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District Voters to Determine Fate of Building Upgrades Referendum

By David Propper

Hoping to “upgrade facilities and take care of longstanding problems,” the Brewster Central School District is putting a building renovations referendum to a vote less than two months from now on Dec. 9.

The Brewster Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution last Tuesday that allowed a \$38.9 million proposal to go to district voters to address building issues at Brewster High School, CV Starr Intermediate School, JFK Elementary School, and other various projects within the district. Stemming from a report presented to the board by the district’s facilities task force at its meeting a couple of weeks ago, the expansive renovations have been considered by board members and district parents that

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

From left to right, board vice president Sonia Mesika, board president Stephen Jambor, and Superintendent Tim Conway sit at an Oct. 21 board meeting where a \$38.9 building improvement referendum was approved to go to voters.

Deskovic Wins Lawsuit Against Putnam, Former Sheriff’s Investigator

By David Propper

After years of waiting for this moment, Jeffrey Deskovic finally heard the verdict he hoped would eventually come.

A federal jury awarded Deskovic, an exoneree from a 1990 criminal trial in which he was wrongly convicted of murder and rape, \$40 million after finding that former Putnam County Sheriff’s investigator Daniel Stephens coerced Deskovic into a false confession and made up evidence. Because of an agreement reached between Deskovic and Putnam County before the trial, the county only has to pay \$10 million to him. If the jury found in favor of Stephens, the county still would’ve had to pay \$6 million.

“I was very, very emotional,” Deskovic said in an interview. “It was the first jury verdict I heard since I was wrongly convicted back in 1990 so it was definitely emotional for me.”

“I feel totally vindicated,” he added.

Only 16-years-old at the time, Deskovic was accused of killing a Peekskill High School classmate and spent 16 years in prison for it. Eventually, he was freed by DNA evidence in 2006 and another man was found to have committed the heinous crime.

In Deskovic’s opinion, Stephens was the most culpable in sending him to prison. From the jury’s findings, prior to Deskovic’s arrest, Stephens conducted an aggressive 6-hour polygraph test that eventually led to a false confession.

The jury also found Stephens fabricated evidence. While DNA on the body of

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Officials Join Forces to Bash Pipeline at Peekskill Rally

By Rick Pezzullo

Representatives from municipalities directly affected by a proposed expansion of natural gas pipeline banded together Saturday in Peekskill to vehemently oppose the controversial project.

"This pipeline is frightening. It is not safe for our communities," said Courtney Williams, a cancer research scientist and member of Concerned Peekskill Residents (CPR).

"This pipeline is bad for animals, wetlands, humans, particularly for children and the elderly," said Nancy Vann of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion. "We all stand together. We're a family of cities and towns."

The Algonquin Pipeline Project proposed by Spectra Energy Corporation would run from Stony Point, under the Hudson River, through Peekskill, Cortlandt, portions of Yorktown and into Southeast, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The proposal, which is being reviewed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), would remove an existing 26-inch gas pipeline and replace it with a 42-inch one.

State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D/Ossining) was the highest ranking official to appear at Saturday's rally at Pugsley Park. She said what was particularly disturbing about Spectra's plan was the siting of the pipeline under



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Opponents of the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion gathered last week to blast the proposal. One of the speakers was Assemblywoman Sandra Galef.

extreme high pressure right next to the Indian Point nuclear power facility in Buchanan just 1,500 feet away and its 40 years of spent nuclear fuel rods.

"I think we're all here to say no we have energy right here. I think we have to continue to put the pressure on. Don't give up," Galef said.

During a FERC public hearing in Cortlandt last month, opponents of the pipeline presented FERC with a petition

containing more than 26,000 signatures. They were countered by about 200 union laborers from Westchester and Rockland counties clad in bright orange shirts who supported the project for the jobs it would create.

Several speakers at the rally in Peekskill contended Spectra wasn't being forthcoming with vital details about its plans.

"I think they know what's in these pipes

and what it will do to our communities," Williams remarked. "I believe Spectra is lying to us when they say this pipeline is safe. Produce the data that will allow us to sleep at night."

"Spectra is playing games with us," maintained Cortlandt Councilwoman Debbie Costello. "We can't trust them. We have to keep fighting them."

Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel, a retired IBM scientist who has been the most vocal opponent of the pipeline on his town board, the health and safety risks from the pipeline are alarming.

"We can't afford to put this in the air, in the water and in the ground," Patel asserted. "I promise to keep up the fight that I started in June. Nobody is going to buy my vote."

Other speakers included Peekskill councilmen Joe Torres and Darren Rigger, Cortlandt Councilman Seth Freach, congressional candidate Chris Day and State Senate hopeful Justin Wagner, who lambasted his opponent, Yorktown Councilman Terrence Murphy, for voting to send a resolution to the state Legislature seeking permission to alienate parkland for the pipeline.

"This really is about the future of our children. This is about the future of our communities," Wagner said. "We have to continue to fight this. Only by speaking out can we make a difference."

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Row of Honor Set for Upcoming Veteran's Day



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Approximately 30 people were present yesterday afternoon when County Executive MaryEllen Odell officially opened the 2014 Veteran's Day Row of Honor as they gathered on the shoreline of Lake Gleneida in downtown Carmel. Veterans Service Agency Director Karl Rohde (at podium above) led those gathered in a moment of silence before introducing Odell and thanking her for her strong support for those who have served their country. This is the fourth Row of Honor that has been erected since it was first launched for Memorial Day in 2013. The Row of Honor is a project of Putnam County's Joint Veterans Council. Money raised through annual sponsorships of Veterans Day and Memorial Day flags is used to fund special veterans' projects. The Council is planning to bring the Traveling Viet Nam Memorial Wall to Putnam next September as part of the Viet Nam War Commemoration to mark the 50th anniversary of the war and the 40th Anniversary of the end of the war. The flags, installed as a reminder of upcoming Veterans Day on Nov. 11, will remain on site until Nov. 21. Flags can be purchased for \$100 apiece through the County's Veterans Service Agency. A detailed map of the Row of Honor was designed by the Brian Austin and Kristen Douchkoff of the County's IT Department. The map lists in numerical order those who are being honored and can be found on the County website at www.putnamcountyny.com. To date, there are 140 flags in the row with several more soon to be installed.

Feed Barn Catches Fire Overnight Friday



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A fire ripped through and destroyed the Feed Barn in Mahopac overnight Friday, marking the second time in less than a month a business in the area has caught fire. According to the Mahopac Fire Department, the company was dispatched to a commercial fire alarm overnight to fight the blaze. Calls were put out to the Mahopac Falls, Mohegan, Somers, Brewster, Putnam Valley and Croton Falls fire departments to fight it. The Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services was also on the scene, as well as Carmel Police and the county's Sheriff Department. The Route 6 business is located in Mahopac Village Center and is a pet supply store. It has two other locations in Brewster and New Milford, Ct. Other stores near Feed Barn were affected but the damage wasn't as devastating. Another Mahopac business, the Olympic Diner caught fire a few weeks ago and is still closed, though the fire was not as serious.



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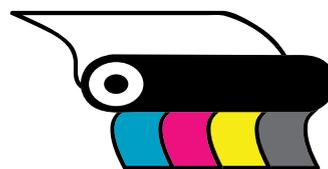


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After Just Four Months, Mahoney Resigns from School Board

By David Propper

Less than a year into his term as a part of the Mahopac Board of Education, Brian Mahoney has resigned from his position, according to a post on the district's website.

During a special meeting of the board of education on Oct. 20, it was revealed Mahoney made the decision to leave the board due to "pursue personal interests." Mahoney was elected by write-in vote back in May during a tumultuous time for the school board following derogatory comments made by former school board president Raymond Cote.

Cote, who was up for reelection this past May, decided not to run after it was discovered he called a parent a "chubby-wubby" when talking to a fellow board member. Mahoney stepped up to run last minute, in hopes of attaining one of the three open board seats. Mahoney and two board incumbents earned seats, while district resident Roger Bell couldn't garner enough write-in votes to snag a spot.

Mahoney is in his 18th year as an educational leader professionally, serving as the head of two private schools in the area. He was also a middle school principal at a private school and actually taught at the Austin Road Elementary School, instructing 5th grade.



Former Mahopac Board Trustee Brian Mahoney.

Mahoney could not be reached for comment prior to press time Monday night.

He said during an interview last May when weighing his school board run, "It's important for the board and the community to have a representative on the board that has the experience, that has the knowledge that matches the expectations that we find throughout the Mahopac community."

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murdered Angela Correa did not match Deskovic, the assertion during the criminal trial was Correa had consensual sex with someone before she was killed. That argument could only be made because Stephens claimed Deskovic told him the killer may not have ejaculated, but Deskovic denies ever saying that.

When Stephens was on the stand and testified, Deskovic said he believes Stephens came across as "very cold and uncaring." Stephens said while testifying that he didn't feel remorse for his part

in the conviction because he felt he did nothing intentionally wrong.

Stephens is an elected Putnam County coroner. According to his testimony, he actually sued the county at one point and won so he could assume that position. He also considered at one point running for sheriff, according to testimony.

The verdict in favor of Deskovic ends a lawsuit that he brought to federal court in 2007. Deskovic settled with Westchester County for \$6.5 million and with Peekskill for \$5.4 million.

Putnam County Attorney Jennifer

Bumgarner said \$6 million of the money paid to Deskovic would come from insurance, while the other \$4 million must come directly from the county. The Department of Finance would determine where that pool of money comes from.

Now that all the litigation from his lawsuit is over, Deskovic will focus on making his organization, The Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice that helps free the wrongly convicted, sustainable and possibility begin law school to become a lawyer himself.

District Voters to Determine Fate of Building Upgrades Referendum

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have attended recent meetings.

Board president Stephen Jambor said the upgrades would provide students with a "21st century learning environment in every building in the district."

The proposal is expansive and involves a wide-ranging number of projects. It includes putting a new roof on the high school and the CV Starr School, a six-classroom addition at the JFK School and four-classroom addition at the CV Starr. Additionally, a new ventilation system would be installed at the CV Starr School and replaced windows and doors at the JFK School, while the high school would get a new concession stand and a new innovative library.

"This has been building for awhile," Jambor said of needed renovations. "This didn't just happen overnight, but we had to measure it, we had to be thoughtful about this."

Putting the proposal to the voters, Jambor acknowledge the district needed a "defensible case," one that was achieved by seeking input from various and many stakeholders.

The additional costs would be \$7 for the typical homeowner in Southeast, \$8 for the typical homeowner in Patterson and \$9 for the typical homeowner in Carmel each month.

