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Local Hero Receives One of State's Highest Honors

By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident Cullen Malzo recalled last week he did not know at the time why he did what he did on Nov. 10.

But Malzo's acts of heroism saved the lives of two young women. He dove into the cold waters of Lake Mahopac to rescue Dana Circelli and Julia Brower after the car driven by Sirelli was involved in an accident and overturned into the body of water.

Malzo received several honors, including the Liberty Medal from the New York State Senate, at the Dec. 7 Carmel Town Board meeting.

Prior to receiving his honors, Malzo, 19, said, "It feels really good to be honored. But I'm just really happy that the girls are OK."

Malzo, a Lakeland high school graduate, recalled on the night of the rescue he was walking to his car when, "I saw the two cars go by and then immediately after I heard the crash and then I ran over, called 911 and decided to jump in. I made it

over to the car. I reached in and I felt one of the girls' (Brower) arms so I pulled her out immediately. She was yelling for her friend Dana so I knew that someone else was in the car so I would go back."

Malzo said it took a little bit longer to find Circelli in the overturned vehicle, but he was able to do so. "I ended up finding her by the leg and I pulled her out."

Malzo said he had no choice but to rescue the two 17-year-old teenagers.

"I really can't even think of a situation where I wouldn't do it," he said. "That's someone's life and I just hope someone would do it for me."

Malzo said he has spoken to both young women since the rescue.

"We've kind of created a nice friendship out of it," he said. "They texted me on Thanksgiving. They were both very grateful. Their families were very thankful."

Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt and

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) presented the Liberty Medal to Mahopac resident Cullen Malzo during the Dec. 7 Carmel Town Board meeting. Malzo rescued two young women from Lake Mahopac following a car accident on Nov. 10.

Putnam Valley 8th Grader Honored as Student of Distinction

Putnam Valley's Dean Fejes, an eighth grader at Fox Meadow Middle/High School at Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, was honored recently as a Student of Distinction for his hard work, dedication and the values he brings to school every day.

"The teachers at the middle school all agree that Dean is a student every teacher would want to have in class," said Fox Meadow Principal Nicole Murphy, who presented Dean with a medal and certificate at the Putnam Valley Board of Education meeting on November 17. "His peers would describe Dean as a friend due to his sweet and helpful manner."

Murphy said, Dean was the embodiment of Fox Meadow's core values: respect for oneself as well as others, hard work and dedication, and a willingness to be the best version of yourself.

"It was such a great surprise (to have Dean receive this award) and we are so proud of him," said Jane Fejes, Dean's mother.

Dean was accompanied to the ceremony by his mother, his father, Joseph, and his brother, Thomas, as well as teachers and staff from Fox Meadow who came to cheer him on for his accomplishment.

From the time Dean arrived at the middle school, Murphy said "teachers and staff gravitated toward him because of his generosity and light hearted sense of humor."

Also honored at the board meeting was Jonell Rios Losado, (pictured shaking hands with Fejes, who is on the right) a student in the Walden School at PNW BOCES.



Piece of Art Stolen from Mahopac Public Library

By David Propper

The Carmel Police Department continues its investigation into a missing piece of artwork stolen from the Mahopac Public Library two weekends ago.

On Dec. 3, a watercolor piece of art that was unframed was stolen off the wall, according to the Carmel Police Department. In an email, Carmel Police Chief Mike Cazzari said the incident took place around 1 p.m. that day, which was the same time a blood drive was occurring

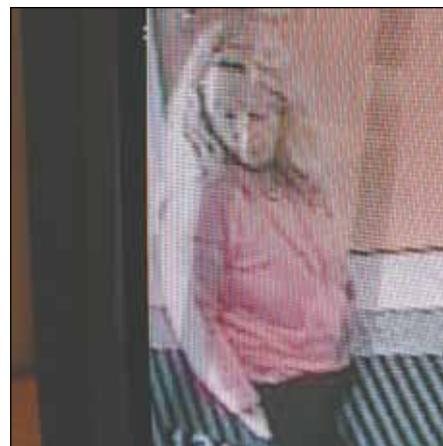
on the third floor of the library.

Authorities are now seeking the public's help in identifying two people that were seen entering the library and going to the third floor around the time of the theft. Cazzari said at this time the two subjects are only wanted for questioning as potential witnesses.

As of Monday before press time, there were no other developments.

The images provided that show the two

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The two subjects the Carmel police are seeking for questioning.

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his town board colleagues were the first to honor Malzo at last week's meeting by presenting him with a proclamation. "Your heroics on Nov. 10 were amazing," Schmitt told Malzo. "You did what seasoned first responders are trained to do. You sprang into action without giving it a second thought about your own wellbeing. It's incredible that you had the presence of mind and the instincts to do what you needed to do."

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) presented the highly prestigious Liberty Medal to Malzo. "In life the Good Lord puts you in places where you're supposed to be. On Nov. 10, obviously, he put you in your driveway for a reason, to save two girls who are here tonight," Murphy told Malzo. "It was absolutely heroic."

Murphy said the state Senate's Liberty

Medal is the highest honor the legislative body can give to a civilian.

Assemblyman-elect Kevin Byrne presented a proclamation on behalf of retiring Assemblyman Steve Katz. Byrne, a Mahopac resident, told Malzo, "It's nice to know we have neighbors like you looking out for us."

Byrne told Malzo he was involved in a car accident this year and being trapped in a car and waiting to be removed "is scary, scary stuff."

Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith presented Malzo with the Putnam County Sheriff's Lifesaving Certificate of Commendation. "I think this is a very symbolic night," noting that the meeting was being held on the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. "It's nice to know that we still have heroes in the United States of America."

The previous night the Putnam County Legislature presented a proclamation

noting Malzo's heroics during its full legislative meeting, though Malzo couldn't make it.

Malzo told those in attendance, including family members, "I'm truly honored that I'm being recognized"

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Q: Why is it important to have routine screening mammograms?

A: Early detection with a screening mammogram can catch cancer years before it becomes discernible by touch. It is important to catch cancer earlier, because the size of the tumor and its stage influence treatment and prognosis.

Q: During what ages should I have annual mammograms?

A: Starting at age 40, this screening tool saves the most lives. There is no defined upper age limit to stop mammography. The incidence of breast cancer increases with age: 30 percent of invasive breast cancers occur in women over the age of 70. We recommend that annual screenings continue as long as the patient is in otherwise good health and willing to undertake additional testing if an abnormality is detected.

Q: How do I benefit from advanced breast cancer screening technologies?

A: The latest mammogram screening technology is the **3-D mammogram** (digital mammogram with tomosynthesis), which lets us see through tissue and find more cancers than does a standard digital

mammogram. Another newer technology is the **supplemental screening ultrasound** for dense breasts, which helps us evaluate dense breast tissue and masses seen on the mammogram by letting us distinguish between solid and cystic tissue. The **breast MRI** can be used to screen women at high risk for breast cancer due to genetic factors, family history or previous high-risk findings, or used as an additional tool to look for further abnormalities in women recently diagnosed with cancer. Advanced imaging technologies are offered at Northern Westchester Hospital's women's imaging sites in Mt. Kisco and Yorktown.

Q: Should women with dense breast tissue receive special screenings?

A: About 40 to 50 percent of women have dense breast tissue. There are two components of breast tissue: fatty tissue and fibroglandular tissue. Fibroglandular tissue appears white on a standard mammogram, as do tumors, so tumors can be obscured. If you have dense breasts, ask about supplemental screening with a breast ultrasound. This technology increases detection by a rate of approximately four cancers per 1,000 screenings over that achieved by a standard mammogram.

Police Officers Honored for Bravery in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari presented Department Recognitions to two town police officers and a Putnam County Sheriff sergeant for their bravery in rescuing residents of a senior housing complex from a recent fire during the Dec. 7 town board meeting.

The honorees were Sgt. Thomas Lee from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, and from the Carmel Police Department, Sgt. Robert Behan and Officer Neil Brown.

Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt said last week during the serious fire in town in November "the officers' actions more than likely saved the lives of the residents."

Cazzari said on Nov. 15 at about 3 a.m. a fire call was made from Hughson Commons senior housing complex. When Brown came to the scene he learned there was a visually impaired male resident still

in the building on the third floor, Cazzari said. "The fire was coming through the roof and out one side of the building," Cazzari noted. "Without any thought, officer Brown went in, found the man and escorted him out."

The officers "went through the complex, cleared the apartments and they did find two more tenants who were still inside," Cazzari said, adding the two residents were gotten out by the officers.

"Thanks to their brave actions those three people are alive," Cazzari said.

Sheriff Don Smith said he wanted to recognize "these three brave officers."

"When you go into a burning building, there's all kinds of ways you can get into trouble and not come out," Smith said.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) said, "We're blessed to have police officers like you."



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari presented Department Recognitions to (from the left,) Sgt. Thomas Lee from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, and from the Carmel Police Department, Sgt. Robert Behan and Officer Neil Brown.

