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Lambasting NYS, Odell Again Unveils Below Tax-Cap Budget

By David Propper

During past budget and State of the County addresses, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell has chided New York State for placing crushing mandates without relief on counties throughout the Lower Hudson Valley region.

Last Thursday, during her 2016 budget presentation, Odell went even further, eviscerating Albany in hour-long remarks for forcing Putnam to foot the bill for programs and initiatives that burden the county's annual spending plan and struggle to keep taxes below a state-imposed tax cap. Despite "outside



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

County Executive MaryEllen Odell at last week's county budget address.

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Sun and Smiles for Parade and Street Fair



CORINNE STANTON PHOTO

The threat of a possible hurricane earlier last week never materialized and as a result, Putnam County residents enjoyed another fine October Sunday in which the Italian-American Columbus Day parade and Mahopac Street Fair brought out thousands of onlookers, like the folks of all ages above, taking part in community fun. The jam-packed day proved once again how the parade and fair are can't-miss events and an established fall tradition. See more photos on page 11.

Mahopac Football Pinks Out for Good Cause



BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

During last Friday's Mahopac Varsity's "Pink Out" football game, Mahopac Teachers Association president Tom McMahon handed over a \$2,000 check to Community Cares Founder Amy Sayegh, who runs the non-profit focused on assisting families that have a loved one battling cancer. Mahopac's Pink Game was a breast cancer awareness game that the football team and students participate in, to raise awareness for this disease and bring the town together for a good cause.

Mahopac Teenager Jumps to National Stage on The Voice

By David Propper

Adjusting to life as a nationally known singer has proven to be a welcomed challenge for Mahopac's own Amanda Ayala.

"My phone is blowing up, everything has just been super, super crazy and super, overwhelming," Ayala said in an interview last week. "But it's also fun at the same time. I've never gotten this much recognition. Definitely so cool."

Ayala appeared as a contestant on NBC's The Voice last week, belting out the rock song Mississippi Queen in front thousands of onlookers and millions on television. Celebrity judges Adam Levine of Maroon Five, Gwen Stefani of the



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Mahopac teenager Amanda Ayala



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Katz Highlights Importance of Yellow Dot Program

By David Propper

When an emergency responder arrives to the scene of an incident, such as a car accident, the margin between life and death can be paper-thin. Recently, Assemblyman Steve Katz held a forum to inform residents of a little known program that can save lives.

Katz and Sheriff Don Smith held a Sep. 29 informational event at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac to highlight the Yellow Dot Program, which is meant to better inform first responders

of medical needs of the certain person they are attempting to help. Katz said when first responders rush to assist a resident, especially a senior, they may not know about a specific medical requirement. But the Yellow Dot Program, started by the New York State Sheriff's Association, enables those first responders to become aware of any vital medical documents within the car.

A yellow dot is placed on the driver's side rear window of the vehicle that would alert responders to look for medical

'Anything that we can do for our seniors or people in the district with special needs can only strengthen our community and that's what we're all about in Putnam County.'
- Assemblyman Steve Katz



Assemblyman Steve Katz



An example on the Sheriff's Association's website of the Yellow Dot Program.

information in the glove department of the car. Kits were given out to those that attended the event, which include a personal information card and a yellow dot decal.

Those that attended have "a better peace of mind that in case of an emergency, the first responders who take care of them will be able to take care of whatever condition that they have."

Although the program is relatively unknown, Katz believes that awareness for it will continue to grow as its value is shown.

"Anything that we can do for our seniors or people in the district with special needs can only strengthen our community and that's what we're all about in Putnam County," Katz said.

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Peripheral vascular disease involves a loss of blood flow to hands and feet due to narrowing of the arteries. Pressure ulcers, which you may know as "bedsores," are chronic wounds resulting from sustained pressure where bone is close to the skin surface, reducing blood supply. Wounds can cause severe infections

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Fleming Faces Late Challenge for Kent Supervisor

By David Propper

Although not facing an opponent on a major party line, Kent Supervisor and Democrat Maureen Fleming suddenly has a challenger on her hands from a familiar name around town.

Longtime and active resident and former Kent police officer Dennis Illuminate is running on the Conservative line against Fleming, who has been in office for only one term, after she won in a major upset in 2013.

Fleming admitted she was "pretty surprised" when Illuminate announced his intention to run, especially since it's so late for anyone to start a campaign. When the Kent Republican Committee opted not to nominate a candidate, Fleming took it as a vote of confidence.

In fact, two years ago when Fleming was running against former supervisor Kathy Doherty, the Conservative Party endorsed Fleming, but now has found another candidate to support. Fleming noted the Conservative caucus was scheduled three different times, due to lack of proper notice the first two times, which may have resulted in lost interest. She also said when she was interviewed, some of the discussion focused raising wages for town hall employees.

"(Illuminate) listed what his wish list was for the town and they're big money items so it kind of surprised me that that's something the Conservative Party would endorse," Fleming said.

The vote to endorse Illuminate was 16-11, according to Fleming.

Fleming said she can point to the promises she kept in her first term in office by balancing the budget, making meetings and government business more open, and pushing the town to have services go out to proposal rather than personal contracts with private firms. Fleming has also not taken any health insurance, which has reduced costs and taken no pay increase.

Last year, Fleming touted a no tax increase budget and this year again is proposing a budget that doesn't include a tax increase.

"A lot of people when they campaign

say a lot of things to get elected and when I campaigned in 2013 I said things that I actually wanted to accomplish," Fleming said. "And I didn't say them for any other reason other than that's what I thought I could do as supervisor and I was able to do it."

Illuminate, who will also run on the Reform line, has been a resident in town for more than 40 years. He was a former councilman, who served for four terms and was motivated to enter the race because of some of Fleming's shortcomings.

Illuminate wants to offer Kent residents a supervisor who will be full-time and hands on, criticizing Fleming for not putting in enough hours at town hall. Additionally, he said while Fleming promised to not use a town vehicle, she's been seen using one.

Reviving the recreation department would be one priority for Illuminate, which he said "might as well be dead." Though the town recreation department used to be robust, Kent residents are going to different places for activities, he said.

Additionally, he is upset with the way Lake Carmel has been handled. It was closed for much of the summer by the county's Health Department because of algae blooms in the water.

"I'm just disgusted that Lake Carmel that I felt was once the jewel of Putnam County went to hell," Illuminate said.



Democratic Supervisor Maureen Fleming



Conservative challenger Dennis Illuminate

While Illuminate acknowledged Fleming has offered two straight years of no tax increase budgets, it is because she has been able to avoid certain expenditures and hasn't paid for services or items the town could use.

The reason for the late entrance into the race, Illuminate said, is because he assumed Republicans had someone lined up to challenge for the seat, but those plans fell through.

Michele Scalfani, who is the chairwoman for the town's Conservative Committee, said, "Normally, with the Conservatives, if any Conservative runs for any position, we like to support them."

Also endorsed for the Conservative line were Republican candidates Jaime McGlasson and Scott Chin for town board over Democrats Dale Cusack and Nancy Sorbella.



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Brewster Hikes Outside Water Rates Less Than Originally Proposed

By Neal Rentz

Southeast residents who purchase water from the Village of Brewster will have a one-year price hike next year, but it will not be as high as the board of trustees previously proposed.

The village board voted unanimously on Sept. 30 to increase water rates by \$800 for about 45 homes in the town who receive village water to pay for water main repairs. The trustees had previously sought a \$1,200 hike next year to pay for repairs.

The impetus for the rate hike is an outstanding balance of \$220,000 owed to the village by around 15 Southeast property owners who have not paid their water bills, according to the trustees.

Repairs to the aging water pipes have cost the village \$50,000, and since the village is unable by law to make repairs itself it must contract the work out at a higher cost than in-house work. A state court ruled the pipes are under the town's jurisdiction, not the village.

At last week's special meeting, Mayor James Schoenig said the board decided to reduce the hike after listening to concerned residents at a public hearing earlier in the month. "We heard a lot at the last meeting," he said.

The first quarterly payment will be due in January 2016.

Trustee Christine Piccini said the

extra dollars are needed to do repairs including fixing pipes and village should not be responsible for the picking up the cost from town residents.

Schoenig said he was scheduled to meet later in the week with Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay and officials from the Putnam County Health Department and others about water issues between the village and the town.

"The pipes need to be replaced," Schoenig said.

The cost of replacing the pipes would be \$1.3 million, Schoenig said. "You can keep patching it, but eventually they have to be replaced," he said.

Schoenig said a pipe replacement project could be bonded and paid off by residents over a period of up to 30 years. Village Clerk and Treasurer Peter Hansen said a 20-year bond would cost residents in the water district about \$800 per year.

Though the rate hike was lower than originally sought, Southeast residents said they were still opposed to the extra payment. Southeast resident Joseph Lurca said he was retired and could not afford the extra \$800 next year. "I can't go out and make more money," he said. Schoenig said he understood why town residents would object to the higher rates next year, but he could not ask village residents to pay for something



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Brewster Village Board of Trustees at their Sept. 30 special meeting.

they should not be responsible for.

Piccini said she did not know if town residents who use village water would pay an additional fee in 2017. That would occur if more repairs would need to be made by the village, she said.

Schoenig said the additional \$800 "would make us whole" in terms of paying for previous repairs. The additional payment of \$400, which was originally proposed by the village, would have provided funding for potential future breaks, Hansen said.

Schoenig said the additional \$800 for village residents would be for 2016 only. He said he did not know if the same additional rate would be charged in the future.



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Philipstown to Create Garrison Fire District in January

By Arthur Cusano

The town of Philipstown will create a fire district to oversee the Garrison fire company, but not until early next year.

Town board members announced the decision at their Oct 1 meeting, which followed several meetings and public hearing on the topic over the past few months.

Board member John Van Tassel told the packed room that the board has decided to follow through on the proposal to dissolve the Garrison Fire Company in favor of the fire district, but would do so effective Jan 2, 2016. The delay will allow the town to craft a budget for the department this fall before turning over control to a five-member board of commissioners next year.

"On Jan. 2, the five commissioners announced tonight will take over as the directors of the Garrison Fire District, and utilize the budget we will provide," Van Tassel said. "And they will have from January to October to create a budget for 2017."

Board members reviewed applications from 12 town residents, but eventually chose town residents David Brower, Matt Prentice, Joe Mercurio, Sandy Bohl and Rodney Tudor as the first commissioners.

Van Tassel said the decision wasn't easy to make, but the five people chosen seemed to sincerely want the Garrison



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO
Philipstown Councilman John Van Tassel announces the town's plans to create a Garrison fire district at the board's Oct. 1 meeting.

Fire District to succeed.

"It's more than just finances - these people came in enthusiastic about fundraising, morale, improving membership, understanding equipment and what we need versus what we want," he said.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said the idea of creating a district went back several years.

"We have four municipal fire companies here, and the idea at one point was to consolidate all of them," Shea said. "But the mechanics of that and the logistics of that became so complicated that it just didn't happen."