Superintendent Tim Conway said the cost is "pretty small." He added, when a resident considers what they usually spend \$7-\$9 on every month, when it comes to investing that in school buildings, "we hope the community will think long and hard about this and provide some support."

The original price tag was just above \$40 million, but the district was able to knock off a couple million after taking a second look at everything and minimizing expected costs that Conway said were rather generous projections at first.

Conway said building conditions in part of the district are dreadful. There are buckets in classrooms and hallways in the high school and the ventilation system at the CV Starr is of such poor quality, Conway said, "I'm confident that no one would want to work in that environment, let alone get taught in that environment."

The Garden Street School, now empty, was examined for possible renovations, but it was determined the costs would be too steep for what the district would get in return. The sale of the building is still being worked out.

Polls on Dec. 9 will be open from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. the question on the ballot will simply state, "Shall the Board of Education be authorized to go forward with this project?"

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State and Congressional Endorsements

Murphy's Experience Key in Nasty Senate Race to Replace Ball

Neither Republican Terrence Murphy nor Democrat Justin Wagner have distinguished themselves in one of the nastiest campaigns in recent memory where issues have been overshadowed by juvenile jabs and a barrage of pointless media attacks that reinforce why so many people are disgusted and turned off by politicians.

Both candidates have a tough act to follow in the 40th Senate District trying to replace Sen. Greg Ball, who made an infamous name for himself with some zany antics, and both have made it difficult with their unscrupulous tactics to cut through the minutia and find some substance in what they're attempting to relay to voters who have been subjected to these follies for nearly two months now.

To highlight the hysteria generated through their campaign by sound bite, the last point in the proposed Women's Equality Act, which would allow for late-term abortions if the mother's health was at stake, has been so exaggerated by both sides for political gain it's a sad commentary on the two candidates.

The problem is this race carries great significance in the balance of power in the state Senate and thus can't be taken lightly, which is why so much

money has been pumped into both candidates' campaigns by political action committees. What voters have to decide on their own is which candidate has the experience and strength of his convictions to be an effective representative for his constituents.

Based on those factors, with five years on the Yorktown Town Board under his belt, as compared to no public service by his opponent, it is recommended that Murphy be given the nod for the two-year Senate seat.

During his time as a councilman, Murphy has been staunchly "pro-business" and tackled head-on the drug problem in the region before it was garnering headlines.

Wagner, rightfully so, has taken Murphy to task for not being in the forefront of opposing the planned natural gas pipeline expansion in northern Westchester, but, at the same time, Wagner has distorted Murphy's record on the issue. Murphy, and the other three members of the town board, voted to ask the state legislature for permission to possibly alienate parkland for the pipeline. It was a vote to justify the process.

Meanwhile, Murphy did vote to support a resolution calling for strict health and safety conditions

be imposed on Spectra Energy if the federal government okays the pipeline. The anti-"Murphy Pipeline" effort has really just been misguided hype.

On the issue of hydraulic fracturing, Murphy has been clear in his opposition, yet Wagner, who said he would vote to support a moratorium bill and a ban on fracking, also remarked "if there's a way to do it safely and create jobs, let's do it."

It's not the first time that Murphy has sought higher office, having come up short twice for county legislator, while Wagner put a major scare in Ball two years ago when he lost by only a few percentage points.

In a race that's tough to call, and with a lot at stake, having someone like Murphy in Albany who won't have to start from square one in learning the ropes, as a novice like Wagner would, could be more beneficial to constituents in the district in terms of getting necessary funding that communities have grown accustomed to expect with Ball.

Wagner seems to have good intentions in running for office, even stating he would quit his job with a top law firm to serve in the Senate. However, his inexperience in government is glaring and impossible to overlook.

Falk Best Choice for State Assembly over Katz

When Patterson resident and local attorney Andrew Falk ran for the 94th assembly seat in 2012, he was a newcomer on the political scene. Describing his campaign as a snowball

that kept gaining momentum two years ago, but just couldn't outlast opponent Steve Katz, Falk hopes this time the mountain is steep enough to replace the Republican incumbent.

Just like two years ago, we endorse Falk for state Assembly because of his message of fighting for middle class families and common sense and even handed approach to social issues. Two ways Falk wants to make life more affordable for Northern Westchester and Putnam County families is by providing tax rebates to those companies that hire more employees and to raise the minimum wage, which is very much needed in a time where life expenses continue to rise, making it impossible to live in the area on such small salaries.

As a father of two young sons looking to pay off his mortgage like many Hudson Valley homeowners and run a law firm located on Brewster's main street, Falk seems to grasp the real issues at hand.

Katz, in the meantime, has done good things for veterans and seniors, which is why he's been able to win two consecutive elections. His calls for ethics reform and criticism of corruption in Albany should be commended. Rarely

do politicians speak their minds, but Katz is refreshing for the fact he says what he means. That being said, his continuing onslaught against Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver is not helping his district. Yes, it's time for Silver to be pushed out. That's something Democrats and Republicans should be able to agree on. But Katz can't seem to talk about the issues at hand without bringing Silver into it. He's even tried to link Falk to Silver regarding campaign donations, but according to Falk he has gotten donations from the Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee and State Democrats, which is fairly common in races.

It was also inexcusable when Katz voted against legalizing medical marijuana, then embarrassingly got caught with pot possession on his way to the State Capitol to cast votes, and then reversed his stance on medical marijuana following the incident. Voters should demand more out of their representatives. That's why Falk should get your support for the 94th Assembly. With the hope that Falk is independent from his own party, but still willing to work with everyone, we wholeheartedly recommend Falk for election.

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State and Congressional Endorsements

Gipson Deserves 2nd Term in State Senate

With the help of two right-wing candidates splitting the vote in 2012, Terry Gipson was able to pull through by 2,100 votes to earn the 41st district seat. The political newcomer and Democrat wasn't even endorsed by Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo, but still found a way to edge former state Senator Stephen Saland. This year, going up against Republican Sue Serino, Gipson's record warrants another term up in Albany. While Gipson's district covers most of Dutchess County, he also represents three towns in Putnam and has shown support for those parts of the county. Gipson, after visiting Kent Primary

School, was made aware of the need for a new playground for young children in the Carmel School District. He was able to bring back a \$100,000 grant to Kent for a new Imagination Station about a year ago. In Putnam Valley, Gipson was able to secure \$1 million in funding for the Pudding Street overpass project and has pushed the state department of transportation to make it a priority. Learning of the issue at a local town board meeting, Gipson has consistently appeared before town board and even the county Legislature for updates and discussion. When representing his district up in

Albany, Gipson has shown his desire to pass meaningful legislation. The Vampire Voting Act, which prevents voting by the lawmakers after a certain hour of night, is just one example of his push for greater transparency and separating from the business as usual done in the state's capital. His opponent, Sue Serino, who serves on the Dutchess County Legislature, has a message that focuses on controlling taxes so the young and old can remain in Lower Hudson Valley, and create jobs through economic development. Her life story is remarkable, going from being a single mother on food stamps for a short

time to having her own small business in real estate to rising in political office. She started on a town board in Dutchess and moved up to the Legislature. In this race, four other Republicans were running at one point, but three of them dropped out to make way for Serino. An Oct. 6 Siena Poll released showed Serino is up by 12 points against Gipson. But before voters cast their ballot on Nov. 4, they should examine the work Gipson has done, and, in this case, pay little attention to party affiliation considering the incumbent's willingness to be bipartisan for the betterment of his district.

After Two Years of Bipartisanship, Maloney Should Earn Reelection

The 18th congressional race between incumbent Sean Patrick Maloney and challenger Nan Hayworth has been an entertaining one. Both have gone back and forth putting the other one down, from Maloney calling Hayworth a "Tea Party radical" to Hayworth accusing Maloney of being a "Washington insider." All that nonsense aside, voters within the district should select Maloney to be their representative for another two years. This election is unique because both candidates have had the chance to represent the

Hudson Valley in Congress. Hayworth served from 2011 to 2012 and Maloney the past two years. When comparing records, Maloney should be given the edge for the way he reached across the aisle numerous times. He has also been responsive to issues that directly impact residents in his district. For instance, after a Dec. 1 train crash, Maloney acted to put in place legislation to make those rails like Metro-North safer. After the troubles surfaced regarding Veteran's Affairs hospitals, Maloney introduced the Disabled Veterans Red Tape

Reduction Act, which allowed veterans to have medical examinations done by physicians outside the VA system. And now he is taking on FERC and the new capacity zone raising energy prices at an unreasonable rate. While Hayworth is not the suggested choice, there's little doubt about the hard work she's put into helping Hudson Valley residents and she's made this race closer than many originally thought was possible. Some critiques she makes about the Affordable Care Act are valid, and cosponsoring the REINS Act--meant

to control regulators like FERC--deserve praise. While Maloney, without mercy, has labeled Hayworth a Tea Party candidate, her campaign seems to suggest a more moderate approach. But when asked directly if she is a Tea Party candidate, Hayworth deflected immediately, never answering the question. Voting Hayworth back into office might have been a more tempting option if the representative in place was ineffective, but, overall, Maloney has proven to be a skillful and independent advocate for his constituents.

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Letters To The Editor

Veteran Services Continue to Improve Under Odell Administration

For years it has been my contention that Putnam County is the best county in the state for Veterans. There are a host of reasons that cause me to make this claim from our Veteran Memorial Park with its wonderful monuments dedicated to our Veterans to our Veterans Residence a unique place for our Veterans to escape the fear of homelessness. Just to name a few reasons. It would never have crossed my mind that Putnam County could become an even better county for Veterans.

With the swearing in of MaryEllen Odell as County Executive on November 11, 2011 things have gotten better for our county's Veterans. (Yes, she asked permission of the county's Veterans to

take the oath of office on Veterans Day.) The first time I met our County Executive was when she became a member of the Gold Star Mothers Monument Committee. With little fanfare for herself she worked tirelessly to bring the project to fruition.

What has she done for Veterans recently? Well this honorary Veteran (a title bestowed on her by the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council) has been busy further improving the life for Veterans. She has created the amazing Row of Honor that graces Lake Gleneida every Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The funds raised have gone to local Veterans projects such as a Purple Heart Monument, the return of the Moving

Vietnam Veterans Wall and Honor Flight. She has escorted a World War II Veterans on an Honor Flight. MaryEllen established a special D-Day Celebration this year. Through her executive influence she has encouraged an expansion of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency. The Agency now reaches more Veterans than ever. This is through outreach and the creation of a Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program. Without her encouragement and approval none of this would be possible.