After Long Wait, Animal Abuse Registry Approved

By David Propper

Creating an animal cruelty registry appears to be easier said than done, but after almost two years, Putnam County is set to have one.

The county Legislature in a unanimous vote, signed off on putting together an online registry of convicted animal abusers, in hopes of better protecting pets in Putnam. With all nine legislators in agreement, the registry joins a growing list of New York State counties taking action to fight animal abuse, including many adjacent to Putnam. The measure was brought forward by Republican county lawmaker Bill Gouldman soon after he came on board in early 2015.

Any resident put on the registry would be prohibited from owning or controlling any animal, including birds and fish for ten years. If they broke the law, the person could face between a \$250-\$1,000 fine or up to 15 days in jail. Animal cruelty is defined as organizing fights, not feeding, abandonment, poisoning, clipping or cutting ears of dogs, theft of pets, harming

a service animal or sexual misconduct, according to the new law.

Any resident on the registry would need to pay \$50 each year that would go toward the website's maintenance. The list would not include retroactive abusers.

The person who sells a pet to a person on the registry could also face trouble. A seller is responsible for checking the database that will be set up by the SPCA before any transaction is completed, according to the law.

Gouldman said while it took time to piece the law together, he called it the "perfect law for our county."

"This law will create a registry which will stop and protect the members of our family who really can't speak for themselves," he added.

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino said she was proud of the work done on behalf of innocent animals. Legislator Dini LoBue, who as Rules Committee chairwoman helped push the law along, said abusers are attracted to animals because they don't have a voice

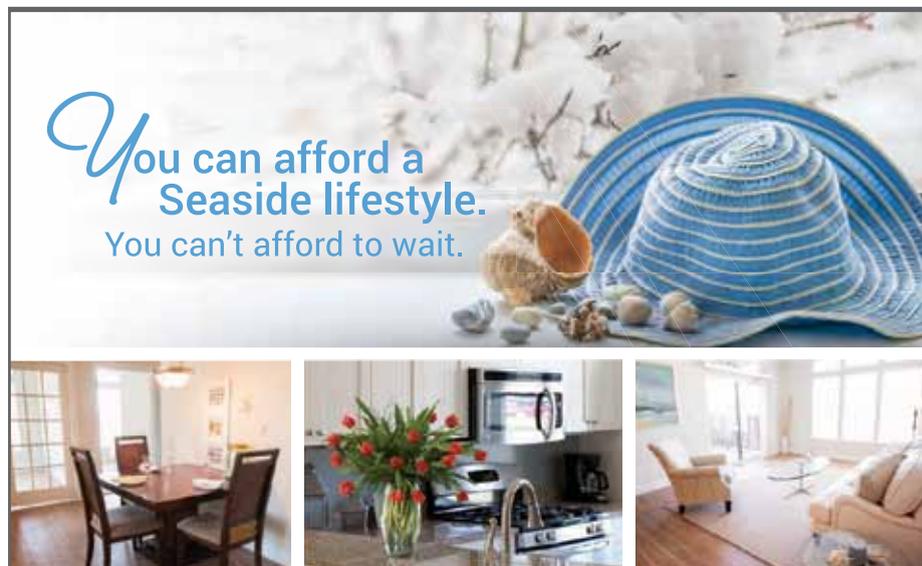
"and with the adoption of this registry the animals will have a voice."

SPCA chief Ken Ross Jr. and his son, detective Ken Ross III, as well as District Attorney Bob Tandy all had a hand in working on the law.

Patterson resident Andrew DeStefano, who is a retired NYPD captain and sits

on the SPCA board, noted there is a correlation between animal abuse and more serious crimes like domestic abuse.

"It takes a lot of courage--we have a lot of laws on the books--to put one more law on the books," DeStefano said.



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people the police want to speak to are a white woman with blonde hair that had a pink sweatshirt on and a black man with short hair that had a red t-shirt on. The watercolor taken was titled "By Fall's Early Night" from artist Michael Mendel.

Because it was unframed, Debra Feiman, who is part of the library's administration, said it was easy for the thieves to fold it up and make it look like an insignificant piece of paper

Feiman said she discovered the artwork

missing when she came into the library on Sunday, Dec. 4. From there, library officials dug up surveillance video apparently catching the crime from different angles and shared it with Carmel police on Dec. 5.

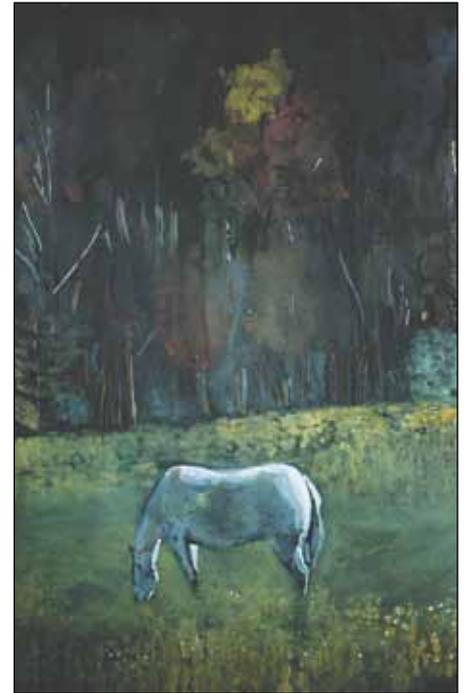
"They have whatever information we could provide to them," Feiman said. "We're trying to get them a copy of the video to see if they can see a license plate or something like that."

This is the first time in ten years since Feiman joined the library that a piece of artwork was stolen.

The remaining artwork remained unframed through the weekend, Feiman said, noting the library has security cameras as a deterrence.

"We've never had an issue where unframed work has been removed in this way," she said.

If anyone can identify the persons photographed, they should contact Officer Macom or Detective Russo at Carmel Police Department (845)-628-1300. All callers will be kept confidential.



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A photo of the piece of art swiped.



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Carmel Planning Board OKs New Stop & Shop in Mahopac

By David Propper

The Town of Carmel planning board has granted final site plan approval to renovate and expand the Lake Plaza Shopping Center that would open a new Stop & Shop as soon as next year.

According to a press release from Heidenberg Properties Group, which is in charge of the new layout, construction could start in the spring of next year with new and expanded tenants opening shortly after. The anchor for the redevelopment, the Stop & Shop, would be 54,000 square feet, replacing the Key Food Supermarket and CVS Pharmacy (pictured on right) currently occupying space in the plaza.

No other stores in the plaza would be effected, according to the press release.

On top of the new Stop & Shop, Heidenberg Properties will renovate the façade, repave the parking area, and upgrade the site lighting in hopes of turning the plaza into a more modern look with better traffic flow.

"The redevelopment of a shopping center around a strong anchor and the creation of a compelling tenant mix is core to creating value for our stakeholders. This was a complicated process involving multiple municipal agencies," Vice President of Operations Jason Lazar,



said in a statement. "Receiving final site plan approval is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team. We are excited to deliver the new prototype for Stop & Shop and create a great shopping destination for consumers."

The group expects to add an array of new inline tenants, according to the press release.

This will be the second Stop & Shop along Route 6, with the other supermarket on the Mahopac-Somers border, about 4.4 miles away from the incoming one.

"The Greater Mahopac Carmel Chamber of Commerce is happy to see economic development moving swiftly with the Stop & Shop project," Chamber CEO Erin Meagher said. "We welcome them to the community."

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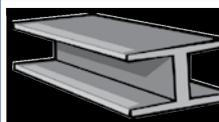
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Officials Call for Plan for Barges in Hudson to be Scrapped

By Rick Pezzullo

Several elected officials and students from an area environmental clinic called on the U.S. Coast Guard last week to scrap plans to create 43 new anchorages in 10 locations along the Hudson River after it was revealed the federal agency allegedly violated its own protocol.

At a frigid press conference at Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow on December 5, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, state senators Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), David Carlucci (D/Clarkstown) and Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park), professor John Cronin from Pace University and students from the Pace Environmental Policy Clinic charged the Coast Guard was circumventing its own procedures to benefit the shipping industry with anchorages for oil barges from Yonkers to Kingston.

"This is not about politics. It is about doing the right thing for the people who live in the Hudson Valley," said Murphy, who also asked the Coast Guard to extend the public comment period beyond December 6.

On December 5, students from Pace sent a petition to Coast Guard Admiral Paul Zukunft demanding the immediate withdrawal of the proposal based on research they had done on the Coast Guard's July 2015 "Waterways Management Anchorage Management



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

A slew of elected officials slammed the proposed anchorage sites on the Hudson River last week.

Tactics, Techniques and Procedures."

The students contended prior to publishing the proposal in the federal register in June the Coast Guard should have completed two major studies, addressing river hazards and impacts, conducted public sessions with mariners, environmental groups and government, and provided all members of the public the opportunity to change the plan.

Murphy, Carlucci and Serino held an informal public hearing in Croton in October. Coast Guard officials, who never officially notified municipalities or government leaders about the proposal, have stated they plan to hold public hearings in the spring.

