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Class Acts

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers kicked off the local commencement season Saturday as 141 students graduated during a ceremony at St. Joseph's Church in Somers. For more photos, **see page 9.**

Mayor Rainey Declares Peekskill is On the Rise in State of the City

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey declared the city is "stronger, safer and better" than when he took office during his second State of the City address last week at City Hall.

Rainey, who is seeking a second two-year term in November, spoke of the city's accomplishments under his watch and the bright future that lies ahead for Peekskill.

"In my 2018, State of the City address, I said Peekskill was like that legendary 'Pot of Gold' at the end of every rainbow. During the past year we've worked



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Mayor Andre Rainey

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Mohegan Lake Woman Charged with Animal Cruelty

By Rick Pezzullo

A Mohegan Lake woman has been charged with animal cruelty after her dog was found to be emaciated.

The SPCA of Westchester announced last Wednesday its Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro and in a joint investigation with the Yorktown Police Department, arrested Michelle DiGennaro, 44, on May 22 for allegedly not providing adequate food, water and veterinary care for an extended period to her Austral-

ian Cattle Dog, now named Boomer.

On May 9, Yorktown Police responded to 3825 Eleanor Drive in Mohegan Lake on a report of a very skinny, malnourished dog. The Australian Cattle dog was in an advanced state of emaciation and dehydration due to extreme neglect. He was taken to The SPCA of Westchester's Simpson Clinic for emergency medical care and attention.

After a thorough examination, the SPCA's veterinarian found the dog's state of emacia-

tion was consistent with starvation for a prolonged period. The skull, ribs, hip and pelvic bones were visibly prominent. The dog was denied necessary food and water resulting in him being underweight by 20 pounds, which is 50% of his body weight.

"We are extremely grateful that someone called to report about Boomer, who must have been suffering for months," says Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Executive Director. "Thanks to the SPCA's team, Boomer is now re-

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Australian Cattle Dog was found emaciated, leading to charges.

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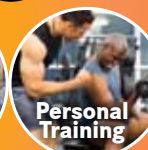
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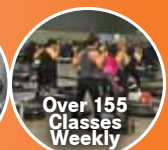
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hard to share some of that gold, to attract people, families, and businesses from across the country and around the world to join us in making Peekskill a great place to live, to work, to start a business, to raise healthy and happy children, and to enjoy the best life has to offer in the Hudson Valley," he said.

"I consider Peekskill's incredible diversity a powerful strength, and I want to make it known, in no uncertain terms, that as long as I'm your mayor, this community is, and will be, a safe place for everyone, no matter what their race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or documentation status," Rainey stressed. "This administration represents the kind of leadership our country desperately needs right now, showing empathy rather than hostility, compassion rather than hate, and courage rather than cowardice. We are deeply committed to creating and sustaining that kind of community in Peekskill, and to ensuring that it's a safe, sustainable and welcoming hometown for all."

While addressing public safety, Rainey said in the last year violent crimes in the city have decreased 41% and property crime has dropped 39%. He said Police

Chief Don Halmy has improved community policing, diversified the police force so that "it better reflects our community" and played a role in improving the Police Department's reputation in the community.

In terms of economic development, Rainey spoke about the business climate in the city and development that has taken place and is currently underway.

"You may have noticed, Peekskill is hot, hot, hot!" he remarked. "Small businesses of all kinds, from bakeries and restaurants, to art galleries and salons, are popping up all over the city. We are also attracting new technology and green energy businesses, and we're looking to attract even more."

"We've worked in cooperation with a number of developers who aren't here just for the buck, but who believe in the promise and the diversity of Peekskill and are willing to put their dollars where their commitment is, to help us move forward," Rainey said.

Mentioning the city's new Central Fire House as "a jewel to our Pot of Gold," Rainey referenced a nearby building project going up, Alma Realty's One Park Place, which will feature 181 market-rate apartments, 300 underground parking

spaces and more than 10,000 feet of retail and office space.

Also being developed is Ginsburg Development Corporation's Fort Hill Inn and Spa, where an historic convent and chapel is being converted into a 42-room inn, premier destination spa and high-end restaurant and catering facility. It is expected to be completed and open early next year.

Meanwhile, a \$12.5 million project that will provide 53 affordable apartments for senior citizens ages 62 and older is being built on Route 202 on the property of a former Italian social club.

Another development that recently received approvals, 645 Main Street, will include 82 mixed-income apartments with prices ranging from \$850 to \$2,389 a month, plus two levels of parking, a community room, a fitness room and other amenities.

"These projects represent millions of dollars in private investment, and they'll stabilize our finances and provide needed relief for our taxpayers, for years to come," Rainey said.

On the financial front, Rainey maintained Peekskill was "in a much better fiscal position today than we were when I took office."

He explained in 2018 the city's

fund balance increased by more than \$900,000----\$512,000 in the Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance, and \$390,000 in Restricted Fund Balance for the Central Fire House. Rainey also mentioned in February Moody's Investors Financial Services upgraded Peekskill's bond rating from A1 to Aa3, the largest boost the city has received since 2013.

"That's based on solid management and conservative budgeting, budgetary surpluses, improved finances, structurally balanced operations, and consistent economic growth," he said. "We have witnessed a steady expansion of the assessment roll that has broadened our tax base and helped both the city and the school district to pass 2019 budgets that were below the 2% tax cap."

Woman Charged with Animal Cruelty

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Peekskill Man Charged with Robbery in Lake Peekskill

Putnam Sheriff's Office

On May 18, at approximately 10 p.m., Putnam County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Radovich was dispatched to a residence in the Lake Peekskill area in the Town of Putnam Valley for a report of a dispute with a male attempting to break into the residence.

Upon arrival, the deputy interviewed the 44-year-old female victim and investigated the complaint. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jamon Johnson, 44, of Peekskill. Johnson, who is known to the victim, is alleged to have pushed his way into her home and forcibly take a cell phone from her. It is further alleged that Johnson damaged property and pushed the victim into a coffee table causing bruising to her hip and thigh area.

Johnson was charged with Robbery in the Third Degree (Class D Felony), Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree (Class E Felony), Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (Class A Misdemeanor), two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree (Class A Misdemeanor), and Harassment in the Second Degree (Violation).

Johnson was arraigned by Justice Louis DiCarlo in Putnam Valley Justice Court. Due to Johnson having two previous felony convictions, DiCarlo remanded Johnson to the Putnam County Correctional Facility without bail.

State Police

May 25 - State Police from SP Somers arrested Johnny K. Bravo, 55, of Somers, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Interstate 684 in the Town of Lewisboro when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Dover Plains arrested Perminderji S. Dhanoa, 40, of Shrub Oak, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 55 in the Town of Pawling when he was found relieving himself on the shoulder of the roadway. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

May 27 - State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Darwin A. Betancourth, 28, of Yorktown, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Red Mill Road in the Town of Cortlandt when his vehicle became disabled due to a flat tire. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Stormville arrested Indira Y. De La Cruz, 38, of the Bronx, for DWI. She was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Putnam Valley when she was stopped for a violation

of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Somers arrested Michelle B. Legoues, 54, of Yorktown, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 35 in the Town of Somers when she was involved in a two-car motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Yorktown Police

May 29 - Christopher Alfred, 22, of Brooklyn, was charged with three counts

of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree and unlawful possession of a skimmer device in the second degree after being pulled over on Route 134 at about 9:49 p.m. for failing to keep right. Investigation found Alfred with two forged Pennsylvania driver's licenses and two forged credit cards.

May 30 - Michelle Louiseize, 30, of Elmsford, was charged with driving while intoxicated after a disabled vehicle was found stopped on Route 118 at about 7:50 p.m.



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New Miniature Golf Course Unveiled in Town of Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Saturday morning for a new miniature golf course in the Town of Cortlandt.

The seasonal nine-hole course is located behind Charles Cook Pool off Furnace Dock Road and is free for town residents, including residents in the villages of Croton and Buchanan. Each hole features an historical town structure, such as The Little Red Schoolhouse, Bear Mountain Bridge, and Anthony's Nose Point.

"In my wildest dreams 10 years ago I never thought we would have a mini-

ature golf course here," said Cortlandt Department of Recreation Superintendent John Palmiotto. "I don't know of any other town that has a miniature golf course. Now you don't have to go on vacation. You can feel like you're on vacation right here."

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi got the ball rolling a few years ago about bringing miniature golf to the town and once a location was selected it took about a year to construct, according to Department of Technical Services Director Michael Preziosi, who estimated the



PHOTOS BY RICK PEZZULLO

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Saturday for Cortlandt's nine-hole miniature golf course at Charles Cook Pool.

project cost approximately \$430,000.

"It doesn't just take a village to build a miniature golf course. It takes a whole town," Puglisi said. "We're a family-oriented community. It's just going to be an exciting amenity for our community and our families."

All the structures on the course were done by Excalibur Enterprises. Other contractors who were involved in the venture included Peter F. Gaito & Associates, Timberline Custom Homes, Harris Miniature Golf Courses, Inc., McCaffrey Signs, Steve Coleman Environmental Consulting, LLC, Landwork Contractors, Inc. and JK Fencing Contractors.

Last week, Cortlandt received a Westchester Municipal Planning Federation Award for improvements made at the facility, which included the mini-golf course and a hiking trail.

"There's just so much to do in Cortlandt that people don't have anywhere else," said Councilman Jim Creighton.

Jessica Sporn, president of the Pine Lake Park Cooperative, which in 1962 sold the land to the town to build the community swimming pool, said the property has a rich history.

"We're really thrilled to see this kind of life brought back to this place. It's wonderful," she said.

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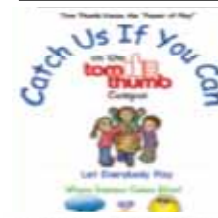


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Senators Likely to Go Down to Wire on Rent Regulations

By Lindsay Emery

A New York State Senate public hearing held last week in Greenburgh debated whether rent regulation and tenant protections should be renewed and extended in time for to meet the June 15 deadline.

