frustration and reaction to the paper being waived in his face. I do not recall ever hearing an apology from Mr. Patel.

I would like to tell you about the real Ed Lachterman that I have served with as a Yorktown Lion for the past 6 years. Ed is a small business owner and a long-time

resident of Yorktown. Ed goes out of his way to help anyone with a need as a Lion and as a councilman. He is not judgmental, always has a kind word to say and takes even his volunteering as a serious responsibility. I see Ed working with kids in our community through the scouts and ASK, and he is also the liaison for the Yorktown Senior Advisory Board. He supports our troops with "United for the Troops," our veterans with "My Brother Vinny" and is a

founding member and officer of the "Sons of the American Legion" in Yorktown. You will also find him involved in many of our community events and even cooking breakfasts for the Sons of the American Legion breakfasts on the first Sunday of each month.

That is the hard working, community-oriented person that Ed Lachterman is and he deserves our vote on November 5th!

CAROL ROBERTS

Fugaro-Norton is Right Choice for Cortlandt Town Justice

To the Editor:

As a lifelong Cortlandt resident, and having seen the changes in our town over the years, I know that Maritza Fugaro-Norton is the best choice for Cortlandt Town Justice.

I have known Maritza for nearly a decade. Over the years, I have seen her raise her three wonderful children while con-

tinuing to work full time and volunteering in the community.

As a neighbor, she has shown she cares about our town and has helped in addressing issues affecting residents, such as speed control and loitering in the neighborhood.

Maritza has also shown through her legal career that she is a dedicated and tire-

less public servant. I know that she will be there when we need her and I'm sure her many years of experience in courtrooms will be invaluable as our next judge.

I can vouch for Maritza's character and integrity and know she will make impar-

tial and fair decisions and bring a needed change to our judiciary.

Maritza is the right choice for Cortlandt Town Justice and has my full support on November 5th.

PAUL LEIS

Democrat Debate Debacle

To the Editor:

The Yorktown Democrats are refusing to participate in the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce sponsored debates for the second time in as many election cycles. Their excuse this time is that the long time moderators of past debates Aaron Bock (former Democratic Supervisor) and RoseMarie Panio (a Republican) are incapable of being fair and impartial in their reading of questions, posed by the audience. The Democrats protest that the Chamber executive Board has registered Republicans as members. The Democrats cry foul. The fact is that some, but not all of the members of the Chamber Board are Republicans, and according to the Democrats this means there is a "conflict of interest." They then believe the debates will be tarnished by an appearance of impropriety. The Chamber

Board in fact is made up of both Democrats and Republicans who happen to work effectively with each other and with the utmost mutual respect. Perhaps the Democratic Party Chairs may want to stop by some time at a meeting and learn how mutual respect works. The Democrats' excuses are a hammer looking for a nail. The Democrats were never interested in debating. News flash: the moderators don't judge the candidates' performances the public does. There is no conceivable or arguable "conflict of interest" by the designated moderators posing questions. Again they don't judge. The only interest at stake is the public interest in hearing from the candidates; an interest that the Yorktown Democratic Party obviously couldn't care less about.

DAN BELCASTRO
Yorktown

Vote for Change by Electing Fugaro-Norton

To the Editor:

I have known Maritza Fugaro-Norton for 5 years and have been fortunate to have worked with her on the board of the VanCortlandtville Elementary School PTA (VCES PTA). I feel compelled to mention why I personally believe she is the best person to preside as Cortlandt Town Justice.

As Corresponding Secretary and Grade Parent Liaison of the VCES PTA for the past 4 years, Maritza has been responsible to handle the communication between the school, teachers and parents. The VanCortlandtville Elementary School has a diverse population and Maritza who is bilingual in English and Spanish, has been a tremendous asset in welcoming families to

the VCES PTA events and informing them of what is happening in the school. Maritza is open minded, kind, calm and displays the utmost professionalism in all she does. We are grateful to have Maritza as part of our VCES community and know she would bring the same qualities and work ethic to the judiciary.

Based on Maritza's professional experience, character and integrity, I firmly believe she is the best choice for Cortlandt Town Justice and the change the Town of Cortlandt judiciary needs.

KAREN VEGA
VanCortlandtville Elementary
School PTA, President
Cortlandt

Yorktown Supervisor Gilbert Has Proven to Be a Class Act

To the Editor:

We have lived in Yorktown for the past 44 years, our children graduated from the Yorktown central school district and we have no intention of moving. I worked for Westchester County government for almost my entire professional career and have been fascinated by the different leadership styles of local elected executives. Closely watching what has occurred in Yorktown has been quite revealing. Town supervisors Nancy Elliot and Linda Cooper were highly competent, effective and honorable leaders.

They were class acts. Unfortunately, this important leadership style was lost. Recent supervisors have been self-interested, petty and self-aggrandizing. Letters to the editor and columns with denigrating comments abounded. This ended when

Ilan Gilbert was elected as Yorktown's present supervisor. Mr. Gilbert is a competent, effective, fair, soft-spoken leader. Constituents are again treated with respect at

town hall and during town board meetings. Courtesy of the floor has been returned to its rightful place at the beginning of the session. Our supervisor is again a class act. This is hard to find in today's

contentious and disparaging political world. It is essential for Yorktown voters to support and keep a leader with Mr. Gilbert's qualities and strengths in office. Individuals should be judged on how they behave, how they speak and what they have accomplished. Not by what they claim they might do. Supervisor Gilbert deserves to be reelected.

STEVEN J. FRIEDMAN
Yorktown

Take Advantage of Early Voting

To the Editor:

At last!

For the first time in the history of New York, we can vote early. Voters need not take time off from work, and people who need assistance getting to the polls have more days to make plans for someone to drive them there. It's great!

This year is our first chance to make sure that early voting is enacted securely, properly and equitably for all New Yorkers. The more people who take advantage of early voting will help counties to identify improvements so we can get ready for the

2020 presidential election as smoothly as possible.

A thank you to the activists who have worked tirelessly and relentlessly to make this happen.

Let's take advantage of what we have been given. It's a gift.

The dates for early voting are Saturday, Oct. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 3. For locations and hours, visit www.VoteEarlyNY.org. For issues and support, call 866-OUR-VOTE.

Respectfully,

KAREN SEVELL GREENBAUM
Croton-on-Hudson

Letters to the Editor

Parlor Trick Politics in Yorktown

To the Editor:

Magicians make a living by sleight of hand parlor tricks. Simple distractions with one hand to divert your attention from what the other is doing. Even the most complicated tricks executed by trained professionals is only as good as the acting behind it to sell what's really going on.

But Yorktown is in a league all by itself. The campaign war rooms are as abundant as leaky ceilings left unattended in town hall. Specifically, the Yorktown Democratic Party, touting the "high-road" mentality, continues to submerge itself beneath the water at a depth that would make even the

100+ year old Titanic blush in an effort to skirt the facts of their failed policies.

Despite the low waters they troll whether it be intentional or not, emails keep surfacing of the blatant disregard for transparency to the constituent and the decency around a legitimate open dialogue on divergent philosophies of governance. It might sound shocking, but most of us know it's OK to think differently than your neighbor. But the Yorktown Democrats have attempted to make it a faux pas that the average voter would be able to make an informed decision. The premise of defending your principles has become so fleeting

you would be a pariah for thinking at all, let alone for your yourself.

The league the Yorktown Democrats find themselves in? The bush league. And speaking of leagues, it's shield on the topic of debates – the League of Women Voters – is using the same playbook used in 2017. Create a debate the same night as the annual Chamber of Commerce event. Fail to send out invitations. Act outraged your opponents won't show. Charge them with sexism or racism because no one wants the stigma or social label. Hold faux debate anyway with an empty chair as your opponent. Declare victory for standing your ground.

I know I lived it personally two years ago, but to anyone else, doesn't this sound all too familiar?

In the movie Dodgeball, it's famously said "if you could dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball." In the case of the Yorktown Democrats, they're attempting to dodge everything by refusing to show up for competition in the first place. As voters we need to send a clear message we recognize the parlor tricks and we can see right through their poor acting.

ROB PUFF
Yorktown

Gilbert Has Failed to Deliver an Open Government

To the Editor:

In an interview published on December 27, 2017, just days before taking office, Supervisor Ilan Gilbert stated, "I promised an open, transparent government that will be responsible to the electorate." Sounds good except Gilbert failed before he had the keys to town hall in his hand. The hiring of the Oxman Group always smelled fishy. Now we learn the process in which they were

hired was ethically compromised at best. Questions need to be answered about the \$1,200 payment by the Oxman Group to the Yorktown Democratic Committee just days before being hired. This is clear evidence of a pay-to-play scheme that should make any responsible taxpayer quiver. The news comes just weeks after Gilbert was forced to finally take action against Councilman Patel who was reprimanded by the Town's

Ethics Committee. Gilbert and his crew sat on the Patel ruling for six months! Is this what he calls open and transparent government? Thankfully we have true public servants who sounded the alarm from day one. Councilmen Diana and Lachterman maintained from the beginning that the hiring of the Oxman Group was wrong. If it wasn't for Councilman Lachterman, the Gilbert Gang would never have acknowledged or acted

on the recommendation of the Town's Ethics Board. "I promised an open, transparent government that will be responsible to the electorate." Supervisor Gilbert has failed to uphold every point of this statement - open, transparent and responsible. Supervisor Gilbert has been anything but.