"The Coast Guard essentially has been running a covert process in plain sight," Cronin said. "What they told us by filing this proposal is they were kicking off the process. In fact, by filing this notice they skipped over the process and insulated themselves from public comment. They made it impossible for anyone to respond and they knew it."

In August, the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ issued a letter of support to the Coast Guard for the anchorages plan, with Executive Director Edward Kelly stating, "the establishment of necessary federally designated anchorage areas in the Hudson River...will serve to provide critical infrastructure which is vital to the safe, secure and efficient transport of people and goods in the Hudson River."

"Additionally, it is well recognized that the marine transportation mode: Is the cleanest and most environmentally friendly; Is the most fuel efficient; Requires minimal Infrastructure; Reduces roadway congestion and wear/tear, thus reducing the need for public infrastructure expenditures; Reduces emissions (air and water); Eliminates over 3.1 million truck trips in NYC annually," Kelly stated.

"There currently are no formal anchorages on the Hudson River. The Hudson River requires sufficient

anchorages to ensure navigational safety by allowing vessels designated areas in which to anchor when weather, visibility restrictions, emergencies, security requirements, and/or seasonal conditions constrict the ability to proceed safely," Kelly continued. "The proposed anchorages have been promulgated, discussed and agreed among the major commercial users of the waterway. The Hudson River has been a highly utilized commercial waterway for centuries. Any development along the river has been relatively recent. If one moves next to an airport, one should expect to experience a certain modicum of air traffic and noise. The same principle holds true on the waterway."

On Dec. 7, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney said in a press release his office submitted 404 comments to the US Coast Guard from Hudson Valley residents. Maloney, a Democrat against the anchorage sites, said it's critical that residents make their voices heard.

"If the Coast Guard decides to move forward with this disastrous proposal there will be additional opportunities to make your opinion known on this important matter - and I urge my friends and neighbors to keep sharing your comments - the health of our river and our communities depends on it," said Maloney.

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Mahopac Library Mural Competition Open to Local HS Students

Mahopac Public Library invites high school-age students who are Mahopac residents, to submit a design for a mural to be painted on a large wall in lower level of the building, near the Library's popular Book Barn. Interested students must submit a mural project application, and fully rendered design, to the Library by January 2, 2017. A \$500 honorarium will be awarded to the student whose design is selected by a panel of judges.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to our local high school students," said

Michele Capozzella, the Library's Director and CEO. "Students love the Library, and the Library appreciates the talent and creativity of Mahopac's students. We look forward to including a large-scale original artwork created by a Mahopac student within our building."

Deadlines for this competition are noted below. Entries will be shared with the judging panel anonymously. The winning student will have until June, 2017 to complete the artwork.

High school students residing in the

Mahopac Central School District are eligible to enter. Students entering this competition may attend any school or be home schooled, in the equivalent of 9th through 12th grade.

Deadline for submission of mural design proposals:

January 2, 2017, by U.S. mail or hand delivered to: Library Director, Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541, ATTN: Mural Project.

All entries must be submitted on the Mural Project Application Form

available at the Library's Information Desk on the first floor, or on the Library's website:

<https://mahopaclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/MPLArtApplicationEntryForm-TEEN.pdf>.

There is no fee to enter; receipt of entries will be acknowledged via email by the Library Director.

For further information contact Michele Capozzella at 845-628-2009, ext. 107.

Obituaries

Danielle Marie Carey

Danielle Marie Carey, 29, of Mahopac, died on December 5. Danielle was born on July 26, 1987 to Michael and Jeannie (DiMase) Carey, in Sleepy Hollow. She is survived by her two beautiful cherished daughters; Gianna and Gabriella, her loving parents; Jeannie and Mike and her two beloved brothers; Paul and Michael, Jr.

Mae O. Cunniff

Mae O. (nee O'Brien) Cunniff, 102, of Carmel, died on December 8, with her family by her side. Mrs. Cunniff was born on April 20, 1914 to the late, Jack and Julia (Daly) O'Brien in Yonkers, New York. Before Mae retired, she was employed by ConEdison as a Customer Service Representative in NYC. She enjoyed working and her strong work ethics were to be admired. She is survived by her loving son; Ron Hicks, her four cherished grandchildren; (County Executive) MaryEllen (David) Odell of Carmel, Michelle Hicks (Ralph) of Carmel, Laura Hicks (Gary Prato) of Croton Falls and Brian (Stacey) Hicks of Pound Ridge; and five adoring great-grandchildren, Hope, David, Connor, Aidan and Logan, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She will be dearly missed by all, yet her legacy of love, working hard, devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, December 12, at St. James the Apostle R.C. Church, 12 Glenieda Avenue. A private cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to: Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd # 300, Tarrytown, NY 10591 or Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

Mary Louise Owen

Mary Louise Owen (nee Sullivan) of Carmel, died on December 9, at the age of 70. She was born on December 8, 1946 in Butte, Montana and was raised by her parents Richard and Alice Huckell in Manhattan and Carmel. She graduated

from Carmel High School in 1964 and received a bachelors degree from Pace University. Mary was employed as a construction estimator for various construction companies throughout her career. Mary was a caring and loving wife, mother and friend with a heart of gold who always put everyone else first. "There were no strangers, only friends yet to meet." Her door was always open with a seat at her table for a cup of coffee and conversation. Mary was an avid gardner who loved to decorate for the holidays. Mary is survived by her loving son John Krauss (Elaine), her father Richard and her brother Jack. She is predeceased by her husband Scotty and her son George Krauss. Visiting will be held on Tuesday December 12th at Cargain Funeral Homes 10 Fowler Ave Carmel, NY 10512 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held during the visitation at 8:30 p.m.

Joseph J. Smith

Joseph J. Smith, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died on Tuesday December 6, at the age of 83. He was born in Archbald, PA on October 10, 1933, the son of Joseph L. and Mary McGee Smith. Joe earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Kings College and served in the US Army. He retired as Director of Financial Reporting from IBM Corp. after a long and distinguished career with the company. He also served as a member of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Joe was a parishioner of St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac and was a former Eucharistic

Correction

In the Dec. 6-12 edition of The Putnam Examiner, in the article "Synagogue in Putnam Valley Continues Revitalization", the date for the performance by Alicia Svigals, the world's leading klezmer fiddler, a founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics who she coled for 17 years, was wrong. The date is in fact, Feb. 26. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

Minister there, along with his wife, Jean. On January 25, 1958 he married Jean E. Moore at St. Rose of Lima Church in Carbondale, PA. In addition to Jean, he is survived by his children; Joseph and his wife, Karen of Mahopac, James and his wife, Karen of Danbury, CT, Catherine Vollmer of Hopewell Junction, Maureen Lavin and her husband, Michael of Carmel, and Carolyn Smith and her husband Donald Elsey of Davidsonville, MD; his sisters, Suzanne Outman of Owego, and Carol Smith of Katonah, and his beloved 11 grandchildren, Kayla, Karl, Brian, Casey, Matthew, Kelleigh, Emily, Owen, Michael, Allie and Katie. He is also survived by his nieces, Jennifer and Melinda and his nephew David, who affectionately called him "UJ", as well as many nieces and nephews living out of the area, with whom he greatly enjoyed seeing when they were able to get together at family gatherings.

George D. Bennett

George D. Bennett, Jr. died suddenly on Saturday, December 10th at the age of 58. He was born in Mahopac, the son of

George and Olive (Britton) Bennett. He worked as a general contractor for his own company Bennett Builders. George was an avid sportsman and member of the Oasis Sportsman Club, Putnam County SCOPE, Putnam County Fish & Game, PCFOA, and a life member of the NRA. He was also a former member of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Dept. When he wasn't working or fishing, he was spending time with his family; they were most important to him, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his mother Olive, estranged wife Camille, sons Chris (Fiancée Kacey) and Bryan (Katie), daughter Jennifer Travis (Steve), brother David (Monica), sisters Susanne Bennett-Berlinger (Carmine) and Jean Murray (Brian), and grandchildren Charlotte, Emily, & George. He was predeceased by his father George in 2014. Friends and family may call on Tuesday, December 13th from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A funeral service will also be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, December 14th at 11 a.m. with interment to follow at the First Presbyterian Cemetery in Mahopac.

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George Apap Painting Patterson

By David Propper

When a customer calls George Apap Painting, co-owners George and Stephen know expectation are high. Being around for eight decades, the pressure is still there to deliver on projects of every variety.

“We feel we have a very strong brand that people know and trust,” older brother George Apap said. “It’s a little bit challenging, but I think we communicate well. We understand what their expectations are and we want to give them a good value for what they want.”

Servicing all of Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester counties, as well as a slither of Connecticut, George Apap Painting, based in Patterson, is a known company that provides strong paint jobs regardless of the size or complexity of the project. The business offers interior and exterior painting, as well as other related services. And this year for the first time, the business is offering Shine Holiday Lighting, which puts Christmas lights on rooflines, trees, bushes, and wherever else a homeowner desires. The business provides the lights, puts them up and takes them down so homeowners can avoid one of the stresses of the holiday season.