A package of nine bills is being pushed by Democratic legislators in hopes of establishing universal rent guidelines across the state.

Senators heard from tenants and advocacy groups in favor of the legislative package and landlords in opposition. Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) and Sen. Brian Kavanaugh (D-Manhattan), who is chairman of the Senate's Housing, Construction and Community Development Committee were joined by senators Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers), David Carlucci (D-Clarks-town), Zellnor Myrie (D-Brooklyn) and Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro).

Several landlords and groups representing their interests argued that the proposed legislation would destroy the Westchester housing market and pressed for incentives for building owners.

"Addressing affordability through the strengthening of these ETPA laws is going to produce bad results for the tenants and the economy as a whole," said Jerry Houlihan, a real estate broker.

Tina Jackson, a member of the Rochester Citywide Tenant Union, traveled from upstate New York to attend the hearing with two other colleagues. Jackson was joined by Elizabeth McGriff, another tenant union member, who endured the foreclosure of her house. McGriff described how landlords and tenants are supposed to be protected from legislation that can hurt their community.

"Our system is supposed to be set up with a system of checks and balances," McGriff said.

Instead, McGriff argued that low-income communities are disproportionately affected and should be granted the ability to create a community land trust.

Harckham said one key bill being debated is whether to change the 20 percent vacancy allowance, the limit that landlords can raise rents after a tenant leaves a residence. He said some tenant advocates have alleged that landlords are looking to push residents out to raise rents so that more apartments reach the threshold where they are no longer subject to regulation.

Another controversial issue is whether increases for major capital improvements to buildings should be permanently added to the rents, he said.

"These costs can be passed along to a tenant but that increase stays for the life of the apartment," Harckham said. "So one side wants to get rid of all this stuff and make it one-sided toward the tenants and you have the building owners saying the system is not broken, don't fix it, just renew. So I think we're going to land somewhere in the middle."

Contractors with signs outside Greenburgh Town Hall, where the May 28 hearing was held, said they opposed the package because they rely on the work generated by the Major Capital Improvements and Individual Apartment Improvements.

Albert Annunziata, executive director of The Building and Realty Institute of Westchester, said landlords are economic generators in their neighborhoods and employ local contractors and suppliers, businesses often led by women or minorities.

"Every landlord who keeps up their buildings, not only for their own investment but for their tenants, and they support a wider economy in the neighborhood," Annunziata said. "If the more radical bills pass that really punish building owners for improving their buildings, then we're going to see a collapse of that positive economic activity."

Mayer said she was optimistic that a deal will be struck by June 15. She explained that landlords in Westchester want to push back against any major modifications.


"We in the Senate are working very hard collectively to reach an agreement on how to strengthen the laws in sync with a progressive agenda that expands access to affordable housing statewide," Mayer said.

Ossining Village Trustee Omar Herrera said the state legislature needs to update antiquated regulations. Ossining has been one community where rent regulation has been a hot-button issue.

"So when you look at this package, this goes way beyond ETPA-eligible buildings, it finally talks about the county and New York as a whole, which hasn't been done for renter protections or rights for I can't even remember, right?" Herrera said. "So, I think that this is an opportunity for everyone who has been critiquing rent stabilization, criticizing it, to really step up and work with lawmakers and tenants and advocates and finally draft a policy and get something passed."

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas expressed her


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Obituaries

Gary Shaw

Gary Tyler Shaw, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died May 24 following a long battle with cancer. He was 69.



Gary Tyler Shaw,

He was born November 5, 1949 to Ray and Richard Shaw. He was the middle of three boys and a wild child from the start. He was known to cause trouble but was also known to be a kind and caring brother and son. Family was always a top priority for him. He went to Bronx High School of Science and moved to California shortly after graduation. Although he returned to New York a few short years later, his time in California played a pivotal role in his life. The friendships he formed during that time would be life-long bonds, carried through generations. He frequently went back to visit and would light up when he could bring his family with him to his beloved San Francisco. He had some substantial problems as a young adult, and allegedly bent the law more than he would want to commit

to paper. But then, at 22, he became a father and turned his life around. Prioritizing family, he devoted himself to being the best father he could possibly be to his daughter, Heather. He often credited her with saving his life.

When Heather was a little girl, Mr. Shaw met his soul mate, Jeanne. He and Jeanne began as coworkers, then friends, and eventually they fell in love and became husband and wife. They married in 1981 and grew their family adding two daughters, Jillian and Robin. Jeanne would often joke that their love, and their lives together, were "all Heather's fault." Mr. Shaw was a doting father; their home was always filled with love and laughter. He would allow his daughters to beat up on him, cover him in makeup and steam-roll right over him. But he also had the divine power of DAD to strike fear in the hearts of children and lay down the law with just an icy glare of "Are you f*cking kidding me?" He was "Dad" to Heather, Jillian and Robin, but he welcomed so many of their friends into the family and considered them like extra daughters and sons, too many to name.

While Gary and Jeanne grew their family, Gary was also building his career. Despite never completing a college degree he rose to be a senior vice president

at FRC Research, a boutique market research firm. His charm, dazzling intelligence and brilliant speaking ability made him a sought-after analyst for several high-profile companies. For someone so unconcerned with material possessions, he always marveled at the irony of his profession of convincing people to buy things. He was a workaholic. Not just putting in extra hours in the office, but putting in extra hours to help his family and friends at any opportunity. He loved to work to make someone's life better. If he saw something that needed doing, he got it done. He joked that his gravestone would read: "Someone had to do it." His priority was always family, but his passion was saving the world. He used his fierce intellect and penchant for mischief to be an effective activist, advocate and agitator. Mr. Shaw began fighting to close the Indian Point nuclear power plants in the year 2000 and was passionate and devoted to this cause until his last days, 19 years later. His brain trust filled with facts and figures, and his eloquent public speaking powered several activist groups, in particular IPSEC (Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition), of which he was a founding member. He was also an active member of WESPAC (Westchester Peoples' Action Coalition)

and a recognized awardee for his work to close Indian Point. Mr. Shaw and his wife were also recognized as a couple for their commitment to activism from the front lines and their representation of activism through love. A dear friend stated, "Gary was knowledgeable, spoke incredibly well and succinctly, and was deeply committed to a better future. He connected what many people see as separate issues, such as the environment, racism, labor and peace and was a powerful mind, heart and voice for all of us." He will be missed by many.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ray and Richard Shaw, and his younger brother, Howard. He is survived by his older brother Michael (Linda); his sister, Susan; nieces: Kaitlin (Taryn) and Maggie; his three daughters: Heather (Chris), Jillian (Jesse) and Robin (Marko); his five grandchildren: Liana (Joey), Michael, Alexis, Cyrus and Cordelia; and two great-grandchildren: Stevie and Joey; and many very dear friends. He is also survived by his best friend, fellow warrior, light of his life, and beloved wife of 38 years, Jeanne.

Donations in his memory may be made to any of the organizations below, which Mr. Shaw held near and dear to

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Hudson Valley Exposition to Salute 50th Anniversary of Woodstock with Live Music and Spectacular Fireworks Finale

The Hudson Valley Exposition will pay tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock when musical acts ramp up the on-stage excitement and a spectacular fireworks show lights up the night sky on Saturday, August 3. The Expo runs from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Peekskill's Riverfront Green Park and is presented by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

The Expo is conveniently accessible by car or train and is just steps from the Metro North Train Station. Suggested voluntary donation of \$10 per adult (18 years of age and older) to enter the Exposition Area will be happily accepted to help cover the extraordinary expense it takes to present an event of this scope. Kids accompanied by an adult are free. Most activities and demonstrations are free, but some may require an additional fee. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

As the sun goes down, the music volume goes up! "Rockin' The Green" starts at 4 p.m. on the Main Stage with the Woodstock Experience, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock and is hosted by WHUD's Kacey Morabito. Musical acts include Lisa Polizzi's Janis



Fireworks explode in the night sky.

Joplin Experience; Stone Flower, The Santana Tribute; Kiss the Sky, World's Greatest Jimi Hendrix Tribute. The "Fireworks Show!" will light up the sky following the music and can be seen by land and by boat.

With more than 100 vendors, Expo-goers will be able to feast on some of the region's most popular restaurant foods, discover their next keepsake from Hudson Valley artisans and artists, and learn so much about the local businesses and community groups that serve our region.

In the Kids Zone, children will be able to enjoy interactive experiences where they can make art, challenge their knowledge of science through experiments, be transformed into a superhero at the face painting booth, hold a variety of exotic animals or immerse themselves in a stream of bubbles.

"We want to share with neighbors and visitors alike the benefits and bounty of living in the Hudson Valley with a focus on art, music, trendy businesses, holistic/wellness, and energy and technology along with the best of the Hudson Valley's food, beer and wine," said Deb Milone, President of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Vendor space is available and early bird rates expire on June 14.

Early bird rate for artists, artisans and non-profit groups: \$100 for Chamber members/\$150 non-members. After June 14: \$150 for Chamber members/\$200 non-members for 10 ft. X 10 ft space.

Early bird rate for general vendors: \$250 Chamber members/\$300 non-members. After June 14: \$300 Chamber members/\$400 non-members for 10 ft. X 10 ft space.

