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Lakeland High Alumni Excels in Special Olympics World Games

By Tim Bradbury

Alyse Mackey, a 27-year-old Lakeland High School Alumni, has dreamed of competing in the Special Olympics World Games for years. She has been participating in sports for nearly her whole life and is said by her peers to be one of the most perseverant and hard-working athletes they know.

In March, Mackey made her dreams come true. She flew to Dubai to compete in the 2019 Special Olympics World Games for the United States team, placing second in the pentathlon. She was recognized for her achievement at Lakeland High School April 9 before the Pioneers' game.

Mackey graduated from Lakeland High School in 2013 where she was involved with the Special Olympics team, The Pioneers. She competed with the Pioneers for several years, and also ran on the track team. When she was 18 years old, she went to her first Special Olympics. After graduating, Mackey trained hard in order to compete in the Special Olympics World Games.

Teresa Doebbler, coach of the Lakeland High School Pioneers, was eager to spread the word of Mackey's accomplishment. Doebbler has known Mackey since she began working at Lakeland High School.

"It's an amazing accomplishment

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Alyse Mackey finished second in pentathlon in Dubai last month.

Longtime Cortlandt ZBA Member John Mattis Dies at 72

By Rick Pezzullo

John Mattis, a longtime member of the Cortlandt Zoning Board of Appeals and active participant in many community organizations, died unexpectedly April 10 at his home in Buchanan. He was 72.

"We are all very saddened to hear about the passing away of John Mattis. He served on our Zoning Board of Appeals since 1995 (approximately 24 years)," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi. "John leaves behind his identical twin brother and his daughter, who he adored. He would always tell me how proud he was of her. John Mattis also dedicated his time to many civic and community organizations. His friendly manner

and smile will be truly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends."

Mattis was born January 7, 1947 and grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gannon University with a BS in Industrial Management and earned an MBA in finance at Fordham University. He was president of his own company, Professional Financial Services, since 1994. He resided in Montrose for many years before recently relocating to Buchanan.

He was a member of the Peekskill Rotary Club. A chair with his name was lefty empty at last week's meeting.

"I am still in shock over the loss of my good friend John Mattis," Westchester

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John Mattis



Cleaning Up

A group of youngsters recently got together to improve their community by cleaning up downtown Peekskill. Similar efforts took place over the weekend in nearby municipalities, including the Battle of Yorktown, where bags of trash were collected throughout the town.



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for somebody to go to any Olympics, let alone the Special Olympics World Games," Doeblbler said. "It's amazing just to have gone, and for Alyse to have placed second, that is just incredible."

Doeblbler emphasized the kind of extraordinary skills Mackey displays both on and off the field. "I always thought she was just an amazing athlete. She is the epitome of sportsmanship. She goes in there and really tries her best, but she also understands that you are there as a team," she said.

Doeblbler noticed many times when Mackey could have scored a point in a game, but instead stopped to pass the ball to her younger team mates to give them a chance. "She is amazing, she's just that type of person," said Doeblbler.

Mackey has faced many hardships in her career as an athlete but has never let them hinder her progress. Before competing in the Special Olympics World Games this year, she was dealing with an injury she had received in November.

"I went to the hospital and I found out

I had a torn ACL and meniscus," she said. Despite her injured knee, she did not let it stand in the way of her goal. "I did PT for four months before I went away and I still competed. I also twisted my ankle three times while I was away, and I still competed no matter what happened."

Although attending her first Special Olympics World Games is one of her most proud achievements so far, Mackey is not finished striving for success. "I want to go to another World Games in four years and compete with a better knee," she said. For

right now she is focusing on her upcoming field hockey season.

Mackey has gone above and beyond in proving her skills as an athlete both physically and mentally. She is an inspiration to anyone trying to pursue their dreams. She offered advice to any athletes trying to do what she has done, saying, "No matter what you do, just keep going for it. One of these days your dreams will come true, you just have to keep looking forward and power through it all no matter what you do."

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County Legislator John Testa stated on Facebook. "He was a good man who always believed in doing the right thing and devoted himself to his community and friends. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten."

"Hard to accept that John Mattis is no longer with us," stated Raymond Reber, who served with Mattis for many years on the ZBA. "He was the brother I never had. Always there for Anita and I. May he rest in peace."

Mattis also served on the Keon Center Board of Directors, volunteered at the Danish Home, Blue Path Service Dogs, Habitat for Humanity, and Recycled Paws, was a West Point sports volunteer and employee,

and was a member of the Hendrick Hudson High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Former county legislator George Oros was a close friend of Mattis, who was an avid baseball and Cleveland Indians fan and a proud Republican.

"John was always very considerate and generous. He gave of his time to many worthwhile organizations. He could always be counted on to provide you a ride if needed or help with some project," Oros said. "We shared a passion for baseball and NASCAR. It was John who quietly arranged for me to meet my all-time favorite driver: Richard Petty. He always would do something for someone else, never asking for anything

in return. I will truly miss him."

Others also expressed their fondness of Mattis on Facebook.

"Sad news on the passing of my friend for over 40 years John Mattis. John was extremely helpful on many of my projects over the years and was constantly promoting my business. For that I am eternally grateful," stated Bruce Fulgum. "I along with many will miss John very much. Rest in peace my dear friend."

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John Mattis. This was a terrific man who lived life to the fullest and always had a kind word," stated Bruce Anapol. "I

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Seat at last week's Rotary meeting was left empty for Mattis.



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Q: What is a bunion?

A: A bunion is a bump on the inner side of the foot at the base of the big toe. If you've never experienced a bunion, you might think this bump is an enlarged bone or even a growth, but it's not. A bunion is actually a normally-shaped bone that has drifted into an abnormal position. As part of the deformity, the big toe becomes crooked, pointing more and more toward the second toe.

Q: Why are some bunions so painful?

A: It depends on the person. There are people with large bunions who are asymptomatic, and yet I have patients with small bunions who truly suffer. A bunion patient may develop painful symptoms due to footwear, activities, or other foot issues. Continually wearing poorly-fitting shoes that force the toes into certain positions may put additional pressure and pain on the bunion.

Q: How do you treat bunions?

A: The first step in treating pain and discomfort is choosing shoes that are wider, softer, and more comfortable. For women, I'll suggest shoes with a lower heel and a wider toe. Sometimes the right shoe is all it takes to relieve the pain.

If you have a smaller bunion and aching near the base of the big toe try a foam or silicone rubber toe spacer. The spacer, inserted between the first and second toe, corrects the alignment of the first toe and improves the mechanics of the joint, often leading to improved symptoms. Placed over bunions, circular donut-like bunion pads may also provide comfort inside shoes.

Q: Do you recommend surgery for a bunion?

A: I don't recommend bunion surgery for a bunion that's not painful. It's not about the X-ray, the size, or the look of the bunion. It's about how the bunion impacts your life. At Northern Westchester Hospital, bunion procedures are same-day surgeries and surgeons use nerve blocks and sedation. Patients should expect to remain home with feet raised to minimize swelling, from three or four days to one week. Ten days after surgery, patients come for an office visit for removal of stitches. Six to eight weeks following surgery, most patients will be allowed to walk in a roomy sneaker. If you have bunion surgery on the right foot, you won't be able to drive until your doctor gives permission. Full recovery takes about six months to one year.

Measles Confirmed in Eight Unvaccinated Local Children

The Westchester County Department of Health announced last week measles has been confirmed in eight children, six are siblings, and all are from Northern Westchester. None of the children attend public schools or childcare programs. The children range in age from six months to 14 years old.

The Department of Health is working with the families and healthcare providers to identify locations where the children may have exposed others. The children, who were not vaccinated, appear to have been exposed to measles in Rockland County and Brooklyn where there have been ongoing outbreaks.

Anyone who has not been vaccinated can get the vaccine free through the Westchester County Health Department. Call 914-995-5800 for an appointment.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD urged parents of unvaccinated children to make it a priority for their children to receive the MMR vaccine, which covers measles, mumps and rubella.

"With the increasing number of measles cases in our surrounding area, I strongly urge all parents who have not vaccinated their children against measles to reconsider," Amler said. "Measles is highly contagious, and nine out of 10 people who are not immune and are exposed to measles will become infected. People can spread measles before they even know they are sick. People without immunity can catch measles just by being in a room for up to two hours after a person with measles has left. Measles can be a serious infection which can result in pneumonia, swelling of the brain, hearing loss and death."

Measles is a viral disease that starts with fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat. It's followed by a rash that spreads over the body. Measles is highly contagious and is spread from

person to person by coughing or sneezing. Measles infection can be serious and more severe in young infants, pregnant women and people with a weak immune system. People are at risk for getting sick up to 21 days after being exposed.

Individuals are considered protected or immune to measles if they were born before 1957, have received two doses of measles-containing vaccine or have had a lab test confirming immunity.

Obituaries

Constance Jackson

Constance Jackson, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died April 12. She was 82.

She was born January 18, 1937 in Washington D.C. She will be deeply missed by the Forbes family who she was with for more than 40 years. She shared a deep bond with Gloria Forbes (now deceased) and helped love and raise Gloria and Jay's daughter Samantha.

She loved animals and in her time at the Forbes home cared for two cats, two dogs,

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Police Blotter

State Police

April 6 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Jennifer J. Lopez, 34, of Peekskill, for DWI after she was traveling on North James Street in Peekskill and was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.

State Police from Somers arrested Jose F. Lemus Santos, 36, of Cortlandt, for DWI after he was traveling on Route 118 in Somers and was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.

State Police from Poughkeepsie arrested Brooke M. Backman, 40, of Putnam Valley, for DWI after she was traveling on the Taconic Parkway in the Town of Lagrange and was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.

April 7 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Rufino Mendez Vega, 40, of Cortlandt, for DWI after he was traveling on Oregon Road in Cortlandt and was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested Wilson G. Tigre Sumba, 25, of Peekskill, for DWI after he was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt and was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.

Putnam County Sheriff

April 4 - At approximately 12:08 p.m., Deputy Kevin Radovich observed a vehicle commit traffic violations on Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley. Radovich initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle. A computer check revealed that the vehicle's driver, Matthew Perez, 29, of Peekskill, had a suspended New York State driver's license. His license was suspended 25 times on 10 separate court dates. It was also revealed that Perez had two active warrants out of the Town of Yorktown Police Department. He was placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the First Degree-Driving with 10 or more suspensions on 10 separate dates (felony).

