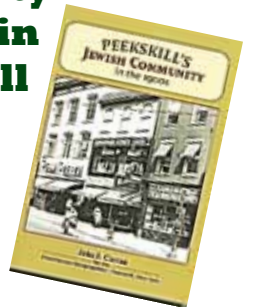


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Approval of \$4.3M Honeywell Contract Under Scrutiny

BY RICK PEZZULLO

The Peekskill Common Council last week approved a \$4.3 million energy performance contract to upgrade several city buildings, but the decision has come under scrutiny.

The 6-1 vote last Monday morning at the Neighborhood Center, one of the facilities slated to receive improvements from

Honeywell, took place at the same time a funeral was taking place nearby in Peekskill for former City Manager Patrick Garvey.

Meanwhile, Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, who cast the lone vote against the contract, and several residents questioned the urgency of taking the action, suggesting an independent environmental consultant should be brought in to review the details

contained in the 319-page document.

"It's essentially a great plan, but I do think we can make it better," Agudelo said. "I do believe it is a step forward, but I believe we owe our city to strive for excellence and what we have in front of us is not excellence."

"There's no reason to take this expenditure on so early and so immediately," said business own-

er Arnie Paglia. "There's just so many questions and such a need to get this process right."

Also taking the Council to task was Peekskill mayoral candidate Vincent Vesce and his Peekskill Together team, which issued a joint statement condemning the process and lack of details in the contract.

"Peekskill is suffering from a crisis of transparency that's now

exacerbated by the secrecy surrounding the Honeywell contract and the true cost of an equipment lease purchase agreement that has a 20-year term," Peekskill Together stated. "As with the closure of the Paramount, Peekskill residents are left in the dark about the truth, and that's not acceptable in the Peekskill we all want

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Block Party

Anne M. Dorner Middle School Assistant Principal Elizabeth Mercado gives a boy a high-five at the Community Block Party in Ossining July 10 as his siblings watch.

Nancy Elliott, Former Supervisor, Dies at 89

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Nancy Louise Elliott, the first female supervisor in the Town of Yorktown, died peacefully July 11 in Hillsborough, NC. She was 89.

Elliott, who lived in Yorktown for 30 years, served on the Yorktown Town Board before being elected supervisor in 1980. She was reelected five times, leading the town for 12 years.

Yorktown Republican Chairman Christopher Arnold called Elliott, a former chairperson of the Yorktown Republican Committee, a "political legend."

"She was our first female supervisor, and having been fortunate enough to grow up (to see) her, I witnessed her numerous achievements first-hand and her tremendous loss grieves us all," Arnold said. "Amongst her many accomplishments, she brought the Jefferson Valley Mall to Yorktown. Our condolences go out to her family and friends."

Former Yorktown Councilman Anthony Grasso, 91, served four years with Elliott and credited her administration with many accomplishments, including upgrading the



Nancy Louise Elliott

town's sewer and water plants, being the first municipality to implement an affordable housing policy and strengthening the Police Department.

"Nancy was always ready to get the job done. There was no fooling around," Grasso said. "She wasn't one who had an idea and took two years to do it. She did a lot of things. She knew what to do and she did it. I learned a lot about government at that time with her."

Elliott was born October 8, 1929 in To-

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to build. A cleaner environment extends beyond light bulbs. It also means a clean and transparent government that we obviously do not have with the current administration."

However, Councilwoman Vivian McKenzie said the Council undertook a "very deliberate process" that started with hiring Honeywell in June 2018 to conduct an energy audit. City officials have maintained the

work at the Neighborhood Center, Police Station, City Court and Paramount Theater will only cost Peekskill \$180,000 over 20 years.

"To me this is a no-brainer," said Councilwoman Patricia Riley. "What we are getting is phenomenal. I think this is something that is really good for the city."

"This is a big decision and it's not one that has been taken lightly," said Councilman Colin Smith. "I'm comfortable moving

forward with this today."

Backing the Council's decision was former Councilwoman Drew Claxton and former Peekskill Housing Authority chairperson Nancy Vann.

"These upgrades are so long overdue," Claxton said. "It will reduce the carbon footprint of the city."

"This is not the time for delay. It's time to move forward," Vann said. "It would be great if all of our energy came from renew-

able sources, but we can't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Agudelo disagreed, saying "I'm concerned the CAC is advising us to put a pause on this. I'm not sure we have gathered the answers to all the questions or they have been adequate. We have a wonderful opportunity to work as a team here—a team with our community, our whole city, who want to be part of this process. We can do this the right way."

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ledo, OH to parents Bob and Betty Rettig. She graduated from DeVilbiss High school in 1947 and went on to graduate from Denison University in 1951. She was the President of her Tri Delta sorority.

In 1952, she married John S. Elliott of Coshocton, OH. After stops in Biloxi, MS, Columbus, OH and Seattle, WA, they settled in Yorktown. John and Nancy were married for 57 years.

Mrs. Elliott, a former teacher, was very involved in her community and was a strong advocate for women. She was president of her chapter of The League of Women Voters. She was also an active

member of the Methodist church wherever she lived, volunteering and attending her Bible study group. After retiring, John and Nancy moved to Evergreen, CO. Mrs. Elliott moved to Hillsborough, NC after John's death.

Mrs. Elliott was a huge sports fan usually reading the sports section of the newspaper first. The Colorado Rockies and Denver Broncos were favorites, but she could watch any sport. Her love for sports came from her father who in 1994 was elected to the Toledo Sports Hall of Fame.

She cherished time at the beach in Cape Hatteras NC, sunshine in the Rockies, vibrant

colors, flowers and her beloved Bridge Club friends. She also liked to paint and was an avid reader. She will always be remembered for her bright smile that would light up the room. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her three children, John (Kim) Elliott of

Evergreen, CO, Lynn (Greg) Carswell of Hillsborough, NC and Bruce (Carol) Elliott of Richmond, VA, along with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of life service will be held at the University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, NC on Friday August 16. In lieu of flowers, memorial contri-

butions may be made to University United Methodist Church, Worship Fund (<https://universityumc.church/>) or UNC Hospice (Memorial gifts can be made online at go.unc.edu/unchohospice, or checks made payable to the Medical Foundation of NC and mailed to 123 West Franklin Street, Suite 510, Chapel Hill NC 27516).



The Pap Test

What every woman must know about this test and possible results...

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Q: What does the Pap test show?

A: The Pap test (or Pap smear) screens for pre-cancerous cellular abnormalities in a woman's cervix. If abnormalities are found, you can be monitored or treated so you don't develop cervical cancer. A Pap test involves scraping cells from your cervix to examine for pre-cancerous changes in tissue. Depending on your age, history and previous Pap test results, the cells might also be tested for high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common cause of cervical cancer. Ninety-nine percent of cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus, which is generally sexually transmitted.

Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

A: If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

Q: How effective is the Pap test?

A: Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

Q: At what age should I start and stop having Pap tests?

A: Start at 21. Women under 21 have a very low incidence of the type of high-grade abnormalities that will progress to cervical cancer. Screening after age 65 isn't needed if you have a recent history of normal Pap results. If your Pap test and HPV test are negative, you should repeat both tests in three years.

Did you know?

Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent.

Yorktown Tax Preparer Sentenced for Tax Fraud

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced July 18 Steve Sabba, 61, of Yorktown, and his company, Tax Pro Financial Network, Inc., were sentenced for tax fraud and related crimes following an investigation by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

In February, Sabba, who was indicated on August 2, 2018, pleaded guilty to Criminal Tax Fraud in the Third Degree, a class D felony, and Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony.

Sabba was sentenced to five years' probation during which he must be monitored by an authorized tax professional in the preparation of tax returns. He made restitution in the amount of \$25,270, which will be sent to the NYS Tax Department, and \$7,717 to Synchrony Bank.

Tax Pro was sentenced to a three-year conditional discharge.

According to Scarpino, Sabba evaded personal and corporate income tax by using credit cards in the name of a former employee to avoid detection by authorities.

Police Blotter

STATE POLICE

July 16 - State Police from the Cortlandt barracks, in conjunction with the Peekskill Police Department, arrested Wade H. Scheuritzel Jr., 34, of Orchard Park, NY, for Burglary in the 3rd degree, a class D felony, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd degree, and Grand Larceny in the 4th degree, a class E felony. An investigation determined Scheuritzel forced entry into the Redline Roadhouse on Albany Post Road in the Town of Cortlandt July 13, causing damage to a window. After gaining entry, Scheuritzel consumed alcoholic beverages inside the business, and

defecated on the floor. Further investigation found he stole more than \$2,000 worth of liquor. Scheuritzel was arraigned in Town of Cortlandt Court and released to the custody of the Rockland County Sheriff's Department due to an outstanding matter.