Currently, the town board acts as the board of commissioners for the Garrison Fire Company, which Shea said wasn't always an ideal arrangement.

"What we are looking to do is get a board whose sole function would be to focus on the Garrison Fire Company, which will be a district at that point," he explained. "Their job would be to do the budget, oversee purchasing, oversee the hiring of a treasurer and secretary - everything to do with managing the fire district. So you would have a management side, and the fire company would still perform their duties."

All five commissioners to be appointed Jan. 2 will serve one year before the first election takes place. The commissioners elected in 2017 would then serve one to five years, depending on the number of votes they get, Shea said. For instance, the candidate with the most votes will serve five years, while the candidate with the least amount of votes would serve one year. A new commissioner would be elected for a five-year term each year going forward.

Shea said having elected commissioners would allow the public to have more input into the fire department.

"The fear is that it becomes just members of the fire company getting on the commission and the budget could go up," Shea said. "But we feel like there's been good public participation on this issue all along, so we don't think that will die off. We think it will only increase."

Brower, 66, a former town board

member and life member of the fire company, said the company would continue to be a critical part of the community under district control. But residents will have a bigger role, he added.

"It puts the district in the hands of the Garrison people that own the fire district, so it's up to them to vote now," he said.

The commissioners will take over day-to-day management issues of the district's fire company. New York State considers fire departments employers, even though they are volunteers, Brower said. Towns are required to have insurance for firefighters, and to provide worker's compensation if needed, which will both be among things managed by the commissioners.

Brower said he also hoped to work with the other commissioners to help the public understand the cost, both in time and money that a volunteer fire company demands.

"There are so many mandates that people don't realize, and costs have become astronomical," Brower said. "We have to have hose testing every year, ladder testing every year, and these things cost money. It costs over \$30,000 a year just to open the doors for insurance. People think the cost is all covered in their taxes, and sure, the mechanical part is. But the volunteers throughout the county go to classes for 39, 60, 100 hours a year, not only to save others, but to save themselves."

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Delayed Union Contract in Kent Leaves Teamsters Furious

By David Propper

Teamsters of Local 456 that work for the Town of Kent have waited about a year for a new contract, and when they realized Wednesday evening they had to wait a little longer, frustration boiled over.

During a Sep. 30 meeting, Kent town board members voted down a new contract for the assortment of sanitation, highway, and parks and recreation workers with councilmen Paul Denbaum, Bill Huestis and Mike Tierney voting against it in a 3-2 decision, believing more work needs to be done. That decision left dozens of teamsters fuming and they certainly had no problem expressing it.

Kent resident and wife of a teamster, Christina Murphy-Borg, called the treatment of the workers "disgraceful."

"You've disrespected these people," she added. "They give their hearts and souls to their job. They don't deserve to be treated this way."

Murphy-Borg was just one of several angry folks in the more than 30 teamsters and relatives in attendance, bashing a Kent board that certainly didn't back down. Although Murphy-Borg claimed town board members "promised" the contract would be approved at the meeting, councilmembers firmly refuted it.

While there was an undisputable schism between the board and group of teamsters, there appeared to be a divide

and miscommunication even amongst board members. Denbaum said he didn't know the contract would be voted on until he got the agenda the day before and Tierney added he received the last email about part of the contract earlier that afternoon and also was unaware that it would be an agenda item.

"That's unacceptable, you're dealing with people's lives," Murphy-Borg shot back at one point.

Tierney alleged many of the problems are a result of bad planning and poor communication. Going into these negotiations, Tierney claimed the board didn't have an approach and argued "certain town board members" went into discussions with the union without full knowledge of the rest of the board. He said the past approach that involved labor attorneys resulted in fair contracts for the town and union.

But Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming and Sean Daly, who has been leading the contract talks on behalf of the Kent union, agreed the negotiations have been civil.

Daly, who spoke briefly, said he believes there were "some town board members that weren't participating, not because they weren't asked to, but because they were too busy, or weren't around, or didn't care."

Daly said he has been part of several contract negotiations in his career and

called this one "the least adversarial," noting the lack of attorneys got rid of some of the animosity that previously existed.

Fleming said she was told by the town's labor counsel that she was proceeding with contract talks in a "totally appropriate way to proceed." When Tierney complained to Fleming about the way the board was going forward, Fleming gathered the board together to hash everything out.

"And there was a lack of participation because since I had not done it to someone's satisfaction there was less interest in it," Fleming said, adding the brunt of the proposal has been on the table for months.

Denbaum added the board has been working arduously in executive session to get the contract complete, something the public doesn't see because those sessions are conducted behind closed doors. He stressed the contract is important to the town board and the members have spent "hours and hours" deliberating.

Joseph Sansone, a business agent for Teamster 456 and a representative in Carmel who hasn't been involved in negotiations said he believed the direction of the new contract was going backwards and there's a chance that deliberations could start all over again--this time with attorneys. He was under impression that the contract was ready to go forward

and even if the town approved it, union membership still has to sign off on the new deal.

A couple of times, expletives could be heard from the audience, an obvious sign of anger among teamsters. While contract terms haven't been officially disclosed, one teamster in the audience referenced a two-percent raise for union members.

Board members attempted to quiet the uproar, asserting the board is "inches" from agreeing to a new contract for the teamsters. Fleming said "most of the issues" everyone is on board with, and only a couple of aspects still need to be resolved. Huestis chimed in "We were very close, it's probably a sentence or two."

"Maybe it's taken longer than people would like," Fleming said. "But it is not for lack of effort or concentration on it."

Outgoing Councilwoman Penny Ann Osborn, who has three months left before her term expires, expressed her strong desire to get the contract complete before then.

"We need everybody on the same page at the same time and then we're going to get it done," Osborn said. "But right now, we're like a puppy chasing its tail and I want to see that change."

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Business of the Week

By David Propper

When Christine Dodge talks to possible new students wary of whether to try yoga, Dodge always conveys to them, "If you can breathe, you can do yoga."

"Anybody's body can do it," Dodge, a fitness guru and owner of Putnam Yoga, said. "Old, young, fit, not fit, active, not active, anybody's body can do it."

Dodge, a Carmel resident, will be celebrating her fourth year owning and running Putnam Yoga at the end of the month, a venture that started as a part-time commitment that grew to a full-time, seven-day-a-week schedule filled with classes and no shortage of clients from the lower Putnam County and upper Westchester County area. While Dodge guides and instructs, she ensures and encourages every student to discover what their body wants to do.

Dodge has been active her entire life, but as she grew older, she had to slow down a bit. What she was doing with ease in her 20s, are things she had more difficulty with today. It puzzles her that yoga is often misconceived as an activity where participants only chant the entire time, or have to wrap their legs over their head.

But Dodge insists Yoga is a journey that can begin at different paces. It has helped



Christine Dodge stands outside Putnam Yoga, where yogis at any level can come in.

her become more loose and relaxed, affecting her health positively in several ways.

"I got introduced to yoga about ten years ago and I love it," Dodge said. "I love it because it compensates for every other sport, activity thing you can do. You can run, you can swim, jog, lift, walk,

you do nothing, yoga's perfect."

Dodge rents space along Tomahawk Street, which has brought her more clients than when she rented space inside the New York Sports Club. Club members followed Dodge to her new location and brought non-members, like friends or husbands, along to the classes.

The first class offered is free, Dodge said, because it gives those interested a risk free chance to see if they like it. Dodge has five instructors that teach and even offers a kickboxing class one night for a change of pace.

Dodge is surprised her business has taken off the way it has. She admits she's a "baby-step" type of person, but also believes in the "universe." She credits the consistent support of her family, like her husband and three grown children for her business success.

One of her sons does the marketing for her, and another son, who is also into fitness, attends classes. Her husband has been going to classes for the last four years.

"I do believe in the universe and ask and you shall receive and ask and really believe that that's what's going to happen and good things are out there and good things happen," Dodge said. "So I just kept saying am I suppose to be on my own, am I suppose to do this on my own and then one thing led to the next and I'm on my own and I can't believe that people are coming and more people are coming."

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Letters to the Editor

Eckardt and Lord Best Candidates for Southeast's Future

I'm writing this letter to encourage voters to reelect Lynne Eckardt and vote for John Lord for Southeast Town Council in the upcoming election November 3rd. Southeast would be lucky to have them as their Town Council representatives.

Eckardt established a solid record of improving our community in her first term. She was a driving force in creating the Diverting Reservoir Trail, truly a jewel in our community. She serves on the Community Action Program Advisory Board. CAP assists our economically challenged community residents. Eckardt actively participates in community cleanup

days, and at setup days for the distribution of school supplies and Christmas toys.

John Lord has shown his commitment to improve his community through his tenure on The Concerned Residents of Southeast Board, and as a Steward of the Diverting Reservoir Trail.

As a Manager in an international household goods moving company, Lord has demonstrated his ability to analyze situations and solve problems, work well with people, and find creative solutions to minimize costs.

Through years of attending Town and Planning Board Meetings both Eckardt and

Lord have demonstrated their desire and ability to improve our community, and the efficiency of our government: ideal qualities in political representatives.

The belief in the strength of the checks and balances of the two party system is an important founding principle in this country. Lynne Eckardt and John Lord would be the only Democrats on our Town Board. On November 3rd I'm voting for Eckardt and Lord, and I strongly urge all Southeast voters to do the same.

Nancy Teague
Southeast

The Southeast Town Board Needs Greater Diversity

It's quite discouraging these days to listen to all the anti-government rhetoric that permeates the news media, especially given that our relatively young country has been responsible for one of the greatest democracies that has ever graced the face of this earth.

The truth is that good government is necessary for the health and welfare of all Americans. In fact, good government on the local level is the most important level as it affects each and every one of us within the Town of Southeast; it affects our roads,

environment, commercial development, taxes, and property values. As a resident of the Town for the past eight years I have witnessed the Town Board move from a dysfunctional, non-representative, and rudderless entity to a well run, transparent, and fiscally responsible group.

Although, not perfect, the current Board under the leadership of Tony Hay, has made the extra effort to bring sound municipal management back to the Town. The many successes of this Board can be attributed in large part to its diversity. As

an independent voter, I was glad to see the election of Lynne Eckardt, a Democrat, to the Board during the last election cycle. Having representatives from both parties on the Board fosters both transparency and lays the foundation for multiple points of view. For these reasons and many others I will be voting for Councilwoman Eckardt as well as John Lord, who will be an excellent addition to the Town Board.

Michael Principe
Southeast

October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month

Each generation of kids looks for new ways to get high. Recent trends indicate they are increasingly turning to prescription (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC) medicines. Teens report getting many of these medicines from home medicine cabinets and mistakenly believe that abusing them is "safer" than other drugs. According to surveys from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 20 percent of teens say they have taken a prescription drug without having a prescription for it themselves, and 5 percent report abusing OTC cough medicine to get high.