Does MaryEllen do this to garner favor and votes? Fair question. For a recent vacation of a lifetime she traveled to Europe to meet with her son who was studying abroad. Did they do all the cool

things as they traveled to France? No, they followed the path of Easy Company 101st Airborne Division as it fought through France after D-Day. Yes, the real life company depicted in the miniseries "Band of Brothers." MaryEllen's love for service members and Veterans is real and sincere. Once more Putnam County is the best county for Veterans and MaryEllen Odell has done a great deal to make that possible and to advance our county's outstanding treatment of Veterans.

Karl Rohde
Founding Chairman Putnam County
Joint Veterans Council

Sam Oliverio Best Vote for County Executive Office

Life-long Putnam County resident Sam Oliverio has a strong record of public service. Sam fought to protect Peekskill Hollow Road from needless, destructive re-construction and "improvements" that would have changed our neighborhoods and lives forever. I worked with Sam to pass the Historic Road Preservation Law and 12-ton thru-truck weight restriction for PHR. Sam fought for us then and I believe he'll lead Putnam as County

Executive with integrity and needed vision for the future.

Sam supports real property tax reform, so essential to help people of modest means afford homes and lives in Putnam County. Public education shouldn't be financed by taxing our homes, forcing many out, but by income, the ability to pay! The wealthiest have received the lion's share of NY tax cuts since 1972, putting ever-increasing property tax and

other financial burdens on average folks and its high time the little guy and gal got a fair shake!

Many choose living in Putnam County for its beauty, healthy environment and priceless water that must be protected. These issues are central in Sam's platform, as is integrity in government, serving the public rather than special interests and connected few! People are fed up with self-serving and corruption in government

(and elsewhere) and none should be tolerated. We need representation of, by, and FOR the people, not special interests, and making our voices heard by voting can make the difference. I believe Putnam's best interests are served by electing Sam Oliverio County Executive.

Victor Tiship
Kent Cliffs

Othmer Praises Odell, County's Highways and Facilities

I am the highway superintendent for the Town of Kent. I am writing to the newspaper to share with you—and the public—certain experiences I have had with Putnam County's current administration, more particularly, the County Executive, MaryEllen Odell, and the County Highway and Facilities Department.

As a direct result of the current administration's efforts, including the use of an inter-municipal agreement between the county and Kent, the town has realized significant savings while continuing, without interruption, the daily order of

business and the completion of various capital projects. As but a few examples, when the town's salt storage shed's roof collapse, the county assisted the town in helping to arrange, through the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), more specifically with the assistance of Lance MacMillan of Region 8 NYSDOT, permission for the town to store its salt supply at the NYSDOT storage facility on Ludingtonville Road until the town could re-build its salt storage shed; when the town needed the use of certain heavy equipment in connection with the Highway Yard expansion project and

other road projects throughout the town, the county loaned the town a heavy duty high-low trailer, 22-ton excavator and a 10-ton roller to use on these projects. The town would have been unable to complete these projects without the collaboration, support, and on-going cooperation of MaryEllen Odell and Putnam County's Highways and Facilities Department. The town could not afford to rent, let alone purchase, such capitol equipment and it is estimated that the savings realized by the town in this regard is upwards of \$36,000.

Additionally, as a direct result of MaryEllen Odell's continued support and alliance with the town and through county's coordinated efforts, the town and the NYSDOT worked together on the town's capital Highway Yard expansion project at the town's highway department, and the town, together with the county,

collaborated with the NYSDOT to assist in cleaning up an oil spill within the town limits—again demonstrating a working relationship amongst the town, the county, and the state—a partnership wholly supported by MaryEllen Odell.

In closing, I would like to thank the county executive and her administration, particularly Fred Pena and John Tully for the support and good working relationship with the town and anticipate a long standing and continued relationship with the county. I also want to thank Lance MacMillan and the NYSDOT in collaborating with the town and the county to obtain a common sense and money saving solution by combining resources in order to benefit all Putnam County taxpayers.

Richard Othmer
Town of Kent Highway Superintendent



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Letters To The Editor

Candidates on Democratic Line Are Best Choices for Putnam

For those of us who complain about taxes and the inefficiency of local and state government, this is an important election. Interim elections directly impact our quality of life. Our State Senator, Terry Gipson, has been a responsive and effective leader. We need to keep him in Albany.

We have two terrific candidates in adjoining districts for State Assembly, Andrew Falk, and Justin Wagner, who can help us start the process of making the state accountable to the residents.

And on the county level, we can bring technology and efficiency to the County Clerk's office with a vote for Lithgow

Osborne. I can imagine how much the employees would like a well-run department.

For County Legislature, Jeff Green is running in the Kent, Patterson district. He will bring integrity, intelligence and transparency to the county. We know that he will always tell us the truth.

Your vote counts, and we can have the government we want if we participate locally.

Dawn Powell
Lake Peekskill

Maloney's Stellar Record Warrants Another Term in Congress

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney is facing a rematch in his run for re-election against Nan Hayworth. She has tried to play down her Tea Party involvement but her recorded record during her two years in office continues to follow her – although it surely looks like she wants us to forget that record. Some examples of why she did not serve her constituents well in the Hudson Valley.

1 - She voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act – never saying what better idea she or the Tea Party had to replace it with.

2 - She voted to privatize Social Security.

3 - She voted to give multimillionaires like herself a tax break in 2011 and then voted against middle-class tax

cuts – six times.

4 - Never said what she would do about US companies who ship jobs overseas & do not pay taxes.

5 - And what about the high cost of student loans – did she ever do anything about that?

6 - She wanted to cut funding to Amtrak – the very important rail service that serves the Hudson Valley.

To follow are just a few things Congressman Maloney has done so far in his two years in office:

1 - Has supported making smart investments in infrastructure to create local jobs by modernizing and repairing local unsafe roads, bridges & transit systems. Keeping jobs here in his district – not sending them overseas.

Here are some of the things he has fought for and money's he has brought into the district for local projects - \$1.4 Million to improve Stewart Airport, \$42 Million for building new barracks at West Point, \$2.9 Million for a new runway at Orange County Airport, \$2.4

Million to homeless veterans and their families, \$625,000 for youth anti-substance abuse.

Initiatives & \$155 Million for disaster relief for the Irene, Lee & Sandy storms.

2 - Is fighting the Tea Party's attempts to privatize Social Security or make cuts in Medicare.

3 - Is against raising student loan rates & supports raising the minimum wage.

4 - He has expanded better crop insurance for local small farmers.

5 - He has helped untangle red tape for Veterans who need help.

6 - Has written commuter rail safety legislation that has become part of the larger Railroad Safety Bill in Congress.

Congressman Maloney has proved to be fighting for all his constituents in the Hudson Valley – not just the select few. His record to date easily proves this. He has worked hard for us all and will continue to do so. He deserves our votes on Election Day!

Joyce Blum
Garrison

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Letters To The Editor

County's LNRC Back Republican Candidates for Multiple Offices

The Latino National Republican Coalition (LNRC) of Putnam County is pleased to announce its endorsement of United for Victory: Rob Astorino for Governor, Nan Hayworth for Congress, Terrence Murphy for State Senate, Mary Ellen Odell for Putnam County Executive, Michael Bartolotti for Putnam County Clerk and all other GOP endorsed candidates representing Putnam.

Putnam County is home to a growing Latino community and represents a large and ever-expanding population segment of New York residents of Latino heritage.

The Putnam County LNRC was founded in April of 2014. All Republicans are welcome to participate. Two of the LNRC's objectives are to recruit, promote and encourage qualified Latino-Americans who are registered Republicans to seek office at all levels and to elect Republican candidates to office.

As a Hispanic Republican, I know at times it can be difficult to get our message across. Hispanics are looking for a strong economy that promotes a better quality of life for all Americans. We are looking for candidates that support the foundation of

family. It is our belief that Team Putnam offers a solid and promising choice for our community and our county's future. Rob Astorino, Nan Hayworth and MaryEllen Odell support our veterans and have committed to the mission of inclusion of Hispanics in the Republican Party.

The LNRC is proud to work alongside Team Putnam to make our county more economically viable and safe for all residents, and to make our government more inclusive and reflective of our growing Latino community. I urge all Americans to get out and vote Team

Putnam; a solid choice for our county's future on Election Day.

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Edwin Alvarez
Chairman, LNRC-PC

Julisa Medina
Vice- Chair, LNRC-PC

Concerning Environmental Issues, Certain Candidates Way to Go

As someone who has been studying the dangers of hydrofracking and pipelines for several years, I am extremely concerned about the coming elections. Some candidates for election have led the fight for preserving our air and water quality and reducing global warming, while others have shown little regard for the facts. This letter is to acknowledge those candidates who cared enough about their neighbors to educate themselves and publicly take a stand.

Justin Wagner and Andrew Falk, candidates for State Senator and State Assemblyman, asked many questions and did a great deal of research. Falk

went even further and visited the fracking fields of Pennsylvania to speak with those whose lives have been devastated by fracking. Wagner and Falk both support establishing a ban on fracking in New York State and making sure that independent safety and health impact assessments are conducted before considering approval of the AIM pipeline.

That proposed pipeline is only 1,500 feet from Indian Point's 40 years of radioactive spent fuel rods; close to two seismic faults; intersecting with two proposed 1,000 megawatt electrical power lines; 450 feet from an elementary school; close to an historic

church; and passing through residential neighborhoods. That is absurd.

Sam Oliverio, a legislator for 18 years, who is running for Putnam County Executive, led the successful effort to have Putnam County be the first county to pass a resolution calling for safeguards. Oliverio and Dini LoBue, legislator from District 8, have worked tirelessly to protect their constituents, showing that a Democrat and a Republican can, indeed, work cooperatively.

Wendy Whetsel, currently on the Putnam Valley Town Board and running for Putnam County Legislator in District 2, has long been a supporter of environmental safeguards. In my

conversations with her, I have been impressed by her extensive knowledge and efforts to educate the public about a variety of environmental threats.

Justin Wagner, Andy Falk, Sam Oliverio, Dini LoBue and Wendy Whetsel are truly people of great integrity. They deserve the support and, most importantly, the votes of all who care about the health of their family and their neighbors.

Jerry Ravnitzky
Mahopac

Odell Credited for Pushing Brewster Revitalization Project Along

I am the Mayor of the Village of Brewster and feel compelled to shed light on how vital MaryEllen Odell is to the success of Brewster's Revitalization Project, in no small part, because of the cooperative efforts of the County of Putnam, its County Executive, MaryEllen Odell, with the Village of Brewster.

The mission of the Brewster Revitalization Project has, and continues

to be, to enhance the growth, along with the economic and social vitality of the Village of Brewster by implementing strategies and positioning resources that are leading to a renewed community, with the expectations that will, among other things, favorably impact housing for local residents, increase revenues to local businesses and fortify the sense of community and improve the

attractiveness of Putnam County.

