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Author Jerald Hoover (brown jacket) with his Rising Above Boundaries scholars on the front steps of the former Washington School

Program instills 'love of reading' in Ossining youth

"Unparalleled times call for unwavering support!" says Kemi Pogue, founder and program facilitator for the Ossining-based non-profit Home Run Against Drugs.

Her latest effort, Rising Above Boundaries (RAB), entailed a successful summer mentoring program designed to boost young people's literacy skills and prepare them for the school year to come—all with perfect pandemic etiquette.

Like Home Run Against Drugs, "RAB's mission is to foster development of positive behavioral, academic and mental health outcomes in youth," explains Ms. Pogue, who named the program after her late father, whose nickname was "Rab."

"Literacy is the foundation for learning across subjects," she said. "Without strong skills and understanding, students will not have equitable access to higher education institutions, limiting their career options."

The free program was sponsored by Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia and Ossining Communities That Care, the collaboration between the community and Ossining town, village and schools, which promotes local youth making healthy, drug-free lifestyle choices.

Ms. Pogue recruited 10 Ossining students in grades five to 11 from local programs, including Ossining MBK (My Brother's Keeper), Youth 2 Youth and the Girl Scouts. They participated using a hybrid format, via Zoom or in a socially-distanced conference room at Home Run Against Drugs' offices at 81 Croton Avenue (fittingly, a former school building).

Jerald L. Hoover, an author, sports writer and

motivational speaker from Mount Vernon, facilitated the sessions. The students read and discussed his book, "My Friend, My Hero," and worked on the accompanying Student Success Guide Book, reinforcing English language arts skills. The final session was an in-person (and masked) meet-the-author event, where Mr. Hoover signed the scholars' books.

"My Friend, My Hero" describes the journey of a basketball standout from Mount Vernon who's faced with the choice to help selling drugs to make quick money to help his sick mother.



Kemi Pogue

"It's about the ability to make choices and think," Mr. Hoover explained. "When young men and women can write and understand what's going on in this book, they understand what's going on in their lives... The scholars were easy to work with and willing to learn."

He also incorporated his "Vitamin C's for Success: Confidence, Commitment, Courage, Consistency and Composure."

The students loved it. "Some programs you just sit and do the assignment," said Joash, one of the participants. "We got to interact, and when we got it wrong, Mr. Hoover engaged with us."

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Port Cortlandt wind turbine manufacturing proposal is scrapped

Plans for a major wind turbine manufacturing and assembly plant in Verplanck, "Port Cortlandt," have been dropped.

Town of Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi announced Tuesday afternoon that the principal firm behind the proposal, White Plains-based environmental, planning and engineering consulting firm AKRF, Inc., submitted "a withdrawal letter" earlier in the day.

"This project will not take place in our lovely hamlet of Verplanck," said the supervisor in a brief prepared statement. "We thank all of the many residents who participated in the process and made all other issues and concerns known to the Town Board and I over the many months. I will be setting up a committee to plan for the development of this special town-owned property. We will work to maintain the history and character of our Verplanck community. Thank you."

Ms. Puglisi's announcement came three weeks after the Cortlandt Town Board gave AKRF and its recently-announced partner in the project, National Resources, a month to provide information that would convince the council's five members not to unanimously reject the proposed project prior to the start of a formal review process.

The supervisor and Councilman Frank Farrell were clear that if they had their druthers discussion of the project would conclude that evening (Tuesday, September 22). However, after more than three hours of discussion, council members Dr. Richard Becker, James Creighton and Debra Carter, who lives near the proposed project site, successfully pushed for giving the firms one more opportunity to affirm what benefits to the town would arise, and what mitigating measures would be in place to reduce or eliminate negative impacts.

Supervisor Puglisi and Councilman Farrell said that with Port Cortlandt having first been broached more than a year ago, AKRF, which formulated the proposal, should have been able to provide more details by that time.

AKRF was pursuing state approval of \$100 million in grants and another \$100 million in low-interest loans

said to be needed to make the project—intended to further the production of wind-generated electricity off the Atlantic coast, and elsewhere—economically viable.

In July it was announced that the project was one among 11 being seriously considered by the state, though AKRF said it was actually one among four.

The facility, including a 217,000 square-foot plant with sections measuring 40 to 50 feet in height, would ship assembled components by barge down the Hudson River from a 1,000-foot dock that would be constructed along the Verplanck shoreline.

Port Cortlandt would utilize 54 of the town's 99 acres purchased from Consolidated Edison Co. four years ago, located off the northwest corner of Eleventh Street and Broadway. It was projected to possibly spread eventually to 130 additional acres—specifically, commercial and industrially-zoned properties west of Highland Avenue as far south as Sixth Street.

Up in the air was how much tax revenue the project would generate, traffic impacts resulting from hundreds of employees arriving and leaving in the course of multiple shifts throughout the day, mitigating measures to reduce the visual and any noise impacts on surrounding area residents, and the safety protocols needed to prevent damage to the 42-inch diameter high-pressure natural gas underground pipeline which traverses the property and went into service in January 2017.

"No way. I'm done!" stated Supervisor Puglisi at the September 22 work session of her board.

"I think it's too big," commented one of the majority opinion's members, Dr. Becker, who suggested the one month's additional time nonetheless. "I think the price [likely negative impacts] is too high." The cardiologist said it would be prudent to "give AKRF a month"—and let it be clear to both firms that "unless something changes" which warrants further consideration of the project, "we're going to kill it."

"I don't think any one of us likes what we are seeing right now," added

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Where you are front page news!



Volunteers for the 40th annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger are seen last Friday afternoon in the parking lot of Asbury United Methodist Church, Croton-on-Hudson, as they ready for the pickup of t-shirts and medals for children for this year's virtual event, which scrubbed the traditional 10k run, 5k run and walk and one mile Fun Run. This year's theme is 'Run where and when you want,' with registration ending Saturday, October 17. For more information and to register or simply make a donation, go on-line to runagainsthunger.com.

Letters

To the editor:

Please join us for the Croton Rotary Club Car Parade on Saturday morning, October 17.

Around 40 cool cars will cruise through the village from 10 to 11 a.m. The parade will start at the Croton-Harmon train station and travel up Benedict Boulevardt to Cleveland Drive, continuing to Veterans Corners and then on Old Post Road South past the Croton-Harmon High School to the Upper Village. From the “dummy light,” the parade will turn left (west) onto Grand Street, to South Riverside Avenue, and head back to the train station.

You can email a photo of your favorite car to rotaryofcroton@gmail.com for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Hope you will come out and see this collection of cool and classic cars. Please follow appropriate COVID-19 safety practices, as we have all done throughout the pandemic.

Seaver Wang, President, Rotary Club of Croton-on-Hudson

To the editor:

In June, our governor issued Executive Order 203, requiring local police agencies to develop a plan that reinvents and modernizes police strategies and programs based on community input. Each police agency’s reform plan must address policies, procedures, practices and deployment, including, but not limited to, use of force. Such a reform plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees by April 1, 2021.

As part of this process, residents and business owners are invited to complete a survey on the Croton Police Department before 4 p.m. on Monday, October 19th.

Those interested in being a part of a task force that will help to create a plan to improve the relationship with the Croton Police Department and the Croton community, please submit an application by 4 p.m. on October 31st.

To take the survey or apply to be on the task force, please click on the “police reform” button under the “Citizen Action Center” on the village web site: www.crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Brian Pugh, Mayor, Village of Croton-on-Hudson

To the editor:

The River Walk at Croton Landing park is an amazing resource for our community. The mile-long asphalt path from the Croton Yacht Club to the inspirational 9/11 Memorial was created from waste land between the Metro-North railroad tracks and the Hudson. It welcomes hundreds of visitors every week who come to fish, play soccer, walk their dogs, and watch the incredible variety of birds who make a living along the banks of the river.

How sad, then, that this resource is consistently marred by litter. On any given day, a visitor is confronted by plastic water bottles, coffee cups, discarded face masks, plastic bags and a variety of fishing-related garbage, including tangles of plastic line, hooks and Styrofoam bait trays.

Workers from the Croton Department of Public Works regularly empty trash cans, but picking up trash along the mile-long stretch of river bank and in the parking area is a time consuming

endeavor. The obvious solution to this problem is for park users to act responsibly and stop littering. Unfortunately, the “Do Not Litter” signs that were posted this summer to not seem to have done the trick.

Why not enlist the support of park users to address the situation? Local groups could be encouraged to “adopt” a section of the River Walk, with signs posted to remind park users of the effort necessary to keep the park clean. Perhaps police foot patrols during times of heavy use would be another reminder that good stewardship goes along with the privilege of enjoying this outstanding natural resource.

Rob Abbot, Croton-on-Hudson

To the editor:

I read Croton Trustee Ann Gallelli’s letter to the editor congratulating the Croton Community Coalition Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse. I want to add my congratulations for Ann’s letter and to the coalition for all of their hard work and dedication to bring awareness to this very difficult issue.

Too many lives have been lost to abuse of drugs and alcohol and so many young people, especially those in their early twenties, have been lost.

I’m also very proud of our Cortlandt Community Coalition as well, led by Colleen Anderson. We established this coalition many years ago and work closely with police departments, schools and members of our community. I know Colleen has worked with the Croton Coalition, as well. We have held many informational forums over the years and will continue to do so.

Narcen training is an important part of these prevention programs. We had some over the years and I’m pleased to announce we will have another training (virtual) on October 29 at 7 p.m. Special thanks to Councilwoman Debra Carter who is working on this important training with Colleen. Please join us and once again thank you to everyone working on these very serious issues.

Linda Puglisi, Supervisor, Town of Cortlandt

To the editor:

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 19 - 23 as School Board Recognition Week.

This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Croton-Harmon is joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to Croton-Harmon and its children.

Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in October, their contribution is a year-round commitment. Our board members make decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations. The work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a shared vision for the future of education;
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Providing accountability for student achievement results;
- Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement;
- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn.

The board members serving our district are Iris Cross-Bugliosi, Sarah Carrier, Joshua Diamond, Andrea Furey, Neal Haber and Brian Loges.

