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Countywide Police Merger Study to Get Underway

By David Propper

After some delay and a couple tense exchanges between Town of Carmel and Putnam County officials over the last several months, a police consolidation study is set to get underway.

On Monday afternoon, County Executive MaryEllen Odell, in front of various county and local officials, introduced the man who is going to undertake the controversial task of looking into the feasibility of merging police departments in Putnam County. Daniel Dytchkowskyj, who is a sergeant in the Erie County Sheriff's Office and a graduate student working toward his

master's degree in public administration at Hilbert College in Hamburg, will be heading the feasibility study over the next few months as part of a graduate project. The cost associated with the study would be paying for Dytchkowskyj's travel expenses.

In a memo to all the interested stakeholders, Odell wrote during a meeting with the New York State Association of Counties, the NYSAC director and other members identified a graduate student who would be interested in conducting the consolidation study as his final project toward a master's degree.

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A Time to Spread Holiday Cheer to Those Neediest



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Over 200 volunteers of all ages joined Thanksgiving morning at Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Mahopac for the Annual Dorothy Day Thanksgiving Outreach preparations. 200 plus meals were created for men/staff at St. Christopher's Inn. Children made craft cards, placemats and decorate bags, while hot food, was packed into cars for delivery. Hundreds of sandwiches were also made in minutes with a team of volunteers and generous donations by the parish and the Mahopac community. If you would like to make a donation to the food pantry this holiday season please call or visit them online. 845-628-2006

Breaking news as The Putnam Examiner goes to press:

Former New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver was found guilty on all charges of corruption in his federal trial and has been ousted from the assembly. For more details and reaction, check out next week's issue.

Garrison Man with Special Needs Recognized for Heroics

By David Propper

Anyone can do something heroic, including Michael Pabon, a young man whose quick thinking has received much deserved praise in recent months.

Pabon, who is a special needs 24-year-old from Garrison, came to the rescue last September, saving a little girl wandering by herself in the McDonalds in Mahopac where he works. Since then, Michael, who displays a happy-go-lucky attitude, has been lauded for his efforts by winning an award from Terravest Corp. that gives a prize to one Putnam ARC staff member and one person receiving PARC services each month.

Talking with Michael recently, he recalled vividly how he helped avert a possible tragedy.

While a father was talking with a few other people inside the McDonalds, his

young daughter started walking away and near the door facing Route 6. During the lunchtime rush with cars whizzing by the drive-thru, Michael prevented what could have been a terrible accident.

He stopped cleaning the windows near the door he was standing by and the little girl was trying to escape from and alerted the father immediately, who scooped up his daughter before she ran into harm's way.

"She could have got hit," Michael said. "I helped her so she didn't get hit."

When customers in the McDonalds witnessed Michael's actions, they all cheered him.

"I felt happy," Michael said, knowing he saved the day.

Later when Michael's mother Vivian came to pick him up, she couldn't hide how proud she was of Michael and gave him a

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Garrison residents Michael Pabon and his mother Vivian stand inside the Mahopac McDonalds where he helped a little girl before she ran into the street.

Indian Point Safety to Remain Top Priority for Entergy

By Rick Pezzullo

The owners of the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan have vowed to ensure the safety of the facility if an additional 20-year license is approved.

During an appearance before a three-judge panel of the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in Tarrytown two weeks ago, Entergy officials maintained their legally enforceable commitments to safely operating the 40-year-old plants were based on state-of-the-art science.

"Indian Point has operated safely for more than 40 years, delivering enormous benefits such as reliable price-stable and non-greenhouse gas emitting power generation, day in and day out," said Fred Dacimo, vice president of operations license renewal for Entergy. "The fact that Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has spent 37,000 hours over eight years reviewing and inspecting Indian Point's application should be reassuring to everyone that all aspects of the license renewal process have been thoroughly examined, and that the facility will continue to operate at the highest levels of safety and reliability."

In September 2013, Indian Point Unit 2 began operating under Timely Renewal, which extends the initial 40-year license while the license process continues for at least several more years until the NRC

'This latest Indian Point assessment has shown yet again that this facility just doesn't make sense for the community and the surrounding environment.'
Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney

makes a final determination. Indian Point Unit 3 will begin its Timely Renewal period on December 13 when its current license expires.

Indian Point supplies about 25 percent of Westchester County and New York City's electricity, and 11 percent of New York State's power. Approximately 1,000 people are employed at the plants, which, according to Entergy, directly and indirectly generate \$1.6 billion annually.

The NRC has already issued a report concluding there is nothing to preclude Indian Point from safely functioning for the next 20 years. A Final Environmental Impact Statement issued by the NRC also determined there were no environmental

issues preventing license renewal.

However, Entergy does face some hurdles with the New York Department of State, which earlier this month filed an objection to Entergy's request for a Coastal Consistency Determination, an objection that could potentially hold up a new license.

In the objection, Governor Andrew Cuomo, who has long called for the closure of Indian Point, highlighted many concerns about the facility, including the intake of 2.5 billion gallons of water per day for cooling, which kills aquatic life in the Hudson River; a history of operational accidents; the proximity of the plants to a heavily populated area; and the risk of catastrophic events due to flooding.

While the NRC holds regulatory control over nuclear power plants, the State of New York permits the plant's use of the river and can withhold or limit the permission to operate based on water quality concerns.

The state's position has been backed up by Riverkeeper. "We're satisfied with the Department of State's thorough evaluation of the impacts, and risks regarding Indian Point, and ultimate finding that a coastal consistency determination for the plant is simply inappropriate," said Riverkeeper Staff Attorney Deborah Brancato.

U.S. Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) also supported the New

York Department of State's assessment of the Indian Point Energy Center.

"This latest Indian Point assessment has shown yet again that this facility just doesn't make sense for the community and the surrounding environment," Maloney stated. "I appreciate the steps that the New York Department of State has taken to ensure the safety of folks living near Indian Point. It's time we focus our efforts winding down Indian Point and get serious about replacing it with a source of energy production that will create and preserve jobs while reducing the risks to our neighbors and our wildlife."

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Causeway in Kent Sees Revival From Bipartisan Effort

By David Propper

One of the Town of Kent's most treacherous roads received a much-needed upgrade, so much so, that a slew of town and Putnam County officials celebrated its revival.

The path along Nichols Street currently known as Little Fill's Causeway, but with the hope to rename it Veterans Memorial Causeway, was officially reopened with new paving and upright guardrails that should improve the safety of the road that was almost closed because of the past danger it posed to drivers. Working in a bipartisan effort, the project's costs to the taxpayers were minimal after the town got a \$100,000 grant and the town and county swapped equipment and services to get the work done.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Kent Highway Commissioner Richard Othmer, Legislator Toni Addonizio, and other local officials and leaders were on hand.

Almost a year ago, Kent Councilman Bill Huestis initially pushed to have the causeway fixed. Fleming said his doggedness is one of the reasons why the town went forward with this project.

"I've driven over this causeway and was basically afraid to drive over it," Fleming said.



A group of Kent Highway Department workers take the first trip across the new and improved causeway in Kent.

The original estimate to fix the causeway was pegged for about \$1.6 million. As a result, the town turned to several other public officials in search of funding and assistance. After Fleming got in touch with Galef, the possibility of a grant came up and was eventually delivered.

Putnam County Highway Commissioner Fred Pena and his engineering department created road plans and the county lent the Kent Highway Department its heavy equipment, which Kent workers used.

"We're about cooperation," Fleming, a

Democrat, said. "They did a magnificent job."

Othmer, in his first term as highway chief, said he almost closed the road. Once sworn in as highway superintendent, it's his prerogative to shut any road down he thinks is too risky for drivers.

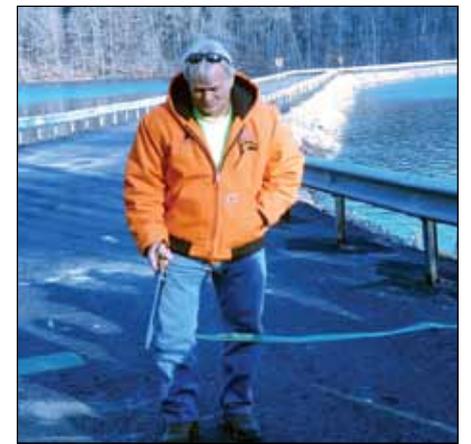
He gave much of the credit to his workers, including Chris Morris and Stanley Robinson, who were the two machine operators that ran the job. Othmer stressed the job was one that posed certain risks for them, as well.

"I watched this like a hawk," Othmer said. "I watched every penny."

Because of equitable tradeoff, Kent lent the county some of its smaller equipment and Othmer is rebuilding a stone post that a county plow hit in Mahopac earlier this year.

The causeway is expected to be renamed Veterans Memorial Causeway, pending town board approval. The idea was born from local veterans, pointing out the causeway leads to Veterans Memorial Park on Gypsy Trail Road.

"Another great tribute in Putnam County," Kent resident and Veterans Affairs Director Karl Rohde said. "The county that loves veterans and honors veterans all the time."



With a snip of the ribbon, the causeway on Nichols Street is back open to drivers.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

From right to left: Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, and Legislator Toni Addonizio.

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Woman Hit and Pinned Under Vehicle in Carmel

By David Propper

With the Thanksgiving rush in full gear, a Stormville woman was seriously injured when she was run over in the parking lot of the Shop-Rite Plaza in Carmel along Route 52.

On Nov. 24, Marie Dunn, 49, was hit and then pinned under a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Eileen Heinz, 75, of Lake Carmel, according to Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari in a press release.

While on patrol, two Carmel Police detectives came upon the scene.

Cazzari said Dunn was extricated by the Carmel Volunteer Fire Department and then airlifted by helicopter to Westchester Medical Center for treatment to serious injuries. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is reconstructing the accident and as of Monday, no charges have been filed against the driver while the outcome of accident investigation is pending,

according to Cazzari.

With Thanksgiving just a couple days away then, the parking lot in front of Shop-Rite was bustling throughout the day.



Philipstown Man Dead After Work-Related Incident

By David Propper

A Philipstown businessman is dead after he was pinned under a piece of heavy equipment, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

On Nov. 22, Joseph Giachinta, 58, apparently died as he was performing maintenance on a forklift truck at Mid-Hudson Concrete Products, a business he owned on Route 9 in Philipstown, according to the sheriff's department. Giachinta was working under a forklift that was raised by a hoist and jack system until that support system seemingly failed, causing the forklift to fall and pin the victim, according to authorities.

Another employee entered the business at around 10:50 a.m. and found the victim pinned, immediately calling 911. First responders rushed to the scene, but it was too late and Giachinta was dead on arrival.

Southeast Man Charged in Connection to False Report

By David Propper

An arrest has been made after a person falsely reported a violent attack at a group home in Southeast on Nov. 20.

Christopher Lopez, 30, of Southeast was charged with falsely reporting an incident, a class A misdemeanor, in which he placed an anonymous telephone call on Nov. 20 claiming a group home on John Simpson Road was violently attacked by an armed assailant, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Because of that phone call hoax, a large-scale police response ensued and forced the closure of John Simpson Road near the home for three hours, snaring traffic for that duration.