April 6 - At approximately 7:10 p.m., Deputy Christopher Irwin observed a vehicle commit traffic violations on Route 22, in the Town of Southeast. Irwin initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed the vehicle's driver, Michael Conti, 31, of Peekskill, was allegedly impaired by a drug. It was also revealed his New York State driver's license was revoked due to previous Driving While Ability Impaired convictions. In addition, the investigation also revealed that the vehicle's pas-

senger, Christina Frayne, 30, of Peekskill, was in possession of alleged PCP. Mr. Conti was placed under arrest and based on having two prior convictions within 10 years, was charged with Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs as a felony. He was also charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree (felony). Ms. Frayne was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (Class A misdemeanor). Ms. Frayne was released on her own recognizance and issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Southeast Justice Court. Mr. Conti was arraigned and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility on no bail.

April 8 - At approximately 1 p.m., Deputy Kevin Radovich observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation on Route 9 in the Town of Philipstown. Radovich initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. A computer check revealed the vehicle's driver, Ashley Johnston, 25, of Peekskill, had a suspended New York State driver's license (11 active suspensions on five different court dates). She was placed under arrest and was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree (misdemeanor).

She posted \$250 bail and was released.

April 9 - At approximately 1:55 p.m., Deputy Kevin Radovich observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation on Route 9, in the Town of Philipstown. Radovich initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle. Computer check revealed the vehicle's driver, Marlo Pavone, 51, of Peekskill, had a suspended New York State driver's license (seven active suspensions on three separate dates). Pavone was placed under arrest for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree (misdemeanor).

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Theodosius White's Tenant Farm House Home of Historic Distinction

When the esteemed Revolutionary War surgeon and former Yorktown Supervisor Ebenezer White died in 1827, his youngest son Theodosius inherited his property, which encompassed 178 acres in the area surrounding what is now Granite Springs Road. The land included several houses – among them the original Ebenezer White Homestead itself, and farther down the road, a smaller one-time tenant farmhouse, which is now the charming home of Trisha Sullivan Rothberg, Seth Rothberg and their son Liam. This home, Theodosius White's tenant farmhouse, is Yorktown's latest Home of Historic Distinction.

Although the town lists the building date of the house as 1861, it is easy to see architectural elements that are much older. And, like most of the tenant cabins in the mid-Hudson Valley, the original primitive structure was expanded and embellished over the years. A proud steward of her historic home, Trish Rothberg is quick to point out the old roofline and the hand-hewn beams in the house, which the family purchased in 2004.

The many much-needed reno-

ventions undertaken by the Rothbergs over the years evolved into veritable "archaeological digs" yielding such items as a tin of 19th century makeup -- "Harry Tetlow's Superb Gossamer for the Complexion" -- found in the bathroom wall. A later project removing wall materials to add electrical service to a staircase in 2008 revealed a 1914 letter to a Sarah H. Johnson from "Eben Wood, Esquire" in Peekskill.

A metal detector employed in the garden unearthed a Colonial uniform button from the Revolutionary War as well as some from a World War I uniform. One of the home's prior owners, adjusting to the changing needs of the 1920's, added a garage constructed from a Sears Roebuck kit to accommodate a family automobile. The garage, complete with a metal plaque from Sears, remains on the property today.

By all accounts, Theodosius White was a successful farmer and lived a long life, dying in 1885 at the age of 96. It is likely that he himself lived in the home only briefly, preferring instead to make his father's larger homestead the family seat.

Stories reveal him to be a beloved grandfather, prone to corny jokes, and active well into his eighties (when he was able to jump into the air in his ice skates and click his heels together while teaching his grandsons to skate!).

More than 100 years later, his tenant farmhouse continues to reveal clues about its past and the families who called it home.

The Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission (YLPC) is always seeking applicants for the Homes of Historic Distinction Program. To qualify, homes must have historical significance based on age, architectural style, past ownership, or association with a person or event important to Yorktown's history. Through the program, plaques designating the basic facts about each house's history are fabricated and installed on or around the home. YLPC will work with each homeowner on appropriate wording for the plaque and will assist in research. The cost for the application and the plaque is \$100. Applications are available online at www.yorktownny.org/planning or by emailing nmilanese@yorktownny.org.



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Photo depicts homeowner Trish Sullivan Rothberg in front of Theodosius White Tenant Farm House

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Ossining to Search for New Village Manager as McDonnell Departs

By Rick Pezzullo

The Village of Ossining is searching for a new village manager.

Ossining Village Manager Deborah McDonnell announced last week she is leaving her position and the Village Board plans to appoint Village Engineer Paul Fraioli as the Acting Village Manager until a permanent replacement is hired.

"As we wish Debbie the best in what's next for her, we are grateful to have experienced leadership in our department heads and staff. Ossining residents can be confident that the services they rely on will continue uninterrupted," said Mayor Victoria Gearity.

Fraioli has worked in Ossining village government for nearly 18 years, and had

stepped up to serve in the village manager capacity prior to McDonnell's appointment.

Village officials said top-notch consultants are already on board to keep big initiatives on track. Rose Noonan of the Housing Action Council has been contracted to lead the process of seeking a developer for a mixed-use mixed-

income project on a village-owned lot in the waterfront district, while consultants from the Pace Land Use Law Center have been engaged to facilitate community outreach for the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Gearity stated she will provide an update on the plan for hiring a new village manager once the path forward is clear.

Soundview Preparatory School Names Curley New Head of School

Soundview Preparatory School has announced the appointment of Tom Curley as its new Head of School. Curley, an educator with more than 20 years of experience as an administrator, teacher and coach in independent schools, will be Soundview's third Head of School since its founding in 1989. His appointment will become effective on July 1, and he has been serving as Interim Head of School since April 1 of this year.

After graduating from Harvard College in 1996 with a degree in History and Literature, Curley taught European History at The Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Massachusetts. He received a master's

degree in European History from Boston University in 2004 and became the Dean of Student Life at the Derryfield School in Manchester, New Hampshire. He later returned to Eaglebrook to chair the History Department, and in 2012 moved to the Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut, where he served as Director of Curriculum and Director of Innovation and Technology and taught classes in the Humanities and Technology. Most recently, he has served as Director of Programming at Workspace Education in Bethel, Connecticut.

"We are very excited to welcome Tom Curley to Soundview," said Kelly Fair-

weather, Chair of the School's Board of Trustees. "He is a committed educator whose intellectual and personal qualities will further Soundview's mission of providing a first class education in a supportive environment in which each student feels recognized and valued."

"It is an honor to have been asked to lead the Soundview community," said Curley. "The young men and women who leave Soundview do so as confident, interesting, thoughtful people with clear ideas about their own identity and what they have to offer the world. I am excited to be a part of this very special institution, and to get to know each member of

the community as we work together to build on the School's success and further enhance its mission."

About Soundview Prep:

Soundview Preparatory School is an independent, co-ed day school for grades 6 - 12 located in Yorktown. Founded on the philosophy that students thrive in small classes in an environment where competition is minimized, Soundview provides a college-preparatory education in a supportive environment that requires rigorous application to academics while fostering self-confidence and instilling respect for ethical values.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CURRENT AND FORMER SUTTON MANOR OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

On March 18, 2019, the United States entered a settlement agreement resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against an architect and certain builders and developers alleging that they failed to include certain accessible features for persons with disabilities required by the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(3)(c), in the design and construction of the Sutton Manor condominium located at **234 North Bedford Road, Mount Kisco, New York**. Under this settlement agreement, an aggrieved persons fund consisting of a total amount of \$30,000.00 was established to compensate persons who may have suffered as result of the alleged lack of accessible features. A person may be entitled to receive monetary relief if, in relation to Sutton Manor, he or she:

- **WAS DISCOURAGED FROM LIVING AT THAT PROPERTY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ACCESSIBLE FEATURES;**
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- **WAS OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY AT THAT PROPERTY.**

If you wish to make a claim to entitlement to a share of the \$30,000.00 in the aggrieved persons fund arising from discrimination on the basis of disability, or if you have any information about persons who may be entitled to a share, please contact the **United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York** at 212-637-2800.

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NOTE: You must call or write no later than September 14, 2019.

Legal Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless**, for the property of Bezo Enterprises, LLC, **will conduct a balloon test at 52 Montrose Station Road, Cortlandt Manor, New York**, Assessor's Parcel Number 44.07-1-4, in connection with its proposal to the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board to locate a wireless communications facility (the Facility) at the site. The Facility is necessary to remedy a gap in reliable personal wireless services in accordance with the Federal Telecommunication Act of 1996.

The Facility is proposed to include a 140 foot tall lattice tower with antennas thereon, together with related equipment located within a secure fenced area at the base thereof. The case is currently being reviewed by the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board as PB Case #2019-5 and information regarding the case is available at **www.townofcortlandt.com**

The balloon test will be conducted on **Saturday April 27, 2019** at the site, or in case of inclement or windy weather on Sunday April 28, 2019. The balloon shall be flown from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. weather permitting.

The purpose of the balloon test is to establish the approximate location and height of the Facility so that computer generated visual renderings can be prepared from various viewpoints. The balloon test will consist of an approximately 4 foot diameter brightly colored balloon being floated on a tether line to a maximum height of 140 feet above ground level. Please contact the applicant's attorney, Michael Sheridan, at 914-333-0700 if you have any questions in advance of the balloon test.

Letters to the Editor

Governor Cuomo Should Veto Increase in County Sales Tax Rate

To the Editor:

I am calling upon Governor Andrew Cuomo to veto the 1% increase in Westchester County's Sales Tax rate (which, in reality, is an increase of about 15% in real dollars).

The increase is a political gimmick by Westchester County Executive and the Westchester County Board of Legislators as a way to balance the budget, without raising property taxes or doing the hard work of

examining the Budget, line by line, to weed out waste and abuse, examine the way the County operates and to seek out new revenues and/or refreshing new

ways to do more with less. These methods, championed by our former County Executive, resulted in NO increases in the real estate property tax over a seven year period.

The current County Executive and democratically controlled Board of Legislators yearn to achieve Astorino's record on taxes, but clearly have no ideas nor the courage to implement changes that would be

required to achieve that record.

Instead, they resort to the easy path of raising taxes even though raising sales taxes will have a detrimental effect on businesses. One need only travel a few

miles into Connecticut or New Jersey to see the cars with New York license plates filling the shopping mall parking lots. Raising sales taxes will not increase sales in Westchester, only hurt them. In this case, shoppers need not travel out of state, only to

Putnam or Rockland!