Thank you Croton-Harmon school board members!

Dr. Deborah O’Connell, Superintendent, and Tracey Borges, District Clerk, Croton-Harmon Union Free School District

To the editor:

I was delighted to read last week’s article about all that Open Door does and its recognition for the fine work they do. The organization does so much that your article couldn’t possibly have covered everything. But I’d like to add one more thing.

Prior to the pandemic, there was a “Reach Out and Read” program. I volunteered on a weekly basis and read to little children who were waiting to see the doctor.

Children selected a book from a book cart of donated books which I happily read to them. Parents would insist that any electronic devices be put away so that their children would have this reading opportunity. It was an extremely gratifying experience for me.

One unforeseen bonus of reading to a curious child was an issue of my own. The boy noticed a small sore on my leg and asked me what it was. I said that I didn’t know; it had been there for a while. I confessed that I really should have it looked at.

It turned out that it was a basal cell, the least serious form of skin cancer but still something that needed surgical intervention. Lastly, my own doctor didn’t have shingles injections, but Open Door did, so I became a patient in addition to being a volunteer.

My experience led me to take Spanish classes at the Ossining Public Library so I would be able to communicate with parents. As soon as there’s a COVID vaccine, aside from visiting my son in California, I will be back at Open Door.

Ruby Whitman, Croton-on-Hudson

To the editor:

As we pick up our kids for socially-distanced visits from New York City, the bleak picture at the Croton-Harmon train station confirms we have a long way to go before our station returns to its robust pre-pandemic days. The vaccine we all eagerly await will happily restore our daily interactions with friends, family, neighbors and colleagues. But there’s no vaccine for much of the disruption we’ve encountered in the last seven months.

Forexample, the daily and monthly parking fees at the train station--\$3.7 million in the pre-COVID budget of fiscal year 2019-2020 --represent a big share of village revenue and expenditures. Achieving those levels again will require daily commuters to New York and elsewhere to get back on the train. I hope that happens soon, but it’s not likely to be around the corner. The hard work ahead makes a good case for a strong partnership between Croton and Metro-North as we both enter uncharted territory.

Metro-North is our largest employer and has a giant physical presence in our community. While the jolt here in Croton is only one part of Metro- North’s system-wide calamity, collaboration as we both edge forward in the post-coronavirus era would be mutually beneficial.

There is no shortage of common concerns we can address such as train frequency, land use, noise, environmental quality, employment and safety among them. I know Croton will have some good ideas on our future relationship with Metro-North. But I’d also like to ask them this question: how can we help?

Metro-North’s history, legacy and presence in Croton helps define our village today as the special place it is. We should aim high and seek a cooperative dynamic with them to yield good results for both sides and be a model for our region. This moment in time requires our best effort to do so. I look forward to being part of that challenge ahead.

Len Simon, Democratic Candidate, Croton Board of Trustees

To the editor:

Actions speak louder than words. Especially when it comes to your healthcare.

When you decide who to vote for as president, think about each candidate’s actions:

One guy created the Affordable Care Act providing health insurance for 20 million Americans. He has a detailed plan to expand healthcare with a public insurance option for people who want it, to lower drug prices, to stop surprise medical bills, and will use the best of U.S. science to fight COVID.

The other guy is at the Supreme Court right now trying to destroy the Affordable Care Act. He will abolish protections on pre-existing conditions, throw kids ages 21-26 off their parents’ insurance plans, and says you get to handle COVID on your own.

Joe Biden’s actions speak louder than the other guy’s words.

I urge readers to vote for Joe Biden for president so that we all can get better healthcare in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Kate Permut, Scarborough

To the editor:

Last year, *USA Today* rated Croton-on-Hudson the best place to live in New York State. The person most responsible for that honor is Ann Gallelli.

When Ann became active in village affairs thirty-eight years ago, two thirds of Croton was undeveloped and, because of its location, the village was a prime target for the massive over-development which has harmed or destroyed so many other communities.

Ann was a leader in Croton’s numerous successful battles with developers in the 1980s, and when her party took control of the Village Board at the end of that decade, she was the key voice in passing many village laws in the early 1990s which would ensure that future residential development of the village would be reasonable and under strict village control. She then set about successfully developing Croton’s marvelous assets through enhancement of our waterfront, parks and trails.

Ann didn’t accomplish this alone but, for four decades, she has been both the leader and, far and away, the most persistent and consistent force in this effort. Hers has been a life of service to the village.

She’s been an eight-term village trustee and is currently deputy mayor. She chaired the Planning Board for 12 years, chaired the Comprehensive Plan Committee for seven years, was a founding member of the Water Control Commission and the Waterfront Revitalization Committee and has sat on many other boards and committees. In 2003, she won the New York Planning Federation’s highest award and she was largely responsible for the fact that Croton won the Greenway Award that year.

The results of her efforts speak for themselves. When the Comprehensive Plan Committee surveyed village residents in 2000, 95% of the respondents said they were pleased with their Croton neighborhood.

This didn’t happen by accident and it could easily have been different. Thank you, Ann.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Doyle, Croton-on-Hudson

To the editor:

During this past crazy year, when everyone has had to adjust to pandemic rules and changes to where they go and what they do, sidewalk seating at local eateries has become a nice amenity throughout Croton.

In addition to providing an outlet for people to enjoy themselves, it has provided much needed help for local businesses.

Although sidewalk seating was initially authorized only into October, at its last meeting, the Village Board authorized its extension through the end of 2020, weather permitting. It is hoped that this outdoor eating option will continue to be utilized by patrons and benefit our local businesses as well.

Ann Gallelli, Trustee, Village of Croton-on-Hudson
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Indian Point panel to update

The Indian Point Nuclear Decommissioning Citizen Advisory Panel will hold a virtual meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Octobet 22.

The panel, announced by Village of Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker in March of last year, and co-chaired with Town of Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi, will provide an update on the on-going schedule for the permanent closure of the Indian Point Energy Center next April, and the plant’s subsequent decommissioning/dismantling.

Members of the public are invited to view the meeting and to comment during a question and answer period.

The meeting will be live-streamed on Buchanan’s Facebook page; details on participating are available at IndianPointCAP.com.

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Check the repairrivertowns.org web site before the meeting for Zoom dial-in instructions. See Repair Rivertowns on Facebook for information and resources related to the organization's mission. All are welcome to its meetings and events; no religious affiliation or belief needed.

The advertisement features a central portrait of Pete Harckham, a middle-aged man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background is dark and slightly blurred. The top left corner has a blue banner with white text reading "PeteForNY.com". To the right of the portrait, a red diagonal banner contains white text: "In-Person Early Voting Starts Saturday, Oct 24" and "Vote Tuesday, Nov 3". On the left side, under the heading "PETE PASSED:", there are three items, each preceded by a red checkmark icon: "Child Victims Act", "Toughest Climate Protection Legislation In The Nation", and "Permanent Property Tax Cap". Below these, it says "Endorsed by:" followed by logos for the Democratic Party (D), Working Families (WF), and the state of New York (I). At the bottom center, a small box reads "Paid for by Pete Harckham for Senate". The bottom right corner features the text "RE-ELECT SENATOR PETE HARCKHAM" in large letters, with "DEMOCRAT for NY SENATE" underneath.

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Three logos are displayed horizontally. From left to right: the Democratic Party logo (a blue circle with a white 'D'), the Working Families logo (the letters 'WF' in a blue box with 'WORKING' above and 'FAMILIES' below), and the official seal of the State of New York (a shield with an eagle and stars).

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In-Person Early Voting
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Vote Tuesday, Nov 3

RE-ELECT SENATOR
PETE HARCKHAM

DEMOCRAT *for* NY SENATE



You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Oct 21, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Town of Cortlandt - Official Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
10/21/20
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86158058744>
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Webinar ID: 861 5805 8744
**TOWN OF CORTLANDT
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the Town of Cortlandt will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the application of **Michael Casolaro** for an area variance from the Town of Cortlandt Zoning Code, Section 307-17, Zoning, Table of Dimensional Regulations, for a side yard setback for a recently constructed building foundation for an approved garage/shed.

Said property being located at **2006 Albany Post Rd., Croton-on-Hudson, NY**, in the HC Zoning District and being designated on the Town of Cortlandt Tax Maps as Section 67.6 Block 2 Lot 15.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic an appointment is required in order to review the drawings and application materials in person at Cortlandt Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY. Please call the Planning Office at 914-734-1081 to schedule an appointment. In addition, the drawings and application materials will be posted to the Town's website approximately one-week prior to the meeting.

SAID HEARING to be conducted via Zoom accessible at the link above on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible at which time all interested persons shall be heard.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF CORTLANDT
David S. Douglas
Chairman**

**Dated: 10/8/20
Cortlandt Manor, New York
Case No.: 2020-8**

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BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & PLANNING BOARD AGENDA
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
7:00 PM

Due to public health and safety concerns related to Covid-19, the members of the Board of Architectural Review & Planning Board will hold their meeting remotely in accordance with Executive Order 202.1.

The public can watch the live meeting online through Zoom. Please log on to <https://Zoom.us>, Webinar ID: 944-2506-0336 to view the meeting. If any interested members of the public would like to provide comments on an application, comments can be called in during the meeting at 1 + (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 944-2506-0336, or provided through the written chat section of the Zoom meeting. Comments can also be emailed before and during the public hearing to the Village Planning Department at jmartinez@villageofossining.org. Please check the Village website for updates. The meeting will be recorded. The video and a transcript of the meeting will be available on the Village website at a later date.

I. **CONTINUING BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

A. **BAR 07-2020**
26 Campwoods Rd., 90.13-2-57, 26 Campwoods LLC, Owner, in an NC-2 district
Applicant Request: Applicant is seeking BAR approval to renovate existing gas station convenience store.
Date Originally Submitted: 6/25/2020
Comments: The Board granted site plan approval at the September 22, 2020 meeting.