Lopez was also charged with assault in the second degree, a class D felony, in an unrelated incident where he allegedly kicked and knocked a female nurse to the floor at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. That incident occurred the same day and just hours after the accused false report.

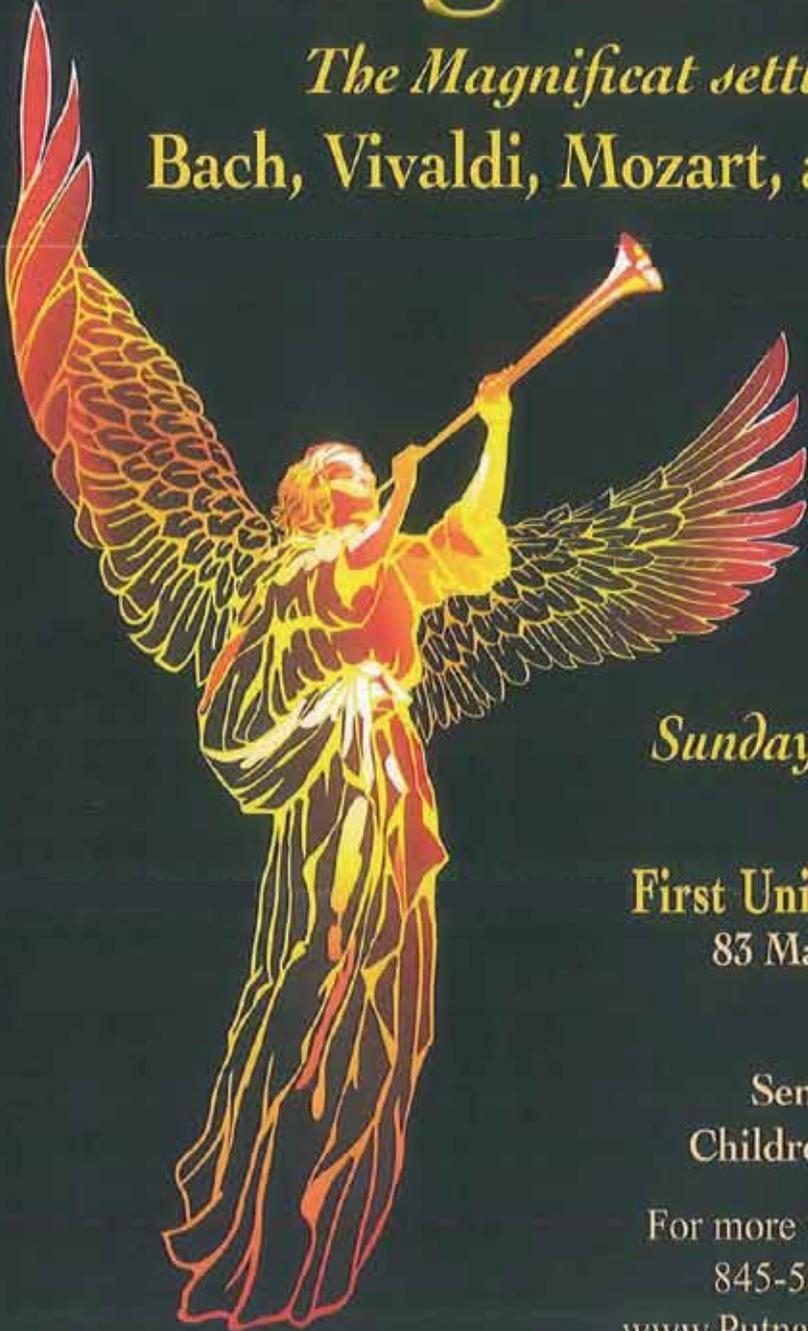
After being arraigned in Town of Southeast Justice Court, Lopez was sent to Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of a \$500 cash and \$1,000 bail bond. As of Nov. 25, he remained in jail.

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Kenny's Carpet One Owner Business Person of the Year

By Neal Rentz

Kenny Hogan has long been active in the Putnam County community and his efforts were recently celebrated by the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

The organization has named Hogan its 2015 Business Person of the Year.

Hogan said last week he was thrilled about being recognized by the Chamber of Commerce. "I can't tell you how

honored I am to be thought of in this manner and to be part of my peers that I so respect and look up to," he said. "The Mahopac-Carmel Chamber is a special organization that not only looks out for the businesses' best interest, but the community as a whole. Every business should be involved by attending events and not just paying monthly dues and expect increased business."

"Volunteering time and generosity to

the community has really worked well for Kenny's and mostly because we expect nothing in return," Hogan said. "We did it because we believe in it. I've sat on The Pawling, Brewster and Mahopac boards since 1993 and participated or supported all they do for the community."

Hogan said his business has also supported several school functions, teams and youth programs. The business has also supported the Stiller



Kenny Hogan, the owner of Kenny's Carpet One in Carmel, recently received the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business Person of the Year award.

Foundation, which builds homes for Wounded Warriors. It has also donated products and labor for Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society, and many other organizations.

Hogan said he began his career as a young man. "My business existence started when I was 16 in 1972 as an installer for the House of Remnants which my parents owned," he said. "In 1992, I opened Kenny's Carpet One in the same location. Ellen (his wife) and I have been in business now for 43 years and we still love what we do each day."

"I think the secret to being around for so long is really easy. By providing wow customer service, the best possible pricing for our customers, highest quality products and services, and always giving the customer what they want even if it's a new floor," Hogan said. "One thing I do know is that no matter how good your words are you still have to prove it every single day."

"Our mission statement is price is an important factor but businesses are really built after the sale, no matter the cost, by handling the negative and the positive in a timely fashion," Hogan said.

Hogan said community involvement has been important to his business. "It's what I feel is a key to the mind, culture and success for any business and its employees," he said.



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Hogan with members of the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce.



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Garrison Man with Special Needs Recognized for Heroics

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big hug and a big kiss.

Vivian said Michael has one niece and four nephews and when they were very young, he would care for them. But when Vivian saw he cared about a little girl he didn't even know, it showed the true, caring side of him.

"That is so caring of him," she said. "I guess mom and dad have done a good job because it took me by surprise. I am so proud of my son."

Michael was entered into a contest, in which candidates must display courage or outstanding actions, by a life coach for special needs people that worked with Michael during his first few months on the job as he got acclimated.

Michael won an award, including a \$25 check that he put in the bank and is saving until he travels to Chicago to visit family. At the end of the year, Michael could win \$100 when his name is part of raffle along with other monthly winners.

"Just by him being picked and hearing his story, when I received that story," Vivian said. "My son won everything."

Michael has been working at the McDonalds since May and has enjoyed his time. Even though he's only been working there less than a year, many patrons have come to know and love his presence.

During a short break while Michael was talking about his heroics, a couple of customers stopped by to wish him a good morning. One woman even said she hadn't seen Michael in awhile and wanted to know where he'd been because he's been missed.

"He has his own group here that looks for him every morning and takes care of him," his mother said. "And he takes care of them."

With a support base at McDonalds, Michael loves his job and his other coworkers. He enjoys completing each task efficiently by keeping the tables, trays, floors, and booths absolutely spotless.

Besides working a few times a week, Michael enjoys going to the gym with his father, golf, basketball, bowling and watching his favorite teams like the New York Yankees and New York Giants play on television. He's also a big salsa dancer.

He also goes to Pace University once a week and takes a class that teaches life skills.

"He's very busy," Vivian said.

Vivian wants other people to know that even though Michael and others in the community may have special needs, there is always a place for them. There are always people and companies willing to lend a hand to help vulnerable residents like veterans, seniors, and special needs people.

Anyone can be a hero, and Michael Pabon is living proof of that.

Generosity on Full Display This Thanksgiving



SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA MADIGAN FOR CARMEL ROTARY

As a result of another successful "Fill the Truck" food drive at Shop Rite of Carmel, sponsored by the Carmel Rotary Club, 4 local food pantries, Brewster Community, CAP, Gilead, and St. John's, recently received gift certificates totaling \$880. The food gift certificates, in \$25 amounts, were purchased with donations given by Shop Rite customers in lieu of food contributions during the 'Fill the Truck' event. Over 100 boxes of non-perishable foods were packed by Carmel Rotarians, Carmel High School volunteers and Shop Rite staff with a combined value of almost \$5,000. According to George Knochel, Chairman of the food drive, "the continued generosity of this community has been outstanding. Our residents always remember those less fortunate especially at this season of Thanksgiving."

Left to right: George Knochel - Carmel Rotarian, Chairman of the 'Fill the Truck' food drive, Judy Callahan - Putnam CAP Food Pantry, Terry Moran - St John's Food Pantry, Martin McGayhee - Gilead Food Pantry

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Letters to the Editor

PV School Referendum Should Be Voted Down

The scheduled vote on December 8 for Putnam Valley residents is outrageous. Regardless of one's position on the referendum, the scheduling of that vote on a major Roman Catholic and Orthodox Holyday and its shortened hours, is an act of disenfranchisement to many of our voters. Usually the poll hours are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. a total of 15 hours. In this instance the shortened hours are from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. – 6 hours. In calling the office, the superintendent stated that they did not want to disrupt the schools so they scheduled it for after the school day. While this is convenient for the school system, it presents challenges for many citizens of Putnam Valley.

Obituaries

Joseph Giachinta

Joseph Giachinta, age 58, a lifelong Cold Spring resident, died on Sunday, November 22, in Cold Spring. Born in Cold Spring, on September 19, 1957, he was the son of the late Aurelio Giachinta and the late Barbara Townsend. Joseph grew up in Cold Spring where he met his high school sweetheart and future wife Suzanne. He then went on to be the proud owner of Mid Hudson Concrete Products in Cold Spring. Joe dedicated his career to building a company with the goal of providing for his family at the forefront. Joe's favorite times were spent with his family at Sunday dinner or alongside them at the pool. When not with his family he enjoyed racing on the dirt tracks and snowmobiling through the woods. Recently his fondest times were spent with his grandson Joseph. Through all of his hard work and success he was most proud of the foundation he has built for his family. Survivors include his wife Suzanne (Allen) Giachinta; four daughters Katherine M. DeMarco and her Fiancé Alex Cucchiarella of Cold Spring, Ashley Dubiel and her husband Mark of Cold Spring, Nicole B. Giachinta

We believe the faulty thinking of this scheduled vote must be laid at the feet of the school board members who at least in theory, represent the interests of the citizenry. However, there appears to be more than a simple desire to please the school administration, which is rewarded when their term of office is up with a plum of a job in the school system. This, of course, raises ethical issues... and the quiet manner in which many of these "transitions" from the school board to the school system are suspect.

Our concerns about the surplus funds issue is that the school board can easily over budget so that there will always be a surplus which will then be funneled into

the reserve funds. Until safeguards are established, and a percentage of a surplus is always returned to the taxpayer, we cannot support this proposal as it stands.

