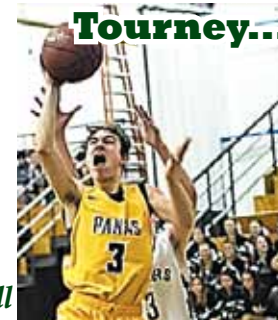


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## Decision Near on 24-Hour Gas Station/Store in Cortlandt

BY RICK PEZZULLO

A public hearing on a proposed 24-hour gas station and convenience store on Route 6 in Cortlandt was closed last week, starting the clock for the planning board to make a decision on the hotly contested project.

Gas Land Petroleum Inc. is looking to construct 12 fueling stations on the one-acre site that

formerly housed The Hummingbird restaurant and is parallel to the exit/entrance ramp to the Bear Mountain Parkway.

Last week, Gas Land representatives maintained neither Dunkin nor Starbucks was slated to be a partner at the location, but confirmed a delicatessen was planned.

Gas Land Petroleum founder/president Majeal "Mitch" Nesheiwat said 85% of sales at similar

businesses he owned generated from fuel and insisted having the proposed station/store open 24 hours was necessary "to be in competition" with other stations in the area.

Nesheiwat also contended some people that have opposed the project were being paid by some undisclosed entity. Attorney Lino Sciarretta, representing a nearby property owner, said he

took exception to the accusation and vehemently denied the claim while taking an informal poll of audience members.

Several residents of Parkway Drive, which abuts the site, continued to criticize the plan for being out of character with the neighborhood and a safety hazard in an already congested area with five existing fueling stations less than one mile apart on the corridor.

"This is the wrong application for this particular site," said John Sloan, a Parkway Drive resident and former Cortlandt Planning Board chairman. "I think everyone is tired of hearing statistics and assumptions. What is not an assumption is Route 6 is the busiest corridor in Cortlandt, if not all of northern Westchester. This

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### Lighting Up Yorktown

The 8th Annual Holiday Lights Parade was held Saturday in downtown Yorktown. For more photos, **see page 6.**

## Gearity Won't Seek Fourth Term as Ossining Mayor

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Village of Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity announced last week she won't run for a fourth two-year term in 2020.

"It is with a heart full of gratitude for the people of Ossining that I announce I will not seek a fourth term for mayor in 2020. After thoughtful consideration, I have decided that I will start a new chapter," Gearity stated in a letter to residents. "During my time as mayor the village has become greener, stronger, better connected, more welcoming to all, and economically thriving."

Gearity was a trustee for one term prior to defeating William Hanauer for mayor in 2014. She ran unopposed in 2016 and in 2018 she fended off a spirited challenge from Trustee Omar Herrera.

"When I took office, my sons were in pre-k. Today they are in middle school, and college is right around the corner. I will be exploring opportunities for a job that contributes financially in a significant way for my family," Gearity stated. "Though it will be difficult to find another position as rewarding and meaningful as mayor, it is time for me to start thinking about what is next."



MAYOR VICTORIA GEARITY

"Serving in local elected office is personally and professionally fulfilling, and perhaps I will again some day," she continued. "For now, I am excited to work with a new village board, dedicated staff, and our highly engaged community for a productive 2020."

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# Decision Near on 24-Hour Gas Station/Store in Cortlandt

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chokepoint is probably the worst place you can put a gas station.”  
Sciarretta agreed and urged the planning board to deny the application.  
“If this project is too intense of a use, you have the right to say no,” he remarked. “This should not be

a 24-hour facility. This is a bad project, it’s irresponsible and you should deny this.”  
The applicant is seeking not only site development plan approval, but also a special permit and tree removal and wetland permits from the planning board, which conducted a site inspection in June. To make room for the project,

Quality Automotive and Towing in the rear of the property would be forced to vacate.  
Gas Land representatives have been working with the state Department of Transportation on making changes to the existing traffic signal and have insisted realigning the signal, adding a turning lane and other improvements

would be beneficial.  
A traffic consultant hired by the town did not raise any objections last week to a traffic analysis report submitted by Gas Land.  
The project has been endorsed by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and the Montrose Business Improvement District.

Although the public hearing was closed on December 3, anyone can still submit written comments to the planning board until December 23. The board will review a tentative approving resolution for the project at its January 7 meeting and will likely vote at its February meeting at Cortlandt Town Hall.

# Gearity Won’t Seek Fourth Term as Ossining Mayor

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In the final year of her third term as mayor, Gearity said she will continue to be progressive on the environment, housing and social justice policies; conservative on taxes; and transformative on how village officials communicate with residents.  
“My commitment to make everyone feel welcome in our community, led to Ossining’s first raising of the LGBTQ rainbow flag for pride at Village Hall, as well as becoming the first community in New York to pass a gender-neutral bathroom signage policy,” Gearity stated. “As an advocate for our undocumented residents, I championed the campaign to allow all drivers to be eligible to be licensed in New York State.”  
“Holding the line on taxes is one of the

most significant ways that we can keep Ossining relatively affordable,” she continued. “During the budget negotiations my first year as mayor, I introduced the idea of a 0% tax rate increase. The suggestion was unheard of at the time. We weren’t yet in a fiscal position to keep it totally flat, though we came close. That mindset put us on the right path. This week we will vote to have a 0% tax rate increase for the fourth year in a row.”  
Herrera, whose trustee term ends this year, said he currently had no intentions to run for mayor next year.  
“In the new year, I plan on continuing to be an active community organizer and advocate at the local, county and state levels as well as focus on personal matters and exciting new ventures,” he said.

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## STATE POLICE

## November 28

State Police from Brewster arrested Paul R. Tripi, 47, of Somers, for DWI. He was traveling on Interstate 684 in the Town of Southeast, 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 Cortlandt arrested Junior J. Hidalgo Rivera, 34, of Yorktown, 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.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Benjamin W. Conner, 20, of Cortlandt, for DWAI Drugs. He was traveling on Oregon Road in the Town of Cortlandt when he was the subject of a welfare check by a concerned third party. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of drugs, and was subsequently arrested.

## November 30

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Daniel Lora Reyes, 30, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of 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 Brewster arrested Jessica Pineda Gonzalez, 42, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 22 in the Town of Southeast, 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.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Tamika N. Young, 44, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Dover 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.

## December 1

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Sieana McQueen, 23, of Cortlandt, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt when she was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol, and was sub

## Candy Cane Run in Yorktown

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# Croton Woman Pleads Guilty to Stealing \$195,000

A 31-year-old Croton-on-Hudson woman pled guilty in Westchester County last week to stealing \$195,157 from the Rye YMCA where she was employed.

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. said Lee Ann Borg pled guilty before State Supreme Court Justice Barry Warhit to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony. She is free on bail and was ordered to pay full restitution. If she fails to comply with the order, she will serve time in state prison. Borg is to be sentenced August 7, 2020.

Borg worked as a senior program manager, a position in which she had access to

a corporate credit card to make business purchases. In reviewing payment records, YMCA officials discovered she had been improperly using the credit card for personal purchases at retail stores, including Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart and CVS, as well as purchasing monetary gift cards for her own personal use. She also made purchases on Amazon for personal items such as high-end clothing, shoes and handbags which were sent to her personal address as well as to the homes of friends and family.