II. **NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

A. **PB 08-2020**
177 Croton Avenue, 89.16-4-18, Douglas Garrido, Owner, in an NC-2 zoned district
Applicant Request: Applicant is seeking a conditional use permit in order to construct a two-family house in an NC-2 zoned district. [270-14C]
Date Originally Submitted: 6/30/2020
Comments: New Application

B. **BAR 10-2020**
68 Broadway, 89.19-5-48, Broadway Brook II LLC, Owner, in a T zoned district
Applicant Request: Applicant is seeking BAR approval for construction of a new side yard two-story addition. [270-58B]
Date Originally Submitted: 9/24/2020
Comments: New Application

C. **BAR 11-2020**
76 Broadway, 89.19-5-50, Broadway Brook LLC, Owner, in a T zoned district
Applicant Request: Applicant is seeking BAR approval for construction of a new rear yard two-story addition. [270-58B]
Date Originally Submitted: 9/24/2020
Comments: New Application

III. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

A. Approval of minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received and publicly opened at the Office of the Purchasing Director of the Town of Cortlandt, Town Hall, One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York at **2:00PM, October 17, 2020**, for the bidding of **Emergency Tree Work, Bid #20-14**. Those interested in submitting bids may secure copies of the specifications and proposals at the above address during business hours weekdays.

Sealed bids will be opened via a virtual meeting space. All bidders are welcomed to join. Zoom (<https://zoom.us>) will be used as the video conferencing host. If you are a reporting agency, kindly email the Town of Cortlandt and we will forward you a copy of the bid results.

Peter H. McMillan
Purchasing Director

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining calls for a Public Hearing to take place at 7:30 p.m. on October 27, 2020 via videoconferencing only, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders 202.1 and 202.15, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider proposed Local Law 4-2020 titled "Amending Chapter 136 of the Town Code to Allow Eating and Drinking Establishments that are issued a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit to have Tents and Heaters."

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF OSSINING
Susanne Donnelly
Town Clerk**

**DATED: October 14, 2020
Ossining, NY 10562**

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of E.A. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/26/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Eltton Aliaj, 11 Overlook Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Jett 3D, LLC filed with SSNY on July 31, 2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 4 Boulder Ponds Drive Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of AD EXPANSION, LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/22/15. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 11 Elena Drive, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TYL CAPITAL SOURCING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 23, 2019. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Protective Services Technologies LLC, C/O Townsend Y. Lathrop, 680 Long Hill Road West, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Date of Dissolution: No specific date.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 24, 2020. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Protective Services Technologies LLC, C/O Townsend Y. Lathrop, 680 Long Hill Road West, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Date of Dissolution: No specific date.

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Termida Entertainment Group, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/24/20. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Suite 206 South, Rye, NY 10580. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Patriot Landscape Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 9/24/2020. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to DMI Bookkeeping & Accounting Services, 575 White Plains Road, 3rd Floor, Eastchester, NY 10709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Andy Ryan Photographer LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/8/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

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**TOWN OF CORTLANDT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Town has retained an Economic Development Advisor to enhance economic activity within the Town; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with Town staff, there are areas of the Town Code which could be amended to streamline the application process for certain uses; and

WHEREAS, some of these areas include lot line realignments, change of uses, expansion of pre-existing non-conforming uses, and accessory apartments; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Zoning Map could be made to help potential purchasers understand which properties are located in transitional locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York, will meet by virtual meeting via Zoom in said Town, on October 20, 2020, at 7 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in relation to the proposed Cortlandt Boulevard Residential Zoning Text Amendments.

At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

When: Oct 20, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
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LAROE ROSE SHATZKIN
TOWN CLERK

Con Ed to install ‘gas sniffers’ at service line connections

Consolidated Edison says it will install “smart-technology natural gas detectors” for customers in New York City and Westchester County within four years, “providing an unprecedented level of protection against potentially dangerous leaks.”

The detectors will be located at all

Cortlandt blotter

WEDNESDAY, October 14
--The body of a man floating in the Hudson River was discovered at about 7:40 a.m. by a police officer investigating a vehicle that had been left in the Bear Mountain Bridge’s westbound lane with its hazard lights flashing. State Police at press time had not disclosed the identity of the subject, whose body was retrieved from the river by members of the Stony Point Fire Department.

Croton blotter

MONDAY, October 5
At 7:04 a.m. police and Croton EMS responded to a Batten Road residence where an 81-year-old woman had possibly fractured her back. She was transported to a hospital.
--At 7:28 a.m. Nidia Mejia, 53, of Croton, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation subsequent to a traffic stop on Maple Street in the area of Olcott Avenue.

TUESDAY, October 6
--At about 4 p.m. police responded to two homes on Grand Street to check on the welfare of students who had not been attending on-line classes.
--At 4:18 p.m. police responded to Arrowcrest Drive where credit cards had been stolen from two vehicles.

WEDNESDAY, October 7
--At 10:40 a.m. police charged William Hicks, 61, of Croton, with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation and having a suspended registration subsequent to a traffic stop on southbound Route 9.
--At 12:43 p.m. police responded to a report of possible drug sales and use on South Riverside Avenue. “All involved parties were gone on patrol arrival.”

THURSDAY, October 8
--At 8:02 a.m. police and Croton EMS responded to a Benedict Boulevard residence where a 72-year-old woman was unable to move her arms. She was transported to a hospital for evaluation.

FRIDAY, October 9
--At 8:35 a.m. police and Croton EMS responded to Hixson Road upon receiving a report of a 59-year-old woman having been injured as a result of a fall.
--At 8:53 p.m. patrols responded to South Riverside Avenue upon receiving a complaint of a disorderly, intoxicated person. The homeless subject had fallen down and suffered an injury. He was transported to a hospital by Croton EMS.
--At 4:35 p.m. a village park ranger issued a summons to a 22-year-old Connecticut resident, Sophie Bardos, for a dog ordinance violation at Gouveia Park.

SUNDAY, October 11
--At 5:15 a.m. a Park Avenue resident reported someone attempting to enter the residence. The subject was gone upon patrols’ arrival.
--At 12:32 p.m. an unattended firearm was found at Black Rock Park. It was transported to headquarters.
--At 3:30 p.m. patrols and the Westchester County Marine Unit were dispatched for a kayaker on the Hudson River who had appeared to be in distress. The subject was located at Croton Landing Waterfront Park and refused medical attention.
--At 3:56 p.m. a park ranger issued a summons to Madison Burch, 30, of New York City, for being a non-village resident using the facility’s dog park. (The dog park requires a village-issued permit, which can only be issued to Croton residents.)
--At 9:59 p.m. political signs were reported stolen from in front of residences along Grand and Hamilton streets.

MONDAY, October 12
--At 2:05 p.m. police were dispatched to the Croton-Harmon train station and removed a male passenger from a train after he reportedly made a female passenger feel “uncomfortable.”
--At 3:30 p.m. police responded to the latest report of a domestic dispute at an Elms Street residence. “Patrols to investigate further.”

376,000 locations where gas service lines enter buildings. The utility has 1.1 million gas customers.

However, the devices will not detect gas in other areas of buildings. Con Edison recommends that building owners and tenants purchase and place gas detectors in areas where natural gas appliances are used, such as kitchens and laundry rooms and near furnaces.

The distribution of the detectors follows a successful pilot in which Con Edison provided 9,000 detectors. Those detectors reportedly sounded 250 alarms since the first installations in October 2018.

When a detector senses natural gas, it sounds an alarm and voice warning. It also alerts operators at Con Edison’s Gas Emergency Response Center, which notifies the local fire department.

“This is a life-saving technology,” said Marc Huestis, Con Edison’s senior vice-president for gas operations. “These detectors urge anyone nearby to leave and prompt a swift response from our gas crews and the local fire department so that they can shut off the gas, find the leak and make it safe.”

The alarm will sound until Con Edison silences the unit. The voice recording advises occupants to evacuate and call 911 from outside the building. Using a phone, turning on or off lights,

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us worked with us and talked with us like a regular person, and helped us through our mistakes.”

The program “taught me to stay away from drugs,” said Jaden, another student. “It’s helping me deal with my friends asking me to use them.”

Daesan said the summer program “kept me on my toes and kept me sharp. It helped me get ready for eighth grade.”

The program made Areanna a reader for life.

“This was good practice for seventh grade,” she said. “I didn’t really like reading books until this summer, and this was fun to read and interact with other people.”

“We partnered with Jerald Hoover because he is an author of books that the students can relate to,” said Ms. Pogue, who has a waiting list for the next RAB. mentoring session. “The Student Success Guide Book prepared the students for ELA. The students related the story in the book to their life experiences and drug prevention and the importance of healthy friendships and lifestyle. Hoover’s life experience was an asset when relating to the kids. He hit a home run!”

County adds officers to traffic enforcement effort

Westchester County police report they have assigned additional officers to participate in this month’s state-wide traffic enforcement campaign that aims to curb aggressive and distracted driving and reduce accidents.

The stepped-up enforcement by county police is taking place this month on the Bronx River, Cross County, Hutchinson River and Saw Mill River parkways as well as in the Town of Cortlandt (where county police supplement state police) and the Town/Village of Mount Kisco (in which county police provide local patrol and detective services).

The enforcement campaign, sponsored by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, targets locations and times where data analysis shows speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors, including using a cell phone without a hands-free device, are a leading cause of accidents.

“Aggressive driving and distracted driving are among the primary causes of crashes that cause fatalities or serious injuries,” county Department of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. “The goal of this increased enforcement is to reduce accidents, save lives and keep our roadways safe.”

He said that special attention is being paid to speeding; distracted driving, including texting while driving or otherwise using the cell phone without a hands-free device; following too closely (tailgating); failure to yield right-of-way; and unsafe lane changes.

appliances or a flashlight, lighting a match or starting a car can create a spark which causes gas to ignite.

Con Edison says it is the first utility in the United States to deploy the technology, a product of New Cosmos, when it began the pilot in Lower Manhattan and several Westchester County communities.

The company says it will install all the detectors by 2025 under a \$130 million program. Each installation takes less than an hour and there is no charge to the customer. Installation does not require gas service to be turned off and customers do not have to perform any maintenance on the detectors once they are installed.