Further, sales tax increases, in addition to hurting businesses, already reeling because of the County's misguided mandatory leave legislation, hurt the middle class working families they claim to try to help. Our wealthy residents bypass this tax every which way they can while the average working class family cannot.

Not surprisingly, our very own Senator Peter Harkham voted AGAINST this sales tax increase!

Governor, please put an end to the tax tax tax mentality of the Westchester County Executive and Board of Legislators. I would urge you to go further and institute a policy where NO sales tax increase will be

approved unless EVERY elected State representative in the Assembly and Senate, representing Westchester County, votes in favor of the increase.

FRANK A. CATALINA ESQ.
(Candidate for Westchester County Board of Legislators District 1)

Fluoridation: Who Should Our Elected Officials Believe?

To the Editor:

If fluoride caused all the diseases some people say it does, why would these highly respected national organizations support it?

Alzheimer's Assn; American Academy of Family Practitioners; American Academy of Pediatrics; American Cancer Society; American College of Physicians; American Dental Assn; American Medi-

cal Assn; American Osteopathic Assn; American Public Health Assn; Assn for Academic Health Centers; Assn of Maternal and Child Health Programs; Assn of State and Territorial Health Officials; Canadian Dental Assn; Canadian Medical Assn; Canadian Public Health Assn; Child Welfare League of America; Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; FDI World Dental Federation;

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Fluoridation for Preventing Dental Decay; and more...

When our elected officials vote on matters affecting our health, should they be guided by REAL science or the junk science that permeates social media?

SUSAN SIEGEL
Yorktown

Undocumented Immigrants Should Be Licensed to Drive

To the Editor:

No matter what your position on immigration or undocumented immigrants, I urge you to consider the reality that all New Yorkers would be safer if undocumented immigrants were licensed to drive.

There are nearly one million undocumented immigrants reside in New York State (NYS). The Fiscal Policy Institute estimates that 265,000 of the 752,000 un-

authorized immigrants over 16 years old in NYS would apply for driver's licenses if available. Immigrants are willing to take a state sanctioned driving course, driving test, road test and to get insurance but our law won't allow them. However, while waiting for valid licenses, people must drive to work, children's schools, medical appointments, places of worship and the store to buy food, which are all daily necessities.

All NYS drivers must drive as safely

as possible. People from other countries with different rules of the road must know NYS laws and feel confident behind the wheel.

The DMV offers three types of driver's licenses. Under the proposed Driver's License and Privacy Act, any NYS resident, regardless of immigration status, can apply for a Standard License.

The holder of a Standard License CAN, after passing the written and road

tests, register a car, purchase insurance and drive. A Standard License holder CANNOT use the license to vote, cross national borders, enter federal buildings requiring ID or board an airplane.

I urge you to contact Majority Leader Stewart Cousins and Speaker Heastie, as well as Governor Cuomo, to let them know you support the Driver's License and Privacy Act.

ROSEMARY DOWLING

Ossining Trustees Herrera, Bazemore Reject Loss of Village Manager

Open Letter to Ossining Residents:

3 of 5 Village of Ossining board members have decided the village should go into a new direction within the office of the village manager. However, Trustees Herrera & Bazemore disagree and are very disappointed to lose our 5th village manager in 6 years with this administration.

Despite what the Mayor's release stated: "The Village Board plans to appoint Village Engineer Paul Fraioli as the Acting Village Manager until a permanent

replacement is hired." portrayed it came from the entire Village Board, when in reality, The Village Board has not had a discussion about any prospective replacement to serve interim manager, the process and/or candidates- a consensus has not been reached, yet a resolution appointing a current full time individual has been placed on this Wednesday's legislative session for a vote.

"A case can be made that the village has lacked steady leadership in the man-

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Insights from the 2019 Tax Season

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

As many of my readers know, I am a tax accountant as well as an elder law and estate planning attorney. In fact, many of my legal clients become tax clients to maintain a well-balanced relationship throughout the years. The concept is that by using me to prepare your tax returns, you have access to your attorney at least once a year to discuss relevant changes in your life. Often, clients just drop in to say hello. Other times, there could be something to discuss. Sometimes, it is serious.

For instance, this year, one of my legal clients for whom I've been preparing tax returns for several years dropped off her tax papers and asked to spend a few moments with me. She proceeded to tell me about her husband's cognitive decline and clearly, it was troublesome. Immediately, I was able to put the wheels of elder law planning in motion to ease the family's distress. They now have access to support services and a plan to protect their assets while paying for the cost of care.



I digress. I thought it would be a good idea to write about some of my experiences this tax season that might be of interest to you.

Approaching the tax season, many people were worried about the impact of the new tax law, especially here in New York where your state and local income tax deduction is now limited to \$10,000.00. When I look back at my clientele, most people were unharmed by the new tax law. If you analyze a return that is relatively unchanged from 2017, you will most likely see that your total tax liability decreased. Not by much, but it decreased.

You must then be asking, "Why is my refund less than 2017?" or "Why do I owe more than last year?" That was the surprise for many this tax season. You see, when the tax laws changed last year, the payroll tax withholding tables also changed. By way of example, claiming married "0" for payroll tax purposes now produces a deduction of \$75 per paycheck in federal taxes instead of \$100. While it put more money in your pocket on a monthly basis, most, if not all, of my clients didn't recognize it since it was such a small adjustment. On an annual basis, however, the number became thousands of dollars, which resulted in smaller refunds or larger amounts due. I

predict that this is going to have a negative impact on the economy this summer because many people rely on their refunds for vacations, etc. I received a phone call the other day from a client asking for an explanation and at the end of our conversation, she told me she was going to cancel her summer vacation.

Because of the \$10,000 state and local income limitation, many clients are no longer itemizing their deductions. A common mistake, however, is that clients stopped providing their itemized deductions. While you may no longer itemize on a federal tax return, you might still be able to itemize on the New York return. During the tax season, I had the opportunity to review a few returns prepared by other accountants, and the New York itemized deductions were ignored simply because the standard deduction was taken on the federal return.

Each tax season, I gain a good number of new clients and in doing so I have the opportunity to review prior returns. For those of you who receive government pensions, make sure that your pension income is excluded from your New York return. This mistake saved one of my new clients nearly \$3,500.00 this year alone. Also, did you know that if you paid privately for care in a nursing home that you

are entitled to a credit for certain taxes paid to the nursing home? The amount is generally 6.8% of the daily rate. This could be a really big number, and if your accountant is unfamiliar with elder law matters, that's lost money.

I hope this article interests you. One of the things that certainly rings true from this past tax season is that the preparation of tax returns did not become simpler, despite that the first two pages of Form 1040 look a bit simplified. In fact, things became more complex which, in my mind, necessitate the use of a professional.

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Croton Village Candidates Earn Backing of Three Party Lines

Croton-on-Hudson Mayor Brian Pugh, Trustee Sherry Horowitz and political newcomer John Habib have won the support of the Democratic Party, Independence Party, and the Working Families Party. The Pugh-Horowitz-Habib slate recently filed nominating petitions and party nominations became official on April 8 after no objections were made to their petitions.

Pugh said, "Since joining the Board in 2014 and while serving as Mayor of the Village of Croton, I have worked with my colleagues to produce responsible budgets with a tax increase averaging less than one percent--well below the tax cap and rate of inflation. This record of low taxes is delivered with balanced budgets and surpluses every year. At the same time, we've continued to make important investments in capital projects to move our village forward: improvements to our water system, new firefighting vehicles & equipment, and repairs to our roads. We owe it to our local property taxpayers to be mindful of the property tax burden, while still investing in infrastructure, green energy goals, programs for senior citizens, and village recreation that thinks toward the future."

Horowitz said, "I am honored to be endorsed by the Democratic Party, the



(L-R:) John Habib, Mayor Brian Pugh, Trustee Sherry Horowitz and Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

Working Families Party and the Independence Party. As a teacher of young children, I am committed to creating and pursuing environmentally friendly initiatives in the village. It has been my great good fortune to work alongside Mayor Pugh, the Board of Trustees and the Sustainability Committee to bring affordable electricity from 100% renewable sources to Croton residents through the Community Choice Aggregation program, to begin the gradual electrification

of our municipal vehicle fleet, to provide local charging stations, to promote solar energy and energy efficiency through the Solarize and Energize campaigns and to embark on a food waste pilot program for the village."

Habib said, "I grew up in the Village of Croton, and I am impressed by the many positive changes that have taken place here over the years since my family first moved here. Many of these improvements have been the result of initiatives

spearheaded by the Croton Democrats such as Croton Landing, Gouveia Park, and the purchase of the Croton-Harmon train station parking lot by former Democratic Mayor Robert Elliott which eases the burden on local property taxpayers by generating substantial revenue for the village each year. I look forward to contributing to that progress and using my experience with the American Chamber of Commerce to support Croton's local business growth. Mayor Brian Pugh, Trustee Sherry Horowitz and I love the Village of Croton, and I look forward to working with them as we move the village forward."

Pugh is seeking a second term having first been elected in 2017 and previously served as a trustee since 2014. Pugh is a labor lawyer and a native of Croton.

Horowitz is also running for a second term, having first been elected in 2017. She is a longtime resident and small business owner in Croton who founded and directs the Childrenspace preschool, an well-known institution in the village for 40 years.

Habib and his wife own and operate a law firm on Riverside Avenue. Previously, he served as Chairman and Board Member for U.S. and Foreign Trade Associations/Chambers of Commerce.

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Harckham Panel Discussion on Steps to Clamp Down on Hate

By Martin Wilbur

State Senator Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro) earlier this month hosted a forum focusing on steps residents and policy makers in Westchester and New York State can take in hopes of stemming the rise of hate incidents and shootings.

The more than two-hour discussion on Apr. 3 at Pleasantville High School, "Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism: Are Thoughts and Prayers Enough?" featured an eight-member panel, nearly all of whom have experienced some form of bigotry. They included clergy, human rights advocates and representatives of various organizations.

The impetus for the forum came following Harckham's visit to a Mohegan Lake mosque shortly after the mass shooting in New Zealand last month. Its members were shaken up, unsure whether to send their children to school. One woman thanked the senator for stopping in but told him more needs to be done to combat hate.