Lee Ann Borg



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# Collection of Back Taxes Adds Up to More Paving in Yorktown

BY RICK PEZZULLO

The collection of \$800,000 in delinquent property taxes from residents will result in more than three miles of roads being paved next year in the Town of Yorktown.

Outgoing Supervisor Ilan Gilbert made that announcement

during a public hearing last week on the 2020 town budget, where the average homeowner will only see a \$2.20 increase in their town taxes and a \$3.75 increase in their water rates.

"I think we are leaving the town in sound position as we hand over the reins to the new administration," said Gilbert, as newly

elected Supervisor Matt Slater looked on from the audience. "I am confident and proud that I am leaving the town in better shape than when I found it."

Gilbert submitted his budget before the October 31 deadline with a tax levy under the state mandated two percent tax cap and increases in the general, highway and library funds of 2.53%. He later added \$250,000 from projected sales tax revenue stemming from when Westchester County officials raised the sales tax rate from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 percent, and included salary increases for department heads to make Yorktown more competitive with other municipalities.

"All I hear is good news," Councilman Vishnu Patel said.

Councilwoman Alice Roker said it was vital for Yorktown's employees to have wages that will help the town retain them for an extended period.

"I think we have some of the smartest department heads around and I think it's important that their salaries at least keep up with wherever every other salary is going or else we'll lose them," she said.

During the hearing, former Supervisor Susan Siegel and

Yorktown resident and dentist, Dr. Carl H. Tegtmeier, chairman of the Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry Committee, implored the town board to add \$157,000 to the budget to complete a fluoridation project.

Yorktown and Somers residents were notified in 2017 that the Northern Westchester Joint Water Works (NWJWW) would no longer add fluoride to its drinking water produced at the Amawalk Water Treatment Facility.

While nearly 100 percent of Somers' daily supply comes from Amawalk, approximately 33% of Yorktown's drinking water comes from that plant, with the remainder provided by the Catskill Water Treatment facility, where the fluoride feed system has been offline since January 2013.

It's a situation that Tegtmeier and Siegel believe is putting the oral health of the town's 36,000 residents, particularly children and senior citizens, at serious risk.

"We're doing damage every day," said Tegtmeier, who has been urging Yorktown officials to take action on continuing fluoridating water since 2012. "We've been kicking this can down the road for seven years."

Fluoride is a mineral that has been shown to help reduce the formation of dental cavities and tooth decay when added to drinking water at recommended levels. Prescriptions of fluoride supplements can help offset some of the lost fluoride in the water, but that's only 50% effective, according to Tegtmeier.

In January 2013, following a public hearing at which several area dentists and Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler urged the Yorktown Town Board to continue having fluoride in its water, former Supervisor Michael Grace, Patel and former State Senator Terrence Murphy voted to add fluoride to the water supply, knowing to do so would require upgrades to both plants at an estimated cost of approximately \$250,000.

Due to hydraulics associated with Yorktown's distribution system, NWJWW officials stated they were unable to provide "an optimal level of fluoride" to all residents unless fluoride is added at both facilities, thus the decision was made, with input by the county and state health departments, to temporarily discontinue fluoridation at Amawalk.

## Big Winner

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## Peekskill Senior Complex Destroyed by Fire

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# Fifth-Grader's Homemade Arcade Helps Others During Holidays

For fifth-grader Max Lazarowitz, caring about and helping others is important – and so is having fun.

Since the summer of 2016, he has combined his interest in supporting people in need with his love of using recycled materials to create arcade games for people to enjoy. This year, he set up Max's Arcade at Roosevelt School, inviting children and adults to play all the games they wanted in exchange for a \$5 donation. He will use the proceeds to fulfill local families' holiday wish lists.

"I feel really excited because this might be the most people who have ever shown up," said Max, who wore a multicolored bowtie, a black beanie and a T-shirt with his "Max's Arcade" logo and his motto: Little Kids Dreaming Big on the front, and Max the Maker on the back.

"I've been working every night for the past week, three hours a day," he said about making posters and signs, speaking to local businesses, making raffle tickets and game passes, and fixing and perfecting games, which include a pinball machine, a catapult, and the Stealer: a claw machine with prizes.

Max, who spells his name Lazerwitz for his creative endeavors, made all the games out of cardboard boxes, old game pieces, recycled containers, tape and other found objects. He was inspired by Caine Monroy, a Los Angeles boy who created games out of recycled cardboard in his father's auto repair shop.

Last year, Max's Arcade raised about



Max Lazarowitz poses with Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez and others.

\$1,400. He used the proceeds to buy all the toys, clothing and books on 11 wish lists that Claremont School had received from families. Max said it is important to support local retailers.

Max held his first arcade in his driveway in September 2016. He donated the proceeds of more than \$1,000 to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla to buy games. He held two events at Ossin-

ing's First Village Coffee – in November 2016 and 2017. He donated the money to the Ossining School District to buy new recess equipment for Claremont and Brookside schools.

Fifth-grader Violet Miser enjoyed herself at the arcade on November 22. "I like the game with the frogs," she said, referring to one in which players flicked plastic toy frogs into recycled yogurt containers. "I also like the pinball game and the slingshot game and the air hockey thingy."

"I think that it's nice to support our town and his fundraisers, and I like all the creative games he made up," she added.

This was the first year Max's Arcade included a raffle and corporate sponsorship of individual games. Max and his friends used recycled No. 6 plastic food containers to make raffle tickets that looked like Shrinky Dinks. The winners received gift cards or certificates to local businesses.

"I'm really proud of Max," said fifth-grader Dimitrios Siva, a friend who helped Roosevelt School Principal Michelle Grier greet visitors at the door the night of the arcade. "I'm just proud that he's done so much for this community. It's really sweet."



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## Letters to the Editor

### Will Slater Rise to the Occasion?

#### To the Editor:

I didn't vote for Matt Slater for Supervisor but wish him well and hope that he does a good job for Yorktown. Once Slater takes office I further hope that he's truly independent and keeps the professional influence peddler types from flocking back into town hall. Slater's picks for town attorney

and his personal staff and how he interacts with ex-town officials turned property developers and their business interest will tell us all we need to know about what kind of Supervisor he'll be in very short order. If Slater doesn't resist the temptation of getting tangled up with cronyism or pursues a tired "good old boys-business as usual"

brand of politics his administration will be simply known as Michael Grace's 4th Term. Slater would be wise to be bi-partisan and avoid the conflicts of interest problems that have plagued past administrations.

**STEPHEN BROWN**  
Yorktown

### Looking Behind the Numbers at Why Americans Move

Do you ever think about the homes from your past? I do, quite frequently. Maybe because I'm a realtor, I think about all the homes I've lived in often. Either that or maybe I'm just an oddball.

I remember once when I asked my older sister, who moved quite frequently because of her husband's job, whether she ever thought about the homes she's owned formerly.

"I live in the present," she proclaimed. "I'm always happy where I am and never think about my old homes, either fondly or with regret."

I thought she was devoid of sentiment, but then maybe she's smarter than I.