July 14 - State Police from Brewster arrested Troy T. Perez, 50, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on Interstate 684 in the Town of Southeast when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Cortlandt arrested

Byron G. Villa Morocho, 27, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on Washington Street in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

July 13 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Constance M. Jackson, 60, of Peekskill, for DWI. She was traveling on East Main Street in the Town of Cortlandt when she was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

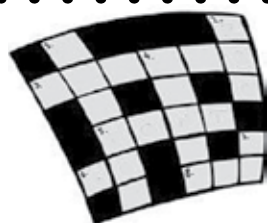
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Municipalities to Benefit from Property Taxpayer Protection Act

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Local municipalities will benefit financially over the next two years from the recently signed Westchester County Property Taxpayer Protection Act.

According to Westchester County Executive George Latimer, the Town of Cortlandt will receive unexpected revenue of \$771,740 this year and \$1,673,654 in 2020.

"Even though we don't like to see any new tax increases we supported this 1% additional county sales tax increase to assist Westchester County, as well as, our community," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi. "We will be losing a tremendous amount of tax revenue once Indian Point, owned by Entergy, closes their two nuclear plants in 2020 and 2021. The majority of this additional sales tax will go into a fund to offset our loss of revenue."

"As we work toward facing the huge challenge of mitigating the loss of \$800,000 per year in revenue with the upcoming closing of Indian Point, we appreciate the creative solutions offered by the county to bring tax parity with surrounding counties while sharing a portion of the 1% sales tax with

communities like the Town of Cortlandt and our school districts," added Cortlandt Councilman James Creighton. "We look forward to using the funds by giving more back to the community with extra paving projects and addressing other important infrastructure and recreation needs while keeping taxes low in Cortlandt."

The City of Peekskill will be receiving an additional \$581,617 in 2019 and \$1,261,338 in 2020. The Village of Ossining is set to garner \$618,043 this year and \$1,340,335 in 2020, while the Town of Ossining will get an extra \$133,326 this year and \$289,140 in 2020. The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will receive \$199,027 in 2019 and \$431,624 in 2020.

Meanwhile, the Town of Yorktown will receive an additional \$888,849 in 2019 and \$1,929,794 in 2020, while the Town of Somers will get an extra \$503,955 this year and \$1,092,913 in 2020.

"We are so pleased that our County Executive took the initiative to push to bring Westchester in line with our neighbors while also giving us another revenue source to help pay for much-needed infrastructure improvements in our town," said Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg. "Re-

sponsible governance means understanding that having resources to maintain our public assets saves us all in the long run."

Local school districts are also slated to receive extra revenue. The distribution will be: 2019: Lakeland (\$367,830); Hendrick Hudson (\$204,921); Peekskill (\$275,851); Ossining (\$422,100); Somers (\$240,990); Yorktown (\$254,567) and Croton-Harmon (\$198,854). 2020: Lakeland (\$797,703); Hendrick Hudson (\$444,407); Peekskill (\$598,230);

Ossining (\$915,397); Somers (\$522,629); Yorktown (\$552,073); and Croton-Harmon (\$431,250).

"As a school district that prides itself in sound financial management, the Lakeland Central School District applauds County Executive Latimer's plan to restore a balanced approach that will limit property taxes and provide additional revenues to municipalities and school districts," said Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone. "As one of the leading financial areas in the na-

tion, Westchester County should not be depleting reserves or borrowing to balance the budget, nor increasing the burden on property owners who already contribute significantly. In my district, these funds will be used to help offset the extensive unfunded mandates we are required by the State to provide without funding support. In particular we will be utilizing the funds to reduce our extensive district expenditures for safety and security measures which represent our primary responsibility."



The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce held its Scholarship Dinner, benefitting the college education of students from Yorktown on July 18 at Vittoria'Z on the Lake sponsored by the Counseling Center at Yorktown. This year the Chamber awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to local seniors. A huge thank you goes to our Scholarship Committee Co-chairs, April Lasher and Lily Villani of JP Morgan Chase and Patricia Hallinan of the John C. Hart Library. (L-R: Liam Schwartz, Nicholas Sevecke, Arjay Mirchandani, Jothi Ramaswamy, Noelle Fuller and Amanda Brown).

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JV Woman Representing Westchester in National Finals Pageant

BY RICK PEZZULLO

Nicole Sibiski of Jefferson Valley will be representing Westchester County in the East Coast U.S.A. National Finals pageant this weekend, and she's out to prove she's not just a pretty face.

A fourth grade ESL teacher in the Ossining School District, Sibiski, 38, a mother of three, is looking to use her public exposure to bring attention to her platform of literacy and helping students with behavioral issues and from low-income households succeed.

"If we can work with them and see what makes them happy, we can teach children to better themselves," Sibiski said. "I look for pageants that are more about intellectuality."

Sibiski, who has lived in Jefferson Valley since 2010, is no stranger to pageants, having held a few titles as a youngster in her native Puerto Rico, where she also did some modeling and acting. She put that part of her life on the back burner as she earned a college degree, with honors, in sociology and education and started

a family.

Then, one day, one of her daughters asked her about one of her crowns, and her interest was rekindled. In February, Sibiski entered the East Coast U.S.A. pageant in New York and she was named Ms. Westchester County East Coast U.S.A.

"It's been fun. It's something I'm really looking forward to," she said.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 people are expected at the National Finals from July 26-28 at the Hilton in Parsippany, NJ. Sibiski will be competing in a variety of categories, including beauty, speech, runway modeling, fitness and talent. There's also a mother/daughter event that she will be taking part in.

Cash and prizes, and, of course, bragging rights will be up for grabs. Sibiski knows she will be one of the older contestants, but she's confident her experience will make her a contender.

"It's exciting. I don't want to go out there and just be rewarded something," she said.



Nicole Sibiski holds title of Ms. Westchester County East Coast U.S.A.

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Bernie Williams to Headline New Music Series at P'ville Venue

BY MARTIN WILBUR

Bernie Williams would only occasionally hit leadoff during his illustrious 16-year baseball career with the New York Yankees.

Next weekend, the former star outfielder will find himself in the leadoff spot for a new Sunday evening music series that debuts this weekend at Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville.

Williams, an accomplished jazz guitarist who has been nominated for a Latin Grammy and has devoted himself to music since his retirement from baseball in 2005, will be the headliner for the first Live at Lucy's on July 28. He will be joined by other guest musicians.

The idea behind the series is to showcase some of the musical talent that lives and performs in Westchester, including potentially some national acts, while providing the popular Lucy's Lounge with a crowd on what is typically an off night of the week, said Duke Covone, one of the producers and organizers of the series.

"It could be anything from old '80s bands where not all the members are around anymore or one or two of them are still doing their thing and they come out to play," said Covone, who several months ago launched a Tuesday night jam session at Lucy's.

"Anybody who could play at The Turning Point or at Darryl's House could be the kind of people we'd want to attract. But the difference is it's Westchester County, so we want to make sure we have some real ex-



Former Yankees star Bernie Williams, now an acclaimed jazz guitarist, will be the featured performer for a new music series that begins on Sunday evening at Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville.

clusive opportunities where we get a very well-known recording artist."

Part of the lure of Live at Lucy's is the intimate gathering where the artist will be able to interact with the audience, Covone said.

"There's a lot of good talent that could come down, play for the night in front of a select group of people and make a little pocket change," he said. "I'm sure they play bigger venues, but it would be fun to give people bigger access on a personal level."

Covone said that through his involvement in the music business – he is also a performer – he was introduced to Williams, who was amenable to the idea. It also doesn't hurt that Williams is a local resident, living in Armonk.

"He's a great musician, he's got a couple of CDs out," he said. "I had a conversation with him and he said (he'd) love to do it. He really enjoys the venue and he really enjoys supporting it, so he's going to do it."

If you can't get down to Lucy's this

Sunday, there's no reason to fret. Williams will be returning the final Sunday of each month as a sort of resident musician, Covone said.

The series' second show will feature blues performer Popa Chubby, who will appear on Aug. 11. Covone said he is working on filling future Sunday evenings throughout the year.

For Covone, Lucy's was an ideal venue for the music series. It's centrally located in the county and within walking distance of a train station. Plus, it has the type of atmosphere that patrons enjoy.

"I've always liked Lucy's. I'm a performer as well and it's one of the first places I ever performed when I first moved to Westchester from New York City," said Covone, a New Castle resident. "I always thought it would be great to have some type of a place like that and I never could find a place that I thought would work not only from a logistical standpoint but the venue, the vibe, the management, and Lucy's was the one."

Sunday's program will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$51 and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bernie-williams-friends-tickets-64690151986>.

Lucy's Lounge is located at 446 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information about the Live at Lucy's Sunday Night series, including future shows, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LucysLoungeNY>.

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Zach's Pizza and Restaurant Mahopac

BY DAVID PROPPER

Zachary Silvestri knows every facet of running a pizzeria from first hand experience. That's probably because since he was a teenager, he's worked for one.