Through the collaborative effort of MaryEllen Odell and "Team Brewster" the Village of Brewster was successful in garnering funds through the formal application, particularly, the Consolidated Funding Application. The project received \$22,500 in funding for urban planning, central to the success of the project.

I want to thank MaryEllen Odell and

the County of Putnam for the support, collaboration and assistance to the Village of Brewster in its endeavor to revitalize our local community—a place we call home—and look forward to our continued partnership in making the project a continued success

James Schoenig
Mayor of Brewster

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Letters To The Editor

Golf Course Improves Greatly Under Odell Administration

As a long time Putnam resident I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion about the Putnam County Golf Course. As an active person I try to take advantage of all the things that Putnam has to offer, I regularly ride the bike path and hike the many beautiful trails throughout the county. Unfortunately, in the past the golf course had a lot to be desired with mud everywhere and cart paths that could have passed for

tank traps. The course now under the control of Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell has had a fabulous turn around. Improvements in the drainage system has cleared up the course, cart paths have improved, trees are being cut back and dead ones removed. The amount of people playing the course is at a steady increase and the rates for county residents are reasonable (Westchester courses hammer non residents). The Pro

shop and services are first rate, but that's just the golf. The Friday barbeques have become a big success with \$15 all you can eat and live music. Special dinner and a show are planed for the fall. We recently had our daughter's bridal shower in the main ballroom and were very happy with the food and the service as well as the beautiful setting. The paved parking lot made getting in and out so much easier and the ladies didn't have to worry about

ruining their shoes. The Putnam County Golf Course has been revitalized and the credit goes to the great staff and the vision of Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

Tom and Peggy Lynch
Mahopac

Dedicated Odell Understands Needs of Putnam Residents

As a resident of Mahopac for the past 73 years, I would openly like to declare my support of MaryEllen Odell for the position of County Executive.

Ms. Odell has had three years of experience in the office of County Executive. In this short time, the amount of progress made in the County is the most I have ever seen come out

of the County Executive's Office. When MaryEllen was on the Putnam County Legislature, she was a doer; backing up her words with action. Now, MaryEllen as County Executive is making a difference once again. The list is long; providing services to the seniors, making veterans a priority, keeping our roads safe and clear, working with the energy companies to

get power restored during the hurricane, revitalizing downtown Main Street in Brewster, refurbishing and rebranding the county golf course and restoring Tilly Foster Farm to a farm for the people!

MaryEllen has a good understanding of the needs of the people in the County and does her best to meet those needs while maintaining a fiscally responsible

approach. She is trustworthy, honest and dedicated in investing precious hours required for this office.

I am confident that MaryEllen is the only deserving candidate for the office of County Executive.

Kurt Beger
Putnam County

'Tough' and 'Impatient' Cuomo Looks to Win Second Term

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going to replace the Tappan Zee in 1999 but after 430 meetings and \$88 million spent, there was no concrete plan.

"My belief is that if we could build it in 1955, it can be built again in 2011," he

said after taking office. "If you think we can't do this, recuse yourself. I don't want you involved. I'm not here to continue the state's culture of failure. I'm not interested in why things can't be done. I don't buy the same old, same old reasons for not trying.

That thinking ends now."

Hochul said it is that attitude and blunt approach that may rub some people the wrong way, but there's a reason for it.

"He's very impatient," she said. "He wants it done yesterday and we all understand

time in public life is something that we both treasure and look at as a privilege, and while you're in office you have to use every single day to continue to have the faith of the voters."

Locals Praise Astorino's Concern for Community

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the people and they're so happy to see him, so just having him there makes a difference."

Whearty said he introduced Astorino, while he was president of his senior class, to Kevin Plunkett in the halls of Westlake High School. Plunkett, then an attorney for the school district, lead a leadership workshop with students, including Astorino. For the past five years, Plunkett has served as deputy county executive under Astorino.

Astorino is frequently described by those who know him as a family man. Gelardo said she frequently runs into the county executive at the supermarket or at church with his children.

She said he wants to make sure his family's life is as normal as possible, despite a highly visible position in the county and this high-profile campaign, but she believes that the transition from elected official to community member is seamless for him because he feels most comfortable when mingling with

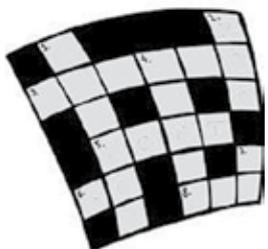
neighbors.

Although Astorino is the cousin of one of Gelardo's best friends, she didn't know him until he joined the town board while she was working as an administrative assistant to former supervisor Robert Meehan. At the time, she was impressed that somebody his age was able to be so polished. She said she isn't surprised Astorino is running for high office because he was always able to handle himself in the public eye so well.

While Astorino has achieved political

success since she first met him in the 1990s, he hasn't changed much, which to Gelardo is the most important factor in his continuing popularity in the town.

"I've known him for so many years and I've seen him in different positions ... different circumstances, and he's always Rob and I think that that goes a long way," she said. "That's what makes him the person that he is, because I don't think that he's going to let any of this really change him."



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Sheriff Offers Halloween Safety Tips

Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith is reminding all Putnam County residents to be especially careful during the evening hours of October 31, as many of our young people throughout the county will be out and about celebrating Halloween or Harvest Fest. Parents are urged to follow the following safety tips

1. Costume Tips:
 - Face Paint is safer than a mask – and it's more fun!
 - If your child does wear a mask, make sure it has adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision.
2. Trick-or-Treaters should:
 - Wear some sort of reflective clothing.
 - Carry a bright orange bag.
 - Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
 - Walk on the sidewalk or on the left side of the road facing traffic.
3. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult:
 - Either a parent or older child should stay within close range and never let the children go down a street by themselves. Walk with the children to each house and wait in the driveway or by the door until the children return.
4. Older children should always travel in pairs or groups – they should:
 - Never venture down dark, empty streets.
 - Let parents know their route.
 - Always walk together to the front door

- of each house.
 - Never run across yards or streets.
 - 5. Avoid dark, unlighted houses:
 - Never go to the door of a house that seems unoccupied or has no outside lights on.
 - 6. Children should save all candy until they get home:
 - Parents should closely inspect all candy and throw away all unwrapped or opened candy or suspicious looking goodies.
 - 7. If your child becomes ill, call your doctor or emergency room IMMEDIATELY!
 - Try to determine what the child has eaten and where it came from. Save all wrappers.
 - 8. Avoid fire hazards:
 - Remember – your jack-o-lantern and any other electrical decorations can be a fire hazard. Keep them out of the reach of small children and away from flammable materials.
 - 9. Never leave your house unattended:
 - An empty house on Halloween is an invitation to trouble. If you have to leave your house, make sure all the doors are locked.
- Sheriff Smith noted that the Sheriff's Office, the State Police, and local police departments plan to have an increased number of patrols on duty during the evening of October 31st. Community organizations like REACT (Radio

Emergency Associated Communications Teams) will also have volunteer members out to act as extra eyes and ears for law enforcement.

The Sheriff expressed that he wanted youngsters and families to enjoy the traditional festivities and fun associated with the evening in a safe manner, but said that patrols would not tolerate actions of lawbreakers who compromise other's safety or perpetrate mischief. "Children dressing up in cute costumes, getting treats, bobbing for apples—those are positive parts of the night. But causing mischief and damaging or defacing other people's property—those are very negative activities that will be enforced to the full extent of the law."

The Sheriff reminded residents to dial 911 to report any emergencies. For non-emergency calls, citizens should use the following telephone numbers for law enforcement agencies serving Putnam County:

- Putnam County Sheriff's Office 225-4300 or 265-9551
- New York State Police 279-6161
- Town of Carmel Police Department 628-1300
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Business of the Week

By Neal Rentz

The Halloween season is a special time at Smalley's Inn in Carmel.

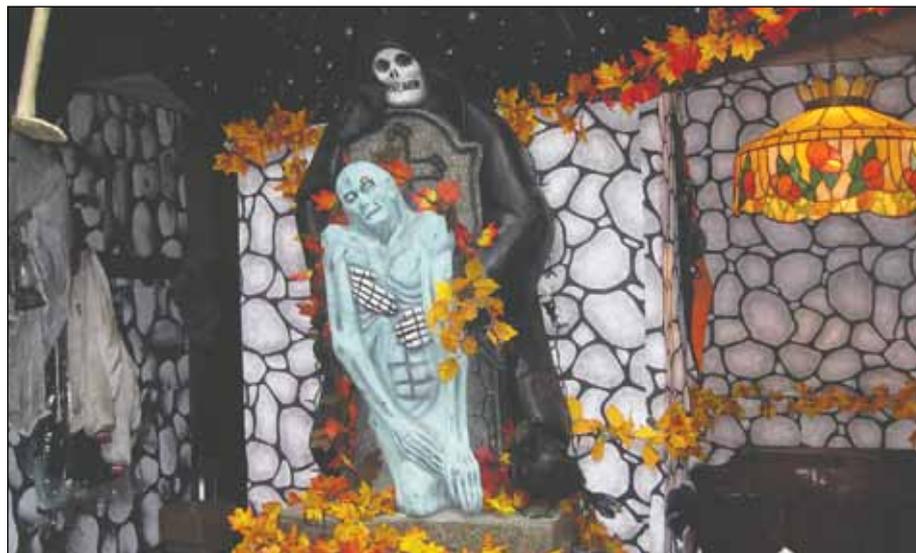
The exterior of the restaurant, which originally opened in 1852, is decorated for the season and the dining area resembles a haunted house you could find in an amusement park. The area is loaded with decorations and mechanical ghouls and zombies that can speak to the customers. To add to the flavor of the season, actors are dressed up in scary costumes after 5 p.m. and blend in to the dining area making them difficult to distinguish from the mechanical monsters.

If you patronize the eatery you may also be joined by other worldly characters, because according to its owner, Smalley's Inn is haunted. "We have nine spirits in this building," restaurant owner, Anthony Porto Sr., who lives in an apartment located above his establishment, said last week "And I have pictures to show it."

Hisson, Anthony Porto Jr., is responsible for putting together the popular annual Halloween season displays, which are up through early November every year. It takes six to eight weeks to put up all the Halloween decorations.

Porto has owned Smalley's Inn since 1968. Porto has been working in the restaurant industry for most of his life. "I

Smalley's Inn Carmel



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The interior of Smalley's Inn is decorated for the Halloween season, an annual tradition for the Carmel restaurant, which opened in 1852.

was born into it," he said. "It's hard work, no kick."

The inn was opened by James Smalley, who was a dominant figure in Putnam County government in the 1800's. "He was the sheriff. He was the postmaster. He was the undertaker. He was the tax collector," Porto said. "He wore all the hats, all at one time. That's how they did

it in the 1800's."