"What we're trying to accomplish tonight are some action items, some things by the end of this session we can all own and take responsibility, whether that's a legislative perspective, from the faith-based community, things that we can do to ease the climate of hate and intolerance and certainly violence," Harckham said.

State gun laws were strengthened earlier in the current legislative session in Albany

with the passage of the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), where someone that a court finds dangerous can have their weapons temporarily confiscated, and expanding the background check from three to 30 days, he said.

However, other remedies are needed that go beyond new laws, according to panel members. Finding venues and activities for the community at large to get to know each other is a good start.

Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs, head minister of the First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, said when the church offered space to the Upper Westchester Muslim Society until their new mosque is built, it wasn't something that seemed unnatural. The Chappaqua Interfaith Council has had functions that include a wide assortment of houses of worship in New Castle.

"We had meals together, we do a Thanksgiving feast together, Thanksgiving services together, we've done vigils together," Jacobs said. "We know each other, so it made it much easier to open our doors to our Muslim friends."

But diversity alone doesn't ensure harmony. Peekskill NAACP President Valerie Eaton said hate and intolerance is often taught in the home. Even in her home school district, which has a widely varied population, there are problems, she said.

"It's amazing to be that it still does happen because we have such a diverse school system," Eaton said. "Why is it still happening?"

Over the past couple of years, immigrants, particularly Spanish-speaking residents, have felt the sting of bigotry, said panelist Martha Lopez-Hanratty, who works in County Executive George Latimer's office. While getting a cup of coffee at a Dunkin' Donuts in White Plains one day, a man in the shop heard the workers behind the counter speak Spanish, then called them "illegals" and ordered them to "speak English," she said.

"I fear for all the families who are walking down the street with their strollers, who may not speak English, who may not feel comfortable," Lopez-Hanratty said. "This is happening every single day. This is happening in Westchester."

Karin Anderson Ponzer, the director of the Mount Kisco-based Neighbors Link community law practice, said isolation often happens where people of different backgrounds don't interact.

"I think if there are ways we can sort of get to know each other, that we can remove the type of barriers, which I really think are language," Ponzer said.

Some of the panelists questioned whether their efforts can make a difference, but Rabbi Sarah Freidson of Temple Beth Shalom in

Mahopac said hate can never be allowed to go unchallenged.

"I think we need to call out bigotry when we see it because it's wrong, not because it's going to lead to atrocities," she said.

ZBA Member John Mattis Dies at 72

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will remember you as valued member of our community a great guy that was fun to be around. RIP John."

He is survived by his daughter, Kristine Mattis (husband Carl), twin brother, Joseph Mattis (wife Patricia), sisters Caroline Swanson and Lois Castaldi (husband Thomas), nieces Susan Cannon (husband Steve), Mary Mattis, Christine Grindle (husband Paul), and Sharon West (husband Braden), and nephews Robert Castaldi (wife Colleen), John Patrick Swanson (wife Molly), Michael Mattis (wife Andrea), and Andrew Castaldi.

A Memorial Service celebrating a life well lived will be held at the Joseph F. Nardone Funeral Home in Peekskill on Wednesday, April 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. A Memorial Mass to be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Verplanck on Thursday, April 25 at 10 a.m.



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Latimer Touts Inclusiveness, Economy in State of the County

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer delivered a message of tolerance and inclusiveness while touting his administration's steps to ensure a strong Westchester economy during his second State of the County address last Thursday in White Plains.

In his 75-minute speech, which was one of the longest by a county executive in recent memory, Latimer recited many of his administration's accomplishments, from making sure that Westchester residents look out for one another to overseeing an increasingly robust economy.

"Being tolerant and compassionate is not merely a social good. It is the foundation for creating a safe living environment where we can all achieve and thrive," Latimer said. "My friends, inclusion and cooperation is good economic policy."

He announced that he will be hosting a roundtable discussion with the county's religious leaders to discuss acceptance and tolerance through religion and conversation.

Latimer said he will also rely on the leadership of organizations such as the county's Youth Bureau, Office for Women and a re-energized Human Rights Commission to help him and law enforcement support civility.

A strong economic climate requires



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivers address.

fresh investment from entrepreneurs willing to take a chance, Latimer said. He said his administration has been using strategies at its disposal to encourage new projects.

The county has reinvigorated the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program (MWBE) and introduced the new Element 46 program designed to provide entrepreneurs who are developing new businesses free mentoring and professional and team-building services, Latimer said.

The county executive also pointed to signing the Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owner Businesses in County Contracts law, which helps disabled veterans by considering their ventures for county contracts.

Latimer said recent preliminary ap-

provals by the county's Industrial Development Agency for key redevelopment projects featuring mixed-use residential and retail – the White Plains Mall redevelopment and the former Westchester Pavilion Mall – will also help the county. Those projects will see more than \$1.2 billion in private investment that will create more than 3,000 construction jobs and over 500 full-time and part-time positions, he said.

"The bottom line is this – we need to attract businesses and keep businesses here in Westchester County to keep our economy thriving," Latimer said. "When our businesses thrive, our county thrives and we want to partner with those businesses, large and small to meet their employment and technology needs."

In January, Latimer signed the agreement for North 60 near Westchester Medical Center, in what will be the largest project in the county in decades. It will feature about two million square feet of biomedical and research space along with a hotel, retail and a life sciences museum. He acknowledged his predecessor, Rob Astorino, for doing much of the heavy lifting for the project.

To help with the county tax burden, Latimer said his office encouraged municipalities to find ways to save taxpayer money through the state's Shared Services Program.

His proposal to raise the county sales tax 1 percent to 8 3/8 percent, will raise an estimated \$140 million in a full year, about \$40 million of which will be shared with municipalities and school districts. In exchange, there would be no property tax increase for 2020 and 2021.

The state legislature passed the resolution allowing for the higher sales tax and it awaits Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signature.

Latimer said that his administration is focused on critical infrastructure projects, such as fixing deteriorating roads, using \$1.8 million to reduce the number of bridge strikes on the Hutchinson River Parkway, renovating the Elijah Miller House in North White Plains and developing 74 units of senior affordable housing at the old WestHELP site.

"That's hardly a start, but like the Miller House and the Sprain Ridge Pools, we believe in saving things worth saving," Latimer said. "We understand the cost of things and we understand the value of things."

Multiple environmental initiatives have been stressed such as the creation of a Climate Crisis Task Force, emphasizing solar power and electric county vehicles, encouraging textile and food scrap recycling and the installation of 30,000 LED bulbs countywide, he said.

Latimer also announced that the county is looking forward to an exciting summer season at Playland, topped by a new

roller coaster named Coaster, the amusement park's mascot.

The county executive said he is bullish on Westchester's future.

"Ladies and gentleman, for all of this and more, the state of our county is progressing, modernizing and achieving," Latimer said. "And it is our unity and collegiality that opens the door to greatness. We as a county have not yet reached where we want to be, or where we need to be, but we are advancing – and we are doing it together."

Legislators React

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) was the most critical of Latimer's address, saying it had "the least amount of detail and information" of any State of the County in the 10 years he's been on the Board of Legislators.

"It was a wonderful thank you to a lot of people and a lot of groups, which is always a good thing, but it lacked the substance I was looking for in two areas – the airport and Playland – which I believe are the two main issues facing the county," Testa said.

Testa said while Latimer acknowledged that Westchester is still the most expensive county in the United States, his refusal to consider the plan to have a private operator take over the county airport is costing taxpayers.

"There are millions and millions of dollars sitting there to be used to combat tax increases," he said. "None of that was mentioned."

Meanwhile, he said it appears the administration is not going to follow through on the agreement for Standard Amusements to take over Playland with the introduction of a new ride. If Latimer nixes the agreement, then the county will potentially face even more costs with a likely lawsuit.

Two Democrats, Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), had different takes, saying that he emphasized the administration's accomplishments. Covill said she would have liked to hear Latimer speak more of how his purchasing strategies is not only helping the environment but saving taxpayers money. The purchase of 78 hybrid buses to save the county about \$1 million a year is one example, she said.

"The point of purchase is where we realize our efficiencies, not point of use," Covill said. "That has become a real mantra for this administration."

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said Latimer raised some critical issues.

"I think some great points were made," she said. "I think that we're really trying to work on items that really need to be addressed. We are working together. We may not always agree but we do have everybody's constituency at heart."

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National Former POW Recognition Day Marked

By Rick Pezzullo

A ceremony to mark National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day was held in the Town of Cortlandt last week.

The event was led by the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs to recognize April 9 as the presidentially proclaimed observance of prisoners of war. It was first established by President Ronald Reagan in 1987.

"Cortlandt loves and respects our veterans at all times," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi at Town Hall. "These heroes deserve a day of recognition."

As of January 22, 2019, there was a reported 1,589 prisoners of war missing in action.

Brigadier General Michel Natali, who has served 31 years in the military, spoke of his grandfather, Private Michael Natali, an Italian immigrant who served in World War I after being drafted in April 1918. He was captured four months later and left the military in 1919.

"His story gave me an appreciation of sacrifice and service," Natali said.

The featured speaker at the ceremony was Norman Bussel, a 96-year-old resident of Mohegan Lake who served in World War II as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Corps.

At 20 years old, Bussel, working as a radio operator/gunner, was on a B-17 bomber airplane with four other crew members in Berlin when it was struck by enemy fire and turned into a raging inferno. Bussel managed to jump out of the plane before it exploded and landed in a yard where he was captured.

"I was seven seconds away from eternity," Bussel said.

He was eventually rescued by a soldier but the experience of being a prisoner of war and trauma of being the only member of his crew to survive still haunts him as he comes upon the 75th anniversary (April 29, 1944) of that harrowing day.

"Survivor guilt never goes away," he said. "It has been my road map for 75 years. I hate the Fourth of July. I'm also claustrophobic because of being in solidarity confinement."

Bussel he has been active for more than 20 years in the Hudson Valley Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War (AXPOW) serving as Trustee, Adjutant and Commander. He also has held positions in the national organization as public relations director and as committee member.

His book, "My Private Way—Liberated Body...Captive Mind," was published in November 2008 by Pegasus Books



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

(L-R:) Eugene Parretta, Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Norman Bussel and William Nazario.



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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.

Demystifying Medicare: The program will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is requested at 914-231-3236. Please leave your name, tel. number and the date you'd like to attend.