Talk to your teen about prescription and OTC cough medicine abuse. Teens listen, even if they act like they don't. In fact, teens who learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are 50 percent less likely to use drugs. In addition, SAFEGUARD your medicine cabinets. Know what you have and how much,

so you will know if anything is missing. Discard any medicines you no longer need. There are MedReturn boxes located in the Kent and Carmel Police Departments as well as in the Putnam County Sheriff's Office in Carmel where you can dispose of those drugs 24/7.

"Young people usually ask two questions when they think about using an illegal substance. Is it available? And is it safe? The answer to the first question is pretty obvious - YES. As to the second question, teens rationalize that as the drugs were prescribed by a doctor (although most times not for them) and

received from a pharmacy, they must be safer than a street drug like cocaine. This is where they are wrong and where we need to educate them on the dangers of misusing prescription drugs." Says Kristin McConnell, Executive Director of Putnam NCADD.

For more information go to <http://www.preventrxabuse.org/> or check out www.putnamncadd.org/blog

Obituaries

Cosimo Guastadisegni

Cosimo Guastadisegni died October 2, at the age of 72. Mr. Guastadisegni was born June 12, 1943 in Giovinazzo Bari Italy to Raffaella (Marrano) and Francesco Guastadisegni. On April 25, 1970 he married Angela Ambrosio in Mt. Vernon. He worked as a welder at DeLackner Helicopter in Mt. Vernon, and was a member of the Italian American Club in Mahopac. He is survived by his beloved wife Angela, his loving children Lisa Shaw, Frank and Peter, his sister Vincenza Trapani and brother-in-law Giuseppe Patierno. and his adoring grandchildren Grace, Gabriella, Lily, Matteo, and Mia. He was pre-deceased by his sister Rina Patierno and brother-in-law Nicola Trapani.

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Correction

In the Sep. 29-Oct. 5 edition of The Putnam Examiner, the Grid Notebook identified Brewster's RB Kevin Blank as the Bears player that caught a two-point conversion against John Jay. It wasn't Blank, but RB Jeremy Meissner for Brewster. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

Lambasting NYS, Odell Again Unveils Below Tax-Cap Budget

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forces" influencing Putnam's budget, Odell unveiled a spending plan that would remain under the tax cap, which adds up to \$151.4 million.

"Quite frankly, I believe in the two-percent tax cap, but it was also suppose to be a promise that some of the mandates that we would see some oversight and some relief, which we have not seen," Odell charged afterward.

The county budget is up \$6 million from last year, and homeowners with a home assessed at 261,000 will pay four more dollars toward their county tax bill in 2016. The budget doesn't call for any layoffs within the county workforce. There are modest raises for some county workforce, according to Odell's proposal.

In order to stay under the cap--doing so make homeowners eligible for a rebate check from the state--Odell said the county focused on consolidation of certain positions, and offered retirement buyouts to employees. The county plans to sell a piece of county property, and would take \$7.2 million out of the

general fund.

The sheriff's office is slated for \$12 million; senior resources for \$5.1 million; retiree health benefits for \$4.7 million; emergency services for \$4.6 million; parks and recreation for \$3.6 million; and Putnam transit for \$2.5 million. Veteran Services is slotted for \$316,000 and Putnam Youth Bureau for \$562,000.

The usual bunch of outside agencies can expect level funding except the libraries, which will get an increase. Two new agencies that could see county dollars are the Putnam SPCA and Putnam Community Action Program. All outside agencies are set to receive \$1.5 million combined.

Odell stated 74 percent of the budget is made up of burdens shifted down from the state and federal level. Pensions, Medicaid, pre-school, probation, child welfare, early intervention, and indigent defense are all passed down by the state that cost between \$12 million and \$1 million each. Overall, there are more than 200 mandates the county has no

oversight over but must pay the bill. Mandate costs have increased more than \$5.3 million the past three years, Odell stressed.

"You can see the unfairness and inequity in that as we try to balance our budget," Odell said.

An aspect Odell added to really hammer her point about unfunded mandates was including testimony from three other county executives in neighboring counties about the challenges they face regarding costs from the state. Westchester's Rob Astorino, Rockland's Ed Day, and Dutchess' Marcus Molinaro all spoke briefly via recorded videotape, panning New York State.

"We took a regional approach because I feel it makes much more sense to have the Lower Hudson Valley, which is squeezed between Albany and New York City, describe the fact that we can't sustain a cap and pay for everyone else's bills," Odell said.

The rest of the month the county Legislature will examine the details of

Odell's spending plan with the budget scheduled for approval by the end of the month. Comments from legislators following the presentation were limited, with Chairman Carl Albano stating it looks like a "sound, financial business plan." No one from the public spoke during the first public hearing, though issues usually come up in the committee stage.

While the budget remained under the cap, there were challenges to get there. The precipitous drop in gasoline prices has had an impact on sales tax revenue the county collects and the fallout from the lawsuit of the Jeffrey Deskovic case also unexpectedly took \$4 million from the county.

Odell said she hopes taxpayers recognize the county took an approach to the budget like residents approach their own household budget. Despite increased cost, there have to be adjustments made regularly, she noted.

Odell said, "I'm on the third floor as a lifelong taxpayer of Putnam County and I get it."

Mahopac Teenager Jumps to National Stage on The Voice

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former band No Doubt, country rocker Blake Shelton, and pop star Pharrell were impressed enough with her performance to send her off to the next round, where she'll get coaching from Levine. Mahopac, which has been in the national spotlight in years past for all the wrong reasons, now has a reason to beam with pride behind a voice that has stood out for years.

Watching the show since its first season in 2011, Ayala has always enjoyed what it offered viewers and perspective musicians. Admittedly, Ayala wasn't sure if she had what it took to become a contestant, but her mother convinced her to try out.

"My mom is definitely my biggest supporter," Ayala said. "She's been there for everything."

In fact, both Ayala's parents were the driving force behind her musical career and the genre of music she performs, which is typically classic rock. Growing up, she said her parents always used to play classic rock from the 1980s and she would catch herself "nodding her head to a beat." Well-known female rockers like Pat Benatar and Joan Jett are just a couple of Ayala's inspirations.

She had a rock band called Dead End when she was only 12 and then another band until recently when everyone went off in different directions for college. The biggest venue she performed at before the show was probably The Bitter End, Ayala said, a hot spot in New York City for up and coming artists.

'This whole experience has just been incredible and the support my town has given me is absolutely incredible.'
- Mahopac's
Amanda Ayala

While most teenage girls are listening to Top 40 hits like Taylor Swift or Katy Perry, Ayala is cut from a different cloth. She knows her music selection can be a "head turner." Even the judges were impressed after she finished up performing her

classic rock song, with Levine giving her a standing ovation.

"I'm just so curious how a 17-year-old girl would choose that song," Stefani said during the show. Shelton added, "I'm so impressed that you're 17-years-old and you want to do classic rock."

Ayala admitted it was "a little bit intimidating" performing in front of such high profile artists, but those nerves eventually melted away after the four celebrities fought with each other to have the right to tutor Ayala throughout the rest of the competition.

"It was just mind-blowing," Ayala said. "And the whole thing I'm still in shock. Watching it back, I was just like 'This is the best thing ever' and just to have superstars fighting over you is something that anybody would ask for so it's just a dream come true."

Going forward, Ayala can't reveal much

but noted next up are the battle rounds. Regardless of how far she goes, she hopes it's a springboard to other opportunities down the line.

Watching how other contestants on the show have done afterward, Ayala understands the exposure can only move her career forward. Of course, she already knows community members in Mahopac include a big portion of her fan base.

Ayala, who has lived in Mahopac since a toddler and graduated from Mahopac High School last year, has been amazed with the overwhelming support. Just recently, she walked into a local restaurant and a little girl came up to her and asked if she was the girl on The Voice and then asked for a picture.

"This whole experience has just been incredible," Ayala said. "And the support my town has given me is absolutely incredible."



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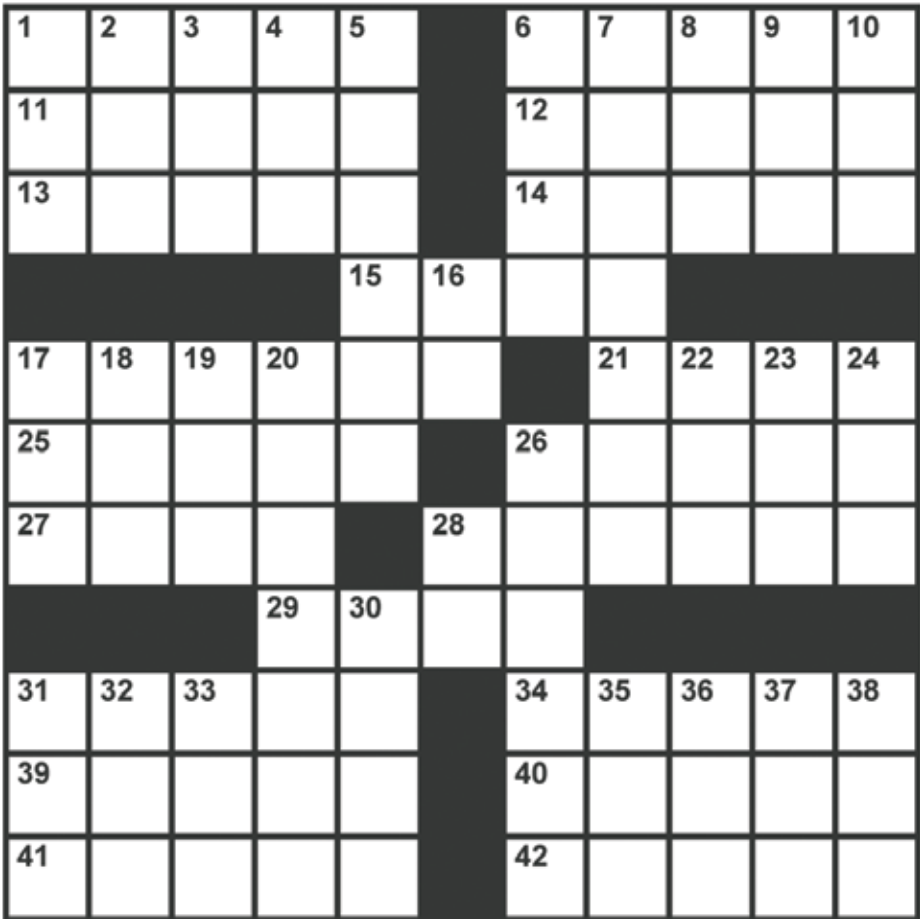





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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
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6. Comedy
11. Halos
12. Contest effort
13. Reconnaissance, in the British army
14. Ease
15. Comedian, Bob
17. Brewster insurance agency
21. Philippine city
25. New bride's acquisition
26. Milk dispenser
27. Feline musical
28. Boot part
29. Amounted (to)
31. Open, as a bottle
34. Wedding dress fabric
39. Basketball infractions
40. Words before a high note
41. Thin's opposite
42. Sparrows' homes
- Down
1. Rule out
2. Be penitent
3. Welder type
4. Cul-de-____
5. Long-running TV variety show
6. Mound
7. Makes straight, in a way
8. Three letters every rail commuter knows
9. Mere morsel
10. Deli bread
16. "Horse ____ Black" by Purvis Young
17. Part of three-in-a-row
18. Cell constituent
19. In the last month: Abbr.
20. The Young ____ (pop group)
22. "Much ____ about nothing" Shakespeare play
23. Salon supply
24. ____ we there yet?
26. Not on the level
28. Messaging format
30. Domed recess
31. Mystery craft
32. ____ Hill, San Francisco
33. Pool tool
35. Pronoun
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Frequent Questions About Home Standby Generators and Home Batteries

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What is the difference between a home standby generator and a home battery system?