Smalley's work as the undertaker relates the haunting of the restaurant, Porto said. Spirits have a home at the restaurant, Porto said. "They're here all the time. They don't go and come," he said.

In 1852 Smalley purchased all the property on the block and opened the restaurant. At the same time he worked for the county in many capacities including being the undertaker. During the Civil War for anyone from the area who died in combat "all the bodies had to come to Mr. Smalley," Porto said, adding the basement of the restaurant was used as a morgue because it was the largest building in town. A short distance from the inn is a Civil War cemetery where the bodies were buried, Porto noted.

"Some of the spirits did not follow their bodies. They remained here," Porto said. One night in the 1990's Porto son and some of his friends went to the basement with a Ouija board and received a message from the spirits "There are nine of us who want to come out and play," Porto said. "They got frightened. They took the Ouija board and threw it into Lake Gleneida."

"That opened the portal for them (the spirits) to come out," Porto said. "That's the reason why they're here." The restaurant gained national fame two years ago after The Travel Channel broadcast a "Dead Files" episode filmed at Smalley's Inn. Following the broadcast many new customers from outside the region came to the restaurant, Porto said, adding that the network learned about the haunted inn from an Internet search. It took a week to film the episode and he had to shut down the eatery during the filming and received only a small payment from the network, Porto noted. "The exposure was worth it," he said.

Ever since the program was broadcast, the restaurant has inspired those interested in ghosts to come to Smalley's Inn to find out for themselves if it is haunted.

Porto showed a series of photos taken from paranormal groups that appear to show ghosts in the dining area, including one dog spirit. One of the spirits sits at table 21 constantly, he said. "We have a few animals in this building," he said.

One example of a ghost appearing in a photo occurred in August 2013. Rhinebeck resident Paul Hoffman took photos in the dining area with a new camera used for the first time. During the initial shooting the camera battery died and was replaced, Porto recalled. One of the photo shows a face of a ghost, Porto said.

Another photo taken by another paranormal took a photo of the ghost who spends her time at table 21. Shown in the photo is a Colonial styled dress with puffy sleeves, Porto said.

The ghost is sometimes cooperative to photo takers and other times she is not, Porto said. "Sometimes she'll let you take it. Sometimes she won't. She'll draw all the energy out of your camera's batteries and they'll go dead. Cell phones will go dead."

Smalley's Inn is located at 57 Gleneida Ave. in Carmel. For more information call 845-225-9874.



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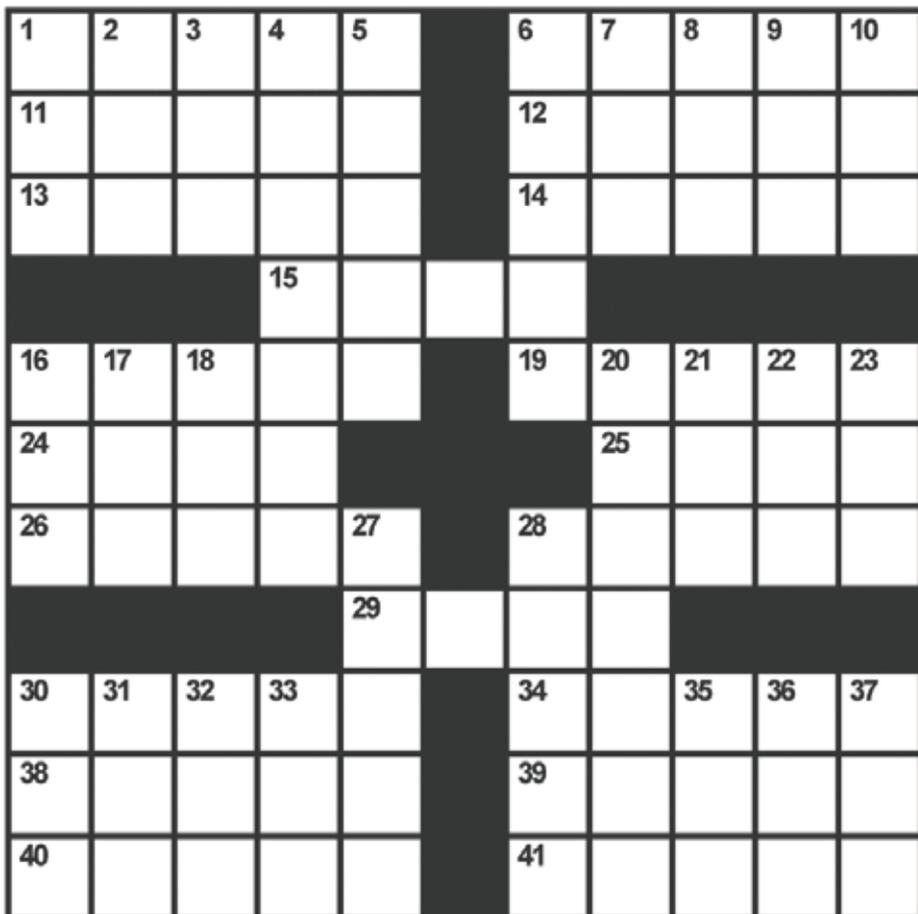
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 21

Across

- 1 "When the moon hits your eye" it could be this Mahopac hair salon
- 6 If Al Gore and January Jones became an item or Mahopac jeweler
- 11 Pillowcase
- 12 Stir up, in a way
- 13 Hospital supply
- 14 Pharaoh's land
- 15 Totally botch
- 16 Upbraid
- 19 Body trunk
- 24 Momentum
- 25 Indian bread
- 26 Silly trick
- 28 Look
- 29 Allergic reaction
- 30 Waste away
- 34 Force back
- 38 Rest on joints
- 39 Intense suffering
- 40 Like some seals
- 41 Stance

Down

- 1 Linen vestment
- 2 "Thanks a ___!"
- 3 Mrs. John Lennon
- 4 Requisition again
- 5 Endow with a gift

- 6 Spy
- 7 Journal
- 8 Rapture
- 9 Pharaohs symbol of power
- 10 Volleyball obstacle
- 16 Number cruncher, for short
- 17 Luck
- 18 Rocks at the bar
- 20 Busy
- 21 Beam
- 22 Mineo of "Exodus"
- 23 Formula ___
- 27 Traffic sign
- 28 Toss out
- 30 Scrape up, with "out"
- 31 Genetic initials
- 32 The Who song "Love, Reign ___ Me"
- 33 Sandra of "Gidget"
- 35 Taro fare
- 36 Coast Guard officer: Abbr.
- 37 Solution from leaching

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Visit The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze and Some Great Dining

By Jerry Eimbinder

Croton-on-Hudson offers many nearby dining options for The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze attendees or summertime manor-house tour takers.

Blaze is held annually at the Van Cortlandt Manor on South Riverside Avenue by Historic Hudson Valley, a nonprofit organization formed to preserve the history, culture and traditions of the Hudson Valley region.

A truly one-of-a-kind experience, Blaze provides awesome displays of bright, glowing jack o' lanterns arranged in massive ensembles of Halloween-inspired spooky scenes. Erie music and sound effects add to the fun. In its 10th year, the event concludes on Nov. 16.

Although scary at times, Blaze is largely a strolling event and is recommended for children of all ages. Hand holding is suggested for small children as traversing the grounds often requires walking among large crowds through wooded paths and dark areas.

Admission to all performances is by advance ticket purchase. For available

dates or to purchase tickets, visit website www.hudsonvalley.org.

Nearby Dining Choice

Anton Restaurant. Mariscada (mussels, clams, shrimp, calamari and tilapia), salmon, garlic shrimp, filet mignon, Peruvian rib-eye steak, strip steak, chicken breast, crab cakes. Opened in 2011 by Belarmino and Virginia Anton. 337 S. Riverside Ave., 914-862-4811.

Croton Colonial Diner. Burgers, steaks, chicken sandwiches, baked stuffed seafood, Greek dishes, including spanakopita (spinach pie), baked eggplant moussaka, souvlaki and gyro. Opened in 1970. 221 S. Riverside Ave., 914-271-8868.

Fino. Veal chop, steak, broiled filet mignon, rack of Colorado lamb, pork chop, scaloppini, breast of chicken, Atlantic salmon, Florida red snapper, Ahi tuna, calamari, clams, jumbo shrimp, crab cakes and pasta. Founded by Paul Vuli. 1 Baltic Place, 914-271-2600.

Justin Thyme Café. Maryland crab cakes, shell steak, beer-batter fish & chips,



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

Tyrannosaurus Rex constructed from Jack O' Lanterns at The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze now through Nov. 16.

Tilapia Provençal, Cod Oreganato, Thai salmon, jumbo shrimp scampi, crisp fried calamari, meatloaf, burgers, baby back ribs. Opened in 2002. Chef/owner Scott Labis. 171 Grant St., 914-271-0022.

Hopscotch. Hot or cold skate, black bass, mussels, eggplant, strip, bay scallops, sausage, tortellini, Gazpacho, black beans, tofu. Chef Kenyon Hart works out of an open kitchen. Opened by Marko Rudovic this month. 8 Old Post Rd. South, 914-271-1100.

Memphis Mae's BBQ Bistro. Memphis ribs (half or full rack), chicken fried steak, brisket, pulled pork, hog wings, fried BBQ-rubbed calamari, fried oysters, smoked Hudson Valley sausage, catfish, corn fritters. 173 S. Riverside Ave., 914-271-0125.

Ocean House. Maine lobster roll, crab cakes, rainbow trout, oysters, shrimp stew, branzino, skate wing, salmon, yellow-fin tuna, calamari, strip steak. Opened in 2004 by Brian and Paula Galvin who bought the Little Red Diner. 49 N. Riverside Ave., 914-271-0722.

Pronto Brick Oven Pizzeria and Restaurant. Pizza, pasta, shrimp, sole, salmon, red snapper, veal, eggplant, chicken and shrimp parmigiana, linguini, ravioli, gluten-free pizza and pasta. 440 S. Riverside Ave., 914-271-2820.

Samurai Japanese Sushi Hibachi Steak House. Asian Fusion and Thai cuisine. Hibachi dinners including Samural Supreme for two (chicken, filet mignon, shrimp, scallops and lobster), teriyaki, tempura, sesame chicken. 352 S. Riverside Ave., 914-271-8988.

Tagine. Moroccan chicken, fish stew, lamb, steak frites, sole, day boat scallops, burgers, horseshoe-shaped bar. Founded

by Jonathan Pratt and Craig Purdy, owners of Peter Pratt's Inn in Yorktown and Umami Café. 120 Grant St., 914-827-9393.