This should be voted down. Voting "NO" will send a message that the citizens of Putnam Valley want full disclosure... and how about the board creating a rule that no former board member can work for the Putnam Valley school system after their term of office? It will at least clean up an appearance of impropriety.

(Archbishop) Anthony J Bondi
Chair, Putnam Valley Board of Ethics
Michael Cicale, member
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of Cold Spring and Jennifer Giachinta of Beacon; three brothers Thomas Giachinta and John Giachinta both of Cold Spring and Charles Giachinta of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; two sisters Susan Downey of Fishkill and Christine Kellar of Pleasant Valley, and one grandson Joseph DeMarco.

Walter J. Osnoe

Walter J. Osnoe Jr., age 85, of Carmel, died peacefully on November 24, at Waterview Hills Nursing Home, Purdy's. Walter was born on January 23, 1930 in Mt. Kisco, son to the late Walter J. and Helen (Sleeper) Osnoe. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1948. He honorably served in the US Army from 1951-1953. On July 4, 1953 he married the love of his life Dorothy M. Montesi in Danbury, CT. Mr. Osnoe was a truck driver for Brewster Transit Mix for 20 years before retiring in 1992. Prior to working for Brewster Transit Mix he was a truck driver with Camarco in Mahopac for 20 years. Walter was a member of St. Lawrence O' Toole Church in Brewster. He was also a member of the Local 456 Union. Besides his wife Dorothy, Walter is survived by his three children; Susan O' Connor (Alex) of Mahopac, NY, David J. (Carol) Osnoe of Poughkeepsie, NY and Donna (Andy) O'Connor of Brewster, NY; his two siblings; Rita Molella of New Milford, CT and Robert Osnoe of New Fairfield, CT. Also his five grandchildren; Danielle, William, Andrew, Sarah and Devin.

Margaret E. Cirilli

Margaret E. Cirilli of Mahopac, died on Friday November 27, at the age of 85. She was born in New York City on September 30, 1930, the daughter of Steven and Rose Havranek Whitcomb. Margaret was a parishioner of St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac. She loved cooking, bowling and Facebook and enjoyed going to casinos. On April 19, 1952 she married the love of her life, John Cirilli at St. Joseph's Church in the Bronx. John passed away on July 18, 2013. She is survived by her children, John, Steven, Anthony and wife Julia, Ann Spofford and husband Joseph and Mary Ellen Gilchrist and partner Beverly Battista, her brother Donald Whitcomb, her grandchildren Amanda (Horia), Lauren (Mike), Michael (Kaitlin), Joseph, Dominic and Isabel and her step-grandchildren Sean, Brooke and Terrence. Her sister, Mildred Carter predeceased her. Her family knows that nothing will be the same, to not hear her voice, to not see her smile, to not see her face. Her unconditional love sustained us. When all else went wrong we could always count on you. It feels as if the whole world has lost something, as if the sun will never be quite as bright without you here. You showed more love and kindness to your family and friends and strangers than we thought was possible, and through the years, through the good and bad times, you held your head high and let your tremendous faith see you through. Thank you for all you've done and for all you are to us and for what you will always be; the best wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. We know you are finally at peace, finally out of your pain you suffered so quietly and graciously here on earth. We will always feel your presence. Our love for you is endless. Until we meet again mom, it's not goodbye, we'll see you later.

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Business of the Week

NOW Hair Salon Mahopac

By David Propper

Cutting and designing hair has been a lifelong passion for Mary Heady.

For approximately 20 years and at various salons, Heady has been a hairdresser that women (and men) in the area have been going to in order to get the best look. Between graduating from college with a business degree and then raising four children, the Mahopac native has always cut hair. And though it was always in the back of her mind, Heady finally has a place of her own called NOW Hair Salon.

"It just felt right," Heady said of the timing.

Besides the typical haircut, Heady offers highlights, foils, coloring, blowouts, keratins, piercings, styling, perms and straightening at her new studio along Route 6 in Mahopac. Heady constantly keeps up with the latest trends, keeping her customers looking fresh.

"Friendly, stylish, up-to-date hair for both women, and men," she said, noting she's always open to new things and complete makeovers.

Heady knew from a young age she had a natural talent for doing hair well and connecting with people easily. She used to do her fraternal twin sister's hair on a consistent basis.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Mary Heady of NOW Hair Salon.

"As teenagers, we would mess around and I'd do her hair," Heady said.

Growing up with seven siblings in Mahopac, Heady was the only one that had any interest or aptitude toward hair design. But her parents still wanted her to be skilled in something else, so she graduated from Pace University with a business degree.

After high school she got her license then a job cutting hair at a mall salon and has been to many other salons after that.



"My heart was always in doing hair," Heady said. "After seeing all sides of the fence, I realized my heart was with hair."

Heady was offered recently to teach at the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES cosmetology school, the same place she learned the basics as a teenager, but had to decline because she opened up her business.

Heady's most recent stop before owning NOW Hair Salon was right down the street at Salon Amore. Heady mentioned how she worked with Maria of Salon Amore for years and called her a great mentor and friend.

"We had a lot of great times together," Heady said. "It was time for us to be on our own and do our own thing."

Heady said she approaches cutting hair by making sure the person will feel beautiful and create a look that truly fits

them. Some customers don't even realize the style they're capable of. That's where Heady, a creative person great at her craft, steps in.

"If you look good, you feel good," she said. "If your hair looks good, you feel good and I think some people just need direction and I can see the beauty in everyone."

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Countywide Police Merger Study to Get Underway

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Dytchkowskyj, who's in his 50s, has more than 30 years of paid and volunteer service and is responsible for coordinating training and accreditation for 1,000 employees of the Erie's sheriff department.

Previously, the county looked for funding through a state grant with little success. Odell wrote when she met with various NYSDOS Division of Local

Government Services officials, it was relayed to her that a grant would not be available until July 2016 and even then, there are no guarantees that funds would be available at that time.

"This makes the cost of the study financially feasible without having to wait on the NYS Department of State to approve the county's application for Local Government Efficiency Grant," Odell wrote.

When discussing his goals for the project Monday afternoon, Dytchkowskyj said he was coming from a "sterile view" and he had "no dog in this fight."

"I'm nosy because I like to see how things work," he said, adding, he would like to get the study done by mid-February when his capstone for the master's class is due. Dytchkowskyj said he would provide an executive summary,

problem statement, facts bearing upon the problem and finally alternatives.

One of the alternatives listed by Dytchkowskyj included the proposal from Carmel officials concerning a countywide police merger and another would be getting rid of all local police departments and simply having the sheriff's department and state police patrol the county. There were other options available in different variations and forms that would involve towns and villages maintaining their police forces.

"Doing nothing is an option," he pointed out. "It's always an option."

Once he gathers and studies the information he's collecting from the municipalities, Dytchkowskyj would then present it to a focus group, in this case the Commission of Fiscal Vision and Accountability. The commission would review it and voice their opinion on the matter. He stressed all he's doing is providing the county and local municipalities with tools to make decisions on. It depends on the municipality, he said, when exploring whether consolidation and shared services makes sense.

"You have to look at things empirically, not emotionally," he said "And that's very hard."

Odell added she strongly believed in home-rule for each municipality, allowing them to make decisions about their police department.

In March, the Town of Carmel town board requested the county explore the possibility and cost analysis of merging all police department in the county, including the sheriff's office. The Town of Kent and Town of Carmel have departments with full-time police officers and the Village of Brewster and Village of Cold Spring have departments with part-time officers.

Carmel was the sole municipality with a police force that didn't have a representative attend the meeting, Odell said, because Carmel officials didn't receive certain information in a timely fashion. With the meeting ending after 5 p.m., Carmel officials could not be reached for comment at town hall. Carmel officials had previously expressed its desire on more than one occasion to see the county move faster in getting an objective feasibility study underway.

The county has done three past studies on police consolidation, the most recent occurring in 1998. Dytchkowskyj would use those past studies as well to explore his countywide law enforcement evaluation.

Odell said she hopes every stakeholder participates and keeps an open mind. The findings would be based only on facts, she added.

"It's not just about today, but it's about tomorrow and the future," Odell said.



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Longtime Mahopac Library Staff Member Set to Retire

Sheelagh Kaplan's passion for connecting readers with books they would enjoy has been demonstrated throughout her long and active career at Mahopac Public Library. She began her tenure at MPL in September 1991 when the Library was located in the "old" Erickson's Ice Cream parlor building. In December, after nearly 25 years at Mahopac Library, Sheelagh will be retiring. The public is invited to wish her well at a reception at the Library on Monday, December 14, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

A native of Dundee, Scotland, Sheelagh got her start in librarianship across the

Atlantic. After receiving a master's degree in history from the University of Edinburgh, she received her degree from the College of Librarianship in Aberystwyth, Wales. Her first job as a librarian was on this campus with students from the Welsh College of Agriculture, who spoke only Welsh! Later, Sheelagh worked at the Institute of Historic Research, an academic library located in London. Sheelagh then moved to Chicago, and began working at the Center for Research Libraries, a repository of materials that are stored for other libraries, where she cataloged items

in many different languages.

The Kaplan family eventually moved to Westchester County. When her children were young, Sheelagh worked from home providing freelance indexing, and often worked in the evenings and on weekends while her husband worked in the city during the day. Sheelagh briefly worked at the Somers Public Library; in 1991, she answered an ad in the *Pennysaver* for a librarian at the Mahopac Library.

Since then she has had a guiding hand in every aspect of the development of MPL, from working at the Circulation

desk, serving as a Reference Librarian, coordinating children's afterschool programs and special events, and maintaining non-fiction, fiction, large print, mystery and audio book collections.

In 1999, Sheelagh was appointed Assistant Director at MPL and served in that position until March 2012. During this time she managed the Community Service volunteers and the Library pages, as well as the Circulation and Information desk Library staff members. She coordinated book displays, attended collection development meetings, and traveled to Public Library Association and New York Library Association conferences.

Early on in the planning of the new three-story library building, Sheelagh identified a separate Reader's Advisory department as being a fundamental component of enhanced patron services. A letter from Edith Steacy to former Library Director Pat Kaufman, expresses thanks to Sheelagh for "the list of read alike authors – I appreciate the many hours you must have spent to put this together – such a comprehensive list." This speaks to Sheelagh's commitment to what she describes as the heart of libraries – reader's advisory services.

She shared her enthusiasm for reading by initiating the Light Bite Book group in 2002, a discussion group that is still going strong. The members of this group have traveled together with Sheelagh to talk about books and visit such sites as Boscobel, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Home, West Point, the Walkway Over the Hudson, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Frick Collection, the Culinary Institute, and, most recently, the Whitney Museum and the Highline in Manhattan.

The Monthly Monday Evening Book Group, led by Sheelagh, got its start in 2005 and it has maintained a steady following since then. The adult summer reading program that she developed has been a huge success, drawing in hundreds of readers every summer. Her talent for reader's advisory is visible in her creative book displays, read-a-like bookmarks and flyers and her contributions to the staff blog.