The prime difference is that a battery is meant to store power and a generator creates power. In a power outage, a generator can continuously produce power; a battery can only distribute what has been stored.

How much electricity does an average American home use?

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in 2013 the average annual electricity consumption for a U.S. residential utility customer was 10,908 kilowatt hours (kWh). This translates to about 30 kilowatt hours per day.

We have frequent power outages because of storms and inclement weather as well as the nation's aging electrical grid. What's the right backup power solution for me?

The most reliable source of power for extended or unpredictable power outages is a home standby generator. The generator, which in most cases is connected directly to a home's natural gas line, has a constant supply of fuel and can operate through extended outages, keeping homes safe, lit

and powered.

For people concerned with a loss of natural gas supply during a storm, generators can be fueled by a dedicated LP tank as well.

With this continuous fuel source, generators are much better able to face the unpredictability of dangerous, storm-prompted or lengthy outages rather than a home battery, which relies on an external power source to recharge it after only a few hours of use.

Can a battery provide the same backup power support to my home as a generator?

The simple answer is no. Both products do help supply electricity that homeowners can use for any electrical device in their home—from air conditioning to microwaves.

Home standby generators, when properly installed and wired to the home's circuitry, can provide adequate wattage to the home to run all selected circuits simultaneously, with the output they require. Home appliances draw different amounts of power when they operate—a microwave may require 1000 watts of power, and a refrigerator may require 500 to 750 watts to operate. Generators steadily produce their power, fully supporting all circuits they are wired to.

Home batteries cannot supply the full wattage of the power they may hold all at once. For example, a battery that may be charged with up to 10 kWh of energy, in order to protect the longevity of the battery, cannot dispense its power at more than a 2 kilowatts-per-hour rate. This means that only certain appliances would be able to draw power at any given time from the battery. In a power outage, the battery could support only limited items in a home at one time (e.g., just the refrigerator, but not the furnace).

Visit Generac's home backup generator sizing calculator to learn what it takes to power your home <http://www.generac.com/for-homeowners/home-backup-power/home-backup-products>

What are the most common reasons why homeowners invest in home backup generators?

Heating and air conditioning are top concerns, along with running water and hot water. All of these items are high-load appliances and require a high capacity to start. These actions consume significant power and could quickly drain a battery.

There are a number of ways homeowners can prepare for a power outage. Learn more here: <http://www.generac.com/be-prepared>



How would any product help me live "off grid"?

Homeowners who wish to operate the appliances and features of their home without being connected to their community's standard power grid explore a number of options to provide constant energy to their home.

Often these options still require a fuel source. In the case of certain battery backup options, the fuel source is stored solar energy. By going "off grid" a home only powered by a battery power source using solar fuel must rely on the unpredictable coverage and collection of sunlight to recharge it—impractical in most parts of the country.

Home standby generators' fuel is often available in the home's area in the form of natural gas or propane. A more reliable resource—natural gas—is abundant, relatively inexpensive and cleaner burning than many other fuel types. Propane fuel can be delivered and refilled as the owner desires, unlike sunlight.

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must be sourced to a power-supplying unit and safely designed to transfer to their electrical system, a process that requires a professional electrician or generator/battery installer.

Generac has engineered the EcoGen home backup generator as the first automatic unit warranted for off-grid use when used in an alternative energy system. Find out more: <http://www.generac.com/for-homeowners/home-backup-power/home-backup-products>

Can I use a home standby generator to go off grid and cut the cord from my electric utility company?

Home standby generators are designed for backup power in the event of a power outage. Using a generator to power a home

full-time is likely impractical from a fuel-consumption perspective, maintenance requirements, etc. However, some standby generators, like the Generac EcoGen, are designed to work in conjunction with alternative-energy-powered homes (solar, wind, etc.) that may be disconnected from the grid.

How long will a battery backup system power a home through a power outage?

All back-up systems are different and their effectiveness depends on how much power your home requires. According to a recent article in Wired, a 7kWh battery system would power an average home for 5.6 hours, assuming it is fully charged when the power outage occurs. The practical runtime of the battery system was

estimated at 3 hours.

Will battery technology be available for generators?

While batteries will have a place in home energy systems, storage battery technology is not advanced enough to be a cost-effective addition to a generator used as a backup power source.

How does the cost of battery backup compare to the cost of home standby generator backup?

Both products require installation and proper consultation with electricians in order to ensure your home's electrical circuitry is properly handled. Generators, beginning at smaller wattages like 7kw, could be installed for as little as \$2,500. The new home battery is priced at approximately \$3,000 for the battery. Installation prices are undetermined, but may reflect standard hourly pay for electricians, as the generator does. And the battery will require installation of an AC/DC power inverter, typically costing \$2,000 or more, to convert its power output for use in the home. Batteries may also need to be replaced after a few years, more frequently if they go through frequent charging/discharging cycles.

The return on investment, however, makes power supplied by a generator less expensive over the life of the product based on how much output it provides.

For example, to provide the same 16 kilowatts of continuous power as a Generac 16,000-Watt Air Cooled Automatic Standby Generator with 200-

Amp SE Rated Transfer Switch retailing for around \$4,000, a homeowner would need eight stacked Tesla batteries at a cost of \$55,000 for a nine-year lease.

Does a standby generator require an AC/DC power inverter like a battery storage product?

No, the generator produces AC power, which can connect directly to a home's electrical distribution panel.

How much power output can a generator produce?

The most popular Generac generator model produces 22kW, which is commonly installed to power the entire home, including all the most common appliances in a home, such as high-load central air conditioners, electric heaters, kitchen appliances, etc.

How much power output can the home battery produce?

Certain battery systems can produce about 2kW on average and 3.3 kW peak.

What is the difference in availability and support for a backup home battery and a generator?

Currently, the whole-house battery is a fledgling product with no full-scale distribution network or availability. Home standby generators by Generac, however, are supported by more than 5,200 certified dealers and an expansive network of trained installers in this immediate area, as well as our 1-800-GENERAC support network or by visiting Mid-County Electric Sales at 240 Route 6 in Mahopac, NY.



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There Are Ways to Create the Illusion of Bigger Space

Who says bigger is better? Well, all of us do, it seems, when it comes to living larger and wanting more space, especially if we happen to be downsizing but don't want to be fully aware of it.

There are countless ideas in decorating magazines, on HGTV and the Internet about how to give the illusion of pushing back those walls and elevating the ceiling, but not all experts are in agreement about which techniques work best. It all depends on the mix of color, furniture arrangement, accessories, pattern and texture. But color is where to start.

The rule of thumb for enlarging space has normally been to paint walls in lighter colors. For me, a prime example comes to mind from the play and movie "The Producers" when Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom hit pay dirt and hire their very efficient secretary Ulla, who in turn paints their entire office white, including all furnishings and the safe.

Suddenly the set expands visually from a dim and depressing space to a bright and sunny environment, seemingly twice its size. Traditionally we have believed this works because we know that lighter colors



By Bill Primavera

reflect the light, rather than absorbing it.

But some decorating consultants would argue that lighter colors bring walls and objects closer to us and actually make a room seem smaller, while darker shades, such as a grey, can give the illusion of receding into deep space. I believe that either technique can work depending on a variety of factors, from the height of the ceiling to the amount of natural light the room receives, to how the room is furnished and accessorized.

But there are endless ways to deceive the eye.

Some years ago, I had a friend, a fashion editor, who complained that apartment had the smallest bedroom one could imagine, with just enough room for a double bed, a dresser and a night table. But she came up with an ingenious idea inspired from a Barbra Streisand movie. She covered her entire bedroom in a small floral print. That included the wallpaper for both her walls and ceiling and the fabric, which was used for all her bedding, including the headboard.

When she invited friends over to see the finished result, it was amazing. Stepping

into that room with its pale, repetitive pattern throughout was like entering into an endless flower garden where the walls just seemed to disappear.

There are other tricks that expand space. There's one old rule that small furniture in a small space is the way to go, but a few larger pieces of furniture in a small room will often make it look bigger. Just don't overdo it. A sleek sofa or chair will give as much sitting room as an overstuffed version but will take up much less usable space. For the dramatic effect of utilizing larger pieces without taking up floor space, take to the walls, either with a mirror or art.

Don't automatically place your furniture against walls, believing that it frees up floor space. Sometimes placing a piece at an angle or surrounded by open space, even if it's just two or three inches from the wall, will make a room look bigger.

Choose tables and desks of clear glass. When you can see through objects, it creates clear space, rather than blocking it.

When it comes time to select fabrics and rugs, choose smaller prints like my friend did or plain colors that will visually expand a small room.

You can lengthen a room with drapes by hanging them from the ceiling rather than from the tops of the windows. Making them sheer lets in the light.

Another way to raise the ceiling is by painting it a darker shade than the four walls.

The oldest trick in the book is placing two mirrors on walls across from each other, which gives the illusion of a room that goes on and on forever.

It's always best to choose furniture with exposed legs, rather than a skirt, for expanding space.

And, finally, eliminate the need for some pieces by taking advantage of all the double-duty furniture now available to us through outlets like Home Goods, such as ottomans that double as storage units or as coffee tables.

Then again, if you live in a small house and want to ignore all the tips above, there is nothing wrong with living in a cozy space, with everything near at hand, feeling embraced by your environment. When you think about it, who said everything has to stretch?

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Climate Change in the World's Vineyards: Fact or Fiction?



By Nick Antonaccio

The threat of global warming has been growing at an accelerated pace, according to many sources. Since the effects of climate change are slow but steady, many shrug off warnings as anecdotal, simply describing this phenomenon as temporary weather patterns of varying durations.

Each of us has our individual opinion on the reality and effects of global warming. Some subscribe to the survey that argues that 97 percent of the scientific community believes that global warming is real. Others support the petition signed by 31,287 American scientists who reject the premise that current human practices are causing any global warming. In fact, both of these surveys/petitions have been debunked because they were conducted unscientifically, fueling the debate among the factious factions on the right and the left.

This past week brought the focus on climate change and global warming to the forefront. Armed with comments

from Pope Francis and United Nations leaders, the news media has catapulted this subject to the top of social media attention and television news outlet banners.

So who am I am to judge which position on climate change is more authentic? Rather, allow me to focus on the potential effects of global warming on a somewhat micro level that is dear to me: the potential impact on the global wine industry.