Somers Library Events: The Somers Library will host the following events. College Money Matters: Funding the Dream 101 will be held on April 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The program is open to parents of teens and tweens grades 6 and up. An SAT practice exam will be held on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Please bring graphing calculator, pens, pencils, water and snack bar (optional). Note: if there are fewer than 25 registrants by the middle of April, this program may be cancelled and the library will notify the registrants accordingly. Info: somerslibrary.org or 914-232-5717.

POUND Program: POUND TM 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.

Thursday, April 18

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues--led by Wendy Segal--is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held

on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein---is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)--led by Rabbi Sternstein--is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

First Presbyterian Holy Week Services: The following Holy Week services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 18. On April 19, Good Friday, the Sanctuary will be open all day and a service will be held at 7:30 p.m. An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6 a.m. at Downing Park. Worship services will be held at the church at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

St. Andrew's Holy Week Services: St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2405 Crompond Rd., invites you to attend our Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7 p.m. Good Friday services on April 19 are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Easter Sunday services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on April 21st. All are welcome!

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

"The Legend:" This April, Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) is presenting The Legend, written by Rick Apicella and directed by Joe Albert Lima, the world-premiere of an original play ranked a 2018 'commended new play' by the BBC in a multi-lingual international playwrighting competition that spanned the continents. The Legend will run on weekends through Saturday, April 27 (no performance on Sunday, April 21), at WCT's Black Box Theater, 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets are \$25; \$20 discount tickets are available for WCT members, students, seniors and groups of 5+. Advance online purchase is strongly recommended: visit <https://thelegendwct.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Friday, April 19

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.

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is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

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

Saturday, April 20

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.

Flea Market: The Ossining Historical Society Museum Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 196 Croton Ave. (Route 133).

Knife Show: The Military Collectables Knife Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Admission is \$5; children under 12 with an adult are admitted for free. Part of the proceeds of this event goes to the Patterson Recreation Center & the American Veterans Historical Museum. For additional information on this event, see: <https://www.thedufflebaginc.com/tdb1/militaria3.html> or contact the Patterson Recreation Center, 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag, 845-878-7106.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old York-

Happenings

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town Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Tableware Art Exhibit: Peekskill Clay Studios @ The Hat Factory announces In Good Company: Tableware for the 21st Century will be held through April 30. Info: 914-275-6887 or bruce@aparpr.co.

Sunday, April 21

Grace Lutheran Services: Grace Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Curry and Gomer Streets, invites all those who may be interested to join us in the celebration of Holy Week services.

For a unique experience, join us for the Easter Vigil service on Saturday evening, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Joyful Easter services will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 21. Further information may be obtained by calling the church at 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: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Monday, April 22

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.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Keep in Mind

Pasta Night: Paws for Love, a not-for-profit, all-volunteer animal rescue organization, is doing a Pasta Night at the Buchanan Fire House with dining and prizes on April 27. The event will feature delicious food, a wonderful DJ and a

cash bar. The fire house is located at 3159 Albany Post Rd. The two seatings will be held at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Call or text 914- 522-9206 or e-mail auntiem1243@gmail.com.

Ossining Trustees Herrera, Bazemore Reject Loss of Village Manager

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agers due to personality conflicts. The hardest part of a manager's job is having 5 bosses. Nationally, we have seen what happens when municipal managers have too much power. In Ossining we are experiencing what happens when managers have too little power. There has to be a balance and respect for the individual office that elected hold and the office of the village management," said Quantel Bazemore an Ossining Village Trustee.

"The Office of the Village Manager is the Chief Administrator of the municipality, in charge of operations, and is management (except the Police Department). The consistent challenge faced during the last few years is that the Mayor & some

Trustees do not accept or understand their role. Trustees are part-time elected officials charged with the responsibility to create & implement local public policy, code & regulations, review & approve annual operating budget, and serve as the Village's Board of Police Commissioners. Trustees are not charged to directly manage staff or operations; The Village Manager's job. This atmosphere lends itself to a weak manager's office, when in reality the Village of Ossining by charter is a weak-mayor form of government. The Village internally has been operating with low morale & trust. This culture that has to be recognized and addressed as a board," said Omar Herrera, an Ossining Village Trustee.



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Many years ago, when my wife and I discovered our dream home in the country, we were delighted that we could figure out a way to turn a one-and-a-half story saltbox wing with all original 18th century details into a separate apartment. It was the most charming rental unit, we're convinced, in all of Westchester.

However, it came with one caveat. Whenever it was available for rent and we received inquiries from prospective tenants, the first thing my wife would ask was, "Do you mind telling me how tall you are?"

There was always a questioning pause on the other end of the line, but if the answer was 6'2" or over, her response was, "Sorry, I don't think this apartment would be for you." The reason was simple to explain. The structure was built in 1734 when people were shorter, and the ceilings on both floors are barely two inches more than that in height.

We didn't want to waste any very tall person's time in considering a home where they might feel like Gulliver visiting Lilliput or Alice in Wonderland inside the rabbit's house.

In those early days, most houses were simple utilitarian structures and home builders knew that lesser heights meant less space to heat in the winter and therefore less wood chopping to fit into a day bursting with physical activity as it was.

My house belonged to a tenant farmer on the Van Cortlandt land grant and his needs were quite simple, but down the road a way at the landlord's Van Cortlandt Manor, greater affluence afforded ceilings with greater height. The same holds true today.

While ceiling heights in Victorian times had reached average heights of 13 feet, based on English city houses, heights moderated down to eight feet with the advent of mass housing developments after World War II. That height, based on the standardized length of an eight-foot stud, stayed in place until the term McMansion was coined in the early 1980s where center halls and family rooms could soar two stories high.

By the end of the 20th Century, increased fuel costs put a damper on ceiling heights so that today the average ceiling height for new construction is nine feet

on the first floor and eight feet on the second. That extra foot in height on the first floor, it is estimated, can increase the cost of building a home from \$20,000 to \$30,000, for a 4,000 sq. ft. house, depending on the area of the country in which it is built. And to keep everything in proper scale, a higher ceiling means that furniture might have to be larger, windows have to be taller, crown molding has to be thicker, a fireplace mantel must be taller, light fixtures bigger and even artwork has to be larger to cover more wall space.

What mitigates the extra expense of taller ceilings is the cost savings that come from better insulation and other energy saving improvements to windows and doors.

In the past, homes were built with what we call a "balloon frame" where studs go from grade level to roof, as opposed to the "platform frame" we use today where each floor's studs make their own separate box and one box is placed upon the other. With a balloon frame, ceilings could be any height, but as the milling of studs was standardized to eight feet in the early 20th century, ceiling heights were almost universally that same measurement.

A comfortable ceiling height today depends on who you talk to. Affluent homebuyers are asking for a nine-foot minimum ceiling height, but prefer 10 or even 12 foot ceilings. Anything less than

that is unacceptable to the people who do not have to be concerned with utility costs. But, interestingly, new zoning regulations keep even the wealthiest clients from going overboard in that the overall building height is limited in our communities, which in turn limits the height to which we can build ceilings.

Beyond cost, another factor to consider is the psychology of it all. Pulte Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, conducted research demonstrating that, while consumers like higher ceilings to have a room feel more expansive, they feel that it gives a greater sense of formality to the space, which can render it cold and austere.

But today, besides an open floor plan, we want homes that are more inviting, casual and warm. And, part of achieving that is with ceilings that are more humanly scaled. So, if you're a house-hunter, consider carefully the space between your head and the ceiling, because it can't be changed easily.

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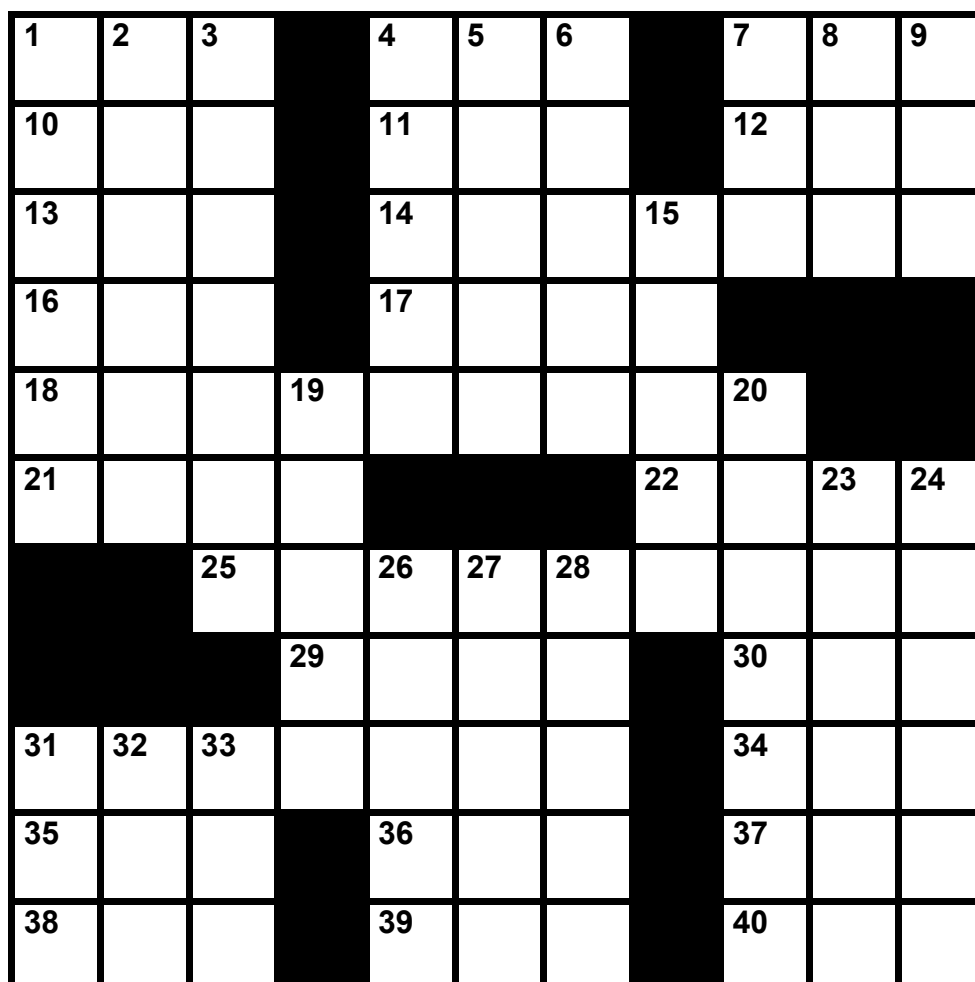
ACROSS

1. Canadian antlered animal
4. Bulge out
7. Nutritional std.
10. Lake Superior locks
11. He was famous for spoon bending
12. Add-____ (extras)
13. One who walks a beat
14. Celebrations
16. Tempe sch.
17. Greek salad cheese
18. This Baldwin Place dance academy might be in your ears and in your eyes
21. Suffix with "consist"
22. Verge
25. Typical fast-food entree
29. Glorify
30. BBC rival
31. Imperiled
34. Compass point
35. African animal
36. Lunch hour
37. Cry for help
38. Common ID
39. Neither's partner

40. Building demolition material

DOWN

1. Slip away
2. Relax
3. Boxer's winning blow
4. Swollen
5. Bay window
6. Michelangelo masterpiece
7. Decompose
8. Cell stuff
9. Knucklehead
15. More sensible
19. African antelope
20. Coolest
23. Boards
24. Writer Hemingway
26. Ga. town
27. Good, in Mexico
28. Milk provider
31. Classic sports cars
32. Lt.'s inferior
33. Sally Field's role



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(Solution to puzzle on page 19)

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Obituaries

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five ferrets, one rabbit and somewhat reluctantly, an iguana! She was proud of the work she did for the local Cablevision in Croton as an Assistant Videographer and also worked part time at Elliot's General Store as well as at the Art Barn in Croton for many years.