I definitely think about my former homes. After having reached a certain maturity, I've had the opportunity to live in a number of them. A person in the United States is expected to move 11.4 times in a lifetime. Let's see, by count, I've lived in, what do you know, exactly 11 homes, not counting a temporary summer home when my father took our family with him for a temporary work assignment.

For 2012 and 2013, the most recent statistics on moving I could find, 28 million Americans 15 and older moved, 11 percent of the population in that age group. But when you take a closer look at the statistics, you see there's a lot more to it than age. The wealthiest individuals are the most likely to stay where they are: 7 percent of Americans with an annual income of \$100,000 or more moved, compared to 13 percent of those earning \$50,000 or less.

As one of the most mobile countries in the world, Americans are known for their

seemingly constant relocations. Let's look at how many times the average person moves in a lifetime.

Whether changing jobs, upsizing their homes or just looking to try a new neighborhood or city, Americans seem to always be on the move. In fact, between 2012 and 2013, again the most recent statistic available, 35.9 million people moved, including children.

According to the statistics, once the average person reaches the age of 18, they are likely to move at least another 9.1 times in their remaining lifetime compared to just 2.7 more moves once a person reaches 45 years old.

Why are they moving?

The 2013 Annual Social and Economic Supplement of the Current Population Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau finds that the most common reason to move is related to housing (48 percent). Another 30.3 percent of moves were family related, while job relocations made up 19.4 percent. Other reasons caused 2.3 percent of moves in the United States.

In general, many people move due to a need to upsize or downsize their homes. Whether their family is growing or their children are going off to college, moving in to larger or smaller houses to accommodate such situations makes up a majority of moves in the United States.

The average American holds his or her current job for an average of 4.6 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Therefore, it's possible that after about five years a person will land a new job in another city or state, necessitating a relocation.

Also, life changes such as marriage or retirement are major causes for relocations. Both of these life events cause a person to move to homes more suitable for their needs.

For a variety of reasons, people may want to change their neighborhoods. Maybe they received a large increase in salary and want to relocate to a more upscale neighborhood, or maybe their child is changing schools. It's also possible that their current neighborhood is changing either socially or economically, and so moving seems right for them. Regardless of the reason, changing neighborhoods is a common motive for American moves.

In my own case, it was a job change that yanked me out of the city – yes, I didn't want to leave – to suburban living, which I eventually came to prefer. But once here, I stayed in the same house for over 40 years. My next move was to downsize from a 3,900-square-foot, three-level colonial to a 1,780-square-foot modern condo on one level, ready for retirement living.

I strongly doubt that there's another move in my future, so it's a good thing that I'm very happy where I am in a home that fits just right.

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## Obituaries

### Geraldine Torres

Geraldine Ruiz Torres, a resident of Ossining, died December 2. She was 76.

She was born in Jamaica, Queens on May 9, 1943 to Frank and Ethel (Plunkett) Ruiz. She was a retired professor and chairperson of the Radiology Dept. at Hostos Community College in the Bronx. She was also an Elder at the Christ Alive Ministries in Hartsdale.

She is survived by her husband Salvatore Torres; and daughter Danya (Frank) Manicchio. Stepchildren and grandchildren also survive her. She was predeceased by two of her siblings.

### Theresa Pedicone

Theresa M. Pedicone, a long-time resident of Yorktown, died November 29. She was 92.

She was a loving wife, devoted mother and Registered Nurse. Mrs. Pedicone was born in Queens Village, NY, to John and Agnes Padova, later graduating from Andrew Jackson High School in Queens.

She trained at St. Vincent's Hospital US WAC nursing program. She graduated from Marymount College in 1974, with a BA in psychology and then from Fordham University at Marymount in 1976, with a MSW. She worked for many decades as a private duty nurse, and also for Harlem Valley Hospital for more than 15 years as a

psychiatric nurse and social worker.

She met Henry L. Pedicone on a blind date, while studying at St. John's University in Jamaica, NY. They were married a year later in 1949. Henry and Theresa moved from Mt. Vernon to Yorktown in 1956. They raised their seven children there and were parishioners of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Locally, she was involved with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts for many years, as well as the Knights of Columbus LaFarge Council. A favorite past-time was dancing with Henry, along with helping others, and caring for her children.

Mrs. Pedicone is survived by four daughters and three sons: Henry S. Pedicone of Schenectady, NY, Mary A. Williams of Yorktown, Christine M. Delmar of Seattle, WA, Paulette A. Pedicone Kilduff of Tremonton, UT, John J. Pedicone of Orlando, FL, Margaret M. Drewes of Port Orange, FL and Thomas J. Pedicone of Corning, NY. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Henry L. Pedicone, predeceased her in 1995.

### Mary Jenerose

Mary E. Jenerose, a resident of Montrose, died November 30. She was 89.

She was born on December 21, 1929 to Gaetano and Rosina (Onorato) Radassao. She graduated Peekskill High School in 1947. She married her husband, Frank

Jenerose on August 30, 1953 and moved to their home on Crystal Ct. in Montrose and lived there until her passing. Frank predeceased her in 2011.

Mrs. Jenerose worked for Fleischmann Distillery after high school. She then worked for Hendrick Hudson High School. She then found her "Dream Job" working as a library aide at Peekskill High School for 35 years, where she was known as "Miss J." She proudly retired at the age of 77.

She loved using the computer to be up to date with all current events and keeping her family informed on politics starting at 5 a.m. every morning. Her other passion was working outside, whether it was shoveling snow or manicuring the lawn and garden to make sure her home looked beautiful.

She is survived by her beloved daughters, Valerie Mazzucca and her husband Louis and Nancy Turrone and her husband Gregory; adoring grandchildren, Gregory P. Turrone, Matthew F. Turrone and Christopher Mazzucca and cherished great grandchildren, Mackenzie and Tyler Turrone. She is also survived by her niece and nephew, Mariann Grogan and Joseph Morabito. She was predeceased by her brother John Radassao and sister Pearl Morabito.

### Joseph Wooley, Sr.

Joseph Edward Wooley Sr., a resident of Ossining, died December 4. He was 72.

He was born in NYC on September 30, 1947 to Herbert and Jane (Landers) Wooley. He grew up in Ardsley and was a graduate of Stepinac High School in 1965. He then joined the Air Force and was assigned to the Phuket AFB in Vietnam as a survival specialist instructor. After his discharge in 1969, he went to work for the NY Telephone CO. while attending Iona College. He received his BA in 1981 and then went to Pace University Law School. He then established his law firm, Joseph E. Wooley, ESQ.

Mr. Wooley was a coach and past president of Elmsford Little League, and a coach for the Dad's Club Soccer. He was a past president of the Greenburgh Central School District BOE and Past President of the Southern Westchester BOCES school board. He was also a district leader for the Greenburgh Democratic Party. Mr. Wooley was a LT. Commander in the Civil Air Patrol and served as Commander of the Southeast Group. He was a Colonel in the NY Guard, and was a Knight Templar.