The current version of the detectors lasts six years. Due to technology improvements, those installed starting in the middle of next year will last seven years and those installed starting in 2023 will have a 10-year lifespan.

State grants for libraries

The Hendrick Hudson Free Library has receive \$26,250 in state funding to upgrade its heating/ventilation/air-conditioning equipment and add on three new units to the building management system.

The aid is in the form of almost \$85,000 in grants to four libraries in the 40th state Senatorial District.

“Public libraries are, in essence, well-used and much-loved community centers, and like all of infrastructure resources, require timely investments in their proper upkeep,” said state Sen. Pete Harckham when announcing the grants Monday. “I am pleased to have helped secure state grants for these four libraries with a full understanding that the scheduled repairs and enhancements will benefit residents for years to come.”

The other libraries receiving grants are the Brewster Public Library, John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak and the Pound Ridge Library District.

The Brewster library received \$27,195 to build seating, shelving and

Make-A-Wish donations total \$77k

ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. has announced that its annual Make-A-Wish fundraising campaign raised \$77,000 to benefit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley.

Twenty-six ShopRite stores throughout the Hudson Valley collected donations at checkout from June 7 through 20, including the chan’s stores in Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson and Thornwood.

The funds raised will support Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley and its mission to ensure that every child who qualifies for Make-A-Wish services is granted his or her wish, according to a ShopRite spokesperson.

Since its inception in 1986, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley has granted more than 2,900 wishes for children. To date, ShopRite has raised over \$422,100 for the non-profit organization.

Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley serves children with critical illnesses. Research shows children who have received a wish are able to build the physical and emotional strength needed to fight critical illnesses, according to Make-A-Wish.

Since its inception in 1986, the Hudson Valley Chapter has granted wishes to over 2,900 children in the communities it serves. The chapter’s territory spans eight counties of the Hudson Valley, including Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. The chapter is a Better Business Bureau Wise Alliance Accredited Charity, meeting the 20 Standards for Charity Accountability. Additionally, a recent independent audit of the chapter reported that 73% of all funds raised go to program services.

For more information about the Hudson Valley chapter, go on-line to www.hudson.wish.org.

a help desk for the children’s area, all of which will be special needs accessible. The Hart Library received \$20,999 to install new energy efficient windows. And the Pound Ridge library received \$10,200 for a new, larger septic tank and replacement of doors and windows.

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‘Letters’

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To the editor:

A last-minute invitation to the community to join the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct in collaboration with the Riverkeeper Sweep on Saturday, October 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as we continue our efforts to transform the aqueduct trail by removing invasive species that are threatening to overtake our beautiful native plants.

Volunteers will be working in very small groups, socially-distanced and masked, under the guidance of knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders.

The work that we have done over the years is really paying off, but we need to keep going. A patch of turtlehead flowers that have appeared recently on the trail (pictured) is testament to our efforts as are the currently flowering wild asters and spectacular goldenrods. We have set up four different locations so you can choose where you would like to work. A bit different from our usual way of doing things, but we are being creative and still dedicated to improving our very special aqueduct trail. This will be a fun and rewarding experience with opportunities to learn from experts and to see for yourself the emerging native flowers and ferns dotting the hillsides.

Register by going to <http://riverkeeper.org/sweep> and choosing one of the Old Croton Aqueduct locations, in either Croton or in Ossining. Full descriptions of the events can be found on the web site. The Ossining location will accommodate two groups, one led by Karalyn Lamb and the other by Daria Gregg, both experienced



I Love My Park Day crew leaders.

The Quaker Bridge Road project will be appropriate for trail lovers of all ages and abilities, including school-age children, and will be led by Mathew McDowell, who is a fountain of knowledge about both native and invasive plants.

The fourth opportunity is by the Croton Dam and is designed for those who would enjoy hiking up into the wooded hills above the aqueduct trail where there are some special native plants and some new invaders which we have hopes of eradicating with your help.

Sponsors for this event include Croton Energy Group, Inc., Robbins Pharmacy, the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation and with special thanks to our longstanding supporter, Feed the Birds.

Diane Alden, Cortlandt, on behalf of Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct

Chamber/Rotary grant
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The grants are to be announced during the chamber’s annual awards dinners in February.

Applications are due by October 30. They are available on-line at peekskillrotary.com.

Mr. DeNoia, of Mohegan Lake, died last December 9 at the age of 65. He was the principal of Investments, Tax and Insurance (ITI) Strategies in Peekskill, which he founded in 1993.

His survivors include his wife Barbara, daughters Lauren and Jessica and his son Michael, who developed the idea of the grant program.

Sports



Jack Sendek

BHS senior overcomes hurdle to score big

Briarcliff High School senior Jack Sendek is one busy guy.

Between his academics (he is a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist), being student co-president of the high school and all of his other numerous extra-curricular activities, Jack placed 19th out of over 400 boys at last year’s Section 1 Championship.

It’s hard to believe that only a few years ago Jack thought about quitting cross country. While a sophomore he sustained a hip injury, causing him to sit out most of the season. “I was off my game during sophomore year,” Jack admits. “I was so fixated on times that I lost my love for running.”

That summer, Jack took a break from running and went on a cycling trip across the country, which allowed his hip to heal and his body to strengthen through cross-training. The break also provided mental clarity.

“During pre-season of my junior year, I realized that there’s no need to overthink races, workouts or personal records,” he recalls. “The beauty of cross country is that it’s you against the course. I just go out and run as fast as I can for 3.1 miles. Running is 99% mental, so I constantly remind myself to just have fun.”

Jack attributes much of his comeback to his coach, Zachary Rose, who has been a big influence in Jack’s high school running career.

“Coach Rose is a positive guy who works so hard every day to make sure each member of the team is improving and having fun,” he said. “I attribute much of my success, as well as the team’s, to his great coaching, as well as to Coach Logan Fine, our assistant coach for the past few years. They have been incredible leaders for our team for the past four years.”

Coach Zachary Rose returns the sentiment.

“Jack is now on the cusp of going under 16 minutes for a 5k,” said Coach Rose. “He scored 15:40.9 at the state championships, which is one of the fastest among local runners. It is a huge inspiration for our younger runners to see him working. His leadership, his organizational skills and the outreach he made to new students during the summer have helped us to build a stronger team. The success starts with him on our team.”

Although Jack will graduate high school this school year and move on to college, he has many fond memories of his time on the Briarcliff cross country team.

“I think my most memorable moment as a member of Briarcliff Cross Country was when we qualified for states last year,” he continued. “We were ranked fourth in the section coming into the season and we put in months of long runs and workouts, so we were fully prepared when the sectional meet arrived. We left everything out on the course and got to race at the state meet in Plattsburgh the following weekend. It was an honor to help the team achieve something it hasn’t in 30 years.”

Although balancing school and sports and other activities is a challenge for everyone, Jack manages to do it all because of his love for both running and learning.

“I try to maintain the mindset that everything I do is an opportunity, and the more I put in, the more I’ll get out,” he added. “Our team motto is ‘hard work equals results.’”

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In support of National Drive Electric Week, the group Croton100 hosted two electric vehicle (EV) car shows in Croton-on-Hudson: on Saturday afternoon, September 26 in Croton's Upper Village (above, left) and the following morning at Senasqua Park (above). EV owners literally opened up their vehicles for public display and shared their enthusiasm for driving on battery power. While EVs increasingly appear similar to fossil-fueled vehicles, the attention-grabber was Todd Moore's 2014 SMART car, which he said he purchased with 18,000 miles on it for just \$4,000--about \$16,000 less than if bought new. The model may not have caught on with the masses in the U.S., but 'it's a great car' with 'lots of pep' for commuting and extremely easy to park, said the former Ossining resident. He now travels from Nyack, across the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, to his job in Harrison. Below: Mr. Moore, left, explains to Croton resident and hybrid (gas/electric) car owner Carl Grimm his routine of conveniently charging his vehicle overnight at home for a fraction of the cost of refueling a gasoline counterpart. Safety? While the two-seater doesn't have much of a 'crumple zone,' it does have a roll cage--something to think about considering the SMART's 78 miles per hour top speed. Below, left: Outfitted as Croton100's mascot, the 'Decarbonizer Bunny,' Millie Hester and her daughter Sofia, 7, drive home the group's mission of encouraging people to reduce their carbon footprint five percent a year for 20 years.



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Obituaries

Lorraine J. Camilliere

Lorraine J. Camilliere of Pleasantville died on Friday, October 2, 2020 at the age of 83.



Lorraine was born in Mount Pleasant on January 20, 1937 and was the daughter of Salvatore and Rose Ucci Calli. She was raised in Pleasantville and was a graduate of Pleasantville High School. She had a long career as a legal secretary in several area law firms over the years. Lorraine was married to Frank E. Camilliere and together they raised three sons, Michael, Frank and Thomas. She was predeceased by Frank in 2004. She is survived by her sons Michael of Pleasantville, Frank (Onda) of New Windsor, N.Y. and Thomas (Susan) of Ossining. She is also survived by her grandchildren Michael, Domenick, Mia and Nicole as well as a brother, Richard. She was also predeceased by her husband, her parents and her brothers Robert and Fred. Private services were held at the Coffey Funeral Home, Tarrytown. She was laid to rest with her husband at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

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Georgia H. Conklin-Gibbs

Georgia H. Conklin-Gibbs, 44, of Croton-on-Hudson, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Her boisterous personality and pretty smile will be missed. She was the daughter of George E. Conklin, Sr., beloved wife of Alonzo Gibbs, mother of Jahaad and Makayla, grandmother of Leilani Georgia and Zia'amara, sister of Debra (Arnold), Joan, Joanna (George) and George, Jr. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Margaret L. Conklin, grandpa Sanford ("Sonny") Conklin and siblings Regina Martin, Harriet and George Conklin.

Lawrence J. Daddio

Lawrence J. Daddio, 80, of Mahopac, died on Friday, September 18, 2020.

