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Widespread Acts of Vandalism Probed in Town of Yorktown

By Rick Pezzullo

Yorktown Police are being assisted by federal, state and county police agencies in their investigation of several acts of vandalism on town and private property that occurred Saturday in the early morning hours.

During a press conference Monday at Yorktown Town Hall, Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble stressed police were treating the incidents as hate crimes since several houses of worship were

targeted, but noted no threats were made and no individuals were injured.

"This could be something small and reckless or something more sinister," Noble remarked. "It is a crime of property. No people have been targeted. This kind of nonsense doesn't happen around here much."

Four glass doors were shattered at the Yorktown Stage in the Albert Capellini Cultural and Community Center, a menorah was toppled at Veterans' Field,

nine windows were broken at John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak, a 90-year-old stained glass window was destroyed at St. Patrick's Old Stone Church in downtown Yorktown, windows were broken at the First Presbyterian Church and vandalism took place at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Mohegan Lake.

Noble and Supervisor Matt Slater said the incidents appear to be linked but no video surveillance has been uncovered yet. Po-

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PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble addresses media surrounded by elected officials and community church leaders.

First Born

The first baby born in Westchester County in 2020 was Baby Boy Handler, who entered the world at 1:05 a.m. on January 1, 2020 at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt. The baby boy was six pounds and 19 inches long. Parents Brian and Kayte Handler are residents of Peekskill.



Residents Concerned About MOD Projects on 202

By Rick Pezzullo

A large contingent of residents is expected to fill Cortlandt Town Hall next week for a continued public hearing on two large projects planned in the Medical Oriented District (MOD) on Route 202 near New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital.

An online petition has been launched urging the Cortlandt Town Board not to close the public hearing on January 14, stating many residents were unaware of what is in the works and need additional time to voice concerns.

Meanwhile, a Facebook has been created called Cortlandt MOD Residents United that currently has more than 300 members and publicizes proposed changes, designs, and concerns with the MOD.

The intent of the MOD is to encourage economic revitalization in the area surrounding the hospital and implement the goals and recommendations outlined in the town's 2016 Sustainable Comprehensive Plan.

One of the projects being proposed in the MOD by Val and Armando Santucci

of VS Construction Corp. is dubbed Evergreen Manor, which involves the redevelopment of three vacant contiguous parcels totaling 28 acres with a 120-unit assisted living facility, 90-room hotel with 13,000 square feet of retail space, mixed-used retail/office building, 166 residential units and approximately 550 parking spaces.

Also in the MOD are plans for the Gyrodyn site, which calls for the redevelopment of eight contiguous parcels totaling 13.8 acres with 100,000 square feet of medical offices, 4,000 square feet of complementary retail, 200 residential units, 180 structured parking spaces and 383 at-grade parking spaces.

Some residents have raised eyebrows about the amount of development being sought and the additional traffic it will bring to an already overburdened roadway. Others have expressed caution about the destruction of local ecology and historical land.

The hearing on Tuesday, January 14 kicks off at 7 p.m. More information on the MOD can be found by visiting www.TownofCortlandt.com/MOD.



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Police have obtained a blurry photograph of what appears to be a four-door sedan leaving the scene near the library about midnight on January 4, but the license plate of the vehicle is not visible.

"Our residents should not be fearful. They should not be nervous," said Slater, who just took office January 1. "We will not let these events define us. Adversity is meant to test us. We will continue to rise to the occasion and reject all actions that are motivated by hate."

Following the incidents, Yorktown Police increased patrols near houses of worship, particularly in the area of synagogues.

"An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us," said Rabbi Robert Weiner of Temple Beth Am of Northern Westchester in Yorktown. "As we repair glass, hopefully we can all see clearer and we can fight against the hate."

"It could have been a lot worse," said Msgr. Joseph Giandurco, pastor at St. Patrick's Church. "Our parishioners were upset and sad. We hope the person who did this will simply feel sorry and these acts will cease."

Hart Library Director Jen-



PHOTO COURTESY OF YORKTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Glass front doors at Yorktown Stage that were shattered early Saturday morning.

nifer O'Neill said the windows that were broken were near the parking lot, out of sight from the library's video cameras. The windows are expected to be replaced this week.

"We're just glad nobody was hurt. That it wasn't an attack on people," she said.

The FBI was expected to visit Yorktown Monday to help in the investigation, while Westchester District Attorney Anthony Scarpino offered the full services of county police personnel.

"These are interesting times

we are living in," Scarpino said at the press conference. "Yorktown is the victim here. We have no idea where the person or people (who committed the crimes) are from."

Several prominent elected officials, including Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Westchester County Executive George Latimer, condemned the acts of vandalism.

"The vandalism in Yorktown is yet another example of hate that has no place in our community. These acts, especially during

this difficult time of anti-Semitic violence, further heighten fear among our friends and neighbors. My heart is with those affected by this weekend's incidents, and I will continue working to combat senseless hate," Congresswoman Nita Lowey

"I am deeply concerned about the latest rash of vandalism, this time in Yorktown, directed against Judaism and Catholicism," Latimer remarked. "We take these incidents with utmost seriousness. They are the reflection of a spreading sickness that encour-

ages public expression of hatred. We reject this behavior fully and completely."

"I urge all residents to stand in solidarity against hate and intimidation. Know that the entire County of Westchester stands with you," he added. "Together we must work to teach tolerance and kinship, and let those who want to shatter our unity, and destroy the peace we enjoy, understand that expressions of hate have no home in Westchester County. We will push back in every manner possible to assure that everyone is safe from such hatred."

The Yorktown Town Board will be passing a resolution Tuesday night officially condemning the violence following a private interfaith meeting with religious leaders.

"We will attempt to bring this to a swift conclusion," said Councilman Tom Diana, a retired police officer. "This is something we will not tolerate. We do not tolerate anti-Semitism. We do not tolerate hate."

Anyone with any relevant information is asked to contact the Yorktown Police Department by phone at 914-962-4141 or by email info@yorktownpd.org.



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Somers to Hold Special Meeting on Boarding H.S. Proposal

By Neal Rentz

During the first work session of the new year, Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey announced last Thursday a special meeting involving the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Open Space Committee and any other interested board would be held to continue the discussion on a proposed boarding high school, which would be located on property that formerly housed IBM.

The town board is scheduled to set a date for the special meeting on January 9. The plan is being proposed by Evergreen Ridge LLC for the 723-acre property, owned by 294 Route 100 LLC.

Morrissey said the main topic of discussion at the special meeting would be amendments of the town's Zoning Ordinance being sought for the land.

The academy would be in IBM's five interconnected buildings, totaling 1.2 million square feet. The interiors of the existing buildings would be renovated and the proposal calls for the creation of several other facilities, including an arts center, an athletic center, dormitories, a home for the head administrator of the school, several athletic fields, jogging and hiking trails and gardens.

Though the school would be for high school students in grades nine through 12, the school would open in the fall of 2021, with the 11th grade added in 2022 and the 12th grade would be added in 2023.

The school would prepare students for such fields as biomedical engineering and physics, artificial intelligence, computer science and information technology, robotics, aerospace and manufacturing technology. The maximum student enrolment would be 1,800.

About 85 percent of the students would live on campus, with the rest being day students. The school would provide instruction in the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts. There would be an estimated 750 students on campus in 2021 and the number of students would rise every year until hitting the maximum of 1,800 students in about 2023. There would ultimately be 125 teachers and administrators and a 110-person support staff.

The annual cost for each boarding student would be \$49,000 per school year and \$37,000 for day students.

Meanwhile, the Town Board voted unanimously to commit the town to provide

\$30,572 toward the purchase of a generator for the highway garage and one at the library if the federal government provides a grant of \$91,716 to pay for the rest of the cost of the two generators.

Morrissey said if the project goes forward the town's building department would serve as the project manager to oversee the installation of the generators.

The federal government would provide the grant to New York State, which would pass it on to the town, Morrissey noted.

The Somers Town Board at its meeting last week.