Petite and unassuming, Connie was larger than life, a talented crafter and quilter who donated quilts, one of which can still be seen displayed outside the Pulmonary Care Unit at Phelps Memorial Hospital where she was both a patient and volunteer.

She loved listening to classical music almost as much as devouring Mallomars for dessert. She endeared herself to her friends with her gentle ways and with a heart that far exceeded her diminutive stature. She leaves us with undying love and gratitude for all that she has been and done for us.

Donations in Connie's memory may be made to any Animal Rescue or Shelter, especially for dogs.

R. Hallock "Hal" Williams

R. Hallock "Hal" Williams, MD died with his family by his side April 7. He was 89.

Born in Ossining, he was the son of Carola (Bell) and Robert I. Williams. He resided in East Norriton with his beloved wife of 62 years, Janet (Corea) Williams.

Mr. Williams was the loving father of Marcia Williams (Rachel, her precious dog), Carol MacDonald (Paul) and Ginger Oscapinski (Dennis). He was the cherished grandfather of Michael MacDonald, Cassandra MacDonald Karcher (Sean), Anna MacDonald, Rachel Oscapinski and Krista Oscapinski. He was preceded in death by his brother David Park Williams.

He attended Oberlin College, then enlisted in the Army during the Korean War and, based in Japan, was a disc jockey for the troops. He then attended Columbia University for Pre-Med, married Janet, then moved to Montreal to complete medical school at McGill University. He became a psychiatrist, sharing his kind and gentle manner with his patients. Hal and Janet raised their daughters in East Norriton. He was a member of the PA and Montgomery County Medical Societies. He spent many years at Montgomery and Sacred Heart Hospital, had a private practice in Norristown, and retired at the age of 88 from a career (and patients) he was deeply devoted to. He loved to paint with watercolors and was exceptionally talented. He was a compassionate man of great faith, an avid reader, enjoyed gardening, and was truly inspired by nature. His huge smile and cherished hugs were most evident when he was spending time with family and friends.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING Town of Putnam Valley April 17, 2019 6 PM 1. **Pledge** of Allegiance 2. **Departmental Reports** 3. **Supervisor's Opening Comments** 4. **Proclamation** for Giovanni Antonio Silvestro 5. **Legislators' Report** 6. **School Report:** Dr. Wills 7. **Approve** minutes 8. **Accept** Estimate from Newtech Recycling for E-Waste 9. **Authorize** Supervisor to sign Change Order #1, Town Generator Installation. 10. **Vote** on Marijuana Moratorium 11. **Set** public hearing for special use permit for cell tower: May 1, 2019 **Districts** 12. **Appoint** Lake Peekskill Beach Monitors. 13. **Authorize** Mike

and Chrissy Hritz to attend the NYSFOLA conference. 14. **Appoint** Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator 15. **Appoint** Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent. Building Department 16. **Daily** fee report for March, 2019. Parks and Recreation 17. **Request** for approval of the 2019 lifeguard pay scale. 18. **Personnel** changes. 19. **Budget** Transfers 20. **Public Comment** 21. **Audit of Monthly Bills**

NOTICE is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday April 25, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD** Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. **Decision 2. Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23;CN** Request variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. **New Application 3. Powers, James, 202 Canopus Hollow Road, -61.-2-40; R-3** Request front yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. **4. Quick, Jennifer, 18 Pembroke Ct, 92.-1-45; R-1** Amendment to previously approved Decision & Order. **5. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 &7; R-1& LP** Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. **6. Babington, Peter, 72 Dunderberg Road,-62.14-1-47; R-3** Request side, front, lakefront and rear yard setback variance, and variance under Section 165-44 a (1) & (2) of the Zoning Code, and lot coverage variance for deck and addition to existing residence. **7. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-2; LP** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. **8. Fiorio, Robert, 66 Lee Ave, 62.18-1-33; R-3** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for extending and reconfiguring existing deck. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Discussion/Informational Meeting to hear public comments on the topic of AIRBNB's in the Town of Putnam Valley. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be holding the regularly scheduled work Session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 04-12-2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley, NY. The Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of granting a Special Use Permit for Cell Tower. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their Regular monthly Town Board Pre-Work Session Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard, Town Clerk Dated: 04-12-2019

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Lakeland senior P Clair Fon and junior P Joey Vetrano (inset) have led their respective softball and baseball teams to incredibly strong starts this spring. Fon has posted some eye-popping numbers on the mound (7-0, 0.33 ERA, 53 K's, 43 IP) and at the plate (.628 BA, 26 RBI, 9 dingers) while leading the Hornets to a 7-0 start, including last Thursday's 6-3 League II-C win over reigning Section 1 champion Yorktown. Meanwhile, Vetrano fired a five-inning no-hitter in a 10-0 mercy win over Yorktown last Wednesday, fanning 10 Huskers and walking just one on the hill while driving home five runs off a three-run dinger and a two-run triple... see Softball/Baseball Notebooks

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Baseball Notebook

Vetrano Fires 5-Inning No-No in 10-0 Lakeland Win

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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The Section 1 Class A baseball title is there for **LAKELAND's** taking, much like it has been for the better part of 40-something years. The reigning champion Hornets, NYS runner-ups in 2018, are among the most consistent programs in Section 1 history, having copped two sectional titles since 2010 while remaining relevant each and every year. Lakeland snagged the flag for the third time in school history in 2010 and the fourth in 2018, but it has never repeated as Section 1 champs. The prevailing thought around Section 1 is that Lakeland is the team to beat in 2019 and its 5-1 start is additional evidence, though Rye (7-0) and Byram Hills (7-1) are legit threats, as is any team in Class A when it comes to baseball.

It's hard to imagine a high school baseball player providing more for his team than Lakeland junior P Joe Vetrano did last Wednesday in the Hornets' 10-0 League II-C win over visiting **YORKTOWN**.

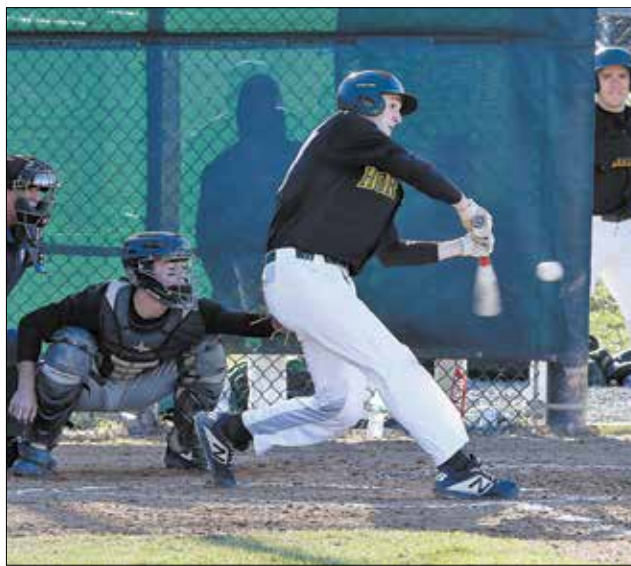
#JoeyBats declined much help, taking matters into his own hands by driving home five runs and tossing five innings of no-hit ball before the mercy rule was enacted against the Huskers (3-3).

To put his day into perspective, Vetrano had the hard parts of what might have been a cycle if the game continued, going 2 for 3 with a three-run homer and two-run triple. On the mound, the only blemish on his record was a lone walk, as he fanned 10 in one of the most impressive overall performances in Lakeland history.

The lefty swinging, lefty slinging Vetrano, who has committed to Boston College, displayed the kind of stuff that pro scouts will salivate over, including a 90 MPH fastball. The kid was shoving, according to longtime Yorktown Coach Sean Kennedy, who also saw former Lakeland stud Jonathan deMarte at his best back in 2010.

"(Jon) de Marte was the man," Kennedy said of the former NYS Gatorade Player of the Year. "His secondary stuff made him so tough. I really like the Vetrano kid, though. He works fast and pounds the strike zone with his fastball. Once he develops his others pitches he will be really good."

In a perfect world, Vetrano would get the ball on Monday, April 22nd against **BREWSTER**, opposite Bears junior ace Bobby McBride in a pivotal League II-C game. Someone (maybe, this scribe) might have to make a rare Monday appearance if this matchup comes to fruition. Heck, Brewster (4-1) is off to a terrific start, including its 6-2



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland's Joey Vetrano eyes up two-run yard bomb in Hornets' 10-0 win over Yorktown last Thursday.



Mahopac's Christian Campo tracks flight of well-struck ball in Indians 5-1 win over Putnam Valley.



