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## Vietnam Traveling Wall Touches Down in Putnam



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It was a somber weekend filled with patriotism as the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall came to Putnam County.

**By David Propper and Kristen McNerney**

With 58,318 names inscribed on it, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall made its way to Putnam County last week as people from across the Hudson Valley paid their respect to the brave men and women that fought and died in such agonizing war.

For the fourth time, the Traveling Wall was in the county, placed at Veterans Memorial Park in Kent. Despite the soggy conditions from a rainstorm earlier in the day, the opening ceremony Thursday night was heavily attended with emotions running high as dozens of Vietnam War veterans were in attendance.

The Traveling Wall, which is a smaller replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in DC, was in Putnam all weekend with a closing ceremony taking place Sunday afternoon. Veterans, dignitaries, family members and friends of soldiers, and people simply hoping to observe and

revere history visited the Wall for the four days it was in the region.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell said the park would be "hallowed ground" while the Traveling Wall was situated there.

She called it a "weekend of respect and gratitude" for veterans that served in the war. When those soldiers came back from the unpopular war, Odell said they did not receive the proper welcome.

"To all of you, we say welcome home and thank you," Odell said.

One of the keynote speakers, former Yonkers mayor John Spencer, said he was blown away at the support veterans received in the county. Though not from Putnam, he said he felt like he belonged in the county.

Spencer, a platoon leader during the war, said it took him five years to visit

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## Carmel School System Bond Fails Again

**By David Propper**

It might've been a new year, but the Carmel school district saw the same results when a bond referendum meant to improve facilities failed yet again last Tuesday.

Voters in the district shot down a \$25.4 million proposal, resulting in the second failed bond in as many years after voters rejected a larger scale bond last December. The results were 1,334 voting against it and 1,192 voting in favor of a bond that was meant to repair roofs, make each building ADA compliant, enhance the old George Fischer Middle School library and build a new bus garage in the Town of Kent.

Board members in support of the bond

were once again left frustrated with the outcome.

Board president Greg Riley, in an email to The Putnam Examiner, said he was surprised the bond failed because he believes the board presented a responsible plan to the public that included essential items.

"I believe the bond failed, because instead of seeking all the facts, many people listened to the rhetoric of a few misguided individuals who made false claims, did not offer the entire truth and had a single agenda in failing the bond, with total disregard for the students and staff of this district," Riley stated.

He added that voter turnout was

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There are more than 58,000 names of those that died during the Vietnam War on the Traveling Wall.

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# Fleming Blasts Odell's Proposed County Budget

By David Propper

The afternoon after Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell presented her annual 2019 budget, Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming slammed Odell for wasteful spending during a press conference last week.

Standing on the steps of the Historic County Courthouse last Thursday, Fleming, who is running for county executive, chided Odell for proposing a raise in county taxes for next fiscal year, while highlighting that she clinched another no tax increase budget in Kent.

When addressing the county budget, Fleming said reliance on the general fund was troubling, noting that without pulling that money, the tax increase would've been 4.5 percent instead of the proposed 2 percent increase. She also chided Odell for stating that zero percent increases don't work, pointing out that she hasn't raised town taxes in five straight years.

"Let me tell you, you can ask the people in the Town of Kent if zero doesn't work because they are very happy to not see their taxes go up every year," Fleming, a Democrat, said.

Fleming also casted skepticism on Odell's claim that the golf course is on "solid financial ground." While the county projected the golf course would turn a profit of \$172,621, so far this year, the actual costs is \$223,055 this year,



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, who is running for county executive, criticized the county budget in a press conference last week.

Fleming asserted

"I don't consider almost a quarter of a million dollars out of our pockets on solid financial ground," Fleming said.

In an interview, Fleming said she would explore hiring a person to manage the entire golf course and the county can set a contract for the amount of revenue they expect from the venue. It would be up to the manager of the golf course to bring in enough revenue so the county and private contractor both earn a profit.

While county officials have referred to the golf course as a "destination,"

Fleming said going door-to-door that some residents don't even know the golf course exists.

"It's not benefitting all of the residents or even most of the residents of the county," Fleming said. "I think county government should be governing, not in an entertainment business."

Fleming stopped short of guaranteeing she would not raise taxes next year if she were county executive, but she would hope to keep taxes flat. She said there is "a lot of fat" in this budget.

Odell, in an interview last week, called

Fleming's press conference nothing more than political rhetoric. She said the county picks up the tab for community college and Help America Vote Act expenses, which makes budgeting for the towns easier.

"I don't think she understands the county budget at all because she's never participated in any of our meetings," Odell, a Republican, said.

As for the amount pulled from fund balance, Odell noted the county is proposing to take \$1.5 million less this year than last year, despite health insurance increases. When discussing the golf course, Odell said the county property that she inherited has become a destination and was making money. Before she took over, the golf course was losing money en masse, Odell argued. She wondered if Fleming simply wanted the land to deserted and overrun by weeds.

Odell said Fleming's suggestion about hiring a contractor to handle the golf course operations is something the county is already doing.