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Slater Sworn-in as Supervisor in Town of Yorktown

By Abby Luby

Yorktown residents filled the auditorium at the Yorktown Stage on New Year's Day to see their newly elected town supervisor, Matt Slater, take the oath of office.

Slater beat incumbent Supervisor Ilan Gilbert in November, garnering 53 percent of the vote to Gilbert's 47 percent.

Also sworn-in were Councilmen Thomas Diana and Ed Lach-

terman and Yorktown Town Justice Gary Raniolo, all incumbents.

Former State Senator Terrence Murphy swore in Slater, who worked with the senator a few years ago as his chief of staff. With Slater was his wife, Kellie, his three-year old son, Charlie, his two-month old daughter, Elizabeth, his mother and grandmother and his long-time friend, New York State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

Murphy praised Slater's mom, a single mother who, with the help of her mother, brought up Slater. "You've raised such a wonderful son and you let his dreams come true," Murphy said.

After taking his oath, Slater thanked the audience and said he and his family were honored. "My wife Kellie is the glue that holds everything together," he said. He talked about how his bi-partisan transition team had worked well together.

"Together there is so much we can do and so much we will accomplish to make Yorktown the absolute best it can be," he said. Slater later quoted President Ronald Reagan: "There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." Slater went on to say "We have a robust agenda. Our future is so bright."

Byrne spoke about his long friendship with Slater which started in high school. "He's shown time and time again his devotion to his family and community," Byrne spoke directly to Slater saying, "You are committed to service and you care very much about Yorktown. You want to get things done for people in this community. I'm proud of you."



Councilman Tom Diana Tom Diana was sworn-in by Judge Gary Raniolo.



PHOTOS BY ABBY LUBY

New Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater was sworn-in New Year's Day at Yorktown Stage by former Senator Terrence Murphy. With him is his wife, Kellie, son Charlie, his infant daughter, Elizabeth, his mother, grandmother and longtime friend Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

Swearing in the Honorable Gary Raniolo for Yorktown Town Justice was Yorktown's Judge Salvatore Lagonia. "It has been my honor and privilege to serve Yorktown for eight years," said Raniolo. "It's my privilege to serve for the next four years. I take great pride in this job. I love this job. We have the best court system on the planet."

Yorktown resident Bill Roberts swore in Lachterman who said, "I feel good about the vision of the new board. I look forward to serv-

ing you for the next four years."

Diana was sworn-in by Raniolo. "I want to thank everyone for coming out and celebrating this new regime," Diana said. "I want to thank you for trusting me to serve this great town. I'm going to do my best to keep the town moving forward to the next realm."

Yorktown Republicans now hold a 3-2 majority on the town board. Democrats Vishnu Patel and Alice Roker remain as councilmembers and holding on to her seat is Town Clerk Diana Quast.



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Peekskill Mayor and Councilwomen Sworn-In for New Terms

By Abby Luby

More than 100 people crowded into the council chamber at Peekskill City Hall on New Year's Day to celebrate the swearing in of reelected Democrats Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey and councilwomen Kathleen Talbot, Vivian McKenzie and Patricia Riley.

A round of applause greeted Rainey and councilmembers as they walked into the chamber.

The hour-long, often emotional ceremony had many offering congratulatory words of praise and acknowledgment. Rainey thanked not only his staff, but numerous individuals and community groups for their guidance and encouragement including the NAACP, the LGBTQ community, veteran groups, first responders, senior citizens, and many others.

Rainey, 35, won a second two-year term as mayor after defeat-

ing Republican challenger Vincent Vesce.

Rainey's young son, Zylon, read words of encouragement that brought tears to everyone's eyes. Sitting in the audience was Rainey's 96-year old great-grandmother.

Rainey was sworn-in by his sister Talaya Wilkens. After taking his oath Rainey congratulated the 2020 council. "There's so much to look forward to in the year 2020," he said. Rainey summed up his last two years in office by thanking all of the council members, including Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo and Councilman Ramon Fernandez, for their part in obtaining more than \$16 million in governmental grants.

Attending the ceremony was outgoing Peekskill Councilman Colin Smith, who was elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators representing District 1. Also making a brief appearance was Mount Vernon's new mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, the first woman elected mayor in Mount Vernon and the first black woman elected mayor in Westchester.

Live musical highlights included the exceptional acapella group "The City Singers;" the national anthem was beautifully



PHOTO BY ABBY LUBY

Councilwoman Patricia Riley was sworn-in by State Senator Peter Harckham.



PHOTO BY ABBY LUBY

Mayor Andre Rainey was sworn-in by his sister Talaya Wilkens at Peekskill City Hall on New Year's Day.

sung by Laura Newman and a stirring musical selection by vocalist Michelle Lindsay.

McKenzie, who was appointed deputy mayor, was sworn-in by her husband Eric McKenzie and Peekskill City Judge Reginald Johnson. "We are moving and shaking and going in the right direction," McKenzie said. "Let's keep going forward"

Riley, who was sworn-in by State Senator Peter Harckham (D-40), spoke about the importance of taking the oath for public office and supporting the Constitution of the United States. "In today's world we have been hearing a lot about our Constitution. These words

mean more to me today than ever before...as we strive to serve our constituents whether it's here in Peekskill or throughout our state and country," she said.

Swearing in Talbot was State Assemblyman David Buchwald. Talbot was surrounded by her family when she took her oath. She thanked everyone for coming and remarked that this was her third Peekskill inauguration. "I have seen some really wonderful things happen and I love all my new neighbors that have come to Peekskill," she said, noting her new four-year term would be her last. "This will be my last hurrah. I think 12 years is going to be enough."

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Cortlandt Incumbents, Judge Fugaro-Norton Take Oaths of Office

By Rick Pezzullo

Three longtime Cortlandt incumbents and a newcomer to elected office were sworn-in Sunday before more than 100 family, friends and well-wishers at Cortlandt Town Hall.

A sometimes uncharacteristically emotional Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi headlined the ceremony as she took the oath of office for her 15th two-year term

with her adult twin children, two grandsons, son-in-law and sister taking part in the festivities.

"I'm as excited today as I was the first time, 29 years ago," Puglisi said. "It takes a whole group of people to get us to this position. The victory goes to the whole town, the people that vote us into these offices and trust us."

Puglisi, who choked back tears when referencing her grandsons, Oliver and Jeremy Tam, and late

father, a veteran and an historian, thanked the town's 42,000 residents and more than 200 town employees for returning her to the position she cherishes.

"I love Cortlandt. It is an honor and a privilege to be town supervisor. Cortlandt is not just a place, it's a home," she said. "It's not about the position, it's about the purpose. I have tried my best over the last three decades to work hard for everyone. It is a team effort. I call it our Cortlandt family and it really is. We will go forward and make the town even better."

Contrasting Puglisi's longevity was Town Justice Maritza Fugaro-Norton, who was sworn-in for the first time after ousting 12-year incumbent Dan McCarthy on Election Day.

Fugaro-Norton, who has resided in Cortlandt for the last 14 years and has been a Court Attorney in the Westchester County Family Court for the last 12 years, received 4,833 votes (53%) to 4,234 for McCarthy (47%).

Fugaro-Norton is only the second woman elected town justice in Cortlandt's history. Two years ago, Kimberly Ragazzo paved the way, defeating 28-year Republican incumbent judge Gerald Klein. The town justice seat is a four-



Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi is congratulated by her daughter and son.

year term and carries an annual salary of \$46,054.

"This is really a surreal moment for me," Fugaro-Norton said. "Wearing this robe today is a long journey of hard work. This was an opportunity to achieve my goal. I know people have entrusted in me a great responsibility. I am truly honored and humbled to be your town justice."

Councilmen Frank Farrell and Dr. Richard Becker each took the oath of office from Town Attorney Thomas Wood as they were re-elected to new four-year terms running unopposed. Puglisi also had a free ride in November.

A 24-year board veteran, Far-

rell was elected to a seventh term, while Becker will be starting his fourth term.

"I am as eager to continue working as the first day I stood here," Farrell said. "I'm looking forward to the next term. We need to keep the town moving economically."