Mr. Wooley is survived by his wife of 46 years, Stephanie (Chiarello). They were married on September 22, 1973. He is also survived by three children-Joseph, Jr. (Jennifer), Matthew (Suzanne) and Amanda (Matthew) DeRosa, two siblings, Robert and Jane; and seven grandchildren, Samantha, Ava, Nicholas, Andrew, Matty, Stephanie, and Annie. He was predeceased by his daughter Patricia.

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## Furci's Yorktown

BY NEAL RENTZ

Yorktown resident Deneen Furci said last week the preparation and serving of food has been a family tradition for a long while and has been done in an effort "to bring people together."

The general public was given their chance to taste the family's fare when Furci's was opened in Yorktown in December 2015. After cooking for years for friends and family, the family thought "let's open a restaurant," she recalled.

The other family owners are her father-in-law, Carmine Sr., who lives with his wife Louise in Yorktown; her husband Carmine Jr. and brother-in-law Ed, who resides in Somers. The two brothers formerly co-owned a printing business. The restaurant's recipes date back to about 100 years ago from the Furci family.

Furci said the restaurant offers both Italian and other types of dishes. The menus offer such items as appetizers, soups, salads, pizzas, seafood, pastas, steaks and chicken and veal dishes. A \$26 three-course dinner is available. The lunch menu also offers sandwiches and wraps.

Furci said the eatery offers specials such as short ribs and Osso Bucco. "A lot of the recipes come from my father-in-law," she said.



The Furci family and friends

Though traditional dishes are available, "We do things that are a little bit out of the box," she said. For example, there are a variety of rice balls that are rotated on the

menu and the restaurant's Italian Egg Rolls are filled with broccoli rabe and Italian sausage, she said.

The restaurant operates a gelato bar in

the summer on the patio, Furci said.

On weekdays, Happy Hours offer \$5 well drinks, \$2 off the cost of draft beers, \$3 off any glass of wine and half off the cost of the bar menu.

Furci's provides catering services and hosts gatherings such as parties and other special events. On December 15, from 4 to 6 p.m., the restaurant will host an outdoor Christmas event on the patio.

On Christmas Eve the restaurant will offer a four course Feast of the Seven Fishes meal upstairs with live music, with one of the pasta course offerings being the family's traditional linguini with walnut sauce. Downstairs on December 24 the eatery will also offer a four-course meal.

Furci said the restaurant has an outstanding staff and the family seeks to make its customers comfortable and want to come back. The eatery has the tagline "Let Furci's be your place," she said.

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# Honoring an African American on Pearl Harbor Day

BY ABBY LUBY

The United States Navy has a long history of segregation, but several wars and multiple generations with a sense of justice, have been driven to right that wrong. That effort was seen Saturday at the Peekskill Middle School commemorating National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Attending the ceremony was military veterans, local officials and young men of the Peekskill High School MBK (My Brother's Keeper) Black Diamonds Academic Success Program who joined together not only to acknowledge the important day, but to point to the heroics of African American Navy Mess Steward Doris "Dorie" Miller during the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941.

Miller served in the Navy at a time when African Americans were only allowed to work in the mess halls as cooks or servers. Miller was on board the USS West Virginia the day of the attack and ran to the deck to see what was going on. He saw his captain be mortally wounded and quickly moved him to safety; he returned to the deck and manned one of the 50mm guns where he shot down several Japanese fighter planes. Miller's actions were especially heroic because he was a mess steward he had little or no weapons training. Miller became a legend and a juggernaut for rolling back the Navy's racial segregation.

At Saturday's event, The Black Diamonds gathered signatures on a petition appealing for Miller to receive the "Medal of Honor" for his bravery during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Black Diamonds learned about Miller from former United States Congressman Joe DioGuardi, who was one of the guest speakers. DioGuardi has worked to have African American veterans recognized since 1984 and is familiar with the lengthy process of securing the required records proving a military person's worthiness of the Medal of Honor.

DioGuardi said the challenge was to obtain additional proof from the Navy in order to posthumously award Miller the Medal of Honor. DioGuardi's goal is to announce the progress of that effort on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in February 2020.

"In the case of Dorie Miller, 78 years after his heroic actions at extreme risk to his own life, Dorie Miller is most deserving at long last, of our nation's highest honor, the "Medal of Honor," DioGuardi said.

Over the years, Miller was recognized for his gallantry, but he never received the Medal of Honor. In 1942 Miller was awarded the Navy Cross and was the first such medal every awarded a black sailor. To date, 3520 Medals of Honor have been awarded to military service people but only 88 have been awarded to African Americans. Last week, President Trump recognized Miller in his Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Proclamation.

During the one-hour presentation, a stirring national anthem was sung by the Peekskill City Singers. Among the MBK who spoke about their group and the reasons for the Miller petition was Tarique Cummings, Justin Smithson, Martin McDonald and Malachi McDonald.

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey voiced his support for the petition and similar efforts that made him "the second African American mayor of Peekskill." Speaking briefly was Peekskill Superintendent Dr. David Mauricia, Village of Buchanan Trustee Duane Jackson offered his reflections on Pearl Harbor and how important it was to keep fighting for freedom.

Commemorating National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day last Saturday at the Peekskill Middle School were military veterans, local officials and young men of the Peekskill High School MBK (My Brother's Keeper) Black Diamonds Academic Success Program.



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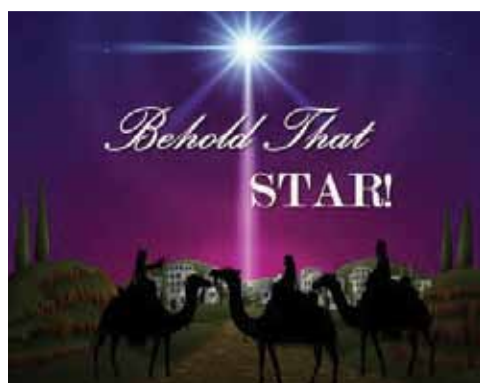


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The Northern Westchester Examiner We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line.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

## TUESDAY, DEC. 10

**Diaper Drive:** Genesis Jewelers of Yorktown, 32 Triangle Center, is holding its fourth annual Diaper Drive to support the Westchester County Diaper Bank through December 13. Please bring any size, type or brand of disposable baby diapers or wipes. Anyone who brings a donation will be put in a raffle to win a lady Versus by Versace watch. The raffle will take place on December 14 and you do not have to be present to win.

**Tree Lighting:** The community is invited to attend Bethel's 20th annual Holiday Tree Lighting from 5:30- 7:00 p.m. on its Ossining campus at 19 Narragansett Ave. The evening will feature caroling, a visit from Santa Claus, the Rachel Alexander String Studio and refreshments. For more information, call 914-739-6700 Ext. 1220 or contact [lorrie.fetonti@bethelwell.org](mailto:lorrie.fetonti@bethelwell.org)

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

**New York -Presbyterian Programs:** Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd. Healthy Holiday Side Dishes will be held on Dec. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15

Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail [hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org](mailto:hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org). Healthy Spanish Tapas will be held on Dec. 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 Registration: Call 914-734-3780 or e-mail [hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org](mailto:hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org). The Breastfeeding Support Group will meet on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration: call 914-734-3257. Physician in the Kitchen: Facts & Myths about Cancer & Lifestyle will be held on Dec. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail [hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org](mailto:hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org). A Beautiful Holiday Buffet will be held on Dec. 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail [hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org](mailto:hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org). A Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration: call 914-962-6402. A Farmers Market will be held on Dec. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information: Call 914-734-3797.

