Peekskill Mayor Launches Reelection Bid with Diverse Ticket

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina is heading a Republican/Conservative ticket for four available seats on the Common Council in November as the lone registered Republican as he seeks to break up the current Democratic majority. Joined by about 60 supporters along Restaurant Row on Division Street Saturday, Catalina and his three running mates, Tina Fischer, Brendon Fitzgerald and Herbert Reyes, along with Westchester County Legislator John Testa, were introduced by Peekskill Republican Committee Chairman Vincent Vesce.

“We feel very fortunate to offer the citizens of Peekskill such a diverse and exciting group of citizens,” said Vesce, a former city mayor. “This is probably one of the best slates we’ve ever had in the City of Peekskill,” touted Testa, also a former city mayor. “He (Catalina) needs help. He needs this team.”

Catalina, who ousted Democrat Mary Foster in 2013, conceded he thought about not seeking a second two-year term but is confident “we can do so much more with a cohesive non-political Council.”

“We don’t run Peekskill as Republicans or Democrats. We run Peekskill as friends and neighbors to do the right thing,” Catalina declared to a rousing ovation. “We crossed party lines to finally find the right people for Peekskill. We’ve had opposition every step of the way. It hasn’t been easy. I can’t do it alone.”

“Although my running mates are not registered Republicans, they believe as we do that incessant politics should not get in the way of doing the right thing, ” Catalina declared to a rousing ovation.

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Yorktown Relay for Life to Host 10th Anniversary Event Friday

By Rick Pezzullo

Few Relay for Life events in the New York/New Jersey region have proven to be more successful than the annual relay in Yorktown, and no municipality has done it better in Westchester.

At its 10th anniversary event that kicks off Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Jack DeVito Memorial Field behind the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, Yorktown is expected to reach the $2 million mark in funds raised for the American Cancer Society. “Every year it has grown and grown. It has become the thing to do in Yorktown every year,” said Sarah McCannon, community manager for the American Cancer Society. “Yorktown is very unique. I think people look forward to it every year and it has become a community event. It seems like every person in Yorktown knows about the relay.”

About 100 teams with more than 5,000 participants are on track to raise approximately $200,000 this year, according to McCannon, a graduate of Yorktown High School who has raised about $5,000 herself.

“We have amazing team captains that have involved people of all ages. It is one of the best events I’ve been involved with,” said McCannon.

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be injected into every policy discussion as the incumbents do on an almost daily basis,” Catalina said. “These candidates share my vision for Peekskill’s bright future and my plan to get there. They have the integrity to support what’s good for Peekskill regardless of the party label of the person who proposes those ideas. They know that partisanship has no place when issues critical to Peekskill are discussed and vital policy decisions are made.”

Fischer, who is not registered in any political party, worked in Peekskill’s Finance Department for 12 years before leaving in 2012. A lifelong city resident, she lives in the Riverbend condominium complex on South Street.

“I am Peekskill. Peekskill is me,” said Fischer, who lost her husband in a tragic accident three years ago. “I want to help Peekskill. I want to be in the capacity I know best, which is finances. The 12 years I served in the Finance Department provided me with an understanding of what it takes to keep a city financially strong and vibrant so that vital services can be provided in a cost efficient and effective manner. I have seen Mayor Catalina and his administration stop Peekskill’s financial decline but am troubled by the continued opposition he faces by the political bickering of the Foster holdovers.”

Fitzgerald, a registered Democrat, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. A member of the Air National Guard, he works for Con Edison planning gas capital construction projects.

“I feel it is my duty to serve my fellow citizens of Peekskill,” said Fitzgerald, whose grandfather once ran for mayor. “My father and uncles, all Democrats, have told me no one should serve Peekskill as a Republican or Democrat because we serve as neighbors, to do the right thing for our city, regardless of politics. I have seen Mayor Catalina govern under that principle and that is how I pledge to serve.”

Reyes, a member of the Independence Party, has lived in Peekskill since 2005. He has a background in finance, operational overview and project management and currently is operations manager for a New York City transportation company.

“I am anxious to be part of a team that is more interested in working together than what political party I am registered with. I believe that Peekskill’s future is bright and Mayor Catalina’s vision is right on the mark as I support the positive steps that he has taken since he took office,” said Reyes, whose wife is assistant principal at Peekskill High School. “This is a ticket that wants to move forward to progress.”

Despite some obstacles, Catalina said he was proud of the small and big achievements of his administration, such as reducing the size and cost of the planned new firehouse, abolishing fees at the Kiley Center, settling several costly court cases against the city and spearheading seven major construction projects in the works totaling $175 million.

“We have turned the corner and finally have the city headed in the right direction,” Catalina said. “For voters seeking meaningful diversity, I believe our exciting slate of multi-party candidates support the pro-growth policies that our city needs, our citizens deserve and that I have been working to achieve. I will not leave this city until the job is done.”

Meanwhile, late last week the Westchester County Independence Party announced it had endorsed Peekskill’s Democratic slate of candidates, mayoral hopeful Ken Martin, incumbent councilwomen Vivian McKenzie and Kathy Talbot and newcomer Andre Rainey.

“This endorsement was easy for the Westchester Independence Party because of the strengths and successes of the incumbent councilwomen and also because of the fresh perspective and collaborative approach that Ken Martin and Andre Rainey will bring to Peekskill City Hall,” said Independence Party Chairman Dr. Giulio Cavallo.

“Additionally, we were highly impressed with the fact that these four individuals represented a cross section of Peekskill residents. We have full confidence that when elected, they will be able to ensure Peekskill’s progress and do so in a way that is collaborative and inclusive.”

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Yorktown Urged to Approve More Parking for Mohegan Winery

By Rick Pezzullo

Supporters of The Winery at St. George in Mohegan Lake came out in force last week to urge the Yorktown Town Board to approve more parking spaces for the popular social and entertainment venue. Besides the people who showed up at Town Hall, Supervisor Michael Grace said the town received 26 emails all in favor of the winery getting a wetlands permit for 12 additional parking spots on a strip of town-owned land and a portion controlled by the state Department of Transportation.