"I think it comes down to trust. It takes time to establish that trust," Becker said. "We're all here to help and I think that doesn't go unrecognized. They always say there are two certainties in life: death and taxes. There's a third: change. This town board has to try to manage that change as we go forward."



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Cortlandt Town Justice Maritza Fugaro-Norton was sworn-in by Honorable Nilda Morales Horowitz.

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Is it Okay to Fall in Love With a Realtor?

Have you ever fallen in love with a realtor? It's very possible, you know.

As a long-term realtor, I am reminded of the time when I was sitting in my office near the desk of a colleague who was talking with a client on the phone. After she related all the hurdles she had managed to negotiate that day in assuring a successful transaction for her client, she asked, "So, do you love me yet?"

Surely, all of us realtors want our clients to love us, not just for the money we can help make for them, but the satisfaction that comes from knowing we've negotiated a minefield in a process where almost anything can go wrong. Finding the right house or the right buyer, marketing a property that may need work, negotiating the selling price, getting an accepted deal, clearing the inspection, the title search, the more stringent mortgage requirements and the closing itself can be riddled with peril.

If there were to be a Match.com kind of service linking clients with realtors, the client would find that psychological profile of realtors would make them a likely catch, at least from a business point of view. They tend to be hardy in nature, outgoing and capable of responding to any kind of situation. In both ragingly good markets and those that are depressed and depressing, realtors can be a homeowner's or buyer's best friend.

It's both the trying times and the moments of glory that bond realtors with their clients and vice versa. After all, there's a lot

at stake, considering that a home is the biggest purchase most of us ever make. In that process, the realtor can come to know the most intimate details about their clients, their familial relationships, their financial status, as well as their preferences about how they want to live. Clients usually share with their realtors all the hard truths of their past and the eager hopes of their future life. And in the present, they spend a lot of time together.

If realtors are representing sellers, they share the creative process of marketing a home and the debriefings that follow every showing. If they represent buyers, they travel all over the countryside with them. The glue of either relationship is a lot of hand holding.

These relationships can be extremely loyal and long-term, with case histories lasting from the purchase of a young couple's first home to that same couple making a transition from their last home to assisted living, all with the same realtor who has grown old with them.

So it is no wonder that after a successful transaction we will see an agent agonizing over an appropriate closing gift to give the client, or a special delivery package will arrive at the realtor's office from clients to their special hero or heroine.

Yes, occasionally there can be a spat. Looking at both sides of that possibility, when a relationship goes bad between a realtor and a client, polls have shown the killer of the love

affair is usually related to communication. Most frequently, complaints among sellers come when they don't hear from their realtors as often as they would like.

When realtors complain about their seller clients, it is usually about their refusal to price a house according to its market value. The realtor in this case feels that they will put in all the work and not get the expected result of a sale.

There's even the scenario of unrequited love, and that would be when sellers attempt to sell a home on their own (called a FSBO). Most realtors will say that is tantamount to representing one's self in court or removing one's own appendix. More specifically, lack of a realtor can deprive a seller of this kind of relationship where essential guidance and expertise is offered, resulting in a better offering price, even with the realtor's commission factored in, as statistics confirm.

But there are some very special moments in the client/realtor relationship that are just incredibly sweet. In one such case, a young couple with whom I had been working for a full year in finding their ideal first home asked if they could stop by my house to show me their newborn baby. I felt as happy and pleased as if I had just become a new grandfather.

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By Bill Primavera

Letters to the Editor

Words For Us All

To the Editor:

At her inauguration on New Year's Day, Peekskill Councilwoman Patricia Riley shared some thoughts on our Constitution that I think are worth repeating:

"The oath of office that I just took is an affirmation a person takes before undertaking the duties of a public office. In today's world we have been hearing a lot about our Constitution and the importance of protect-

ing it.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New York State. These words mean more to me today than ever before. We must remember their importance every day as we strive to serve our constituents, whether it's here in Peekskill or throughout our state and country.

These words hold the utmost impor-

tance for our democracy and should never be taken lightly. Their importance must never be minimized. We all must reflect on their meaning and keep it close to our hearts."

Thank you, Councilwoman Riley for these important words.

LINDA WILDMAN,
Peekskill Resident

Sewer District in Somers Should Be Established

To the Editor:

During Christmas week, I received an incendiary mailing from the well-funded, vocal minority that is opposed to the establishment of Sewer District No. 2 in Somers, the project that will provide sewers to the Lake Lincolndale and Lake Shenorock communities. To say that the flyer was full of untruths and deceptive misstatements would be a vast understatement. But rather than correct the errors here, I would like to focus on the question of who is mounting and bankrolling this opposition. It is important that residents of the proposed Dis-

trict recognize that the most strident opponents of the project own rental properties in town, but don't actually live here. Their interest in this issue is entirely financial. Why else would they be sending out an expensive mailing, well beyond the means of those individual homeowners who support this District, to block an environmentally necessary plan that can only be of benefit to the town? Their focus is solely on money, as was clear in the flyer, and not on the impact that septic systems have on drinking water and lake ecosystems. My wife and I own and live in one of the ten homes that

are directly on the shore of Lake Lincolndale. Our quality of life is intimately connected to the quality of the lake and the quality of our well. The opponents of this project cannot talk their way around the most basic facts regarding the sewer issue. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has identified the appropriate number of septic systems per square mile: 0 to 20 systems is considered low density; 20 to 40 systems is medium density; over 40 systems is high density. Lake Lincolndale has 1,780 septic systems per square

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TOMORROW ALONG THE HUDSON

WHAT THE SHUTDOWN AND DECOMMISSIONING OF INDIAN POINT ENERGY CENTER WILL MEAN FOR OUR AREA.

The nuclear power plants at Indian Point have powered New York City and Westchester County for nearly 60 years. Now, due to challenging economic conditions and an agreement with the state of New York, Indian Point will stop generating electricity and permanently shut down by April 2021.

After shutdown Indian Point will transition to decommissioning, a federally-regulated process that will ultimately return the land to a new productive use. Entergy has taken the first step by selecting a leading decommissioning company as our partner, Holtec International.

Here are a few things New Yorkers should know about the Holtec plan:

Decades Sooner — With Holtec, decommissioning will begin immediately, allowing the site to be repurposed as much as 40 years sooner than if Entergy were to remain the owner of Indian Point. Holtec's plan calls for completion of major decommissioning activities by the 2030s, decades sooner than it would take Entergy to complete decommissioning.

Decommissioning Expertise — Holtec and its expert team have decades of experience managing large decommissioning projects around the world.

Employee Retention — Holtec will begin the decommissioning process promptly upon taking ownership and will provide job opportunities for more than 300 of our current employees who want to remain in the region and continue to work at the site.

Spent Fuel Management — Holtec is the global leader in spent nuclear fuel storage technology and transport. Holtec will transfer all of Indian Point's spent nuclear fuel to secure canisters designed to withstand natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, and other events within about three years of shutdown.

As we work toward an orderly shutdown, safety remains our top priority. Indian Point is ranked in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's top column for safety and we fully intend to continue our strong safety record over our final months of operation.

The NRC will regulate decommissioning at Indian Point and a citizen's advisory board is already in place. As of today, more than 34 U.S. nuclear plants have safely completed decommissioning or are in the process of doing so. To learn more about Holtec's plan for prompt decommissioning, visit:

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www.holtecinternational.com
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Indian Point Energy Center



Obituaries

Yolanda Heady

Yolanda Marion Pisani Heady, a resident of Cortlandt, died December 27 at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital surrounded by her family. She was 95.

She was born October 12, 1924 in the family home on Lincoln Terrace in Peekskill to Vincenzo and Marianina Tarantino Pisani. She was a 1942 graduate of Peekskill High School. She entered the workforce after graduating high school working initially at the Silverman Furniture Company where she was the chief bookkeeper and then the Peekskill Water Board where she eventually was promoted to the Chief Clerk.