**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](http://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.

**Men's Night Out:** Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: "Men's Night Out: For Men Living with Loss" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at Travelers Rest in Ossining. It is open to men who have lost a spouse or partner to 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, DEC. 12

**Take a Peek:** The Peekskill Printlife Photo Exhibition Opening Celebration will be held at 10 a.m. at the Peekskill Central Firehouse Lobby Room, 1141 Main St. The exhibit, which is on display through the month of December, is featuring 100 images from those who live and work in Peekskill.

**Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series** At 6:30 p.m. "Like" will be screened at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. In "Like," the impact of technology and social media on our daily lives is explored. Join

us for a lively panel discussion after the film. For more information about this series, visit [www.ossiningdocumentaries.org](http://www.ossiningdocumentaries.org). The free event will be held in the Budarz Theater.

**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, DEC. 13

**Toys for Tots:** The Marine Corps Reserve's Putnam/Northern Westchester Counties Toys for Tots is getting underway. For more information call coordinator Bill Lewis at 845-528-7987 or send an e-mail to [MAHOPACT4T@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MAHOPACT4T@YAHOO.COM). For drop off locations visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) and click on drop off sites. On weekends only, unwrapped toys are being accepted at the Jefferson Valley Mall. Checks, made payable to the Toys for Tots Foundation, are also being accepted. Mail checks to 44 Somerset La., Putnam Valley, NY. 10579.

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein

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**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 rabbiw@optonline.net. Today at 5:30 p.m. the Welcoming Shabbat Celebrates Chanukah. Filled with movement, music, and ruach (spirit), Rabbi Robbie and Rebbetzin Ellen help bring in the Shabbat with that special "Shabbat Spirit" followed by a Shabbat dinner. This month we will celebrate the holiday and the joy of Chanukah. The only cost of the dinner is a Shabbat Shalom smile. To RSVP or receive more information e-mail Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 14

**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](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com).

**Lasdon Holidays:** Holidays on the Hill is being held on weekends at Lasdon Park on Route 35 in Somers. The event is continuing on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold until 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 2 and under. The main house will feature Santa's workshop and office where he will be hearing wishes from the children. You'll be able to take a photo of your family with Santa during his scheduled appearances. The event also includes a model train exhibit. Visit <https://lasdonpark.org> or call 914-864-7268 for more information.

**Hart Library Exhibits:** Photography by David Rocco - construction of the new Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and demolition of the old Tappan Zee Bridge will be held in December at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St. Shrub Oak.

**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](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Somers Library Exhibit:** Paintings by Mike Russ are on display in December at the library. Info: 914-232-5717 or [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org).

**Support Connection Yoga:** Support Connection announces a free program: "Yoga: A Path toward Wellness" will be offered from noon to 1:30 pm, at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley on Dec. 14 and 21. It is open to women living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to

pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 15

**Holiday Services:** St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2405 Crompond Rd, Yorktown, invites you to temper the hectic pace and busyness of the holidays by attending a series of special Sunday Advent sermons by Pastor Dave Dockweiler. The sermons are entitled Slowing Down for Hope; Slowing Down for Peace; Slowing Down for Joy;

and Slowing Down for Love. This Advent sermon series continues on Dec. 15, and 22. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Christmas Eve services will be conducted at 4 and 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please also visit us on the Web at [www.standrewsyorktown.com](http://www.standrewsyorktown.com).

**Holiday Concert:** The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Somers Library. Sing along, or just sit back and enjoy yourselves. No registration needed. Info: 914-232-5717 or [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org).

**Festive Christmas Concert:** At 4 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3830 Gomer St., Yorktown, the Grace Choir will share the Christmas spirit with carols, songs and readings. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall where you can do a little Christmas shopping among the Fair Trade Items that

will be available. Admission is free. Info: 914-245-5737.

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

## MONDAY, DEC. 16

**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](http://www.musicalmunchkins.com).



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# WBT Presents *It Happened One Christmas Eve*

BY EVELYN J. MOCBEICHEL

What better way to celebrate the holiday season than getting together with friends or taking family members out for a special afternoon or evening of wonderful, live entertainment? Visiting the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) in nearby Elmsford, is the perfect gift for that hard to shop for persons on your list. Their latest production, *It Happened One Christmas Eve* opened on November 27 and runs through December 23. It is timely for the season!

It is the heart-warming story, about an infant left on the doorstep of an old brownstone rooming-house in Brooklyn on Christmas Eve, and the magic she brings to the lives of those who find her. The show features a book by Bob Fitzsimmons, original music & lyrics by Steven Silverstein & Barbara Campbell, and musical arrangements by Steven Silverstein. The story of "*It Happened One Christmas Eve*" unfolds over several Christmas Eves. Told in flashback, it spans plenty of time periods: 1989 to 1919 to 1929 to 1938, 1941, 1944 and 1952. Then back to 1989. Richard Stafford, the Director said; "*It happened One Christmas Eve*" is the heartwarming story of a boarding house family—There are many kinds of families and sometimes we create our own based on trust, love and hope. Our characters had faith and they trusted in each other. They believed in charity, not the showy kind, but the quite kind that brings comfort to the soul. Isn't that what the spirit of Christmas is all about?" There are plenty of story lines among a house full of interesting characters; an Irish cook, an English spinster, a Brooklyn showgirl who dreams of stardom, a proud Boston poetess and two Romanian brothers. Their lives are changed forever one Christmas Eve when a baby is placed on their Brooklyn doorstep. That baby, they name her Dolly, grows in their love, a child of charity.

There are also plenty of songs, some familiar, some penned just for this show: From "*Silent Night*" and "*Holly Jolly Christmas*" to a bouncy "*We Haven't Got Time for Christmas*" that opens the show and a heartfelt "*I'm All Alone in the World*." The cast features Devon Perry reprises her role of Dolly, Elliott Litherland as Buddy Allys-on Tucker as Millie, Jayson Elliott as Serge, Sarah Colt as Elizabeth, Michael Farina as Sigmund, Amy Griffin as Bridget and Bonnie Fraser as Charlotte. Aubrey Sinn is the Standby. Young Dolly will be played, alternately, by local children; Haylie Shea and Delia Spiegelman.

Bob Fitzsimmons, a gifted actor, director and playwright, ran publicity for Westchester Broadway Theatre in its early days and shepherded successful children's plays there. The graduate of Archbishop Stepinac High School directed school and community theatre shows across Westchester until his untimely death, at 37, in 1992. Each year, WBT gives a scholarship in his name to a Stepinac graduate who has excelled in theatre. The production is directed and choreographed by Richard Stafford, who has been at the helm for several WBT productions including; *An American In Paris* and *Anything Goes*. Musical Di-

rector is Bob Bray. Set design is by Steven Loftus, lighting design is by Andrew Gmoser, sound design is by Mark Zuckerman, and costume design is by Keith Nielsen. Wig design by Gerard Kelly. The production stage manager is Victor Lukas. ASM is Aubrey Sinn. Properties are by Grumpy Props. As with all our productions, Lisa Tiso is the Associate Producer.