The painting business started with Charles Apap, Stephen and George’s grandfather. Immigrating to the United



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Stephen (left) and George Apap run George Apap Painting with smooth efficiency.

States, he was originally a cabinetmaker, but couldn’t find work in the field. He ended up finding a job as a painter apprentice and worked in New York City for a number of years.

Living until he was 99-years-old, he never got laid off during his working days, even during the Great Depression. He eventually came up to Lake Carmel with his family because he feared that New York City would be bombed during

World War II. Around that time, he decided to start his own business.

“We’ve been working from that business essentially all these years,” George, a Pawling resident, said.

Then Stephen and George’s father George Apap Sr. took over and during his time in charge, he would have his two sons work when they were teens. While their friends were playing ball or jumping in a pool during the summer, George and

Stephen were working 8-hour days.

George bought the business from his father about a dozen years ago, and Stephen, who was just getting done with college, came on board once he graduated. The two have a solid working relationship throughout.

Trusting each other is a major factor to coexistence and success, both brothers noted.

“Because we’ve been doing this together so long, it’s almost like I’m doing this myself,” George said, stressing both are always on the same page. “And I think he thinks the same about me.”

Interestingly, George and Stephen, a Brewster resident, have painted for the same family tree that their father painted for and also their grandfather painted for over generations. The secret to the family success is a culture where customer satisfaction is paramount and every worker knows it.

“What customers like the most and say is ‘wow, your craftsmen take so much pride in their trade and especially the way they handled our house, our possessions, our family during the process,’” George said. “That’s what people like the most.”

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Protestors Decry 'No Justice in Cortlandt' After Guilty Judge Ruling

By Rick Pezzullo

Cortlandt Town Justice Daniel McCarthy issued a ruling Dec. 2 finding the so-called "Montrose 9" protestors who were arrested last November for blocking access to Spectra Energy's construction yard on Route 9A guilty of disorderly conduct.

Following the brief announcement of McCarthy's decision, which was delivered in writing, defiant protestors and their supporters chanted "Shame on You" and "No Justice in Cortlandt" as they paraded through the halls of Cortlandt Town Court and outside into the courtyard, where they continued to rail against the outcome and vowed to keep fighting against the controversial natural gas pipeline project.

"It is absolutely staggering. This decision is disrespectful," remarked Susan Rutman, one of the nine protestors who could face 15 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine when they are scheduled to be sentenced on January 6.

"But we will persevere. We cannot be thwarted by the limited scope of the legal system," Rutman added. "He (McCarthy) wouldn't even make a declaratory statement."

"This furthers my belief that we are run by a Corp-ocracy," said Andrew Ryan, another member of the "Montrose 9" "They are people who care only about

profits. They create and they interpret the law."

Rutman, Ryan, Linda Snider, Michael Bucci, Kim Fraczek, Melissa Freedman, Monica Hunken, George Packard, and Kathleen Thomas all had pled not guilty to the charges as their attorney, Martin Stolar, contended their actions were justified since they were trying to stop a greater harm in the expansion of the natural gas pipeline on November 9 at 6:30 a.m. and were left with no other recourse after all legal and regulatory options had been exhausted.

Stolar said he was "very disappointed" with McCarthy's 13-page ruling and his dismissal of the defendants' necessity defense.

"We will take it up on appeal," said Stolar, who requested McCarthy postpone the sentencing until January. "They are heroes, not criminals."

It took McCarthy four months to issue his decision following the conclusion of a trial which Stolar and the "Montrose 9" were hopeful would become a landmark case using their defense in environmental litigation.

"The judge rejects the justification as being speculative and the harm is not imminent or about to occur," Stolar said. "The justification defense which he rejects, we all know and you all know, the actions were justified, the harm is imminent, and

the pipeline is extraordinarily dangerous, and constitutes a present harm and a present threat to every resident in this town, in this county and of the areas surrounding Indian Point."

Meanwhile, at the same time protestors were being informed of the ruling in Cortlandt, members of several community activist groups were in Washington D.C. testifying at a People's Hearing regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) alleged unfriendly history against the environment.

Representing the Hudson Valley in regards to FERC's approval of Spectra's Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) expansion project were Courtney Williams, Paul Blanch and Nancy Vann of Safe Energy Rights Group (SEnRG) and Suzannah Glidden, Amy Rosmarin and Susan Van Dolsen of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE).

"I hope that this will bring these issues the national attention they deserve," Vann said. "The AIM project, for one, could

have catastrophic national impacts." "FERC's conflict of interest policies are vague and contradictory and the Commission has demonstrated an egregious lack of transparency regarding the contractors hired to conduct the assessments on which the projects' approvals depend," Van Dolsen said. "The Commission has not complied with its legal obligations under NEPA to conduct an independent environmental review, yet Spectra continues to move ahead with projects that put millions of people at grave risk."

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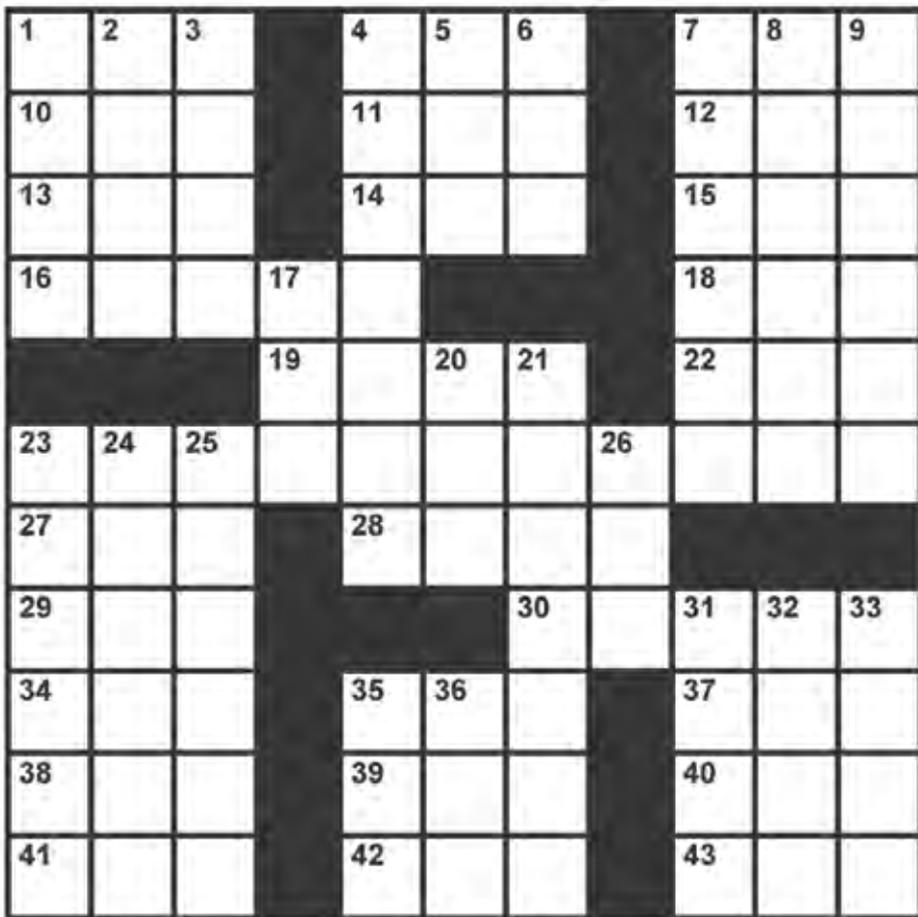
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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 21

Across

1. Completion
4. Alien flier
7. Extinction verb
10. Shad delicacy
11. Unfamiliar
12. Roth is one
13. Liquid measure (abbr.)
14. Driving locale
15. ___ de guerre
16. Bake eggs
18. Batman and Robin e.g.
19. Camera setting
22. Newspaper, with today
23. Writer with a reservoir
27. Hostel
28. Polynesian dance
29. Banking machine
30. Yorktown martial arts studio, Jim
34. Extinct bird of New Zealand
35. Cooking equipment
37. Gentle sound
38. Mississippi ___ pie
39. Grammy winner DiFranco
40. Drop the ball
41. Subsist
42. Retreat
43. Noisy clamor

5. Broker's cut
6. Incur
7. Conclude
8. Kindle
9. South Pacific islander
17. Fled quickly
20. Ancient cross
21. Rain-gear material
23. This Mahopac restaurant will light a "flame" to your appetite
24. Like many a rock band
25. Morning bed, sometimes
26. "China Beach" setting
31. Like some tea
32. One of the Spellings
33. Unicorn feature
35. Roll of dough
36. "The loneliest number"

Down

1. Units of work, in physics
2. Flood ship captain
3. Eatery
4. Falsehood

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The LCPDAB members (some pictured above): Pat Madigan, Brett Harrison, Dale Cusack, Bill Morris, Rachael Paradise, Cathy Vargas and Kathy Wiede, want to acknowledge the efforts of volunteers: Santa (a.k.a. Bob Bradley), Frank and Austin Smith, Wally Recher and Park District employees Bobby Nicks, Albert Fahs and Heidi Link. All agreed that the expressions of glee on the faces of the children when they saw Santa arrive makes this community event very special.