She married Charlie on October 12, 1955 at the Assumption Church in Peekskill and resided in Waterbury Manor in Cortlandt Manor until her passing. She was a sharp business woman as she continued to be involved in many activities while being a homemaker. She supported the family business and became president of her brothers' Construction Company, Bruno T. Pisani Company. Her initiatives in business continued after her brother's retirement as she created "CandY" a successful antiques business with her sister Catherine and traveled to many local flea markets to promote the business. She finished her career working in the main office of Peekskill High School. She was a lifelong member of the Assumption Church and an active Republican District Leader.

She loved to travel and her and Charlie went on many vacations and cruises, including visits to Italy, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Portland, Alaska and the Caribbean.

While she enjoyed traveling, Atlantic City was her favorite place and was a second home. Nothing like the sound of the slots at the Tropicana!

She is survived by her husband Charlie; her two sons and their wives, Wayne and Mary and Jim and Jenny; her eight grandchildren, Sarahjane, Charles, Dale and April and Matthew, Rebecca, Joseph and Hallie; and her sister Gloria. She had many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Two of her nieces were like her daughters, Lisa Wyskida and Diane Fischer. She was predeceased by her sisters Rosina Pisani, Eleanor Politi, Josephine Scozzafava, Catherine M. Pisani and her brothers Bruno T. Pisani and Vincent J. Pisani.

James Zambrano

James A. Zambrano, a resident of Verplanck, died December 28. He was 46.



JAMES A. ZAMBRANO

He was born December 28, 1973 to Jose Agustin Zambrano and Darleen Williams in Peekskill. He was dedicated to his work in the Local 38 Sheet Metal Workers Union. He was a member of the Montrose Catholic Kolping Society. He was a loving and devoted father to his daughters Makayla Darleen and Mia Francesca.

He is survived by his beloved wife Maria (Sangro) Zambrano and his cherished daughters

Makayla Darleen Zambrano and Mia Francesca Zambrano. He is also survived by his step-sisters Isabella Marcela Zambrano Salazar, Dahiana Marcela Zambrano Salazar, and Karla Marcela Zambrano Salazar, and by his dear friends Larry Catarino, John Malaspina, and Moses Pabon. He was predeceased by his father Jose Agustine Zambrano and his mother Darleen Williams.

Nancy Clark

Nancy A. Clark, a longtime resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died December 29. She was 72.

She was born August 30, 1947 to the late Richard and Mary (Ozzello) Mills in Ossining.



NANCY A. CLARK

She was employed by General Motors for many years. She loved to bowl and loved spending time with her friends. But most importantly her family was everything to her and loved spending time with them. Her grandchildren were her world. She grew up in Croton and loved her hometown.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Kendra Lynch (Michael), loving son Scott Clark; caring sister, Cindy Bova (Michael), caring brother, Billy Mills. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Tyler Lynch, Cooper Lynch and Gabriel Clark and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Richard Mills.

James Gurran

James Joseph Gurran died December 27 peacefully at his home in Cortlandt with his beloved wife, Carol, was by his bedside. He was 84.

Mr. Gurran (Jimmy) was born April 29, 1935 in Peekskill to Joseph and Nellie (Clune) Gurran and remained a resident of Peekskill (later known as Cortlandt) for his entire life. He graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School in 1953 and was remembered as a "Happy-go-Lucky with a Friendly Hello." Mr. Gurran always had a natural talent for mechanical things (cars and bikes). One of his favorite childhood memories was taking part in the wagon derby in downtown Peekskill by the Bypass Diner with his friends. Jimmy's entire career revolved around cars. He started off as a mechanic at local car agencies and later as a mechanic for construction vehicles. He joined the International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 137) in 1963 and he remained an active member up to the day he died. Although Mr. Gurran retired at the age of 62, he continued to work part time delivering car parts for an additional 20 years. He had an amazing work ethic and always kept busy!

His lifetime passion was cars! He loved talking hot rods, racing them, fixing them and watching them on TV. In 1955 he and his younger (departed) brother Joseph Gurran founded the original Road Knight Car Club in Peekskill. They were known as the cool Peekskill brothers with killer wheels. When he re-

tired at 62, his passion for cars resulted in getting a 1934 Chevy Coupe. He was so proud of his "Irish Luck" 34 Chevy and took that car to countless car cruises and shows and winning trophies all along the way. He was so excited when his grandson Bryan was born and told all his car friends that one day that car would be his.

This past March, he and his wife Carol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 22, 1969 and raised two beautiful daughters (Bonnie and Jody), and two precious grandchildren (Bryan and Summer). He was also an avid animal lover. The Gurran family had many pets over the years (Sandy, Bronson, Tappy, CJ, Bella and Charlie). A little over three years ago he welcomed two more kittens into his household. Muffin and Izzy B would always have a special place in his heart!

Mr. Gurran loved having his morning coffee from Dunkin Donuts, reading the morning paper and doing the daily jumble with his wife. Every Sunday after church, he and his wife would take a drive to Carmel for breakfast. He loved taking long rides around town, meeting his friends for coffee and parking in his favorite local lookouts (Steamboat Dock and China Pier). He loved going out to eat to all his favorite restaurants with his wife and family. Whenever he went out with his family, he knew someone. He was a generous and kindhearted individual who made friends everywhere he went.

He was a true family man and loved spending time with his daughters and their families. Even when his daughters were all grown up and married, he watched out for them every day. They would always be his little girls. Mr. Gurran also loved spending quality time with his grandson Bryan (12) and his granddaughter Summer (8). They would come over every day. He was the proudest grandpa and talked about their accomplishments to all of his friends! He told everyone about his beautiful granddaughter who was such an artist and a soccer dynamo on the field. He was so proud that this handsome grandson was a Boy Scout and was impressed by all the merit badges he had earned especially his ancestry badge that he helped him with. He even participated in Bryan's pinewood derbies by creating his own car to race several years in a row.

His favorite time of year was Christmas! His house always had to be decorated and over the years it was referred to the "Gingerbread" House on Alpine Drive. Although over the years it was getting a bit more challenging for him to get around, it did not stop him. He had the most amazing Christmas Spirit! Tragically, Jimmy spent most of November and December in the hospital. However, he did make it home for Christmas and was surrounded by his loved ones for his last Christmas and his beloved wife Carol made sure his house was decorated for him when he got home!

He is survived by his wife Carol (Francies) and his two daughters; Bonnie Gurran-Heindl and her husband Paul of Cortlandt, Jody Gurran-McDermott and her husband Tom of Mahopac, two grandchildren (Bryan Heindl and Summer McDermott) and his two nieces Kelli Zimbaldi and Susan Cipolla and his nephew Joseph Gurran.

Marie Pennatto

Marie Pennatto, a resident of Yorktown, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died December 31. She was 81.

She was born December 30, 1938 in Mt. Vernon to Aurelio and Carmella Natoli. She married Patrick Pennatto on January 5, 1963. She worked as a bank teller for Chemical Bank and later retired from Chase Bank. She enjoyed being with her family reading, watching Yankee games and playing the slots. Her greatest joy was being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Pennatto and Patricia DeBenedictis (John), brother Richard Natoli and two beloved grandchildren Johnny and Danielle. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Patrick on December 5, 2017.

James Walker

James R. Walker, a resident of Ossining, died peacefully December 22 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 82.

He was born in Summerville, SC on October 28, 1937 to Albert and Aris Walker. He lived in Ossining for most of his life and was the proud owner of a local business—Westchester Shade and Awning for the past 40 years.

He is survived by his beloved wife Norma (Glover) Walker of 62 years and his four children; Altimea Wrencher (Anthony), James Walker (Christina), Thomas Walker and Lashone Smith (Robert); and 18 grand/great-children. A Memorial Service will be held at the Star of Bethlehem Church, 304 Spring St. Ossining, on Saturday January 11 at 10 a.m.

Ann Mowatt

Ann Mowatt, a resident of Yorktown, died January 2, 2020. She was 85.

She was born April 7, 1934 in New Rochelle to Angelo and Filomena Guglielmo. She is survived by her loving children Patty (Carmine) Moliterno, Kay (Jerry) Bianco, daughter-in-law Dee Jaslo and step daughter Carol (Joe) Denis, and seven cherished grandchildren: Christopher, Matthew, Anthony, Caroline, Gian-



ANN MOWATT

na, Michael and Nicky. She was predeceased by her husband John Mowatt, her son Joseph Jaslo, and her brothers Michael and Joseph Guglielmo.