And for the past five years, he's owned Zach's Pizzeria in Mahopac which offers a wide variety of pizza, pasta dinners, wedges, paninis, salads and Italian ices, which are popular over the summer.

Working in a pizzeria most of his life, Silvestri gained undisputable knowledge of the ins-and-outs of the business. He started when he was 16 as a delivery boy and has done everything since including washing dishes, manning the front counter, waiting tables, and cooking up the pizza.

Oddly enough, Silvestri went to college to become a math teacher and had taught in Peekskill and Pleasantville on leave-replacement gigs while still working part-time at a pizzeria. When his final leave-replacement job finished up, the location where Zach's Pizzeria is situated was up for grabs and Silvestri had to decide whether to continue the teacher route or open his own place; he went with the latter.

"The idea was always there, it was al-

ways an option and then it kind of popped up," Silvestri said. "I decided to do it and I'm glad I did."

The hours are crazy – Silvestri is here seven days a week and comes in early and leaves late—but he doesn't mind. He knows all of his customers by name and their orders. With so much competition in town, having a loyal customer base is critical.

If there's a mistake or another issue with an order, Silvestri is there to personally field the calls and talk one-on-one to patrons.

"They know I'm making their dinner, they know if something is wrong with something I'll take care of it," Zach said.

He grew up in Mahopac and is a graduate of the high school. The building where Silvestri Pizza is located happens to be one of the oldest buildings in all of town.

Through the success, he's remained humble. He even delivers on occasion when needed.

"Zach's Pizza is Zach's pizza," he said. "This is kind of my whole life right now. I love it."

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Editorial

Agudelo Deserves Credit for Standing Her Ground on Honeywell Contract

Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo has taken her share of criticism for standing in silent protest when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited at Common Council meetings and other community gatherings—a stance she should reconsider being that she is an elected government official who represents the city and sets an example for her constituents, particularly the youth.

However, Agudelo should be applauded for breaking away from the normal voting block with her all-Democratic colleagues on the Council and refusing last week to go along with the crowd in opposing a \$4.3 million energy performance contract with Honeywell.

Agudelo has been somewhat of a lone wolf on the Council in not being hesitant to question contracts and procedures presented and she remained consistent during an ill-advised Monday morning meeting at the Neighborhood Center which was regretta-

bly held during the same time as a nearby funeral for former City Manager Patrick Garvey, who was beloved by many for his involvement with many city organizations.

Having reasonably requested several times for the vote on the Honeywell contract be delayed to get an independent analysis of a 319-page document, Agudelo tried one last time, to no avail, to have the Council postpone taking action on allocating funding for a variety of upgrades to the Neighborhood Center, Police Station, City Court and Paramount Theater.

The problem is she was fighting a losing battle since it was clear the contract was a done deal. After all, Mayor Andre Rainey and councilwomen Vivian McKenzie, Kathy Talbot and Patricia Riley all had prepared statements explaining their reasons for supporting the contract, so nothing she said, or the residents of the city's Conservation Advisory Council, who offered many

valid suggestions for holding off, really mattered.

That's a shame, because Agudelo, who declined to take the contract at face value as her colleagues did, was spot on in questioning the process and the lack of urgency to push it through, saying, "The community being left out of the process is a problem to me and I don't want to govern that way. I do believe it (the contract) is a step forward, but I believe we owe our city to strive for excellence, and what we have in front of us is not excellence."

Too many times, elected officials lose sight of the fact they are there to govern by the people, for the people, and not just go through the motions by allowing the public to have their say, but not really listening to what is being said.

Agudelo heard loud and clear what was being said. It's too bad her colleagues decided to have deaf ears.

Letters to the Editor

Yorktown Should Reject Any Large Commercial Solar Farms

To the Editor:

I spoke at the Solar Panel hearing on July 9th. Susan Siegel's Guest Commentary of July 16th stated that "every speaker at the hearing supported solar energy." Ms. Siegel needs to pay attention, I spoke against the proposed law because the migratory and local bird population is in danger from large commercial solar farms and that the environmental and alternative energy groups cover up and downplay the death rate due to the "lake effect" of birds crashing into the panels. At the hearing I was going to address the cost factor but because of the late hour and the previous speaker, a young lady, who was in tears

repeating the mantra that we are 10 years away from Armageddon and other hyperbolic climate change fear factors. I didn't want to wind her and the other up by injecting facts. Some facts not in dispute regarding Solar and Wind power is that these energy suppliers comprise of approximately 5% of the world's energy. Even France, Netherlands, Germany and California need up to 85% fossil fuel and or nuclear energy to maintain the living standard. Solar and wind power is weak and unreliable with limited battery storage when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow. Wind has additional health issues regarding human hearing and bird deaths. Manufacturing

solar panels uses a tremendous amount of energy and create tremendous pollution. Each Solar / Wind dependent municipality needs alternative sources of power such as nuclear and coal. Yorktown should reject any large scale commercial solar farms. Clearcutting wooded areas and killing wildlife is not "Progress with Preservation". America leads the way in environmental retooling. I hope Yorktown doesn't fall for the hype and realizes that much of this climate change hysteria is a business plan to make money.

KEVIN MURPHY

Lower South Street Project Will Put Additional Financial Pressure on Hen Hud School

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to express concern over this proposed project. The article "Mixed Use Project Proposed on Lower South St. in Peekskill" states that 225 rental units are being proposed in this project. All of these rental units are located in the Hendrick Hudson School District. Hen Hud has

a 26 million dollar shortfall looming when the Indian Point plant closes. The use of this property has historically been a net plus for the school district because it's use has always been industrial with no residential. This proposal will certainly change the equation. How will it affect the people that reside in the Hendrick Hudson School Dis-

trict? Most of whom do not live in the city of Peekskill. I hope that our leaders in the Town of Cortlandt and the Hendrick Hudson School District are paying attention and will have a voice in what happens here.

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Letters to the Editor

Yorktown Dems on Board Have a Steady Hand on Finances

To the Editor:

Yorktown is again entering the election cycle with letters of criticism about the existing leadership rather than what other candidates will and can do differently.

One letter stated that Mr. Slater cares about Yorktown. I can assure you that Supervisor Gilbert and Councilmembers Roker, Diana, Lachterman and Patel all care about Yorktown. The hours that they put in go well beyond what should be expected of them. Further, those people who are regularly present at Town and Planning Board also care about Yorktown.

And while some issues at Board meetings can be contentious, the vast majority of the people speaking at Public Hearings and Courtesies of the Floor care about Yorktown. What should be of greater concern is those people who desire to run for office who have just recently begun to make appearances at Board meetings or who would rather do a photo op than appear regularly at Board meetings.

One letter stated that Mr. Slater was successful when employed by the county, the assembly and by the senate. That letter also stated that Mr. Slater also passed legis-

lation. From what I understand, Mr. Slater was a good employee, however, being an employee and not an elected official he did not pass any legislation!!! Another letter cited Mr. Slater's academic credentials as reason for his election. Supervisor Gilbert's academic credentials far exceed those of Mr. Slater and further, Supervisor Gilbert's professional life working in the judiciary, in the public eye, far exceed those whose experience is in back office operations.

No candidate should state that they will increase Town services that will require funding without further stating where that

funding would come from. If the suggestion is to lower the taxes of a select group of citizens, then, they should explain what other services would be cut or whose taxes will be raised in order to pay for the new services.

Finally, there appears to be a role reversal. In the past, in Yorktown, Democrats wanted to increase taxes and spending while Republicans wanted a steady hand on the fiscal tiller; now it appears that the Republicans want to spend and tax while the Democrats have a steady hand on the fiscal tiller.

JAY KOPSTEIN
Yorktown Heights

One of Yorktown's Treasures – Trails

To the Editor:

One of the many things I love about Yorktown is its beauty. Yorktown has hills, reservoirs, lots of greenery, Downing and Roosevelt Parks, and so many other lovely spots to enjoy the outdoors! I also appreciated- and my family has benefited from- the excellent schools and low crime rate. The houses we've owned and our taxes are pretty reasonable compared to other similar towns in Westchester.

I didn't know about the great hiking and biking trails when I made the decision to move here. Now my family and I frequently

enjoy using the many beautiful trails. I enjoy my walks and meet other people from town as well as people just passing through on their hikes, runs, bike and roller blade rides.

My current favorites are Turkey Mountain and the bike trail near the Yorktown Town Hall. Yorktown has the most trail miles of any town in Westchester County. No wonder the Economic and Business Revitalization Committee established by Supervisor Gilbert sees the trails as town asset.

And now, with the support of Yorktown Supervisor Gilbert, the Town of Yorktown, along with the Yorktown Trail Town, are fin-

ishing a connection between Route 118 and Baldwin Road and the new Crompond trail in FDR State Park. This will provide safe access to the park from Yorktown Heights for trail users by keeping them off the already crowded roads.