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With Teenage Holiday Parties Abound, Tips for Parents

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As parents of teenagers attending a party...

- Know where your teen will be and for how long he/she will be there.
- Contact the parent of the party-giver. Confirm that a parent/adult will be home and supervising the party. Make certain that no alcohol will be served. Offer assistance.
- Know how your teen will be getting to and from the party.
- Discuss how your teen would handle a situation where alcohol was available at a party.
- Make sure your teen knows what time he/she is expected home.
- If your teen is staying overnight at a friend's house after the party, verify with the friend's parents that your child will be staying over and that they will be home.

As parents who are hosting a party for your teen...

- Set ground rules before the party.
- Decide what part of the house will be used for the party.
- Limit party attendance and times.
- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks available.

- Make sure at least one and preferably several parents-adults are present.
- Do not allow party guests to come and go.
- Avoid easy access to alcohol in your home. If necessary, lock up your liquor.
- Notify the parent of any teen who arrives drunk.



What is a parent's liability for hosting a teenage party where alcohol is present?

Criminal: If a parent hosting a party allows a teen to bring alcohol into their home or provides alcohol to a teen, that parent has committed the crime of unlawfully dealing with a child, a class A misdemeanor. If convicted, the sentence ranges from one year in county jail to a three-year probationary sentence, fines and/or conditional release.

That parent can also be charged with the Social Host Law, which is has been enacted in every town and village in the County. This law only requires that the parent know of the party and that teens are drinking alcohol. This, too, is a class

A misdemeanor and can result in a fine plus response recovery costs (a parent is liable for the expense of the response by a public agency or agencies to the incident; which can run into thousands of dollars)



Civil: A criminal conviction can place restrictions on your freedom and give you a permanent record. But the consequences of your actions do not end there. Your civil liability of hosting an underage drinking party can be costly. Under civil law, you can be held liable for any damage caused by a teen who

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Law Book: Don't Transfer Your House to Your Children

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

At some point, most people experience that enlightening moment when they realize there is a risk of losing their assets if they fall ill and require long-term care. Some will contact an elder law attorney and receive sound advice; others will contact their friends and relatives, who after all, usually know more than most attorneys and are willing to share their knowledge for FREE!

Usually, the conversation turns to the house and the typical pearl of wisdom is to get the house out of their name. Haphazardly, a phone call is placed to a local attorney, who is usually not an elder law attorney, to transfer the house to the children. This is a mistake.

Interestingly, one of the biggest fears clients have is losing control over their assets. However, when you make an outright transfer of your house to your children, you lose TOTAL control. When you make an outright transfer of your house to your children, there are unforeseen pitfalls.

For instance, since you are no longer the owner of the house, you will not be entitled to the STAR exemption or to deduct the real estate taxes paid on the house, if you continue to pay them. Another concern is the disability or death of your child. Since the house is now owned by that child, it could render them ineligible for



Medicaid or SSI benefits. Upon death, the house will be part of that deceased child's estate and if the beneficiary of the estate is a spouse, that spouse is now the owner of the house you live in.

Often overlooked are the creditor issues. If your child has debts or judgments, they may become liens on the property. One of the biggest creditors of a child is a divorcee spouse. If a divorce proceeding is commenced, it is possible

that the house could become the subject of an equitable distribution award.

From a tax perspective, there are adverse capital gains consequences. To illustrate, assume you purchased the house for \$150,000 and made \$100,000 of capital improvements. Your cost basis is \$250,000. If you sell the house while you own it for \$750,000, there would be a \$500,000 capital gain but the tax law allows you to exclude \$500,000 of capital gain if you are married. Thus, there would be no capital gain.

To the contrary, when you make an outright transfer of the house, your children's basis is the same as your basis. This means that their basis is the same \$250,000. Unfortunately, they are likely not entitled to the same capital gains exclusion so if they sold the house for the same \$750,000, they would recognize a \$500,000 capital gain and pay taxes on that amount.

An outdated planning technique in lieu of an outright transfer is a transfer with a retained life estate. This is where you transfer the house to the children and retain the right to use and occupy the residence until your death. However, this structure also has adverse tax consequences and in light of changed Medicaid rules, such as the 5-year look-back period, cannot be justified in comparison to a Medicaid Trust.

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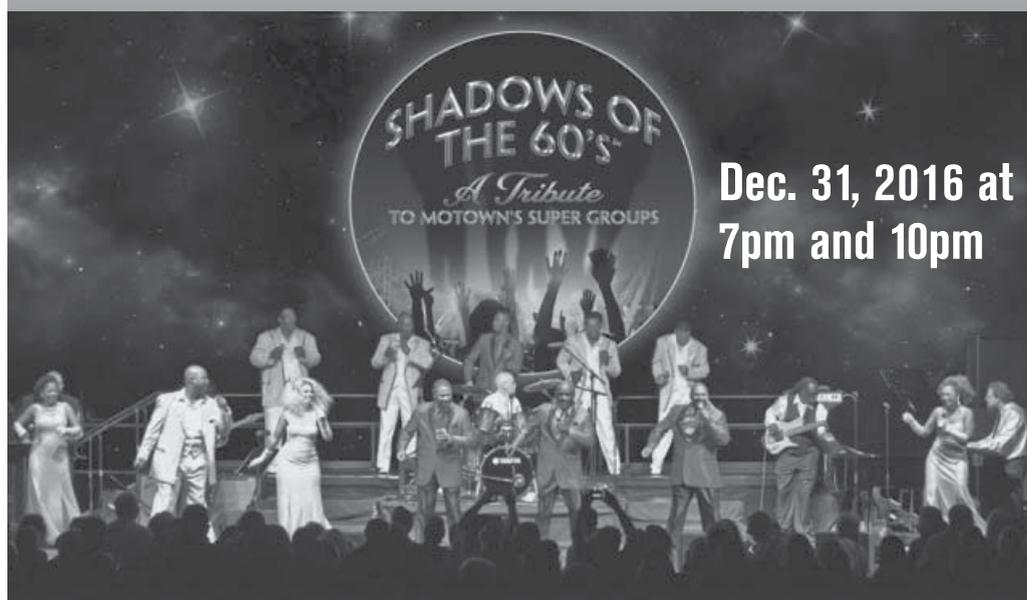
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It's That Time of Year to Review Fire Safety

About this time every year, I am reminded by my friend "Fireman Joe" Pascarelli that I should write something about fire safety in the home.

While my friend is retired from a 30-year career as a Mount Vernon fireman, he is now my go-to service provider whenever anyone asks for a great house painter, inside or out.

Joe is passionate about educating his community on fire safety basics, and he does it stealthily – through children in school.

In between his popular house painting gigs, he squeezes in appearances at the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES in Yorktown Heights where he instructs students about fire safety in the home. He distributes pamphlets, which he asks them to take home and review with their parents.

"Unfortunately, most people don't think about fire safety and how to protect themselves until it's too late," Pascarelli said.

He speaks from experience. In Joe's case, his passion was born in personal tragedy. Close to his retirement as a fireman, he arrived at a fire scene to find a mother in front of the burning house



By Bill Primavera

screaming that her baby was inside. Joe was unable to reach and rescue her baby.

"I had to see somebody for a while after that, and then I decided to do what I could to work with children, teaching them about fire safety in the home," Pascarelli said.

It is particularly important that we all be aware of fire safety this time of year. Nearly 47,000 house fires occur annually during the holiday season, killing more than 500, causing more than 2,200 injuries and causing \$554 million in property damage, according to the

National Fire Prevention Association. The memory of the Christmas Day fire in Stamford, Conn. a few years ago, when the homeowner's three children and two parents were lost, is still painful to recall. It was caused by placing ashes from the fireplace just outside the door of the home in a cardboard box.

Fireman Joe offers the following main safety points for children and parents to know:

- Remember that the sound of a smoke detector can save your life or that of a loved one. Be sure that batteries are

replaced annually, including detectors that are hard-wired with battery backup.

- Families should practice the acronym EDITH (Exit Drill in the Home). Know two ways out of the house and, once out, never return to retrieve belongings or pets; have a planned meeting place for family members outside the home; call 911 from a cell or neighbor's phone.
- Have oil burners serviced annually to prevent misfire and puff-backs. Also, clean chimneys annually for wood stoves and fireplaces.
- Place supplemental heating sources, kerosene lamps and electric, at least 36 inches away from any combustible material.
- Dispose of fireplace embers and ashes into a metal container located a distance from the house.
- Make sure that extension cords are not frayed; don't overload circuits; don't leave Christmas tree lights on when out of the house or asleep.
- Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water.
- Special note for children: Always sleep with the bedroom door closed; if the door is hot, never open it; if there is smoke, stay close to the floor; and don't hide.

Here are some additional tips from the American Red Cross:

- Place Christmas trees, candles and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.

- Use only sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over. Keep curious pets and children away from Christmas trees.