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Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board** will be held at

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**Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road (TM# 51.-1-4/File: 2019-0190)** The subject property consists of + 19.2 acres of land and is located on 135 Bell Hollow Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a swimming pool and terrace. A Site Development Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit and Wetland Mitigation is required. **2. Perez, Octavio, Ridgecrest Road (TM# 83.56-1-5, 6 & 7/File: 2018-0187)** The subject property consists of ±2.72 acres of land and is located on Ridgecrest Road and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family residence. **3. Fields, Harrison-15 Locust Glen Road (TM#73.-1-44/File 2019-0202)** The subjects property is comprised of +/- 1.99 acres and is located on 15 Locust Glen Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a log cabin home on existing foundation. **REVIEW 4. Gan, Roy, - 560 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 62.-1-37&38/File: 2019-0206)** The subject property consists of + 3.58 acres of land and is located on 560 Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence on an existing parcel where a dilapidated residence will be removed. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading permit is required. **5. Bryant Taconic Corp., 157 Bryant Pond Road (TM#74.-1-60/File 2018-0179)** The subject property is comprised of +/- 2.81 acres and is located on 157 Bryant Pond Road within the CC-2 Zoning District.

The applicant is proposing to construct a pervious paver patio, outdoor freezer, relocation of refuse enclosure, landscape waterfall and signage for gas dispenser. The applicant requires an Amended Site Plan. **6. Patton, Rodman, 77 South Highland Road (TM#61.-2-25/File 2019-0208)** The subject property is comprised of +/- 35.634 acres and is located on 77 South Highland road with the CD Zoning District. The applicant is seeking permits necessary to repair dam and remove sediment. A Major Grading Permit is required. **7. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12/File2019-0196)** The property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a Fire Station building +/-30,000 sq.ft. in size, with well and septic system, 127 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities and related site improvements. **8. Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (TM# 72.20-1-7.11/File2019-0204)** The applicant is proposing an amended site plan for improvements to allow shared access and parking with proposed fire station on adjacent property. The Planning Board will consider adopting a resolution declaring intent for lead agency for the Fire House and Ambulance Corp. project. **9. Cimarron Ranch Subdivision-75 Cimarron Road (TM#72.-1-47, 72.-1-50, 83.-1-1& 72.19-1-29/File2019-0207)** The subject property consist of 380.85 acres of land and located on 75 Cimarron Road and within the CSD

Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a two lot subdivision. **EXTENSION 10. Juliano, Sam,-50 West Shore Drive (TM: 62.13-2-18 /File:2010-0073) APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11. Approve Minutes of November 4 & 18, 2019**

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**Put Valley  
Junior MVP  
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High-flying Putnam Valley junior F Arianna Stockinger scored a game-high 15 points to lead the Tigers to a 44-35 title-clinching victory over Hannah Devane (L) and host Lakeland, securing MVP honors in the 11th annual Carolyn Conroy Memorial Tournament last Saturday... see Girls' Hoops Notebook



## Sports

## Boys' Hoops Notebook

# Panas Takes Yorktown Tourney Title, Evans Named MVP

By Ray Gallagher

Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

After watching them first-hand at the 23rd annual George Budries Tournament at host Yorktown High, observers would have to give **WALTER PANAS** a ton of credit for its improvement from 2019 to the upcoming 2020 season. After a sub-par 2019 campaign, Coach Mike Auerbach's Panthers (2-0) really got after it in the off-season and enter 2020 with renewed hope, having knocked off Clarkstown North, 71-59, in Saturday's title tilt, a day after beating the host Huskers, 70-57, in the Friday's opening round.

Panas showed some legit depth and vast improvement over a year ago, taking a 36-21 halftime lead on North before blowing the doors off behind MVP Caleb Evans, who scored a game-high 21 points, 20 after three quarters, including a couple of threes. Panther swingman Robert Ennis added 12 to receive an All-Tourney nod for the Panthers. Feisty sophomore G Arturo Macchia added 11 points for the winners.

Against Yorktown, Panas G Lorenzo Santucci provided the spark, leading the Panthers with 20 points, including three 3's, while Alex Tavarez added 13, including 11 of 13 from the stripe (Panas shot 26 of 35 from the line). Santucci came off the bench and provided an instant boost to the attack.

Beacon transfer Evans added nine points and showed some versatility on both ends of the floor. Tom Palmaffy (7 points) and Macchia (8 points) were also big for the Panthers, who showed depth and the ability to balance



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Lakeland's Augie Karaqi skies for shot in Hornets' 63-38 loss to Tappan Zee in consy round of Lakeland tourney Friday.

the score sheet.

"We're pretty comfortable going nine deep, and Rob Simmonds, who should be back after the break, will factor, too," Panas Coach Mike Auerbach said. "We definitely saw the big upside from Evans. He showed it against Clarkstown North. He's unique in that he can score inside against smaller defenders and also on the perimeter if you try and defend him with a forward."

We have a lot of options offensively. We feel like we can have five or six different guys potentially lead us in scoring on a given night. Defensively, we're a work in progress. We'll have to figure it out game to game. It'll be pretty scouting-report dependent on that end of the court."

Yorktown took third place with a 68-40 win over Carmel, which looks like it might

struggle to score the ball this season. The Rams were eliminated by Clarkstown North, 44-30, in the opening round.

Yorktown sophomore Eddie Brucaj, a 6'5" forward with a ton of potential, was named to the All-Tournament team after notching a double-double (16 points and 12 rebounds).

In the season opener against Fox Lane, Yorktown nearly clawed its way back from a 17-point deficit but lost to Fox Lane, 51-47. Roni Brucaj (11 points, 3 boards, 2 assists), Eddie Brucaj (6 points, 7 rebounds) and Anthony Granitto (14 points, 3 boards) were big for the Huskers (1-2), who salvaged a third-place finish in the Budries tournament in a 68-40 win over Carmel. The Rams had no answer for Husker sophomore Eddie Brucaj, who dropped 16 points and hauled in six boards. Senior Roni Brucaj added 10 points



Panas G Lorenzo Santucci goes for two of his 20 points in 70-57 win over Yorktown Friday.

and four assists while Tony Granitto had 10 points and six boards. Of note, Husker freshman Antoine Cole fared well with four points and six assists.

**LAKELAND** may not have got the desired outcome by placing fourth in its Relay for Life Tournament, but while Coach Steve Fallo's Hornets were in it to win it, they benefitted from the competition they saw more than anything. The field of Suffern, Tappan Zee and Arlington was a rough and tumble assemblage. Arlington beat Lakeland 84-70 in the opening round, and the Hornets could not stand toe-to-toe with Class A heavyweight Tappan Zee in the consolation round. Suffern beat Arlington to claim top honors.

"We gave Arlington too many runouts and put-backs, and the 20 turnovers didn't help," Fallo said. "We've got a long way to go, but we're only going to get better playing this type of competition."