Always interested in developing her skills and sharing her knowledge she attended a two and a half year class culminating in a Certificate of Public Library Administration in 2008. She has served on Mid-Hudson Library committees to review policies for the circulation of Book Club in a Bag and Inter-Library Loan procedures.

Her last day as an MPL staff member is December 18, after which time she intends to devote more time to reading, gardening, and enjoying her children and grandchild. She plans to keep attending the Light Bite and Monday evening book group meetings, and hopes to have time to occasionally volunteer in the Book Barn.



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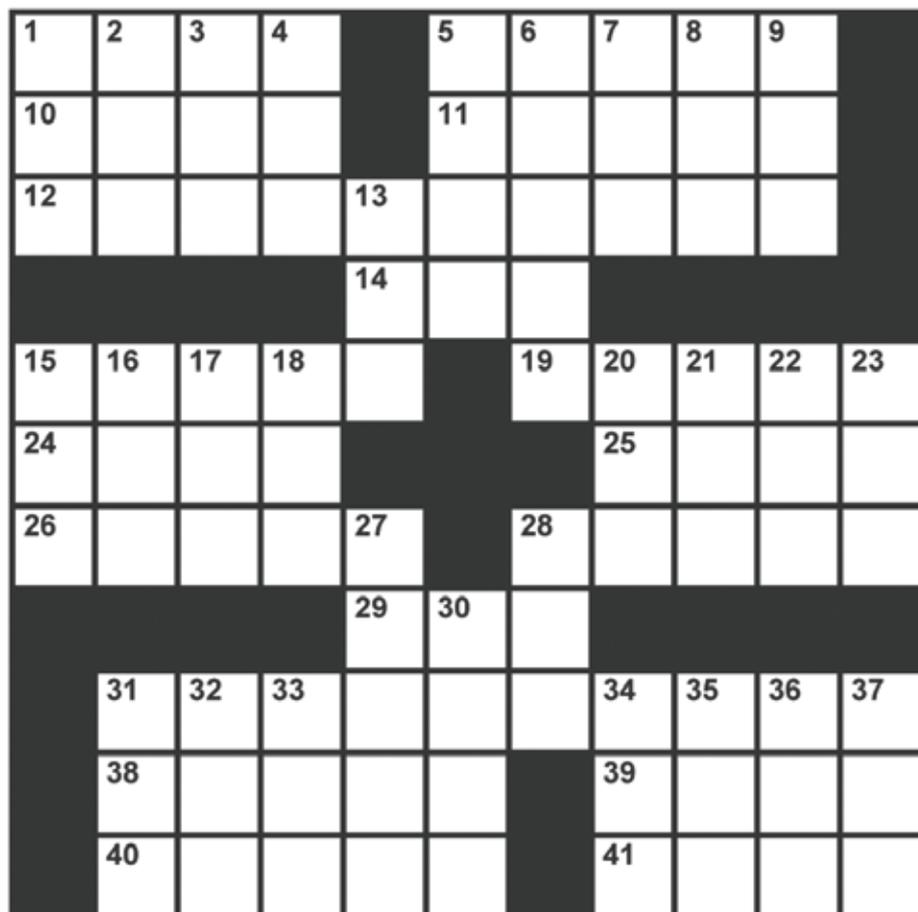
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

- 1 Work in the cutting room
- 5 Accused's need
- 10 Be a monarch
- 11 Kitchen light
- 12 De Niro & Liotta would score big at this Mahopac deli
- 14 Springsteen's birthplace in song
- 15 Flax yarn fabric
- 19 Ring
- 24 Uncle Sam, for one
- 25 Emerald Isle
- 26 Proust's "A la recherche du temps"
- 28 Lively
- 29 "The Matrix" hero
- 31 2015 film starring Olivia Wilde or Carmel auto dealership
- 38 Kicked off
- 39 Sphere
- 40 Healing juices
- 41 Moist in the morning

Down

- 1 Unit of work
- 2 Batman and Robin, e.g.
- 3 Worker bee interest group
- 4 Kennedy or Turner?
- 5 Makes like
- 6 Sachet scent
- 7 Not in good physical shape
- 8 Stole
- 9 "___ true!"
- 13 Kicks
- 15 Read or sync?

- 16 Rocks
- 17 "___ any drop to drink." - Coleridge
- 18 Terminal
- 20 Pronoun
- 21 Third in the family
- 22 Lady
- 23 Cry of mock horror
- 27 Excessive
- 28 ___-tie
- 30 Long stretches
- 31 C.E.O.'s degree
- 32 Snakelike fish
- 33 "Give it ___!" (2 words)
- 34 Boy
- 35 "You ___ the apple of my eye" Stevie Wonder
- 36 Unfamiliar
- 37 Work segment

The Putnam Humane Society



Pet Of The Week:
Faith is beautiful and walks well on leash.

Carmel HS Business Education Dept Annual Induction Ceremony

On Wednesday November 18, the Carmel High School Business Education Department held their annual Induction Ceremony for the Business Honor Society. They inducted 26 students and two adults.

Honorable Inductees:

Mr. John Jesse, Retired from IBM
Mr. Nicholas Ruotolo, CHS Guidance Counselor and FBLA Co-Advisor

To be selected, students must be a senior and have completed at least 4 business education classes (including at least 1 college credit course). They

also need to have at least an 88 average in those business education courses and have an overall average of 85 or greater. These students have taken various business education classes such as College Business Law, College Business Economics, College Accounting, College Management, College Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Math & Financial Applications, Web Page Design, Computer Literacy and Career and Financial Strategies. The benefit to have taken these classes is that these students can take these business and life skills with them into any college or career choice.

Inductees:		
Joshua Beauchesne	Taylor DeBello	Gabrielle Picca
Mckenzie Belmont	Samuel Ferranto	Celina Pozzuto
Timaya Bolden	Trevor Gilbert	Ryan Sullivan
Bianca Bonanno	Gerald Hamilton	Jason Van Schaften
Alaina Brophy	Tiffany Horn	Mark Veshta
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Preparing for Winter, Whether Staying at Home or Going Away

Every year, just as wintry weather arrives, I receive a call or e-mail from the first supplier I ever used when moving to Westchester, Dave Goldberg of Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating, making sure to prepare for the frigid months ahead.

This year, he expanded his e-mail with tips for those snowbirds who are going away for the winter. It particularly resonated with me because of a terrible mishap a good friend had last winter.

For the past few years our friend Anne has taken two months off for a stay in Florida.

There was never a problem because she felt she had the luxury of locking the door of her attached townhouse-style condo in Mahopac and not worrying about maintenance issues. Her daughter and son-in-law would check the unit every week, just to be on the safe side.

But last year, she was not so lucky. One day she received a phone call saying that water from her unit was leaking into the condo next door. When help arrived, it was discovered that a water pipe had burst, on an interior wall at that, and totally flooded the first floor and walk-out basement level of her home. Everything was destroyed, from flooring to wallboard



By Bill Primavera

to all appliances.

"There had never been a problem in past years, but the severity of last winter was the cause of it," Anne said. "The pipe was in the ceiling of my kitchen, and although it was not on an exterior wall, it shared a wall with my garage, which is unheated."

The cleanup was a major project. Basically, the unit had to be stripped to its studs and rebuilt.

"You can be sure of one thing," Anne said, "this year, I'm having my water pipes drained before I leave."

Dave Goldberg's list of precautions for those going away includes the following:

- For those whose systems are on oil, be sure to get a delivery before leaving. When the oil gets low, the sludge on the bottom of the tank might clog up the filter and cause the boiler to shut down.

- If you have hot water heat, it is a good idea to install non-toxic antifreeze in the system. It works just like a car radiator and, of course, because it is a closed system it does not affect drinking water.

- Toilets should be drained and just one or two cups of antifreeze added. The inside of the tank should be drained but don't put any antifreeze in the tank because it

can damage the flapper and gaskets.

- The water lines should be blown out with air.

If you don't have a security system which alerts you of a drop in temperature, Goldberg has a simple non-tech solution: He attaches a thermostat plugged into a lamp with a red light bulb, which is positioned at his front window. If the temperature drops, the red light comes on and a neighbor could see that there is a problem in the house.

For those who are staying home, Goldberg's basic tips for winter safety are:

- Have your furnace inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified technician.

- Caulk doors and windows where needed.

- Tape up the boiler switch going to the basement. Many times visitors might mistake the boiler switch for the light switch and turn the system off.

- In the attic, louver vents should be blocked.

- If you have two separate units in the house – one for hot water and the other for air conditioning – you should close the dampers on the air conditioning because hot air rises and the heat will go up through the vents.

- Outside spigots should be drained and left open. The shut-off valve inside the house has a bleeder that should be opened. That breaks the vacuum so the water will drain out.

- A good trick to prevent pipes freezing under kitchen sinks is to install a light bulb in the cabinet that will create just enough heat to prevent freezing.

- Have the phone numbers of the plumber and oil company handy, best kept on a tag on the boiler.

- Everyone in the house should know where the shut-off valves are for the main water line coming in, or with well water, know where the electrical switch is.

- In the event of a power failure, the least expensive way to install a generator is to buy a small gas generator of about 6,000 watts that will take care of the boiler and refrigerator and some outlets. Have an electrician install a transfer switch.

- Keep a multipurpose fire extinguisher accessible, filled and ready for operation.

Goldberg is now retired, but his son-in-law Doug Marr is running Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating in Somers. He can be reached for consultation or emergency help at 914-962-3498.

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Enjoying a Holiday Celebration in the City With Cocktails



By Nick Antonaccio

We're officially in the holiday season. With Thanksgiving under our belt (hopefully with no additional notches), the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's celebratory gatherings are in

full swing.

Holiday festivities are typically focused on traditional gatherings in the homes of family and friends, sharing the religious spirit of our individual faiths. Many of us also participate in restaurant celebrations with family, friends or business associates.

Invariably, these plans evolve around an outing into New York City. What better way to enjoy the holiday spirit than to be immersed in an atmosphere charged with merriment and conviviality? And what better locale than "The City?"

Finding a dining venue in the city is never a challenge. The breadth of restaurants will satisfy a broad range of tastes and budgets. But a dilemma some face is where to continue the festivities after enjoying a great meal and conversation. Having made the trek from Westchester, visitors invariably seek out a post-dining venue to continue

socializing. Sitting at-table as a restaurant is winding down its dinner service is not always a comfortable way to continue a group's conviviality.

My choice for sustaining an evening of camaraderie is to head to a wine bar or a hotel bar, depending on one's preferences. While these venues can be primary destinations for sharing good times and good spirits, I find them equally enjoyable as late night venues.

My wife and I and a group of friends have continued a tradition of a holiday trip into the city for a number of years. We typically focus on midtown for dinner, preceded and followed by a cocktail at a nearby wine or hotel bar.

Here are several of my recommendations for destinations we've enjoyed over the years. The list is not meant to be all-inclusive, or even near-inclusive. Rather it is an eclectic list meant to accommodate those enjoying holiday outings in the city. There are many more establishments in the city, both downtown and in the burgeoning gentrified areas in Brooklyn. (If you're interested in my recommendations, please e-mail me.)