If you want to enjoy the Yorktown trails there is a video, created by Liz Gmoser, a Yorktown High School senior, available at: <https://www.yorktownny.org/trails-yorktown>

There is also a Yorktown Walk Book available at Town Hall, the John C. Hart Library and other locations.

PAULINE HALIM

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Jewish Community in the 1900s Chronicled

BY ABBY LUBY

The history of the Judaic religion spans several millennia, encompassing a myriad of diasporas that spread across the globe. The great migration of Jews from eastern Europe during the late 19th and early 20th centuries saw many settling in New York City and surrounding areas. Lured by the scenic Hudson and its close proximity to the metropolitan area, many Jews came to Peekskill to build new lives.

A newly released and locally produced book, "Peekskill's Jewish Community in the 1900s" documents the lives of Jews who lived and prospered in Peekskill from the 1930s to the 1970s. These Jewish businesses shaped the city and generations later many of these families are still active in the community today. The book is a fascinating compendium of decades of aural history, priceless photographs, numerous lists including those of businesses, profiles of business owners and professionals and street-maps, among others.

The initial idea for the book started at the First Hebrew Congregation, one of the oldest synagogues in Westchester formally established in Peekskill in 1904. Dr. Bernard S. Yudowitz, who grew up in Peekskill and whose father owned a downtown fabric store on North Division Street, gave generous donations to First Hebrew. One of Yudowitz's requests was to write about the close-knit Jewish community of his childhood in the 1940s and 1950s. Yudowitz died in 2018, right before the book was published, but he was able to see an early draft and he liked what he saw.

Gathering stories and old pictures isn't easy and this project required the input of many. The communal effort to organize vast amounts of archival information for the book included former Peekskill City Historian John Curran, museum board member Robin Goldsand, and First Hebrew congregants Ted Ruback and Charles Newman. Their research had the advantage of tapping into data collected by other organizations, such as the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, which compiled their own centennial photo journal of downtown Peekskill in the 1940s and 1950s. The Field Library also opened their doors to their collections of historical records.

On Sunday, July 14, more than 30 peo-

ple crowded into the Peekskill Museum to learn about the new publication. As slides of vintage photographs cycled through, Curran briefly summarized each chapter. "We found over 150 individual Jewish owned businesses in the 1900s from the museum's Peekskill Historical Directories," said Curran, holding up one of the leather-bound directories. He ran through a list of known businesses, their street location in downtown Peekskill and he spoke of their generational legacy of those still living and working in Peekskill. He spoke of families of lawyers, such as Ben Hersh, who worked in Peekskill in the 1950s and 1960s and whose practice is still in Peek-

skill today.

Curran also mentioned Bernard G. Gordon, who later became a New York State Senator. "They called him 'Bunny,'" a woman in the audience called out. Others in the audience nodded when hearing a familiar name. Curran said the local history in the book was meant for the public at large. "My hope is it will encourage future [Jewish] research in a greater expanse of time, perhaps as far back as 1800s," he said.

Goldsand spiced up her brief talk with a few jovial 'Jewish' jokes. Goldsand has long been interested in Peekskill business

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Obituaries

Robert Stanton

Robert "Bob" Stanton, a 50-year resident of Somers, formerly of the Bronx, died peacefully July 18 surrounded by his family. He was 78.

He was born July 10, 1941 to Antoinette and Carl Stanton in New York City. He was the beloved husband of Helga (Rida) of 50 years and loving father of Corinne Stanton, Robert Jr. (Katie) Stanton, Janine (Richard) Lamb, and Rick (Nicole) Stanton. He was a devoted grandfather to Diana, Mikey, Ricky,



Robert Stanton

Rachel, Chloe, Lila, Bobby (III) and Andi.

He was predeceased by his brother Raymond Stanton. He was brother-in-law to Rosemarie Stanton and caring uncle to Raymond Jr., Ronald and Susan. In addition, he had many cousins who loved him dearly.

A graduate of Dewitt Clinton High School and later New York Community College, Mr. Stanton pursued his love for law enforcement by joining the Mount Vernon Police Department in 1964. His first assignment was as a motorcycle cop, "Cycle 3," then advanced to Detective, until his retirement in 1984. He then worked for IBM in security in Purchase. He also worked for

Lehrer-McGovern and White Plains Center doing security. His final place of employment for 30 years was with the Somers Police Department where he advanced to Lieutenant. He thoroughly enjoyed patrolling his hometown and was nicknamed the "Stop and Shop Cop."

Mr. Stanton was a member of the Blue Knights Chapter 12, NYS Fraternal Order of Police #704, New York Police and Fire Retiree Association, Inc., Somers Benevolent Association, Somers Lions Club and Lake Lincolndale Properties Association.

His hobbies and interests included riding his motorcycle, playing softball, attending car shows, racquetball, boating, dancing, oldies, enjoying Italian Cuisine, gardening, going on cruises and simply enjoying his morning coffee while looking over at the lake in Lincolndale.

His fondest memories are those times spent with his family in the Poconos where he named the family motto, "Togetherness."

Friends may call at Clark Associates Funeral Home in Katonah on Tuesday, July 23 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 p.m. The Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's Church in Somers, NY on Wednesday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Ivandell Cemetery in Somers.

Donations may be made to the Robert Stanton Scholarship Fund. Donations can be sent to the Town of Somers PBA, P.O. Box 501, Somers, N.Y. 10589.

Nicholas Polao

Nicholas Joseph Polao, a resident of Cortlandt, died July 17 after being hit by a car. He was 29.

He was born to Thomas Polao and Kelly Sue (Turner) Polao on October 6, 1989 in the Town of Cortlandt. He loved boating on Lake Sacandaga, history, a good conspiracy theory, sports, music, movies, and reading. He shared a love of the St. Louis Cardinals with his Poppy, Bud Turner.

He is survived by his beloved mother Kelly Sue Polao and her partner Israel Martinez, cherished grandmother Maureen Turner, fiancée Christina Mauriello, aunt Patricia D. Monk and her husband William Monk, and uncle E. Michael Polao. He will be deeply missed by his great-uncle Arthur S. Turner, cousins Jacqueline, Jennifer, Zoe and Sydney, and by Israel Martinez, Jr., Anna Ortiz, and Dorrett Frazier, and by many other cousins and countless friends. He was predeceased by his father Thomas Polao and grandfather Sherman "Bud" Turner.

Nettie Bonante

Nettie Bonante, a resident of Jefferson Valley, died peacefully July 15. She was 98.

She was born in Italy on August 19, 1920, the last surviving child of Michael and Carmela (Roberti) Guerrieri. On September 28, 1940, she married the late Emanuel Bo-

nante and they were blessed with two children. She worked in woman's apparel for Paula Fashions in the Bronx before retiring in 1978. She liked nothing more than being with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Annette Marino, son Thomas Bonante and his wife Arlene, grandchildren Lauren Montore, Christopher Bonante, and Gina Pauline; and great-grandchildren Gabriella, Dominic, Tyler, Eliana, Matthew, and Jillian. She was predeceased by her husband Emanuel in 2004, son-in-law Robert Marino, and her granddaughter Linda Siegmund in 2011.

Aldo Pellegrinelli

Aldo Pellegrinelli, an 18-year resident of Somers, formerly of the Bronx, died peacefully July 16 at home. He was 84.

He was born August 13, 1934 in Manhattan to Esterina and Quirino Pellegrinelli. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School and attended Stony Brook University.

After serving two years in the Army, he joined the FDNY where he served for 34 years rising to the rank of Captain, retiring in 1993. He was an avid golfer and longtime New York Mets' fan.

On April 28, 1957, he married the love of his life, Lena Pini. They were inseparable and traveled the world together. He was the loving father of John (Judy) of Hopewell Junction, and Janet Fusco (Alex)

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of Somers; devoted grandfather of Michael (Emily), Michelle (Chris), Kristin (Matt), Alex (Annika), Greg and Matt; as well as four great-grandchildren, Keira, Elina, Juliet and Dominick. He was predeceased by his brothers, John and Louis.

Harold Reichard

Harold Reichard, a resident of Montrose, died peacefully July 15 surrounded by his family at Albany Medical Center after suffering a stroke a week earlier. He was 92.

He was born March 10, 1927 in Peekskill to Burton Amos Reichard and Alexina Arpin. He attended McKinley, Buchanan Elementary and Hendrick Hudson High School. Although he was still in high school during World War II, he chose to sign up for the National Guard at the age of 16. After being in the National Guard for one year, he chose to enlist in the Naval Air Force when he reached his 17th birthday. After enlistment he began his Naval training in Memphis TN followed by time in Norman, OK and then onto Pensacola, FL where he trained as a Naval Ordinance/Gunner.