In exchange for approximately 4,000 square feet of land, the town would receive an identical size piece of property, considered a better quality than the sliver it's giving up, that would allow for the cleanup of a neglected area in the wetlands that leads to Mohegan Lake.

Grace contended the winery and its owner, Thomas DeChiaro, who has hosted fundraisers for Grace, have been unfairly handcuffed by some town officials for political reasons from making needed improvements.

"The saga of the winery has been going on for half a dozen years. We have an opportunity to correct the sins of the past," Grace remarked. "It's been a fantastic business for the town, no doubt about it. Let's try to get this thing wrapped up once and for all. We're here to help businesses."

That sentiment was shared by many speakers, including Dorothea Lascala and Gary Grandstaff.

"It's very beautiful. We need businesses in Yorktown. We should encourage them," Lascala said. "Please approve this. There's no reason not to."

"It's a known place of business," said Grandstaff. "I think it solves a lot of problems. You're not often presented with the best of both worlds."

Councilwoman Susan Siegel, who was supervisor when the former Catholic church building was approved as a winery, said she "totally supported the project" but stressed DeChiaro should not be allowed to cut corners.

"Going into Tuesday's meeting, I was ready to vote for a resolution calling for the town to swap parcels with the Winery so that the restaurant could create more parking spaces for its customers. I saw the swap as a win-win for the town, its residents and the Winery," Siegel explained. "What I didn't know, though, was that a plan had apparently already been worked out by others to let the Winery use the town parcel for an indeterminate amount of time, and without compensation, before the swap, known as alienation, took place. I had a problem with that. If we're going to assist the Winery, then we should do it the right way. The legal way. Letting a private business use town parkland for its benefit is akin to a gift of public funds."

"Mr. DeChiaro waited more than two years before making his swap offer. Had he done it sooner, the alienation process would have been completed a long time ago and the parking spaces would be a reality today. It was his choice to wait," she continued. "This is not political. This is an established process in law."

Councilman Vishnu Patel, who questioned the equal value of the properties being swapped, later joined Siegel in opposing the preparation of paperwork for the permit, but they were overruled by Grace and councilmen Greg Bernard and Tom Diana. An official resolution is scheduled to be voted on next week and the state Legislature needs to weigh in on the alienation and land swap.
Grace Secretary Throws Hat in Ring for Yorktown Town Clerk

By Rick Pezzullo

Longtime Yorktown Town Clerk Alice Roker didn’t get her wish to have Deputy Clerk Diana Quast succeed her without opposition.

The Yorktown Republican Committee announced in late May that it was endorsing Mary Capoccia, confidential secretary to Supervisor Michael Grace since 2012, to challenge Quast, who was nominated by the Democratic Committee.

"For the past three years as the confidential assistant to Supervisor Grace, Mary has been at the front lines of our fight to make Yorktown more business-friendly, pass taxpayer-friendly budgets and the first back-to-back tax cuts, which makes her the ideal person to serve as our next town clerk," said Yorktown Republican Committee Chairwoman Serena Mastro.

Capoccia, a resident of Yorktown for more than 20 years, spent 10 years as a confidential assistant to Supervisor Grace, McCannon said. "Having worked in the private sector for decades, you understand that being efficient and effective in achieving goals is paramount. I look forward to bringing all my experiences together to efficiently and effectively provide the services Yorktowners deserve."

Roker, a former television news producer for NBC, revealed last month she brought in $264,000. Last year, Mother Nature forced the relay to be held Saturday morning. It's amazing, " McCannon said. "A lot of businesses in the town all support our event. I think it happens a lot more in Yorktown."

Last year, Mother Nature forced the cancellation of the scheduled relay and it was held a week later. Still, the Yorktown relay raised $187,000. In 2013, Yorktown brought in $264,000.

Yorktown raises a lot of the money on the day of the relay. It's amazing," McCannon said.

A dinner for survivors and caregivers with food donated by local eateries will get the relay started on Friday at 5:30 p.m. A butterfly release ceremony will take place at 5:45. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. and a moving illumination ceremony to remember those who have died will be held at 10.

Activities and entertainment will be held throughout the night as participants continue to walk around the track and camp out. A closing ceremony will be held Saturday morning.
Freedom Gardens Honors Retiring Longtime President

By Robert Montague

After about 40 years serving as the President of Freedom Gardens, Holocaust survivor and U.S. Army veteran Frank Harris has decided, at the age of 92, to give someone else a chance.

Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped in Mohegan Lake is an organization that allows physically disabled to live in reasonably priced and wheelchair accessible homes. Every year they hold “Freedom Gardens Day,” an event where community members gather to celebrate Freedom Gardens. On Sunday, Freedom Gardens’ residents, family, friends and community members all gathered to honor Harris upon his retirement.

“It’s time for me to give it to someone else,” Harris said.

Harris will be succeeded as president by Ed Herzog, another member of the board at Freedom Gardens. Herzog conceded he was nervous to fill Harris’ shoes but he is confident that the board will keep everything running smoothly.

“Frank has left us in great shape,” Herzog said.

Harris escaped the Holocaust at the age of 13 and traveled to America from his home in Germany in 1939. In the U.S he became a citizen and served in the U.S Army during World War II as a “mess sergeant.

Harris started in Freedom Gardens as a volunteer board member when it was formed in Yonkers in 1958 alongside its founder Lilian Petock. Harris was voted in as President when the land for the Mohegan Lake location was bought. Ever since then he has been a key figure in fundraising and in the organization. Recently he helped guide the expansion of Freedom Gardens’ newest building, the Gary Kleiber building.

Over the years Harris said they never gave up with keeping the organization going. “It has been very rewarding,” he said.

Sherley Pascal was a resident of Freedom Gardens for six years. She said she received great care while living there and she loved it. She would still be living there if her son had not been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

“What a wonderful man. It was such a pleasure to know him and his wife,” Pascal said of Harris.

Daniel Denisco, a resident of Freedom Gardens for nine years said Harris was an amazing man who never stopped working.

“Without him and the board, I don’t know where this organization would be. God bless him,” Denisco said.