- Keep anything that can catch fire – pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging and towels or curtains – away from your stove top.

- Designate one person to walk around your home to make sure that all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished after guests leave.

Any group or school that would like Fireman Joe to speak on the subject of fire safety in the home, can contact him directly at 914-330-3889. (And he's very open to assignments for your house painting needs as well.)

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An Alternative Theme for the Traditional Holiday Dinner Party



By Nick Antonaccio

As we settle into the holiday spirit and times of joyful camaraderie for the next few weeks, one simple way to sustain a holiday-like festive atmosphere is to find a compelling way to bring

together friends and/or family for a fun time and maybe even initiate a new tradition.

Or, if you're just looking for an excuse to party, here's a suggestion. It brings together two sure-fire traditions that are a proven match-up: alcohol and partying.

I hesitate to refer to this suggestion as a dinner party. I prefer to view it as a variation on the theme: wine and food gourmet gatherings. Here's an example of my tried (many times) and proven approach.

Over the years, our groups of friends have participated in many variations of gourmet gatherings. We decided on the wine-themed approach a number of years ago and have been able to sustain a successful, convivial and

educational experience every time we meet.

Here's the twist: introduce wine as the focal point of the gathering. When planning, base the food on a wine theme. The theme may be a particular varietal (Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel), a particular region (Tuscany, Napa/Sonoma California), a combination of the two (Cabernets from different regions around the globe) or any other unique theme someone conjures up (grapes you've never heard of). The point is to have an underlying wine theme that your group can then build a food menu around.

This is also a proven way to hone your skills of matching food and wine. As you compare verbal notes of your palate's experience with your fellow gourmands, you'll realize the breadth and depth of the uniqueness of your individual palate.

For each gathering, one couple in the group is responsible for setting the theme. Members then receive their assignments: individual responsibilities for food preparation and a committee approach to selecting the wines.

The wine committee meets as a group on the day of the gathering and ventures to a

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

local wine merchant's shop to select the wines for the gathering (while the other members are toiling at home preparing the food dishes). One guideline: set a budget for the average price of a bottle, then select

wines at the average price and, most importantly, at the opposite ends of the price spectrum. This will result in a broad range of tasting experiences. It also allows the penny pincher and the connoisseur in the group to peacefully coexist.

This approach exposes the wine committee to a broad education in wine: how to match food and wine, how one varietal planted in different regions of the world has unique characteristics in each locale, how to differentiate among multiple producers' offerings and styles, how to appreciate similar wines across a broad spectrum of price and how to read a wine label. It even functions as a venue for group dynamics: conflict resolution, ego sublimation and negotiating skills.

In anticipation of the gourmet gathering, one member of the wine committee is responsible for memorializing the wine selections and presenting a wine menu for the group to share. Use this as a guide to rate the wines, identify the wines you wish to purchase on your own and as a way to be able to wake up the next morning and

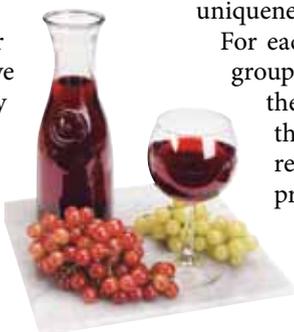
refer to the menu as a refresher of what was served the night before.

During the meal, each member of the committee presents a wine, describing its attributes, why the particular wine was chosen for the particular food course and soliciting opinions from the rest of the group.

What better way to expand your knowledge of wine than to meet with friends, enjoy good food and wine and engage in conversation? Speaking of conversation, it never ceases to amaze me how different the group's dynamics function when wine is introduced into the mix. Unusual topics arise, hidden personality traits surface and long-withheld inner personal secrets are freely shared.

Bon appetite! Send me an e-mail describing your experiences or to seek advice on planning your own gourmet experience.

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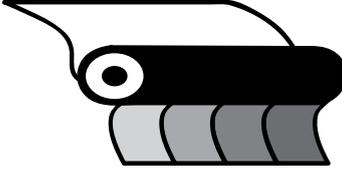
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Miss Lappe, from JFK Elementary

School and her therapy dog, Dakota will be visiting the Brewster Public Library to spread some holiday cheer! All ages are invited to this special evening Storytime. 6 p.m. -6:45 p.m. All ages are welcome. Registration is requested. For more info call (845) 279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/hzcp748>.

Stripped Down: 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Over the past three decades, Rick Springfield has worn many hats as an entertainer and performer, but his first love has always been music. With 25 million records sold and 17 top 40 hits, the talented artist shows no signs of slowing down. Ticket Prices: \$57.19, \$68.63, \$85.78 VIP Meet and Greet= \$267.78 Event/Ticket Link: <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com/events/rickspringfieldstrippeddown/>

Friday, December 16

Jessica Lynn: 8 p.m. Description: Country Music star and New York's own, Jessica Lynn just returned from her third nationwide and her first international tour. She is ready to celebrate the holidays back home at the Paramount Theater Hudson Valley. Jessica and the band will take you through all the hits and of course a whole bunch of great holiday classics with a few surprises along the way. This very special evening is also a benefit for the Westchester County Marine Corp Reserve's "Toys For Tots." Concert goers are asked to please bring a toy donation to help Toys For Tots during this holiday season. Event Link: <http://paramounthudsonvalley.com/events/jessicalynn/>

Saturday, December 17

Civil Air Patrol Wreath Ceremony to Honor Veterans - Public Invited Putnam County Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, invites the public to a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of veterans at 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 17 at the Raymond Hill Cemetery, 165 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512 (across from ShopRite on Route 52, in Carmel). For information about the local Wreaths across America ceremony or the Putnam County Composite squadron contact Captain Elena MacDermant at (845) 216-5433 or Elenamac@aol.com.

The Super Terrific Happy Holidays Cabaret Extravaganza: Variety show filled with holiday songs, sketches, and more than a few laughs as they celebrate the history of the holidays on television. This show is-directed and produced by Judy Brewster and Christopher Moser, with Musical Direction by Melissa Jones. 7:30p.m. at the Drew Methodist Church in Carmel. Light refreshments will be served. Online ticket purchasing is strongly recommended. Go to www.brewstertheatercompany.org to order. Tickets are \$15.

Gingerbread Houses at Kent Library: noon-2 p.m. and make an edible, festive Holiday House decorated with candy and lots of other goodies! Milk cartons for the houses were generously donated by Hudson Valley Fresh. This program is for ages 6 and up. 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

Sunday, December 18

International Folk Dancing for all ages and abilities. No previous experience required, no partner needed. All ages welcome at all times. Line, circle, and couple folk dances from around the world will be taught and reviewed. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at New Era Creative Space, 1016 Brown St., Peekskill, NY 10566 (right off the parking lot). \$5 per person. For further information, call the NECS at 914 325-1053 or visit the website: <http://necspace.com/events/folkdance2016/>

Candy Cane Run: 10 a.m. to noon Come out and enjoy the Christmas Season while we distribute Candy Canes to our Putnam Lake neighbors. Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department 72 Fairfield Dr., Patterson. www.plfd.org.

Art:

Michael Mendel's "Unframed" watercolors are currently featured in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library. This exhibit will remain on display through December 29, and can be viewed during regular Library hours.

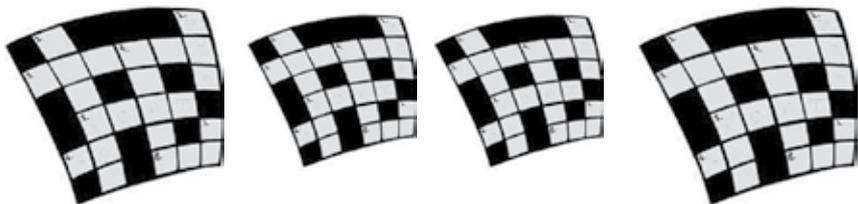
6th grade students from Mahopac Middle School have created Pre-historic cave drawings based on images they studied in their art classes. The resulting artwork is currently on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Library.

Kent Nature Almanac 2016 Photo Competition: The winning images from the 2016 Kent Nature Almanac Photo Competition are now on display as Art at the Kent Library. The images highlight the beauty of nature in the town of Kent. They were chosen for artistic merit but also for evoking the joy of taking a closer look. The Kent Nature Almanac, informal notes recording nature observations, is published monthly by the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee. To contribute your sightings and for more info visit: <http://www.kentcac.info>



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**Zina in a
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RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Mahopac sophomore Zina McInerney takes on two RCK defenders in the lane in the Indians' 44-43 loss in the finals of the Walter Panas Holiday Tournament last Saturday. Mahopac knocked off Yorktown in the opening round to advance but settled for second.. see Girls' Hoops Notebook

Hen Hud Wins Panas Title; Yorktown Off to Strong Start

By Ray Gallagher
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A season ago, Hendrick Hudson players did a lot of deferring to All-Section senior Jesse Breeding, one of the top players in Sailor history. But the 2016-17 season will be much different without the services of the now-Concordia swingman, and Coach Jordan Hirsch's Sailors were anxious to prove they were up to the task in last weekend's Walter Panas Holiday Tournament, which the Sailors (2-1) won rather convincingly.