After being honorably discharged, he attended Plattsburgh State on the GI Bill studying engineering. After two years in college he left in order to return home in Peekskill so that he could take care of his parents. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service as well as in construction for several years. He then, as he told all, had a desire to travel the world and was able to obtain a job with the international construction company, Atlas Construction/Morrison Knudson from 1950-59 working in Northern Africa, (French Morocco), Iceland and Indochina (Cambodia and Vietnam).

In 1960, after three years of courtship,

he married the love of his life, Jane Dahlke on August 27, 1960 at St. Patrick's Church, Verplanck. After returning to America he became a member of Local 137 Operating Engineers. He worked for Ottaviano and then Monfort Brothers Southern Dutchess Sand and Gravel until retiring in 1993 at the age of 66. After retirement he was, as he liked to describe himself, the "gopher" at his sons' (Paul and Kevin's) welding and truck repair business, Riverview Industries. He was so proud that he and Jane could work in the family business for so many years during their golden years.

Harold and Jane's marriage produced six wonderful children: Paul, Kevin, Steven,

Patricia, Kathleen and Susan. He was the proud grandfather to his grandchildren, Jeffrey and Alexander (Paul); Michael, Ashley and Chelsea (Kevin); Evan, Mikayla and Joshua (Steven) and Cody and Riley (Susan).

Mr. Reichard was an assistant scoutmaster to his three boys in the Boy Scouts and looked forward each year to a week at Boy Scout summer camp in the Adirondacks. He was also very active in the community as a member of the Peekskill Elks, American Legion, Buchanan Engine Company as well as Cortlandt Engine Company. While a member of Cortlandt Engine Company he was a fire commissioner for many years

and continued to march in the parades well into his 80's. For many years he also arranged reunions for the Peekskill Armory as well as his high school class.

After retirement he remained active in the Buchanan Senior golf league and had the fortune of getting a hole in one at the age of 91. He also continued to enjoy the opportunity to travel, to far off places as Australia, New Zealand, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and most recently Ecuador.

He remained active in the church as a eucharistic minister. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Meda DePalma, as well as his oldest son, Paul.



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Yorktown Grange Fair Unveils Entertainment Lineup

Prepare to be entertained! The lineup for the 95th Annual Yorktown Grange Fair is outstanding. September 6-9, the Grange Fairgrounds will be full of musicians, puppets, break dancers, comedians, and entertainers - there is something for everyone in the family at Westchester County's only true county fair. Betsy Ackerman, chairperson of the fair committee and entertainment director, is proud of what they have planned, "We've worked hard to find a wide range of acts and performers for this year's fair. We are thrilled with what we have put together to honor our "Back to the Garden" theme celebrating community unity."

Head back to the summer of love with the sensational Woodstock tribute band, Back to the Garden 1969. Their name and mission of creating the true Woodstock experience fits perfectly into this year's

fair theme, punctuating the importance of being an active part of the larger world though community involvement. These multi-instrumentalists and singers have been delighting people with the music of the Woodstock era for 10 years. They are a full theatrical event, from costumes and lighting to video and storytelling, BTG69 creates a true immersive experience.

From flower power to millennial nostalgia, the Grange Fair is proud to host Larger Than Life - the ultimate boy band tribute. This group tours all over the country bringing all your favorite boy band tunes and totally in-sync dance moves to the stage. This year they will be gracing the Grange Fairgrounds with a group harmony that everyone will be able to appreciate.

Rock is well represented at this year's fair with the groups, Unfunded Mandate

and Happy Crabs. Start with a little classic rock from a group made up of Lakeland Central School District employees - Unfunded Mandate has been playing together for over eight years and all the proceeds from their shows are donated to the Lakeland Education Foundation for school and teacher grants. If you are in need of a Rock-n-Dance party, then look no farther than the Happy Crabs. This group is dedicated to getting your feet moving and the fun going - you're gonna love getting happy with these crabs.

Since the Grange Fair is truly a family event, Beth & Scott and Friends will be there with a kid focused show that the littles will love. This husband/wife team has been bringing their brand of fun, education-based, musical magic to schools, camps, libraries and cultural-arts programs for 25

years. They believe that music, movement, and community make the world a better place - they are a true representation of this year's Grange Fair, "Back to the Garden" theme.

Off the main stage and all throughout the fairgrounds, there will be a plethora of entertainment opportunities to explore. Magical Memories will be bringing break-dancers, magicians, puppet shows and comedians to round out this year's Grange Fair performers. This year's slate is designed to bring together the local community, to have fun with a little nostalgia or maybe something new to you. There has never been a better year to visit the Yorktown Grange Fair.

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

Happenings

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Book Bingo: Book Bingo for adults is being this summer at the Somers Library: Have fun, try something different, and join with children and teens in summer reading. Who knows...you might be a lucky winner. All game cards must be returned no later than Aug. 28. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

A Roof For A Veteran: Attention all veterans. Miracle Home Improvements and Gas Roofing are partnering to replace the roof of one lucky winner. Send us a letter with a brief summary as why you need a new roof. You must live in Westchester or Putnam. The winner will be chosen on Sept. 3. Submit a photo and summary by e-mail (miraclehome1@verizon.net) or through the regular mail at Miracle Home Improvements, 2010 Albany Post R., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

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

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.

Toastmasters Meetings: The Northern Westchester Toastmasters meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7p.m. in the Jefferson Valley Mall Community Room, 650 Lee Blvd, Yorktown. Info: NorthernWestchester.ToastmastersClubs.org.

Living With Loss: Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program, "Men's Nite Out-Living With Loss," will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at Travelers Rest, Route 100, Ossining. It is open to men who have lost a spouse or partner to 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.

Peekskill Riverfront Summer Concert Series: Country Fresh plays the "freshest" songs in today's modern country music scene along with their own originals. The concert will be held

from 7 to 9 p.m. at Riverfront Green Park, 50 Hudson Ave., Peekskill. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or foldable chairs for seating. In the event of rain, the performance will be held at Peekskill Middle School. Admission is free. For more information, contact the City of Peekskill Parks and Recreation Department at 914-734-7275 or visit www.cityofpeekskill.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: The Yorktown Jewish Center offers a wide selection of courses during the year. However, all classes have ceased for the summer. Most will continue in the fall, so keep posted. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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.

Jefferson Valley Sunset Market: Bring the whole family to the Jefferson Valley Mall, 650 Lee Blvd., Yorktown for the market today from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Today's event will include a hot dog eating contest. The program includes vendors, food trucks, a beer garden, live music, a kid's fun carnival area, and more. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a vendor, please e-mail EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com or call 914-218-3968.

Animal Embassy: Live animals will be at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, at 6:30 p.m. The program is recommended for children four and older. For more information about other July children's programs at the library, visit <https://fieldkids.wordpress.com/>.

Peekskill Film Festival: The Peekskill Film Festival is scheduled from July 25 to 28. The event will include more than 50 films, as well as workshops and panels. Info: Peekskillfilmfestival.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Attic Sale: The Sisterhood of the Reform Temple of Putnam Valley is sponsoring an attic sale on Friday, July 26; Sunday, July 28 and Friday, Aug. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 362 Church Rd. There will be lots of clothing, household goods, items for children (toys, games, etc.) costume jewelry and unique finds. For more information, call 845-528-4774 or visit www.rtpv.org

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 am 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.

Somers Library Events: Several events have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. Moon Landing Movie Mania: Space Movies to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing is concluding with two screenings, both beginning at noon, on July 26 and Aug. 2. "The Right Stuff" will be screened on July 26 and "For All Mankind" will be presented on Aug. 2. These movies are intended for adults, however, teens and children over 10 are welcome with an adult. Automobile Empowerment will be held on July 27 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Would you like to learn more about your car and how to take better care of it? Here's your chance. Space is limited to 10 persons. The Violet Willows Duo will perform in concert on July 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. No registration necessary, first come, first seated. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Music In The Park: The Music in the Park series continues today with a performance by Chamomile & Whiskey. The gates open at 5 p.m. and the performance starts at 7 p.m. at Lasdon Park, 29 Amawalk Rd (Route 35), Somers. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$25. Info: 914-864-7264 or lasdonpark.org.

Temple Beth Am Summer: The summer is a time for us to relax and kick back Every Friday evening over the summer, Temple Beth Am will create a relaxed atmosphere that is engaging and enjoyable with services at 7 p.m. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 8 p.m. Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

MONDAY, JULY 29

Summer Writers' Group: The program is continuing on Mondays, July 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Somers Library. Each week writers will have their creativity challenged in different ways. Space is limited. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Literature And Art: The Story of You: A Literature and Art Workshop About Growing Up will be held every Monday through Aug. 12 for children age four though the second grade from 11 a.m. to noon and for children in grades three through five every Wednesday from July 10 through Aug. 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. at The Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. For more details contact the library at 914-737-0847 or visit the Frog Blog at www.fieldkids.wordpress.com.