Tavern at Croton Landing. Burger with sunny-side egg, wings, thin-crust pizza, steak sandwich, corned beef Reuben, seafood stew, mussels, Greek calamari salad. Opened in 2004 by Lynn Panessa. Replaced Honey's. 41 N. Riverside Ave., 914-271-5555.

Umami Café. Salmon, Ahi tuna, hanger steak, St. Louis honey BBQ baby back ribs, Peking Duck quesadilla, Phillipine-style BBQ chicken, marinated shrimp, burgers. Opened in January 2002 by Jonathan Pratt and Craig Purdy. 325 S. Riverside Ave., 914-271-5555

Jessica Labis, the manager at Justin Thyme Café, said one noticeable difference during Blaze evenings is that large groups need to be accommodated. Melina, a waitress at Pronto agreed.

"Groups of 20 or more are not unusual — we move tables and chairs back and forth to seat them," she said. "We are packed at 5 p.m. on Blaze evenings and stay busy until 8:30 or 9 p.m."

Visitors coming from the north can stop off at Fat Sal's Bar & Grill, opened on Sept. 2 in Buchanan by Matt Camerino and Sal Barone in the space previously occupied by Taste Restaurant.

Dining possibilities for visitors driving to Croton-on-Hudson from the south include Ossining's The Boathouse Restaurant, Goldfish Oyster Bar & Restaurant, Keenan House & Tap Room (American menu), Travelers Rest (German dishes) and Wobble Cafe (dinner served Thursday through Saturday only).

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'Tough' and 'Impatient' Cuomo Looks to Win Second Term

By Martin Wilbur

Watch Gov. Andrew Cuomo give a speech on television or hold a press conference in person, it's hard not to be impressed. There's a command and a presence that many don't have even at the highest levels of government.

However, in cynical times, especially when it comes to politicians, it's easy to wonder how much of what a seasoned elected official lets the public see is authentic.

For some of the people who have watched Cuomo, who looks to win re-election next week against Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, and interacted with him on the campaign trail or in state government, that enthusiasm for public service and the positions he believes in are real.

"He's extremely passionate about the issues that he's advocating," Kathy Hochul, Cuomo's running mate for lieutenant governor, said during a recent visit to Mount Kisco. "I see it in his face. I hear it in his tone. He brings it out into the open because he is a person who cares so deeply about the residents of the state of New York."

While Cuomo, a New Castle resident, may not be referred to as "the steamroller" as former governor Eliot Spitzer was once ungraciously called, make no mistake that he is tough and smart. State Sen. George

Latimer (D-Rye) said it's no surprise given Cuomo's background in public life, from managing his father's campaigns to becoming a prosecutor, then as the head of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, state attorney general and now governor, that he has been able to get things done.

"I haven't interacted with him often but when I did have a few moments with him and we discussed some of the issues, he's not afraid to say 'I think you're wrong,'" Latimer said.

During the past four years, there have been issues that his predecessors were unable to advance or observers said couldn't be done, said outgoing Republican state Sen. Greg Ball, who has been Cuomo's representative the past two years. The tax cap, the Marriage Equality Act and getting the stalled Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project moving were all impressive achievements given the state's history of inertia, he said.

"In the first couple of years he was Spitzer without the hookers," Ball said. "I found him to be extremely capable, and being able to make the tough choices, and his honesty and being able to reach across the aisle in the Senate was refreshing."

However, in the past two years, there has been a shift to more partisan politics, Ball lamented, pushing agenda items that the state's Democratic leadership wants. He



Gov. Andrew Cuomo, shown here in a 2011 visit to Pleasantville to sign the bill that enacted the state's 2 percent tax cap, is impressive in his knowledge of issues and his ability to navigate Albany, observers say.

hopes that once the election is over, should he be re-elected, the Cuomo of 2011 and 2012 can return.

In his recently published memoir "All Things Possible: Setbacks and Success in Politics and Life," Cuomo outlines his initial rise to prominence, his crushing setback when he bungled his own primary

campaign for governor against Carl McCall in 2002, and his triumphant return to public life.

But his resilience and his determination to see things through is evident. In one passage, he recalls how former governor George Pataki had announced that he was

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Locals Praise Astorino's Concern for Community *Political Success, Gubernatorial Run Hasn't Changed County Exec*

By Janine Bowen

County Executive Rob Astorino may be behind in the polls in next week's gubernatorial race, but local residents who know him best and have followed his political career since high school aren't counting him out yet.

Growing up in Thornwood, Astorino attended Westlake High School, where he was involved in student government and frequently sought out leadership roles, according to former superintendent John Whearty. It came as no surprise to him when Astorino was elected to a seat on the Mount Pleasant Board of Education while he was still a student at Fordham University.

As the youngest board member in the state at that time, Whearty said Astorino was a highly effective trustee, always financially responsible while working for what was best for students. Whearty recalled Astorino as someone who could tackle tough issues delicately and appreciated straight, honest answers.

"He certainly is not one that wants to hurt anybody, but he also knows that in this area it's pretty hard to keep living here if the expenses override you," Whearty said. "I think he's really a caring person."

Concern over the financial well-being



County Executive Rob Astorino has long had the personal touch that has allowed to connect well with others.

of town residents is something that Astorino brought with him to the Mount Pleasant Town Board starting in 1992.

Former supervisor Joan Maybury, who ran alongside Astorino that year for another vacant council seat, remembered being impressed by how he worked with people to get them to understand difficult issues. She recalled his enthusiasm and energy on the board, where he served as deputy supervisor for six years, and

said he was always well respected in the community.

Although Astorino, a Hawthorne resident, is often busy serving as county executive and more recently while campaigning for governor, it's not uncommon to see him throughout Mount Pleasant.

Michael Aerakis, owner of the Thornwood Coach Diner, said Astorino has been a regular customer for more

than 20 years and still visits a few times a month, often with his family. Whenever he visits, Astorino always takes time to speak with residents about issues and their personal lives, Aerakis said.

"He's the best person in the town," exclaimed Aerakis, who said he would love to see Astorino elected governor.

Resident Margaret Gelardo, who has also known Astorino for more than two decades, described him as an honest and personable man who has always made time to speak with people and address their concerns.

"He just is very down to earth and very in tune with the residents and with the community," Gelardo said.

Whearty said he has kept in touch with Astorino and is impressed that he's remained active in the community, even keeping his membership in the Mount Pleasant Rotary Club.

Whearty, a founding member of the organization, explained that even though Astorino no longer has the time to attend the club's weekly meetings, he always makes himself available for special events.

"We're very proud of the fact that Rob is a member and has kept his membership," Whearty said. "He knows so many of

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Tuesday, October 28

Medicare101: Reed Library. This workshop will explain all of the ins and outs of Medicare. Topics include: How one qualifies, the different options available, Part D prescription drug plans, secondary insurance, IBM benefits and Medicare Advantage. This information is valuable to those entering Medicare as well as those who are already on Medicare. Call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

The Carmel Central School District Board of Education will once again hold its annual Community Open forum. 7 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School, 281 Fair St., Carmel.

Wednesday, October 29

Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc. will be hosting its 12th Annual Costume Gala 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, featuring live music, a silent & ticket auction, and a costume contest with cash prizes! Tickets are \$75 per person and all proceeds support the programs and services provided by MHA in Putnam. This year we are honoring Dr. Allen Beals, Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Health & our community partner-Putnam Hospital Center. Tickets are still available, the deadline for reservations is tomorrow, October 17th. Please call (845) 278-7600, ext 204 to make your reservation or for more information.

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Saturday, November 1

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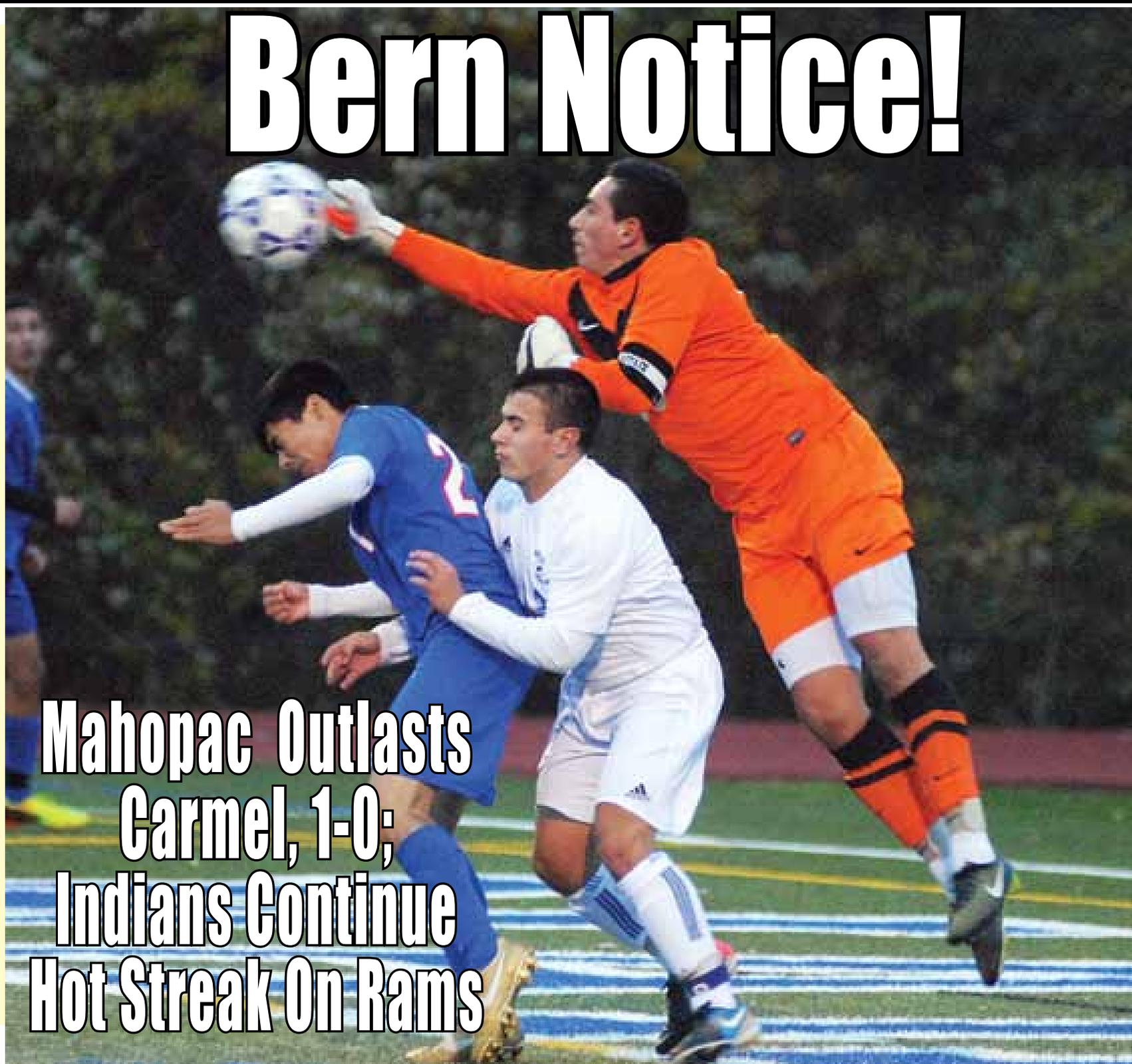
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**Mahopac Outlasts
Carmel, 1-0;
Indians Continue
Hot Streak On Rams**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac goalie Mike Bernardi and D Chris Cornell pull out all the stops to contain Carmel's Sebastian Lopez and the No.18 Rams in a 1-0 Mahopac win in a Section 1 Class AA outbracket playoff game last Thursday, leaving the Rams searching desperately for a way to defeat the Indians in competitive team sports. The 15th-seeded Indians went on to suffer a 2-1 opening-round loss at the hands of No.2 Port Chester on Friday... see Soccer Notebook