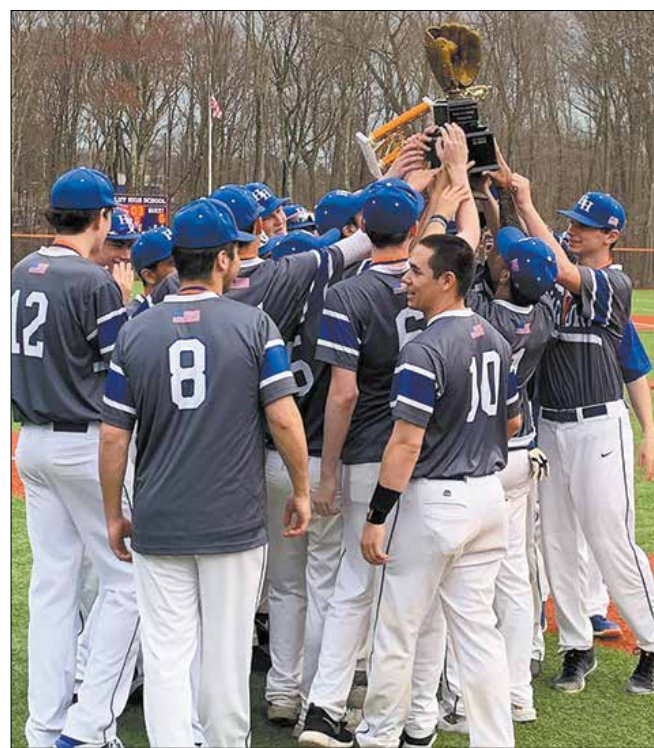
Lakeland's Andrew Croce can't elude tag of Yorktown's ChRls Sica in Hornets' 10-0 win over Yorktown last Thursday.



Lakeland 1B Jason Green gets a late pick-off throw against Yorktown's Jack Tinari in Hornets' 10-0 win over Huskers last Thursday.



Mahopac's Chris Walpole is narrowly nipped by Put Valley 1B Matt Carravone in Indians' 5-1 win over host Tigers last Thursday.



Hen Hud player hoist the hardware after winning the Briarcliff Tournament last Saturday.

win over Pelham, in which Bears senior P Ryan Gergley allowed just one hit and three walks while sending eight Pelicans down K-way. He did not allow an earned run and seems to provide the Bears with a solid No.3. Bradlee McKeever had three hits and an RBI for the Bears while OF Paul Catalano had two RBI.

Perhaps, Brewster's most impressive win this season was a 10-9 slugfest over Beacon last Monday. Trailing 6-0 after a horrific first inning, the Bears went off for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth and two more in the seventh, capped by Catalano's walk-off for his third hit and fourth RBI of the day.

SOMERS and **PANAS** went head-to-head in a home-and-home set last week, including Thursday's featured matchup between Somers' SUNY Oneonta-bound senior Liam Kaseta and Panas junior Matty Calise, who salvaged a split for the Panthers in a 5-4 victory over the

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Tuskers. Calise went 5-2/3rds and was touched for three earned runs. He fanned four and continued to emerge as a top-of-the-rotation chucker for Coach Anthony Fata. Calise also had an RBI to aid his own cause while Diego Urreta (2 for 4, RBI), Aidan Cohall (2 hits) and Don Hopper (2B, RBI and a run) were big for the Panthers (3-4).

The Tuskers also routed Panas, 10-0, the day before behind ace Logan Carriero, who pitched five scoreless innings, allowing two hits with four whiffs for the win. Teammates Mike Barbagallo hit a home run and had three RBI for Somers (4-3). Teammates Thomas Parisi and Jack Kaiser each went 2 for 2 and scored two runs.

After a 3-1 win over Beacon last Thursday, **HEN HUD** split the two-game set behind junior P Mike Greiner, who earned his third win of the season with four



Put Valley P Alex O'Brien tries to pick off Mahopac's Mike Musantry who gets in under tag of PV 1B Matt Carravone in Tigers' 5-1 loss to Indians last Thursday.



Mahopac's Kyle Brandsetter drives home a run in Indians' 5-1 win over host Put valley last Thursday.

scoreless innings. Ryoji Schwartz and Johnny Glashoff each drove home a run for the Sailors (6-2), who defeated Rondout Valley, 9-1, behind winning pitcher Donovan Burns in the Briarcliff Tournament over the weekend. Burns fired five terrific innings, allowing just a hit, a walk and one hit batsmen. Speedy Sailor Jordan Grullon reached base on 4 of 5 trips, going 2 for 4, with a double and two RBI, setting the table for the rest of the Sailors to manufacture runs.

Hen Hud was anything but done

after the opening round of the Briarcliff tournament as they went on to defeat the host Bears, 6-5, to cop top honors behind an MVP performance from Nick Hiltsey. Nick Caruso, who whiffed the last two batters for the save, and Jordan Grullon were also named to the All-Tournament team.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC and **PUTNAM VALLEY** got after each other last Thursday when the visiting Indians (4-2) managed a 5-1 victory behind the sterling pitching effort from senior righty Casey Tewey, who fired a complete game two-hitter, according to the home book. He gave up no earned runs and struck out four while pounding the strike zone incessantly.

"Casey did a great job for us today," Coach Myckie Lugbauer said. "He was able to be aggressive with his fastball today and attack hitters. He isn't going to be a guy to blow you away, but he pitches to contact and allows the guys behind him to play defense. I was happy to see him settle in today and get into a rhythm. He really did a fantastic job of attacking the zone today."

Senior Mike Musantry went 1 for 3 with two runs and an RBI for the Indians against PV hurler Alex O'Brien, who threw six strong innings for Putnam Valley (3-4), surrendering just one earned run off five hits while fanning seven. The Tigers' four errors truly hurt his cause, particularly during a three-run third. Mahopac has an interesting slate between now and April 27th with Clarkstown North, Yorktown, a pair with John Jay EF and rebuilding Fox Lane... anything less than 3-2 is an issue (IMO).

PV rebounded the next day effectively to beat Haldane, 11-0, in five innings behind starter John Millicker, who mastered the Blue Devils through four shutout innings, fanning a career-high 11, while, at the



Put Valley SS Frankie Curran scored lone for Tigers in 5-1 loss to Mahopac.

plate, going 2 for 4 with a two-run yard bomb. Reliever Matt Carlsen closed and went 2 for 4 with a double.

In **OSSINING's** 10-0 win over East Ramapo, Pride P AJ Manicchio fired a two-hit shutout, striking out nine. Mark DeAngelis went 1-for-2 with two walks, an RBI and run scored, while Nick Cascione scored twice as the host Pride improved to 4-1.

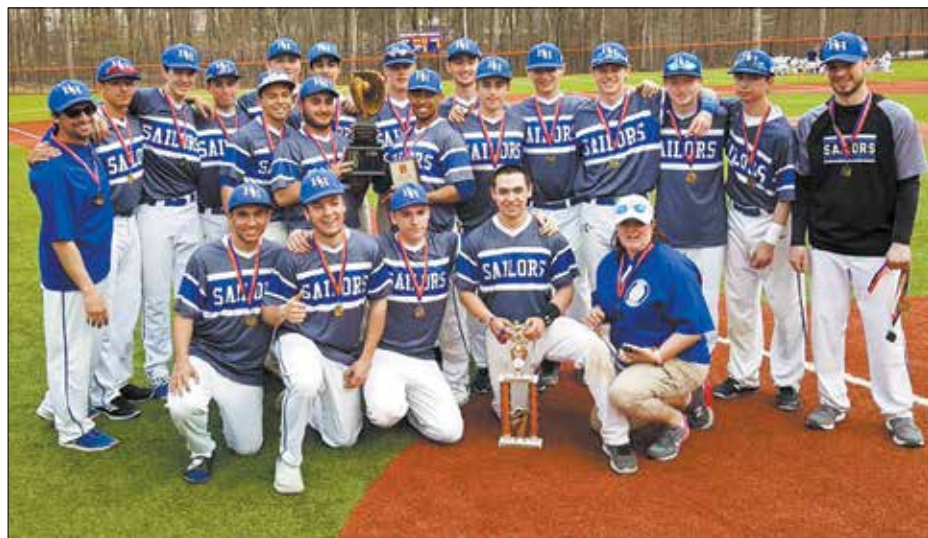
Ossining also had its hitting shoes on in a 10-1 win over Ardsley last Wednesday when chucker Peter Bossinas got the victory during a four-hit complete game gem. Bossinas struck out eight and walked only one and did not give up an extra base hit.

Hitting stars for Ossining included, AJ Mannichio (2 for 3, 2 doubles, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Joe Bossinas (two-run double) and Matt Minihan (1 for 4, RBI, 3 runs). Curious to see how Ossining fares against Class B Put Valley this week.

CARMEL was swept by Arlington and slipped to 2-4-1, and the dose of Dutchess dominance will soon be felt by Mahopac as well. The Rams and Indians were due to face undefeated RCK (6-0) and Arlington (5-3) in the weeks ahead. League rivals Arlington (3) and RCK (5) have combined to win eight Section 1 AA titles since 2002, and neither appear to be in decline this season as they sit atop one of the filthiest leagues in the state. Add in a home-and-home set with feisty John Jay EF and the going is sure to get tougher for both Carmel and Mahopac as the League I-A slate heats up in earnest.

CLASS B

Croton P Max Luke was dealing in a four-hit 1-0 shutout of Pleasantville. He fanned four and went 2 for 2, going yard for the game's lone run as the Tigers improved to 4-2.



Hen Hud players pose off with the championship medals and hardware after winning the Briarcliff tournament last Saturday.

Put Valley Striding, Waters Sisters Each Get 100th Hit

By Tony Pinclaro

Coming into the 2019 varsity softball season, PUTNAM VALLEY junior Alex Waters was well aware she was closing in on a milestone. The catcher and five-year varsity starter knew 100 varsity hits was on the horizon.

It did not take long for Waters to reach the milestone as a single in a victory over Tuckahoe put her at the century mark. Waters then had the pleasure of celebrating two games later when sister, Keiko, also achieved 100 varsity hits.

It was part of a perfect week for the Tigers who defeated Tuckahoe, Haldane and Dobbs Ferry, improving to 6-1 this season. Putnam Valley also owns a win over Ardsley, the 2018 Section 1 Class A champion.

Along with the Waters' sisters' accomplishment, pitcher Emily McKenna



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Putnam Valley's Keiko and Alex Waters each notched the 100th hit of their splendid softball careers last week.



Yorktown's Lainie Ornstein scurries back to 2B as Lakeland's Shannon Scotto applies tag in Huskers' 6-3 loss to Hornets.

"Sharing this special accomplishment with Keiko is the best," Waters said. "Keiko is the hardest-working person ever and I don't think that

there is anyone that deserves it more than her. I'm beyond grateful that I got to share this moment with my best friend. And I couldn't be more proud. I love playing softball with my sister. She is my best friend and just makes everything about this team so much better."