“Mr. Harris is a great man,” said Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R-C/Peekskill), who came to honor Harris and announced June 11 in Westchester County will be Frank A. Harris Recognition Day.

“I’m overwhelmed but this is truly one of the greatest awards I have ever received,” Harris said.

After receiving his award, Harris gave his own heartfelt speech, thanking everyone who has been a part of Freedom Gardens with him over the years.

Despite stepping down from his position, Harris has no plans of fully leaving Freedom Gardens. He pledged to continue to help for the rest of his life.
County Board Approves Funding for Municipal Youth Programs

By Rick Pezzullo

The Westchester County Board of Legislators last week unanimously approved more than $1.3 million for youth programs in municipalities, including Cortlandt, Peekskill and Yorktown.

Peekskill was the top local recipient, receiving almost $13,000 for the Leadership Initiatives for Teens (L.I.F.T.) program, and $4,000 for its Youth Boat Building program.

Yorktown will get $4,000 for a Recreation Commission special project, and $3,700 for a youth officer in its Police Department to work with kids in recognizing the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.

The Town of Cortlandt Recreation Department will receive $6,535 for its recreation program and youth employment services.

County Legislator John Testa (R/C-Peekskill), whose district also covers Cortlandt and Yorktown, said as a retired 33-year Peekskill High School teacher he knows the importance of youth programs, especially for at-risk kids.

“When I was a teacher, I saw firsthand how the intervention of after-school programs improved the lives of many of my students,” he said. “Summers and the after-school hours are particularly dangerous times for kids who are unsupervised or who don’t have a strong family support system at home. It is imperative that we support these programs financially. This is an excellent investment in our youth and their future.”

Somers High School Senior Margaux Neborak was the recipient of a new scholarship sponsored by Raymond James and Associates and Somers Custom Framing and Gifts during Senior Convocation on June 4. Posing with Neborak is Angela Holder, Somers High School Fine Arts Leader.

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Barbara Ann Sencen

Barbara Ann Sencen, a longtime resident of Yorktown Heights, died peacefully May 29. She is predeceased by her parents Nickolina and Salvatore and her grandson Michael Jr. She is survived by her husband Robert, her daughter Roberta and husband Mark, her daughter Deborah and husband Michael, her son Robert and wife Lisa, and her grandson Mark Jr. and wife Sarah.

She was an avid reader of romance novels and mysteries and always kept herself busy even when there was nothing to do. She did crochet and knitting and has dozens of plants and flowers to arrange. She loved to cruise the Caribbean with her husband, so much so that they had over 120 trips together not to mention all their other travels. They have friends all over the globe.

Barbara Scaramellino

Barbara Scaramellino, a resident of Peekskill, died at her daughter's home on June 1, surrounded by her family. She was 94.

A homemaker, she was born in Brooklyn on December 1, 1920 to Philip and Josephine Accardi Lombardo. On October 3, 1953, she married Hugo Scaramellino at St. Leonard's Church in Brooklyn. She is survived by three daughters; Louise (Steven) Emma of Hopewell Junction, Joanne (Jack) Christian of Hopewell Junction and Barbara (Domenico) Gaudioso of Mullica Hills, NJ and a sister, Sally Shults. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Daniel and Andrew Emma, Michael and Eric Christian and Michael Gaudioso and a great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Emma.

Jack Mourouzis

Jack Mourouzis, a resident of Cortlandt, died June 1. He was 68.

He was born on November 5, 1946 to the late Avraam and Sophia Mourouzis in Pireaus, Greece. He was the longtime owner and operator of the Pleasantville Diner in Pleasantville. He was an active member of the Pan Gregorian Association. He loved spending time with his family and his grandchildren in particular.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Pauline; loving children Avraam, Demetrios, and Sophia and their spouses Merri, Dorothy, and Carl respectively; his brother Peter and grandchildren.

Samuel DeRocco

Samuel R. DeRocco, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died May 31. He was 93.

Mr. DeRocco worked as a custodian for over 30 years for the Ossining School District at Claremont School. He was born in Ossining on December 23, 1921 to Ruggiero and Comfortina DeRocco. He was educated in the Ossining School System. Mr. DeRocco served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942-1946. On February 27, 1946, he married Doris Campbell. Mrs. DeRocco passed away January 21, 2005. Mr. DeRocco will be remembered for his love for his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, nature and animals. He is survived by two daughters Cynthia Brown and Sandra Evans, son-in-law William H. Brown III, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Darenee Ekmahachai

Darenee Ekmahachai, a resident of Ossining, sadly passed away June 4 after an incredibly courageous battle with cancer. She was 68.

She was born on February 3, 1947 in Bangkok, Thailand to the late Prayode and Lamdub Angsusingha. She worked many years as a Prenatal Nurse at the Ossining Open Door. She is survived by her husband, Sunya; daughters Sunsaneya and Suvida; her son, Sunya Jr.; brothers Charlemnvith, Tanit, Kitt; nieces and nephews; and her grandchildren, Charlotte and Everett. She was predeceased by her brother Parinya and sister Yupayong.

Sabina Modesta

Sabina Modesta, a resident of Ossining, died May 30. She was 93.

She was born on August 17, 1921 and was the daughter of Joseph and Teresa (Trapasso) DeAngelis. She was raised in Ossining, and graduated from Ossining High School in 1939. She was predeceased by her husband Durantino in 1995. Surviving are her nephews Joseph (Nancy) LoCascio, and Frank (Cathy) LoCascio, grandnephews Nicholas (Sarah) LoCascio, and Daniel LoCascio, grandnieces Caitlin (Lincoln) Wallace and great-grandnieces Angelie Wallace. Stepchildren Regina Modesta and Ronald (Eileen) Modesta, and grandchildren Emily and Erin Modesta. She was also predeceased by her sister Enita (Sal) LoCascio.

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Furniture Drive at JV Mall Community Day to Help Needy Families

Furniture Sharehouse, Westchester’s Furniture Bank, is conducting a Furniture Drive as part of the Jefferson Valley Mall Community Day festivities on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture Sharehouse will be seeking to fill its new 18’ truck with donations of basic household furniture to distribute directly to Westchester families in need. The public is invited to bring gently-used furniture in good condition they no longer want or use, including: kitchen tables and chairs, coffee tables and end tables, night stands, lamps and lamp shades, small dressers, mirrors, small microwaves in working condition.