Hen Hud defeated the host Panthers, 62-34, in the tourney finale Saturday afternoon behind a career-high 16 points from big man Kyle James, who has done nothing but improve over the course of his career, from CYO to varsity ball. Sailor G Dylan Fraser added 12 points and four assists and garnered All-Tourney honors. Stephan Reyes (15 points) led the Panthers (2-1).

Growing up, James (5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block) was just an ordinary player in the St. Columbanus Knights' program, but he never stopped working, never stopped improving, and now he finds himself in the thick of the Hen Hud program, having excelled in the Panas tourney in his first big chance.

"Kyle is a great kid who comes from a great family," Coach Hirsch said of the tournament MVP. "He has worked very hard in his development and has put a lot of time in the gym. I'm really happy to see him have some success because he has put the work in to earn it."

James did so under intense pressure, as @PanasSports and @HenHudFanBase

were out in force, creating a frenzied environment that some might have choked on.

"With the close proximity between our school and Panas it makes playing them a lot of fun for the kids," Hirsch added. "We have nothing but respect for Panas's players and coaches and to be able to go in to their gym and come out with a win is a difficult thing to do. Our student section that traveled was outstanding in giving the floor an incredible energy. Our guys have played with relentless enthusiasm and effort in these first few games of the season and it was nice to see our execution improve this weekend to help us get some positive outcomes. For the most part, I liked our defensive grit and I thought that our movement on offense without the ball sticking too much made a big difference in getting some higher quality looks at the basket. We have a lot of parts of the game that we need to improve on, but I think that this group looks forward to the challenge of continual improvement."

HOOP NOTES & RESULTS

Hen Hud's Jack Kelly, the grandson of former Panas Coach Pete Kelly, scored his first varsity points against Panas where Pistol Pete, who guided the Panthers to one of two Section 1 championships in school history (1997), became the coaching giant many know and love at both Panas and Hen Hud. (Which leads us to the correction regarding last week's note that said Panas' only title came in 2014)...

Ardsley 53, Hen Hud 51: The undefeated Panthers (3-0) went in to hostile Sailor territory and prevailed despite the efforts of James, who had 16 points and eight rebounds and Fraser, who dropped a dime...

LAKELAND's John Mule finished with 19 points and was named to the All-Tournament team after the Hornets defeated Mahopac, 62-54, in the consy round of the Panas tourney. Tim Fallo added a dozen for the Hornets (2-3). Indians Andrew Ryan (15 points) and All-Tourney selection Zack Puckhaber (10 points) kept Mahopac (1-3) close...

YORKTOWN (4-0) defeated Lourdes 71-67 and followed that up with an impressive 61-46 win over White Plains in the Jefferson Classic Showcase.

Against Lourdes, Yorktown junior G Marc Spinelli truly emerged as one of the premier players in the area; his career-high 28 points, to go with six rebounds and three assists, can attest to that. Husker senior F Tanner Dyslin -- the muscle in the middle -- added 21 points and five rebounds while

rangy teammate Kyle Casey did yeoman's work with five points, six rebounds and four blocks off the bench to delight the home crowd. The dynamic duo were at it again in the White Plains win: Dyslin posted a monster game with 18 points, nine rebounds and four assists while Spinelli added 18 points and four assists. Husker Matt Severino, had 10 points, five rebounds and three assists while James Lundberg added eight points and the Huskers received solid play off the bench from sophomore Tommy Weaver.

Yorktown Coach Kevin Downes may have something in the makings here; perhaps a League I-D title is in the offing.

"Tanner and Marc are a great combo right now," Downes admitted. "They are both smart, unselfish players. They don't force things but allow the game to come to them. Tanner is a tough matchup because he shoots it really well but is also very tough in the post. Marc is very explosive and has an uncanny ability to get to the basket. He can also shoot it very well. Both are very special players and are playing at a very high level."

"It also helps that we are getting great contributions from a lot of players," Downes said of the 4-0 start. "Matt Severino is really the heart and soul of his team. He brings great energy and toughness. Sol Barer has been very steady and solid at point guard as well as defensively. Kyle Casey has been a great addition as well. His size and athleticism make him a very tough matchup. Overall this is just a hard-working, unselfish group that plays hard and stays together."

In a year where boys' basketball could conceivably dip below the levels we're accustomed to in these parts (N. West/Putnam), it's possible that Yorktown is the best of the bunch...

PUTNAM VALLEY defeated Blind



RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Hen Hud MVP Kyle James goes up for shot against defense of Lakeland's Tim Fallo in Sailors' opening-round win over Hornets in Panas tourney.



Hen Hud's Kyle James drives lane against defense of Lakeland's Mike Capozzi in Sailor win over Hornets.



Hen Hud's Thomas Maloney is hounded by Lakeland's Pat Morelli in Sailor win over Hornets.



The Hen Hud bleacher creatures were out in force over the weekend at Panas tourney where Sailors were crowned champs.

Brook 40-30: Sophomores Darnel Shillingford and T.J. Brescia combined for 30 points in the host Tigers' first win of the season. Shillingford scored 10 of his points during an 18-point fourth quarter for the Tigers. He also grabbed 12 rebounds, and then went on to produce 21 points in a 67-55 loss to Sacred Heart. Brescia added 17 for the youthful Tigers...

HALDANE Coach Joe Virgadamo saw significant balance in the Blue Devils' 78-75 win over Edgemont, including double digits from Blaine Fitzgerald (18 points), Nick Dipalo (17), Kyle Sussmeier (16) and Aiden Siegel (15), and while he loved what he saw on the offensive end of the floor, he knows full well that 75 points to Edgemont is something the Blue Devils need to batten down on. In Solomon Schechter 56-43 win over Haldane, Fitzgerald's double-double (18 points, nine rebounds) wasn't enough for the

visiting Blue Devils...

CROTON-HARMON's 64-34 blowout of Rye Neck featured a couple of good ol' boys who have been with the Tigers for a number of years now: Veterans Charlie Goldberg (19 points) and Rory Parker (14). Graham Webster added nine points and 10 rebounds for the Tigers, who hope to pick up right where they left off under first-year Coach Ben Martucci. Given his pedigree in the Croton system, Martucci should do just that...

Pelham 72, Lakeland 60 (OT): The host Hornets saw G Griffin Shiland lead the way with 17 points in a game that ended at 56-all in regulation. But the Hornets failed to get stops in OT and the well ran dry to boot. Senior G Tim Fallo came up strong with 13 points and eight boards while swingman David Kale (7 points, 8 rebounds) and G John Mule' (10 points) were solid contributors...

Carmel 54, Port Chester 41: host Carmel (1-2) saw Brenden Cody score 13 points on a night when three players reached double digits, including Brian Harlin (12) and Shane McNerney (11). The Rams (2-2) recovered in a 53-46 win over Ossining, in which Carmel jumped out to a 25-8 first-quarter lead and never looked back...

Greeley 61, Mahopac 56: Mahopac G Andrew Ryan led all scorers with 25 in this non-league game, but the Indians were beaten in their own gym for the second time in a row by a League I-D opponent (Yorktown). This is a worrisome situation the Indians need to take care of...

PUTNAM/NWE FAB FIVE HOOPS POLL

No.1 YORKTOWN - Combo of F Tanner Dyslin and G Marc Spinelli would appear to provide Huskers with top inside-outside tandems in the region.

No.2 SOMERS - Not sure there's a team in these parts with more athleticism than the Tuskers have, so we're interested to see them get after four local clubs in the Somers Holiday tourney this weekend: featuring Putnam Valley vs Yorktown on 12/15 and Somers vs Mahopac on 12/16; with a championship on 12/17 that just might pit the Huskers vs. Tuskers, unless Mahopac has something to say about that.

No.3 HEN HUD - It's early in the year but the Sailors have wins over Lakeland and Panas and look like a team that plays with passion. Plus, not gonna lie: Finding five teams that stand out above the rest at this point in the season isn't exactly easy.