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

Teen Program: Make Your Own Ice Cream is continuing on July 30 and Aug. 6 and 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.

Kincart of Houlihan Lawrence Achieves Top Agent Ranking

Houlihan Lawrence and Yorktown Brokerage Manager Zef Camaj would like to congratulate John Kincart, who has once again been ranked as part of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents, placing him among the most successful sales associates in the industry. This is one of the most prestigious awards that an agent can receive. Bravo on this incredible achievement and being in the top 1% of all agents in New York State and the U.S.

"I am happy and grateful to be included again in this group of successful real estate

professionals, and I would like to thank all those who have supported me and helped me to attain this achievement for the fourth year in a row," said Kincart.

The nationwide list ranks more than 14,000 real estate sales associates state-by-state. To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transactions or \$20 million in closed sales volume in 2018. All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party to ensure accuracy and report integrity.

"To say that John is an exceptional sales

professional is an understatement. To attain this level of sales is truly outstanding," said Camaj.

"Our markets are among the most specialized in the country, requiring an exceptional level of talent and skill," remarked Chris Meyers, President of Houlihan Lawrence. "We're always proud to see our agents receive the national recognition they deserve."

John Kincart



McCarthy Joins Berkshire Hathaway River Towns Real Estate



Brian McCarthy

Brian McCarthy has recently joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices River Towns Real Estate as a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson selling residential and commercial properties across Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties.

He grew up in Connecticut but has been a resident of Westchester County for more than 16 years. He currently lives in Croton-on-Hudson with his family and loves to coach Youth Lacrosse throughout Westch-

ester. Before real estate, he worked in a variety of sales and customer service jobs for nearly two decades. He said, "These experiences have allowed me to develop invaluable skills to listen and react to my customers' needs with patience and attentiveness coupled with a sense of compassion and a little bit of levity to lighten up the mood. I pride myself on being able to clearly communicate my customers' needs and to calmly and effectively find a solution that

best fits them."

Cynthia Lippolis, Principle Broker, is pleased to have McCarthy join the team, stating, "Brian is motivated, hard-working, resourceful and an accountable person who will use his vast experience and strengths to guide his clients through their real estate journey; and that will make him a successful agent. We welcome Brian to our organization as we continue to grow and increase our presence in the local community."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices River Towns Real Estate, which is independently owned and operated, became a member of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brokerage network, operated by HSF Affiliates LLC, in 2014. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices River Towns Real Estate has two offices located at: 133 Grand Street, Croton-on-Hudson and 983 Main Street, Peekskill. For more information, contact Cynthia Lippolis, Real Estate Broker/Owner.

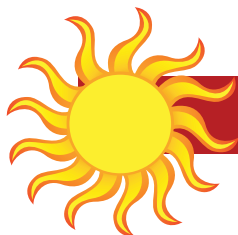
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Does Your Street's Name Influence Your Home's Appeal?

Besides serving as a way to find where you live, can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value, positively or negatively?

The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents of a certain town in Putnam County where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders in their midst. At the end of the article, almost as a throwaway, the motel's street address was listed as Sodom Road.

You just can't make this stuff up.

The origins of street names can be a fascinating study, ranging from history, their locations, mystery or sheer whimsy.

I was first made aware of how streets got their names when I went to grammar school in Philadelphia and the nuns taught us that the etymology of street names there were based on the plan developed by William Penn, where the major east-west streets were the names of trees: Vine, Mulberry, Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine among them, intersected by a numbered grid.

And when we took a class trip to Washington, D.C., I found that all of the 50 states have streets named after them and most of them cross diagonally through an alphabetic as well as a numbered grid system.

Rather than making an address clear, the intention of that system was to confuse invaders and to guard the Capitol, but today it serves to confuse tourists as well.

When I moved to the great metropolis of New York City, I was relieved to find a grid plan that made finding any address very easy, except for the wildly erratic system in Greenwich Village which was established before the grid system was in place, resulting in having West 4th Street somehow managing to intersect West 12th Street.

Until the mid-1800s, most of the population lived in densely populated cities where grid systems avoided chaos. But around 1850, people began moving out of congested cities to have cleaner air and less congestion. With increased value placed on nature, it became common to name streets after trees. As a result, my immediate neighborhood, an early one, features Hickory, Hemlock and Birch Streets.

Or the roads in our communities might reveal the types of industries they originally supported, such as Mill Street, Milk Street, Farmers' Market, Commerce Street and Mechanics Road. Also, the Presidents were honored in every town: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, and Kennedy Boulevards abound across the nation. And some streets simply reflect what they face, such as Mountain View, Lakeside and Hud-

son View.

But the most creative names came with modern housing track developments where builders became responsible for naming streets, harnessing the suggestive power of words that shape a neighborhood even before the first home is built.

Sometimes the personal interests of builders attached themselves to street names. The most interesting I've found is a neighborhood in Mahopac known as the "fish bowl" where the streets are named Pike Place, Perch Drive and Trout Place. In the same town, my friends Jeanne and Gerry live in the "flower" neighborhood of Astor, Dahlia, and Tulip. And, nearby in Yorktown, we become American literary aficionados in Walden Woods with such names as Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

From the 1970s and 1980s, newer developments frequently adopted names of the developers' wives or daughters, and only infrequently, sons. Today, that practice is generally discouraged by town planning boards because those street signs tend to be stolen more frequently, presumably by young people of the same names.

We can be either drawn to or repelled by the mystery of some street names. I had a real estate client who challenged me to find a house for her on Watermelon Hill Road simply because she loved the name so much. My personal favorites in this region are Pudding Street, Bullet Hole Road and Lover's Lane in Putnam Valley and Fid-

ler's Bridge Road in Dutchess County. Where did those haunting names originate, I wonder?

As I travel our byways, I also ponder such questions as whether Gay Ridge conjures up the question of its residents' orientation. And, does Church Street or Seminary Road lead the traveler to Heaven?

And let's not forget all the names that reflect our native American roots, such as Wiccoppee and Taconic.

There's no denying that, whether your street suggests picking a flower, enjoying the comfort of a shade tree, paying tribute to a founding father, making love or catching a fish, its name can indeed add character, charm or mystery to where you live.

Here's a good trivia question for you. Can you guess the most popular street name in America? No, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? The reason is that most towns in America started with a simple grid of numbered streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead. So, you might say that 2nd is second to none.

Currently my street address bears the same name as our President, and that has garnered a number of comments and questions from those who ask for my address.

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- 13. Moderate heat
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- 25. Used a firehouse pole
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- 32. Top of the list
- 33. The beginning
- 34. Energy units
- 35. Mounts

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- 1. Community regulation

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Sunset Market is an outdoor event that features vendors from the local community,

live music, food trucks, farmers market, a kid's fun carnival area, a Peekskill Brewery Beer Garden, and special occasions for each date.

On July 25, there will be an outdoor movie night showing *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*, and on August 25 there will be a Back to School Party that will include a carnival and a "Stuff the Bus" activation to help local children in need start the school year off right.

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Estate Planning for Younger Families

BY SALVATORE M. DI COSTANZO

If you were to review my client files over the last decade, you might be surprised to learn that estate plans for people younger than forty are scant. Yet, from an estate planning perspective, these generations carry the greatest exposure. While death or disability at any age creates complications, these complications are amplified for younger families, especially where there are children. The starting point is a Last Will and Testament ("Will") or Revocable Trust established during your lifetime. If these documents are not properly drafted, however, or not combined with other estate planning documents, complications will still exist.

Using Trusts for Children

Where there are children, even adult children, the management of assets becomes paramount. Without proper planning, the courts will oversee the management of a minor child's assets. In the case of young adult children, the assets may be subjected to the whims of children who may be incapable of handling assets, especially after a traumatic loss of one's parents. Using a trust created under the terms of your Will or Revocable Trust, managed by one or more trustees, for the benefit of your child solves many problems. These

trusts can be crafted in several ways. For instance, a common technique is to prepare a trust that provides for discretionary payments of income and principal until a certain age. Upon reaching that age, the trust terminates, and the assets pass to the adult child.



Another type of trust that is being used with increasing popularity is something called a "beneficiary controlled trust". These trusts are often used to prevent the child from losing assets in a divorce proceeding. This trust does not terminate. Rather, when the child reaches a certain age, he becomes a trustee of his own trust. As trustee, the child has some control over the management and use of the trust property.

If you are using trusts, be sure to work with an attorney to customize your beneficiary designation forms for your beneficiary designated assets since they do not pass under the terms of a Will or Revocable Trust unless you direct them to do so. If you don't customize a beneficiary designation form to specify that that your beneficiary designated assets should pass to the trust being created under your Will or Revocable Trust, the account will be distributed directly to your children, defeating your estate plan.