**SOMERS** hosted reigning NYS champion Poughkeepsie in a tough 62-43 opening-night loss. Drew Lasher led Somers with 11 points while Bennett Leitner added 10. Somers (1-1) rebounded from the Poughkeepsie loss by taking down Hunter College, 66-59. Somers trailed by 10 entering the fourth but rallied back when Nate Townsend scored all 10 of his points in the final stanza. Tusker F Henry Gilroy added 13 points while G Lasher had 11.

"Losing to Poughkeepsie was a tough way to start the season," Somers Coach Chris DiCintio admitted. "Going against the defending state champs with as many top players as we've lost the last two seasons was tough, but our effort and defense was good. We just shot under 20% with many good looks. It's hard to sustain the kind of defense we play

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Lakeland's Jack Kruse goes up for shot in 63-38 loss to Tappan Zee in consy round of Lakeland Tournament Saturday.



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## Boys' Hoops Notebook



Panas G Arturo Macchia fires shot in Panthers' 70-57 win over host Yorktown Friday.

when you're not scoring. We'll be find down the road with our athleticism, speed and chemistry."

The Tuskers hope to put that on display this coming week when Somers hosts the 24th annual Michael DePaoli Memorial Basketball Tournament where the Tuskers will open up with Yorktown Friday (7 p.m.) and Mahopac will face Kennedy Catholic Thursday. The winners will square off on Saturday afternoon.

"It should be a great local tournament," DiCintio said.

**PEEKSKILL** notched a tough road win over Pelham, 66-64, when senior G Antonio Taylor went off for a career-high 39 points off nine treys, but the Red Devils (1-1) were knocked off by Class AA White Plains, 82-71, in the Harry Jefferson Showcase despite another solid 28-point effort from Turner, who is about to make a name for himself. Brennan Heaven added 17 for the Red Devils and Laquan Jenkins dropped 13.

**HEN HUD** dropped a 51-47 game to Harrison despite 18 points from Sailor sniper Nick Hiltzley.

### CLASS AA

**CARMEL** gave its all in a 58-56 loss to Ramapo but the Gryphons scored the winning basket with 18 seconds remaining. Ram G Jarid Garcia had 17 and Andrew Fioretti 10 in the loss. Carmel missed a go-ahead 3-pointer on its final possession. The Rams (0-3) didn't have much better fortune in the Yorktown Tournament, settling for a last-place finish after consecutive losses to Clarkstown North and the host Huskers.

**OSSINING** opened its season on a winning note, 53-41 over Clarkstown North.



Panas MVP Caleb Evans gets high to defend Yorktown G Antoine Cole in Panthers' 70-57 win over Huskers.

Jaeden Carr had 18 points and four assists, Khy'Leil Hawkins added 14 points and Griffin Dahle had eight points and 13 rebounds for Ossining (2-1).

Ossining lost that early momentum in a 54-48 loss to Mamaroneck in the championship of Sleepy Hollow's Howard Godwin Tournament 54-48. Carr (22 points, 5 boards, 2 assists), Dahle (10 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists), Hawkins (4 points, 5 assists) led the way. The Pride won the opening round, 66-57, over Sleepy Hollow. Carr (25 points, 5 boards, 3 assists) and Hawkins (24 points) were explosive in the win.

**MAHOPAC** suffered a tough 60-46 opening-night loss to Spring Valley. Vin Bastone led the way with 11 points for the Indians (0-1), who had two chances to trim the lead to five points in the fourth.

### CLASS B

**CROTON-HARMON** improved to 2-0 with a tough 51-40 win against Edgemont in the first round of the Elmsford Classic. Senior Jack Connelley notched a double-double for the Tigers (2-1), finishing with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Senior point guard Braden Burke led the offense with 14 points, including nine in the pivotal fourth. He added six assists for the Tigers, who failed their first big test in a 70-35 loss to defending Class C champion Hamilton.

### CLASS C

**HALDANE** edged Rye Neck, 61-59, on opening night behind 23 points from Daniel Santos, who went off from beyond the arc (6 3's). Fellow G Alex Kubik added 13 while F

Mame Diba had 10. F Matt Champlin and G Darrin Santos added eight and five, respectively, for the Blue Devils (1-0), who are setting everything up in the regular season for a post-season run at both Tuckahoe and Hamilton.

### CHSAA

**KENNEDY** Coach Mike McDonnell notched his first win with the Gaels, 60-55, over Cristo Rey in double overtime. Lou Hoinkis had 17 points and Jaden Watkins added 12 for Kennedy (1-1), who dug out of a 10-0 first-quarter hole. Hoinkis hit two 3-pointers in the second overtime and Watkins hit a 3 at the end of regulation. Brendan Sullivan added eight points and had 10 boards for the Gaels.



Yorktown senior F Rob Ennis gets two points as Panas' Rob Simmonds defends in Huskers' 70-57 loss to Panthers.



Carmel senior Kevin Kovacs goes up for shot in Rams' opening-round tournament loss to Clarkstown North Friday.



## Sports

## Girls' Hoops Notebook

# Short-handed Putnam Valley Win Lakeland Tourney

## Impressive Openers for Mahopac, Brewster, Hen Hud, Ossining

By Tony Pinciario

Even though **PUTNAM VALLEY** opened the 2019-20 season with three-straight victories, the Tigers have endured a difficult start. The Tigers are short-handed because of injuries and a short bench to begin with. Despite this, Putnam Valley has persevered.

"I'm proud of the girls because we've had to deal with a lot of adversity this season," Putnam Valley Coach Kristi Dini said. "We have some things to work on and adjustments to continue to make, but the girls are stepping up and by the end of next week we should have eight of our 10 healthy and be ready to go."

After premiering with a victory over Pleasantville, Putnam Valley faced Clarkstown North in a first-round game of the Lakeland Relay for Life Tournament.

PV freshman Eva DeChent poured in a game-high 24 points and Arianna Stockinger contributed 20 points in a 66-25 win. Putnam Valley followed it up with a 44-35 victory over Lakeland in the final.

Stockinger finished with 15 points and was named the tournament most valuable player. Kelli Venezia added 13 points.

Three games into the season and Putnam Valley has displayed its trademark suffocat-

ing defense.

"Lakeland played hard, but I thought our defense was great," Dini said. "We struggled to put the ball in, but have to give Lakeland a ton of credit. They took us out of our offensive flow that we had the night before. A great group of kids, several that play hoops year-round and they played tough, start to finish."

Prior to its tournament, Lakeland opened the season with a 45-38 victory over Nyack as Taylor Hormazabal led the Hornets with 16 points.

Hannah Devane added 11 points and Amanda Cole finished with six points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Lakeland and Carmel hooked up in a high-scoring first-round Relay for Life Tournament game with the Hornets prevailing, 71-65.

Devane was one of four Hornets in double figures with a game-high 21 points. Hormazabal chipped in 15 points, Sofia Portante added 11 points and Cole had 10 points.

Portante led Lakeland with 13 points and six rebounds against Putnam Valley in the final. Devane had her third consecutive game in double-figure points with 11.

Portante was named to the all-tournament team as was Carmel's Caroline McIntyre.

"Overall, we've had a great start to the



RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Eva DeChent drives baseline with Lakeland's Tyler Hormazabal in chase during Tigers' tournament title win over Hornets Saturday.