Regards,

PETER SCHMITT,
Yorktown

Gilbert Should Not Take Credit for Project He Opposed

To the Editor:

An attribute to consider when voting for a candidate for office is their character. Can you trust them? Do they mean what they say? Do they have a vision? In the case of the current Supervisor Ilan Gilbert consider the following: On October 16th Gilbert attended the ribbon cutting of the new CareMount building across from Town Hall and located at the former site of the Murphy's Restau-

rant. For the past two years Gilbert and the local Democratic Party maligned the project in every which way a project could be maligned. The nonsense spewed at the project in fact generated a libel lawsuit between the Planning Board and the Co-Chair of the Democratic Party. The Co-Chair of the Democratic Party directed his ire and slander to those who painstakingly, as volunteers, approved the project. All of the vitriol was gen-

erated and used as a political weapon against the prior owners of the property. But upon the completion of the project the current Supervisor, Mr. Gilbert proudly posed at the opening. It does not seem to be appropriate to take credit for a completed project that he opposed. Gilbert has run a campaign trying to take credit for a litany of accomplishments that were not his from Granite Knoll, reducing the road re pavement cycle to the

Town's fiscal health all which pre-dated his tenure. Now complete, the CareMount project stands as grand testimony to the vision of Mr. Gilbert's predecessors as to what Yorktown could be with some real leadership and another opportunity for Gilbert to steal credit for something he not only had nothing to do with, but held in contempt.

LARRY CASSIDY
Yorktown

Attacks on Slater were Shameful

To the Editor:

We are writing because of the dishonest and shameful character attacks being lodged against our friend Matt Slater by Ilan Gilbert and the Yorktown Democratic Committee. They are baseless, ridiculous and both Supervisor Gilbert and his supporters should be ashamed of their conduct.

First, as Senator Murphy's Chief-of-staff, Matt assembled a talented and diverse team that well-served the residents of Yorktown and the entire 40th State Senate District. As we can personally attest, our staff was racially diverse, age-inclusive and brought together people of different political affiliations, ideologies and personal backgrounds in pursuit of public service.

Through Matt's leadership and that of Senator Murphy, we delivered real results

for the residents of Yorktown, including record state funding to repair local roads, purchase new equipment for Yorktown's fire departments and expand the Yorktown Police Department's K-9 Unit.

Matt is an accomplished leader who will give Yorktown a fresh start. Unlike Ilan Gilbert's shameful and slanderous conduct, Matt will be a supervisor that everyone in Yorktown can be proud of. We encourage you to vote for him on November 5th.

BRIAN K. AUSTIN, Peekskill
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JAMIE SPRAGUE, Carmel
TJ MCCORMACK, Somers
MARIANNE OROS, Cortlandt
JOHN WINTON, Putnam Valley
TOM HAGEN, Hopewell Jct.

Slater is a No-Brainer to Lead Yorktown

To the Editor:

Matt Slater's campaign for Yorktown Supervisor has picked up some serious steam since its start earlier this year. More and more of my neighbors are talking about his energy and enthusiasm for the position, and they're excited to see a fresh face occupy the Supervisor's office in Town Hall. What some might not know, though, is that Matt is not a newcomer at all. He's been behind the scenes improving Yorktown for the better part of 10 years.

Readers of this and other local newspapers will remember the headlines: the traffic light being re-installed on Route 118; \$250,000 to fund the re-paving of Quinlan Street (which is just about the nicest road in town now, by the way); funding for the Yorktown police department to purchase and train a K-9 dog; \$80,000 for a weed harvester to help our local lakes combat harm-

ful algal blooms. The list goes on and on. Matt was behind the scenes bringing stakeholders together, applying for the funding, and delivering what Yorktown residents wanted and needed: local solutions to local issues.

Now that Matt is in front of the spotlight, he may be a fresh face, but he is more experienced than anyone I know, and more qualified for the job of Supervisor than anyone I can think of. He would be a great candidate based just on his love for our town: he's a product of Yorktown schools, who chose to build a life here with his wife and two young children. When you throw on top of that his extensive experience in local government, it's a no-brainer. I'm so excited to see what our next Supervisor, Matt Slater, has in store for Yorktown.

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CareMount Medical Opens New Yorktown Office at Kear St.

CareMount Medical, the largest independent multi-specialty medical group in New York State, held a grand opening October 16 for the relocation, and expansion of its three Yorktown offices to 355 Kear Street. The new 40,000-square-foot office building, open seven days a week, offers 13 specialties, urgent care, radiology, and lab services. Office hours vary by specialty and service.

"With 13 specialties, plus urgent care, radiology and laboratory services all under one roof, we are able to provide our patients a



Ribbon cutting ceremony was held October 16.

one-stop-shop for their healthcare needs," said Scott D. Hayworth, MD, FACOG, President and CEO of CareMount Medical. "Patients

will also enjoy the convenience of a new state-of-the-art MRI in the community. As we continue to grow across New York State,

our mission remains to offer our patients healthcare that revolves around them and now in a beautiful new office our patients will look forward to visiting."

The GE 1.5T Signa™ Voyager MRI machine provides patients with greater comfort, shorter and quieter scans, and a more pleasant environment, while delivering enhanced imaging capabilities. The wide bore and low height of the machine allows patients who are claustrophobic, or those who have wide shoulders or may not fit into a traditional MRI enclousure, to rest more comfortably during an exam. Additionally, the MRI features exceptional image quality and accuracy to enhance diagnostic results.

Previously, CareMount Medical had three offices in Yorktown. The new office offers specialties not previously available at the former locations including colorectal surgery and dermatology.

For a full listing of providers, specialties, and office hours at CareMount Medical's Yorktown office, visit: www.caremountmedical.com/yorktown.

First Hebrew to Host Joe Rosenstein, Scholar-In-Residence

In an effort to make Jewish liturgy more understandable and meaningful, First Hebrew has invited Jewish educator and Professor of Mathematics Joe Rosenstein to spend the weekend of November 15 discussing Judaism and answering questions at multiple free events.

"People often have obstacles to meaningful prayer experiences," said Rosenstein, "and my goal is to help people address those obstacles."

Rosenstein is the author of the "Eit Ratzon" Jewish prayer book recently added to services at First Hebrew Congregation. Spiritual seekers will find new translations

and commentaries on traditional Hebrew text to help them make more personal connections to prayer. According to Rosenstein, "Eit Ratzon," which means the right time for prayer, is actually anytime.

First Hebrew's Rabbi Dana z. Bogatz likens it to a layman's guide to prayer. It is based on Rosenstein's 50 years as an educator, at synagogues and conferences as well as at Rutgers University, from where he recently retired from the Mathematics Department. Rabbi Dana, as she likes to be called, de-

scribes his knowledge of liturgy and other Jewish topics as "soul deep," and his educational style as "moving, inspiring and enlightening." Several events have been arranged to get the most from this "Scholar-In-Residence" program.

On November 15, Rosenstein will discuss the making of his prayer book during First Hebrew's new Speaker Series, held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During Shabbat morning services on November 16, starting at 9:30 a.m. meditations and teach-

ing will be woven throughout the service. On Sunday, November 17 at 10 a.m., there will be a special program on The Psalms of Hallel, which are sung on holidays because of their life affirming celebratory inspiration.

First Hebrew has been inspiring pride in Jewish heritage for over 125 years. Located on the border of Cortlandt and Peekskill, at 1821 Main St., Route 6, First Hebrew serves the Jewish and interfaith communities in many of its surrounding towns. Visit www.firsthebrew.org, call 914-739-0500, or contact Rabbi Dana at rabbi@firsthebrew.org.



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Obituaries

Charlotte Zuckerman

Charlotte Zuckerman, beloved wife of the late Newton Zuckerman, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died at home surrounded by her two daughters and her many grandchildren. She was 90.

She loved life and lived with it with amazing zest and generosity. She lived in Yorktown for 63 years raising two daughters while having a successful real estate career. She was always active playing tennis, golf and bridge, right up until six months ago. She was a proud and loving matriarch. Her six grandchildren gave her 10 great-grandchildren. Definitely the family historian, she kept up with pictures that were displayed, gallery style in her hall.