Lawrence was born on March 7, 1940 in Queens to Lawrence and Adele (Cleary) Daddio. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge. Shortly after arriving home, he married the love of his life, Rose Lennon, on June 29, 1963. One of the proudest moments in Larry's life, aside from the birth of his two children, was the day he graduated from the New York City Fire Department Academy. He worked at Ladder Company 16, or as he called it, "16 Truck," in Manhattan. After retiring from the fire department, Lawrence went on to earn several master's degrees and became a teacher, guidance counselor, athletic director and coach. He took his role of educator and mentor seriously, and made an impact on so many people. Family was always most important to Lawrence, especially his beloved wife and spending time with his daughters, sons-in-law and granddaughters. He enjoyed their vacations on Cape Cod, celebrating holidays together and going to Yankees games. Lawrence is survived by his wife, Rose Daddio of Mahopac; his loving daughters Jennifer Daddio and her husband Joe Duraes of Montrose and Cari Daddio and her husband Robert Barber of Cortlandt Manor; and his three cherished granddaughters, Taylor, Madison and Norah. Lawrence was predeceased by all of his siblings, Louis Daddio, Adele Prinzivalli, Rosanne Auer, Barbara Conroy and Catherine Ceprini, as well as his faithful dog, Pachy.

Daun Marie DeFeo-Johnson

Daun Marie DeFeo-Johnson of Mahopac passed away suddenly on Monday, October 5, 2020 at the age of 61.

She was born on August 14, 1959 in Brooklyn, the daughter of Arthur and Georgette (Nelson) DeFeo. Daun is remembered as being extremely intelligent. Whatever she tried to accomplish, she was great at. Being multi-talented, Daun played the piano, clarinet and violin very well. She was fluent in Spanish and traveled to Spain with close friends. She sailed at Sycamore Park, was a Brownie and loved to walk fast with friends. She had the knack of striking up a conversation with anyone and easily made friends who loved her forever. She made it a point to help people in need along the way. Daun was an avid reader and often finished a book in one day. She enjoyed bowling and loved to dance. She had a very vibrant personality. She graduated from Mahopac High School and went on to study Business Administration at Dutchess Community College, where she got her degree. She also studied at Berkley secretarial school. Daun worked for many years as an administrative assistant at Union Carbide in Tarrytown and Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining before having children. She loved to garden and knew a lot about plants and nature. She watched the sky and often announced when a full moon was approaching, a special meteor shower or planets to watch. She left us during a full moon. Her horoscope sign is a Leo. The sign of the lion best represents Daun as she was quite a feisty character who loved grandeur and celebration. She portrayed such a positive attitude, was full of joy and always smiled. Daun is survived by her husband Glenn and their sons (the loves of her life) Justin and Jared; and her siblings, Arthur Nelson DeFeo (Doreen), Michele Marinace (Marshall) and Lori Nelson (Bob). A memorial visitation was held Tuesday morning at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac Falls. A graveside service followed at Ballard Barrett Cemetery, Mahopac Falls.

Salvatore DiPillo

Salvatore DiPillo was called Home to God at the age of 93 on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. He was the cherished husband of Rita (nee Levesque); beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews; and the proud godfather to 13 children whom he loved dearly. Salvatore had a proud career with General Motors in North Tarrytown, was a longtime member of the American Legion Ossining Post No. 506 in Ossining and a lifetime member of Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church in Tarrytown. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday morning, July 8 at the Church of the Transfiguration. Burial followed at St. Augustine Cemetery, Ossining. Sal was truly an amazing man and husband and will be sorely missed.

John Patrick Fay, Jr.

John Patrick Fay, Jr. passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2020 in Cortlandt Manor. John was born on February 16, 1944 in the Bronx to John and Helen Fay and was a 1964 graduate of Christopher Columbus High School. On September 17, 1967, John married Helen Smith. He served in the Vietnam conflict, First Infantry. He was a lifetime member of Plumbers Local 1 and Local 2 for over 50 years, where his son, John, followed in his footsteps. In 1987, John and Helen and their three children moved to Cortlandt Manor from Throgs Neck in the Bronx. After retiring in 2008, John enjoyed spending time, and forming bonds, with fellow veterans at the Veterans Administration hospital in Montrose. John is survived by his wife Helen Fay and his children, Helen Peters (Michael) of Cortlandt Manor, Patricia Fay (Brett Baker) of Peekskill and John Fay (Alison) of Putnam Valley; his adored grandchildren, Stephen, Daniel and Mikela Peters and J.J. and Riley Rae Fay; his sister, Helen Kelleher (Peter); and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Madeline Sheerin. Memorial donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center would be appreciated by the family.

James S. Griffin

James S. Griffin of Croton-on-Hudson passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. He was born on March 30, 1936 to Stanton and Rita Griffin in Lake Peekskill. He married Hermina Schneider on August 30, 1954 and was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. Hermina predeceased him on August 18, 2018. He is survived by sons Russ and wife Mary and Glenn and his Cheryl; grandchildren Kevin, Christopher, Glenn, Jr. and Taylor; sisters Elizabeth Wimbirt and Christine Muller; and sisters-in-law Debbie Bormanis and Karen Schneider. He will be missed. James served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1957. He was a painting and paperhanging contractor in Westchester and Putnam counties for over 35 years. James was also a past-president of the Mohegan Volunteer Fire Association, past-president of Peekskill Yacht Club and was an active volunteer at Waterman Hospital in Tavares, Fla. He enjoyed watching sports and playing baseball, golf and "shing."

Orlando Carmine Guida

Orlando Carmine Guida, 86, of East Greenwich, R.I., formerly of Armonk, passed away on Thursday, September 3, 2020. Orlando was born on June 5, 1934 to Carmine and Angelina (nee Piccone) Guida in New Rochelle and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Professionally, Orlando was a chief financial officer for USA Network and then HTN Communications before retiring. Orlando was predeceased by his devoted wife Elaine (nee Ciccone) Guida in 2017. He is survived by his three children, Paula Licciardi of East Greenwich, Carl Guida (Susan) of Croton-on-Hudson and Andrew Guida of Wrentham, Mass.; his two sisters, Anna Galati of Bradenton, Fla. and Carol LaBarbera of Anna Maria Island, Fla.; and his nine cherished grandchildren. A funeral mass was celebrated Saturday morning, September 12 at St. Augustine Church, Ossining. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Greenburgh. Memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries

Thomas E. Hales

Thomas E. Hales, 83, of Briarcliff Manor passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife of 60 years and the love of his life, Alice Marie (Power) Hales, his six children and grandchildren, on Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland.



He was born on October 15, 1936 in North Tarrytown to William H. Hales and Phyllis E. Hales. He was also predeceased by his younger brother, William H. ("Red") Hales, Jr., on September 25, 1959.

He was well known in Westchester and Rockland counties and beyond and had a deep sense of commitment to community. Tom never met a stranger and greeted everyone with his "million-dollar smile." Wherever he went he happened upon someone he knew.

Mr. Hales graduated from Iona College cum laude in 1958 and obtained a Master of Business Administration from Pace University in 1996. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

He was employed by Price Waterhouse & Co. from 1958 to 1963 where he became a Certified Public Accountant. Subsequently he founded Thomas E. Hales & Co., a regional accounting firm for 17 years before he sold it to help in turning around businesses for C. Pappas & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts. There he became the CEO of Image Maker, a photo finishing company, and Town & Country Liquors, the second largest wholesaler in Massachusetts.

He joined Union State Bank in 1980, making an investment in USB to help the troubled bank. Under his leadership, Union State Bank grew from \$23 million in assets to over \$3 billion by 2007. During that time, USB became listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

USB was sold to KeyBank in 2007 while he was diagnosed with the debilitating disease pulmonary fibrosis. The sale was consummated just after he received the gift of life on November 1, 2007 when he underwent a life-saving double-lung transplant that gave him almost 13 years of additional life. "It was our 'miracle.'"

Left to cherish Tom's memory are his wife Alice Marie; his six children, Lianne (Sean), William, Carolyn (Bruce), Thomas, Jr. (Jennifer), Terence (Ryan) and Allison (Donald); his sister Phyllis Weaver; sisters-in-law Virginia Power and Joan Power; and his more than 34 dear first cousins, whom he cherished. He was the "extremely proud" grandfather of nine: Robert Shaw, Michael Shaw, Thomas Wilson, Christopher Hales Wilson, Nicholas Wilson, Thomas Hales, III, William Hales, Teagan Hales and Althea Marie Gheen.

He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Helene Bieliewicz.

Mr. and Mrs. Hales were compassionate philanthropists who contributed to numerous organizations. He was committed to community causes. He received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2003, which recognizes exceptional humanitarian efforts and outstanding contributions to our nation; the William Cullen Bryant Award in 2008 from the Westchester Medical Center for distinguished leadership; the John F. Heimerdinger lifetime of service award from Westchester Medical Center in 2017; the Corporate Citizen Award from the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Rochelle; and was honored by numerous other non-profits and community organizations.

He received the *Westchester County Business Journal's* Business Leader of the Year Award in 2004. He served on the Board of Trustees of Iona College since 1995, New York Medical College, Nyack Hospital, New York State

Susan Lynn Timm

Susan Lynn Timm of Croton-on-Hudson passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2020. She was 67 years of age.



Susan was born on April 22, 1953 and was the daughter of the late Edward and Shirley Azaltovic of Tarrytown.

Susan graduated from Ossining High School in 1971. She worked for Dr. William Cioffiro, Phelps Memorial Hospital and A.L. Meyers.

She married Robert Timm on May 8, 1976.

Mrs. Timm is survived by her husband Robert, daughter Jamie Condon, son Brian, grandson Patrick and granddaughter Harper.

Visitation was held Wednesday, September 30 at the Dorsey Funeral Home, Inc., Ossining. Private interment.

Memorial donations to Alzheimer's research would be appreciated by the family.

Independent Bankers, New York State Bankers Association, Independent Bankers of America, Kirschman Corp., Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Leukemia Society of America, Dominican Sisters Family Health Service, Knights of Columbus and the Westchester County Association.