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Grid Notebook

Yorktown, Somers A Win Away from Collision Course

Huskers to Face Sleepy Hollow on Halloween, Tuskers Get Rye Saturday with Title Berths on Line

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
CLASS A

And now, after seven weeks of regular-season action, and a fairly predictable quarterfinal round of playoff rehearsal this past weekend, Week 9 finds us just two wins away from perhaps the single greatest championship showdown in Northern Westchester history.

Two Class A semifinal wins – one from No.1A Yorktown over No.2B Sleepy Hollow, and one from No.2A Somers over No.1B Rye -- is what it will take before mayhem strike the region, the kind of madcap lunacy we've never seen before in the quarter century of coverage provided by this scribe.

If Coach Mike Rescigno's state-ranked (No.9) Huskers and Coach Tony DeMatteo's state-ranked (No.10) Tuskers do what is expected of them this coming weekend in a pivotal Week 9, all heck will break loose on Twitter before the two neighboring rivals and their invigorated fan bases have at it on the grid.

That subject matter is taboo



Somers FB Timmy Fazzinga is chased after big gain before being dropped by Panas DB Nick Mlynar in 45-0 Tusker win.



Somers HB Joe Spor is dragged down after gain by flying Panther LB Tom Ferrari in 45-0 Tusker win.

shaking off Panas in a game that was essentially decided seven minutes into the first quarter with the Tuskers holding a 21-0 lead. Tusker RB/DB Matt Morgante, who broke two long TD runs, set the tone with a snot-knocking hit on Panas RB Nayquan Harris, who got rocked but took the helmet-jarring hit in stride before heading to the hospital with foggy recollection. It was the kind of hit kids talk about for a lifetime, but nothing new to Morgante (112 yards on 4 carries), pound for pound one of the best players in the section.

"The Morgante stick was easily the hardest hit I've ever seen in real life," Fazzinga said. "Morgante is all instinct



Somers SE Tyler DeVito hauls in 31-yard TD strike from QB Nick Lombardo in 45-0 win over Panas.

among players and coaches and cannot be broached until the moment is right, but seconds after host Yorktown (8-0) sweated out a 28-21 over No.4B Nyack, and host Somers (7-1) had made short work of No.3 B Walter Panas in a 45-0 rout, football fans across the region couldn't help but look ahead to potential gridiron matchup that might spawn tent cities at Mahopac, home of the Section 1 football championships, the weekend of November 8th.

Two-time reigning Section 1 Class A champion Somers vs. state-ranked (No.12) Rye will pit two coaches that have nearly 600 victories between them, as DeMatteo – Section 1's prime minister of defense – locks horns with Garnet legend Dino Garr and his high-flying wave of offense. Yeah, the two mentors respect the crap out of each other, but there ain't a football field big enough

to contain the Id, Ego and Super Ego of these two giants. Wit will be winged as the internal chess match decides the outcome of what could be one of the best semifinals matchups in a decade, which just happens to be a rematch of last year's title tilt.

Somers is hitting on all cylinders after



Somers QB Nick Lombardo sets up his 31-yard TD strike with solid blocking from OL Matt Crowley and John Lombardi.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

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and he sniffed that screen out right away and knocked the kid's face off.

I think what's pretty amazing is that Panas is a pretty good football team, but we were on our game, not only last night but this whole week at practice and everything just clicked tonight."

Before long, Timmy Fazzinga (two-yard plunge), Morgante, Tyler Devito (31 yards from QB Nick Lombardo) and Joe Spor (pick 6) were celebrating first-half TDs as the Tuskers built a 31-0 halftime edge and never ceded. It was football at its purest form; swarming, ball-hawking defense and Wing-T precision (10 different rushers going for 259 yards), which Panas (4-4), despite a solid campaign, had no answer for.

Somers kicker Eric Silvester, just a junior, is the best in Section 1 this season, adding nine points. This kid is a serious weapon and has D-I written all over him.

It wasn't nearly as easy for **YORKTOWN**, which saw HB Nick Santavicca rush 25 times for 120 yards and a touchdown. Just a junior, Santavicca's become the program's most punishing rusher since John Fennessy (circa 2008).

Husker FB Tim Forbes scored the winning TD with 29 seconds remaining, capping the fate-sealing 40-yard drive, on which QB Ryan Baker's fourth-and-9 pass to TE Daniel Del Bene (6 catches, 75 yards) extended the drive. Del Bene's juggling catch at the sideline gave Yorktown first-and-goal at the 10. It didn't go for a TD,

but it was one of the biggest grabs of the last decade for Yorktown.

"Dan made a great play on a ball that wasn't the best I've ever thrown but he's an athlete and got it done to save our season," said Baker, who was exceptional through the air, hitting on 13 for 26 for 162 yards and a TD strike to TE James Fennessy (5 grabs, 66 yards). "Nyack was probably the toughest team we've faced so far and had great players."

Talk about your spooky ironies: Yorktown will host Sleepy Hollow in the semifinals Friday at 7 p.m. on Halloween for the right to contest for its first sectional title since 1998. Yorktown defense will be tested and has to stop Headless Horsemen QB Joey Good, who is every bit his namesake, and every bit as frightening as Ichabod Crane if the Huskers can't put pressure on him.

"Whichever two teams that deserve to play in that sectional title game will make it an absolute war, with all the talent in these Final 4 teams have," Baker said.

CLASS AA MAHOPAC BUILDING FOR FUTURE

Like it often does, visiting **MAHOPAC** (5-3) gave state-ranked (No.3) New Rochelle fits but fell short in a 21-7 quarterfinal loss last Saturday. There is no denying the Huguenots were the better team, but the never-say-die



Panas HB Joey DeLuca is hunted by hobbled Tusker DL Tom Castelluccio, who Somers hopes to have back ASAP.

Indians should be credited with a solid season and a heck of an effort against one of New York State's best programs (if not the best the last decade).

Competing in Class AA is no easy deal, particularly with the advent of two state-ranked Dutchess County programs – No.19 John Jay EF and No.30 Arlington – making serious hay the last few years. But Mahopac got back into the playoffs for the first time since 2010 and gave both New Ro' and Jay EF all they could handle in two stiff challenges provided by Coach Tom Donahoe's Indians.

With a stout offensive line returning intact next season, plus a gutsy quarterback – junior Dan Foley – and a core of fresh RBs – like junior Christian Donahoe and Joe Cavaciutti -- who improved each game, the sky is the limit next season. Mark it down: Barring poor health or something unforeseen, Mahopac should be poised to win a playoff game next season, and who knows what else after a 2014 campaign that has them clearly ranked at No.5 in Section 1 Class AA. This, from a program that has had three of its finest student athletes transfer to private schools like Don Bosco (Tommy Courtney, who might start in the secondary as a

soph, whoa!), Trinity Catholic (Anthony Lombardi, who is lighting it up on the CT circuit) and Stepinac (Antonio Giannico, a dashing RB).

For now, though, the Indians will have to buy a ticket into their own stadium for the Class AA finals the weekend of Nov. 8th as the No. 2A Arlington vs. No 1B New Ro winner takes on the No 3A Mamaroneck vs. No.1A JJEF winner.

Speaking of Next Year: Watch out for Brewster junior signal caller Matt Catalano, who went off in Friday's 35-28 win over Lakeland, completing 12 of 18 passes for 272 yards and four touchdowns. Kid can spin it.



Panas QB Justin Lee sets up a throw in loss to Somers with blocking from FB Tom Ferrari.

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Soccer Notebook

Somers, Lakeland, Hen Hud, Yorktown Survive Round 1

Carmel, Mahopac, Put Valley Exit Early

By A.J. Martelli

When the game was over at Somers this past Friday evening, Head Coach Chris Pietris gathered his team together with a smile as wide as the Grand Canyon. The mood was euphoric, as the Class A No. 7 Tuskers had just assassinated No. 10 Lincoln 7-1 in the opening round of the sectional playoffs.

The win marked Pietris's first career postseason win as varsity boss, having served at the helm of the JV squad last year, and he spoke highly of his boys and the type of effort they gave to pick up the big win.

"They played real hard, they worked really hard," said Pietris, the former All-Section Lakeland High star. "It was a great season, and we're very proud of our record (11-4-2). They've been preparing for this all season; sectionals are here. They're showing they have the talent, but they have the heart for it as well. I like that they've been playing collectively as a unit, and I think they're in a good place right now."

Tusker sniper Zach Lichtman started the thumping right away, putting one in the back of the net within the first 20 seconds



Lakeland's Dante Caputi clears zone in 2-0 playoff win over Rye last Thursday.

– his first of two goals. Gerald Maher then found the back of the net on a free kick for Somers' second goal, and Scott Colombo scored on assist by Lichtman to make it 3-1 Tuskers at halftime.

Somers gave Lincoln no breathing room in the second half, receiving another goal from Maher distributed by Colombo with 27:47 to play. Nick Rienzi and Justin Levine each scored within the final 10 minutes to seal the deal.

"A win like this gives us confidence," Pietris added. "It proves to us that we are the team that we believe we are, and it gives us the faith to continue on."



Carmel's Sebastian Lopez tries to turn on Mahopac's Aiden Hynes in 1-0 Indian win.

When the jubilation of making it through to the next round subsided, the Tusker players journeyed to The Hive – Pietris' old stomping ground – to scout their next opponent: No. 2 **LAKELAND**, which dispatched No. 15 Rye, 2-0.