She had a wide circle of friends who adored her. She was known to all as a highly competent woman who knew how to organize and get it done! Large and in-charge at just 5' tall, she was independent right up to the end. Everywhere her daughters and grandchildren went in her life circles, they all heard, "We love your Mom/Grandma" "She is one of a kind".

She is survived by her daughters Cat Gilliam Cunningham, Carol Gilliam and Eileen Silverman; grandchildren Charlotte Durma, Colleen Noviello, Leon Ransmeier, Matthew Noviello, Megan Ransmeier and Michaela Sturgeon; and great-grandchildren Christopher Bush, Derek Bush, Jordan Caldwell, Kristina Noviello, Ava Bush, Payton Caldwell, Henry Hibbs, Cailey Noviello, Oliver Hibbs

and Dani Caldwell.

Anna Migliaccio

Anna Migliaccio, a longtime resident of Yorktown, died peacefully at home October 15 surrounded by family after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. She was 89.

She was born in the Bronx, Anna Barbara Brescia to Louis and Olympia (Cimorelli) in 1930. Her childhood memories were always of a happy home filled with music and dancing. She graduated from Evander Childs High School and went on to work for the New York Telephone Company in Manhattan. She is survived by her brother, Dr. Michael Brescia, also of Yorktown, and was heartbroken by the loss of her sisters Annette (Merola) and Josephine (DeLucia).

She met the love of her life, Angelo Migliaccio, and they married on October 26, 1952. After leaving the Bronx, they settled and built their home in Yorktown in 1961. There they would live together and raise their children for the next 58 years.

Mrs. Migliaccio was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her family and embraced every moment with them. Her life was a living example of unselfishness, caring, and kindness.

After her children were grown, she proudly returned to the workforce and was employed at B.O.C.E.S of Yorktown as a film librarian. She met and made many dear lifelong friends there and retired only to spend

more time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her devoted husband Angelo, loving children Lynette Migliaccio, Patricia (John) Curran, Mary (Gary) Attanasio, Thomas (Theresa) Migliaccio. Adored Grandmother of John (Stephanie) Curran, Robert (Erin) Curran, Michael Curran, Christopher (Allison) Curran, Alexis and Robert Attanasio, Jack, Benjamin, Timothy, William and Eliana Migliaccio. Cherished great-grandmother of Madison and Luke. She also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews who she held dear to her heart.

Elizabeth Williams

Elizabeth (Betty) Williams, a resident of Ossining, died October 15. She was 90.

She was born in Ossining to Henry Ludwig and Jane Longfellow Ludwig. She graduated from Ossining High School in 1946. She worked at Maryknoll as a graphic typist, typing stencils for magazines.

On June 3, 1951, she married Joseph P. Williams at St Ann's Church in Ossining. She enjoyed babysitting for her granddaughters and other relatives and friend's children.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Frank A. Vassallo III, granddaughters, Francine (Justin) Minadeo, Dawn (Michael) Turco, and 3 great-grandsons, Oliver Turco, Joseph P. (JP) Turco, and Ryder Minadeo and many relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph P. Williams, her daughters, Barbara

A. Vassallo and Sharon L. Williams, and her parents and two brothers, Charles and Henry Ludwig, sister, Mary Jane Hinckel.

Janet Moran

Janet M. Moran, a resident of Cortlandt, died October 13. She was 68.

She was born January 8, 1951 in New York City to Albert and Eileen Carter. She graduated Gannon University with a nursing degree and Long Island University with a Master's degree in counseling. She married James Moran on October 9, 1976. She began her career at New York Presbyterian in New York City, she later became Director of Nursing Operations at New York Presbyterian Westchester. Upon retirement she became an Associate Professor of Nursing at the College of Mt. St. Vincent.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years James, sons Matthew and Christopher and daughter Lauren Born and her husband James. Janet's mother survives Eileen Carter along with her brother Paul Carter.

Raymond Tucciarone

Raymond Tucciarone, a resident of Yorktown, died October 14. He was 54.

He was born March 31, 1965 in the Bronx to Joseph and Carol Tucciarone. On June 5, 1993, he married the love of his life Ida Reynolds. He is survived by his devoted wife Ida

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- 20 years of legal experience and service to the public.
- Former bilingual staff attorney for the Pace Women's Justice Center.
- Private practice appearing in Local, State and Federal Courts.
- 13 years as a Court Attorney in the Westchester County Family Court, one of the busiest courts in Westchester County.

"My commitment to serve the public interest was formed early in my career with an internship at the Bronx Legal Aid Society. Assisting people going through important times in their lives, I knew we were making a difference. As an attorney, a mom and neighbor, to be able to continue this service in the community my family calls home and insure our residents are treated with a fair and unbiased judiciary would be an honor and a privilege."

-Maritza Fugaro-Norton

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The Shrink Wrappers

BY JAMES MIRANDA

Fixing, maintaining, and just being around boats in general was and has been David Will's passion for most of his life, but he's been able to diversify the field through his business The Shrink Wrappers.

His parents opened a business next door to Sunland Marine in Brookfield, Conn. where he grew up and found himself working there in no time repairing boats and wrapping them for cross country shipping.

It was the beginning of his passion, which led to his founding of Marine Services Packaging in 1987 when he was 22 years old. It was the start of the shrink-wrapping business for him and something he did on the side. It mainly focused on boats and other industrial objects like shipping containers that were traveling cross country.

He continued to fix boats in addition to wrapping them, but found himself questioning if he could keep up with the advancements of boat technology, thus



David Will, owner of The Shrink Wrappers.

making him search for different avenues.

"About five years ago, someone called me and asked about doing their patio furniture because they were having some renovations done on their house and they couldn't get it in," Will said. "I went up and did it and they called again the next year and I'm thinking to myself this is a little niche I can get out there."

The Shrink Wrappers is one of

the few full-service shrink-wrapping businesses in the tristate area. What makes them different is that they shrink wrap just about anything customers need protected from Mother Nature like patio furniture, roofs, fountains, or classic cars.

This niche has revitalized his business and fueled his decision to stray away from fixing boats to shrink wrapping boats and other things five years ago, exclusively

becoming The Shrink Wrappers.

"Things were stale for a while. You're doing boats, you're doing boats, so now it's kind of cool to do something very different," Will said. "People need to know that this is an option for them. This is the wave because now your pool guy doesn't have to bring all your furniture into the garage, now you can put your car back into the garage, or it can stay outside and safe for the winter."

The shrink-wrapping process begins with a mold of the product using sturdy strapping wire with interwoven threading patterns to ensure reliability. Items are wrapped with this strapping twice—once inside and outside. This is done that way rain and snow can't cave in on the item being wrapped. Next is the actual shrink wrap—a 7-milimeter thick and recyclable plastic sheet. It's the actual piece protecting items and is secured using a shrink wrap gun that seals the wrap.

The last and most important step is to vent the wrapping to help control moisture levels throughout the day. Tempera-

tures fluctuate before and after winter and if an item isn't vented mildew will grow.

Now that it's fall and winter draws near, it's The Shrink Wrappers' time to shine. Will operates two-to-four crews and they cover Litchfield, Conn. to Westchester. Prices vary depending on what's being shrink wrapped.

The possibilities of what can be wrapped is limitless, according to Will, but he wants to find other ways to use it and that's ultimately his goal for his passion going forward.

"We're diversified, we're not just interested in doing boats. Boats are just one tiny aspect of it," said Will, who's using pink shrink wrap this month in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "I want to make it so I'm getting more and more industrial customers. The key is to keep this growing."

For more information, The Shrink Wrappers can be contacted via their PO Box: PO Box 774, Brookfield, Conn., by phone call: (203) 740-0175, or their Facebook page: @shrinkwrappers.

Matt Slater was raised in Yorktown. He graduated from the Yorktown Central School District and he remains an active member in his church and a local volunteer. Matt served as Chief-of-Staff to State Senator Terrence Murphy and has more than a decade of experience in state and county government.

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Matt and his wife Kellie and their two children Charlie and Elizabeth.

United Taxpayers of Yorktown Continue to Advocate for Residents

BY RICK PEZZULLO

For the last 43 years, the United Taxpayers of Yorktown (UTY) have been advocates for residents, urging elected officials to use funds wisely.

On a chilly Saturday morning on the steps of Yorktown Town Hall, UTY President Ed Ciffone, nicknamed the "Tax Watchdog," led a small rally to call on candidates running for office in the November 5 election to protect taxpayers.

"This is our money," Ciffone said in reference to Yorktown's \$11.2 million general fund balance. "Why shouldn't they (town officials) use that money to lower taxes? What is the priority? Is it the people or the developers or what? Taxes in Yorktown go up no matter what, no matter how much money we have in the surplus."

UTY recently sent a letter to the state Comptroller's Office asking what percentage of a municipal budget is recommended to be set aside for a rainy day. Ciffone said the state maintained 15% was okay. In recent years, Yorktown has saved 20%.