He was a board member emeritus of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, where he was instrumental in the growth of the organization. He helped establish the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and Trauma Center at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, provided major support for the Thomas E. and Alice M. Hales Endoscopy Unit and the Alice Marie and Thomas E. Hales Pediatric Treatment Area of the Emergency Department at Phelps Memorial Hospital.

The PFF Walk NYC was started in his honor by his son, Terence Hales, who founded and faithfully organized this event, now in its 14th year and has raised over \$1 million for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

As the grateful recipient of a double-lung transplant, he was also an avid supporter of Donate Life and advocated for opt-out organ donation in New York State.

Forever grateful to University of Maryland Medical Center and specifically his doctors, Aldo T. Iacono and Bartley C. Griffith, he established in perpetuity the Thomas E. and Alice Marie Hales Distinguished Professorship in Transplant Surgery which is held by Bartley P. Griffith, M.D. True to form, he became well-known around UMMC, which he frequented over the last 13 years. He came to know and love many of the kind, compassionate and inspiring healthcare workers who helped him extend his journey, to which he was eternally thankful.

On April 29, 2017, Tom and Alice proudly dedicated an Iona College residence hall, the "Alice Marie and Thomas E. Hales Hall"--"Hales Hall"--through a philanthropic gift to his alma mater.

Tom was admired and loved by all and will be remembered as a person who loved his family, and they loved him. He made the world a better place. He was a fighter who extended his life by almost 13 years post-lung transplant, exceeding all odds. He never gave up.

Memorial donations to the University of Maryland Medical Center, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, Iona College, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and Phelps Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday morning at St. Augustine's Church, Ossining. Interment followed at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Jean Marie Keating

Jean Marie Keating of Somers, formerly of Cortlandt Manor and Hampton Bays, N.Y., passed away peacefully at her home from natural causes on Thursday, August 20, 2020. She was 88 years of age.



Jean was born in Maspeth, Queens on May 18, 1932 to James Boylan and Elizabeth (nee Kilcullen) Boylan.

Her husband of 50 years, John Joseph Keating, predeceased her in 2002.

Jean is survived by the couple's six loving children, Laurajean, Matthew (Virginia), John (Betsy), James (Alice), William (Lizbeth) and Kathleen (Rick Hennings); 11 adoring grandchildren, Christopher, Nicole, Lindsay, Michael, Sarah, Daniel, Alexandra, Nicholas, Justin, Brendan and Colin; sister-in-law Mary Boylan; and six nieces and nephews.

Jean's two brothers, James Boylan and William Boylan, predeceased her.

Jean worked for many years as an executive assistant, most recently at Westchester Community College (which she also attended) and at the Westchester County Department of General Services.

She was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights over a 65-year span, having served in the parish's Mother's Guild, school lunch programs and more recently enjoying many parish seniors club activities with her decades-long friends.

She liked cooking, recipes new and old, and to travel, particularly to Ireland and Italy where she made many memorable trips with family and friends. Jean took immense pride in her family, leaving them with innumerable beautiful memories.

Jean will be sorely missed by her family and friends alike for her grace and warmth, quick smile and easy laughter, and for her abiding love that she so obviously held for all of them.

A private Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, August 22, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

Angela Serafino Labate

Angela Serafino Labate, 86, proprietor of Angela's Delicatessen of Verplanck, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 2, 2020.



Angela was born on December 2, 1933 in Corsica, France and eventually migrated back to Italy with her father Salvatore, mother Livia Serafino and siblings.

In 1958, she married the love of her life, Sebastiano Labate, and came to America with hopes and dreams for a better life. They arrived in Verplanck where her parents and family had settled earlier.

Angela and Sebastiano ("Iano") took a leap of faith and purchased a delicatessen in the heart of Verplanck in 1963.

Throughout her career, Angela, with her warm heart and bright smile, greeted her family, friends, and customers every time they walked through the door. Angela's Deli became renowned for its "meatball wedges."

With her husband Iano and sister Kay, they went on to build a legacy that will never be forgotten locally or afar.

Angela is survived by her sisters, Cathy Campea (Tony), Luciana De Fusco (Sal) and Piera Graven (Charles); sister-in-law Linda Serafino; nieces and nephews Bruno Campea (Patty), Mauro Campea, Aldo De Fusco (Caryn), Marisa Madori (Frank), Sal De Fusco, Vinny Serafino (Vicky), Tony Campea (Carrie), Tina Fisher (Ron), Gina Roggio (Joe) and Sal Graven (Cassie); and by several great-nieces and great-nephews, Nicole Campea, Gianna Roggio, Ashley and Adreana Serafino, Isabella and Paul Madori, Zachary Cannova, Dylan, Jack and Brooke Fisher, Francesca Graven and Cecilia Campea.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband Sebastiano Labate; sister Marisa Serafino; brothers Pasquale Serafino and Vincent Serafino (John); and great-nephew Mark Campea.

A funeral mass was celebrated Friday morning, October 9 at St. Patrick's Church, Verplanck. Burial followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

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Sports

Tigers girls soccer looks for a winning outcome

by Rob Caluori

It is finally that time again when teams can look forward to making plans for success on the soccer field as the new season kicked off on Tuesday with live matches. At Croton-Harmon High School, the girls soccer team has a special focus this year, and that is to post a winning record.

Last season, the Tigers played to a .500 finish, with the team amassing an 8-8-1 overall mark, and struggled in league play at 2-5-1. The upside of the 2019 campaign was the fact that the Tigers did qualify for the postseason and garnered a middle of the road position as the No. 8 seed.

While the postseason is the aim for the Tigers, some consistency in their play is the other goal, as Croton-Harmon looks to string a series of victories instead of see-sawing back and forth, which is what occurred last year.

The Tigers opened the 2019 season playing well and were 4-2 after the first six matches on the schedule. But then Croton-Harmon started to struggle and dropped three straight matches, two of which were disappointing 1-0 losses, where the Tigers just could not get the offense in sync. The worst of the defeats was the 4-0 setback to the Pleasantville Panthers.

The three-game drought came to an end in an exciting fashion when the Tigers caught fire and reeled off a series of wins over the course of six matches. Croton-

Harmon won four matches while losing one and finishing in a tie in another for a 4-1-1 run that had the Tigers on the winning side of the ledger at 8-6-1 with two matches left in the season, including the playoffs.

As those two matches emerged, Croton-Harmon struggled once again and before the playoffs started, the Tigers saw their momentum wane as they dropped the last match of the 2019 scheduled, 1-0, to neighboring Hendrick Hudson.

As it turned out, Croton-Harmon loss to the Sailors may have been a contributing factor to what happened in the postseason, where it was a rough start for the Tigers, who entered the competition as the favorite in the first round.

However, being the favorite did mean that the Tigers were guaranteed a win, and history shows they did not prevail and were eliminated from the playoffs after an intense match up with North Salem on Oct. 25, where they dropped another match with a 1-0 outcome.

Both teams came in the Section 1 Class B championship tournament virtually even in ability, with North Salem seeded No. 8 and Croton-Harmon garnering the No. 9 seed. And that evenly matched skill set was demonstrated on the field as the two teams battled all through regulation without scoring a goal and forcing overtime.

In the overtime session, it was a free kick opportunity that sent the Croton-Harmon players to the showers as Lily Giuliano put the soccer ball past Nicole Bugliosi for the winning score. Bugliosi played a masterful match, making an amazing 24 saves, but fell just one short of getting Croton-Harmon past North Salem.

While the playoffs proved disappointing, the good news for the Croton-Harmon team is that the slate is now clean and the opportunity to be victorious is upon the players once again.



Anna Eng

CHHS senior Eng commits to Fairfield

Anna Eng, a point guard for the Croton-Harmon High School girls varsity basketball team, has verbally committed to Fairfield University to play basketball.

Anna, who averaged 19.3 points per game last school year, said she chose Fairfield from among other schools because of the connection she made with the school’s basketball coaches, and because her first impression of the team was that they felt like a family; the same feeling she has for her team at CHHS.

She also said she appreciated the rigor of Fairfield’s academic offerings and plans to major in education.

Anna started playing basketball with Croton’s CYO team in fourth grade before moving to AAU basketball in sixth grade with NY Extreme Hoops and Coach Kristi Dini. She has been varsity at CHHS since her freshman year.

In her three years on the team she has scored 1,005 points. She has her eyes set on the all-time scoring record and credits team sports with helping her become the person she is today.

“I’ve learned how to work with others, how to play a leadership role, and to work hard for what I’ve achieved,” she explained.

Anna specifically credited a mentor she met at Junior Liberty Camp for “teaching me how to give 100%, build relationships with my teammates and always be kind and respectful to all players and coaches.”

The girls varsity team at CHHS is a close-knit group and she will miss being a part of the team after she graduates. Like many other student-athletes in their senior year, Anna is also struggling with the possibility of her final high

school season being cancelled, or heavily modified, due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

“I’m just trying to stay optimistic,” she said. “Whatever happens, I want to continue developing my game.”

The most important part of Anna’s game, she believes, is continuing to work hard no matter how much she improves.

At 5’5” she is smaller than many other point guards. But Anna uses this as motivation. Indeed, she chose number 2 for her jersey as a reminder to move beyond the second spot and constantly strive to be the best player on the court.

In addition to improving herself as an athlete, Anna is committed to growing intellectually and is particularly enjoying the new lessons she’s learning in her AP macroeconomics class.

She also believes it’s important to give back to her community. Anna is currently a “bud buddy” at the high school, a program that helps incoming freshmen transition to their new surroundings.

Outside of school, Anna has coached the fifth grade girls CYO team for the past three years. She strives to “help a new generation of girls be the best players and the best people they can be,” she adds.

“On behalf of the entire Croton-Harmon district, I want to say how tremendously proud we are of Anna,” said CHHS principal Laura Dubak. “Not only for her contributions to CHHS basketball and her commitment to Fairfield University, but also for continuing to mentor younger students and players. Her dedication to hard work and continuous improvement are precisely the values that are important to model.”

Bears boys soccer looks to advance further in playoffs

by Rob Caluori

Every team looks to the next season in an effort to make up any shortcomings, using their experience to put the sectional championship plaque on the mantle. The Briarcliff High School boys soccer team is no different as they look to advance further into the playoffs.