Nomination of Guardians

In New York, a child under the age of

eighteen is considered a minor. To avoid family members fighting over the custody of your minor children or to avoid the Court having to appoint an unrelated person to care for your children, you should nominate a guardian in your Last Will and Testament. A guardianship is two-fold. There is a guardian of the person and guardian of the property. The guardian of the person does not need to be the guardian of the property and in fact, you often see these roles divided in young families.

Advance Directives

Advance Directives consists of powers of attorneys, statutory gifts riders, health care proxies and in some cases, forms providing for the disposition of your remains and release of protective medical information. I often lecture that anyone can become disabled at any time. If you become disabled without advance directives, the problems that are created may be worse than the problems created by death. For instance, your family may end up in protracted guardianship proceeding to be able to handle your personal and financial needs.

Life Insurance

The optimal time to purchase life insurance is during your younger years. It should be part of every well-thought-out estate plan for younger families. If there is a premature death, life insurance provides the cash flow to the surviving family members to move on. Too often, life insurance

is not even considered, or if it is, insufficient amounts of insurance are purchased. The most important form of life insurance for a young family is term insurance. It is cheap, which allows you to purchase a significant amount to provide for your family if there is an untimely death.

While the proceeds from life insurance are tax-free to the beneficiary, one should not overlook the fact that the value of the policy is includable in a decedent's gross taxable estate. If you own significant life insurance, you could easily end up with a taxable estate for New York purposes. If you have a taxable estate due to life insurance, your attorney will likely discuss a life insurance trust to remove the taxable value of the life insurance from your estate.

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Peekskill's Jewish Community in the 1900s Chronicled

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history; she is the second generation owning a title insurance business still in Peekskill. She held up several binders of accumulated drafts, proof of the arduous task of compiling the book. "We ordered 200 books and to date, we've sold 190," Goldsand said.

Newman recounted his own childhood of growing up in Peekskill. "I would be with my dad in his store, Paramount Shade and Awning Company on Main Street and he would send me on

errands," he recalled. "I'd trot down to Kurzhals the hardware store, then to Choice Plumbing on North Division. To me it was like a Jewish Mayberry RFD and I was Opie. I felt like we knew everyone, it was a warm, safe environment."

Newman's father started a new business selling propane gas and became Paraco, today one of the largest propane companies in the United States. Today, Newman owns an insurance company in downtown Peekskill, which he has filled with Peekskill memorabilia.

Curran's 112-page book covers up to the late 1970s and the chapter "Where Did Everyone Go?" is about why the First Congregation left their small, Gothic style synagogue at 813 Main street (sold in October 2017 to the Islamic Center of Peekskill) and in 1957, built a new synagogue at 1821 Main Street. Business owners saw how new malls opening along Route 6 with Alexander's Department Store and Pergament as anchor stores. Sidewalk traffic in Peekskill businesses slowed and when the Beach Shopping Center opened in 1957, many of the downtown businesses relocated



(L-R:) Ted Ruback, John Curran, Chuck Newman and Robin Goldsand.

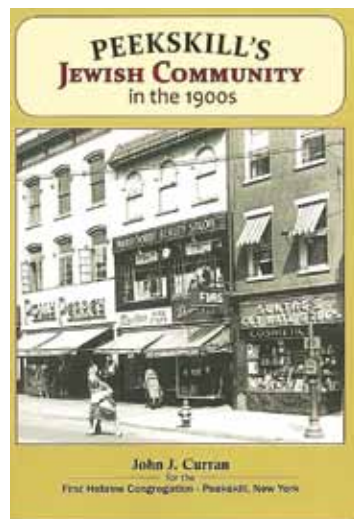
there. This shift away from Peekskill, coupled with the turbulent times of the 1960s with destructive riots and fires, left little incentive for Peekskill based businesses to keep their stores downtown. Urban renewal projects soon followed in the 1970s.

There are many gems in "Peekskill's Jewish Community in the 1900s" – a picture of the great American composer Aaron Copland sitting in the audience at the

Paramount next to famed conductor/composer Leonard Bernstein. At the end of the book on a page entitled, "Completing the Circle," Ted Ruback, a trustee of First Hebrew and who provided a substantial amount of archival material, tells the reader about his wife, Carolyn, who has traced her family lineage back 11 generations to Jan Peck, the first successful businessman and namesake of Peekskill. This book offers us

knowledge of the deep roots in our community to deeply enhance our understanding of the past and how it has shaped our towns and cities today.

"Peekskill's Jewish Community in the 1900s" is available for sale at the Peekskill Museum peekskillmuseum.org/ or by contacting First Hebrew Congregation, 1821 Main St., [914] 739-0500, fhc@firsthebrew.org, firsthebrew.org.



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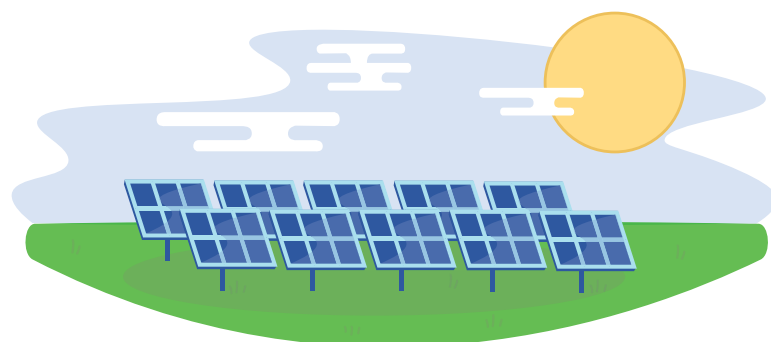
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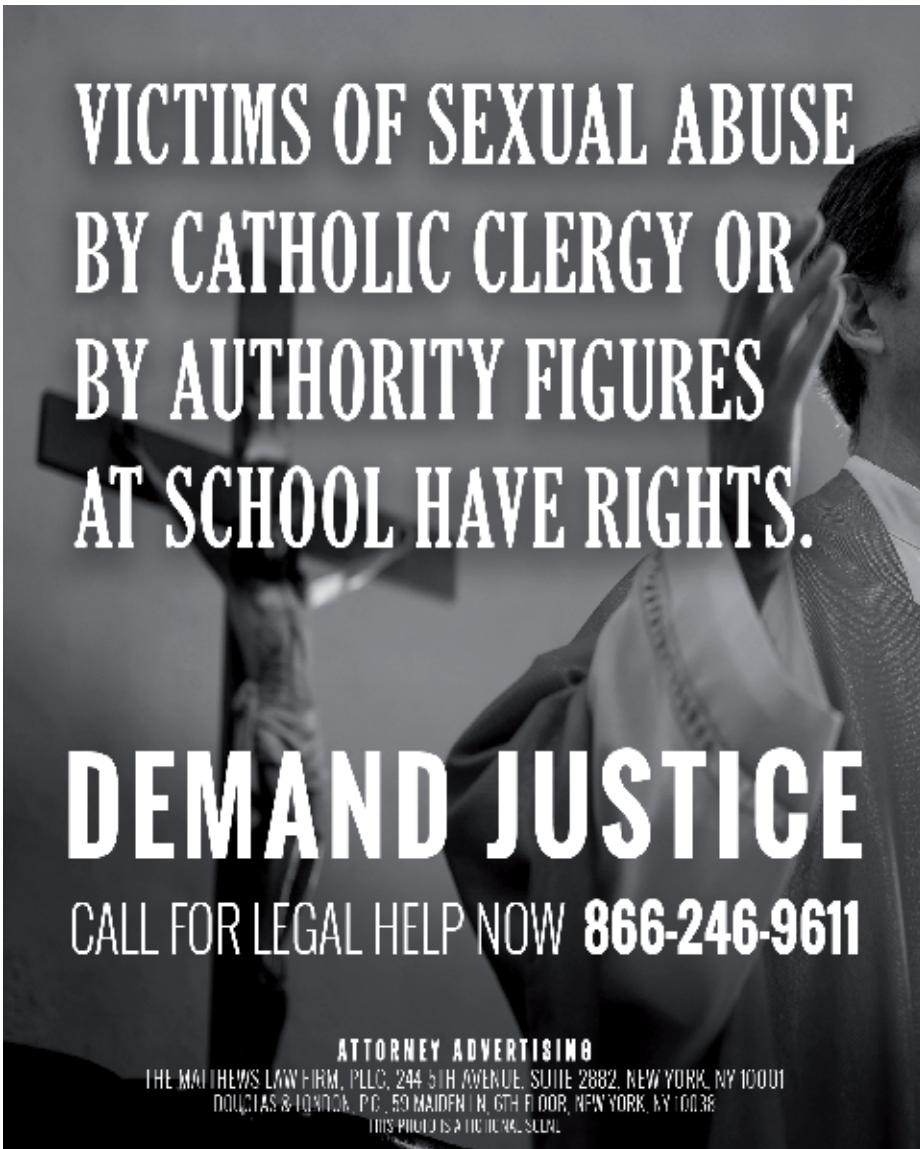
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Sports

Mahopac's Shannon Becker Reeling in National Titles, Honors



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner
Sports Editor

Pay close attention, people, because it's not often we someone of right-handed pitcher Shannon Becker's ilk in this neck of the woods. The Mahopac junior has had a particularly effective summer season, going so far as to be crowned a national softball champion this past week, just a week after being selected as one of just 48 national All-Americans hailing from 40 of the 50 great states across the

USA, which is trending in the right direction again despite its obvious flaws.