"The town should not hold a 20% piggy



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

UTY President Ed "The Watchdog" Ciffone on steps of Yorktown Town Hall Saturday.

bank on the backs of the taxpayers," said Councilman Ed Lachterman, who is seeking a second four-year term. "We need to be able to take the fund balance and aggres-

sively attack the issues of the town. If we don't use our money wisely, we're not doing our job."

Lachterman explained "minimal" tax in-

creases were appropriate, saying the town should aim to only have 12% of the budget in fund balance.

"We can't just hold it at bay," he said. "We need to get the job done with the money we're collecting."

Matt Slater, who is running for supervisor on the Republican line with Lachterman, said affordability was the number one issue facing the town. He said 77% of property taxes in Yorktown are paid by homeowners.

"Yorktown has the lowest commercial tax base in the county," Slater said. "We need to restore the fiscal health of this town."

Former Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, who is running for the District 1 seat on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, said when he took office the city's fund balance was \$7,500. When he left four years later, the fund balance was \$2.8 million.

"We had to raise taxes just to meet our budget," he said. "It all starts with the taxpayers. Without the money we couldn't exist."

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Westchester County Assistant District Attorney for 32 years
- Chief of Local Criminal Courts and Grand Jury Division
- Chief of Major Case Bureau
- Deputy Chief of Homicide Bureau
- Tried to verdict: murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, assault and weapons possession cases.
- Violent Felony Coordinator
- Mental Health Court Coordinator
- Member of Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Member of the Raise the Age Committee

EDUCATION:

- Albany Law School, Juris Doctor, 1986
- Villanova University, B.A. Economics, 1983

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and two loving children Anthony and Stephanie. Raymond was also a beloved uncle and brother in law. He loved all sports and coached basketball and baseball. He was an avid Jets, Knicks, and Yankees fan. He was a beloved friend to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Pasquale Cavallo

Pasquale Cavallo, a 41-year resident of Yorktown, died October 15. He was 76.

He was born January 20, 1943 in Stigliano, Prov Matera, Italy. He came to the United States at the age of 17 in November 1961. He attended Gompers Trade High School. He later went on to become an electrician and owner of C.P. Electrical Contractors Inc. and JAMN Electrial. On June 22, 1968, he married Angela Morano. They moved from the Bronx to Yorktown where they raised their family. Pasquale had hobbies included winemaking, gardening and fishing.

He is survived by his wife Angela of 51 years and his children; Maria Ahmed, Giuseppe and his wife Marisol, Natalie (Cavallo) Torrieri and her husband Joseph and Angela Cavallo. Also survived by his six grandchildren; Joseph, Joseph (JoJo), Justin, Valerie, Maryssa and Adriana.

Audrey Harlow

Audrey Rose Harlow, a former resident of Yorktown, died October 12. She was 85.

She was born and raised in White Plains to Arthur Rose of New York City and Julia Keeler Rose of South Salem. She attended White Plains schools. In 1949 the family moved to Elmsford, and she graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School in June 1951.

She earned both her BS and MS degrees from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Her teaching career spanned 48 years for the Yorktown Central School District where she taught both primary and intermediate grades and was selected to be an Instructional Specialist to assist new teachers.

She lived and worked in Yorktown until she and her husband, Ed Harlow, retired and moved to Ferrington Village, NC. in 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Harlow, two children, James Howard Wynkoop and Carolyn Jane Wynkoop, and six grandchildren, David, Beth, Ellen, Katelyn, Ethan and Aaron. Her two children, James and Carolyn, are from her marriage to Douglas Howard Wynkoop, who predeceased her in 1977.

When living in Yorktown, she was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mt. Kisco. After moving to North Carolina, she became a member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel where she participated in the Local Missions' Committee and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Robert Salvador

Robert J. Salvador, loving husband, father of 11, grandfather of 24, great-grandfather of two and a longtime Putnam Valley resident, died October 14. He was 89.

He was born on May 4, 1930 in the Bronx, to Louis and Rose (Foley) Salvador. He at-

tended Gorton High School where he played baseball and football. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served overseas in Germany. Later he attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Geology. After a brief sojourn in California, Mr. Salvador returned to New York. He married Patricia A. Shaefer on July 21, 1962 in Yonkers, where they began their lives. In 1970, they moved to Putnam Valley, where they resided for 48 years until they moved to Poughkeepsie, in 2018. They raised six sons, and four daughters. For most of his career, he worked for the New York State Department of Labor, from which he was retired.

Mr. Salvador was a devout Roman Catho-

lic his entire life, and his faith in God's eternal love was the foundation on which he built his life. He was also devoted to his family, especially his wife of 55 years and their descendants, as well as his parents, his siblings, and his many nieces and nephews. After these, he loved baseball (and other sports) and learning almost equally to teaching others his lessons learned in life and sports. He was known to many as a youth baseball coach for the Shrub Oak Athletic Club and as a religious education (CCD) teacher in the St. Columbanus Catholic Parish, where he taught for more than 40 years. He was known to all for his sense of humor and as an avid storyteller. He was quick to begin one of his many, many

personal and fantastic stories, which sometimes made one question the boundaries of their own reality, but always made one laugh and learn and experience his rich life through his unique eyes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis, his mother, Rose, his brother, Gerard, and his son, Christopher. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Pat) and their 10 children and spouses— Joseph and Hope-Sutton, Catherine, Teresa and Jeff (Black), Patricia and Bob (Conklin), John and Kristi, Paul, Regina, Mark and Jennifer, Peter and Sara, and Michael, his 24 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his brother Jim and his sister Rosanne Martin.



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Interested applicants are advised to submit a fully completed application form along with their resume, listing all related degrees, training and work experience. Incomplete applications or those submitted without a resume will be rejected. Applications of candidates who do not meet the stated position requirements will not be considered. **Position is open until filled.** Applications can be obtained at the:

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TUESDAY, OCT. 22

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

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

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Shrub Oak Speakers Series: The Importance of a Neuropsychological Evaluation for a Child with Special Needs will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 3151 Stoney St., Mohegan Lake. Please RSVP to events@shruboak.org or call 914-885-0110, Ext. 739 for more information. This event is free and open to the public.

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. 23

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.

New York Presbyterian Programs: Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd. The New York Blood Drive will be held on Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The New York Blood Center welcomes donors of at least 17 years of age, or 16 years of age (with written consent from a parent or guardian), and donors ages 16 to 18 are also subject to additional height/weight restrictions. The drive will be held in the main lobby. Info: www.nybloodcenter.org. The NYP Hudson Valley Hospital Wellness Series will be held on Oct. 24 at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., from 1 to 2 p.m. Dr. Nicole Belkin, orthopedic surgeon, New York-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley, will give a community lecture on "Sitting is the New Smoking." Registration: 914-941-2416, Ext. 327. The 59th annual NYP Hudson Valley Hospital Annual Fall Gala will be held on Oct. 25 at the Tarrytown House Estate on the Hudson, 49 E. Sunnyside Lane. To purchase tickets, call 914-734-3526.

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.

Wing Nite: Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program Wing Nite from 7 to 9 p.m. at Travelers Rest, Route 100, Ossining. It is open to men whose lives have been affected by a spouse or partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required to attend, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

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 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or www.yorktownjewishcenter.org.

IBM Retirees: The Tri-State IBM Retirees will meet at the United Methodist Church Hall, E Main Street, Shrub Oak. This meeting will be the third Thursday of the month due to the fact that the usual meeting on the fourth Thursday is Halloween. Bharat Jani (BJ), an insurance specialist, will discuss Medicare for 2020. Social and coffee will be held at 1 p.m., with the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916.

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,

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

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.

Bethel Halloween Happenings: Children are invited to wear their costumes and be part of our Halloween fun (accompanied by an adult) at the Bethel Nursing Home's Springvale Inn campus, 62 Springvale Rd., Croton, on Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 from 3 to 6 p.m. Call 914-739-4404 for more information.

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

Temple Beth Am Services: A Friday night Shabbat services will be held at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or email him at rabbiiw@optonline.net.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

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.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Services: New Rabbi, New Year, New Beginnings! Please join us for a Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 26, followed by Lunch & Learn (on Oct. 12 and 26), a discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis. Kiddush luncheon will be served. The service will be led by Rabbi Leis and Cantor Rut First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. E-mail info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

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.

Halloween Train Show: This year's Halloween Train Show is concluding on

Happenings

Oct. 26 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lasdon Park, 2610 Amawalk Rd. (Route 35), Somers. Admission, which is sold at the gate, is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and free for ages two and under. Last tickets will be sold at 3:30 p.m. For more information, go to lasdonpark.org.

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.