Early bird rate for food vendors: \$250

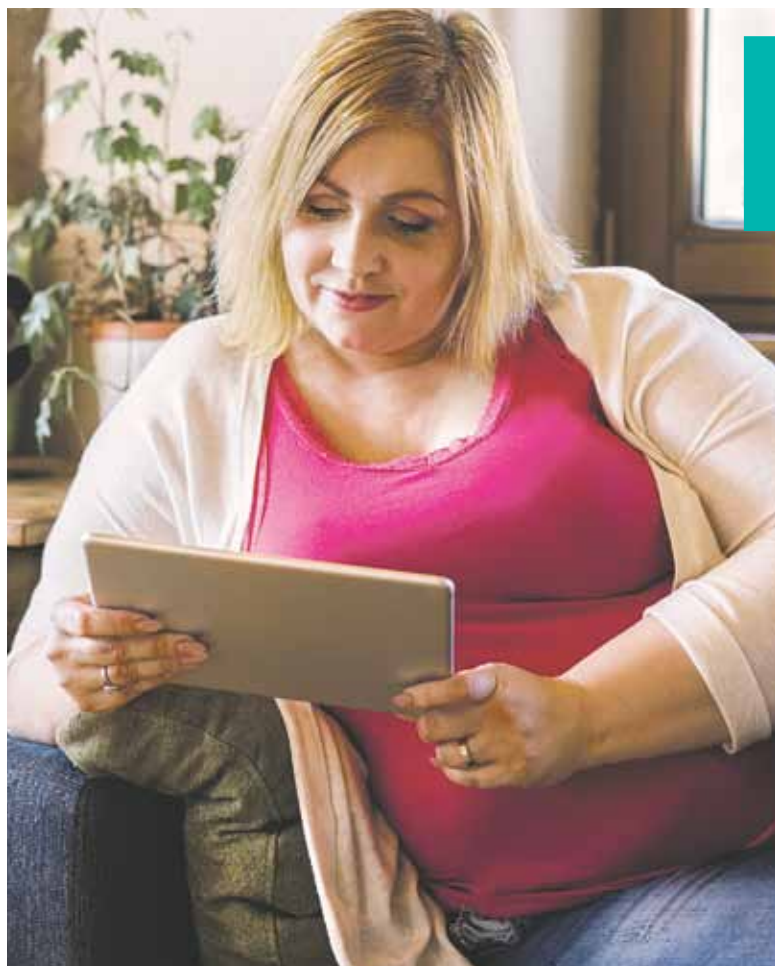
Chamber members/\$300 non-members. After June 14: \$300 for Chamber members/\$400 non-members for 10 ft. X 10 ft space.

Vendor applications will be taken until all spaces are filled. Some restrictions apply. Applications may be downloaded at www.hvexposition.com/vendorapplications. For more information, email Lauren Brady at LBrady@hvgatewaychamber.com.

Expo organizers are also seeking volunteers to help make the event run smoothly. Volunteers 14 years of age and above are eligible. Student volunteer hours are eligible for community service credit. Anyone interested in volunteering should call (914) 737-3600 or email Ms. Brady at LBrady@hvgatewaychamber.com.

The Hudson Valley Exposition is sponsored by Entergy, D. Bertoline & Sons, The City of Peekskill and 100.7 WHUD with support from Wheelabrator Technologies and BASF.

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Guest Commentary

Belmont Stakes Features an Intriguing Crop of Contenders

By Martin Wilbur

There may be no Triple Crown on the line at this Saturday's 151st running of the Belmont Stakes but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty of intrigue.

Whatever the shortcomings of the 2019 crop of three-year-olds, the first two legs of the spring classics have had a few memorable moments. At the Kentucky Derby, there was the first-ever racing-related disqualification in the 145-year history of the race when Maximum Security led from gate to wire but was taken down and placed 17th when stewards determined he drifted out and caused interference near the top of the stretch.

Then in the Preakness, the horse Bodexpress dumped his jockey coming out of the starting gate. Bodexpress became a social media sensation with the sight of him running loose with the pack throughout the race.

In the middle of the action in both races was War of Will, the horse most seriously affected by Maximum Security's misbehavior in the Derby. Breaking from the first post position, he had sat on the inside for nearly the first mile of the mile-and-a-quarter race and tried making his move turning for home before Maximum Security came out to impede his progress. War of Will dropped back to finish eighth (and placed seventh through Maximum Security's disqualification).

Two weeks later in Baltimore, War of Will once again drew the inside. This time, sitting behind the first flight of horses, he managed to squeeze through an opening along the rail in upper stretch and win the Preakness by a length and a quarter.

He will be one of the two favorites and have the chance to stamp himself the clear-cut three-year-old leader with a victory in The Test of the Champion. He will also look to become the 19th



horse in history and the first in 14 years to pull off the Preakness-Belmont double after failing to win the Derby. The kind of trip War of Will gets on Saturday may determine whether he completes that double.

However, there will be serious competition looking to derail his effort from the probable list of eight other contenders expected to go to the post. Leading the way is Tacitus, who finished a credible fourth in the Derby beaten just over three lengths.

Trained under the tutelage of Hall of Famer Bill Mott, Tacitus, the winner of the Tampa Bay Derby and Wood Memorial earlier this year, is back home in familiar territory. If there's a horse with a home track advantage it would be him. The long-striding son of Tapit should be able to sit mid-pack and relish the sweeping turns at Belmont Park.

Also important to note, in the last five runnings of the Belmont Stakes, three other sons of Tapit have won this race – Tonalist (2014), Creator (2016) and Tapwrit (2017).

It is difficult to gauge how the three other horses coming out of the Derby – Master Fencer (sixth), Tax (14th) and Spinoff (18th) – who are expected to go to the post will fare. How much, if at all, were their chances compromised in

the speed favoring, sloppy conditions at Churchill Downs?

All have shown that they have talent and consistency – until they raced in Louisville – and could be eligible to run their best race. Take out the two recent Triple Crown winners, American Pharoah and Justify, four of the last five other winners since 2012 have skipped the Preakness after losing the Derby in order to get five weeks rest.

Master Fencer may have shown the most promise of the three in Kentucky, rallying from far back along the inside to finish just four lengths behind Maximum Security. However, did he benefit from racing on the best part of the racetrack? Tax and Spinoff were never in the race in the Derby.

Two intriguing possibilities for Saturday could be the pair of Sir Winston and Intrepid Heart. They finished second and third in the Peter Pan Stakes, the local prep for the Belmont. Ever since Coastal upset Spectacular Bid in his chance for the Triple Crown 40 years ago, the Peter Pan has often played a factor in the Belmont.

Intrepid Heart, the even-money favorite in the Peter Pan, lost his best chance at the break when he stumbled. His jockey, John Velazquez, was able to quickly steady him and place him about four lengths behind the pacesetter. He seemed to be in perfect striking distance but never rallied, failing to

make up any ground.

Sir Winston, 11 lengths off the leader after the first call, came flying for second. However, deep closers are often at a disadvantage in the Belmont because there is typically a much slower early pace, putting those who lay a few lengths off the lead in the best position.

Speaking of a closer, Everfast, who rallied to be second behind War of Will in the Preakness, will also try the Belmont. He loves to sit far back early and make one run but may be in the same predicament as Master Fencer and Sir Winston.

One of the most important entrants in the race, should he be entered on Wednesday, will be Joevia. The wire-to-wire winner of Monmouth Parks' Long Branch Stakes last time out, he is likely to be the longest price in the field, but he would also be the main early speed of the race. With him, there is likely to be an honest pace, which could benefit Tacitus or one of the closers. Without him, the horses who would be in the second flight (War of Will, Intrepid Heart) will find themselves much closer, if not on the lead.

It's a fascinating handicapping puzzle, and with the long-range forecast of comfortably warm and dry conditions, the Belmont promises to close out this unusual Triple Crown season with a flourish – even without a Triple Crown up for grabs.

Letters to the Editor

Improved Water Quality in Croton

To the Editor:

The Village of Croton is responsible for providing residents with many essential services—including drinking water. Thanks to the sound stewardship of successive Boards of Trustees and our Village's professional staff, we've made important improvements in this area as documented by our annual Water Quality Report released on May 28.

Significantly, the latest Water Quality Report found no violations.

As recently as five years ago, testing found five violations for inadequate chlorine contact time and excessive lead. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. Water with too much copper can cause gastrointestinal distress and, over many years, liver or kidney damage.

These improvements in water quality did not come by accident. Nor are they without cost. Approximately \$11 million of our Village's outstanding bonds are for our water system.

Keeping our water pure requires vigilance and funding. In this year's budget, the Board approved \$500,000 for relining water mains along Cleveland Drive and Albany Post Road.

As Mayor, I will continue to make the provision of vital municipal services a priority and look forward to working with my colleagues on the Board and our Village staff to keep our community safe and healthy.

BRIAN PUGH,
Mayor of Croton

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Yorktown Grange Fair Announces New Artisan Section

It's time for vendors and exhibitors to reserve space at the 2019 Yorktown Grange Fair! Be a part of the fair on Friday, September 6 through Sunday, September 8 and showcase your products and services to the nearly 10,000 people who visit and enjoy the fair annually. For 95 years, the Yorktown Grange Fair has been a destination for family fun, with local farm exhibits, contests, carnival fare and more. This year, in a nod to the fair's "Back to the Garden" theme which celebrates the contributions that local families, farms and businesses make to our economy, we are excited to announce the first ever Artisan Section. These in-

door spaces will allow local artists and craftspeople to display and offer their work for sale.

The Yorktown Grange Fair is the perfect place to kick off the latest food trend or promote your business. For three days, in the glorious fall weather, people from all over Westchester and neighboring counties flock to Yorktown Heights to shop, eat, and have a good time. Vendors and exhibitors can rent 10-foot outdoor spaces for the three-day event for the low early-bird price of \$150 until July 10 (price goes up to \$200 after the 10th). Limited electrical service is included. Certified nonprofits, commu-

nity service organizations and 501(c)(3) corporations can rent space for a special discounted price of \$100. For local artisans, indoor space at our inaugural artisan section is available for Saturday and Sunday only - with a \$75 rental fee for one day or \$125 for both days. Fair Vice President and vendor coordinator Nicole Fervan explained "we keep the rental prices as low as possible to allow businesses to offer their products to a large audience without sacrificing the opportunity to make a profit."