As the new season got underway on Tuesday, the achievements of the 2019 campaign could not be ignored and the end-of-year accolades were still fresh in the minds of anyone associated with the team.

The Bears’ head coach Brandon Beck, who has led Briarcliff to two consecutive league titles, including last year’s crown, will look to do it again this year. In 2019, under his mentorship, the Bears were 13-3-1 overall and their league record was a stellar 6-1-1, an accomplishment which resulted in Beck being named Conference III League A’s Coach of the Year at this year’s annual Section 1 awards dinner.

And the awards did not end with Beck and included now-graduated Matt Sturman, an offensive scoring giant for the Bears, who was named the Most Valuable Player for League A, along with collecting All-Section, All-Conference and All-League honors. Then Briarcliff senior Chris Li was also named All-Section, All-Conference and All-League, while James Variano received the nod for All-Section honorable mention.

The honors were well deserved for these players and the head coach and now it is a new year and while the seniors are gone to graduation, the balance of the team still remains formidable, and they will look to improve on last year’s postseason performance.

After a strong win in the first round of the Section 1 Class B championship

tournament, the Bears were upset by the Pleasantville Panthers and eliminated from postseason play.

Briarcliff was seeded No. 2 in the playoffs and started the postseason on Oct. 24 with a match against the No. 15 seeded Pawling Tigers. The contest proved an easy win for the Bears, who came away with a 5-0 victory to advance to the quarterfinals against No. 7 seeded Pleasantville.

Sturman stood out for the Bears in the Pawling match where he set a new school scoring record with his 18th goal of the season. Sturman scored twice in the match, both goals coming within one minute of each other in the second half of play.

The two teams had played to a scoreless tie in the first half. Matt Li then emerged early in the second half to score what was the winning goal, giving the Bears a 1-0 lead. Chris Li also scored in the second half, along with Variano. Tyler Cho earned an assist on one of Sturman’s goals.

After beating Pawling, it was on to the quarterfinals for the Bears and a date at home with the Panthers, who have proved to be a perennial rival for the Briarcliff team. And this time around was no different with the Panthers digging in for what became a defensive battle, with neither team able to put goals in the net.

However, as time ran down in the second half, Panther Christian DeJesus was able to make a play in the box, where he scored the game winner that led to the upset of the Bears and their elimination from the tournament.

The good thing about the playoff experience is the Bears learned what works and what did not and they will take that knowledge into this new season, with the goal of advancing to the title game and taking home a sectional title.

Hen Hud girls soccer brings a strong senior contingent

by Rob Caluori

Welcome back to fall sports, where the Hendrick Hudson High School girls soccer team returned to play on the pitch as of this past Tuesday. And there is lots of excitement to be had, along with a few restrictions (as a result of the Covid-19 influence) over fan participation.

As it stands, visiting fans will not be able to attend Hen Hud events, and the viewing is limited to home fans and a controlled population of people. Of course, the athletes are being tested regularly to

ensure that they are virus-free, and the games can be seen remotely via a video internet provider.

Of course, the aim of the Sailors this season is to improve on their overall mark of 10-7-1 of last year, and venture past the outbracket win that they enjoyed in the postseason. The good news for Hen Hud fans is that the Sailors bring back a veteran squad, with players like team co-captain Kira Varada on board for her final varsity campaign before heading off to

Iona College, where she will play lacrosse for the Gaels.

Overall, the Sailors will return 12 seniors to the ranks, in what is the most veteran deep squad that have had in a long time. Sophomore Katherine Couch is with the team, along with junior Sabrina Byrne.

The Sailors will also have team co-captain, Maddy O’Hara, on board, along with Maddy Gough and goalie Iliana Done. Seniors Parker Picolo, Jessimina Moroch, and Liz McDowell will play defense for Hen Hud, while Molly Gibson, Megan Abatemarco and Evelyn Zhimin are strikers with the team. The middle fielder contingent consists of Hannah Stout, Allie Simonetti and Salena Saleme.

A quick look back at the end of the postseason experience saw the Sailors pull off a victory in the outbracket match of the Section 1 Class A championship tournament to qualify for the first round of action. Hen Hud then fell in the first round on Oct. 25.

The No. 13 seeded Sailors opened the post season with an 8-0 win on No. 20 seeded Lincoln on Oct. 23. Erin Clark was the playmaker of the day for the Sailors, with three assists, along with scoring a solo goal. Done was in goal for Hen Hud and held off Lincoln to earn the shutout victory.

Varada had a milestone day for the Sailors, scoring three goals in the match. The effort by Varada gave her sole possession of the single season scoring record for Hen Hud after she scored her 26th goal of the year. The win over Lincoln was supported by goals from Abatemarco and Sam Mager. Jess O’Reilly scored a solo goal and Stout earned one assist.

After beating Lincoln, the Sailors advanced to the opening round of the tournament where they went up against the No. 4 seeded Somers Tuskars. The only problem was that this time around was not as easy as the outbracket phase, with the Tuskars scoring a 5-1 victory eliminating the Sailors from the playoffs.

Varada had the only goal of the match for the Sailors, with Clark being credited with the assist on the play. Done was in goal for Hen Hud and made 11 saves in what was a busy afternoon in front of the net. Somers was led by Karlene Kurtz who scored two goals and made one assist.

Sports

Ossining looks to complete the journey with a state title

by Rob Caluori

The time has finally come for the Ossining High School boys soccer team to enter the pitch and complete the journey by taking home a state title.

Last year was a dream season for the Pride, with the team winning a regional crown and just falling short of taking home the state title, losing to Brentwood in what was a thrilling double overtime match that saw Ossining fall 1-0.

This season, the Pride return stacked with talent and are the favorite to carry out a repeat performance of their stellar record of the 2019 campaign. Last year, the Pride finished with an overall mark of 19-3-1 and were 6-1-1 in league play. By all accounts, there is no reason to believe that Ossining will not start strong again and be just as formidable as last season.

Looking back at the title matches that made Ossining a champion team, it started with the showdown week at the NYSPHSAA regional championships, with the Pride matched up against Monroe-Woodbury in the finals.

The first half of the championship match was played to a scoreless tie, with lots of chatter on the field between the two teams that had resulted in Juan Pablo Estupinan being sanctioned by the referees with a yellow card. However, despite the talk, Estupinan made his point as he backed up the sass by scoring the winning goal that gave Ossining its first regional championship title ever as the Pride prevailed over Monroe-Woodbury 1-0 to advance to the state semifinals.

How they got there

As thrilling as the finals were for Ossining, the semifinal match had much more drama for the Pride as they had to rally from behind to win 4-3 in overtime. And like in the finals, it was the play of Estupinan that made the difference as he scored the game winner at the 85th minute of play to advance Ossining to the finals and the match-up with Monroe-Woodbury.

The big difference in the semifinal match against Section 4 champion Corning was the fact that Ossining’s offense came to life in a big way with Nolan Lenaghan stepping up early before Estupinan finished the match off in overtime.

Playing at the Wright National Soccer Campus in Oneonta on Nov. 6, Ossining opened the competition by drawing first blood as Lenaghan wasted no time in establishing a 1-0 lead by scoring just three minutes into the contest. Just eight minutes later Lenaghan was parked in front of the goal again where he scored off a penalty to double the lead to 2-0.

At this point in the match it looked as though Ossining just needed to play defense in order to advance to the finals. But Corning had other ideas as the team staged a comeback starting with a goal from Seth Grottenhaler with a little more than seven minutes left to play in the first half.

With Ossining lead now one goal, Corning’s Preston Ogunwumi stepped up and used his head to knot the contest at 2-2. The header by Ogunwumi came with four minutes left to play in the first half and would keep the score tied at the break.

The second half turned into a defensive battle early until John Greene broke through for Corning and scored to give the Hawks the 3-2 lead, leaving Ossining in danger of going home without a title. And it looked as though this was going to be the reality as the rest of the half went scoreless until Kevon Evans came up with a huge goal that saved Ossining’s season.

The scene was that there was 31 seconds left on the clock and the Hawks just needed to hold the line in order to advance. Ossining had managed a corner kick that Evans took full advantage of to score the tying goal that would send the Pride to overtime.

In the overtime session it was none other than Estupinan who played the hero as he scored the winning goal at the 4:52 mark of the match to send the Pride to their first regional championship title game.

With all the glory experiences now in the books, the Pride now embarks on a new season, which started on Tuesday, and it is certain that the highlight reels of last season will recur this year.

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Councilman Creighton.

He voiced favor with beginning the SEQRA process, claiming “SEQRA is the only way we are going to get the residents the answers they deserve.”

“It could be very good, it could be very damaging to our community,” he continued. “We need to know” and “not put our head(s) in the sand.”

“I think we should tell AKRF they should not waste any more money, any more time...” commented Councilman Farrell.

The retired printer and lifelong area resident said that Port Cortlandt “would be going in the opposite direction” of other communities along the Hudson River which are seeking greater public access to their waterfronts.

“It just is not the right thing for our waterfront,” he said.

“When we look at what they’ve sent us so far, there really is nothing else they can do to mitigate this.”

Councilwoman Carter noted that she is the only member of the Town Board who lives in Verplanck and, therefore, would be the most impacted by the project.

Yet, “I think we owe this to ourselves” to “listen... to everything they have to offer,” then make a decision, she explained.

She said the Town Board needs to make it clear: “Do something spectacular” in a month’s time, “or it’s done.”

Ms. Puglisi said the board’s stated intent four years ago when it purchased the Con Ed property for a total of \$2.9 million was that it would be used for “recreational and municipal purposes,” the later being a new, consolidated public works facility that would replace heavy operations sites on Roa Hook Road, Arlo Lane and Eighth Street in Verplanck.

“I think we should stick with it,” she added.

“I want to do something that would be beneficial to this community,” Councilman Farrell added. “I don’t want to sell (the property).”

The Verplanck Residents Association had submitted a petition to the Town Board which reportedly contains some 300 signatures against the project.