Climate is one of the most sensitive components of producing quality wines. Projections have been offered of the impact of rising global temperatures on components of the wine industry such as grape production, the quality of wine and even the displacement of vineyards. Ironically, in Europe the summer heat waves, hailstorms and diseases of the last four years have resulted in several highly regarded vintages. Adept winemakers have been able to compensate for these phenomena – so far – but the individual terroirs of vineyards and the unique wines that are produced from these vineyards are at risk.

Herewith my observations on the potential impact of warming temperatures (both short and long term)

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on global wine production:

1. Higher seasonal temperatures produce earlier maturing crops (less "hang-time" equals less robust grapes). Crops subject to an increased number of days of heat will change the characteristics and flavor profile of grapes. The intricate balance of sugar and acid that define a wine are altered, resulting in radically different wines that have been meticulously refined by artisanal winemakers over centuries of working in a symbiotic relationship with nature.

2. Higher average temperatures over a protracted period would force the displacement of vineyards hundreds of miles beyond their current locations in the Northern and Southern hemispheres. New wine producing areas further north in Europe and North America would be created while existing areas would be unsuitable for current vineyard plantings. Greenland could actually become a green land of grape crops.

3. A number of current wine regions in Europe and the United States would virtually disappear, unable to sustain their terroir.

4. Displacement of grapes such as Pinot Noir, which is extremely sensitive to temperature, would occur. Could this foretell the end of Burgundy and other

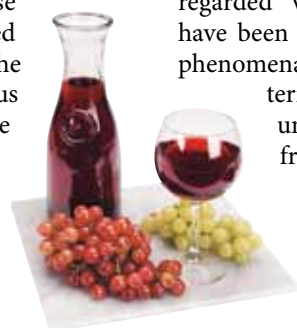
favorable wine regions as we know it?

5. Improved climates would emerge in regions that currently struggle to produce quality wine, e.g. England and northern Germany. Anecdotal evidence: sparkling wines are now being produced for the first time in England – and have won international blind tasting competitions.

What has taken centuries by artisanal winemakers to achieve optimal wines may be threatened by influences beyond their powers. Whether the Earth is experiencing a multiyear pattern of weather and climate variability or a long-term, steady decline into permanent global warming, it is the scientific community that must step up to resolve the current debate. Leaving it to the international political community and national leaders will not provide the definitive answer. We owe it to future generations of wine lovers.

Next week, I'll survey the 2015 grape harvest for anecdotal comments on the impact of this year's weather patterns on wine quality.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



More than 300 Participate in Health Dept's RUN 4 YOUR LIFE

More than 300 runners and walkers came out for the Second Annual RUN 4 YOUR life event on Sunday, September 27, featuring a 5-kilometer run, a one-mile walk and a half-mile kids' fun run. Organized by the Putnam County Department of Health, the event lived up to its design as a fun, family event.

Seventeen-year-old Zach Nordstrom from Patterson took first place in the men's division with a time of 19:20, as his parents cheered him on. In the women's division for the second straight year, Lori-Beth Patsey from Fishkill, and a member of the Open Door Medical Center Team topped the women's field and placed sixth overall. Her clocking of 22:43 chopped more than two minutes off her finishing time last year.

For the McMaths, the Kozmas clan, and Team Andrew and many others, it was a family celebration day as well. Seventeen-year-old Tyler McMath, and his 15-year-old brother Dorian from Carmel finished second and fifth among the men respectively, while mom Jessica finishing fifth in her age category. Twelve-year-old Sandor Kozma finish in in eighth place overall, followed by his 13-year-old sister Jessica in ninth place. Both Carmel youngsters finished first in their age groups. In 12th place overall was the elder Sandor Kozma garnering second place in his age category.

But the most touching story of the day centered on Team Andrew. Eleven family members registered for the event and with them came countless other friends and family. Recreational runner Andrew Olang travelled the 5 kilometer course in a wheelchair after a fall from a ladder left him paralyzed.

"Involving friends and family in your exercise routines is the main idea behind this event," says Allen Beals, MD, Commissioner of Health for Putnam County. "Most everyone knows that exercise is a key component to good health. The challenge is to find the time. By doing it with family and friends, it's at once easier to schedule in a busy

day, and the bonus is it's much more enjoyable."

From start to finish the race proved an extraordinary success. Corporate sponsorship and backing was strong, matched only by great support from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), which provided dozens of volunteers. While the officers saw that the course was properly patrolled and crowds controlled, MRC volunteers helped out with everything from registration and medic support, to communications and cleanup.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit the PCDOH website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health or visit the social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth, www.facebook.com/RunWalkPutnam, www.instagram.com/PutnamHealthNY and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

5K RACE RESULTS

MEN		
1 Zach Nordstrom, 17	Patterson	19:26
2 Tyler McMath, 17	Carmel	20:04
3 Joey Kolok, 43	Mt. Royal, NJ	20:54
4 Carlos Venegas, 35	Brewster	21:56
5 Dorian McMath, 15	Carmel	22:10
WOMEN		
1 Lori-Beth Patsey, 32	Fishkill	22:43
2 Jessica Kozma, 13	Carmel	22:57
3 Michele Mannion, 36	Carmel	23:04
4 Isabel Dos Santos, 44	Carmel	23:59
5 Betty Vail, 34	Pawling	24:27

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The start of the RUN 4 YOUR LIFE event.



Andrew Olang and his team of runners and supporters.



First place finisher on the men's side Zach Nordstrom.



First place finisher on the women's side Lori-Beth Patsey.supporters.



The Kozma family after the race.

Watercolor Society Exhibits Work at Mahopac Public Library

The Northern Westchester Watercolor Society has installed a new show of work in Mahopac Public Library's Third Floor Gallery. Featuring seventeen artists from Putnam and Westchester counties, the exhibit of watercolor and mixed media works provides an engaging look at the power and subtlety of this medium. The Northern Westchester Watercolor Society exhibit will remain on display through October 30; the artwork can be viewed during regular Library hours.

Watercolors are usually transparent, and appear luminous because the pigments are laid down in a relatively pure form. But color can be applied in a bold way, capturing the richness of nature as in Janet Lupinacci's Blooming Cactus, Belinda Di Tieri's Bird with Red Berries, and Diana Dopman's Nasturtiums in which the orange petals pop against the deep blue and purple background. Suzanne Babineau's Dock at Lake Mahopac is also a memorable image; the bright red and blue covered motorboats moored to a dock is a scene one might observe from a Library window!

A more impressionistic use of watercolor can be found in work by Regina Sottovia (Wild Nature) and Renee Robin Buerghler (Rocky Hills). Gentle landscapes and water scenes gracefully capture the magnificence of the Hudson River Valley including Pauline Bruno's Canoe, and Mary Ann Healy's Hudson Highlands. Architectural structures are depicted in works by Loretta Mangan (Arches at Mission San Jose, Dome at Mission San Jose), and by Suzanne Weissman. Weissman's Cap D'Antibes illustrates a quiet street scene with highlights of red flowers and green shrubbery accenting the pale masonry of the homes.

Still life is another theme that is exemplified in works such as Phyllis Entner's Turnips, Leslie Israel's Hydrangeas, and Savory, featuring a delicate arrangement of garlic heads by

Mary Ann Healy. Margaret Timone's extraordinary work entitled Feather is striking in its delicacy and simplicity. Other works by Quincy Eggington (NY Botanical Garden's Delight I & II), JoJo Maxwell's Lily Pads on Pond, and Gisela Penge's By the Sea depict the delightful beauty of the natural world.

The participating artists in this show are Suzanne Babineau, Pauline Bruno, Renee Robin Buerghler, Belinda Di Tieri, Diana Dopman, Quincy Eggington, Phyllis Jane Entner, Mary Ann Healy, Leslie Israel, Janet Lupinacci, Loretta Mangan, JoJo Maxwell,

Gisela Vesterling Penge, Regina Sottovia, Nancy Sweeney, Margaret Nester Timone, and Suzanne Weissman.

The Northern Westchester Watercolor Society exhibit will remain on view in the Third Floor Gallery through October 30. For further information about the gallery, call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.



Dock at Lake Mahopac by Suzanne Babineau.

Call Mr. Robeson Comes to Paramount Theater

Call Mr. Robeson, an award-winning play from the UK is to be performed at Paramount Hudson Valley Theater on Saturday November 7 at 7 p.m.

This rollercoaster journey through actor/singer Paul Robeson's remarkable life highlights his pioneering and heroic political activism as well as his music. It features Ol' Man River and other famous songs, much fiery oratory, and a defiant testimony to the House Un-American Activities Committee. One of the highlights of the play is the infamous Peekskill Riots of August and September 1949. Written and performed by Nigerian-born, UK-based playwright and singer Tayo Aluko with piano accompaniment by New York pianist Dennis Nelson, Call Mr. Robeson was chosen by the UK Guardian's theatre critic as his top pick for things to see in London January 2011.

The play received a standing ovation at New York's Carnegie Hall February 2012 and was staged in London's West End October 2013, It has sold out several theatres internationally, including all seventeen performances of a 2015 tour of New Zealand and Australia.

Call Mr. Robeson enjoyed a 4-week residency at the Tristan Bates Theatre in Covent Garden, October 2013 where BBC Radio 4's Loose Ends presenter Clive Anderson saw it and later described it as one of the most memorable plays of the

year. Call Mr. Robeson has won numerous awards against international competition including Best Musical Performance at the Atlantic Fringe in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 2013, Best Solo Show at the Stratford-upon-Avon Fringe, June 2013 and the Argus Angel Award for Artistic Excellence and the Best Male Performer Award at the Brighton Fringe, May 2008.

Listings Information

What: Call Mr. Robeson. A Life, With Songs. Written and performed by Tayo Aluko, with Dennis Nelson, Piano. Directed by Olusola Oyeleye, Designed by Phil Newman

When: Saturday, November 7, 2015, 7 p.m.