There is no better place than the 95th Annual Yorktown Grange Fair to show support for local agriculture and for your

community. The 2019 Back to the Garden theme is the perfect backdrop for businesses to acknowledge the contributions that local families and farmers make to our larger community and environment. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the positive memories formed by families visiting Westchester County's only true county fair. For more information, go to www.yorktowngrangefair.org, call (914) 962-3900 or e-mail nfervan@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit the Yorktown Grange Fair website: www.yorktowngrangefair.org.

Health and Garden Spring Fest To Be Held This Saturday

Yorktown Rehabilitation/Nursing Center and Yorktown Assisted Living Residence are proud to hold the first ever YORKTOWN HEATH AND GARDEN SPRING FEST 2019 on its beautiful health care campus! This fun family event will be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. with free admission and parking! Don't - miss meeting Susan Browning and the WHUD FAMILY FUN CREW

broadcasting live from noon -2 p.m. with prizes and raffles! ... Also featured will be food trucks, ice cream, entertainment with our guest event MC, DJ SERGE; live music with the awesome band, "Nothin like Nashville"; health screenings and information; plenty of activities for the kids including inflatables; a rock wall; planting activities; cheer demos; various vendors; a plant and flower/herb sale with The Meadows Farm; a tree planting

ceremony; Zumba/Yoga classes; wine/beer available and much more!! Bring your leashed pets and register at the event registration table for our exciting costume pet parade to take place at 2:15 pm in our traffic circle in front of our rehabilitation/nursing center! Campus tours going all day!

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By Neal Rentz

Long Island resident Shamol Haque, the chief financial officers for 10 Domino's Pizza restaurants, wanted to make two things clear to the public last week.

First, Domino's serves more than only pizza, and second, a sole corporate entity does not own and operate its individual restaurants, Haque explained.

Haque explained that his wife, Mili, owns the 10 local restaurants. However, he added, "It's really a family business."

The couple already has two children, Ariana, 10, and Jibreel, who is 21 months old, and his wife is pregnant, Haque said.

Haque said his wife has been working for Domino's restaurants for many years as an assistant manager, manager and ultimately as a supervisor before purchasing her first restaurant in the chain. "My wife has been working with



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Domino's Pizza opened in Yorktown about four months ago.

Domino's for 21 years," Haque said. About a month ago she purchased five

Domino's that are operating in Brooklyn, her husband noted.

Before purchasing and renovating the property that would become the Yorktown Domino's, his wife opened a Domino's in Mahopac about two years ago because the family wanted a business presence in the Hudson Valley, Haque said.

Haque said Domino's are owned and operated by individuals like his family. Another misconception that the public may have about Domino's is that its menus are limited to pizzas, Haque said. His family's restaurant does offer 12 specialty pizzas, including the Philly Cheese Steak, the MeatZZa and the Wisconsin 6 Cheese, as well as opportunities for customers to make their own pizzas by choosing from among 24 toppings. But the restaurant also offers breads, seven sandwiches, five

penne pasta dishes, salads and desserts, Haque said.

The Yorktown Domino's offers several specials as a way to maintain its current customers and to "draw new customers, Haque said. For example, the Carryout Special is a large five-topping pizza for \$9.99, the Lunch Special, which is a 10-inch pizza, penne pasta or an oven baked sandwich, is \$4.99 and the \$19.99 Perfect Combo includes two medium one-topping pizzas, eight Cinnamon Bread Twists, 16 Parmesan Bread Bites and a two-liter soda.

"We want to offer good quality" at reasonable prices, he said.

The Yorktown Domino's Pizza is located at 1871 Commerce St. For more information, call 914-352-7200. The Mahopac Domino's Pizza is located at 926 Route 6. For more information, call 845-314-1400.

Obituaries

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his heart, or to Rosary Hill Home, where Gary was made comfortable for his last days, surrounded by his family, filled with love. IPSEC - Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition <http://www.ipsecinfo.org/donate/> WESPAC - Westchester Peoples' Action Coalition <https://wespac.org/donate/> Stony Point Conference Center <https://stonypointcenter.org/get-involved/support-us> Hudson River Sloop Clearwater <https://www.clearwater.org/donate/> Rosary Hill Home (by check made payable to "Rosary Hill").

Sarah Luposello

Sarah Sebastiano Luposello, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died May 30. She was 84.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Del Pino, her daughter, Toni Anne Luposello, and her grandchildren John and Sarah Luposello. After graduating from SUNY New Paltz in 1956 with a BS in Education, she worked for 35 years as a teacher in the Lakeland Central School

District. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Anthony "Sonny" R. Luposello, and son, Anthony J. Luposello.

Josephine Prewitt

Josephine M. Prewitt, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died peacefully May 26 at her residence. She was 94.

She was born April 27, 1925 to Carmine and Lillian (nee Ross) Zumbo in Ossining. Professionally she was a teacher's aide at the Claremont School in Ossining. She is survived by her devoted husband Richard Prewitt of Ossining. She is also survived by her son Robert (Kathy) Broderick of Granby, CT her grandsons Greg Broderick and Tim Broderick, her three granddaughters Jessica Broderick, Jena Broderick and Julie Broderick, as well as her daughter-in-law Barbara Broderick of Plano, Texas. She is also survived by her grandson Jeff (Erin) Broderick and great-grandson Asher Scott Broderick. She was predeceased by her first husband Robert Broderick,

her son Scott Broderick and her brother Lawrence Zumbo.

Margaret Knee

Margaret Cecilia Knee passed away at her daughter, Carole Walsh, and husband, Mike's home in Putnam Valley in her 100th year of life.

She is also survived by her daughter Cindy Phelan and her husband Joseph,

10 grandchildren - Cynthia, Joe, Catherine, Regis, Shannon, Brendan, Christina, Ciara, Mikey and Tara Rose and three great-grandchildren - Lyric, Jack and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Arthur C. Knee. Together, they raised many foster children in the 1950s at Leake and Watts Children's Home, Yonkers. Lovingly known as Mom, Nan and Nana, she will be deeply missed.

Senators Go Down to Wire

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support for the nine bills, especially since rent in New York continues to escalate at a much greater pace than incomes.

"We know that the security and sense of a belonging that a home provides is invaluable and irreplaceable," Visnaukas said. "But for those who are rent-burdened, on limited income, have

fallen into homelessness for whichever of the reasons that exist, whose neighborhoods have endured disinvestment or displacement, home takes on a very different meaning. Rather than convey a sense of stability, it becomes a sense of stress."

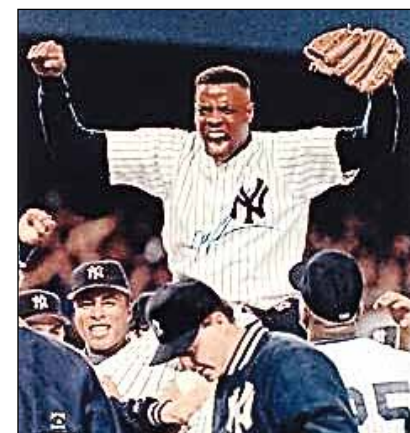
All nine bills from the package are currently in committee in the Senate and Assembly.

Yorktown Charity Baseball Game Saturday Featuring Dwight Gooden

"The Cops vs. The Kids" - a charity baseball exhibition raising funds for an expenses-paid week of retreat, counseling, and respite at Camp Sunshine (Casco, Maine) to benefit local families of children who have life-threatening disease, will be held Saturday, June 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Granite Knolls Sports Complex on Stony Street in Shrub Oak.

Former Yankees and Mets pitching ace Dwight "Doc" Gooden will pitch a couple of innings for the Yorktown 12U Sluggers travel baseball team against the Yorktown Police Department and then be available for autographs and photos.

Gooden will sign autographs for \$30 and pose in photos for \$20, with proceeds going to charity. All donations are tax-deductible. There will also be a barbecue and refreshments, a



bounce castle, silent auction and DJ entertainment.

Online donations accepted at gofundme.com/yorktown2019. More information at facebook.com/yorktownforcampsunshine.

Happenings

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Tuesday, June 4

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

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

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

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

Art Class: Botanical Drawing will be held on every Tuesday from today through June 25 at the Cedar Lane Arts Center, 235 Cedar Lane, Ossining. The \$185 cost includes materials for all the

classes. To register visit: https://register.communitypass.net/reg/cat_program_class_detail.cfm?s&t&season_id=18796&program_id=976535.

Wednesday, June 5

Acting Classes: Westchester Collaborative Theater is accepting applications for the summer semester of Scene and Monologue Study and Improvisation for Theater and for Fun. The Scene and Monologue Study class meets on Mondays for eight weeks, (with the exception of July 15) June 10 - August 5, from 7-10:30 p.m. Info: www.wctheater.org/classes. Monologue Study will be held on Wednesdays June 5, 12 & 26 and Thursday June 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. Sign-up for this class is at www.wctheater.org/classes.

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. If you can't visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days.

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.

Winery Events: The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, will host two events in the coming days. I'm Still Standing will perform on June 5 and on June 8 hike Break Neck Ridge and enjoy wine and cheese. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.thewinery-atstgeorge.com/>. Info: 914-455-4272.

Thursday, June 6

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses:

A wide variety of courses are being offered at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women--led by Marsha Sternstein, is held at 7:30 p.m. on one Tuesday evening per month. Talmud and Contemporary Issues-- led by Wendy Segal --is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein-- is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah--led by Rabbi Sternstein--- is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought)--led by Rabbi Sternstein- is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

Somers Library Events: Two events have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. TED TALK: Human Relations will be held on June 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required. Please register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Linda Spear's Writers' Group Open Mic. will be held on June 8 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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.