Lawrence Blaney

Lawrence F. Blaney, a resident of Mahopac, died December 20. He was 84.

He was the beloved husband of 59 years to Patricia, loving father to John, Diane (husband John McCarron), Larry, and Christian, grandfather to Patrick, Kevin, and Bridget McCarron, and great-grandfather to Leo, Kenneth, and Liliana McCarron. He was a graduate of Iona College, and worked as a sales representative and manager in real estate.

Business of the Week

By Neal Rentz

Somers resident Mark Bartelini said athletics saved his life.

Bartelini said last week he is using his passion for physical training to help youths.

"I fell in love with working out when I was 13," Bartelini said. As a high school student, he regularly worked out at Premier Athletic Club in Montrose. At the club he worked his way up from a waiter to a lifeguard to a camp counselor. "Everything I do I've learned in life from somewhere else," he said.

Bartelini is also a motivational speaker who addresses the football team at Springfield College every year. He speaks about life and life choices. "At one point in college I got injured and I started battling my own personal demons with addiction with opioids," he said. "That went on and off for about 10 years."

"Every time I would come back from my substance abuse the gym saved me," Bartelini said. "I always said if I didn't like working out, I wouldn't be alive."

About three-and-one-half years ago, Bartelini overdosed and tem-

Physical Trainer Mark Bartelini Mahopac, Yorktown



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Physical Trainer Mark Bartelini, the owner of Challenge Your Limit Fitness, with one of his clients, South Salem resident Cyrus Greene.

porarily died. "I was gone. By the grace of God I lived," he said. "I try to do more speaking, as much as I can. I don't preach about anything. I just tell a little bit about my story. And I try to teach people that no matter what happens you've got to get back up. That's the biggest thing with my kids."

Bartelini is a physical trainer who works out of facilities in Mahopac and Yorktown as the owner of Challenge Your Limit Fitness. "I work with everybody," he said, adding he has worked with "superstar

athletes."

"I have some topnotch athletes, but the greatest thing I do is I work with kids with special needs," Bartelini said. He said he works with special needs youths through the New York State-funded Self Direction program. "We work out. We hang out. It's kind of like a Big Brother thing," he explained. "Everything I do with the kids is more than a workout."

Bartelini said aside from his regular work with youths he throws end-of-the-year parties and has set

up a college scholarship fund. He also makes free for his clients hooded sweatshirts, socks and headbands for female athletes. "It's one big team," he said. "To be on the team you just have to be willing to work." He works with 73 youths and sets aside a day every week to attend their games.

Bartelini said he also works with children as young as five who need occupational or physical therapy to strengthen their muscles with age appropriate exercises. A local doctor was so impressed with his work with one youth that he has recommended other youths to him, Bartelini said.

"Someone might say why is a five or six-year-old in the gym?" Bartelini said. "They're not in the gym. We're doing activities." For someone with stomach muscle issues, like South Salem resident Cyrus Greene, that person is trained to sit up on pieces of apparatus, Bartelini said. "The progression happens really fast," he said.

Bartelini can identify with those who need physical therapy – he recently seriously injured both his knees while filming a

promotional video with his athletes resulting in emergency surgery. "I got to go through it. It's tough," he said.

"I thought I was down and out," Bartelini recalled. But his spirits at the hospital were raised by visits from family, friends and the youths he works with, Bartelini said.

The special needs youths he works with are dedicated, Bartelini said. "They're here every day on time. They're early. They give 110 percent," he said. "I have some who are non-verbal. I have some who can barely stand up. I have some who can drive. I have all different spectrums,"

"It's been magical. It was never part of my plan. It just happened," Bartelini said of his work with special needs youths.

"The biggest thing I do with kids is build their confidence," Bartelini added. "It's gone better than I could ever have imagined."

For more information call Mark Bartelini at 914-863-4365, e-mail MarkBartelini97@gmail.com or visit <https://picpanzee.com/challengeyourlimitfitness> or <https://picpanzee.com/challengeyourlimitfitness>.

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Plans Unveiled for Privately Funded Art and Media Center

A quarter-century after Peekskill laid the groundwork to establish itself as a hospitable haven for artists, the northern Westchester river city at long last is going to have a permanent home for the arts.

Anticipated to start operating in 2021, the Peekskill Art and Media Center (peekskillartcenter.org) is a privately funded development that will also house the Peekskill Art Center, an IRS-certified 501(c)(3) not-for-profit.

The entire project is conceived and managed by Ben Green. Known in Peekskill as a visionary developer with a strong civic conscience, among his properties is the historic Hat Factory, a commercial complex where half of the 100,000 square feet is leased to businesses involved in some form of media.

At a work session of the Peekskill Common Council on November 4, 2019, backed by members of the Art Center's newly named board of directors of local business leaders and arts influencers, Green officially unveiled plans for the Peekskill Art and Media Center. He also was accompanied by architects Ray Wobbe and Jonathan Walko, of the Stephen Tilly architectural design firm.

"For the past 25-30 years, Peekskill has earned a reputation as an artists' community," said Green. "Lately, the creative arts industry has been flourishing here as well. Yet Peekskill never has had its own arts center."

"We know this is a long time coming," he continued, "a quarter-century in the making. It feels right to do this now, to capitalize and expand on all the momentum that the community has contributed to over the past decades, and to deliver on the promise of Peekskill as a thriving artists' enclave. Everyone working on our team believes it is a privilege to make this project happen."



PHOTO BY GERRY KATZBAN, GK DESIGN

The Peekskill Art and Media Center, on James Street, is expected to open in 2021.

Vibrant cities have art centers. It is time for Peekskill to join those cities."

The site plans call for the Peekskill Art and Media Center to occupy an existing 24,000-square-foot structure, located in the suburban city's walkable downtown grid, at the corner of James Street and Howard Street, north of Main Street. Erected in 1887, the edifice's history includes livery stable, auto repair shop, and light industrial storage.

Green described his ambitious brainchild as "a private/public ecosystem built from the ground up," adding that "a partnership for commercial and not-for-profit activity fortifies and expands each other's potential and opportunity. In addition to Peekskill proper, it also will serve the surrounding region."

The mixed-use blueprint includes a visual art center, two art cinemas, classrooms,

commercial office space, and a coffee roastery.

The 4,000-square-foot visual art space features a showplace gallery, with see-through walls, suitable for exhibitions and public or private business and social events. Classrooms adjacent to the gallery will serve a full range of instructional arts programs for children, adults, seniors, and the differently abled.

Also in the planning stages is a 4,000-square-foot James Street Cinema and Playhouse, which would house two separate theaters. The larger cinema would have a seating capacity of 109. With the addition of a movable stage, it is easily could be converted to a live performing space that would seat 98.

The larger theater would be designed to meet the rigorous standards of theatrical union Actors Equity Association (AEA),

allowing it to accommodate professional, as well as community theater, productions. The second art cinema would seat 49.

Above the art center, on the second level, will be a dozen commercial spaces for rent. Two of the spaces will be multimedia-ready, which means they will be connected to the larger theater, converting it into a sound stage for the production of audio, video, and multimedia content.

"This looks like it's going to be amazing," enthused Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey. "I see it being successful right away."

"As a lifelong resident of Peekskill, this makes me really happy," said Peekskill Councilwoman Patricia Riley.

Her colleague, Councilwoman Kathie Talbot, agreed: "All things come in their time. You're filling a very important niche with a small theater and combined arts center."

Police Blotter

State Police

December 27 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Shivanand Seeram, 42, of Putnam Valley, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson when he was stopped for a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

December 28 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Stephen P. Gittens, 30, of Peekskill, for Aggravated DWI, and Ag-

gravated Unlicensed Operation in the 1st degree, a class E felony. He was traveling on Oregon Road in the Cortlandt when he was found disabled. Investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

December 29 - State Police from Wappinger arrested Ashley E. McIntosh, 26, of Ossining, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Wappinger 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.