Where: Paramount Hudson Valley Theater 1008 Brown Street Peekskill, NY 10566

Tickets: \$30, \$20
Box Office: 914 739 0039 (ext. 2) boxoffice@paramounthudsonvalley.com

Age Recommendation: 12+
Contacts: Paramount Abigail Adams 914-739-0039 abigail@paramounthudsonvalley.com

Artist's Management: Gail Spencer Schickele Sage Artists 2638 Post Street San Francisco, CA 94115 415 922 6627 or 415 336 5673 gails@sageartists.com www.sageartists.com

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Yoga:

Fall yoga classes are scheduled to begin in September at Mahopac Public Library. The classes include Evening and Mid-Day Yoga with Chun Kim-Levin, Kripalu Yoga and Meditation with Michael Doherty, Self-Discovery through Yoga with Wendy Wolf, and Gentle Yoga with Meredith Laubin. Registration is ongoing; individuals may register with the class fee at the Library's Information Desk. No previous experience is necessary to attend these yoga classes; attendees are encouraged to wear loose or comfortable clothing, and to bring a Yoga mat or towel and a pillow to sit on. For additional information call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Tuesday, October 6

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m. to discuss the book "Dear Life" by Alice Munro. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library. FMI: Contact 845-225-2439"

Medicare: The Biggest Gap: 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Kent Library: Presented by Bankers Life. Understanding them can be the difference between a secure retirement and outliving your money. Come and learn how to protect what you have worked for. This seminar will show you how to maintain independence, have choices and protect assets. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Wednesday, October 7

The Putnam County Department of Health Seasonal Flu vaccine clinic for Putnam County residents, 18 years of age and older. 2 p.m. -6:30 p.m. at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9, Garrison. . No appointments are necessary and doors will not open until 2 p.m. Please bring proof of residency (driver's license) and Medicare card. Cost for flu vaccine is \$25, though for persons age 65 and older or with a Medicare card, flu vaccine will be free. In order to move people more quickly through the clinic, required vaccine consent forms will be available at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/2015-schedule-public-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-clinics/> Download the forms, complete them and bring them with you to the clinic. Forms will be available at the clinic if you are unable to download them. For questions call the Putnam County Department of Health Immunization Assistant at 845-808-1332.

The Kent Public Library will host Star Wars Movie Night: 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m. Come have some popcorn and discover for the first time, or watch again the first Star Wars movie, Star Wars Episode IV : A New Hope. Fans of all ages are

welcome. Please wear a costume if you can. . Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Metal Detecting Club: The Putnam County Metal Detectorists and Archeological Society. The First Baptist Church Brewster, 460 N Main St., Brewster at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in Metal Detecting is invited to attend. Finds of the Month and future club hunts will be topics for discussion. For more information, visit us online at www.greattreasure.com. New members are always welcome.

Thursday, October 8

Girl Scouts Ribbon Cutting on New Garden: The Ceremony is to celebrate GS Silver award. 34 Glendia Ave. Carmel. 3 p.m.

Drug Crisis In Our Backyard: www.drugcrisisinourbackyard.com. How you can help. Special Guest Speaker Dr. Frederick Hesse, Medical Director at Arms Acres. The dangers of prescription painkillers The alternatives. Mahopac Public Library, Community Room 668 Rt. 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Food will be served. Space is limited. Please register early. Email Susan: ssal@drugcrisisinourbackyard.com

The Sons/Daughters of Italy are hosting their annual Pasta Night: VFW Hall at 32 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the donation is \$12 to help support the many charities of the SOI. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of delicious food, friendship and music. For more information contact Michele at 845-225-1144.

Friday, October 9

Star Wars and Legos at the Kent Public Library: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. the Kent Public Library will host a Star Wars Lego program. Don't miss this chance to build your favorite Star Wars characters using Lego blocks. There is no charge, and all are welcome. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Lego Club: Additional dates include: November 20, and December 11- 4:15 p.m.- 5 p.m. For ages 5 and up. Show off your incredible imagination and building skills by tackling our monthly theme, or choosing your own theme with the library's Legos. We have a limited number of base plates so bring one if you want, you will get them back. Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, October 10

Star Wars Reads Day The Kent Public Library will be hosting two Star Wars

programs

The first program will be for students 7 years old and up, and takes place from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Well be making light-sabers, character masks, and Popsicle felt Yoda puppets. Teens 14 and older are invited to come to the Kent Public Library on Saturday October 10th from 1 p.m.-2:45 p.m. for star wars crafts. If you love Star Wars, don't miss this chance to make Star Wars characters Perler Beads and a scrabble tile Star Wars character pin. In addition to the activities there will be a display of all of the library's Star Wars books and you will have a chance to check out the many Star Wars movies. Registration for both programs is required. You may register by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Historical Society: Our American History: A free program series - open to the Public George Armstrong Custer: Before the Little Bighorn with Capt. Mark Ehlers, Assistant Professor of History United States Military Academy at West Point. 10 a.m. FMI: 845-528-1024 or email: PvHistoricalSociety@verizon.net

5th Annual Event in memory of Caitlyn Rose Savio, Kiwi Country Day Camp, 825 Union Valley Rd., Carmel. noon - 5 p.m. Call 845 277-3876 or email. thecaitlynrosesaviofoundation@gmail.com or visit Facebook page-- In Memory of Caitlyn Savio

Sunday, October 11

Mount Nimham Fire Tower Festival: 2 p.m.- 4 p.m., the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Kent Conservation Foundation (KCF) will host a festival at the Mount Nimham Fire Tower in the Town of Kent. The event will commemorate the fire tower's restoration ten years ago and celebrate its value to the community. The festival will begin with a presentation of the colors followed by welcoming remarks and will feature live music, exhibits, activities for children, and the opportunity to climb to the top of the 80-foot fire tower. Please park at the DEC parking lot on Gypsy Trail Road. Since driving to the top of Mount Nimham is prohibited, shuttles will be running from the parking lot to the top beginning at 1 PM. To view a map of the area, please see docs.kentcac.info/gtdecparkeing. Prior to the festival, the CAC will host its annual Fall Foliage Hike. Those who wish to participate should pack a lunch and water and meet at 11:30 a.m. in the DEC parking lot. The guided hike through the woods will get hikers to the top in time for the beginning of the festival. Volunteers who would like to help spruce up the site on Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. - noon, or to help out on the day of the festival, should contact CAC Chair Beth Herr at (845) 228-5635.

ONGOING:

Homework Help at Kent Library: Homework Help / Sharper Skills with Miss Kelly will be starting again at the Kent Public Library. Students levels K-12 and individuals seeking secondary completion according to the NYS Standards. Program dates and times are Monday through Wednesday from 4 p.m. -6 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m.-2:45 p.m. FMI: 845-225-8585. Registration is optional. Help will be provided on a first come first served basis. The Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Cancer Support Available:

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Monday's

Paws to Read at Kent Library Join volunteers from Therapy Dogs International and their dogs at Kent Public Library, for the Paws for Reading Program, select Mondays in September through November. This program is designed to give children, ages 6-10, the opportunity to gain confidence and improve reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. This is a free event. One-on-one fifteen minute sessions are available by appointment only. Registration is required. Once you are registered, you will be called and an appointment will be made. To register call the library at 845-225-8585 or stop by the Kent Library.

5th Grade and Up Book Club: Every Third Monday 5:30 p.m. Enjoy reading books at home, then join Miss Jenn and Miss Kathleen to discuss the books and have fun with friends! Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tuesday's

Introduction to Mixed Media at Reed Library, Carmel. Create unique visual art pieces through the combination of watercolor, drawing, and collage techniques program runs through October 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required, 845-225-2439.

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Mailman Delivers!
Brew Crew Works Over Somers, 48-16

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of last Friday night, including a ceaseless, driving rain and wind, could stop Brewster QB Matt Catalano and the visiting Bears from delivering a 48-16 statement win over the Somers Tuskers and NG Dan Venditto (56). Matty Cat fired a pair of TD passes to Kevin Blank as the Bears overwhelmed the Tuskers on both sides of the ball, including three defensive scores, via a pair of Pick 6's and a fumble recovery... see Grid Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

Brewster Strong on Both Sides of Ball in Rout of Somers

Mahopac Back in Saddle, Prepping for Game of Year vs. New Ro'; Scarsdale, How Could You?

By Ray Gallagher
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We'll open the Grid Notes on a despicable note, a pitiful commentary on someone at Scarsdale High, which failed to produce: 1. a moment of silence for the mass slayings at Oregon last week, or, 2. Get this, sing the national anthem before defeating visiting Carmel, 38-7, last Saturday.

I can live without the moment of silence because we'd likely never utter a word in this nation if we had to pipe down every time some mad man took a life, but the fact that Scarsdale didn't care enough to queue up our country's national anthem before a varsity football game is a direct slap in the face of every God-fearing American who wondered why the hell we weren't being asked to remove our caps by the P.A. announcer.

The P.A. announcer made dang sure he praised Muffy and Buffy for changing their underwear that morning, but the country's anthem was apparently an afterthought to the district. And we wonder why our country has gone to hell in a handbag (never quite knew what that meant but



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/BOB CASTER/ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Lakeland RB Keir Malley goes for some of his 100 yards in Hornets' 9-0 win over rival Panas Friday night.

my dad still says it so I know it rings true with the older generations who would be appalled by Scarsdale's actions or lack thereof).

It's indefensible! And don't try saying, "We forgot" because, like I tell my son when he runs a litany of excuses up the flagpole; that doesn't fly in my house, only the stars and stripes of my country will. Get with the program, Scarsdale!...

CLASS A

There was nothing blank about the stare on Brewster senior RB Kevin Blank's elated face after he scored three touchdowns in the Bears 48-16 humbling of host Somers last Friday night. Blank took a pair long screen passes to paydirt -- a 39- and 41-yarder from QB Matt Catalano -- and scored off a Pick 6 as the Bears improved to 4-1 with the kind of defense this unit hasn't played in years.

Somers (2-3) RB Messiah Horne broke off a long-gainer to the house for a 10-7 Somers lead late in the first quarter, but the Bears got stingy from

that point forward, scoring 34 unanswered points; Blank and Jack Guida providing a 21-10 halftime edge. Catalano audibled on the screen pass to Blank, and Guida notched his second score midway through the second quarter, the first coming off a first-quarter fumble recovery caused by LB Nick Panucci.

Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill's Bears have now scored 99 points in the last two games, 51 coming against John Jay in a Week 4 51-50 double OT win over John Jay CR. Brewster's defense was shabby against the Indians and they took that performance -- and some critical comments in this space -- to heart.

"Yeah, motivating the defense this week was easy after giving up 50," Mulvihill exclaimed! "I'm very proud of the whole team, but the defense especially. My assistant coaches, Mike Honey, Matt Cunningham and Ryan Cleary came up with the perfect defensive game plan. The kids bought in and executed it perfectly. Connor Dignan had a huge game for us with Jeremy Meissner and Kevin Blank. Matty Cat was his usual self, making some great audible calls in big spots for us. Going on the road three weeks in a row against Sleepy, Jay and Somers and coming up with a win each time is special. Hopefully, we can continue to get better and try to make a run in the playoffs."

The Bears have the offensive weapons to make a Final 4 run: A rock solid QB in Catalano, a slithery RB in Guida and a versatile pass-catching RB in Blank. If the defense can come around and play to this level, Brewster can have its best season in

more than a decade.

"That was a game to remember," Catalano said. "Although the conditions weren't as what we hoped, we came out on top in the end. Somers has always been a tough team to play. Our defense was stellar. They executed everything perfectly and came up with some big plays when we needed it. Jack Guida's fumble recovery for a touchdown gave us momentum at the beginning of the game. Our defensive linemen were also amazing. Connor Dignan and Nick Leahy -- our defensive tackles -- gave penetration into the back field and stopped the ball once it got to the line of scrimmage. Our secondary had an amazing game. Our defense is the real deal and they're playing top notch. Guida and Jeremy Meissner on the offensive side drove the ball through the Somers defense. We ran the ball all night and it worked. We kept pushing down the field, advancing the ball every play."