No.4 PANAS - Went



Panas G Stephan Reyes attacks rack in win over Mahopac in opening round of Panas tourney.

ahead and told y'all to get the Panthers on your radar and they turned around and got blown out big time by Hen Hud in the finals of the Panas tourney #SMH

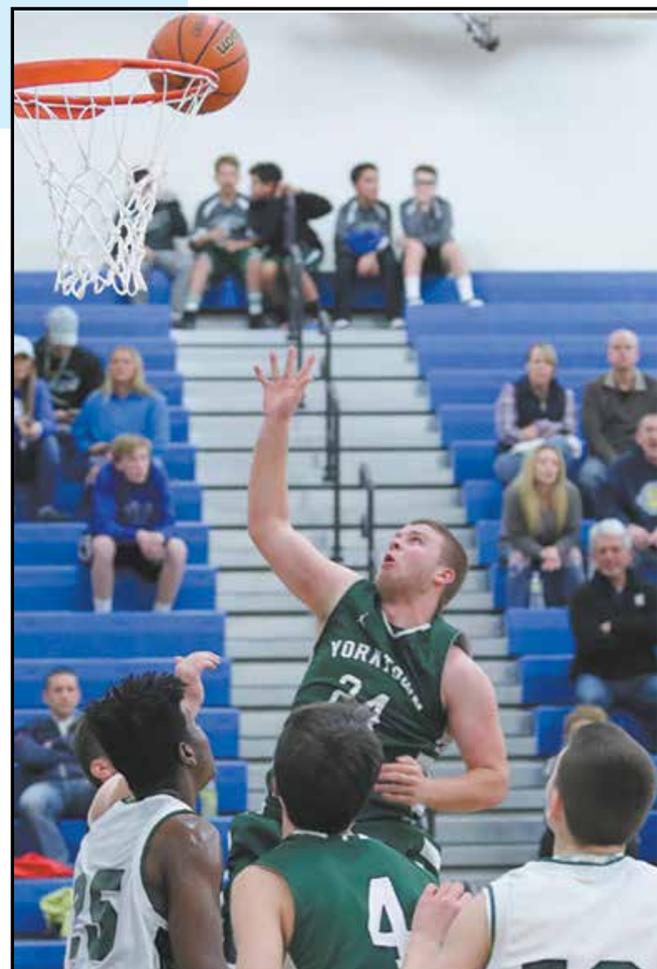
No.5 CROTON - Purely speculative here, based more on history and the tradition of former Coach Bill Thom than anything, but the Tigers have a pair of hustling guards in Goldberg and Parker, who should steer them toward their share of W's.



Hen Hud's Mekhi Gray drops a shot on Lakeland's Tim Fallo in opening round of Panas tourney, which Hen Hud won.



Panas G Brandon Ramos owns the lane in win over Mahopac.



Yorktown senior F Tanner Dyslin has his Huskers off to 4-0 start.

Sports

Girls Hoops Notebook

Ossining Picks Up Where it Left Off, Wins OLL Title

By Tony Pinciario

Ossining returned home from a Virginia tournament and senior Andra Espinoza-Hunter reintroduced herself to Section 1, leading the four-time defending NYS Class AA champion Pride to three resounding victories.

Ossining opened its week with a 108-62 victory over Scarsdale before going to play in the Our Lady of Lourdes tournament. Ossining opened with an 86-53 victory over Albany, and followed it up with an 86-66 win over the host in the final to earn the title.

In the three games, the UConn-bound Espinoza-Hunter scored 38, 40 and 51 points, leading Ossining to four consecutive wins, including an astounding 87 in a row over Section 1 foes.

"Andra is so special," Ossining boss Dan Ricci said. "She has all four phases offensively; great handle, three-point shot, mid-range game and taking it to the hoop. Her mid-range jumper is the best of any kid I have ever had. She pulls up, stops on a dime and it's so pretty to watch."

Along with Espinoza-Hunter's 51 points against Lourdes, Kelsey Quain chipped in with 15 points. Kailah Harris added 10 points and 16 rebounds and Jaida Strippoli had 10 points, 10 assists and seven boards.

Harris contributed 20 points and 11 rebounds against Albany. Strippoli finished with 11 assists and six steals.

SOMERS had a right to be angry at the schedule-maker when it viewed its first



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Ossining's Helen Ishmael, Andra Espinoza-Hunter and Zaira Turner have the Pride off and running at 4-1 with 87 straight wins against Section 1 foes.

three games.

The Tuskers opened the season with perennial Class A power Peekskill, then stepped up a level to play Class AA Newburgh Free Academy.

After splitting their first two games, including a win over Newburgh, the Tuskers faced Rye. The Garnets, like Peekskill, are annually one of the Class A elite. Last year, Rye advanced to the Section 1 Class A Final 4 at the Westchester County Center.

Somers added a second consecutive win over a quality opponent in a 60-39 victory over the Garnets.

Hannah Angelini poured in 19 points for Somers and Liv Lipski had added 16. Jackie Penzo finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, but first-year Somers Coach Marc Hattem cited Penzo's defense on Rye's Katie Popp as a major factor in the win.

"We mixed up our defenses to try and give her different looks," said Hattem of Popp. "Jackie was the focal point of that, staying with her full

court most of the game. Her athleticism and energy really frustrated Rye."

Along with Penzo's shut-down defense, Hattem was impressed with the offensive output.

"Rye has always been excellent defensively, and we were able to put 60 on them so that was a great sign," Hattem said. "We were moving the ball and we



Mahopac's Amanda Geyer (L) puts a hard foul on Yorktown's Kathryn Severino in Indians' win over Huskers in Panas tourney.

were able to get really good looks. It's a real good win and confidence booster. The team was pretty pumped, for sure."

MAHOPAC split a pair of games in the Panas Tournament. The Indians opened with a 44-41 triumph over Yorktown, outscoring the Cornhuskers by eight points in the fourth quarter. Amanda Geyer led Mahopac with 15 points and Claire Felix added 14 points.

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RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Mahopac's Claire Felix goes baseline in tournament championship loss to RCK Saturday at Panas.



Mahopac's Amanda Geyer is fouled in loss to RCK in finals of Panas tourney Saturday.

Mahopac Pulls Away in 3rd Period to Ice Somers/North Salem, 5-3



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers-North Salem players celebrate goal in 5-3 loss to Mahopac last Friday night at the Brewster Ice Arena.

Somers' Brandon LaSpina flicks one wide of Mahopac G Peter Siolas in Indians' 5-3 win over Sabers last Friday night at BIA.

Mahopac's T.J. McKee pushes up ice with Somers-North Salem's Michael Garrity in pursuit in Indians' 5-3 win over Sabers.

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Mahopac F Natalie Scanlon meets Yorktown G Alyssa Francese in Indians' win over Huskers in Panas tourney.

game," Mahopac coach Chuck Scozzafava said. "We had some trouble scoring in the fourth quarter as we just didn't hit our shots. We are getting better as a team as the girls are learning an offense we put in. Our defense is progressing nicely. We just need to play a complete game both offensively and defensively."

Geyer and Felix were both named to the all tournament team."

CARMEL received 17 points and five steals from Khadijah Johnson in a 56-46 loss to White Plains.

Carmel Coach Dan O'Hare pointed out that his team trailed by three points with 2:30 remaining in the game.

"The game was a very hard-fought contest and closer than the final score," O'Hare said. "We were plagued by turnovers."

Alex Barry added 10 points and nine rebounds and Maria Mazzamuto had seven points.

YORKTOWN began its week with losses to New Rochelle and Mahopac, 44-41 in the first round of the Panas tournament. The Cornhuskers salvaged their week with a 73-65 win over Panas in

the consolation game.

Alyssa Francese, an all-tournament selection, scored a game-high 27 points against Panas. Kat Severino and Jesse Barer contributed 11 points apiece.

Yorktown coach Kevin Clark said missed layups and poor free-throw shooting were two areas that did in the team against New Rochelle. He noted that Yorktown led against Mahopac only to have turnover late in the game mark the difference.

BREWSTER had two games scheduled for the week, but snow forced postponement of its matchup with John Jay-East Fishkill. The Bears played Harrison and dropped a 47-37 verdict.

"It was a very tight, competitive game from start to finish," Brewster coach Mike Castaldo said. "We held their best player, Avery Labarbera, to 11 points and really had a good chance to get a huge win against a very good team. With about two minutes to go we missed an open layup that would have cut the lead to three, but instead Harrison went down and scored and it was a huge four-point swing."

Brianna Sayegh led Brewster with 11 points and Maggie DePaoli added nine.

Brewster, 2-2 this season, will play at Nyack, Tuesday, before hosting its first annual tournament, Thursday and Saturday. In the first round, Horace Greeley will play Tappan Zee, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, followed at 6 p.m. by John Jay-Cross River-Brewster. The consolation game is slated for 1 p.m., Saturday, and the title game is set to tip at 3 p.m.



Panas senior Carlyn Mucci attacks rack in opening round of Panas Holiday tourney.

PANAS had mixed reviews. After winning the Byram Hills tournament opening weekend, with Carlyn Mucci earning most valuable player honors, Panas came back to beat Yonkers, 55-19. However, R.C. Ketcham and Yorktown defeated the Panthers in their own tournament.

Katherine Reynoso led a balanced Panas scoring breakdown with 10 points against Yonkers.

*-Ray Gallagher
contributed to this story*

O'Shea Can You See!



Mahopac Ices Somers, 5-3

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac sophomore F Brian O'Shea, who scored once in Friday's 5-3 win over Somers/North Salem at the Brewster Ice Arena, pushes up ice against the defense of Saber Carley Bauckham. Mahopac's T.J. McKee broke a 3-3 tie when he scored his second goal of the game with 6:11 left off an assist from O'Shea. With Somers bucking for the tie, Indian Gianfranco Pulice (2A) tacked on an empty-netter for insurance. Brandon LaSpina, Nick Caleri and Anthony Morea each scored a goal for the Sabers. J.P. McKenzie added a goal for Mahopac.