Peekskill Safe Halloween: Get in the Halloween spirit with Trick or Treating, games and crafts for the kids. Sponsored by Peekskill High School's Interact Club and the City of Peekskill's Recreation Department, Safe Halloween will also feature pumpkin design and

Halloween cartoons on the big screen. The event is open to Peekskill children in preschool through sixth grade. Admission is free. The event will be held at 11 a.m. at the Peekskill High School cafeteria, 1072 Elm St. For more information contact the City of Peekskill Parks and Recreation Department at 914-734-7275 or visit www.cityofpeekskill.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for wom-

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

MONDAY, OCT. 28

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.

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Police Blotter

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Shannon R. Bishop, 27, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt when she was interviewed during a sobriety safety checkpoint. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Brittany Muniz, 24, of Yorktown, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 202 in the Town of Yorktown when she was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

OCTOBER 14

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Cristiam M. Loja Pizarro, 30, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.



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Avoiding a Horror Story When It's Time to Move

When I told my wife that I received a cold call from a moving company and agreed to meet with a representative because the caller seemed so nice, she went into panic mode. "Oh, my," she said, "haven't you heard all the horror stories about movers?"

Before the end of the day, she had printed out 89, count them, 89 online postings of moving stories from hell, everything from drivers showing up drunk to not showing up at all, to holding truckloads of furniture for ransom until inflated prices were paid to victims of a scam. Even we had experienced a couple of them ourselves. With our last move when the company did the packing for us, hadn't they unbelievably thrown our hammer into the same box with our signed Tiffany candy dish, shattering the latter to bits?

By the time I had skimmed through all the postings, I was really anxious and was prepared to ask a lot of questions, even though my eventual move is barely four miles across town.

However, within moments from the time Phil Derasmo of Advantage Moving & Storage Systems arrived, I felt totally at ease. First of all, even though his direct marketing representative, the nice lady on the phone named Felice, had called from

someplace in New Jersey, I learned that Phil was the president of the company and a neighbor, hailing from neighboring community, Mahopac. Somehow, even though I do a lot of business with global companies, I like everybody else feel very good about shopping and supporting "local" as well.

When I asked how long he'd been in the business, he said, three generations, and it came with a story with real heart.

"My grandfather Mario started the business in the early 50s by making arrangements with his neighbors in the Bronx to go down to the port in lower Manhattan in his open wagon to pick up their relatives who were arriving by boat from Italy," he told me. "There were a lot of Italian immigrants coming over at that time, and they didn't come just with suitcases. They came with trunks. With many, maybe 2,000 or more, he was the first person they

met when they got off the boat. He would charge them about \$25 to get them up to the Bronx, and it took about two hours because it included an impromptu tour of Manhattan. He then started moving people, a natural progression"

Today, Phil's company is highly advanced with a contingent of trucks and warehousing and the most technically so-

phisticated website you can imagine which takes the guesswork out of calculating what the cost of a move is going to be by moving your browser over a map of the country. "That's the biggest problem with some companies in the business today," Phil said, "getting a straight answer about what the bottom line is with cost when you do comparative shopping among several movers. With our company, you just go to our website, and our cost calculator can take you anyplace in the country and you'll know what the basic cost will be." It's true. Go to www.advantagemoving.com and check it out. It's like a game to play.

But as technically advanced as Advantage may be with its marketing, the personal touch that its president offers, along with just a few other representatives who deal one-on-one with customers, is actually disarming.

I knew I was dealing with an honest, straight shooter when we were going through the rooms of my home and my biggest concern was my paintings. I was trying to calculate what it would cost to package up our paintings and framed prints which we've collected over the years. He simply said, "Why go through that expense? I'll give you some big boxes with separators, either cardboard or bubble wrap, and package them up, and why not move them yourselves? It will save you a lot of money!"

Phil tells me that 75 percent of his business comes from personal referrals and, indeed, I can understand why. His infor-

mation kit gives the names and telephone numbers of people in my own community I can call for recommendations.

Be sure to check out Advantage's really fun website even if you're not planning a move soon, but if you are, call 1-800-444-0104.

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Reviving the History and Wines of the Campania Region in Italy

In previous columns, I've focused on a number of the 20 Italian wine regions, describing the history, culture and wines of each.

One of the regions that I've highlighted is one of my favorites – Campania – for its backstory, its peoples and its wines. This week I'm beginning a multi-part series on my personal journey to a specific area and specific town in Campania.

In the next few columns, I will be much more granular, focusing on the subregion of Avellino and the sub-appellations of Fiano, Greco and Taurasi. I'll conclude with a report on my trip to Cantine Ciani, a winery deep in Taurasi, in which I have recently invested.

My goal is to inspire you to sample the wines of greater Campania and for you to appreciate the inherent beauty of the region through these wines.

How ironic, in the 21st century, that a significant source of Italy's influence comes not from the cultural city centers of its past but from those areas not known for their historic influence – wine regions. Not from the famous wine regions, but from the agricultural underbelly that has been feeding Italians for centuries, including Campania, the region just south

of Rome which incorporates Naples, the Amalfi Coast and the southern Apennine mountains.

Before the Italian Renaissance, there were wines being produced here. Revered wines from Campania date back two millennia to Greek and Roman settlements. Then came a long period of neglect and the near extinction of grapevines which had been planted as early as 1,000 B.C.



By Nick Antonaccio

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

The exodus of farmers to urban areas after the devastation wrought by World War II contributed to this demise. But things began to improve in the early 1990s. Winemakers from the north rediscovered the coveted volcanic soil and temperate climate of the Campania region. They researched the history of the indigenous grapes and they began to experiment in applying modern techniques and technology to the production of wines from these ancient grapes. The result – a Southern Renaissance

in winemaking that is just now becoming available in the United States.

Today's Campanian winemakers are plying their trade with a distinct elegance and aplomb that sets them apart from previous generations.

What are they planting? What grapes from this forgotten agricultural paradise

are creating a stir?

There are three white grapes and one red from Campania that have surged in popularity in the last 10 years.

Greco. It is the oldest cultivated grape in Campania. Its mild aroma and flavor profile make it perfect as a quaffing wine, but paired with a light seafood dish or a simple vegetable recipe, it seduces you with almond and pear aromas and flavor. This is the wine the Greeks cherished for its ideal balance between fruit and acid. Some wines never go out of favor.

Falanghina. If you like the Pinot Grigio of northern Italy for its aromatic bouquet and crisp palate pleaser, try this alternative. Bright and highly aromatic, it pairs well with Mediterranean white fish and light chicken and pork dishes.

Fiano. In my opinion, this is the most interesting of the Holy Trinity of Campanian whites. It has an intensity not found in its brethren and is redolent of nutty and spicy aromas. Try it with shellfish; you may never go back to white Burgundies.

Aglianico. This red grape is ascending to stardom next to its esteemed Italian brothers, Barolo and Brunello di Montalcino. An intense wine, rich in red fruit aromas, high in acid and tannins in its youth, this wine is made for aging. I rarely drink an Aglianico that is less than five years old. This is a wine I will place in my wine cellar, next to my Barolos and Brunellos, to enjoy with my young grandchildren on their 21st birthday.

Campania's winemakers are practicing their craft with Sprezzatura – the uniquely Italian art of effortless mastery. It's in their heritage and defines their destiny. Over the next several weeks, we'll get to know better my personal connection with the region, one winemaker in particular, and his wines.