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

Wine Bars

1. Aldo Sohm Wine Bar, 151 W. 51 St. Managed by the highly regarded sommelier at Le Bernadin restaurant, the elegant space is matched by the well-chosen wines.

2. Bar Boulud, 1900 Broadway (at West 64th Street). Across from Lincoln Center, come for an amazing array of predominantly French wines and a selection of charcuterie.

3. I Trulli, 122 E. 27 St. A broad and deep selection of Italian wines in an intimate bar, next door to a fine Apulian restaurant.

4. Flute Bar & Lounge, 205 W. 54 St. Nearly 20 sparkling wines by the glass set the mood; relaxing in cushioned chairs and couches enhances the intimate vibe.

5. Campbell Apartment, 15 Vanderbilt Ave. High above Grand Central Terminal, the former offices of a Wall Street maven beckon you to relax and enjoy wines and spirits in a clubby setting. Just missed your late night train home? Plop into a lounge chair and sip a favorite beverage while waiting for the next one.

Hotel Bars

(Be forewarned; the drink prices at hotel bars are exorbitant.)

1. Baccarat Hotel, 28 W. 53 St. Yes, the crystal company's showcase; dazzling, swank and expensive drinks served in crystal glasses.

2. NoMad Bar at the NoMad Hotel, 1170 Broadway. The lush woods and elegant fixtures create a warm ambience. Try the more relaxing balcony area.

3. King Cole Bar at the St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55 St. Whether in the outer lounge or the bar area, you'll feel at home in royal elegance.

4. Mandarin Oriental, Columbus Circle at West 60th Street in the Time Warner Building. Come for the cocktails and stay for the breathtaking views of Central Park from the 35th floor.

5. Salon de Ning at the Peninsula Hotel, 700 Fifth Ave. An outdoor (heated) rooftop bar beckons with lounge chairs, overlooking the glitter of Fifth Avenue.

'Tis the season of joy and merriment. Enjoy your holiday, but remember to drink – and eat – responsibly.

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.

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SPORTS SECTION

Carmel Clipped at Icebreaker Tourney, Mahopac Wins Division Title



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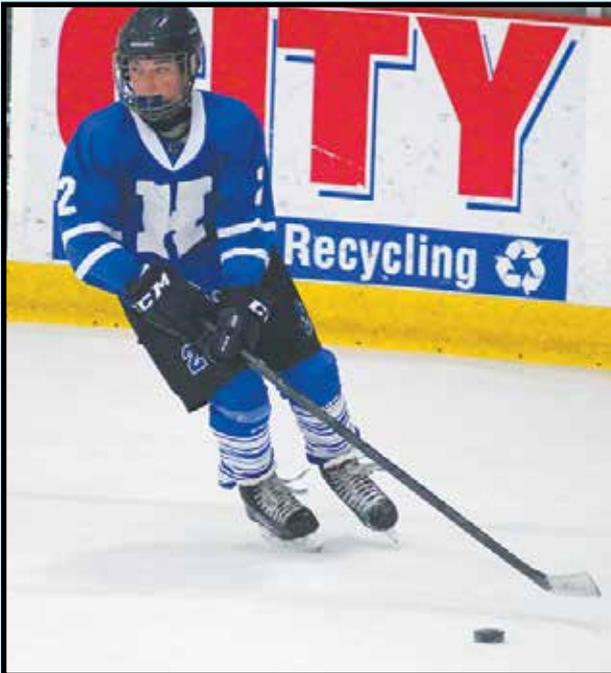
Carmel F Tommy Langkafel and the Rams found some tough sledding last Friday night at the annual Thanksgiving Icebreaker Tournament at the Brewster Ice Arena, falling to Joe Fareed (19) and Hen Hud/Haldane, 9-2, before getting toppled, 5-0, by eventual Divisional winner MAHOPAC last Saturday night. Indian F Jon Dignam scored two goals for the second-straight game and G Mike Pinto followed G Peter Siolas with Mahopac's second shutout of the year. The Indians went on to win their division and draw the praises of Coach Chris Lombardo. "So far we've been happy with our start," the coach said. "Defense and goaltending has been good. The forwards have done a nice job with puck possession, but didn't finish as well as we would like. That will be key going forward. We will play some better offensive teams in the near future, so we will have to be able to put some pucks in the net ourselves. We can't rely on our goalies pitching shutouts every game!" **By Ray Gallagher**

Mahopac, Somers/NS Win Divisions at Icebreaker Tourney *Hen Hud Wins 2 Games, Loses Tiebreak with Somers; Carmel Drops Two*



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel's Nick Smith cuts into scoring position as Hen Hud's Alec Dalton gives chase.



Haldane's James Sherman (1G,1A) moves puck up ice in 9-2 win over Carmel at Icebreaker tourney last Friday.



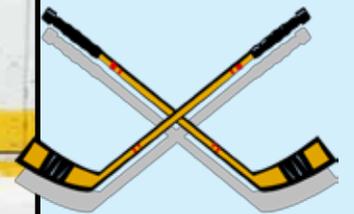
Hen Hud's Brett Hanson celebrates one of two goals he would score in 9-2 win over Carmel at Icebreaker tourney where Hen Hud/Haldane would place second behind Somers/NS based on a tiebreaker for goals allowed.



Carmel sophomore Steven Mount works the corner against Haldane's Anthony Percacciolo (1G,1A) in Rams' 9-2 loss in Icebreaker tourney where Carmel went 0-2.



Haldane's Michael Harmancin (1G) and Carmel's Alphonse Sicignano (1G) exchange pleasantries at Icebreaker Tourney last Friday night in 9-2 H-H win over the Rams.



Hen Hud's Tommy Cascone (1G) is hunted by Carmel's James Roberto in Hen Hud-Haldane's 9-2 win over Rams.

Somers F Jake Lanyi scores GWG in shootout vs. Jay. Will O'Leary tied the game for SNS, which went on to win their division after a 3-2 win over Greeley, in which Michael Garrity (1G,1A) led the way for the Sabers, who won their division at the Icebreak tourney.



Order on the Court! Hoops Tip-Off 2015-16

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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There used to be a time when the eminence of the Westchester County Center was all that mattered for most Section 1 basketball teams; that was before basketball exploded into what has become the second most popular sport among varsity preps and fans nationwide (trailing only football in terms of popularity).

Nowadays, the County Center and Section 1 Final 4 are just part of the big picture, as most teams enter the season with a lofty Section 1 title in mind, or the chance to hoist the coveted gold ball. But the historic County Center remains the be-all and end-all, and getting there is still half the battle, but the gold ball is paramount. While those goals are delusions of grandeur for some, they are realistic in certain corners of the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region. Let's examine the possibilities below.

CLASS AA

Two-time reigning champion Mount Vernon, winners of nine of the last 10 gold balls, are once again the heavy favorites to repeat and represent Section 1 in the NYSPHSAA tournament. Semifinalists Saunders returns its top player, All-Section F Derrick Felder, and several others. Semifinalists Arlington and Clarkstown South come off their finest campaigns ever, and Fox Lane is totally legit this year, as are North Rockland and White Plains,



RAY GALLAGHER/RICKKUPERBERG PHOTOS

Yorktown senior captain Nick DeGennaro is a dynamic playmaker and finisher for the Huskers.

so reaching the Final 4 will be most difficult for the local squads, who would need to overachieve to do so.

MAHOPAC (6-13, lost Sect.1 outbracket)

No matter who you ask in Indian Territory, first-year Coach Matt Simone just feels like the right replacement for former veteran Coach Jim Harter, who was unceremoniously released just two weeks before the start of the season. Mahopac, you'll recall, made four consecutive trips to the Final 4 and one championship appearance from 2011-2014 under former Coach Kevin Downes, now a Yorktown. Three different coaches in three years is not the Mahopac way, and Simone won't have but a month with the unit

Simone said. "The senior leadership and experience of Foley, Hynes and Donahoe will set the tone for the rest of team. Vitkus will be an impact player for us. Andrew Ryan is a smart point guard who will look to run the offense."

Jonathan Jacklett, Connor Moloney, Matt Leonard, Dominic Iacuone, Zac Carlin, Mike Dimicco, Mike Pilgrim, Mike Cazarri and Tim Lopreato will play a role off the bench to open the season.

"We hope these guys will look to provide a spark off the bench," the coach said.

Mahopac would do well with this group to win a playoff game and become a most difficult quarterfinal out for some unsuspecting unit that might be looking past a team that had -- as recently as 2014 -- been a County Center regular.

CARMEL (7-13, lost Sect.1 opening round)

Coach John Venditto enters Year 3 with a big hole in the middle of his starting unit, with junior All-League C Josh Alexander moving on to Iona Prep of the CHSAA. After losing to top-seeded Arlington in the playoffs, Venditto had to feel good about the nucleus he expected to return, but the loss of a 6'7" post presence will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill.

he has chosen to represent Mahopac, some of whom he coached as freshmen several years ago. But the coaching carousel at Mahopac has brought Simone back to the program he once played and coached the lower levels. Timing is everything in life, and Simone plans on sticking around.

His initial starting unit is very athletic and polished, as four of the five saw significant time last season under Harter, including senior G Christian Donahoe, senior F Dan Foley, senior G Aiden Hynes and 6'7" senior C Ryan Vitkus. Junior G Andrew Ryan is an athletic rookie who will run the point.

"This year we will rely on the athleticism of our players and will focus on the defensive end of the floor playing tough, hard-nosed defense,"

All-League senior G Ryan Train will bear the burden of the loss, serving as the primary option in most sets. Train can drain from beyond the arc and can attack the rack with equal effectiveness.

Matt Haughney Sr., F/C, will take over for Alexander while sharpshooting Quinn Willman (Sr., G) will work the backcourt with Train as a top wing option. Other veterans include; Beau Kershaw, Sr., G; Isaiah Fredericks Sr., G; Ryan Sullivan Sr., F/C; Brenden Cody Jr, G/F; Joe Redendo Sr., G; and Dan Walsh Sr., G

Newcomers include; Brian Harlin Jr., G; Andrew Dileo Jr., F; Guy Cipriano Jr., F; Kyle Shilling Jr., G; and Matt Dougherty Jr., G/F.

"We will lean heavily on All-League player, Ryan Train, as well as, fellow starters Matt Haughney and Quinn Willman to provide scoring and leadership," Coach Venditto said. "With early season tournaments at Lakeland and Croton along with a tough non-league schedule we will strive to improve each and every game we play."

YORKTOWN (13-8, lost Sect. 1 Class A quarters)

Coach Kevin Downes' Huskers pretty much know what to expect from their veteran coach as he enters his second season at Yorktown after taking Mahopac to four-straight Class AA Final 4's and one championship appearance. Similarly, Downes knows that Yorktown athletes are very much like Mahopac athletes; in that they give a coach everything they've got if they respect you.