Documentary Screening: The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will host a free screening focusing on the future of transgender people serving in military after being banned. The program will be held at the Ossining Public Library at 6:30 p.m. "TransMilitary" has received many awards and recognitions including the Audience Award and Best Feature Documentary at its premiere at the SXSW Film Festival. The public is invited to visit OssiningDocumentaries.org to learn about upcoming films on a wide variety of topics.

Ladies Night Out: Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: "Ladies Night Out: Knitting and Crocheting for Women with Cancer." It will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at their office in Yorktown Heights. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Friday, June 7

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for

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

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

Shabbat Service and Dinner: The Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. with the service followed by a potluck dinner. E-mail info@hebrew-congregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

Shabbat by the Hudson: Meet your local Jewish community as First Hebrew's Rabbi Dana leads an outdoor Shabbat service in Riverfront Green Park in Peekskill on the first and third Friday evenings throughout the summer months. This week's event will begin at 7:45 p.m. Feel free to come early, bring dinner and wine. Benches may be available or bring your own chair. Meet at the trellis in the north end of the park, which can be found by walking beyond the parking lot, across a walking bridge and towards the river. Gathering times will get progressively earlier in accordance with sunset, always weather permitting; check the Web site for updates at www.firsthebrew.org. Info: rabbi@firsthebrew.org or 914-739-0500. No RSVP is necessary.

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. Come join us for an uplifting Shabbat Service. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For 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

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the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, June 8

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.ChabadYorktown.com.

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

Library Art Exhibit: Throughout the month of June oil painting created by Mindy Yanish will be displayed at the Somers Library.

Relay For Life Fundraiser: Ginny's Wine and Liquor invites everyone for a Wine Tasting Fundraiser from 3 to 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society Yorktown Hawks Relay for Life Team. Ginny's Wine and Liquor is located in the DeCicco's Shopping Center, 3655 Lee Blvd. Jefferson Valley.

Sunday, June 9

Shavuot Ice Cream Party: Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., invites you to celebrate the holiday of Shavuot (the day the Torah was given) by hearing the Ten Commandments read from the Torah and enjoying an Ice Cream and dairy brunch. Services begin

10 a.m. and the reading of the Ten Commandments and children's program will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Ice Cream and a dairy brunch will follow the services at about 12:30 p.m. Info: www.ChabadYorktown.com, or 914-962-1111.

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, June 10

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.

Movie Mondays: "If Beale Street Could Talk" will be screened at 6:30 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.



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Steps on How to Attract Neighbors Who 'Tweet'

While our POTUS has given new significance to the practice of tweeting, this column deals with another source: those who chirp and have wings to fly.

Between a childhood in South Philadelphia and an early adulthood spent in Boston and Brooklyn Heights, I never had much exposure to birds or birdwatching – unless you count sharing the sidewalk with flocks of pigeons. Now, after decades of living in a leafy suburb, the birds of our region have become a regular part of my life.

Our life with birds began in storybook fashion when my wife Margaret developed a friendship with a cardinal who would scrape its beak against our bedroom window screen every morning until she greeted it. The chickadees of the winter would make way for the robins and blue jays of spring, and autumn would not be complete without spotting at least one procession of wild turkeys crossing the road.

At the time I began to ask family members, some real ornitho-enthusiasts, especially my mother-in-law, what the average homeowner could do to help out

local birds. Their advice is condensed here.

First, birds need food. The big sack of wild bird seed you can get at the supermarket may disappoint you if you are hoping to see a variety of species. House sparrows, a species non-native to this area, are attracted to the millet in most seed mixes, and they will usually crowd out other birds at the feeder to get to it. They are cute in their own right, but if you want to support other types of birds, the millet has got to go.

Finches like thistle and Nyjer in special vertical feeders, crows and jays enjoy peanuts and many other birds like striped shell sunflower seeds.

Once your food is laid out, you need to protect it from squirrels. You have to expect the squirrels to come at your birdseed from every conceivable direction. What seems to work best is to put cone-shaped baffles above and below your feeder, and then position it far enough away from any surface from which a squirrel can launch itself laterally.

If this doesn't work, wild bird supply stores sell a hot pepper oil specially de-

signed to be mixed into bird seed, such as Cole's Flaming Squirrel Seed Sauce. The birds can't taste the spice at all, but squirrels hate it.

A few kind souls even set up special squirrel feeders in the hopes of keeping them well-fed enough to leave the seed alone, but I would fear a squirrel invasion if I encouraged them.

Now that your birds are fed, you can offer them shelter. There are many birdhouse-shaped garden accessories available. But to truly help the birds, you will want to research the needs of the species you want to attract. Purple Martins, for example, want to live close together, and their birdhouses look like apartment buildings. Bluebirds, on the other hand, prefer a single birdhouse on a pole in a sunny field, preferably with a horizontal slit for an entrance. Once again, house sparrows crowd other species, but you can discourage them by looking for entrance holes no bigger than one-and-a-half inches in diameter.

For all birds, select houses with at least one ventilation hole to let heat out, another one on the bottom for drainage and a rough-surfaced interior to help the birds climb out. An overhang over the entrance gives them shelter from rain and sun, but avoid a perch in front of the hole which can help a predator gain ac-

cess.

If you have cats, keep them indoors. Cat predation causes the deaths of millions of birds a year, and an indoor lifestyle is much safer for the cat as well. Hawks and owls need food, too, but if you don't want them eating your guests, you can help by keeping your feeders under the shelter of a tree or deck.

Finally, think about protecting birds from flying into your glass windows or doors. One of the less visually obtrusive products I have found are window alert decals and UV liquid window markers. The decals and liquid are nearly transparent to us, but birds can see them clearly with their UV vision. They do have to be replaced every six months.

These tips are barely an introduction to all you can learn when you start noticing birds. Eventually the interest can grow into a most rewarding way to reconnect with nature.

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The Heady Adventures of a Hudson Valley Locavore

In last week's column we explored the changing landscape of the farm-to-table diet in the United States. As I've roamed the Pleasantville Farmers Market each week, I've been observing the changing season's bounty, especially in the fare offered by Hudson Valley farmers.

More and more local produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, spices and herbs are coming to market as the growing season advances. And, of course, there is always a Hudson Valley wine producer on the scene, completing the cycle of farm-to-dining repast.

Local products paired with local wines. If it grows together it goes together.

This was the theme of last week's column.

Over millennia, denizens of small communities experimented with producing compatible food and wine. The ancient Romans perfected this marriage of Mother Nature with man's nature, coexisting in a symbiotic relationship, introducing the farm-to-table concept. What grows best together goes best together.

Fast forward to the late 20th century when global trading upset the concept of

farm to table. Pairings of food and wine were expanded. Now Americans were able to enjoy their Hudson Valley sparkling wine with fresh strawberries from Central America in the deepest winter months and their Hudson Valley Vidal Blanc from Whitecliff Vineyard with fresh tomato-based salads from Mexico year-round.

In the last 10 years, Americans have experienced a return to basics in many parts of the country. Consumers vigorously seek out local fruits and vegetables as alternatives to those imported from other countries, even from other regions of the United States. Farm to table has gained a strong foothold in the diets and preferences of American consumers.

But in this 10-year period, I've also noticed a new take on the concept of pairing local ingredients and wine: if it goes together it can grow together.

American farmers and wine producers are experimenting with food and grapes rarely produced locally. As a result, Americans are able to expand their quest for local sources of food and wine.

Gourmet vegetables such as kale and

arugula abound in local markets. Varieties of grapes previously grown exclusively in foreign soil now flourish in American vineyards.

I present two examples of the changing landscape of Hudson Valley wine production that enables pairings previously not available.

A grape previously grown primarily in France, Cabernet Franc, is now successfully produced by several vintners in the Hudson Valley.

An excellent, traditional pairing of Cabernet Franc has been with grilled meat. The combination goes very well together. But growing together? It had been difficult to find a top pairing within the confines of the Hudson Valley. No longer. The award-winning Cabernet Franc from Robibero Winery in New Paltz and the hormone-free, antibiotic-free, grass-fed cattle from Kiernan Farm are a locavore's dream come true.

If it goes together it can grow together.

A grape previously grown exclusively in a small area of Northwestern Spain, Albarino, is produced to high acclaim in Marlboro, a short drive from Westchester County.

Another traditional pairing is a crisp, high minerality wine with a gazpacho produced from the abundance of local highly desirable tomatoes, many of

which are heirloom varieties. Such a pairing was not considered feasible due to the difficult environment in which to produce such a wine. But no longer.

The Albarino wine from Fjord Vineyard (one of only a handful available in the United States) and the tomatoes from the sustainable farm of Morgiewicz Produce in Warwick create a new flavor profile not previously available to local-centric gourmands.

Everywhere I venture in the Hudson Valley I am impressed with its growing diversity and the passion of those who work the land to create a local, self-sustaining economy for all of us to enjoy.

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By Nick Antonaccio



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- 4. Kind of dance
- 7. Casual attire
- 10. Expanse of water
- 11. Be indebted to
- 12. Hunter's prize, perhaps
- 13. Cloth edging
- 14. Breakfast item
- 16. Fanfare
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- 18. Fended off
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- 38. Spanish king
- 39. No longer working, abbr.

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- 8. Nevada county
- 9. Scratch (out)
- 15. Spanish port
- 19. Olympic figure skater Slutskaya
- 22. South Beach follower
- 23. Crate
- 24. Selfish person
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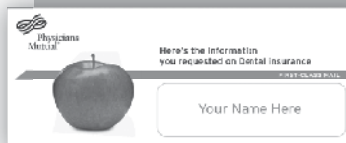
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known as Canopus Creek Preserve within the Town of Putnam Valley. 2)Authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for the Hudson Highland Land Trust's CFA Application #90325, entitled Canopus Creek Preserve for the acquisition of the Cimarron Ranch Property. 3)Continued discussion on the de-icer ordinance 4)Continued discussion on revisions to our noise ordinance 5)Continued discussion on Airbnbs.