Donated furniture will be collected in Furniture Sharehouse’s warehouse at the Westchester County Airport, and distributed directly to families and individuals in need, including those leaving homeless shelters, escaping domestic violence, struggling with poverty, and recovering from fires, floods, or other disasters. Since 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has collected and distributed over 45,000 items of furniture to more than 8,500 people to help them turn their empty apartments into homes and rebuild their lives.

The new truck to be used at the Furniture Drive was made possible by a generous grant from IMPACT100 Westchester, a women’s collective giving group that awarded its inaugural grant to Furniture Sharehouse in 2014.

Police Blotter

Yorktown Police

May 30

1:10 p.m. – Jonny Tuapante, 31, of Yorktown, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, driving with a suspended registration and disobeying a traffic device following a traffic stop on Route 6.

11:01 p.m. – Angela DiSanto, 21, of Shororock, and Janine Patierno, 20, of Danbury, CT, were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and having an open alcoholic container in a motor vehicle after being observed in the parking lot of the Yorktown Green Shopping Center.

May 31

9:50 p.m. – Jeffrey Combs, Jr., 30, of Yorktown, was arrested following the call of a possible dispute on Old Yorktown Road. Following an investigation, Combs was charged for allegedly restraining an area resident, breaking that person’s phone, attempting to prevent them from calling police and acting in a manner which would likely injure a child.

June 1

7:10 p.m. – Jamal Isa, 53, of Mahopac, was charged following a personal injury accident on East Main Street in which he was injured and transported to the hospital by ambulance. An investigation revealed Isa was operating a motor vehicle with an expired driver’s license, and driving while his New York State driving privilege and vehicle registration were suspended.

June 3

9:13 a.m. – Lisa Piano, 38, of Mohegan Lake, was charged following a two-car accident on East Main Street, near Old Farm Lane. An investigation revealed Piano was driving with a suspended driver’s license. It is also alleged that Piano failed to yield the right-of-way, had improper plates on the vehicle and was operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle.

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Phyllis Vetere

Phyllis A. Vetere, a resident of Mohegan Lake, formerly of the Bronx, Cortland Manor, and Beacon, died peacefully on Mother’s Day, May 10. Beloved mother of Michael and Paula DeStefano who survive her. She was pre-deceased by her son Neil DeStefano and her parents, Angelo and Placida Scalzafaro. She leaves behind her loving sister Maria (John) Catalina and brother Pasquale (Geraldine) Scalzafaro.

An avid animal lover and owner of several pets during her lifetime, she supported many animal charities. She retired after many years from The Guild and once again from the Lakeland School District as a bus monitor who supported special needs children. She will be remembered for her impeccable appearance, her home decorating talents, her crafts, her kindness to everyone she met, her compassion for the children she served, for her love of family and, for her love of animals. She will be missed by all who loved her, including numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandniece and grandnephews who survive her.
35th Annual Village Fair Comes to Ossining on June 13

One of the community's premier events of the year, the 35th annual Ossining Village Fair, presented by the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce, will return to Ossining's historic Main Street on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, June 14th). Highly anticipated by thousands of eager fairgoers who attend each year, the fair reflects the unique character of the Village of Ossining with a wide range of vendors, food, games, rides and live entertainment.

The 35th annual Ossining Village Fair is expected to draw several thousand people with over 200 vendors and a variety of live talent presented on four entertainment stages.

"Last year over 15,000 fairgoers mingled, listened to music, dined, shopped and enjoyed the day in Historic Downtown Ossining," said Gayle Marchica, President of the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce. "We expect the same this year with amazing vendors, diverse cuisine, and live entertainment. Our Village Fair is a celebration of Ossining's diversity and culture and truly exemplifies the spirit and energy of our local businesses and wonderful community."

Fairgoers are encouraged to stop by at the Ossining Chamber booth right next to the main stage on Main Street to pick up an entertainment schedule, meet the Directors, and learn about membership, networking, and programming offered.

As part of this year's fair, the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct will offer tours of the Weir Chamber from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., inviting visitors to descend into the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Those interested are asked to meet at the Weir Chamber at the north end of the Double Arch Bridge near the Joseph Caputo Community Center at 95 Broadway. For more information, contact Jean Horkans at 914-762-4082.

To learn more about the 35th annual Ossining Village Fair, please visit www.OssiningChamber.org or contact John Girolamo, Fair Coordinator, at the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce Office at (914) 941-0009 or john@ossiningchamber.org

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Keeping the Biters at Bay: Creative Tips for Defeating Mosquitos

By Bill Primavera

Now is the time of year when you can enjoy evening meals outside, either on your patio or pool side. I enjoyed that for years before my recent move to a fifth floor condo, where I don’t have to worry about pool upkeep anymore. Maybe it’s the one and only thing I miss about single home dwelling.

I used to love evening dining, contented en plein air as the sun set behind the trees and the sky grew dark, but just when I would feel my most serene, my family and guests were eager to retreat back inside. “We’re getting eaten alive out here,” they would say. Then I knew that mosquitoes had struck again.

Mosquitos can be the bane of the backyard, especially in an area rich in wetlands such as ours. I barely ever noticed the pests, however. Through some fluke of body chemistry, the worst of the biting insects never bothered me. My family and guests are not so lucky.

About one in 10 people can be considered “highly attractive” to mosquitoes, emitting a certain combination of carbon dioxide, lactic acid and cholesterol through their skin that the bugs find irresistible, as I understand it. People who become easy targets for mosquitos include pregnant women, people who have been exercising vigorously, and anyone with an appetizing genetic combination.

On behalf of those most susceptible to being bitten, I suggest an assault on these bloodsuckers every year, but with varying degrees of success. We could spray ourselves with clouds of DEET, and it would certainly be effective, but I would prefer to leave that option as a last resort. Even with all the evidence that chemical is safe when used properly, I dislike the smell of bug spray, especially if the occasion includes an outdoor meal.