Buchanan Police

January 1 - A 13-year-old Peekskill male was charged with criminal possession of stolen property following a larceny from a vehicle early Christmas morning. Officer David Regg responded to a report from a village resident that was awoken to find two individuals had been rummaging through a vehicle at about 3 a.m. While patrolling the area Regg observed two subjects walking in the vicinity and upon interviewing them,

one fled. Peekskill Police responded to assist, found the subject and detained him. The suspect was found to be in possession of a wallet that was later determined to have been stolen from a resident of Westchester Avenue in Buchanan. The second suspect was not charged since it was unable to determine if he was involved in the incident. The name of the suspect is being withheld due to his age. He is due to appear in Westchester County Family Court January 8. Buchanan Chief Eric Johansen recommended residents lock their vehicles and report any suspicious activity immediately.

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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, Jan. 7

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/>.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Hart Library Exhibits: Transform.art.ive - Art by Bowman Keath will be exhibited in January at the John C Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E Main St, Shrub Oak. An open reception will be held on Jan. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Also, see artwork from Lakeland/Panas High Schools in the showcases inside the library this month.

Somers Library Events: The following events have been scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. Paintings by Jeanne Desmotses are on display through Jan. 31 during regular library hours. The Somers Library Book Club will be meeting on a new day and time on Fridays 1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/17, 5/8 & 6/5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Space is limited to 20 people and registration is required; please register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Please include your email address in your registration. A Knit and Crochet Club will meet every Friday, beginning today, beginning Jan. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Beginners are welcome. Just bring a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook, some yarn and

learn the basics! No registration is required. An SAT Practice Exam with C2 Education of Mt. Kisco will be held on Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program is for students in grades 9 - 12. Registration is required. An ACT Practice Exam with C2 Education of Mt. Kisco will be held on Jan. 11 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required. Info: 914-232-5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

New York -Presbyterian Programs: Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd. A Bariatric Support Group will meet on Jan. 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3966. A Breastfeed with Certainty Prenatal Class will meet on Jan. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3257. A Breastfeeding Support Group will meet on Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3257. Basic Knife Skills will be held on Jan. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Registration: Call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on Jan. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration: 914-962-6402. Farmers Markets will be held on Jan. 14 and 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info: 914-734-3797. Physician in the Kitchen: A Healthy Vegan Lifestyle will be held on Jan. 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration: call 914-734-3780 or e-mail hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org.

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, and 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.

Live Performances: Live ticketed performances are being held at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Tribute, theatrical, cabaret, independent and famous acts perform. Info: 914-455-4272.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: Several courses have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The Talmud class meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Sternstein's class meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 11 a.m. Rabbi Urban's class meets on the first and third Monday of each month, at 11 a.m. The Rosh Chodesh Class (for ladies only) meets on one Tuesday a month at

2 p.m. The next meeting will be in January. This class is for discussion and learning, and no knowledge of Hebrew is required. Info: 914-245-2324 or www.yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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

Friday, Jan. 10

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.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324.

Temple Beth Am Services: A Friday night Shabbat service will be held at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net. Tonight, a Tot Shabbat will be held at 5:30 p.m. The only cost of the dinner is a Shabbat Shalom smile. To RSVP or for more information, please email Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 11

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.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Services: Shabbat service will be

held on Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at 9:30 a.m., followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis. Kiddush luncheon will be served. The service will be led by Rabbi Leis and Cantor Ruth Ossher. E-mail questions@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

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.

Understanding and Responding To Antisemitism: The free class is slated for noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Reform Temple of Putnam Valley, 362 Church Rd. Bring a bagged lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, call 845-528-4774 or visit www.rtpv.org. RSVP to RTPVinfo@gmail.com

Yoga Program: Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: "Yoga: A Path Toward Wellness" will be offered at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley from 12-1:30 p.m. on Jan. 11, 18 and 25. It is open to people who have or have had breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Evolving Faith: Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith invites skeptics, seekers, the "spiritual but not religious," and people of faith, to a conversation about the intersection of science and religion. All are invited to participate on Sunday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. every week through March 1, with the exception of Feb. 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. Info: www.fpcyorktown.org.

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, Jan. 13

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.musical-munchkins.com.

Explaining the Dichotomy of Discerning Palates

It's happened to all of us.

We're out to dinner with friends and one of them orders a bottle of red wine. When served, everyone at the table compliments your friend for his or her selection. But not you. Even as it is poured into your glass, your senses relay a message to your brain: this wine is not pleasing. The color is too light, the aromas are off putting, and the temperature is too warm. Worse, the wine tastes like cherry vanilla cola.

You think you have a reasonable palate, able to discern good wine from plonk; what's wrong with these friends?

Conversely, when I order the wine, I look forward to opening friends' palates to a new experience, leveraging off the seasoned (refined?) palate I've developed over the years.

I anxiously pre-taste a favorite wine. Ah. Sublime. All of my senses reverberate in a crescendo of color, aroma, taste and terroir. I wait for the reactions of my guests, expecting similar responses. But it's not to be. A tepid response at best, as each one patronizes me with terse comments. Someone corrals the wine server and offers to order the second bottle. Ouch. Here comes another pedestrian bottle to the table.

How is it that our palates are so discerning and unique? I've addressed this phenomenon multiple times at wine events I've conducted and in several Grapevine

columns.

When we savor a glass of wine it is our senses of taste, aroma and, to a lesser extent, sight and touch that create a learned memory which is then triggered each time we approach a glass of wine.

The science of this process is rather ethereal to me. However, a few months ago I came across a TED Talk that pulled this all together.

Camilla Arndal Andersen, a neuroscientist with Danish company DuPont Nutrition and Biosciences, presented her research in a precise, concise manner, transforming a rather subjective phenomenon into an objective discourse. While her point of reference was coffee, it applies equally well to wine.

Here are my heavily redacted quotes from her transcript. For the unexpurgated version, contact me.

"When I drink a cup of coffee, I detect this cup of coffee by receptors on my body, information which is then turned into activated neurons in my brain. Wavelengths of light are converted to colors. Molecules in the liquid are detected by receptors in my mouth, and categorized as one of five basic tastes. That's salty, sour, bitter, sweet and umami. Molecules in the air are detected by receptors in my nose and converted to odors. And ditto for touch, for temperature, for sound and more.

All this information is detected by my re-

ceptors and converted into signals between neurons in my brain. Information which is then woven together and integrated, so that my brain recognizes that yes, I just had a cup of coffee, and yes, I liked it. And only then, after all this neuron heavy lifting, do we consciously experience this cup of coffee. And this is now where we have a very common misconception."

"People tend to think that what we experience consciously must then be an absolute true reflection of reality. But there are many stages of neural interpretation in between the physical item and the conscious experience of it. Which means that sometimes this conscious experience is not really reflecting that reality at all. That's because some physical stimuli may just be so weak that they just can't break that barrier to enter our conscious mind,

while the information that does may get twisted on its way there by our hidden biases."

The next time you have a conflicting opinion with a friend(s) on a particular wine and your reality is his or her perception or vice versa, don't fret. Wine is to be savored on many levels, both subjective and objective. Enjoy each experience.