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No.10 Panas Locks Down 1st Section 1 Softball Title Since '83, Rocks No.1 Lakeland, 7-3



Walter Panas 3B Rae-Rae Valt is all smiles (inset) after her solo yard bomb to the deepest part of the park — an opposite-field 245-foot shot — put the 10th-seeded Panthers in front for good in their 7-3 Section 1 Class A championship victory over top-seeded rival Lakeland last Saturday at North Rockland High School where Valt homered for the second time in as many games and the Cinderella Panthers moved on the NYSPHSAA Class A Softball Championships to face the Section 9/Section 4 winner Thursday... Members of the Panas team included Bella Feraca, Gianna Servedio, Jenna Guevarez, Brianna Viola, Tahari Williams, Lexie Lorino, Sam Mills, Julia Petrovich, Rae Valt, Kat Reynoso, Mikela Peters, Alexa Fisher, Arianna Smith, Olivia Bordenaro, Jamie Cardello, Samantha Kayo and Coach Dale Chappelle and Asst. Coach Miranda Mangan. see Softball Notebook

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No.10 Panas Stuns No.1 Lakeland for 1st Title Since 1983

By Tony Pinciario

When the Section 1 Class A Softball Championship seeds were released, an 11-9 **WALTER PANAS** team was seeded 10th.

Based upon the difficult schedule the Panthers played, the record was deceiving, as was their seed. Although, in order for Panas to win the title, the Panthers would have to beat No. 7 Nanuet to start. Then, if the seeds held true, Panas would have to beat No. 2 Hen Hud, No. 3 Pearl River and then top-seeded and undefeated Lakeland.

A daunting task that would challenge any team, but the Panthers went 4 for 4, punctuating their phenomenal run to the title with a 7-3 victory over intra-district rival, **LAKELAND** last Saturday at North Rockland High School.

It was Panas' first sectional title since 1983. As a result of its win, Panas earns a bye into the regional final, Saturday, June 8. Panas will play the Vestal (Section 4)-Minisink Valley (Section 9) winner, Saturday, at either Union-Endicott (Section 4), 2 p.m., or Rhinebeck (Section 9), 1 p.m.

"We went into every game knowing we had a chance even though everyone thought we were going to never make it this far and we just went into every game and played to win with confidence," said Panas pitcher Olivia Bordenaro, who had three hits, two RBI and seven strikeouts against Lakeland.

Lakeland swept the regular-season set from Panas, 5-1 and 4-2, but that didn't deter the Panthers. With the score even at 1-1 after the first inning, Panas scored single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings and then a three spot in the sixth to take a 7-1 lead.

"After playing Lakeland in the regular season and only losing by two runs we knew that we had to come out scoring in the first few innings," Bordenaro said. "We had to play tight defense and keep going the whole game in order to get a lead against them and that's what we did in the championship game."



Put Valley SS Frankie Reyes cracks an RBI single in Tigers' Section 1 Class B title loss to Ardsley Saturday.



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Members of the Walter Panas Softball team pose with 1st Section 1 championship plaque since 1983 after 7-3 Class A title win over Lakeland Saturday.

Bella Feraca had three hits and two RBI against Lakeland. Rae Valt homered and Gianna Servedio and Jamie Cardello each singled and drove in a run.

"I knew we had the talent to compete this year, but we never seemed to put it all together consistently," Panas Coach Dale Chappelle said. "Heading into sectionals, morale was low but in the first round, something clicked and it's been magical ever since. I'm super happy for these seniors and all of the Panas supporters. It's been a long time coming and it has been sweeter than I imagined."

Bordenaro and her teammates savored the ecstasy and euphoria when the final out was registered and the realization was Panas was sectional champions.

"After the final out, it felt like the best feeling the whole team has ever experienced," Bordenaro said. "It was just an overall happy moment and we were jumping up and down, screaming and hugging each other."

Panas now has to wait a week before it plays again, which Bordenaro said can be a positive, but also a negative.

"Having a bye in the regionals is a positive because we get almost a week worth of a break to relax and just have practice the whole week," she said. "But, it's also a negative since we been doing so great that we want to keep playing and not have this break."

In the four sectional games, Panas outscored Nanuet (6-0), Hen Hud (4-1), Pearl River (3-1) and Lakeland (7-3), 20-5. And all four wins were on the road.

Lakeland, ranked No.4 in NYS, was the premier team in Section 1 Class A this season,

going 22-0, winning the Conference II League C title for a fourth consecutive year and earning the No.1 seed in the Section 1 Class A Championships.

Lakeland earned a berth in the final with a 5-3 win over fifth-seeded Tappan Zee in a semifinal.

"I think we had one of the most

with 16 home runs and 45 RBI. In the circle, Fon was 17-1 with a 1.21 earned run average. She struck out 133, in 116 innings, allowed 95 hits, only 14 walks and 20 earned runs.

Seniors Amber Lopez (who hit .359), Emily McGrath and Fon will graduate later this month, but the trio leaves with a sectional title (2017) on their resume.

"Our seniors, led by Claire, have just continued the tradition of going out and competing every game and understanding what it takes to win not only in our league but in Section 1 Class A softball," Fallo said. "They did an outstanding job for our program."

"It is an unbelievable accomplishment for Claire to be able to win 40 games on the mound, where the spotlight and pressure are always on you, and then offensively to hit 40 home runs. Her hard work, dedication, true love for the game and being so humble as a person has put Claire in the elite class of softball players of all-time. It has been a pleasure to have coached Claire over the last five years."

Fon hit and pitched Lakeland into the final with three hits, including her 16th home run, and three RBI against Tappan Zee. Freshman Stella Bale had two hits



10th-seeded Walter Panas Panthers had plenty to celebrate during storybook run to 1st Section 1 Class A title in history last Saturday.

successful seasons in school history," veteran Coach Steve Fallo said. "This team had the first undefeated regular season (19-0) and the longest winning streak (22 games) in school history for softball. Also, winning the Conference II C league title for the fourth year in a row is a terrific accomplishment."

Lakeland hit .359 as a team, smashed 27 home runs and scored 198 runs. Senior P Claire Fon became the first New York State high school softball player to finish her career with more than 40 home runs and 40 wins. Fon hit .540 this season

and a RBI and Sabrina Reichelt singled and scored twice. Fon will pass the torch to Bale, who has the potential for a brilliant three-year run in the circle.

PUTNAM VALLEY had the most successful season in coach Rena Finsmith's seven-year tenure as the Tigers won 16 games, their first league title since 2009 and played for the Section 1 Class B title Saturday at North Rockland.

Despite the final result of the title game, a 16-5 loss to top-seeded Ardsley, which

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Despite the Section 1 Class A title loss to rival Walter Panas, Lakeland senior P Claire Fon had an incredible season.

won the 2018 Section 1 Class A title, it does not take away from what Putnam Valley accomplished.

Putnam Valley, which was seeded third, advanced to the championship game with a 9-3 win over second-seeded Rye Neck. Putnam Valley lost to Rye Neck, 5-4, in the regular season.



Put Valley 2B Kathleen Gallelo makes great stab in Tigers' Class B title loss to Ardsley.

Finsmith also had three players – Alex and Keiko Waters and Emily McKenna -- register their 100th varsity hit.

"This is the farthest any Putnam Valley softball team has gotten since 2005 (PV's only championship season)," said Finsmith, a former Pleasantville and Oneonta standout. "While the season didn't end with a Section 1 title, the girls and their parents have much to be proud of."

"We were invited to the James 'Ace' Morabito Tournament, where we held our own against a future D1 pitcher and Gatorade NY state player of the year, scoring three runs (the only runs she has let up all year thus far). We won the league title for the first time since 2009 and we saw three players achieve 100 career hits, saw Alex and Keiko score 100 career

runs scored and Emily achieved 100 career RBI.

"What I am most proud of is that every single member of our team, at one point or another in this season, stepped up at different times to help us get to the finals. I want to personally thank them all for giving me the opportunity as their coach to coach them in the championship game. The memories of that moment standing on that field with them will stay with me forever."

Finsmith will bid goodbye to eight seniors at graduation, but their impact will never go unnoticed.

"To our eight seniors, Sophia Lord,



Put Valley 1B Sabrina Cross awaits throw in Class B title loss to Ardsley.

Gianna D'Addona, Sonya Garcia, Alex Moore, Samantha Palmo, Jillian Mirabal, Selina Seeram and Gianna San Lucas, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the team and our program. Your legacy will forever be stamped upon our program."

In the semifinal win over Rye Neck, Alex Waters doubled and tripled among her three hits, scored twice and drove in a run. Frankie Reyes and Keiko Waters each had two hits and drove in three runs. Keiko Waters scored her 100th varsity run on a

base hit by Alex Waters.

Reyes doubled twice among her three hits and had two RBI against Ardsley. Sabrina Cross drove in two runs and McKenna rang up her 100th varsity RBI.

MAHOPAC and pitcher Shannon Becker had one of the best seasons in program history, advancing to the Section 1 Class AA semifinals, where it dropped a 4-3 decision to eventual champion John Jay-East Fishkill. It was the third time this season John Jay

defeated Mahopac, which finished 19-4, but squandered a late 3-1 lead.

Becker, who led the team with a .420 average and 29 hits, was dominant in the circle. In 163 innings, she struck out 369, threw a perfect, perfect game (21 strikeouts), allowed 50 hits and only nine earned runs.

Kailey Zecca had a team-best 19 RBI and Carolyn Galizia finished with 18 RBI. Lauren Zecca smashed four home runs and Becker scored 18 runs.