For several years we had a bug zapper mounted on the side of our garage. When we installed it we were confident our yard would be insect-free at night. The results, however, were disappointing. First of all, it was depressing to hear one creature after another sizzling to its death. Second, the mosquitos continued to bite my guests as much as they ever had. Our instincts were correct. As it turns out, bug zappers target insects that are attracted to light, such as moths, and these helpful pollinators are exactly the kind of bugs you should not zap.

Mosquitos ignore the light, finding their meals by scent from up to 50 yards away. So my next step was to remove their nesting sites. Mosquitos lay eggs in still water, so any wading pools, rain gutters or bird baths must be removed, drained or agitated. Man-made puddles are even more dangerous to our health than any pond out in the woods because mosquitos that hatch in our midst are more likely to pick up and spread diseases among people. I was particularly concerned about an iron fountain I had in the corner of my patio. It turns out that as long as I kept the small motor running, which in turn circulated the water through the fountain, no eggs would be laid there.

Once you have prevented mosquitos from hatching on your property, you can repel the ones flying in from elsewhere through some creative gardening. Basil, lemongrass and rosemary are all considered effective insect repellents, while being quite delicious to us. Catnip is also a good bug deterrent, although it may make your yard a little too attractive for any outdoor cats. Marigolds deter all sorts of pests, included some of the warm-blooded ones, and they are frequently used in garden beds for this reason.

Citroneila candles drive away many bugs, but sometimes the flame or the melted wax can pose a hazard. In that case, you can substitute citronella oil mixed with coconut oil in a jar, or even a live citronella plant. A jar of apple cider vinegar covered with a lid or layer of plastic wrap with holes in it also drives away many bugs.

Shiny objects are rumored to confuse some bugs, who mistake the rippling light for the surface of moving water. Hanging an unwanted CD or two from a branch might scare mosquitos away during a sunny day. You can also experiment with a Ziploc bag filled with water plus a few pennies, also hanging from a branch.

Finally, before you spray yourself, take a few scented dryer sheets and rub them on your skin and hair. This can mask your scent and make you invisible to mosquitos, especially if they contain the fragrance additive Linalool. At worst, this will prevent static cling and fly-away hair!

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By Neal Rentz

It has been an institution for over a century and the fourth generation family business has come back to Yorktown.

Whitey Berniker, president of Berniker Decorators, said last week his store originally opened in the Bronx in 1914.

A grand opening for its Yorktown store and a celebration for its over 100 years of existence is slated for June 13 from noon to 5 p.m., although the business is already open.

Members of the family-owned business reside in Montrose. They sell blinds, mainly made by Hunter Douglas, which Berniker described as “the premier blind company.” It also sells carpeting, drapery, and fabrics and about 50 percent of its business is upholstering furniture, Berniker said last week.

“We measure, we install, we design, we create,” Berniker said. “You’re always dealing with a family member here at the store.”

“The key to us is that we measure and install everything that we sell except for carpeting,” added Berniker, who has been in the business for about 45 years.

In 1986 the family closed the Bronx and NJ locations and moved the business to Croton-on- Hudson. After a decade in Croton, the business was moved to Yorktown Heights for a decade, where Whitey was joined by his wife, Denise. In 2003, the fourth generation of the Berniker family was added. Whitey and Denise’s son Scott joined the business about 15 years ago.

The business was moved to Katonah, where it was operated for 11 years before deciding to move back to the Underhill Plaza Shopping Center (at a location different from its original center site) recently. The family’s store had been in a shopping center in Katonah where CVS came in three months ago and are in the process of taking over five stores.

“We loved Yorktown. It’s a great area,” Berniker said. “We’re looking to create new friends and relationships.”

One of the store’s ongoing relationships is with the New York Yankees at their new stadium. “We did some upholstery work in the trainer’s room. We put up numerous blinds in an area where the average person doesn’t get to go,” Berniker said.

Berniker said he receives satisfaction from helping his customers. “You see somebody entering the showroom and they have no idea what they’re looking for so we kind of narrow the field,” he said. “A lot of people say they know what they don’t like.” Helping customers often requires shown a variety of types of a product, he noted.

Berniker said he enjoys the finished product of a redecorated home. “That’s what this is about, making people happy,” he emphasized.

Berniker explained the keys to the success of the family business. “We’re honest people. We do the right thing,” he said. “We’re in the habit of showing up on time and creating relationships. There are a lot of people out there who know us from the Bronx and it’s also working with their second generations. We’re four generations into the business but we’ve done work with their second generations already.”

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By Neal Rentz

The Hidden Meadows town house project continues to move forward in Somers as the town board is set to schedule a public hearing on the 53 town house plan while the developer works to obtain other approvals.

Kearney Realty & Development Group and the Housing Action Council are proposing a 53 three-bedroom town house development for 16.7 acres on the southern portion of Route 6 in Somers that would include eight affordable homes and eight affordable apartments in the homes. The town houses would be between 16,000 and 17,000 square feet.

At the request of the developers of the Hidden Meadows project, the Somers Town Board voted unanimously on April 9 to extend the expansion of the Windsor Farm Water District and to send a petition to the Westchester County Board of Legislators asking it to extend the county’s Sewer District #1.

If the project is approved, the Housing Action Council would have a 50-year agreement to keep the eight affordable homes affordable for 50 years. The Council would be responsible for the process to recruit families to live in the affordable homes.

At its June 4 meeting, the town board agreed to vote on June 11 to schedule a public hearing for July 9 at 7 p.m. on the developer’s request for approval of its preliminary development concept plan.

Ken Kearney, president of Kearney Realty, told the town board last week he was in the process of seeking Westchester County’s approval to expand the Windsor Farm Water district and had applied to the Board of Legislators to extend Sewer District #1.

Kearney also said he had applied to the state Department of Transportation and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for his plan to widen a portion of Route 6 and install a right turn only lane and a left turn only lane to enter and leave his property.

He is also seeking state funding that would reduce the cost to potential owners of the eight affordable units, Kearney said. The eight units would be affordable units permanently, even when the original owners moved out, he said. “You can’t flip it,” he said. “You can’t make a profit.”