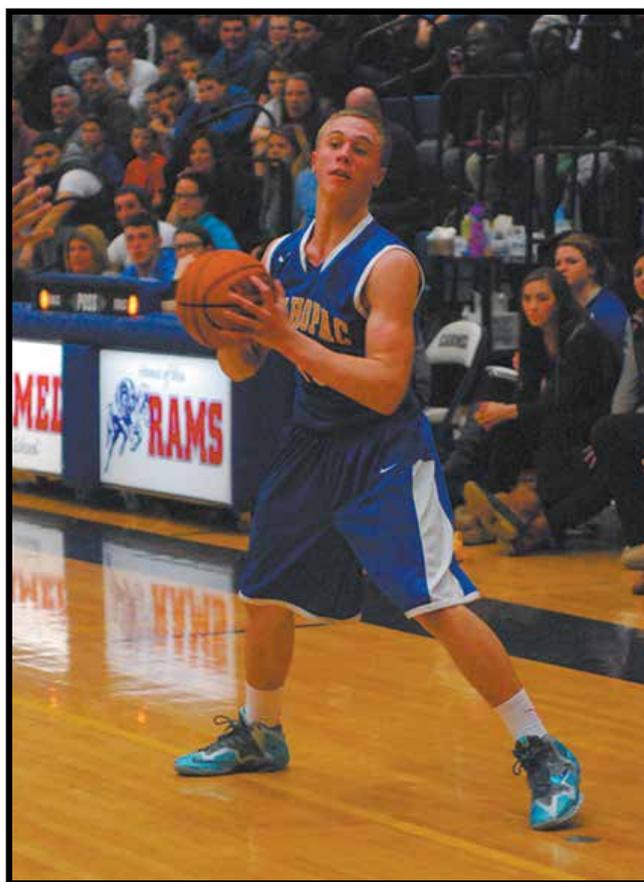
Downes channels mutual respect and the Huskers bought in last year, winning more games than they had the previous three years combined before falling in the playoffs to top-seeded Spring Valley, a state semifinalist.

"We're looking to build off of the success from a year ago," Downes said, noting it would be difficult with the Huskers moving to Class AA this season.

And with a decent chunk of starters returning for the 2016 season, expect Yorktown to be a tough team to beat in their league -- along with Somers, Greeley, Fox Lane, Brewster and John Jay CR -- who can each compete with anyone on any given night. But a Class AA Final 4 run for the Huskers will be extremely difficult.

Key returners include All-League senior sniper Nick DeGennaro, a 5'11" G who can deliver the goods. "Nick is a dynamic player who is poised for a great season," Downes said.

He'll be joined by veterans Jesse Bambach (6'5" Sr. F), Glen O'Loughlin (6'6" Sr. C), Ryan Hill (6'2" Sr. G), Trevor Bocian (5'10" Sr. G), Tim Martz (6'4" Sr. F), Ryan Curran (6'4" Sr. F) and Ben



Mahopac's Christian Donahoe will supply the giddy-up to the Indian attack this season.

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook



Ossining's AJ Stokeley (23) will lead a much-improved Pride team this season.



Lakeland senior C Nick Fazio will be a menacing presence in the paint this year.

Schmitz (6'4" Sr. F). That's five players who go 6'4" or better.

That number increases to six when you factor in newcomers Tyler Makar (6'4" Sr. F) and Tanner Dyslin (6'4" Jr. F), the kid brother of graduated All - S e c t i o n swingman Mason Dyslin (Vassar College). When Lakeland hosts Yorktown on Dec. 16th there should be enough size and beef on the floor for an excellent game of bully ball in the paint.

Matt Severino (6'3" Jr. G) and Sol Barer (6'3" Jr.) round out what looks like a most competitive unit.

"Jesse Bambach and Glen O'Loughlin, 6'5" and 6'6", respectively, will take on the task of replacing Mason Dyslin," Downes said of his former leader in both scoring and rebounding. "They are both very good post players, defenders

who can also shoot the ball well. They should also get big help from newcomer, junior Tanner Dyslin. We will once again rely on rebounding and defense and should have a strong post presence with Bambach, O'Loughlin and Dyslin."

OSSINING (6-13, lost in opening round)

First-year Coach Mike Casey has some interesting pieces in place, including four top returning players in AJ Stokeley, 6'4", Sr.; Obadiah Toppin, 6'5", Sr.; Jay Criss, 6'1", Jr. and Nick Murdock, 6'3", Sr. The players are stoked to play for Casey, an exuberant coach with an up-tempo style that suits them well. Don't sleep on this Pride unit; they will be better than what we have seen in recent years, and the Pride are going to surprise some teams if it all comes together like we think it can.

The key newcomers include: Alan Griffin, a 6-4 sophomore, who is the real deal; trust us. He was rated one of the top 10th

grade players in the Chicago area before transferring to Ossining where he could shine for several years. His father, Adrian Griffin, starred at Seton Hall before a 9-year NBA career as an undrafted free agent, which he translated into a professional coaching career with the NBA's Orlando Magic, Chicago Bull and Milwaukee Bucks. Therefore, Alan Griffin is said to be coachable and fun to watch.

Other newcomers include Wes Rodgers, 6', Sr.; Kenny Fritz, 6'1", Jr.; KJ Trotter, 5'11", Jr.; Kyle Cristello, 6', Sr.; Shamar Holebrook, 5'11", Jr.; Richard Bautista, 6'6", Jr. and 8th-grade point guard Jakai Robinson-Sealy, a 6'1" prospect the Pride are high on.

"Needless to say I am very excited about this opportunity," Coach Casey said. "We have been working hard in the off-season. The majority of the players played summer and fall ball with me and we did relatively well. The kids have been working hard, and we just need to keep that going. We are long and athletic. Sharing the ball and improving defensively are our focus right now."

Rodgers is recovering an injury and is out a couple weeks, leaving Robinson-Sealy to run the point as a rookie 8th-grader, which should tell you plenty about his ability. This is a talented group that could sneak up on some teams who aren't quick to get the Pride on their radar.

"Jakai Robinson-Sealy is a great kid and a special athlete," Casey said. "AJ Stokeley and Obadiah Toppin are both very talented; both about 6'4" and very athletic. We should be a fun team to watch."

CLASS A

Reigning champion Spring Valley won its first sectional title since 1996 last year and the Tigers were the toast of the town, but they have been bumped back up to Class AA this season, leaving Eastchester, Tappan Zee as, Byram Hills and well-rounded, athletic Lourdes as teams you don't want to sleep on in Class A.

SOMERS (18-4, lost Sect. 1 semis)

What we know about Coach Chris DiCintio's Tuskers and what we don't know are the two things that make this team a puzzling call. We know that Somers is coming off its best season since 1992 and has graduated the core of what some are calling the best unit since Derek Hyra and Willy Dietrich graced the Tusker hardwood back in the wee 90s when Somers reach the finals.



Somers Coach Chris DiCintio has placed a ton of faith in seven sophomores he brought up to varsity this season.

What we don't know is whether or not this current group of assembled whippersnappers is ready for prime time this season, though they soon will be. DiCintio has taken seven sophomores under his wing this season, including his son, Chris, a 5'10" G, who has six classmates with the necessary gifts to become a solid unit in the future. Whether or not that happens this season remains to be seen, but the Tuskers are going to be thrown to the wolves (so to speak) in an effort to find out.

Juniors Matt Pires and Marc Maestri (F, 6'2", 185) will be joined by one lone senior, 6'4" C Reid Killeen, a bull in the paint who will be key to the development of these rookies in so many ways.

"As our lone senior, Reid is our captain and the only player returning that got significant minutes last season," Coach D said. "He's 6'4 and strong. He has a nose for the ball and is the heart and soul of this year's team. His leadership (done quietly) is going to be huge in trying to mentor the younger players.

"Matt Pires and Marc Maestri are captains with Reid," DiCintio added. "Marc is an extremely athletic kid. He has a lightning-quick release and is quick to the basket. He's a big baseball kid so he needs to get his rhythm going. Once that happens, he will be a major player for us this season. Matt Pires, on the other hand, has the potential to be an All-Conference point guard. He had an excellent off-season and looked great during the summer. Unfortunately, he broke his ankle during football and won't be ready until game four or five, hopefully. He's another kid that when he's healthy will be huge for us."

That leaves two spots and a ton of

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Carmel G Quinn Willman will need to extend opposing defenses with his dead-eye three-point range.

competition from a tight-knit group of sophs that DiCintio has been fruitfully coaching for many years along the AAU circuit.

"I'm the only coach some of them have ever known," DiCintio said, citing Lorenzo Bicknese, Chris DiCintio, Nick Gargiulo (6'5", 250), Jack Gilroy (6'2"), Justin Lancaster, Kevin Olifiers and Gio Tradito. "We are very young to say the least. The bright side is that the seven sophomores have been playing for me since the fourth and fifth grade. They are an extremely talented bunch with great chemistry and they know how to win. The future looks strong for this bunch, but there are a lot of question marks as to whether or not their inexperience at this level will hinder them from closing out games this year."

Juniors Ross Dietrich (6'3"), Ryan Maloney and Pearse Martin are three more rookies looking to contribute. DiDintio is preaching physical defense in a half-court man set while extending the defense at times with zone pressing and matchup zones.

"The key to competing this season is limiting our opponent's possessions by owning the boards each game," the coach said. "Unfortunately, I am concerned as to whether or not we can do that with such a young team."

As a result, Somers cannot get into track meets, allowing opponents to score at will.

The Tuskers lack proven scorers and hope to produce a go-to guy quickly, especially with Pires on the sideline until the quarter turn.

"The boys are definitely practicing hard, they are energized and they are ready to prove that Somers basketball is here to stay," DeCintio said.

We're all anxious to see if the Tuskers can sustain what has been a terrific run under DiCintio the last few seasons, or whether they'll need a year to reload and take aim at just their third trip to the County Center in nearly a quarter century.