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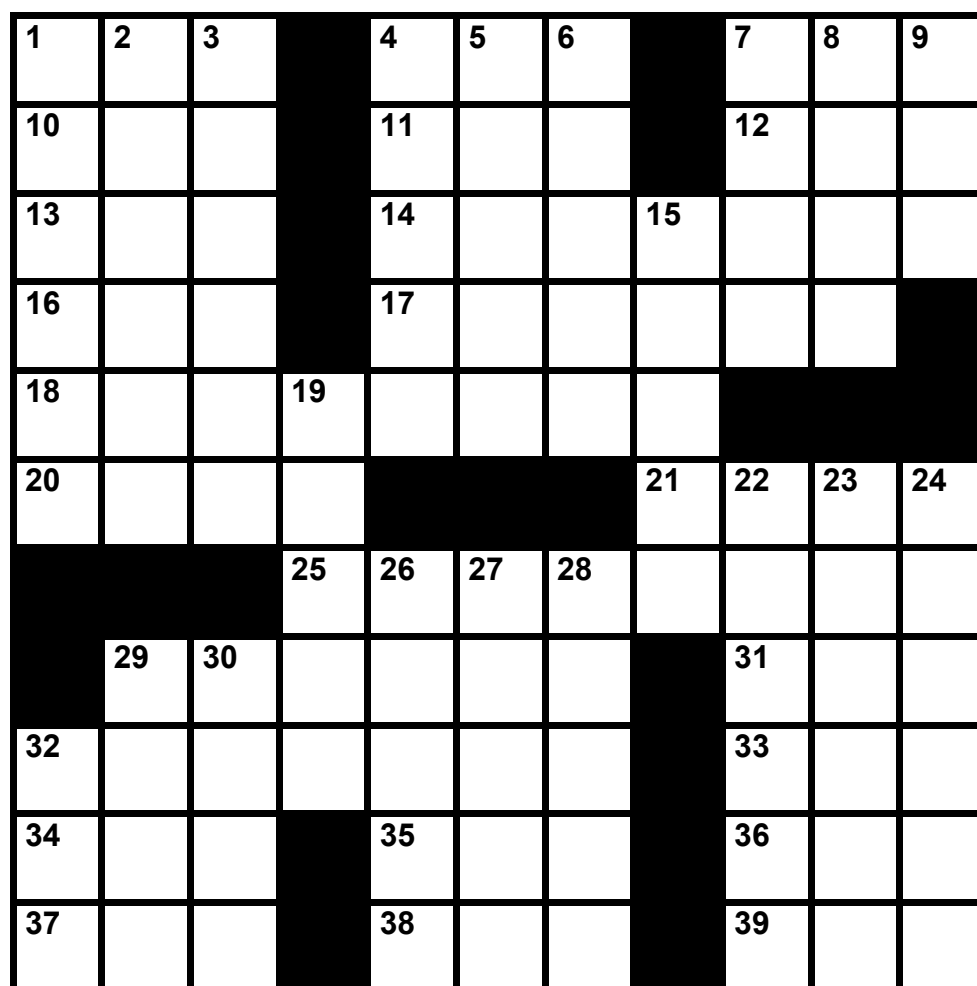
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4. Mariner's pronoun
7. Watson makers
10. Formerly, in wedding columns
11. Cleveland cager, for short
12. "Modern" word starter
13. Like some sunsets
14. Barnstormed
16. Temperature controls, briefly
17. Bag holder
18. Game for hunters
20. Warty hopper
21. Military quarters often
25. Cortlandt canine day care
29. South-east Asian country
31. Canadian city, abbr.
32. Railroad device
33. 100 lbs.
34. Movie format
35. Ending of an enzyme

DOWN

1. Absorbed
2. Come back again
3. It parted for Moses
4. Emulates Ella
5. ___ cow
6. Lake Geneva resort
7. A huge fan of
8. Epitome of redness
9. Stylish, in the 60s
15. Is ___ (probably will)
19. Make sense
22. Periods in history
23. Bonehead
24. Tear into shreds
26. Dental crown alternative
27. Ones in a gaggle
28. They have to be rotated every now and then
29. Somers spa
30. Bad-mannered



(Solution for puzzle on page 23)

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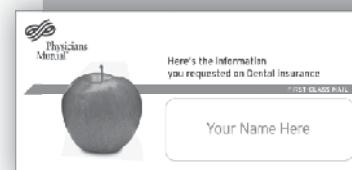
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Yorktown Makes No Bones in 40-6 Stomping of Hen Hud



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Yorktown LB Ryan O'Connor (44) gets the inside track on Hen Hud WR Sergio Siverio to pick this two-point jump ball play with assistance from DB Vito DeBellis (25) in the fifth-seeded Huskers' 40-6 Class A playoff qualifying win over the visiting No.12 Sailors last Friday. The Huskers advanced to Friday's quarterfinals and will visit No.4 Brewster Friday.. see Grid Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

Special Cayea: Carmel Coach Notches Milestone Win, 150

By Ray Gallagher

Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

There are few, if any, folks in the history of Carmel High that have meant more, and/or provided more notoriety to its athletic department than varsity football Coach Todd Cayea, the fiery, straight-shooting mentor of all things football... and then some.

A physical education teacher by trade, Cayea came to the Putnam County region via western NY, which you can still pick up in his accent from time to time, but his style is as direct as the setting sun: He tells it like it is, doesn't sugarcoat facts and the results speak for themselves.

Whether you play for him, or line up against his Rams, you best be prepared, because few coaches in Section 1 over the last quarter century are better equipped from a strategic standpoint than Cayea.

His attention to detail, his game planning, his mutual respect for opponents, his reverence for all things football and his command of the gridiron is the stuff of legend. It was all on display last Friday when the ol' ball coach racked up the 150th win of his career during the Rams' 52-14 triumph of host Mahopac: 18 of those career wins have come against the rival Indians. Those wins against Mahopac (18-8 for his career), plus his stubbornness to relinquish the coveted Bryan Higgins Trophy, define his coaching career more than the lone 1998 sectional title Carmel has procured during his time on the sideline.

"It's more about the athletes I've coached, the great coaches I've had around me, the administration and the support of the community than it is about me," Cayea said. "I never thought I'd get to this point when I came on board 25 years ago."

Cayea is more than X's and O's and his impact goes above and beyond Carmel football, which won the Higgins Trophy for the fifth-straight year (17th time in the last 25 years).

"You have to understand what a genuinely good man he is to the kids," said Carmel



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea notched the 150th win of his 25-year career in 52-14 rout of Mahopac Friday.

Assistant Coach Jim Donahoe, who, has a unique perspective, having spent many years on the opposite sideline as an assistant at Mahopac. "A lot of times you only see the 'Game Day' coach. I see the other stuff, which is the things that make him such a wonderful guy.

"As an assistant at Mahopac for five years I had the chance to help prepare our kids to play against Coach Cayea's teams," Donahoe added. "What makes him so difficult to prepare for is that he runs a 'Multiple Offense'. He uses many different formations and personnel and has the ability to use the entire field to attack his opponents. You must be very diligent and detailed in your preparation when playing a Carmel football team."

Having joined forces with Cayea four years ago, Donahoe has an ever greater appreciation for the coach, having spent countless hours by his side while grooming interior linemen.

"In that short time I have gained tremendous admiration for Coach Cayea's work ethic and passion for the game, and, more so, for the young men he coaches," Donahoe said. "What I have witnessed on a daily basis is a coach whose preparation and attention to detail is second to none. At staff meetings, Todd has zero ego. As a lifelong learner, he encourages and facilitates a free-flowing exchange of ideas and strategies from his coaches. His only demand is that we bring the same passion and energy that he displays, and that we coach the heck out

of every player."

Milestones are secondary to Coach Cayea, relationships are primary, which sets him apart from most, according to Donahoe.

"I believe that Todd Cayea is one of the preeminent football coaches in Section 1 and in New York State. It's an honor to be part of this."

His players, both past and present, swear by him.

"It was awesome to be a part of this," senior TE/DE Will Boalt said. "Coach Cayea's lessons go far beyond football, and he's just truly a great guy that cares about us. It was the best moment I've ever had playing this sport when we raised him up on our shoulders after the game."

When, win or lose, they line up to buy you a beer at Carmel's Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus, you know you've affected the community, made a legit impact and left your mark. Todd Cayea has done that and so much more.

With the victory over Mahopac, Carmel secured the No.2 seed in the playoffs and will host No.7 RCK in Friday's opening round. Of note, senior RB James Cox was unstoppable behind a dominant offensive line: marching for 159 yards and four touchdowns on 16 totes. Matt Massi recovered a fumbled on Mahopac's first possession and ended the third with an interception. Alex Beauchesne, Ryan McDonald and Andrew Nunez all rushed for touchdowns. Beauchesne added 54 rushing yards and Nunez smoothly controlled the flow and went 6 of 9 for 89 yards passing. Aiden Babnik took a Pick-6 36 yards for a 14-0 lead.

Mahopac senior QB Jack Carey threw a touchdown to junior RB Vin Bastone and added a 28-yard rushing touchdown.

CLASS A

The going gets markedly tougher from this point forward, but three off the five local Class A teams to reach the qualifying round advanced to the quarterfinals.

No.4 **BREWSTER** (6-1) worked a steady

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Mahopac junior RB Vincent Bastone tries to get corner on Carmel LB Michael Storen in Indians' 52-14 loss to visiting Rams Friday.



Mahopac senior Zach Esteves is tracked down by Carmel's Aiden Babnik (1), Matt Demme (89) and Michael Storen in Indians' 52-14 loss to Rams.

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Yorktown TE Mike Benzinger throws a stiff-arm at Hen Hud DB Marcus Lenz in Huskers' 40-6 qualifying win over Sailors Friday.



Carmel players celebrate Aiden Babnik's (1) Pick-6 in Rams' 52-14 win over Mahopac Friday.



Somers RB Jack Kaiser rushed for 196 yards and two scores on just 8 carries in Tuskers Class A playoff qualifying rout of Tappan Zee Friday.

49-14 beatdown over No.13 Pelham in Friday's playoff qualifier, winning for the fourth time in a row and setting up a wildly entertaining opening round game. Brewster will host No. 5 Yorktown at the Bears' Den on Friday (7 p.m.) in what could be a doozy between to programs with as much tradition as most in Class A.