Kearney said he hoped to have two of the new homes equipped with solar power. Councilman Richard Clinchy suggested that Kearney work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to have solar power provided where possible in the proposed housing complex.

Kearney said he was hoping to have some units able to be occupied by late 2016.

Supervisor Rick Morrissey said the town board agreed with the concept of Kearney’s proposal. “We’re working hard to make this happen,” Morrissey said.

Ken Kearney, president of Kearney Realty, addressed the Somers Town Board about Hidden Meadows, the proposed 53 town house development on Route 6.
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By David Propper

With Steve Katz most likely not running again for New York State Assembly because of a self-imposed term limit, one Republican has already come forward to express interest in running for his seat.

Town of Carmel Councilwoman Suzi McDonough announced the creation of an exploratory committee for the 94th Assembly seat, one that could be packed with GOP candidates vying for the vacant seat in a Republican leaning district. McDonough made the announcement through a press release late last month, stating she’s “seen first hand that New York State is heading in the wrong direction.”

“Whether the issue be property taxes, the SAFE Act or late term abortion, now more than ever, we must stand up as New Yorkers to protect and defend our way of life from Albany overreach,” McDonough said.

McDonough is in the middle of her second term on the Carmel town board and currently is part of state Senator Terrence Murphy’s legislative team. She was also part of former state senator Greg Ball’s legislative office, acting as chief of staff at one time. The Mahopac high school graduate has lived in the district for 50 years and has been involved in a myriad of community organizations. She has five children with her late husband Jimmy McDonough, whose life was cut short due to cancer in 2005.

As a councilwoman, McDonough said in an email she’s made efforts to build improved communication between town departments and residents in order to keep them informed. Working with the town board, she and other councilmembers created a new garbage district at a lower price, pushed for capital improvements at town hall and established a new town website and emergency notification center.

When asked over email how she thinks Katz has done in office, McDonough said, “I am going to run a positive campaign focused on the issues. I intend to leave the politics to my opponents.”

As a staunch advocate for term limits, Katz has previously and repeatedly said he won’t run for reelection after this term expires. During a swearing-in ceremony at the Old Courthouse in Carmel last New Year’s Eve, Katz pointedly said, “This is the last term that I’ll be serving.”

Katz beat Democrat Andy Falk in 2014. He first burst onto the political scene back in 2010 when he earned his first term in the assembly. The district represents parts of Putnam and northern Westchester.

“I can tell you that there’s nothing probably more important in ridding us of the corruption that is rampant up in Albany than term limits,” Katz said during Putnam’s inauguration. “There are some others, too, but trust me term limits can’t be more important. I am term limiting myself out, I challenge the rest of my colleagues to do the same.”

McDonough said she announced her interest in the seat earlier than usual in order to take the time to meet with as many residents as possible in Putnam and northern Westchester. She also noted that her campaign would be entrenched in a grassroots movement.

“I can never keep up with the Albany money machine and party politics,” McDonough stated. “Honestly, I’m more interested in organic support from real people, friends and my fellow neighbors, with real concerns.”

Carmel Councilwoman Suzi McDonough.
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Bordeaux: Pleasure For the Elite or Staple For The Bourgeois?

Bordeaux. Wait. Stop. Don't turn this page. I know the word Bordeaux can elicit very mixed emotions – and facial expressions – every time it's uttered or printed on a page. The wine world at large has done such a good job in promoting the mystique and elusiveness of high-end Bordeaux wines that the general public has become intimidated by the aura of this wine region.

But allow me the opportunity to change the public perception of these wines. They are not all aloof and formidable, nor are their prices necessarily in the stratosphere. They do not all require decades of aging in expensive wine cellars, to be drunk only on special occasions, or worse, never to be drunk, but purchased solely for bragging rights or as showpiece in the homes of the elite.

In fact, many of these wines are approachable, affordable and drinkable at a young age. Thanks to modern technology and dramatically improved winemaking techniques, Bordeaux wines have gone through a renaissance of quality and dramatically improved winemaking techniques, Bordeaux wines have gone through a renaissance of quality and price.

I would not have had this opinion recently as ten years ago. Overwhelmed by the lofty prices of the top wines and the questionable quality of many of the remaining wines, Americans shunned Bordeaux wines.

And the French didn't help their case for popularity. A classification system, set by government decree over 150 years ago, conferred honors on a small handful of wineries; the remainder wallow in general anonymity.

How can a consumer wade through the morass of unfamiliar French producer names and locales? If only the French would devise a means to identify quality wines and communicate those so designated in an uncomplicated and easily discernable fashion.

In an unprecedented move, winemakers in a segment of the Bordeaux region have established such a process. As they transition from an image of exclusivity to bourgeois, from wine for the elite to wine for the masses, a consortium has evolved to represent these winemakers. A large swath of unclassified Bordeaux wineries and growers are located along the Gironde River. Those on its left bank, in an area referred to as the Médoc, numbering nearly one thousand, have formed a government-recognized consortium dubbed the Alliance des Cru Bourgeois du Médoc.

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

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.  Swimming Lessons: American Red Cross Swim Lessons are offered in our indoor warm water pool by certified instructors in Peekskill. All levels are offered and private lessons are also available. Classes are conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call Terri, manager of the Society Hill 2 Recreation Center, at 914-737-4909 for more information.

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

Wednesday, June 10  
Fitness Program The POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914-960-4097.

Breast Cancer Support: A Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group: For women who have or had breast cancer at a young age meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Yorktown offices of Support Connection, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.supportconnection.org.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for $2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of $1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0030 of www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, June 11  
Arts Council Exhibit: The Ossining Arts Council’s Annual Member Show will be held through June 28 at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. The annual members show is a cornerstone of the OAC’s mission to provide a place for creative expression and spirited dialogue between artists and art patrons. The show celebrates both emerging and established talent and will feature some of the best work of well-known local artists. Artists interested in participating in the show should visit the OAC’s Web site, ossiningarts council.org for more information.

