

# Yorktown Auto Body Shares Its Success With 10K Customer

By Bill Primavera

When Arthur Robbins arrived at Yorktown Auto Body with his wife Gwen on Wednesday, July 30, to pick up his GMC Envoy, he was greeted with balloons, cheers and a \$4,200 check, the amount of the repair bill.

Owner Perry Gusikoff told the Robbins that they were his 10,000th customers and that their prize was equal to the amount of their repair.

"I'm in a state of shock," said Robbins, "Nothing like this has ever happened to me. I just can't believe it"

"Wow, this is wonderful," added Gwen Robbins, "we've never won anything. And this is great for Arthur who's just been recovering from a health issue.

What a surprise!"

Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace commented that Yorktown Auto Body "is a great community business member. Perry came to town five years ago and really made his operation look great. He has contributed consistently to the town in special ways like this. We're very happy to have business leaders like him among us."

Gusikoff responded, "This is our way of saying 'thanks' to the community that has been so great to us in the five years that we have been here. We like doing things like this," adding jokingly, "and with 10,000 jobs in five years, there must be a lot of bad drivers in Yorktown, but we're happy to help them out!"



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Celebrating the 10,000 customer at Yorktown Auto Body are (L-R:) Owner Perry Gusikoff, Arthur and Gwen Robbins and Yorktown Supervisor Michael Grace.

# Senate Hopeful Wagner Releases Final Portion of Tax Plan

By David Propper

Cutting taxes and making the Lower Hudson Valley affordable have become talking points of this year's campaign cycle for candidates vying for state office. Justin Wagner certainly isn't the exception to that rule.

Wagner, a Democrat running for the 40th district senate seat, released the final part of his proposed three point tax plan last week, outlining certain ave-

nues that could lead to taxes potentially decreasing for residents in the region. The three points include a constitutional amendment stopping new unfunded mandates, ending Medicaid mandates on county governments and streamlining the process and attempting to provide relief for localities that deal with pension spikes.

He said two of his points address the overwhelming crunch currently felt by

local governments, and the other point is to stop that spike once those governments get it under control.

By putting an amendment in place to prevent unfunded mandates, Wagner references a senate bill sponsored by a Democratic senator and Republican senator that would create a new state council that would decide on whether new state laws would create a headache for local governments and if so, bar the mandate

from being passed down.

"Our region pays some of the highest property taxes in the country and the real driver are mandates from Albany," he said. "So my premise is if Albany has a good idea, Albany should pay for it and they should stop using local government as a piggybank."

Wagner also wants to streamline Med-

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