Brewster sophomore QB Chris Donohue has emerged as the force Coach Ed Mulvihill expected he would become. The 6'4" signal caller connected with RB Thomas Consolato for a pair of TD strikes. He fired a third TD pass Jack Gusler, who bulled his way into the end zone.

The game turned when Donohue a connected with Christian Rhodes for 35-yard, third-down completion, and the nine-play drive was capped off when Donohue found Consolato in the back of the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown pass and a 21-7 lead with 4:25 before the break.

"Both sides of the ball executed the game plan very well," Mulvihill said. "The offensive line -- led by Austin Beal (C), Billy

Finn (G), Dom Rienzi (G), Franco Milano (T) and Austin Matra (T) have opened some big holes for Tommy Consolato all season. Jack Gusler (TE) had a big game both receiving and blocking. Justin Niles (RB) has also helped the offense with his slashing the defense on sweeps. Soph QB Chris Donohue is settling in and gaining confidence each week. Defensively, Franco Milano has been unblockable."

No.5 YORKTOWN ran all over No.12 HEN HUD in a 40-6 in a Class A playoff qualifier where versatile Yorktown junior Keith Boyer rushed for a pair of touchdowns and QB Travvon Johnson rushed for one score and fired a TD pass to TE Ben Robinson. Yorktown senior RB Dylan Smith and WR Sean Vogel also found paydirt for the Huskers (6-1). The Sailors fell to 3-4, and the huskers appear to have put the costly Week 5 Nyack loss behind them.

"You cannot win football games turning the ball over five times and giving up a kickoff return, period," Yorktown Coach Mike Rescigno said of the Nyack game. "We laid an egg that week. I am hoping it was an important lesson learned.

"Brewster is a very good football team with a very impressive front," he added. "They have a well-balanced attack and are well coached. It's going to be a war."

No.2 SOMERS ho-hummed its was past No.15 Tappan Zee, 56-12 Friday in a Class A playoff qualifier when RB Charlie Balancia posted a career game, scoring three touchdowns, including a 46-yard Pick-6. The versatile senior snagged three passes for 76 yards and a score and rushed for a 10-yard TD on his lone carry.

"The goal is always to get our backs into space and the line executed their blocks perfectly," said Balancia, who missed two games due to injury earlier but looks to have bounced back. "All we had to do was make people miss and score some touchdowns. Obviously, everything went as planned."

Somers (6-1) RB Jack Kaiser needed just eight carries to record 194 yards, including a pair of paydirt jaunts, one a 67-

yard banger. Tusker QB Jackson Kossow was proficient and efficient, hitting on 6 of 9 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown. Kossow, who is really coming in to his own in his junior season, added two rushing scores and 38 more yards as nine different backs rushed the ball for about 350 yards.

Tusker OLB Ethan Krauss was a monster on D, racking up nine tackles (three for loss)

and three sacks while TJ Deagan added five tackles (three for loss) and three more sacks. Charlie Grindrod (5 tackles, 3 for loss), freshman Jake Polito (4 tackles, 2 for loss, 2 sacks), Dominick Cheek and Brian Marcus each met with the quarterback.

Somers will host No.7 Clarkstown North Friday.

No.8 LAKELAND picked a bad spot for a bad game in its 20-0 loss to No.9 Fox



Lakeland DL Jason Green gets some ups to defend pass in eight-seeded Hornets' 20-0 loss to visiting No.9 Fox Lane Friday.

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SHRUB OAK
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF
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The Shrub Oak Athletic Club will hold its annual open meeting on
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SECOND SEASON SET TO KICK OFF

High Hopes at Somers, Ossining, Yorktown, Mahopac



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Mahopac senior Grace DiVincenzo (2G) was a tough contain for Brewster's Angelina Rappa and Sophia Leggio (R) in Indians' 5-1 win Saturday, which locked up the No.4 seed for the Class AA Indians (13-3) will open the playoffs against No.13 Port Chester. Mia Klammer added two goals for the Indians.



Mahopac's Hailey Pereira (L) scored once in 5-1 win over Brewster and Gabriela Jakobsen Saturday as the state-ranked (No.20) Indians, who crushed Carmel 8-0 behind a hat trick by Grace DiVincenzo, will have to go through 13th-seeded Port Chester and 5th-seeded Greeley in the hopes of facing three-time Section 1 defending champion Arlington in the Class AA semis.



Brewster's Liliana Verrastro tries to fend off Mahopac's Meghan Cichon in Bears' 5-1 loss to visiting Indians Saturday. The Bears (7-8-1) have secured the No.16 and will open against No.1 Rye in the opening round of the Class A playoffs.



Somers M Dahlia Pepe and Yorktown's Lindsay Boyle get after it in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Huskers Sunday when Somers (13-2-1) put the clamps on the No.4 seed and will potentially open the Class A playoffs against No.13 Hen Hud (9-6-1), with the TZ vs. Lourdes winner on deck.



Somers' Megan Dineen (24) and Meghan Blanch (6) mix it up with Yorktown's Samantha Paglino in the state-ranked (No.16) Tuskers' 2-0 win over Huskers Sunday when Jessica Rodriguez and Ella Kittredge scored for Somers off assists from Alexis Atkinson and Angelina Hurtado. Somers G Rachel Ross needed just four saves to notch the Tuskers' 12th shutout of the year.



The Ossining Pride celebrated their League I-B title last Saturday after a 6-1 win over Fox Lane, getting two more goals from All-Section striker Nolan Lenaghan while locking up the No.1 seed in the Class AA playoffs, which puts the pride directly in the path of No.8 White Plains and No.4 Horace Greeley.



Yorktown F Mikey O'Connor (12) scored both goals in host Huskers' 2-0 win over D Nicolas Desantis' (25) Lakeland Hornets. Yorktown (12-4), winners of five in a row, locked up the No.5 seed and will open up against No.12 Lakeland (8-7-1).



Yorktown M Zakary Stanik pushes up field in Huskers' 2-0 win over visiting Lakeland, which worked over Panas, 4-1, behind goals from Nicolas DeSantis, Bryan Jaramillo, Jason San Lucas and Austin Bergen.



Somers M Joe Grippo had three goals and one assist in the Tuskers' 7-1 win over Brewster Saturday when the Tuskers finished the regular season on an 11-game winning streak. Somers went 10-0 in league play to win the league title. Drew Lasher and Evan Mazzola each added one goal and two assists for the state-ranked (No.20) Tuskers (14-1), who earned the No.3 seed and will open the Class A playoffs against Lourdes/Saunders winner with an eye on No.6 Nyack.

Sports

Field Hockey Notebook

Mahopac Returns to Form, Lakeland Earns No.1 Seed

By Tony Pinciario

Even though the **MAHOPAC** varsity field hockey team had a difficult 2018 season, it did not ruin the players' passion and commitment to the sport. In fact, it made them stronger.

"Going through a winless season was very tough," said senior and three-year varsity starter Caitlyn Reilly. "In order to succeed this season we really worked on bonding as a team. After practice, we would go out to eat and just have fun. That chemistry transfers onto the field and allows for great plays to happen."

It has been a 180-degree turn for Mahopac this season as the Indians concluded the regular season with an 8-5-3 record and a second-place finish in the league to R.C. Ketcham.

As a result, Mahopac has qualified for the Section 1 Class A Field Hockey Championship, which will commence this week. Mahopac has put itself in position for a top-eight seed and first-round home game.

Mahopac capped the regular season with a 3-2 victory over John Jay-East Fishkill, but Ketcham spoiled Senior Day for the 13 seniors with a victory.

Reilly and her classmates -- Sarah Velez, Willow Marshall, Liz Careaga, Kate Kasparian, Mary Ramada, Mary McDermott, Ashley Leftwich, Natalie Roasales, April Heady, Alex Baranowski, Caitlin Duffy and Daniella DeMealo began preparations for their senior season during the summer.

"Some of the girls play for a club team, however, most of us started preparing over the past summer by holding senior practices about a week before tryouts in order for



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS
Mahopac Captain Caitlyn Reilly and the Indian seniors will pass torch to solid group of underclassmen after getting program back on track in 2019.

everyone to get reconnected," said Reilly, who is a midfielder. "When tryouts officially began, you could really tell who was putting the work in during the year. We were all in shape and ready to go from the start."

After two games, Reilly and her teammates knew it was going to be successful.

"We defeated Pawling, 9-0, in our second game," said Reilly, who will attend Assumption College next September and play lacrosse. "It was really rewarding

because our previous game we were defeated by Scarsdale, 9-0. To make that much of a turnaround in such a short period of time showed the determination of all of the players."

Mahopac was even with John Jay-East Fishkill for second place in the league, but the 3-2 victory gave the Indians sole possession.

Junior sniper Krista Dietz, the team's leading scorer, Carly Ravoli (1st goal) and McDermott scored for Mahopac, which has a slew of competent underclassmen ready to take the torch.