With the Somers team and a whole crowd of others watching, Tim Hourahan's Hornets went up 2-0 on Rye by halftime and never looked back to dance on in Class A.

Nick Foci scored on a header first for the 13-3-1 state-ranked (No.12) Hornets, and Matias Prando backed it up for another Lakeland score off a rebound.

"We were able to come out on top because we wanted to win," Prando said. "Our one goal was to win, and everyone came

together, played hard. It was a great game; great atmosphere – everything was great. We played well, came out with everything, and we won."

The Garnets were able to halt Hornets' lead man Johnny Denis and returning force Devin Flanagan on the sideline, but Lakeland's lockdown defense led by Captain Gino Cassese and quarterback David Acevedo was enough to hold on for the win.

"We stuck together, played it out, kept amping each other up, and just kept going," Cassese said. "We didn't let each other get down for a second; we were

always on each other, making sure we do everything right. One of our goals in the beginning of the season was to win league – we won league. We wanted that first or second seed – got the second seed. And now we're just pushing on to the next one: win sectionals."

Halloween came early for the No. 3 seed in Class A, **HEN HUD**. The state-ranked (No.,16) Sailors (12-3-1) were pitted against 14th-seeded Sleepy Hollow and hosted the Horsemen at home this past Friday night. Hen Hud put Sleepy Hollow to sleep to the tune of a 2-1 win, advancing to the quarterfinals.

The Horsemen were able to contain front men Miguel Perez and Aidan Datene, but couldn't stop Wali Azizi, who scored both Sailor goals.

"Wali was on fire today – he had two, but he could have easily had five or six. He almost had two rebounds and three or four breakaways, and still put two in," Sailors Head Coach Chris Cassidy said of his round one ace. "Sleepy came to play, came to compete; gave us everything we could handle. I guess we just had a little bit more. Maybe them having that (outbracket) game yesterday took some from their tank. Expectations are high because our guys are seniors and they've put a lot of time in; know what's at stake. They've risen to the occasion all year – I sure hope it continues. On to the next one; survive and advance. What more can you say?"

The No. 11 **YORKTOWN** Huskers also lived through the Class A opening round, first beating No. 22 **PANAS** 4-0 in the outbracket game last Thursday, then shutting down sixth-seeded Tappan Zee

4-0 away from the crop this past Friday – the Huskers (9-8-1) being the only team to win a road game in the opening round.

Mohamed Hamza put on a show, notching a hat trick to lead the Huskers over the Panthers. Hamza followed with another lights-out performance, scoring two goals in the win over Tappan Zee. Roy Reynolds and Joey Landicino provided reinforcements, scoring a goal apiece.

While a number of teams advanced, the dream ended for the likes of **MAHOPAC**, **CARMEL**, and **PUTNAM VALLEY**.

The Mahopac Indians, Class AA's 15 seed, faced off with the No. 18 Carmel Rams in the outbracket round last Thursday – a rematch of last weekend's wild game which Mahopac won on a radical goal by way of a free kick from 65 yards out by keeper Mike Bernardi.

The outbracket match didn't offer as much drama, though it put forth similar results. 'Pac came out on top 1-0 to oust Carmel on the strength of a Ray Arcieri winded-aided goal, which traveled 50 yards into the upper right corner, just beyond the outstretched reach of Ram goalie Brian Sposato. Bernardi was stellar, denying Carmel hotshot Sebastian Lopez and the Rams time and time again.

The next day the tribe faced No. 2 Port Chester in round one. The Indians worked well facing a high seed, but fell just short, 2-1. Arcieri scored the Indians' lone goal in the season-ending loss.

In Class B, 15th-seeded Putnam Valley had the task of facing second-seeded Hastings in round one – a team that handed Hen Hud a 4-0 loss on Oct. 17. The Tigers suffered the same fate, dropping a 4-0 decision to Hastings in round one for the postseason exit.



Carmel goalie Brian Sposato narrowly missed Mahopac's Ray Arcieri's wind-aided free kick from 50 yards in Indians 1-0 win over Rams last Thursday.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Lakeland, Mahopac Hoping for Fruitful Playoff Runs

By Ray Gallagher

It will be in the spirit of Hornets past that five-time defending NYS champion Lakeland High goes about its quest to six-peat (as if anyone ever really gets to use that term) as Class B field hockey champions, what would be the ninth state title in school history, the most of any program in NYS.

But riding the coattails of former Hornet alum is hardly the Lakeland way; resetting the bar and establishing a new high is the only option under distinguished Coach Sharon Sarsen. Her eminence is no front, no put on, and the Hornets have followed her lead since the early '80s before winning their first state crown in 1989.



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Lakeland's Molly Fitzpatrick will lead the onslaught.

The 2014 version, top-seeded going into the tournament, will put its unblemished 16-0 record and 46-game win streak on the line as the Class B tournament gets under way this Friday against No.9 Harrison/No.8 John Jay winner.

Like the great goal scorers before her – Melissa Gonzalez, Emma Bozek and Shannon Scavelli to name a few – All-Section senior Molly Fitzpatrick (29 G, 5A) will see to it that the attack is in good hands while All-American junior Dana Bozek (16G, 18A) solidifies the midfield like nobody else in the state does.



Mahopac's Sarah Quarto and Lakeland's Dana Bozek are expected to lead their teams into deep playoff runs in the days ahead.

Just a few years from now, this dynamic duo, along with All-Section goalie Alex Halpin and All-Section D Ellie Dineen-Carey, will be the spirit of Hornets past, but for now it's go time at Lakeland... full throttle, pedal to the medal.

Lakeland has outscored its opponents 107-3 this year, and the only serious threat between the Hornets and the Section 1 title is the same Rye team that lost 3-2 to a Mahopac team that Lakeland beat 6-0. In essence, the only thing stopping Lakeland might be its own ability to stay focused within the section before looking at the big state picture.

"I will be stressing that as we get closer and closer to Friday," Sarsen said.

No.12 BREWSTER was set to visit No.5 **YORKTOWN** in an effort to stop Husker sniper Jenna Gammer, who comes in to the playoffs on a goal-scoring tear. The junior had banged the boards four times in a recent 6-1 win over White Plains, giving the Huskers the confidence they will need to get past a program with Brewster's on-cestoried tradition.

No.11 SOMERS visits No.6 Nyack today.

In **Class B**, **PUTNAM VALLEY** has earned a No.9 seed and will visit No.8 Valhalla. The Tigers have had a streaky season but their playoff history suggests they may have a run in them under first-year Coach Kristi Vucetic. The Tigers

enter the tournament having played No.2 Class A seed Mahopac hard in a 3-0 loss.

"All things considered, we did a tremendous job of keeping up with such an athletic team," Vucetic said. "Junior Jaime Turner and Junior Stephanie Wagner showed extreme athleticism. Both juniors left everything on the field and I am extremely proud of their performance. Mahopac's team had wonderful ball movement and we did the best we could reading the ball and getting there. Mahopac just had a bit more edge than we did."

Freshman Goalie Lauren Turner had 6 saves, in her second Varsity appearance of the season.

No.2 MAHOPAC has but one goal which will suffice: a date with top-seeded Mamaroneck in the Class A finals. The Indians (11-2-1) will host the winner of No.10 Arlington/No.7 North Rockland on Wednesday and would likely host No.3 Greeley in the semis in what could be a whale of a game if it comes to fruition. Should the Indians reach the finals, they would be the first Mahopac team to do so since the 2001 NYS championship team did so.

No.5 **CARMEL** is on the other side of the Class A bracket and was set to host No.12 Fox Lane last night, hoping to keep its hot streak of 31 goals in the last six game going.

Yorktown, Somers, Panas Advance in Class A Girls' Soccer

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

Soccer is all the rave these days among many of the ladies on the local scene.

In addition to state-ranked (No.2) Haldane (12-4), the reigning NYS Class C Section 1 champ and NYS runner-up, the Class A girls soccer circuit provides three local teams with a lot of post-season juice.

Yorktown's Alyssa Francese (22G this

season) had a hat trick and an assist in the 4th-seeded Huskers' 6-0 win over visiting Sleepy Hollow last Saturday when a host of local soccer clubs advanced into the quarterfinals, including No.6 Panas – a 4-2 winner over Harrison – and No.2 Somers – a 7-0 winner over Lourdes. Megan Metz and Ivana Pjetri also scored for state-ranked (No.20) Yorktown (14-2-1), who has gotten a tremendous season from Francese (No.7 pictured above). Yorktown will host the winner of No. 5 Rye and Panas (11-5-1) will travel to No.3 Pearl River.

Cara Ostrander and Jessica Rosenblum each scored twice for the state-ranked (No.3) Tuskers (16-0), who will host No.7 Eastchester in Tuesday's quarterfinals. Yorktown is hoping to survive the quarters and face top-seeded Byram Hills (No.6 in NYS) in the semis where they hope to throw a monkey wrench into the Bobcats' plans of facing Somers in the finals.



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Alyssa Francese

Mahopac Survives, Advances in Class AA

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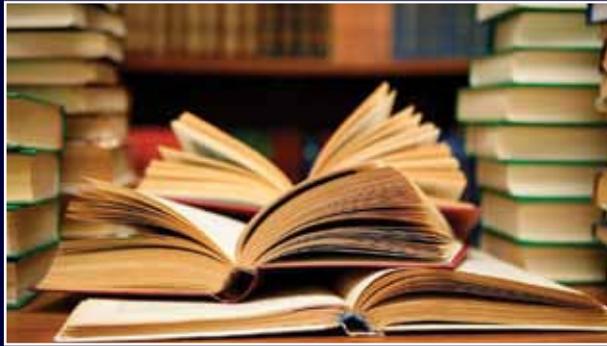


No.7 Mahopac saw Jolynn Magnani (pictured above) score both goals in the Indians' 3-1 win over Clarkstown South last Saturday in the opening round of the Section 1 Class A soccer playoffs where the Indians (11-6) advanced to face No.2 Ossining (13-2-1) in today's quarterfinals against a Pride team that is having its best season in quite some time.

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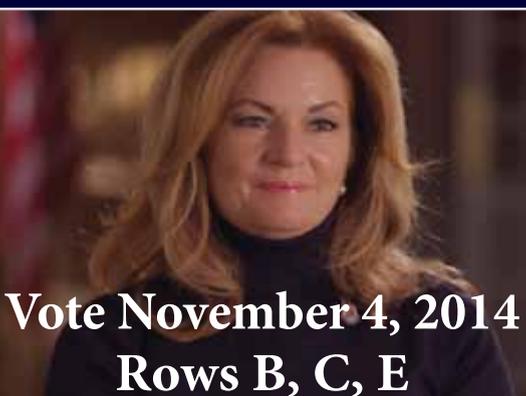
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