Dejected Put Valley captains Keiko Water, Alex Waters and Sophia Lord, plus Coach Rena Finsmith, begrudgingly accept Class B runner-up plaque after loss to Ardsley.



Panas infielders -- Rae Valt and Bella Feraca (R) -- rally around SS Julia Petrovich after diving stab snared Lakeland runner at 1B in Panthers' 7-3 win.

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No. 1 Lakeland Repeats as Section 1 Champs for 1st Time

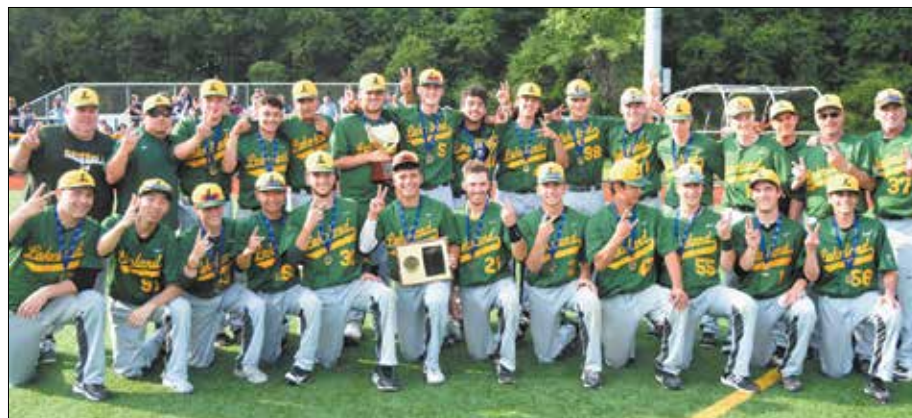
Hornets Knock off Nyack, Will Face Section 4's Maine-Endwell in State Regional

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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PLEASANTVILLE -- Lakeland junior P Evan Berta appeared to be running out of gas in the fourth frame of the Section 1 Class A championship last Sunday afternoon at Pace University's Finnerty Field. But the lefty dug deep, seemed to get stronger over the final three frames and waited for Joe Vetrano, the NYS Gatorade Player of the Year, to rap a two-out, game-winning single to right in the sixth as top-seeded Lakeland beat No. 4 Nyack, 5-4, to repeat as Class A champions for the first time in program history. It was the fifth Section 1 title overall in Lakeland history (1993, 2002-10-18).

Berta survived early trouble and went the distance for the win, allowing eight hits and four runs, but left the tying run on second with a game-ending strikeout. He retired 10 of the last 11 batters he faced and whiffed 11 Indians on the night, including Nyack bopper Miles Massay to end the game.

"I'm really glad coach left me in and had confidence in me to finish this out," the



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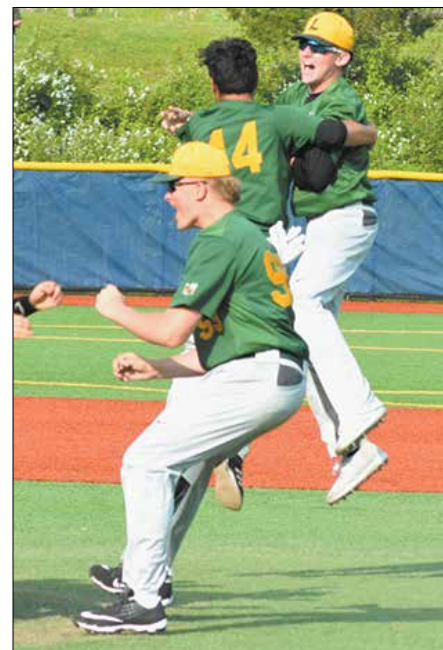
Lakeland players bask in the glow of becoming the first Hornet team to repeat as Section 1 Class A champions after 5-4 win over Nyack Sunday at Pace.

unassuming Berta said. "Once I got my rhythm back I felt really good. My defense played really well behind me, including that double play early on to get us through the second. It's an amazing feeling to be a part of this, especially for the four seniors who mean so much to me and I'm sure the rest of this team. I'll do anything for them and I wanted this win for them."

Hornet Coach Bill Casey, who is

becoming the stuff of legend at Lakeland (24-2), contemplated yanking Berta, going as far as warming up two relievers in the fourth, but Lakeland C Zach Lerman told him Berta had made the necessary tweaks and could push through the rough patch.

"From the fourth inning on, I was ready to take him out," Casey said of Berta, who reached 125 pitches in the seventh and would've been finished had

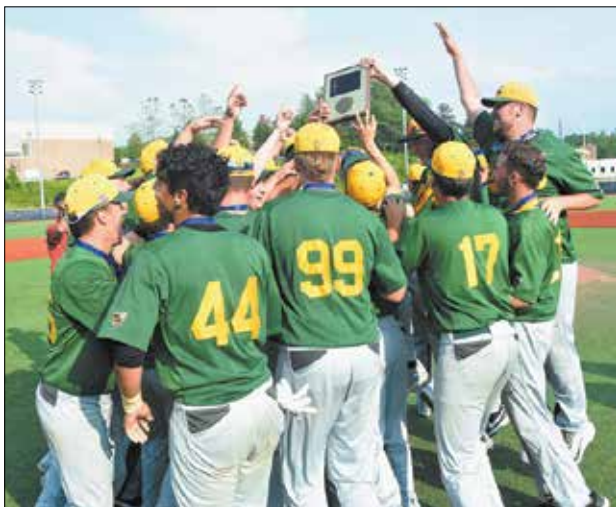


Lakeland's Jason Green, Nick Badillo and Andrew Croce celebrate Hornets' 5-4 Section 1 Class A title win over Nyack.

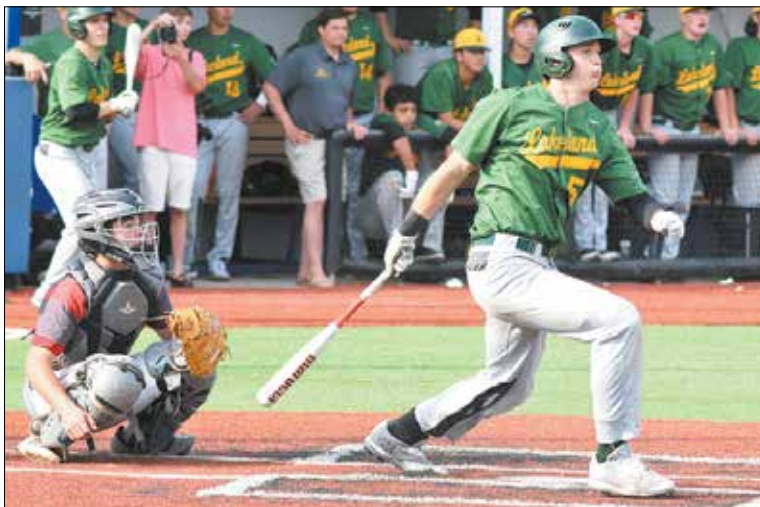
he not got the final out. "We were talking about it and then he just kept on getting stronger. Lerman was like, 'nope, he's getting better.' I trusted them, and it led to an unbelievably gutsy performance. I hated playing that team. Nyack is good, really good. They do everything the right way and when they came back to tie 4-4, I have to admit I had my doubts, but I don't know why I would doubt this group. They never let me down, they just step up when they need to step up. For us to go back-to-back with the target on our back, to do it when everyone now expects it, that's hard to do. I'm just ridiculously proud of them."

After a rare rough patch of his own, in which he was lunging at pitches out of the strike zone, Vetrano finished 2 for 4 with two RBI and a run scored. He pitched a

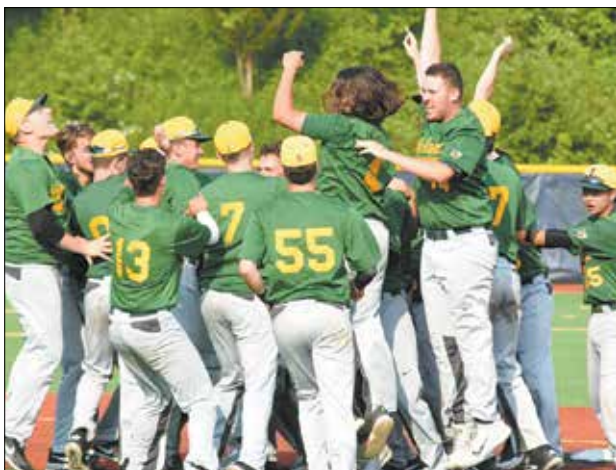
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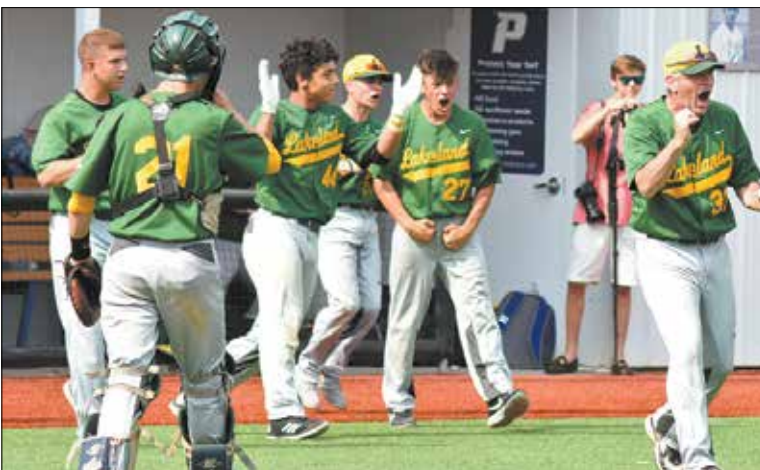
Lakeland players hoist the Section 1 title plaque after 5-4 Class A win over Nyack Sunday at Pace Univ.