## Mahopac's Courtney Named to All-Bergan Co. Grid Squad



Mahopac's Michael Courtney, a senior defensive back and captain of the legendary Don Bosco Prep football team, was recently named first team All-Bergen County team after notching 92 tackles, three picks, 10 pass breakups and two forced fumbles this year for the Ironmen. Don Bosco lost to St. Peter's Prep at MetLife Stadium in the NJ championship game, which decided who wins New Jersey's most coveted and most competitive championship. A three-year varsity starter for football and a four-year varsity starter and two-year captain for lacrosse, Courtney, who totes a 4.0 GPA and a 1320 SAT, is now being courted by D-I schools like Dartmouth, Yale, Cornell, Brown, Georgetown, Bucknell, Rhode Island and Fordham.



Putnam Valley's Amanda Orlando pulls up on Lakeland's Brianna Monte in Tigers tournament title win over Hornets Saturday.

season," Lakeland Coach Miranda Mangan said. "We have an athletic group of girls who are tough and work hard. We look forward to watching them grow and develop as the season progresses."

**OSSINING** opened the season by giving veteran coach Dan Ricci his 500th career win – an 84-44 triumph of Mount Vernon – in front of the home crowd.

"It's really an amazing feeling to have seen Coach Ricci be honored with such a huge accomplishment because he works so hard and does everything for us girls," senior Julia Iorio said. "Having the whole community by his side when he received 500 makes it even better."

Iorio, a sniper by trade, had a game-high 24 and seven rebounds. Adriana McFadden added 16 points, seven rebounds and six steals, Michelle Mercado finished with 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists and Tamia Dimmie collected six assists.

Iorio and her teammates enjoyed watching former teammates play in the UConn-Seton Hall women's basketball game on their way to the Art Turner Tournament in Virginia.

UConn has freshman and 2019 Ossining

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graduate Aubrey Griffin and Seton Hall features senior Shadeen Samuels and 2019 Ossining alumnus/freshman Kailah Harris.

"Seeing Aubrey, Shadeen and Kailah play was great," Iorio said. "All the girls and coaches had a great time. It's just really incredible, three girls from Ossining going head-to-head on Division 1 teams is very rare. Seeing Aubrey and Kailah, especially, because we all grew up in Ossining and to see them out there on the court put a smile on my face."

Ossining lost both games at the tournament down south – 86-57 to Pallotti (Md.) and 66-47 to Sidwell Friends (Washington D.C.).

**HEN HUD** bolted from the gate with three consecutive wins -- 52-25 win over Nanuet, 59-17 over Mamaroneck and 52-32 over Sleepy Hollow.

In the Nanuet and Mamaroneck games, Hen Hud held both teams to two points apiece in the first quarter.

"Caitlin (Weimar) has been dominant and our defense has been fantastic," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman said.

Marist-bound Caitlin Weimar scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed 19 rebounds against Nanuet. Grace Moretti added 14 points, five rebounds and seven assists.

The Sailors outscored the Golden Knights, 20-5, in the second quarter to go into half-time with a 21-point lead.

Weimar had 17 points, 13 rebounds and five steals against Mamaroneck. Moretti added 10 points and Colleen Ryan collected seven points, four rebounds and four assists.

Weimar scored 21 points and had nine rebounds against Sleepy Hollow. Moretti finished with 11 points, Mylene Smith added eight points and Kira Varada finished with six rebounds and four steals.

Youthful **BREWSTER** is 2-0 following victories over Beacon, 54-38, and Pleasantville, 54-49. Freshman Madison Dakin



Putnam Valley's Arianna Stockinger (L) and Alex Waters (R) try to lock down Lakeland's Hannah Devane in Tigers' tournament title win over Hornets Saturday.



Yorktown's Alyssa Giannasca (L) and Emily Ward (R) combine to trap Beacon player in Huskers' opening-round win in 23rd annual Budries tourney.

led Brewster in the season-opener with 13 points. She also had five rebounds and four steals. Sophomore Grace Galgano added 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks and junior Carly DeLanoy finished with 10 points and four assists.

"It was a typical first game of the season, very sloppy and lots of nerves," Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said. "Beacon did a great job of beating us on the boards, 50/50 balls and hustle plays. The girls picked it up and built a 20-point lead in the second half."

Galgano sealed the victory over Pleasantville with a pair of free throws in the waning seconds. She finished with 21 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks. Alexis Mark and DeLanoy each had eight points.

"This was a great back-and-forth game from wire-to-wire," Castaldo said. "Pleasantville cut the lead to 48-46 with 30 seconds to go, but Alexis hit a huge three to put us up five, but Pleasantville hit a three with 10 seconds to go. Pleasantville is a really good team. They just had no answer for Grace."

**YORKTOWN** split a pair of games in its 23rd annual George Budries Memorial Tournament.

The Cornhuskers opened with a 50-29 victory over Beacon, earning a berth in the final against Monroe-Woodbury. The Crusaders prevailed in the final, 47-37.

Husker Ashley Zeolla had 21 points and 10 rebounds against Beacon and Melissa Severino added 15 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Alyssa Perrino contributed six points and 10 rebounds.

Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said his team went on a 19-3 run over an 11:24 span to start the 2nd half and take a 42-21 lead.

Severino had 16 points against Monroe-Woodbury and was chosen for the all-tournament team.

"I'm not big on moral victories or anything," Mundy said. "A loss is a loss, but that 10-point loss came to a very good Class AA Monroe-Woodbury team that is going to make some noise in Section 9. Our girls

played so aggressive defensively and that is going to keep us in a lot of games this season. They work extremely hard in practice. They understand how important it is to defend, and their grittiness is going to carry them this season."

"I was pleased with how well we moved the ball and with our defensive effort against Beacon. Everybody contributed," he added. "We made some changes and held their leading scorer to three points in the second half."

Emily Ward finished with four points, her first varsity points, and five rebounds and Zeolla collected six rebounds.

**MAHOPAC** began the season with a convincing 48-22 victory over Suffern. The Indians held Suffern to just nine points in the



Lakeland's Taylor Hormazabal runs in to Put Valley's Arianna Stockinger in Hornets' tourney-title loss to Tigers Saturday.

second half.

Indian freshman G Kristina Rush led Mahopac with 14 points in her first varsity game and junior F Caitlyn O'Boyle had 12 points. The Class AA Indians have some young talent, including a handful of freshmen and sophs, who could make a run at the League I-A title.

"Being the first game, we were a little nervous and tight, but in the second half we picked up our defensive pressure," Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "We started to hit some shots and scored off of our defense."



Yorktown G Jesse Barer gains baseline in Huskers' win over Beacon in 23rd annual George Budries tourney win.



# Palm Reading!

## Panthers Lifeline Leads Panas to Yorktown Tourney Title



Panas senior F Tom Palmaffy gets a clean read on Yorktown freshman G Antoine Cole in the Panthers' 70-57 opening-round victory over the host Huskers last Friday in the 23rd annual George Budries Tournament, which the Panthers held on to win after Saturday's 71-59 title-clinching win over Clarkstown North behind an MVP effort from Beacon transfer Caleb Evans (21 points)... see Boys' Hoops Notebook