Waters joined varsity in seventh grade and Coach Rena Finsmith made her the shortstop. However, Finsmith quickly realized Waters could handle catching.

"Alex entered into the program as a shy, but hardworking seventh-grader and stepped into a position that I asked a lot from her at such a young age," Finsmith said. "Alex has grown into an outstanding leader and captain for our team. This year, especially she has found her voice. She has always been that kid that does things by example but this year she's more vocal and provides that sense of calm for our team."

"Alex is so very deserving of reaching this milestone. This is a kid who works hard every single day, never takes a play off, and excels in the classroom. I am most proud of the fact that Alex is an excellent student-athlete."

Waters didn't mind playing shortstop, but she welcomed the return to her natural position.

"I love catching because I am in every play, somehow, which keeps me focused



Lakeland C Amber Lopez readies for put-out of Yorktown's Alyssa Buck in Hornets' 6-3 win over Huskers.



Lakeland slugger Claire Fon is hitting a robust .628 BA with 26 RBI and 9 dingers through seven games for the undefeated Hornets.



Yorktown's Sam Riccardulli gets in a good cut in Huskers' 6-3 setback to Lakeland.

registered her 300th varsity strikeout.

"When I was one hit away, going into are Westlake game, I let the emotion of it get in my way to the point where I didn't get my hit in that game, but I learned from that game how to forget about myself and my 100th hit and focus on winning and doing the best I can for my teammates," Waters said. "So for the next game, against Tuckahoe, my goal wasn't the hit, it was done everything in my power to help my team win and that is when I was successful."

"The feeling of getting my 100th hit was amazing. It was such an accomplishment that I have wanted for a long time, and I was very excited that I finally reached my goal. I was extremely proud of myself of course, but also was so happy and grateful because of all of the love and support I got from my friends, family, and school."

While getting her 100th hit was special, Waters said seeing Keiko also achieve it made it memorable.



Panas P Olivia Bordenaro delivers in Panthers' loss to Mahopac last Monday.

and in the game at all times," Waters said.

The fast start is what Putnam Valley was striving for. Even though the Tigers lost to Westlake, the 2018 Section 1 Class B champion, they compensated for it with a win over Ardsley.

"Beating Ardsley was an amazing team win, overall," Waters said. "We played the best game we possibly could have played and it gave our team so much confidence to keep playing this softball for the rest of the season. Overall, I am very happy with the start of the season. We are making all the plays, hitting the ball, and Emily is doing an amazing job in the circle. With a 6-1 record we are playing great softball and need to continue to do this."

LAKELAND ran its record to a perfect seven, 7-0, following wins over Arlington (9-0), John Jay-Cross River (13-6) and defending Class A champion **YORKTOWN** (6-3).

Senior Claire Fon tossed a two-hitter and struck out seven against Arlington. It was Fon's third shutout of the season.

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Yorktown Learning Lessons; Mahopac Riding Hot Streak

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There's work to be done, and that is something every lacrosse coach in the land preaches in April as the best of the best prepare for the rigors of late May; when ordinary teams hoist themselves into championship caliber clubs in the hopes of representing Section 1 in the NYSPHSAA tournament.

And just because Class B **YORKTOWN** suffered an 11-5 loss at the hands of Class A Long Island powerhouse Chaminade last Saturday, and defending Section 1 Class B champion John Jay worked an impressive 11-9 win over reigning NYS Class D champion Pleasantville, Coach Sean Carney's 2018 Class B runner-up Huskers aren't sweating the minor details. Instead, Yorktown remains focused on the task at hand, and that assignment is crystal clear: Don't become the first team in Yorktown history to lose back-to-back sectional titles.

Anyone wagering against Coach Sean Carney's Huskers at this point in time is playing with fool's gold, but that doesn't mean Yorktown is a lock to represent at states: It only reaffirms what we've become accustomed to in this neck of the woods. Yorktown, which knocked off John Jay by five goals just a week or so ago, is the cream of the crop in this here region; though clubs like Class D's Bronxville and Pleasantville, Class C Rye, Class B's Somers and John Jay, and Class A's Lakeland/Panas, Mamaroneck and Mahopac – while collectively thinning the Section 1 divide from time to time -- remain the envy of the Yorktown juggernaut... beating them this season, while doable, is something

more along the lines of a wish list than an actual happening...

NWE/Putnam Feb 5 LAX Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN –Class B Huskers (5-2) loss at the hands of Long Island Class A powerhouse Chaminade was preceded by a 13-10 East Coast vs. West Coast win over Mercer Island (WA), in which Husker long pole Keith Boyer, a sophomore mind you, scored two of the most impressive goals we've seen in several years, both coming unassisted, in full sprint, off draws he won (film don't lie, view here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWVt8tWddC4>). Boyer added a key assist off another clean face-off win. Chaminade showed the Huskers what they need to do in order to get to the next level, but doing so without face-off man Brendan Williams (hammy issue) and injured super soph Blake Borges would be next to impossible. Alex DeBenedictis and Reese Andrews had two goals apiece for the Huskers and Brendan Reagan added another. Shane Dahlke dished two assists.

No.2A MAHOPAC – Class A Indians (5-2) get the nod over L/P because they are on somewhat of a roll in recent days (5 W's in a row), but the fact that the Indians relied upon 16 saves from Pace-bound senior G Mike Argila in a 9-6 win over New Rochelle is a tad alarming. Junior Tommy Elliot dialed up a pair of goals for the Indians, who saw Andrew Dazi, Matt Riley, Drew Riolo, Anthony Corrado and Zach Esteves each provide a goal and an assist. In addition to the obvious; that being reigning champ Mamaroneck: It's time we start to recognize Scarsdale and North Rockland as potential Class A threats, too, so a Final 4 berth won't be as easy as one would hope. Anything big

happening on Thursday, April 25th? Not much time left to get ready for Class A's premier rivalry since 1989ish... 'Pac vs. Rebels! 19 sectional titles between the two since 1989... treat this game with the pomp and circumstance it deserves.

No.2B LAKELAND/PANAS – Youthful Class A Rebels (2-3) had a month's worth of growing pains in a tough week, which included three losses, but the most concerning was a 12-11 overtime loss to Scarsdale. The Rebs simply can't expect to beat Mamo' for what would be their fourth Section 1 title in six years if they can't fend off the Raiders. L/P played an exceptional first half in a 17-14 loss to Section 2 powerhouse Niskayuna but it takes two halves against the premier programs in NYS, so despite hat tricks from Alex Davoli (1A) and Tom Nolan (1A) and two goals from Mike Walsh, Coach Lindsay will go back to the drawing board in hopes of devising a better defensive game plan in front of G JP Walsh.

No.4 HEN HUD – Class C Sailors (5-2) made short work of Sleepy Hollow in a 16-5 triumph that saw Ryan Pritchard notch five goals and one assist for the surging Sailors, winners of three in a row. Max Popolizio added two goals and five assists while Jack Kapfer netted three goals and Bryce Caffrey had one goal and three assists for a Hen Hud team that needs to beat a contender before we hop totally aboard the bandwagon, but they did beat Fox Lane and that gets the Sailors the nod over Somers this week.

No.5 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (3-4) squandered, no, really blew, an 8-3 lead in an 11-10 triple-overtime loss to Fox Lane, in which Nick Rossi had three goals and

one assist for the Tuskers. Lorenzo Sessa and T.J. Deagan each had two goals and one assist in the loss that shouldn't have. Thankfully, Somers figured out a better result in its 11-8 win over Arlington when Brandon LaSpina helped stop a three-game slide by bagging four goals. Sessa and Rossi each drew a hat trick.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (4-2) got a career game from M Charlie Broas who dropped 4G in 13-11 win over Section 9's Warwick. Ethan Mounier (2G, 2A, 7 GBs) had quite the day while Joey van de Veerdonk (hat trick), Kyle Wassil (2G) and Jack Longden (1G, 1A) all had multi-point games and G Dan Clements (9 saves) came up big. Class D title looks like a few-team dogfight with Bronxville and Briarcliff ready to challenge defending champion Pleasantville. Whoa, that loss to Haldane!

HM CARMEL – Class A Rams (4-3) are making us notice them after a 7-3 win over White Plains, in which Ryan Taormina and Aidan Babnik (2G, 2A apiece) led the Rams to a second-straight win, Budding sophomore Ryan McDonald also scored a pair of goals.

HM BREWSTER – Class B Bears (4-3) suffered losses to Fox Lane and Byram Hills, and the Hen Hud game this Thursday should be a real indicator.

HM HALDANE – Class D Blue Devils (5-1) saw Jaeger Beachak, Mame Diba and Sam Giachinta all notch 100 career points this season and, to boot, Giachinta is just three goal shy of 100 for his career after 15-10 win over Hastings Saturday and his eight-point effort in a 12-9 win over Dobbs earlier in the week. Whoa, that win over Put Valley... HUGE!!!

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Mahopac P Shannon Becker delivers in Indians' win over Panas last Monday.

Fon also went 4 for 4, including two home runs, and four RBI. Hannah Matusiak added two hits and an RBI and Krystal Badillo had a hit, scored twice and drove in a run.

Lakeland pounded out 17 hits against John Jay, led by Shannon Scotto, Badillo and Fon, who had three hits apiece. Fon drove in three runs and Badillo had two RBI. Amber Lopez and Ava Knopf each had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

Lakeland scored three runs in each of the first two innings and Fon scattered seven hits.

Stella Bale finished with a team-best three hits and two RBI. Fon had two hits, including her ninth round-tripper of the season, and two RBI. This was also Fon's 33rd

career home run, which moves her into seventh place on the all-time NYSPHSAA list. Scotto also had two hits and an RBI.

MAHOPAC is now 6-0 this season after Shannon Becker blanked Panas, 4-0, and the Indians outlasted Colonie (Section 2), 2-1 in 11 innings. Mahopac Coach Christina Giansante cited incredible plays and game called by C Michelle DellaMura, who also singled along with Lauren Zecca (RBI), Danielle Sabia (2 hits, RBI).

Becker struck out 14 and also drove in two runs against Panas. Abby Mastropietro smacked a home run and also doubled.

Becker rang up 22 strikeouts against Colonie and only allowed one hit. Becker is now at 108 K's for the season after 6 games and needs 303 additional whiffs to establish a new star



Mahopac's Kailey Zecca takes cut in Indians' win over Panas last Monday.

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