Field Gallery Exhibit: The exhibit Jo-Ann Brody, Musings: Works in Clay will be held through July 31 at the Field Gallery, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-1212.

Our Addicted Daughters: Loving Our Addicted Daughters Back to Life will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. The program will be presented by Linda Dahl, local author of “Loving Our Addicted Daughters Back to Life: A Guidebook for Parents.” Registration is required. Call the library at 914-232-5717 or register online at www.somerslibrary.org.

Temple Beth Am Programs: Two programs have been scheduled for this week at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl., Yorktown. Come to Beth Am for an informal conversation with the Jewish community on the issues that affect our lives at Wine with Weiner, which will be held on June 11 at 7:45 p.m. With welcoming wine (or other beverages people bring), Rabbi Weiner facilitates a fascinating “laid-back” discussion while bringing us closer as a Jewish community. Congregants and non-congregants alike are invited to take this journey with our Rabbi. No previous knowledge is required, and all backgrounds are welcome. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or e-mail him at rabw@optonline.net. All are welcome to a Tot Shabbat on June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Filled with movement, music, and ruach (spirit), Rabbi Robbie and Rebbezin Ellen help bring in the Shabbat with that special “Shabbat Spirit” followed by a Shabbat dinner. The only cost of the dinner is a Shabbat Shalom smile. To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail Rebbezin Ellen at RebbezinEllen@gmail.com.

Friday, June 12  
Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 914-4216 Ext. 315.

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center at the Yorkton Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher. Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Judy Collins Concert: A Special Night with Judy Collins will be held at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Tickets are $49, $59, $69 (including all tax/fees) and are available at the box office or by calling 914-739-0039 Ext. 2.

BeanRunnerEvents: Two performances have been scheduled for this weekend at the Bean Runner Café, 201 S. Division St., Peekskill. Sundial will perform on June 12 and the Eric Parson Trio will perform on June 13. Both performances are slated for 8 p.m. and admission to each is $10. Info: 914-737-1701 or beanrunnercafe.com.

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

Old Mill Singers: The Old Mill Singers chorus will present its spring concert “Hits From Billboard to Broadway,” featuring popular and classical pieces on June 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. at Ossining High School, 29 S. Highland Ave. (Route 9). Selections include “Pompeii,” “The Sound of Music” and “Forever Motown” and music from Taylor Swift. Adults: $15; Seniors: $12. Children (under 12): $5. Info and tickets: 917-318-8941, visit www.oldmillingers.org or visit the group's Facebook page.

Saturday, June 13  
Lunch & Learn: A Shabbat service/ Lunch & Learn, a lively discussion of the weekly Torah, will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Hebrew Congregation of Somers, located at Cypress Lane and Mervin Drive. Info: 914-248-9532.

Lincoln Program: The Putnam Valley Historical Society's new program, Our American History, will begin with Mr. Lincoln's Secret Trip to West Point with Historian and Author Anthony P. Czarnecki at 10 a.m. at the Putnam Valley Historical Society Museum, 311 Peeksilk Hollow Rd. Info: info@PV10579 or 914-949-4679.

Love: “Love,” an exhibit about varying aspects of love in the 20th and 21st Centuries in paint, installation, video, and sculpture is being held through Dec. 6 at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. Artists include Alzamora, Barney, Bereca, Brenner, Brickley, Edmier, Feuerman, Gutheil, Hacker, Indiana, LeDray, Majic, Mapletonthorpe, Neshat, Newsom, Otterson, Ozbolt, Pretzer, Ritterpusch, Ruckhäberle, Sadler, Tomasula, and Wathen. Info: 914-788-0010 or www.hvcca.org. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Picnic: Attention 30- and 40-somethings, Join Catholic in Real Life for a picnic with the Hudson from 1 to 4 p.m. at Croton Point Park. Kids are welcome. RSVP to CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com or Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life.

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which provides free programs and services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, announces a free program: “Yoga-A Path toward Wellness.” It is offered every Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Club Fit, 600 Bank Rd., Jefferson Valley. The program is open to women with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Ossining Farmers Market: Down to Earth Markets is holding the Ossining Farmers Market outside at the corner of Spring and Main Streets. The market runs every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com for vendor details, events, and other updates at Ossining’s Down to Earth Winter Farmers Market.

Overeaters Anonymous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anonymous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-2488.

Sunday, June 14
Tag Sale: A Tag Sale and Raffle to benefit the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, located on Crompond Road and Loretta Street, across from FDR Park. All proceeds will benefit the JCC’s Yorktown branch preschool. The event will be held rain or shine.

Ambi Art: Ambi Art! with Donna Mikkelsen will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art 1701 Main St., Peekskill. Have you ever tried drawing with both hands at the same time? Come give your brain a workout as we experiment with ambi doodles and quadra doodles. Donna has been an ambi artist for over 20 years. Info: 914-788-0100 or www.hvcca.org. HVCCA is also on Facebook.

Monday, June 15
Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1’s. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

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

Tuesday, June 16
Blood Drive: The Church of the Holy Spirit, 1969 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt, will hold its summer blood drive from 3 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. To schedule an appointment call the parish office, 914-737-2316, or e-mail holyspiritchurch1969@verizon.net. Walk-
Goal or No Goal?

Debate Still Rages After Yorktown’s NYS Semifinal Loss to Manhasset

From the streets of Yorktown to the depths of cyberspace, folks far and wide still clamored for answers as to why referees went with a “no-call” on the controversial goal above that propelled Section 8’s Manhasset to a 10-9 NYSPHSAA Class B semifinal victory over then-defending NYS champion Yorktown last Wednesday at Middletown’s Faller Field. The debate continued for days via video on Twitter and Facebook where a 50-50 split (or thereabouts) did little to clear things up. All that mattered in the end was Indian Matt Gavin’s disputed goal with .5 seconds remaining, which ended Yorktown’s dream of repeating for the first time since the 1993 three-peat, and lifted Manhasset to the state finals where it was beaten, 17-8, by first-time NYS Class B champion Victor of Section 5... see Boys’ Lax Notebook
By Tony Pinciario

Nicole DeMase realized after a season of youth softball that she wanted to try something different.