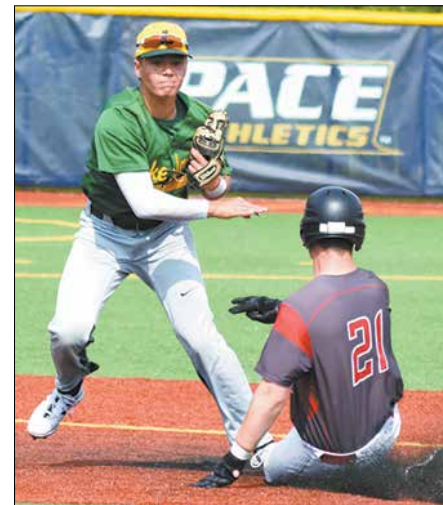
Lakeland MVP Joey Vetrano and the Hornet dugout track his game-winning single to RF in Hornets' 5-4 Section 1 Class A title win over Nyack.



Lakeland players celebrate back-to-back Section 1 baseball titles for 1st time in school history after 5-4 win over Nyack Saturday.



Engaged Lakeland players and coaches react to key 4-6-3 DP in Hornets' 5-4 Class A title win over Nyack Sunday.



Lakeland SS Leo Cummings turns a pivotal 4-6-3 DP to get Hornets out of bases-loaded jam in 5-4 Class A title win over Nyack.

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Pint-Sized Panas Pitcher, Bordenaro, is All Heart



By Ray Gallagher
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Heart is not quantifiable. It doesn't come with a set degree of measurement. Heart is will. Heart is perseverance. Heart is what's packed in to all 5-foot of Panas P Olivia Bordenaro, the pint-sized windmill who willed 10th-seeded Walter Panas to its first Section 1 Class A title since 1983.

The lefty sophomore may not have been the biggest player on the field, but the stage belonged to her and she was sensational on the mound and drove in two HUGE runs at the plate in Panas' 7-3 title victory over top-seeded rival Lakeland last Saturday at North Rockland High School.

Prior to knocking off state-ranked (No.4) Lakeland, Bordenaro also delivered clutch performances in road victories over state-ranked No.20 Hen Hud and No.12 Pearl River.

State-ranked (No.30) Panas (15-9) will certainly be climbing the charts this week, largely on the heart of Bordenaro. Teammate Julia Petrovich, an All-Section SS, has one of the best seats in the house, just over her shoulder.

"I trust her and her game and she trusts me behind her," Petrovich said of Bordenaro. "When playoffs started we all got more fire in us and wanted to win it all so bad. Throughout each game in playoffs she has been pounding the plate and giving it all she has."

What she has was enough for a Goliath-like slaying of Lakeland, the sister school that drew statewide attention while going 21-0.

"Although she is little in size, that does not represent the amount of fight she has in her," Petrovich said of Bordenaro. "She wants to win each and every pitch and beat every batter that steps up to the plate."

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complete game in Saturday's 2-0 loss to Nyack, allowing just three hits and one earned run. Vetrano, Berta, who was on deck, and everyone on the park expected Nyack would walk Vetrano or pitch around him before his go-ahead hit. But Nyack reliever Matt Gonzalez had way too much plate and Vetrano yanked the first pitch he saw to plate pinch-runner Anthony Zeccola, who came on to relieve Lerman, who started the rally with a well-mashed double to left. Vetrano's 100th and 101st career hits each went for an RBI in a championship setting, thus the MVP nod, which could have gone to Berta just

You can see it in her eyes how bad she wanted to win when we huddled in the circle in the start of each inning. There's always competitiveness and she wants to sit down each batter with a K in the books. In playoffs, whenever we made eye contact I always tell her 'Deep breath... one pitch right here' and, of course, she always fires back with a strike the next pitch."

The little engine that could pulls out of town next Saturday when Panas will play the Section 4/Section 9 champion at either Rhinebeck High School (1 p.m.) or Union-Endicott High School (2 p.m.)...

"Senior Moment" has two meanings as far as I'm concerned. There's the senior moment I seem to be having more of these days when I forget what we ate for dinner an hour earlier, and there's the senior moment when the coach pleads with his senior leader to

come through and they do. Such was the case for a pair Lakeland seniors, SS Leo Cummings and C Zach Lerman, in the top-seeded Hornets' palpitating 5-4 Section 1 Class A title triumph of No.4 Nyack last Sunday at Pace University. Cummings turned a gem of a 4-6-3 double play to help get the Hornets out of a serious jam while preserving a three-run lead in the after two frames. Lerman stoked the game-winning rally with double to left field in the bottom of the sixth and Joey Vetrano soon followed the game-winning single to RF, allowing the 2019 Hornets to become the first team to repeat as section champs in program history. Had to feel good for those seniors, who are often in the shadow of Vetrano and fellow junior Evan Berta...

CARMEL senior Joe Mascetta has been a blast to watch and follow in both football and track and field. His personal best score of 3,076 in the pentathlon was the best in the Section 1 state quals last weekend, and the powerful speedster will be on the state stage this weekend at the NYSPHSAA meet in Middletown High

as easily.

"I was just looking for something good to hit," Vetrano said of the game-winning RBI. "I was shocked to see such a good pitch, to be honest. Coach was saying they'll probably intentionally walk you or try to pitch around you, but I was like if anything comes to me, I'm going to get him in. I was lucky enough to do my job and lucky enough to have Zach Lerman get that double to get us going. He's a phenomenal player, such a big part of our success. It feels amazing to repeat as champs for the first time ever, it really does. We work so hard for it, and Evan did



At the plate and on the mound, Panas P Olivia Bordenaro had the most heart, pound for pound, in Panthers' title-clinching win over Lakeland.

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Track star Nya Givan (R), shown here with teammate Angie Anzano, is one of the purest athletes in Putnam Valley history.



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Carmel senior Joe Mascetta was crowned Section 1 pentathlon champion last Saturday at White Plains.

representing Section 1 as its pentathlon champion. Other Carmel Rams with solid efforts included Katie Turk (2nd in the 1500 in a personal best 4:42), Caroline Douglas (2nd in the 200 in 26.27) and the girls' 4x800 relay team of Emily Alps, Miah Lee, Rebecca Monge and Turk (5th overall)...

PUTNAM VALLEY freshman Nia Givan may well be the finest female athlete in school history by the time she's wrapped up in 2022, and with D-I darlings like Kristi Dini, Kim Kastuk having gone before her; that's saying something. Givan,

who easily won the D2 girls 100-meter sprint last Friday with a school record 12.37, also cruised to victory Saturday in the D2 girls 200 at White Plains High School with a time of 25.83, which would have been good for second in D-I, after setting the school record a week prior (25.54). Her performances will put her into the state meet in both events this weekend at Middletown High

School... Did I mention she's just a freshman, who, I'll bet ya, is even faster than her older brother Marcus, who happens to be quite the funny comic.

such a fantastic job to finish the game."

Lakeland SS Leo Cummings, who turned a nifty 6-4-3 DP in the second to snuff an Indian rally, and RF Jason Green each drew a bases-loaded walk in the first to give the Hornets a 2-0 lead.

"I've been waiting and working for this moment my whole entire life," the slick-picking Cummings said. "I've dreamed of this my whole life, winning another title my senior year, there's nothing like it. Zach Lerman is a stud. He catches the best game I've ever seen and gets big hits, that's all he does."

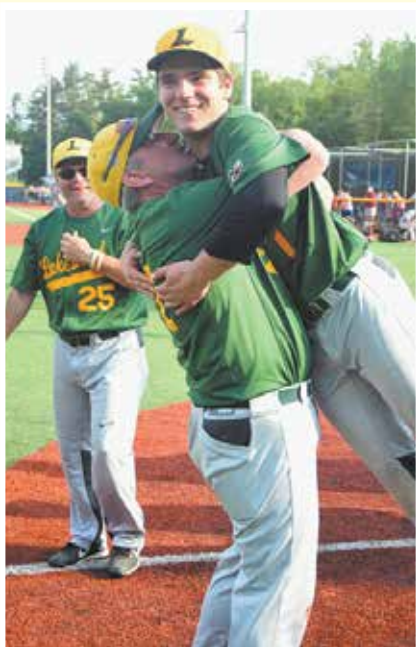
Lakeland will play Section 4 champ

Maine-Endwell Thursday in the Class A state regional semifinals. The game will be played at 4:30 p.m. at NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton — home of the Binghamton Mets.

"The goal was always to win sectionals first, but now that that's out of the way the goal is to win states," Berta said. "We're excited to be back and here and expect to win this time around."

Nyack, which Lakeland defeated earlier in the season, snapped the state-ranked No.1 Hornets' 22-game winning streak and became the first team to solve Vetrano in two years.

Seventh Evan!



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Members of the state-ranked (No.1) Lakeland baseball team bum-rush starting pitcher Evan Berta (R) after the crafty lefty whiffed the game's final batter in the bottom of the seventh to strand the tying run at 2B in the top-seeded Hornets' 5-4 Section 1 Class A title triumph over No.4 Nyack last Sunday at Pace University where coach Bill Casey's (inset) five-time sectional champion Hornets won consecutive crowns for the first time in school history... Members of the 2019 Lakeland team includes, Nick Badillo, Evan Berta, Kevin Burke, Mike Casale, Zach Cohen, Andrew Croce, Leo Cummings, Jace Deiulio, Jake DiFede, Jason Green, Sean Hickey, Zach Lerman, Chris Ling, Mike Mauro, Alex Mendel, Andrew Frobose, Joe Phillips, Mike Scotto, Nick Torres, Joe Vetrano, Anthony Zeccola, Anthony Mannarino, Tyler Ling, Coach Bill Casey, Asst. Coach Steve Sterlacci, Asst. Coach Justin McCarthy, Asst. Coach Mike McCarthy and Asst. Coach John McKenna. see Baseball Notebook



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