“I don’t think there is any mitigation (for the project),” said Warren Smith, president of the association. “It’s just not the right spot.”

A week after the Town Board’s September 22 work session, U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, announced that Cortlandt has been awarded \$3.2 million for a new educational/recreation facility on the town-owned property, including related infrastructure improvements, such as access roads and a water line. The proposal was generated a few years ago by the town and requested for federal funding consideration by the Town Board. Ms. Puglisi said “the grant was submitted for our vision of these 99 acres...”

AKRF’s letter notifying town officials that it was withdrawing the proposal, signed by President Michael P. Lee and Vice-President Anthony P. Russo, is dated the day it was received: Tuesday (October 13).

“Our plan was the result of extensive community engagement over the course of a year, including numerous virtual meetings, public presentations, site tours, and a public website. We were inspired by many supporters who shared our vision to promote large-scale renewable energy to address climate change, create local jobs/significant economic opportunities, and secure additional long-term revenues for the Hendrick Hudson school district,” they wrote.

“Our team worked hard to respond to and incorporate the town’s and community’s feedback at every stage; we repeatedly updated site plans, illustrative renderings, and technical analyses, and we remain certain that sustainable, large-scale clean energy is a key component of New York’s future. With the challenges of Zoom meetings and lack of in-person workshops, the ability to communicate this were limited. However, out of our overwhelming respect for the local community, and in consideration of the invaluable perspectives shared with our team, we will suspend our efforts at this time. With the application withdrawn and our work suspended, we will not participate in the previously planned SEQRA (environmental review) process.

Prior to this decision, we started working with One Architecture & Urbanism to develop a master plan for the property that would allow public access to the waterfront and other parts of the town property. We also worked with them to start addressing visual mitigation measures such as the architectural features (for up to a maximum height 45’ tall manufacturing building) and berms/vegetation. On the engineering side, we continued to refine the site plan in deference to community concerns. This included working to gain easements from Con Edison for outdoor storage, so more public access to the waterfront could be provided. We also prepared an FAQ (a listing of ‘Frequently Asked Questions’) addressing concerns raised in recent public forums and meetings.” It was attached to Tuesday’s letter.

They concluded, “We appreciate the time and consideration shown to us throughout this process, and wish the town and its constituents nothing but the best of fortunes for the redevelopment of this property and others that may come before you.”

The three-page FAQ, according to Mr. Lee and Mr. Russo, addressed “community and Town Board concerns” raised in two public virtual forums on August 27 and September 10, and Town Board meetings on August 31 and September 14.

In its FAQ, AKRF maintained that “the project could be developed without impact views from nearby residents and sensitive vantage points” and “the project would not have significant adverse impacts on any residences from noise and would comply with the town noise code.”

Outside storage would not be located near residences or St. Patrick’s Church on Eleventh Street, which faces onto the property.

“At full capacity, the project is projected to employ 300 direct jobs on-site. It is unclear how many of these direct jobs will be current or future Verplanck residents. However, based on the economic analyses submitted to the town in September 2020, the total economic benefit to the Town of Cortlandt at full capacity would be about \$150 million per year, with Verplanck likely to receive some of these benefits,” the FAQ continues.

“The latest concept design limits the crossing of the natural gas pipeline with manufactured products where it is not buried deep to one location, where design measures will ensure the gas pipeline is fully protected.”

There had been concerns expressed by town officials and fellow residents alike about the longterm viability of such a facility. If a turbine manufacturer occupying the plant were to shut down, the site could end up being eyed for redevelopment for a use out of character with the sleepy character of Verplanck, they said.

The FAQ offers no guarantees on longterm viability of the site. But it states that there would be indefinite demand for offshore wind turbine manufacturing “due to the fact that the manufactured product only has a lifespan of 25 years.”

There is no projection of how much revenue would be annually generated for the town, Westchester County, the Hendrick Hudson school district, Verplanck Fire District and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library.

In regard to property values, “Our analyses find the potential adverse effects on surrounding homes due to factors such as noise, views, and traffic are limited and can be mitigated. The project’s potential adverse effects on property values is therefore limited, and is more than offset by the project’s ability to control property tax increases and maintain outstanding public school education. Even for those living closest to the site, the net effect on property values would be positive.”

Another concern has been that Port Cortlandt could prohibit future public access to the Hudson River shoreline in this area. AKRF states that there would be a “waterfront public park of approximately three acres... in the revised concept site plan” which accompanied the FAQ.

As well, “With respect to noise sources associated with the proposed project (e.g., on-site manufacturing operations, project-generated trucks, etc.), our analysis and predictions of project-generated noise utilize a three-dimensional noise calculation model that accounts for reflections (i.e., echoes) in its predictions, so the noise levels described account for the echoes that could occur. Consequently, for the areas where the noise analysis concludes that project-generated noise would be comparable to or less than existing noise levels, that includes the echoes of project-generated noise off of nearby reflective surfaces. Furthermore, to the extent that the proposed manufacturing building or any other structure associated with the project may act as a reflective surface that would generate additional noise echoes, our noise analysis technique is able to determine the contribution of echoes, and can be used to evaluate mitigation for the echoes in the form of noise absorptive treatments to the surfaces of structures associated with the project, as necessary.”

Since the town’s purchase of the 99 acres, officials have considered a few proposals for use of the former clay quarry on the property; its clear water having attracted trespassers for generations during the warmer months. AKRF’s proposed purchase of 54 acres did not include the quarry, which would remain under town ownership—and, presumably, liability. As for public access, the FAQ says the latest revised concept plan “includes a location to view the quarry...”

As for traffic impacts, AKRF has said employees and deliveries to the site could be routed from Route 9 in the city of Peekskill (at the Louisa Street interchange) onto Broadway from the north, avoiding all but a few hundred feet of northernmost Broadway in Verplanck as well as the hamlet proper.

That hasn’t sat well with officials of the northerly adjacent Village of Buchanan. The routing would mean facility-generated passenger vehicles and heavy trucks on the section of Broadway in Buchanan while the village would gain none of the property tax revenue that would be produced by Port Cortlandt.

“In a submission to the Town Board in September, National Resources had offered to build an 8,500-square-foot wellness and recreation center including a gym, exercise studio, locker rooms, and event space,” according to the FAQ. A portion of the building would be “dedicated to seniors with the appropriate amenities and fixtures.”

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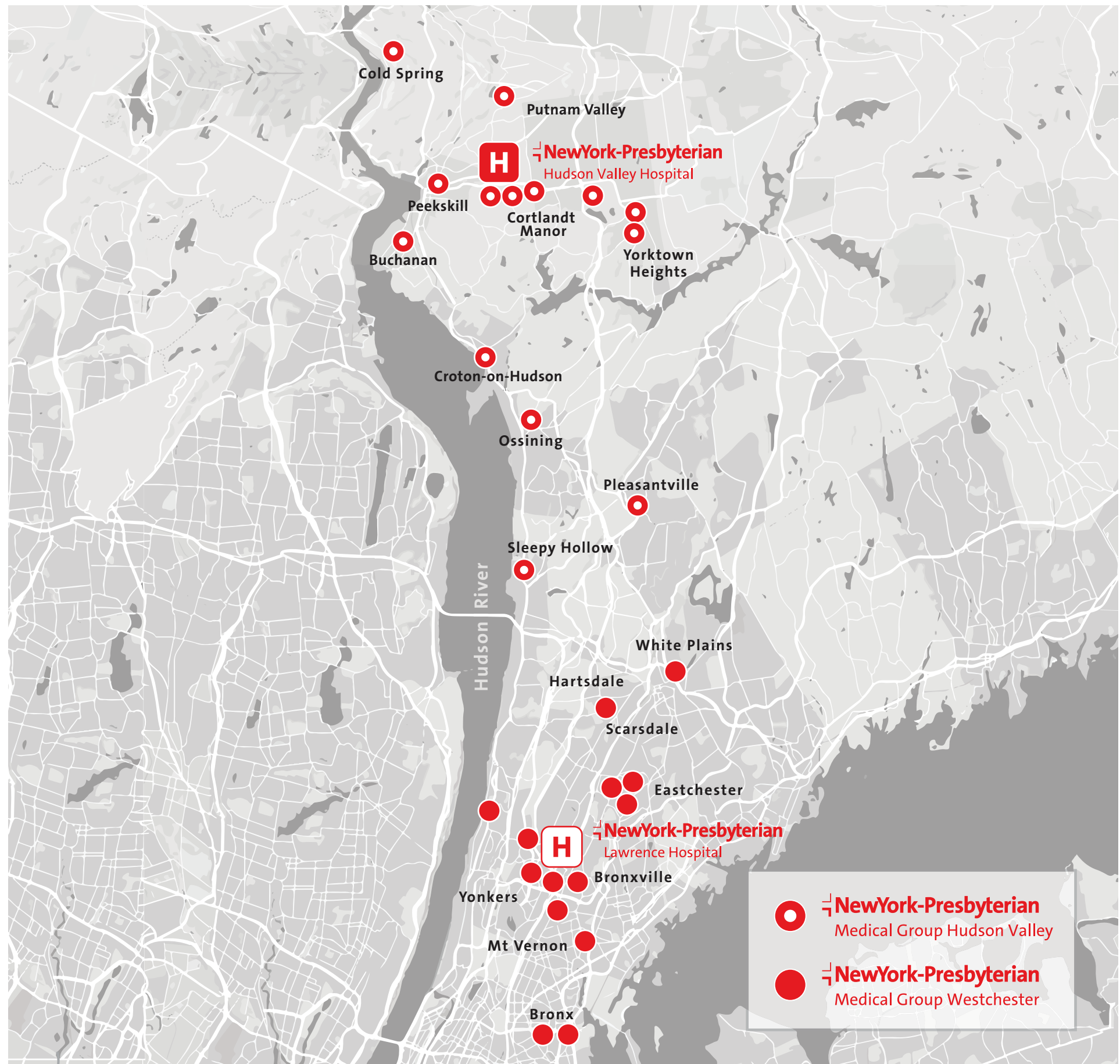
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