HEN HUD (14-7, lost Sect. 1 quarters)

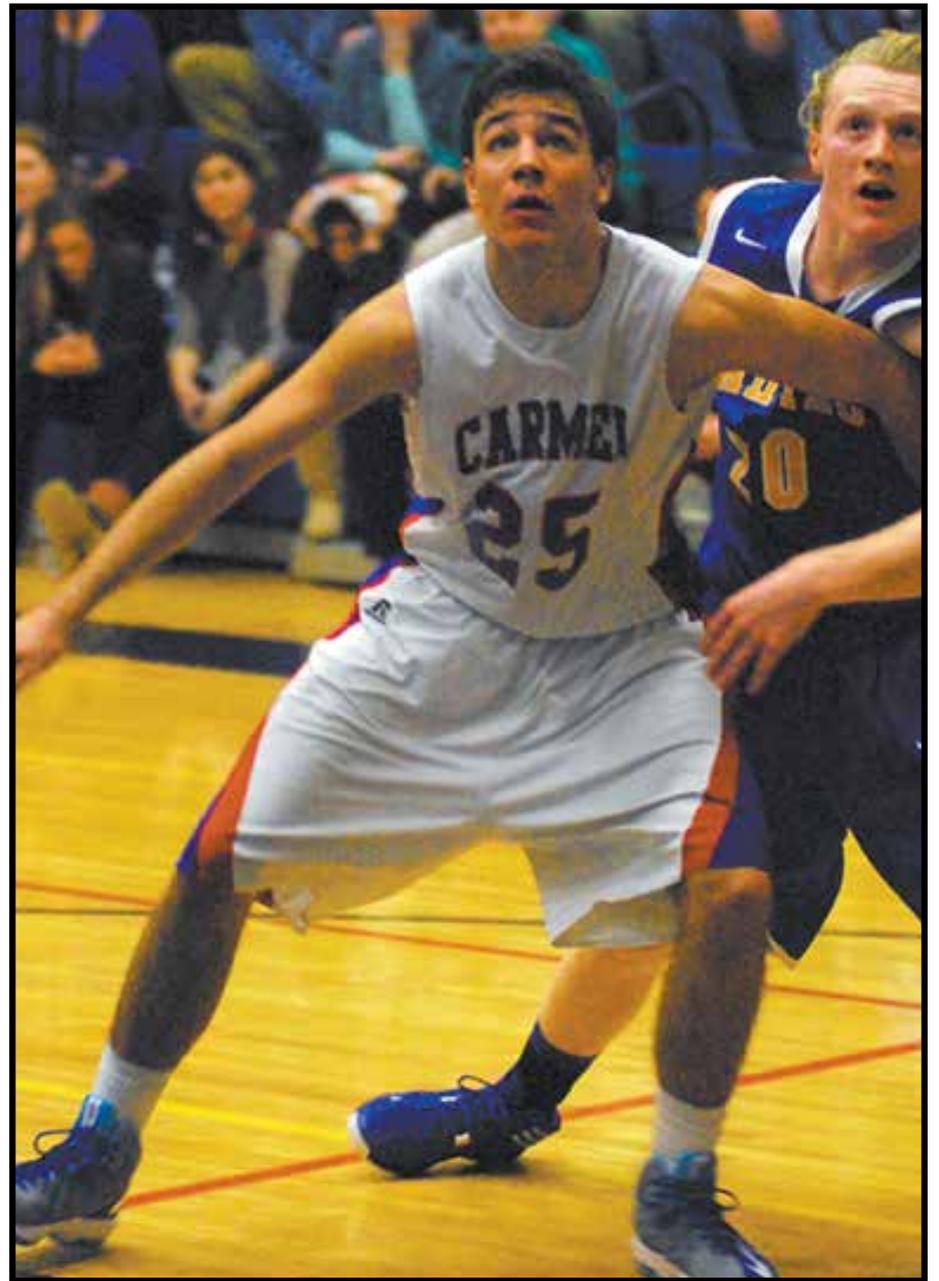
It had been a few years since the Sailors were relevant on the Section 1 hoops circuit, but they got themselves back on the map in last winter behind the exploits of Concordia-bound swingman Jesse Breeding. The senior torched the cords for an average of 16 PPG,

doing so with an array of nifty moves that helped the Sailors produce their first winning campaign in four seasons while guiding the 11th-seeded Sailors to the quarterfinals where they were finally eliminated by No.3 finalist Byram Hills, 50-49. It was Hen Hud's first quarterfinal appearance since 1999 when the then-9th-seeded Sailors lost No.1 Nyack.

"I love this team," said third-year Sailor skipper Jordan Hirsch, who hopes to lead the Sailors back to the County Center Final 4 for the first time since 1992. "I like what I'm seeing from a culture-building standpoint and from our response to adverse situations. Our scrimmages exposed a lot of things that we need to work on in every part of the game. It's a challenge that our coaching staff is really looking forward to."

Seniors Mike Smith and Nicky Marra figure to add to the athleticism to a fairly youthful unit that includes eight juniors and three sophomores, including juniors Greg Fuchek, Thomas Maloney, Dan Maloney, Jack Attinelly, Ray Morris, Dan Weimar, Pat McGovern and impactful sophomores Dylan Fraser, Austin Fraser and Kyle James.

"At this point we feel good about the competition in practice and we hope that it will translate into a deep roster where we can have some interchangeability,"



Carmel's Ryan Train and Mahopac's Aidan Hynes will battle the Dutchess powers for league supremacy.

Hirsh said. "With only three seniors we will rely a lot on them and the returners from last year to be great leaders. We will need everyone to add value in different ways to be successful. This group seems to have a real investment in each other, and I fully expect that they understand the expectation of daily work ethic that we hold to the highest priority. I'm really excited to continue to work with this group and see how they grow and mature as a team."

The Sailors believe they have legit chance to battle for the league title with Ossining and Lakeland figuring to do likewise.

PANAS (12-8, lost in Sect.1 opening round)

Two years removed from winning the Section 1 title, Coach Shawn Sullivan's Panthers will likely be in the same boat they were last year; figuring things out until the veteran coach can find the right mix and rotations that will eventually give opposing teams fits down the stretch.

Sullivan, who has quietly developed into one of the better coaches in the

region during his 14 years on the Panther sideline, will need to figure out who takes over the first and second options, now that Brandon Collins and Mike Evans – the top two rebounders and scorers from last season – are gone.

Several players who saw supporting roles last season are expected to have a major impact this season, including Brandon Hodge (G, 5'8", Soph.); Brandon Ramos (F, 6'0", Soph.); Shakiem White (C, 6'5", Sr.); David Reynoso (G, 5'10", Jr) and long Jeremy Keefe (C, 6'5", Sr.).

"I believe our returning players are ready to step up and take ownership of the team," Sullivan said. "Hodge should provide us with outstanding ball handling and passing. Reynoso and Ramos should give us scoring from the perimeter while Keefe and White should give us a strong inside game. These guys give us great versatility but it will all come down to whether or not we can rebound and defend."

Veterans Simmy Mann (6-0, Sr., G) and Brian Denault (6-0, Sr. G) will be joined by newcomers Kevin Dyckman (6-1, Jr.

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F); Stephan Reyes (5-11, Jr. G) and Nik Veloz (6-0, Jr. G) off the bench.

The unit will find out quickly how they measure up against the locals when the Panthers host the Walter Panas Holiday Tournament on December 11th and 12th when Lakeland, Mahopac and Brewster come knocking (First Round Dec. 11: 5 p.m. Brewster vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m. Panas vs. Mahopac). Prior to that, the Panthers will open up against visiting Yorktown (12/4) before visiting Class B heavyweight Putnam Valley (12/8).

LAKELAND (9-10, lost Sect.1 outbracket)

The Henry Weltman era is over and the Steve Fallo era begins. Fallo, the longtime girls' hoops coach for the Hornets, replaces Weltman, one of the winningest coaches in Lakeland hoops history and a fixture on the Lakeland sideline. Weltman oversaw one of the greatest periods in Lakeland history before stepping down at the end of last season, which was sub-par by Lakeland's standards; a No.16 seed and an outbracket loss to No.17 Nyack.

The transition began last season with Fallo serving as Weltman's assistant and it should be a smooth one. Fallo's first season will see the Hornets coming at the

opposition with one of the largest front courts in their history, including seniors PF Trevor McCarthy (6'2"), C Nick Fazio (6'8"), F/C Nick Jarosz (6'4") and C/F Kyle Peterson (6'4").

For all the size the Hornets have, the key will be the play of guards Eric Pombo (PG, 5'11, Sr.) and Tim Fallo (6'0" G, Jr.). John Mule' (5'11", G, Soph), Pat Morelli (5'11", F Jr.), Jaz Burton (6'1", Jr.), Griffin Shiland (5'11" F, Jr.) and David Kale (6'2", G, Jr.) should all figure prominently in Fallo's rotations. Kyle Harrison, Peterson, Matt Tuite and Matt O'Dair are also in the mix.

Lakeland knows what to expect from its front court, but the development of the back court will determine whether or not the Hornets are legit players on the Class A circuit. After opening the season with 2015 Final 4 foe Somers, the Hornets will be tested in their own tournament against Class AA Carmel and Class AA Greeley/Class B Putnam Valley winner the first weekend of December. It should provide a solid early-season test.

"Our goal is to compete and improve every night we play," said Fallo, who had about as much success as any Class A girls' coach in Section 1 since the late 80s. "We have good size, athleticism and experienced

players, with four returning starters from last year. Senior leadership will be very important to our success. Nick Fazio and Nick Jarosz can be game changers inside. Eric Pombo and Trevor McCarthy will provide us with the leadership and the competitive drive we will need to be successful.

"We have to be an inside-out team with the bigs making good decisions when to kick it out," Fallo added. "If we can limit our turnovers and make shots from the outside we could be hard to defend."

PEEKSKILL (6-13, lost Sect.1 outbracket)

The mighty had fallen hard last winter when the 22nd-seeded Red Devils were bounced from the post-season in an

outbracket loss to Hen Hud, thus ending what was a trying first season for rookie Coach Tony Turner, who, like anyone would, found the shoes of NYS Hall of Fame Coach Lou Panzanaro tough to fill. The Red Devils never got any traction last season and were unable to string together any form of consistency. It'll be on the shoulders of sophomore swingman CJ Redd to restore the pride of Peekskill. Redd, a 6'4" slashing wing who can drill the trey or pull up on the elbow, is Peekskill's primary option, and for good reason. Redd, who was injured in April and had surgery in June, is hoping to be sharp for the season opener.

"Promise you're gonna be good this year," said Redd. "We don't have much height but we got speed. I'm just preparing myself and making sure that I'm ready myself. I'll be healthy by the season opener, just don't know if I'll be in shape. I'm working my hardest to get back into tip-top shape!

We got a speedy scrappy team this year, and we should be fun to watch."

Peekskill's second option behind Redd should be his cousin Chihe Williams, a recent transfer and solid addition to the Red Devil backcourt. Peekskill won the last of its five-straight Section 1 titles way back in 2009, and the dry spell and recent run of mediocrity have people wondering what it's going to take to get the Red Devils back in the mix of contenders.

CLASS B

Two-time defending Section 1 champion Woodlands, last year's state runner-up, will have to start from scratch this season, having graduated all but one starter. That said, the door is open for three-year bridesmaid Putnam Valley to come bashing in to the County Center as one of the Class B favorites this season, though Briarcliff is also loaded and Class B is as open as it's ever been with emerging clubs like Valhalla, Pleasantville, Westlake and Blind Brook all gunning for Woodlands.

PUTNAM VALLEY (15-7, lost Sect.1 semis)

After a dozen or so years of toiling near or at the very bottom of the Class B basement from 2001 to 2011, nobody ever expected to type the following: The Putnam Valley Tigers are seeking a fourth consecutive trip to the Westchester



Putnam Valley's Joey Spinola (L) and Harrison Deegan will be two of the top players in Class B this season.



Peekskill's CJ Redd should demonstrate above average skill sets for the Red Devs this winter.

County Center, as part of Section 1 Final 4 this season. The Tigers have gone 49-15 the last three years with many of those wins coming against larger A and AA schools.