"This season has been extremely rewarding," Reilly said. "As a team in 2018 we had a lot of fun and put up a great fight in every game. This year, we still have fun but winning just makes everyone even more excited to play. We still have to fix some little things, but as long as we keep our momentum I believe we can go pretty far."

LAKELAND closed out the regular season with a pair of 9-0 wins -- over Panas and Rye -- and a 3-3 draw with unbeaten Horace Greeley. Lakeland rallied from a two-goal deficit in the second half to earn the tie.

The Hornets are 14-1-1 and will be the No.1 seed in the Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championships, which begins this week. Lakeland is aiming for its unprecedented 11th consecutive sectional

title.

The Section 1 Field Hockey finals will be held at Nyack High School.

Lakeland faced its first two-goal hole of the season as Greeley led, 3-1, at halftime. Despite the differential, the girls embraced the adjustments Coach Sharon Sarsen made.

"Being down two goals at halftime was definitely a wake-up call for us," senior and captain Jenna McCrudden said. "Coach Sarsen made multiple positive changes in the lineup that really helped us get the ball dangerous and give us opportunities to finish."

Emma Fon and McCrudden scored in the second half. Lauren Salazar had Lakeland's goal in the first half and later added an assist.

"Going into sectionals, the Greeley game was a positive for us because it shows how mentally tough our team is and how capable we are of fighting back after a two-goal deficit," McCrudden said. "Our ability to fight back and never-give-up mentality is something that will get us far in sectionals."

In Lakeland's victory over its district rival, Panas, Erin Daly, Fon and McCrudden each had two goals. Keirra Ettere, Emma Halderman and Sara Costa also tallied goals.

While the majority of Section 1 had Columbus Day off, Lakeland celebrated with a win over Rye as Salazar led the way with four goals.

McCrudden added two scores and Emma Ryan, Daly and Ettere each added one goal. Emma Halderman collected two assists.

YORKTOWN finished the regular season with wins over Edgemont, 3-2, and Panas 1-0, giving the Cornhuskers a 6-7-3 record.

The Cornhuskers will await their seed in the Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championships.

Kelsey McDonnell had a hand in all Yorktown's goals against Edgemont. She opened the scoring in the first half, assisted by Alyssa Albano.

In the second half, McDonnell assisted on goals by Ellie O'Donnell and Jessica Devlin.

McDonnell supplied the goal in the victory over Panas, scoring in the first half with the assist to Julia Ferone. Addy Araneo made it stand up with four saves.

Panas goalie Kathryn Asbab finished with three saves.

PUTNAM VALLEY received a confidence boost heading into the Section 1 Class C Field Hockey Championships.

The Tigers registered their best win of the season -- 1-0 over Pleasantville -- as Colleen Cassidy scored on a stroke.

Isabel Healy handled six shots for the shutout.



Mahopac junior Krista Dietz and sophomore Gabby Gonzalez provide a nice nucleus of underclassmen for Indians' future.

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Lane last Friday at The Hive, no less. Fox RB Michael Washington broke the game open in the second half, rushing for two scores and snapping a scoreless halftime game. Lakeland had three fruitless trips to the red zone, including a fumble at the Fox Lane one.

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 SOMERS -- Class A state-ranked (No.15) Tuskers (6-1) can't look past Clarkstown North but we can't envision a

scenario where the Tuskers aren't squaring off against state-ranked (No.18) Rye in Week 9.

No.1A CARMEL -- Class AA Rams (6-1) are on the road to Mahopac -- host of the sectional finals -- in the hopes of reaching their first sectional final since 2008 with No.7 RCK and potentially No.3 Spring Valley serving as road blocks to a blockbuster run at No.1 New Rochelle, ranked No.3 in NYS.

No.1B YORKTOWN -- State-ranked

(No.16) Class A Huskers (6-1) are fully expecting to roll up on Brewster and leave that place wrecked.

No.4 BREWSTER -- Class A Bears' (6-1) will have a chance to silence those that have doubted them all season with what would be a shocking win over Yorktown.

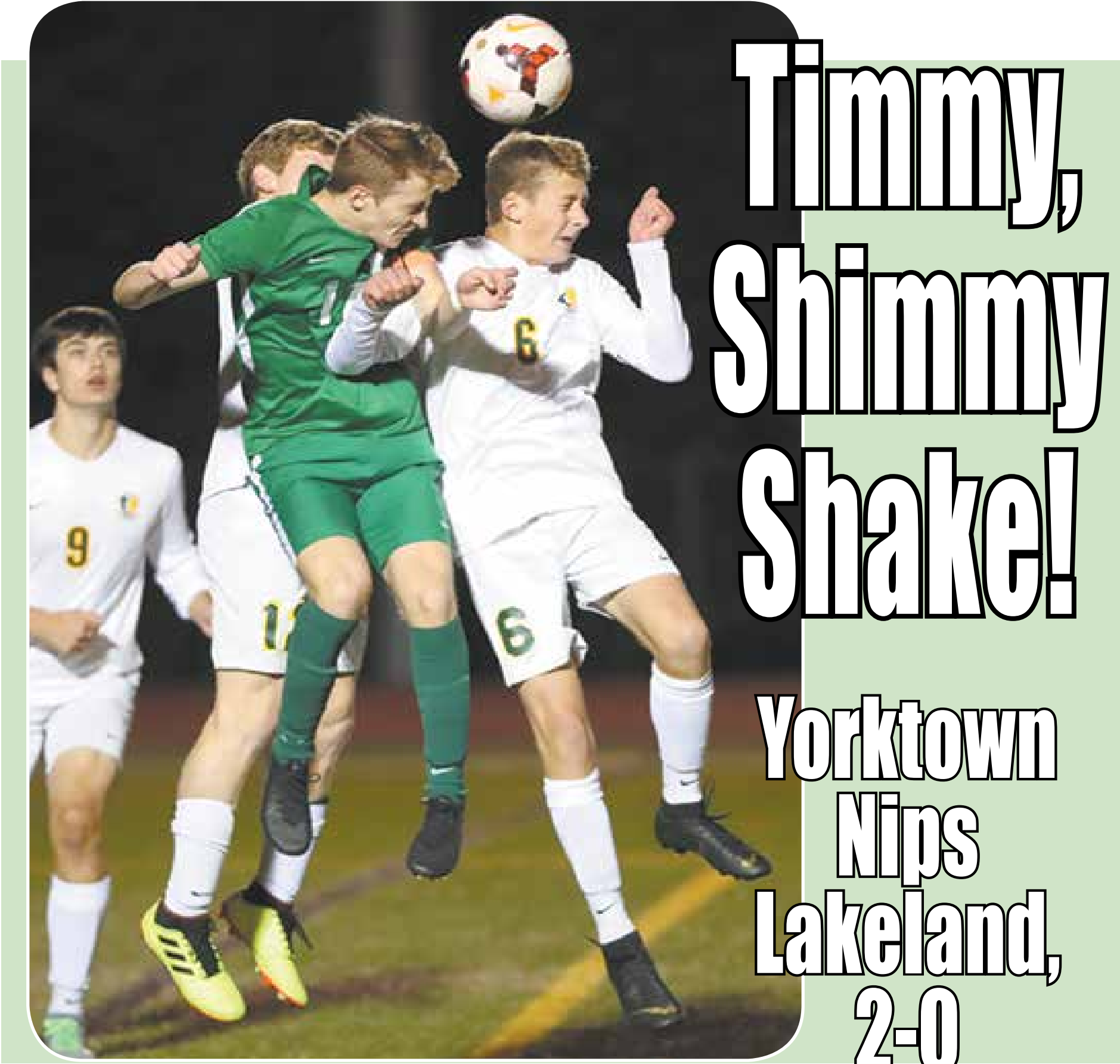
HM LAKELAND -- Class A Hornets (4-3) disappointed in playoff qualifying setback to Fox Lane. Nary a point!

HM HEN HUD -- As smallest school in

Class A the last decade, the Sailors have been relevant in the past 6-7 years, so this mention is like a lifetime achievement honor as they head down to Class B next year where we suspect they are impactful.

HM MAHOPAC -- A shout-out to the Class AA Indians' sophomore class for stepping up and taking on roles sooner than expected. Big things on horizon.





BOB CASTNER PHOTO
Yorktown senior M Timmy O’Callaghan (11) and Lakeland D Tyler Nocito (6) clash for head ball in Huskers’ 2-0 win over visiting Lakeland last Thursday. Yorktown, which has allowed just three goals during a current five-game win streak, improved to 11-4 (the current No.6 seed in Class A) behind an assist from O’Callaghan (19G, 11A for the year) and two goals from Mikey O’Connor while Lakeland dropped to 7-6-1 (No.16 seed)... see Soccer Notebook

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