YORKTOWN hopes to have righted the ship behind senior RB Nick Santavicca who rushed for 253 yards and four touchdowns in the Huskers' 35-0 win over visiting Sleepy Hollow. FB Scott Weaver added six carries for 66 yards and a score. The Yorktown defense, which was shredded a week earlier in tough loss to Somers, saw Justin Cavallo force two fumbles to go with six tackles. Big Max Costello had four tackles and an interception for the Huskers (3-2), who still have enough time to get their act together for a strong playoff push.

LAKELAND's Keir Malley scored a 28-yard TD run and went for over 100 yards in the Hornets' 9-0 win over visiting rival



Bears Kevin Blank (42) and Jeremy Meissner (32) spring Brewster RB Jack Guida for TD run.



Carmel RB Kasey Correa is dragged down by his shoe top in Rams' stunning 38-7 loss to host Scarsdale Saturday.



Carmel senior Luis Casillas makes tackle in Rams' loss to Scarsdale Saturday.

Walter Panas last Friday before a packed Pink-Out at the Hive. The funny thing about the Class A playoffs is that winless Panas (0-5) is still assured a playoff spot in the round of 16 while 3-2 Lakeland is

Sports

Grid Notebook



Brewster senior Kevin Blank outraces five Tuskers to score one of two TDs on day in 48-16 rout of Somers.

be turning it around as we inch closer to the playoffs. We all know Mike Smith as, perhaps, the finest lacrosse player in Sailor history (jury is still out), but his return to the gridiron this season was punctuated in the Sailors 28-19 win over visiting

three more scores in Friday's 27-14 win over visiting Arlington.

"We made some changes up front with our O-line, which really has created lanes for me to run through," Cavaciuti said. "The selflessness of players to step into new roles sparked a newfound excitement and confidence that we use to get better day after day. We're a different team than we were two weeks ago."

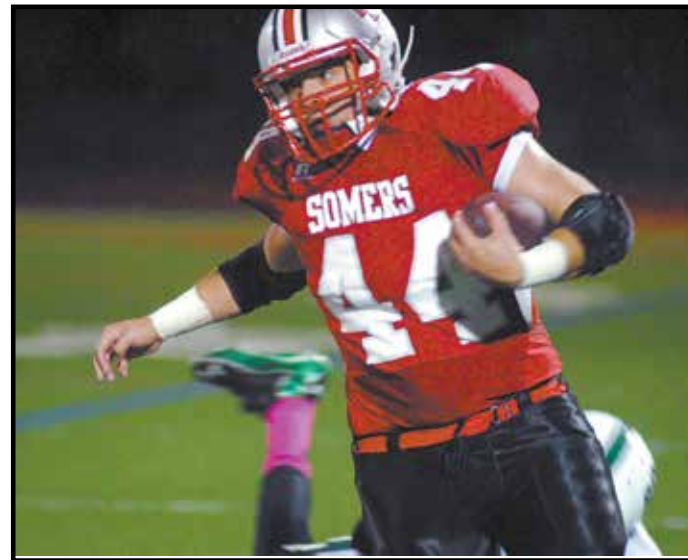
Mahopac RB Christian Donahoe rushed for another 90 yards and scored the game-clinching TD on a night when Arlington Coach Dom DeMatteo admitted his Admirals were beaten soundly in the trenches by a revamped Indian O-Line that is making for easier sledding, which may or may not be the case this Friday when the Indians travel to state-ranked (No.10) New Rochelle in what will amount to their regular season game of the year. Can the Indians get past the Purple and White mystique of the Huguenots? Will injured QB Dan Foley ever suit up? If he doesn't, the Indians are likely one ingredient, one key component, away from creating any sort of championship pie. If he does, the sky's the limit.

CARMEL simply didn't play close to its ability in the aforementioned loss to Scarsdale, and we're not 100% sure if we overrated the Rams (4-1) or they simply had a bad game, because that's what it was on many levels, a bad game. Most disturbing was the fact that Scarsdale rushed for nearly 400 yards when everybody in the house knew the Raiders were rushing ball. Additionally, Carmel killed itself with self-inflicted wounds; not the sign of a championship contender.

OSSINING (3-2), playing for much more than Pride this season -- as it is dedicated to longtime assistant Coach Roger Rowe (ill) -- continued on the uptick last Friday in a 33-8 rout of visiting Mount Vernon. Pride QB Shamar Holebrook (33 carries for 208 yards, 2TD rushes, plus 1 TD receiving) and RBs Kyle Cristello (22 carries for 98 yards, 1 TD) and Mekhi Knox (11 carries for 111 yards, 1 TD) were just three of the players who were out there laying it all on the line for one of the most revered figures in the history of Ossining football. Wishing you well, Coach Rowe. I remember the 90s like they were yesterday, when you were welling with Ossining Pride over your son's performance.

CLASS B

Putnam Valley senior RB Mike Dellabate



Somers FB James Lucadamo breaks off a big gain in first quarter against Brewster Friday night.

guaranteed nothing. Lakeland (3-2) senior Nick Vasquez put the game away with a fourth-quarter sack of Panas QB Brandon

Tappan Zee on Homecoming Day in Montrose, where they packed the joint.

Smith and the Sailors (2-3) defeated previously undefeated Tappan Zee (4-1), with the senior RB going for a career-high 131 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. He also snagged three passes for 76 yards. Jared Hershman, another lax player who came out for football this season with Smith, provided an insurance score with 9:13 left in regulation, racing in from 16 yards. This was Hen

Hud's biggest win in a couple of years, let's hope they sustain momentum.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC (3-2) is suddenly looking more and more like a team on a mission.

Gotta admit, it didn't look so swell after consecutive losses to John Jay EF and Clarkstown North, but the coaching staff has done some tinkering up front and RB Joey Cavaciuti has some blocks in front of him, which has translated into seven TDs in the last two games for the senior captain.

T o u c h d o w n Joe plowed for 90 yards and



Putnam Valley senior Zach Girvalo threw a 25-yard touchdown to Joe Spinola and picked off a pass in the end zone to preserve a PV win vs. Briarcliff.

Hodge for a safety. Panas (0-5) is better than its record would indicate, but you are what you are. Hats off to the fans of the Lakeland district for "Pinking Out" and turning out in droves on a nasty night.

HEN HUD, after a disastrous start, may



Mahopac QB-RB Christian Donahoe scored game-clinching TD in win over Arlington last Friday night.

got loose on 17 carries for 179 yards, including an 84-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of a 15-0 win over host Briarcliff last Saturday. DL Constantine George made two sacks and a key goal-line stop in the fourth quarter to help preserve a victory that was a lot closer than it should have been if the Tigers (3-2) are going to make some serious noise in the Class B playoffs.

NWE/PUTNAM EXAMINER GRID POLL

No.1 MAHOPAC – Just think when you get right down to it, the Indians are the most balanced team in this neck of the woods, and God. Forbid. Dany Foley ever returns under center, though I'm not holding out much hope for that.

No.2 BREWSTER – A very close 2nd to Mahopac. If the Bears had a true vertical WR who could stretch the field, they'd be almost impossible to difficult to defend. You have to rank them at No.3 overall in Class A, no? My gosh: #WhatTheBearsDidToSomers

No.2A YORKTOWN – The prevailing thought around town is that Coach "Big Mike" Rescigno figures out a way to get this club to the Class A Final 4 where they give either Rye or Eastchester their best shot. Remember, that 4thQ lead against Rye was just a few weeks ago.

No.4 CARMEL – Awesome skill players can only carry you for so long. At some point the grunts up front need to smash cats in the mouth, which we didn't see nearly enough of in that head-scratching blowout loss to an average Scarsdale club #BounceBack

No.5 SOMERS – With youth shall come a series of ups and downs, but the bottom fell out in the blowout loss to Brewster. Such is life in Class A football this season, which goes No.1 Rye, No.2 Eastchester and No.3 Everybody Else.

HM LAKELAND – To be 3-2 and battling for Class A playoffs lives pretty much stinks, but such is the fate of the Hornets. Coach Cap and staff deserve better.

Sports

Boys Soccer Notebook

A Case for Lakeland: Class A Contenders Prep for Playoff Push

By Ray Gallagher
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Last Thursday was a pretty wild day on the local soccer circuit as a slew of the locals went head-to-head in some tough league games, including Mahopac vs. Carmel; Brewster vs. Beacon; Putnam Valley vs. Haldane; Fox Lane at Yorktown and Hen Hud vs. Panas.

The results did very little to determine which local team might do the most damage in the upcoming post season, though there is a case to be made for Lakeland, which defeated Beacon in double OT, 3-2, and was pretty significant in that it enabled the Hornets to improve to 6-3-1 (5-0 league). Matias Prando (1G, 1A) and Dhruv Girgenti (2A) figured prominently in the scoring, as did Lirik Brucaj (1G) and Deven Girgenti (1G) as battle-tested Lakeland went into double OT for the fifth time this season.

Coach Tim Hourahan's Hornets appear to be gelling as we broach the second half of the regular season with all Class A eyes focused on state-ranked Byram Hills and Pearl River, not to mention upstart Rye, a recent 1-0 winner over Byram, which, if nothing else, proves the Bobcats can be had on a bad day.

"This season has been like dog years," Coach Hourahan said. "I have never had a stretch of competitive games like this in my 11 years. We opened up the season with a 4-0 win at put Valley, and then



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers captain Anthony Smajlaj get some hang time to play head ball in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Brewster last Thursday.

The close matches will only ensure a razor's edge come playoffs as the unit develops behind senior captain Deven Girgenti, who has been, hands down, Lakeland best player through 10 games. Senior winger Lirik Brucaj (3 goals) is also leading the way for a ton of juniors and sophomores who have been gaining valuable varsity soccer experience.

"Of course there were to be some growing pains, as expected," Hourahan said. "We gave up a goal with just under six minutes to play against Beacon,

which really could have deflated us, but these young pups had so much energy going into overtime."

Three minutes into the 2nd overtime (93rd minute) junior captain Matias Prando stepped up to take Lakeland's 12th corner kick of the game, where he found the foot of senior captain defender Deven Girgenti, who plastered a



Yorktown's Paul Nolan (14) cuts free from the defense of Fox Lane's Miles Levy in Huskers' 2-1 loss to Foxes.

we played seven consecutive one-goal games. Basically, every minute of every game was either tied or a team winning by a goal, other than the 8-1 breather against Lourdes, but then we get right back to a one-goal double overtime game with Beacon. So 8-of-9 games have been decided by a goal and 5-of-9 have gone to double overtime... dog years this season."



Carmel's Joe Millard and Mahopac's Max Lichtman battle in Indians' 2-1 win over Rams last Thursday.

days ahead #Brutal. P.S. Carmel did not play like an 0-11 team against Mahoapc, but the Rams are what their record says they are.