The former cellar dwellers are now among the upper echelon of the Class B scene, having lost to the eventual champion in each of the past three seasons, but cracking the upper crust has been difficult in the 2013 semis (loss to Lourdes), 2014 finals (loss to Woodlands) and 2015 semis (loss to Woodlands).

And while the likes of former All-NYS players like Zach Coleman, Jelani Bell-Isaac and Ryan Basso have come and gone, the Tigers may have their best chance to secure their first sectional championship under third-year Coach Mike McDonnell.

"I feel that this group is the most balanced and cohesive group I've had," the coach said. "They are talented, tough and tireless in their quest to be champions. I absolutely love coaching these kids."

Senior Joe Spinola, a 6'5" C/F, will be one of the central figures on opposing coach's minds, as the three-year veteran brings some swag and the potential to average a double-double. If Spinola can steer clear of foul trouble, he can post some monster numbers this season, averaging anywhere between 12 to 16 PPG and 10 boards, if he willingly works the glass the way only he can on this team.

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Spinola is joined by 6'1" three-year point guard Kevin Gallagher, who will guide the attack and supply the spunk on defense. Gallagher will need to pull the trigger from beyond the arc to open things up inside for Spinola and slashing senior G Ander Spittal, who showed flashes of excellence last season but will need to be the model of consistency this year. Senior swingman Harrison Deegan is playing above the rim this season. At 6'2", Deegan, among the most improved players in the section, is an X-factor opposing teams will have to counter. The Tigers need double digits from Deegan on a regular basis. Charlie Pagani, a 6'2" F, will round out the starting five as a fifth player who can drop 6-8 points on any given night.

Get freshman Darnell Shillingford on your radar, because the 6' small forward has the potential to be one of the program's finest player yet. He'll come off the bench early and often, a bench that lacks the key ingredient that could hold

will be hard to outcoach. With over 600 games under his belt and a 386-238 career record, Coach Thom knows his stuff and last year's 13-7 record resulted in No.7 and a quarterfinal loss to No.2 Briarcliff.

Thom will turn to Captains Frank Addeo (Sr. 6'2"), Sam Roth (Sr. 5'9") and Eli Reyer (Sr. 6'1") to lead a cast of strong returnees, including shifty Charlie Goldberg (Jr. 6'0"), Garrett Lynch (Sr. 6'3"), Mike Matalavage (Sr. 6'0"), Conor Moore (Sr. 6'0"), Rory Parker (Jr. 5'11") and Kevin Sherry (Sr. 6'0").

Newcomers Eric De La Cruz (Jr. 5'9"), Justin Kargbo (Jr. 6'0"), Austin Rago (Jr. 6'2"), Graham Webster (Soph. 6'2"), Matt Minett (Soph. 5'9") and Peter Genarelli (Jr. 5'11") are expected to add to what Thom termed a strong team chemistry and work ethic, which has been exceptional to date.

The coach cited a lack of experience as a potential weakness.

"We've worked hard to date," Thom said. "It will be interesting to see how the

Coach Joe Virgadamo's 10th season was the best in the history of the program, one that resulted with a run to Glens Falls for the Blue Devils' first NYS Final 4 appearance behind All-NYS swingman Peter Hoffmann (Hamilton). "The Hoff" set records along the way and Haldane lost to eventual champ Lake George in the semifinals, leaving the Blue Devils with a new era with which to approach.

Senior Will Zivic, a 6'5" F and the kid brother of Action Jackson Zivic (Oneonta), will lead the way with two-plus years of vast experience.

Other returning veterans include Tucker Beachak, 6'1" Sr., G; Nick Chiera, 6'2", Sr., F; David Rotando, 5'9", Sr., G; Eric Rizzi, 5'10", Sr., G; and Aidan Siegel, 5'11", So., G.

Newcomers include: 6'4" junior Blaine Fitzgerald, the kid brother of All-Section center Edmund, and good looking rookie Kyle Sussmeier, Fr., 6-1, G.

The Blue Devils will be looking to earn a trip back to the Westchester County Center for the seventh year in a row, which won't be easy given all they've lost. Still, the Virgadamo Brothers know no other way, and the preparation they put in, coupled with the commitment they command, should be enough to light the way.

Boys' basketball Coaches are strongly encouraged to contact sports editor Ray Gallagher at Raygallaghersports@gmail.com with positive comments, stats and box score info after each game or no later than Sunday mornings for inclusion in the Examiner's weekly Boys' Hoops Notebook.

Putnam/NWE Top 5 Pre-Season Hoops Poll

(Remember, this is a meaningless, speculative, pre-season account of local teams with very little to actually go on)

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Sounds like a homer call here (being involved at the rec. level and all) but what's not to like; five experienced seniors and a freshman phenom off the bench, three-straight trips to County Center... I'm all in.

No.2 OSSINING – The Griffin kid is a stud and Robinson-Sealy is going to



Croton's Eli Reyer will be a force for the Tigers this season.



Haldane F Will Zivic will need to be more than a complimentary player this season; he'll need to be 'The Man'.

the Tigers back; proven depth. Senior Justin Tompkins, 6-1, F, is also expected to make a contribution after taking last year off.

Key newcomers include: Marc Zadrima, 6-0, Jr., G; J.T. Montaldo, 6-2, Jr., F; and Justin Acosta, 5-10, Jr., G.

CROTON (13-7, lost Sect.1 quarters)

With 31 years of experience on the Croton sideline, Tigers Coach Bill Thom

season progresses."

The Tigers will host the second annual "Hoops for Heroes" event to honor those who have and are serving the U.S. military on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The event will include five varsity games. The Tigers will play in the Putnam County Challenge on January 2nd against Dobbs Ferry.

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HALDANE (18-5, lost NYS Semis)

be a special player as he matures, leaving Coach Casey with a nice nucleus of young rooks and solid experience in Stokeley and Toppin.

No.3 HEN HUD – The Jesse Breeding Show will be spectacular times, but who's going to emerge as the No.2 option. Love me some Frazier boys.

No.4 LAKELAND – Jarosz is a tough son of gun and Fazio can impose his will, defend the basket and finish around the rim, so if the guard play can measure up, Fallo's first year could be a good one.

No.5 MAHOPAC – There's just too much athleticism between Donahoe, Foley and Hynes for this unit to have another sub-par campaign like the last one, which was really tough to watch after 4-straight Final 4's.

No.5A YORKTOWN – DeGennaro and Bambach are more than enough to ensure the Huskers are competitive in this neck of the woods.

LOCAL LEAGUE ALIGNMENTS

Conference I-A

Arlington, Carmel, John Jay EF, Mahopac, Lourdes, RCK

Conference I-B

Beacon, Hen Hud, Lakeland, Ossining, Peekskill, Panas

Conference I-C

Haldane, North Salem, Pawling, Putnam Valley

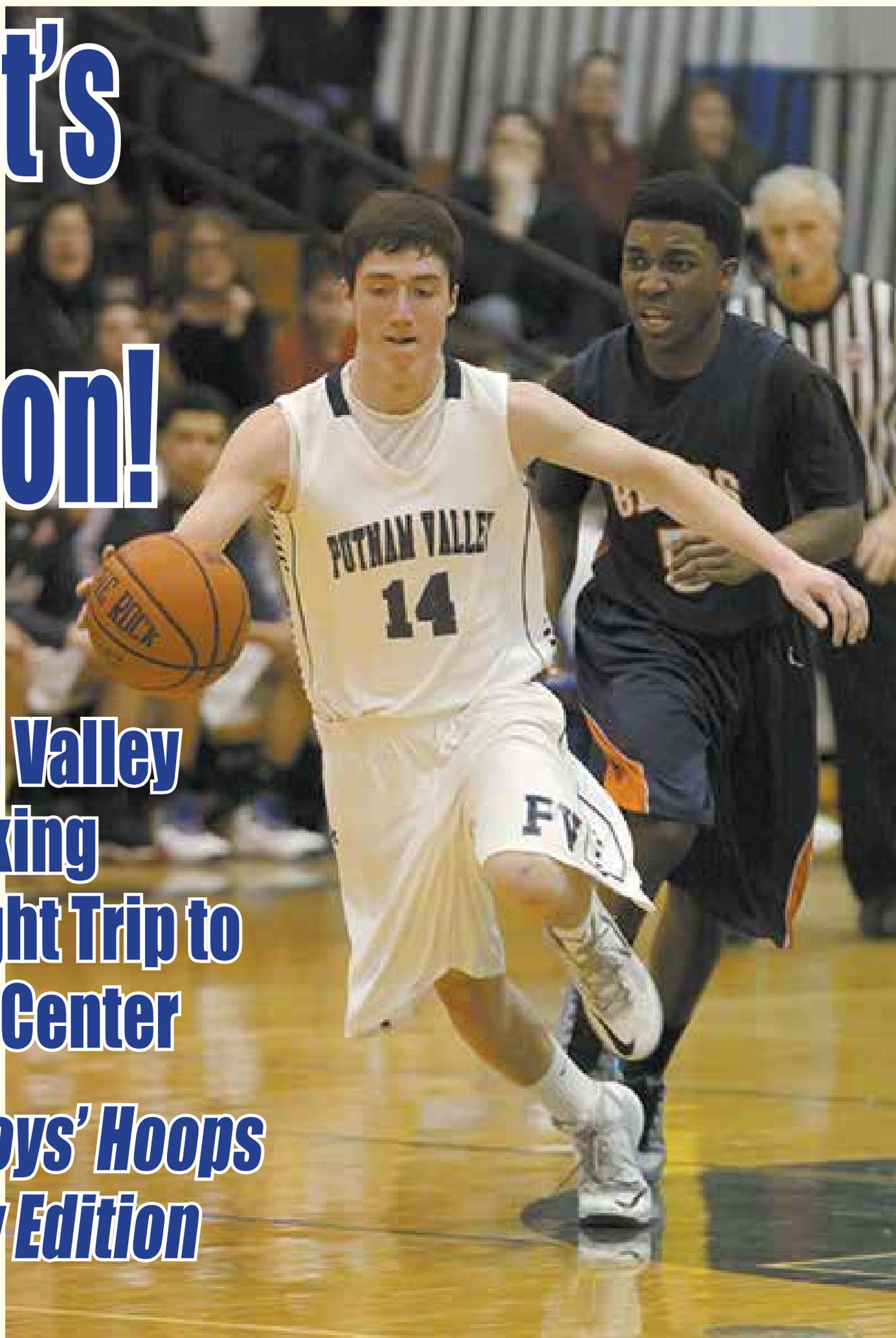
Conference I-D

Brewster, Fox Lane, Greeley, John Jay CR, Somers, Yorktown

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Putnam Valley senior point guard Kevin Gallagher will run the show for Coach Mike McDonnell's Tigers this season as they set their sights on an unprecedented fourth-straight trip to the Westchester County Center and the Section 1 Class B Final 4 this March. The Tigers will hold court this coming weekend against Class AA Horace Greeley at the Lakeland Tournament where Carmel hopes to get past the host Hornets in their season opener in the hopes of having an all-Putnam finale this Saturday night... see Boys' Hoops Notebook