"I was in third grade and I remember telling my dad I didn't like softball," said the Somers' senior, with a laugh. "He told me that it was okay and that I could try something different."

DeMase explained that Somers had youth lacrosse programs for girls and boys so she traded in her glove, bat and helmet for a lacrosse stick. It did not take DeMase long to grasp the sport and, in turn, make a decision that would impact her life and the Somers' varsity lacrosse program.

Softball’s loss was lacrosse's gain as DeMase dedicated herself to the game and in eighth grade, and made a pact with herself.

"At the end of eighth grade, I knew that I didn't want lacrosse to end after high school and I wanted to play in college," DeMase said.

DeMase fulfilled her goal as she will attend Johns Hopkins next fall and play lacrosse. Before DeMase receives her high school diploma later this month, she was instrumental in leading Somers to the NYS Final Four and state-title game last weekend.

Somers (19-3-1) defeated Section 5 champion Victor, 14-8, in a New York State Class B semifinal last Friday at SUNY Cortland to become the first girls' lacrosse team in program history to play for a state championship. Even though Section 11 champion Eastport-South Manor defeated Somers, 15-8, in the final, it does not diminish what this team and program accomplished.

DeMase said she was thrilled when then co-coaches Colleen Carney-Cannon and Jamie Irving promoted her to varsity.

"I wanted to make varsity my freshman year so bad that when they told me it showed that they had the confidence in me to play at that level," DeMase said. "At the time, Coach Irving was in her second year as a co-coach and she, along with Coach Carney, were doing everything to build up the program."

Following her first two years on varsity, DeMase knew that the program was ascending and it was only a matter of time before Somers reached the elite level.

"Our first two years we went further and further in sectionals," DeMase said. "Freshman year I was just happy to be part of the team and sophomore year I wanted to help the team and contribute to the team's success and going further than the previous year."

DeMase and her teammates accomplished this. Last year, Somers won the first Section 1 girls' lacrosse title in program history. The Tuskers lost to Burnt Hills in a state-regional game, but vowed to surpass that game this year, resulting in a historic season.

"My sophomore year we saw we had the potential," DeMase said. "It felt amazing to repeat this year, especially against..."
By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

There will be rage for years, decades, as a matter of fact, any time it’s brought up in Yorktown circles. The disputed “no call” will linger like an incurable scourge, festering in the minds of the Yorktown High lacrosse family, a sports entourage 50 years strong, and 50 years sour, after last Wednesday’s 10-9 last-second loss to Manhasset in the NYSPHSAA Class B semifinals.

State-ranked (No.4) Yorktown, the defending state champions, scored twice in the waning minutes to erase a 9-7 deficit, but Manhasset’s Matt Gavin gobbled up a loose ball just outside the crease, dove into the crease area with two Huskers defenders riding his tail, and scored as time expired at Middletown’s Faller Field Complex. TV replays showed the ball going in with 0.5 on the clock; that there was no disputing.

There was, however, ample discussion as to whether or not Gavin should have been called for a crease violation and/or contact with the goalie, as replays show he clearly violated the crease area and projected himself toward Husker G Liam Donnelly prior to contact from either Husker poles Dan Del Bene or Tyler Maker.

Granted, in the heat of the moment it might have been the eighth such title in Cornhusker history. Section 8’s state-champion Huskers were banking on overtime to pull out a miraculous come-from-behind win, rather than a loss that was as crushing as the Huskers’ 7-6 loss to Syosset in the 2008 semis.

“I felt like we had all the momentum and were gonna win it in OT at that time,” the UMBC-bound Baker said after scoring twice and assisting on a third tally. “But things went differently and there’s nothing we can change about that. I’m just proud of the heart our team showed and nobody can break the bond we’ve made over the years.”

Yorktown was on its heels much of the night, dealing with Indian All-American Tyler Dunn. The Penn-bound monster notched a game-high five goals, added two assists and did his best Trevor Baptiste imitation by winning 19 of 22 faceoffs. (Baptiste set the NCAA record for faceoff wins by a freshman this season and also won 72% of his draws, best in D-I)

Husker All-Section M Nick Del Bene led Yorktown with two goals and two assists. Yorktown sophomore Justin Cavallo (sorry about the misspelled name last week, never happen again) was a beast once again, delivering two goals, including one with 1:35 left to bring the Huskers within one. Senior Billy Strassman had a goal and senior Logan Peters dished an assist for the 38-time Section 1 champion Huskers.

Somers enjoys NYS Final 4 win, Falls Short in Title Game

Somers’ Coach Jamie Irving now has consecutive titles for the memory books, and she thanked her captains -- Emily Englert, Christine Olert, Diana Bradbury and DeMase -- as well as her seniors for exhibiting incredible leadership.

“I am so incredibly proud of my team,” said Irving, who will be getting married this month. “To be able to compete in a state championship game is something every athlete dreams of and strives for and my girls made that dream a reality. They became a family and took this team to a whole new level. They have created memories that will last a lifetime.”

Even though DeMase is graduating, she is planning a trip to SUNY-Cortland next June to cheer on Somers.

“I’m sad that I will not be able to play Somers’ sports again, but this team has so many returnees next year and they will only get stronger,” DeMase said. “Hopefully, they will go further and win a state title next year, which will be exciting for them and the program.”

With a solid cast of returnees next season, that’s the plan.”

— Ray Gallagher contributed to this story
The sweetest ride in the short, 14-year history of Somers girls’ lacrosse came to a sudden halt in the NYSPHSAA Class B championship where the state-ranked (No.6) Tuskers were stopped dead in their tracks by state-ranked (No.3) Section 11 champion, Eastport-South Manor, who took home top honors after a 15-8 title-clinching triumph last Saturday at SUNY Cortland where the Tuskers competed in just the second lacrosse state championship game in school history (2003 Somers boys). Somers reached the state finals after Friday’s 14-8 semifinal win over Section 5 champion Victor, and led by super soph Livy Rosenzweig (above), who scored seven goals and dished three assists at the Final 4, the reloaded Tuskers are hoping to return to the same stage next season. see Girls Lax Notebook