There have been some great ones to come out of Mahopac over the years, but this three-sport gal – just 16 years old – is soaring past many after firing seven innings of one-run ball in a 6-1 semifinal triumph by the prestigious East Cobbs Bullets tournament team in their national championship run last week in Georgia. It took 12 games in the sweltering heat of the Peach State, but Becker and her teammates emerged as national titlist.

"It felt awesome to pitch the semifinal game," Becker said Sunday from yet another tournament in California. "I was honestly just trying to get the win for my team and give us the chance to compete in the finals. It's not very often that someone is given the chance to be so close to a national championship, so that is what was driving me in the game."

Becker struck a national chord last May while pitching a 'perfect-perfect' game, doing so against rival Carmel while striking out all 21 batters faced, a feat that is almost

unheard of.

After a 17-3 regular season with a 0.25 ERA and 332 strikeouts, Becker steered Mahopac into the Class AA Final 4 before being eliminated by eventual champion John Jay EF on a seventh-inning dinger. Becker finished the spring season at 19-4 with a 0.39 ERA, whiffing 369 batters in just 163 innings pitched.

Since then, the post-season accomplishments have steamrolled in; All-NYS, All-American, national champion, et al. But she has remained as humble as the day she posed with team USA star hurler Jennie Finch as an impressionable 10-year-old.

"All the accolades I have been getting are directly because of the hard work I've been putting in all year," Becker said. "The accolades are obviously amazing, but it's

also cool to just see for myself what hard work can result in. I've been doing a lot of work off-season keeping myself in shape, working out, and obviously doing a bunch of bullpens. I've worked really hard on my rise ball and hitting my spots and it's amazing how far I've come. To see my hard work showing on the field is definitely rewarding and pushes me to work harder to see how much better I can be!"

Remember, she just 16, so the future is ultra-bright for this rare, three-sport star (soccer, hoops, too!), who happens to be a terrific leader and exemplary role model for teammates.

"I'm planning on continuing to play basketball and soccer," said Becker, who carries an A average in the classroom. "I love playing basketball it gives me a good break from softball because it is just fun for me. I love playing for the Mahopac basketball and soccer coaches, and I love my teammates, so I am looking forward to basketball and soccer this year."

Becker has yet to commit to a college program but recruiters have lined the stands with radar guns in hand, even though they are not permitted to speak with or legally recruit her until September. You can bet the line will be long, though. She has received wink-wink interest from some of the greatest programs in the nation, including the SEC, ACC and Pac-12 schools.

"I'm thankful that there are a lot of opportunities for me," Becker said. "I don't have a specific school in mind right now, but what I'm looking for is to get a great education with the best softball possible. I want to have a chance to get to the Women's College World Series and also have a great education. I dream to play at a high-level Division 1 school and challenge myself to play against the best of the best."

Don't put it past her...

Lakeland soccer Coach Tim Hourahan has been infusing life into Section 1 soccer since joining former Hornet Coach Larry Jensen's staff nearly two decades ago. And when former Somers player-turned-coach Brian Lanzetta and he teamed up to form the Hudson Valley Soccer ID Showcase Camp the



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Hudson Valley Soccer College Camp Directors Rich Becker (Mamaroneck), Tim Hourahan (Lakeland) and Brian Lanzetta (Somers) are doing things to promote Section 1 soccer players that none have done before.

last two summers, the duo, along with Mamaroneck Coach Rich Becker, have provided all sorts of opportunities that didn't exist for Section 1 soccer players just a few short years ago, and the game is growing on account of it.

Blazing a trail through Section 1 soccer programs like few before them ever have, Hourahan, Lanzetta and Becker have developed a premier showcase that connects Section 1 boys' soccer players with local and national colleges.

"Year two of our college ID camp was legit," Hourahan said. "We had a crazy amount of talent on display and over 40 college coaches came to watch our guys, so cool. I'm so proud of it to be honest."

Their model, which was attended by hundreds and on display last week at Lakeland High School, should be mimicked by coaches across Section 1 for all sports to provide similar opportunities across the board...

The Final 4 of Hourahan's Summer League is slated for Tuesday night with a pair of doozy's on tap, including John Jay EF vs. Yorktown (5:30 p.m.) and Rye vs. Somers (6:45 p.m.) with the winners to square off in an 8:00 p.m. title tilt.

"All four teams are loaded," Hourahan said! "Any of them can win my league, but more importantly the three A schools are all Section 1 title contenders and East Fishkill will have a massive year in AA."

Like I said, these guys are getting it done in the off-season...

If you're anywhere close to the area and have a child remotely

interested in becoming a more skillful field hockey player, I strongly urge you to sign up for Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen's Shrub Oak Athletic Club-based camp the week of Aug. 5-8 at Lakeland High School. The camp features the 12-time NYS champion Coach Sarsen – the 2018 National High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year -- and a slew of former and current D-I disciples. The cost is \$170 for campers in grades 2-12 and runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Hit them up at <http://shruboakac.org/Programs/FieldHockey.aspx>...

Tip of the hat to Mahopac's Hynes brothers, Brendan and Aidan, for making local MSA camper's week and teaching the fundamentals of the game to future players. Brendan, of Richmond University, and Aidan, of 2018 national champion Yale, were quite the big hit, I'm told. Always good to see the great ones 'Pay it Forward,' the kind of stuff seven-time NYC champion Yorktown does regularly with lacrosse and separates the Huskers from the pack...

I see where Peekskill High has named former Tuckahoe Athletic Director Austin Goldberg to serve the Peekskill City School District, taking over for former A.D. Adam Lodewick, now at Fox Lane. Goldberg, who has been appointed to the position of Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, will begin his new role Aug. 14 after completing his mandated time at Tuckahoe. With just two weeks to get ready for the fall application of sports, I say good luck, my man! You're gonna need it.



Mahopac junior-to-be Shannon Becker (R) has tipped the scales of development this summer by taking her softball skills to a nationally-acclaimed level.



D-I coaches were all over Mahopac junior slingshotter Shannon Becker last week as she and her Bullets travel team were crowned national champions.

Bet the Farm on Future Cornhuskers!



It's been a glorious summer of softball for members of the Yorktown Athletic Club, which has seen its program thrive from the 10U to the 14U divisions, including the 14U Green team (above), which recently took home YAC tourney title honors with a superb showing. Yorktown High's success at the varsity level over the last decade-and-then-some can be traced directly to its YAC roots. Members of the team include (top L to R) coaches Carl Piehler and Lou Salvaggi, Lisamarie Pasquale, Breanna Vo, Samantha Longo, Leah Cohen, Lauren Strauss, Alana Espinoza, Chau Vo; (bottom L-R) Lexi Schaffer, Paige Johannsen, Emily Piehler, Hailey Moran, Olivia Salvaggi, Ceilia Torino. There were many people to thank afterward. "It was a great weekend to have a softball tournament in Yorktown," Coach Salvaggi said. "Special thanks to all of our YAC travel softball parents from 10u,12u & 14u. They worked the whole tourney from Thursday night set up, Friday, Saturday and Sunday field prep until 8 p.m. wrapping up the field. It's a lot of work, but it's for the girls, so it's worth it. We couldn't have done it without them."

Yorktown Athletic Club Crowns 14U Champion, Delivers Prosperity from 10U to 14U



The 10U YAC Huskers: (top L-R) Fiona Davoli, Cara Gomez, Alicia Cinicolo, Ally Pace, Gigi Coppola, Katelyn Brown, Olivia O'Connor, Mike O'Connor; (bottom L-R) Nicole Fasce, Gabby Coppola, Melina DiRenzo, Nina Fasce, Aria Servedio



The 12U YAC Huskers: (top L-R) Penelope Einhorn, Isabella Buscetto, Kaitlyn Riordan, Eleni Schattman, Samantha DeVino, Katie Piehler, Madison Maxwell; (bottom L-R) Alyssa McEniry, Evangeline Destito, Serafina Salera, Haley Malmgren



The 14U YAC Huskers-Black: (front to back, L-R) Amanda Cohen, Victoria Cipriano, Jacqueline Valle, Isabel Gomes, Samantha Ramos, Vittoria Milizia, Natalie Fata, Julia Centofanti, Jazmine Morales, Julie Rolle, Nikole Langan-Coyne, Jazalyn Brown and Emma Czerniewski