YORKTOWN (4-4-1) is striving for consistency as the playoffs approach and they took a step toward the end when Ankit Patel and Enzo Sangiacomo each scored in the Huskers' 2-0 win over Ossining. Yorktown, which has had a tough time producing goals without

injured sniper Marcello Spiniello in the lineup, could still be a tough out in the Class AA playoffs.

SOMERS (6-3) has lost two of the last three but the 2-1 loss to Class AA Greeley might have been more impressive than the Class A Tuskers' 2-0 win over Brewster, in which the Fiero brothers, Nick (1G) and Nolan



Yorktown's Enzo Sangiacomo gets a shot off against Fox Lane D Danny DiBiase in Foxes' 2-1 win over Huskers last Thursday.

one-time shot home.

"Two captains making a play for is when we needed it most," Coach Hourahan said.

That's the kind of stuff that might enable Lakeland to make a patented playoff run.

MAHOPAC (5-5) had its hat handed to it when the Indians squared off against the Dutchess County powers that be, falling by a combined 13-4 against RCK and John Jay EF. But with a 1-1 tie against (goal by Basuljevic), a 2-1 win over Carmel (goals by Nick Carmona and Aidan Hynes) and a 3-1 win over Ossining (Basuljevic hat-trick), Mahopac has turned things around as they prep for two games with state-ranked Arlington, RCK and Jay EF in the

(1A, 1A), did major damage. Andrew Lowman made 10 saves for the shutout. M Jack Maher scored the lone Tusker goal against Greeley.

PUTNAM VALLEY (6-3-1) beat Haldane 1-0 goal scored by Nick Tortorella assisted by Max Martins. The Class B Tigers are experiencing their best year in history while the winless Class C Blue Devils are uncharacteristically down.

HEN HUD (3-6-1) defeated PANAS (5-5) by a 2-1 count. The Sailors also tied OSSINING (3-6), which has fallen on hard times in the last seven, going 1-5-1.

Sports

Field Hockey Notebook

Yorktown Making Strides in Class A; Lakeland Still Unbeaten

By Tony Pinciario

Prior to being name Yorktown varsity field hockey coach, Bernadette Gannon was very familiar with senior Catherine Calidonna.

Calidonna plays for Gannon and her Rockland Tsunami travel field hockey program. Gannon knew Calidonna was a good player. What Gannon has learned, along with Yorktown's opponents, is that Calidonna is an impact player who can affect the game every time the ball is on her stick.

Calidonna is one of the major reasons Yorktown is currently 6-3 on the season. The Cornhuskers registered their sixth win of the season – 4-2 over Somers – led by Calidonna, who had a goal and two assists.

Calidonna opened the scoring for Yorktown, assisted by Stephanie Tucciarone. Following a Natalie Gammer goal, Calidonna assisted on goals by Lauren Manning and Tucciarone. Olivia Sanchez kicked out eight shots and received high praise from Gannon for keeping Yorktown in the game and allowing them to get the win.

"Catherine has great stick work and speed," Gannon said. "She is very focused on what needs to be done in order for us to win."

Calidonna leads Yorktown in scoring and is one of the team's co-captains.

"Catherine is very knowledgeable about the team and is one of our co-captains because of her ability on the field and her leadership by example," Gannon said.

Not only is Gannon pleased with the



WAYNE TREPTOW (SAILORCOUNTRY.COM) PHOTO

The 'pinked-out' Hen Hud field hockey team did its part to raise awareness for breast cancer last week in a 2-0 win over North Salem.

play of Calidonna, she is quite pleased with the team's performance, to date.

"The girls have been working hard in practice and that carries on to the field," Gannon said. "They are a very determined group of girls who want to do well this season."

"They don't give up, even if they are down at halftime. It drives them to pull together to win."

LAKELAND continues to gain momentum, like a runaway freight train, after a pair of 8-0 victories – over Fox Lane and Putnam Valley.

Lakeland ran into a hot goalie in Fox Lane's Jordan Lareus, who made 22 consecutive saves to open the game before Dana Bozek scored with 1:45 remaining in the first half. Lareus would finish with 39 saves.

Bozek led Lakeland with a hat trick and an assist. Brianna Muniz chipped in with two goals and also had an assist. Valerie Perkins and Julia Kim each had a goal and an assist and Meghan Fahey added a goal.

The Lakeland goalie trio of Madison Beames, Cassie Halpin and Giselle Rentas made one save.

Lakeland reached double digits in wins with the triumph over **PUTNAM VALLEY** as Bozek finished with four goals, including the 75th of her varsity career, and an assist. Emily Kness scored her first varsity goal and also had an assist. Caroline Cahill and Perkins contributed one goal and one assist apiece, Kelsey McCrudden had a goal and Brianna Muniz assisted on two scores.

Putnam Valley goalie Lauren Turner finished with 17 saves.

Bozek leads Lakeland in scoring with 18 goals and 16 assists, Muniz has eight goals and 19 assists and Perkins has collected six goals and 14 assists.

BREWSTER split two games, a 2-1 victory at R.C. Ketcham and a loss to John Jay-Cross River.

Brewster coach Art Holzmann was especially pleased with the victory because it came in a road game.

"As always, Lindsey McLaughlin and Kathleen Regan stepped up their play in the middle to keep the ball on the Ketcham side of the field," Holzmann said.

Theresa Butti gave Brewster a 1-0 lead, converting a McLaughlin pass on a penalty corner. After Ketcham evened the score going into halftime, Butti set up the winning goal with 4:48 remaining as Gina Grasso finished off a Butti crossing pass.

Sam Anfuso made six saves in the win.

HEN HUD registered a 2-0 win over Our Lady of Lourdes and played North Salem to a 0-0 draw, after losing to the Tigers earlier this season.

Kelsey Byrne was a one player highlight film against Lourdes, scoring both goals. Byrne opened the scoring with 4:50 remaining in the first half. Hen Hud rang up nine penalty corners in the first half and also matched that number in the second half.

Byrne scored her second goal eight minutes into the half.

Carole Sinacore finished with two saves, while Hen Hud amassed 16 shots on Lourdes' goalie Mia Ardovini-Brooker.

Hen Hud finished with three shots on goal – Kayla Tandy, Sarina Abraham and Byrne – against North Salem and the Tigers managed just three shots on Sinacore.

SOMERS rebounded from the loss to Yorktown with a 3-0 victory over Hen Hud as Taylor Turchick scored twice and Allison Colavito had the other. Somers' goalie Jess Monaco was the difference, making eight saves.



Putnam Valley's Kelsey Murphy gets a leg up on Peekskill's Elizabeth Fernandez in Tigers' 3-0 win last week.

Put Valley Defeats Peekskill, Continues Improvement

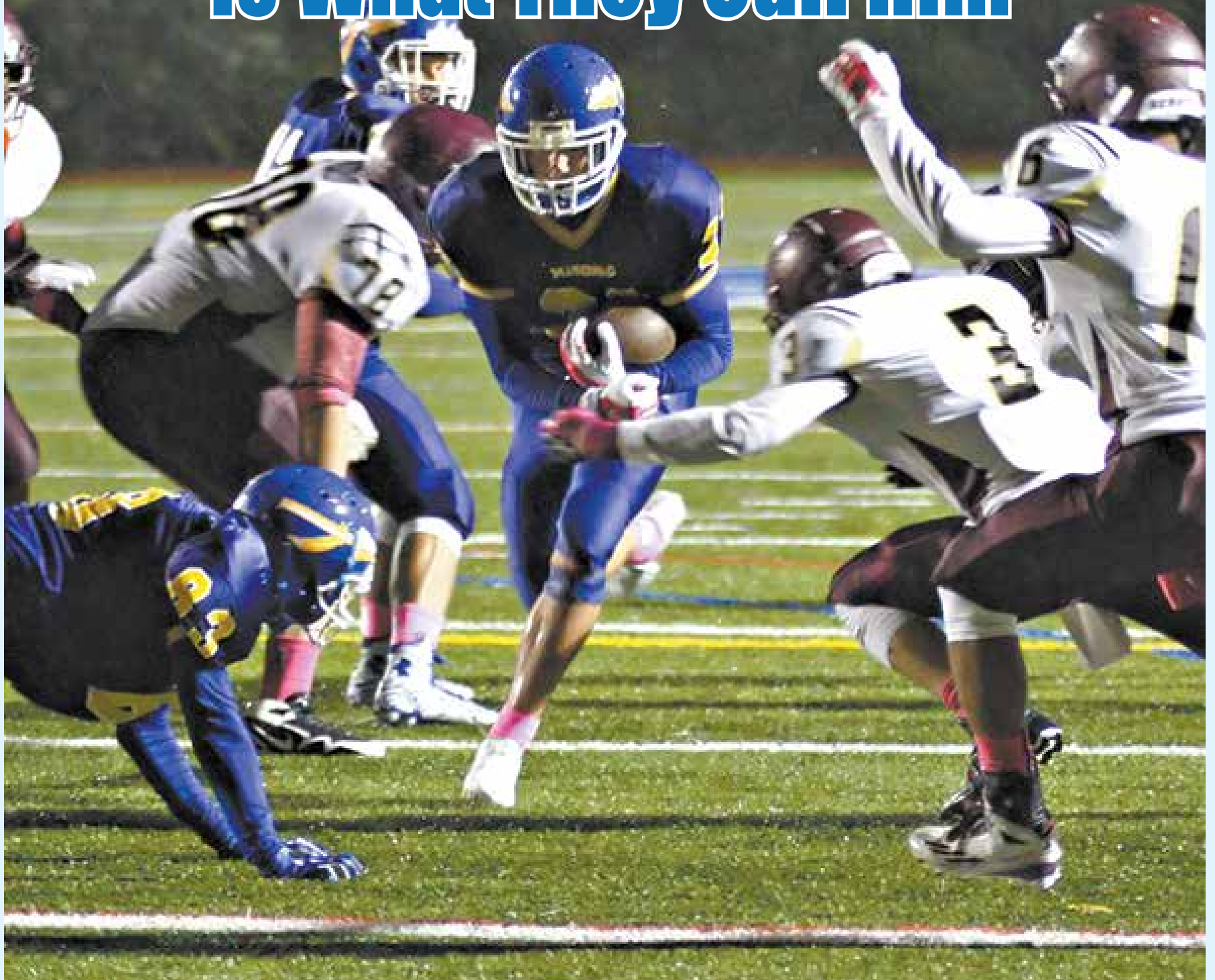


Putnam Valley players celebrate a Morgan Winogradoff goal in Tigers' 3-0 win over Peekskill last week.



Put Valley's Emma Rippon uses her head to clear zone against Peekskill's Yeymily Conde in Tigers' 3-0 win.

Joey Touchdown is What They Call Him



BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

Mahopac RB Cavaciuti Scores 3 more TDs in Win Over Arlington

Mahopac RB Joey Cavaciuti rushed for 90 yards in all and scored three more rushing touchdowns as the surging Indians defeated visiting Arlington, 27-14, on a rainy Friday night when the town turned out in PINK for breast cancer awareness. Joey Touchdown now has seven TDs in the last two games... see Grid Notebook