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- 13. Auspices
- 14. Clothing company, __ Tay-lor
- 15. Disintegrates
- 17. So-so grades
- 19. Legal departure
- 20. Comedian Richard
- 22. Long-tailed primate
- 26. Throw
- 28. Short-billed rail
- 29. Pawling monuments, _____ Memorials
- 32. Twin of Bert Bobbsey
- 33. Beat setter
- 34. At the table
- 36. NASA scrub
- 37. Liberate
- 38. Any minute
- 39. Swan Lake steps

DOWN

- 1. Messenger
- 2. Pay-Pal currency

- 3. The Who song “Love, Reign __ Me”
- 4. Sensation when a foot falls asleep, or Mt. Kisco fabric store, Pins and _____
- 5. Baseball practice pen
- 6. Condition in which goods are often sold
- 7. Cries of regret
- 8. Anti-discrimination org.
- 9. Corinne Bailey ____ 2007 Grammy nominee
- 10. Gumbo
- 16. Hooter
- 18. Wise Biblical king
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- 23. “Friends” role
- 24. Seventh planet
- 25. Extent
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Sewer District in Somers Should Be Established

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mile! Lake Shenorock has 2,150! And many of these septic systems date back to the 1930's. While it is true that stormwater has to be considered for the health of our lakes, wastewater must be considered both for our lakes and for the quality of our drinking water. The revision of the Map, Plan, and Report for this project will be completed in January. The town plans several mailings to provide information and updates. I urge you to educate yourself about this issue, but to consider the sources of the material

that you are considering. Is it from objective town officials who do not stand to benefit personally from the project? Is it from individual homeowners who are willing to make a personal, financial sacrifice for the good of the lake communities and for the town as a whole? Or is it from greedy landlords who are solely hoping to avoid the expenditures involved in hooking up to sewers? Please support clean lake water and drinking water in Somers by supporting the establishment of Sewer District No. 2.

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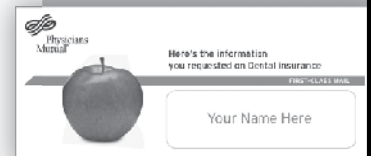
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2. Gan, Roy, - 560 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 62.-1-37&38/File: 2019-0206) The subject property consists of + 3.58 acres of

land and is located on 560 Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence on an existing parcel where a dilapidated residence will be removed. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading permit is required.
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Putnam Valley Senior G Venezia is 2nd Female in School History to Score 1,000 Points



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Putnam Valley senior G Kelli Venezia beats the double-team by Brewster’s Carly DeLanoy and Alexis Mark as she nets the 1,000 point of her stellar four-year varsity career in the host Tigers’ 64-43 triumph of the previously unbeaten Bears last Friday when Venezia joined Coach Kristi Dini (inset photo) as the second female in school history to hit the milestone... see Girls’ Hoops Notebook

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Girls' Hoops Notebook

Venezia Nets 1,000th Point in Put Valley Win vs. Brewster

By Ray Gallagher & Tony Pinciario

Following a 7-0 start, Brewster lost its first game of the season, 64-43, to Putnam Valley as the Tigers' Kelli Venezia reached a milestone -- 1,000 varsity points. Venezia joined her coach, Kristi Dini, as just the second female in school history to do so, beating a double-team early in the first quarter.

Teammates, coaches, fans, parents and administrators paid homage. Dini and Venezia have been hand-in-hand, first with her development in AAU with the NY Extreme, all the way to the milestone moment.

"If anybody deserves this, it's Kelli," Dini said. "She's worked very hard to get to this point, she's a special player. She's put in the time. We all know what she's meant to this program. I've known her since she was born and have been on school trips with her, and she's the first kid I ever coached. Her contributions to the team's success, my success and this program makes this so cool to be on the sidelines as her coach. It was special watching that happen."

Venezia was under the impression that she needed to score 31 points to hit the milestone, so she was taken aback at first when she saw the big crowd on hand.

"Honestly, I thought I was a ways off," said Venezia, who finished with 15 points in



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Putnam Valley senior Kelli Venezia is presented her ceremonial 1,000th-point ball by assistant Coach Charlie Stockinger last Friday.



Putnam Valley sophomore Amanda Orlando soars for two points in Tigers' 64-43 romp of visiting Brewster last Friday.

a 64-43 win over the Bears. "I didn't want to let anybody down. I didn't know it happened at first. My teammates were like, 'You did it.' I'm going, 'No, no, I didn't get it yet.' I'm glad it happened like this though, stress free, and I want to thank the entire PV com-



Putnam Valley F Arianna Stockinger runs the paint in Tigers' 64-43 win over visiting Brewster last Friday.



Brewster junior Alexis Mark is met by Put Valley's Arianna Stockinger in Bears' 64-43 loss to host Tigers Friday.

munity for coming out. They were behind me, and that's the best part. This has been on my mind for most of my senior year, so I'm excited and happy to become somebody to get 1,000 points. Not many people get to do it, and I'm very grateful to everyone who's been a part of it."

PV freshman Eva DeChent dazzled, scoring 15 of her 22 points in the opening half.

"She's a beast," Dini said.

PV senior Cyera Daughtry added 10 points and lock-down defense. Tiger junior F Arianna Stockinger had eight points and five blocks while freshman Amanda Orlando added seven points.

"It's been an offensive struggle for us, so every defensive mistake is exposed," Dini said. "That becomes an issue when the games are tight and they can go either way then. We haven't played a really good game, four quarters, until today. We had to play Irvington without Cyera, and against Dobbs Arianna was only half there with a 103 fever, but I told the girls that's life. We need to learn to play through adversity. That's our goal: To be a good team when things are going our way and to find a way to play through adversity."

Youthful Brewster (7-1) had sliced a

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20-point deficit to 10, but the Valley (6-2) closed on a 9-0 run for a 34-15 half-time lead.

"Putnam Valley is a very good team," Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said. "Putnam Valley is fast, athletic and they have several unbelievable players. They killed us in transition and we got down big, early. We were able to go on a 10-0 run to pull within 25-15 with three minutes to go in the second quarter. It was a great environment against a top-flight team. If we want to make a run in sectionals we need to learn from our mistakes and get better."

Sophia Alzugaray led Brewster with 14 points and Alexis Mark added 13 points and eight rebounds.

YORKTOWN closed out the 2019 calendar year with a 54-29 victory over Yonkers, then began 2020 with a 58-17 triumph over Riverside.

The Cornhuskers are 5-2 as they prepare for their difficult league schedule.

"It's nice to win these games, but the league games are what will truly show us who we are as a team," Yorktown coach Brian Mundy said. "If we defend the way we know how, we will have the ability to be in a lot of competitive games during the heart

of the season."

Melissa Severino led Yorktown with 17 points, including 13 in the first half, against Yonkers. Alyssa Giannasca added 10 points.

Emily Ward scored 10 of her team-leading



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Brewster G Carly DeLanoy takes a run at Put Valley's Eva DeChent in Bears' 64-43 loss to host Tigers Friday.



Lakeland's Amanda Cole looks for open teammate in Hornets' loss to Clarkstown South Friday.



Lakeland 8th-grader Nichole Ljilic will be one to keep an eye for years to come.



Lakeland's Nancy Pagliaroli and Sarah Pinkowsky collapse on Clarkstown South player in Friday's loss to Vikings.

16 points in the first quarter against Riverside. She also had seven steals.

Jesse Barer added nine points, five rebounds and four assists and Erisa Krasniqi finished with eight points and seven rebounds. Artesa Gashi also had eight points and Alyssa Perrino grabbed 12 rebounds.

LAKE LAND lost its first game of the new year, 60-34 to Clarkstown South as Hannah Devane led the Hornets with 14 points. Lakeland is 3-4 this season.

HALDANE saw Bela Monteleone scored 14 points while Liv Monteleone notched eight points and 12 rebounds. The Blue Devils erased a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter of their 41-37 win over Valhalla. Molly Siegel had four points, eight rebounds and two blocks for the winners. Shianne Twoguns added eight points and four assists for the Blue Devils (5-3).

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Lakeland Gets Highest Grade for Quarterly Report

By Ray Gallagher
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So, the metaphorical first-quarter report cards came in over the holiday break, and while nobody is failing just yet, the boys' hoops grades aren't what we have come to expect in this neck of the woods. Nobody will get below a C because everyone is still giving their all, and in this politically correct world we live in nowadays, that's all that matters, right? Wrong! Not everybody gets a trophy. Trying hard is often rewarded with a pat on the back, not a trophy, and the sooner we get back to that line of thinking, the tougher our kids will be. That said, here's the quarterly report, and remember: There's no slacking in the New Year.

No.1 Lakeland (A-) -- Coach Fallo's Hornets (4-2) would be the team to beat if we lined up all the squads from Northern Westchester/Putnam County, which is still my vision for the Putnam Challenge, if we can ever get everyone on the same dang page. We all see what they're doing in Dutchess County, with their tournament, yes? Five Putnam teams vs. five Northern Westchester teams would equal one day of massive fun. Lakeland would be the team to beat this year, with its multiple scoring options and solid start.

No.2 Panas (B) -- I can't be the only one stoked for this today's Panas vs. Lakeland matchup, can I? Coach Auerbach's Panthers (5-3) are in the midst of finding themselves,



AMY KUBIK PHOTO

Haldane's Mame Diba has been a force all season, including the Blue Devils win over North Salem Saturday's Putnam Challenge.



AMY KUBIK PHOTO

Keep an eye on Haldane freshman Matteo Cervone, who was sharp in Blue Devils win over North Salem Saturday.

and when they do they can figure out a way to challenge Lakeland for League II-C bragging rights: Sooner the better, because we're down with the sickness over here. Friday's 55-41 win over Gorton was preparation for the big game, and the Panthers will need another big game from Lorenzo Santucci (16 points) and Alex Tavares (10 points). They will also need FOUR strong quarters from F Caleb Evans.

No.3 Haldane (B+) -- Coach Tom Virgadamo's Blue Devils (5-2) rocked the Putnam Challenge with a 48-39 win over rival North Salem, doing so behind a solid effort from Mame Diba, who went for 19 points and has played superbly all season, according to my moles. The Loss to Chester keeps Haldane from getting the A on the report card, but this team could challenge for the Class C crown if it comes together.

No.4 Peekskill (B-) -- Coach Turner's Red Devils (3-3) come out of the break with a pair of League II-E tests against Beacon and Lourdes this week. Prior losses to John Jay CR and Fox Lane have put a damper on some of our enthusiasm.

No.5 Ossining (B) -- Coach Casey's Pride (2-5) are way better than their record would indicate, given the fact that their recent five-game skid have against teams with a combined record of 33-8, including Mamaroneck, Clarkstown South, New Ro', Ramapo and Rye. Those teams have better prepped the Pride for the forthcoming rigors of League I-D.

HM Carmel (B) Coach Ross' Rams (4-4) saw sophomore Andrew Fiore go for a career-high with 20 points and senior G Jarid Garcia added 13 in a 55-40 win over Brewster in the Putnam Challenge.

HM Mahopac (B-) -- Pretty sure first-year Coach Tom McMahon would have taken the 3-4 start and run with it, but the 63-45 loss to Arlington in the Putnam Challenge does suggest their chances of challenging for the League I-A title are slim. Indian G Matthew McMahon led the way with 15 points and G Vin Bastone added eight. League play continues Thursday at home against Ketcham and second place in the league is up for grabs while the Admirals remain the clear favorites.

HM Hen Hud (B-) -- Coach Hirsch's Sailors (2-3) worked a 70-60 win over Sleepy Hollow behind 23 points from Nick Hiltley. Josh Gillison (18 points), Dean Hiltley (14) and Tommy Fuchek (10) were also in double figures for Hen Hud, who will need to ratchet up the intensity with the League II-E slate beginning this week.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Panas will need a big game from Lorenzo Santucci and the rest of the Panthers in this week's big test against rival Lakeland.

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Grappling Notebook

Brewster, Mahopac Bring Home Tournament Titles

By Tony Pinciario

Brewster opened the 2020 calendar year with an excellent showing at the Chris Hernandez Memorial Wrestling (Yonkers) Tournament.

The Bears had 12 top-six placefinishers, highlighted by champions Owne Downey (170 pounds), Jacob Hamblin (138) and Nick DiFabbio (106). Chris Bisignano (120), Massimo Parrello (126) and Brendan Lennon (195) finished third.

"Owen (Downey) has been having a great year," Brewster Coach Tom Looby said. "He won the MOW award for the team at the Carlucci Duals. Owen has been solid on his feet, which has contributed to his success."

"Jacob has impressed this season. He's a leader in the room, his conditioning is excellent and his work ethic is where it needs to be."

Bisignano and Parrello are two promising young wrestlers for Looby.

"Massimo has three traits that are going to take him far I any aspect of life," Looby said. "He's a hard worker, coachable and never quits. Very happy to have him on the team."

"Chris was plagued with some injuries, last season, but he remained focused, continued lifting and training in the offseason and has been putting lots of work which is



Members of the Mahopac wrestling team pose with first place trophy after winning the Somers Tournament Saturday.

paying off this season."

MAHOPAC, led by champions Angelo Centrone (113), Aiden Muldoon (120) and Tyler Roa (152), won the 41st Eric D'Agnese (Somers) Tournament.

Larry Nardecchia (145) and Londrim

Hasanramaj (220) were runners-up and eight other wrestlers finished fourth through sixth.

"It's nice to see the guys working hard in the room and it's showing on the mat," Mahopac first-year Coach Steven Tornam-

be said. "We have a certain reputation at Mahopac that my assistant, Joe Srednicki, knows about and is bringing it to our practices. Having a home-town assistant who had a lot of success wearing the Mahopac singlet is a huge asset. Along with the winningest coach in Section 1, Dennis DiSanto, sitting next to you makes my job easy. I'm used to looking over and seeing Bob Bernarducci, when I was at Pleasantville, and he taught me a lot about being a coach and who I respect a lot."

Srednicki was the 2002 Section 1 152-pound champion and state runner-up his senior year. That was prior to the large-school, small-school format.

SOMERS had two champions – Zach Lupinacci (145) and Thomas Gall (220) – and Peter Kim (160) was second.

"Every Somers' wrestler has a goal to win the Somers Tournament," Somers Coach Ron DiSanto, Jr. said. "With their goals in mind, they remained calm and focused throughout the day. It was a special day for Zach and Thomas to both win it together their senior year after coming close in previous years. Zach had to wrestle smart and methodically to win those close matches against tough opponents in the semis and final. Thomas pulled an upset in the final with a pin against Londrim (Hasanramaj), who is ranked in the section."

Lakeland Gets Highest Grade for Quarterly Report

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Lakeland G Jeffrey Owusu and the Hornets have a big week ahead as they attempt to get a leg up in League II-C.

HM Somers (B-) Luckily, it's not how ya start but how ya finish that matters, and Coach DiCintio's Tuskers can only hope to build upon a 44-40 loss to powerhouse Tappan Zee (7-1), which proves Somers can still defend the hell out of the ball.

HM Yorktown (C+) -- Coach Pavella's Huskers (3-6) average 53 PPG and allow 54 PPG, so we suspect they will continue to be in some close, low-scoring battles as League II-C slate heats up, and we'd like to see if Huskers can slow down Lakeland on the 17th.

HM Putnam Valley (C) -- Coach Morales' Tigers (1-4) are experiencing the pain of a graduating five starters and losing more than 10 key players, so this was expected, but all things being cyclical 2020 is about rebuilding and reestablishing the base for the future. Tiger sophomore Cole Durocher led PV with a career-high 24 points in Saturday's 64-55 loss to reigning Class B champion Dobbs Ferry while junior C Mike Doeblbler added eight points and eight rebounds.

HM Brewster (C) -- Coach Nelly's Bears (0-4) have yet to crack 50 points in a game this season, and the defensive battles should be equally tough as they ready for League II-C play this week.

P.S. We should all give a huge thank you to IAABO Board 161 for another terrific day of basketball at the annual Putnam Challenge. Remember, these basketball officials donate their time and services for the student athletes in the region and should be commended for doing so.



Carmel sophomore Andrew Fiore dropped a career-high 20 in Rams' 55-40 win over Brewster in Putnam Challenge Saturday.

Holy Hannah!

Lakeland's Devane Drops 15 in 60-34 Loss to Clarkstown South



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSP.PHOTOS FOR MORE)

Lakeland sophomore G Hannah Devane, who has had an impressive start to her varsity career, splits a double team en route to two of her team-high 14 points in the Hornets' disappointing 60-34 loss to visiting Clarkstown South last Friday when Lakeland, who trailed by only four after two quarters, played a sub-par second half... see Girls Hoops Notebook



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