"That's exactly what we're doing," Odell said. "How do you respond to that? Thank you for the compliment because that's what we're already doing. If that's her two cents-- she's a day late and dollar short because that's exactly what we've been doing for five years."



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### Q: What is non-invasive breast cancer?

**A:** You may have heard of a condition called Stage 0 breast cancer. The most common type is DCIS (*ductal carcinoma in situ*), and involves the proliferation of abnormal cells within a woman's milk ducts. Left untreated, these cells can develop into invasive breast cancer that spreads outside the duct into surrounding tissue. DCIS is considered malignant but is *non-invasive*; it has not spread from where it originated. Be aware, however, that about 80 to 85 percent of invasive breast cancers initially arise within the milk ducts.

### Q: How is DCIS detected?

**A:** It rarely presents as a lump you can feel. Typically, DCIS is detected by a screening mammogram as a cluster of calcifications (calcium deposits). If considered suspicious, a biopsy will be performed. For every 100 clusters biopsied, 22 percent will be cancerous; of that group, about 80 percent will be DCIS, and a percentage of these will develop into invasive breast cancer.

### Q: What are my treatment options?

**A:** If a biopsy shows you have DCIS, your breast surgeon might recommend additional testing – such as an

ultrasound or MRI – before advising on surgery. Most women have a lumpectomy procedure to remove the cancerous tissue. You might also receive follow-up treatment, such as radiation or Tamoxifen hormone therapy. Outcomes for women treated for DCIS are outstanding: Ten-year data shows that their survival rate approaches 100 percent.

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**A:** Gather all the facts about the extent of your DCIS. Your breast surgeon will help evaluate the risk of it developing into invasive breast cancer by reviewing family history and ethnic origin, and may recommend genetic testing. Getting a second opinion is essential. At The Breast Institute at Northern Westchester Hospital, we only proceed if, after our pathology department reviews an outside biopsy report, our own pathologists agree with its findings. Above all, remember that "What if I do nothing?" is a perfectly legitimate question to ask.

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# Odell's 2019 Putnam Budget Meets Tax Cap

By Neal Rentz

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell is proposing a \$158.9 million 2019 budget that meets the state-mandated property tax cap and would cost the average homeowner an additional \$24 next year.

Odell announced her budget on Oct. 3 during a roughly 75-minute address at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

Odell's spending plan for next year would decrease the tax rate by .02 percent and raise the tax levy by 2.47 percent, which meets the tax cap for the county. Odell said taxes on the average home in Putnam, which is assessed at \$277,000, would go up by \$24 increase if her budget was approved by the County Legislature.

Odell is proposing to increase spending by 2.9 percent next year.

Putnam County has met or been under the tax cap since its inception in 2013, Odell said last week.

"We're still waiting for that mandate relief," Odell said. "That was supposed to come with the tax cap." Next year's proposed budget includes \$109.5 million in mandated costs, she said.

Odell said her budget includes a \$976,000 increase in employee and retiree health insurance costs; a \$1.5 million increase in contractual obligations; a \$629,000 decrease in state pension costs



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell introduced her \$158.9 million 2019 budget on Oct. 3 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

due to amortization borrowing payoff; a \$350,000 increase in the cost of a state-mandated preschool education program and a \$267,000 increase in debt service costs.

Odell said she is proposing to take \$3.2 million from the current year's fund balance to pay for some of next year's operating costs, bringing the projected 2019 fund balance to \$14.6 million.

Some of the operating expenses proposed in Odell's 2019 budget are \$7.3

million for the sheriff's road patrol, \$15.7 million for general government support, and \$6.8 million for the Office of Senior Resources, \$4.7 million for parks and recreation and \$5.4 million for emergency services.

The county's portion of the total property tax bill in Putnam is 9 percent, which is the lowest county tax portion of any tax bill in New York State, Odell stressed.

*'We're still waiting for that mandate relief.' - Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell*

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# Carmel School System Bond Fails Again

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"abysmal" with only 2,540 people going to the polls out of more than 16,000 registered voters.

While many of the upgrades were deemed necessary like the replacement of roofs and ADA upgrades, a new bus garage was heavily contentious because it would have taken land off the tax rolls in Kent.

School board member John Curzio, who vocally opposed the bond, said for the second time in as many years the voters have made themselves very clear and the rest of the board needs to listen to the will of the people.

Curzio remains steadfast that the bus garage should have been a separate proposition on the ballot from other items put forward to the voters. The board voted 6-1 months ago to bunch every proposal together with Curzio the lone holdout.

"I think the 'all or nothing' ultimatum that they tried to offer the voters by putting it all in one proposition backfired," he said. "I think it was a big mistake."

Curzio said he would be open to another referendum that included items like the roofs and ADA compliance, noting he was "100 percent in support" of those elements.

School board vice president Richard

*'I believe the bond failed, because instead of seeking all the facts, many people listened to the rhetoric of a few misguided individuals who made false claims.'*  
- Board president  
Greg Riley

Kreps wasn't surprised, but disappointed the bond went down. He cited a lot of negative information was in the public domain that influenced enough voters to turn down the bond.

Signs that stated the bond was a \$25 million tax were not accurate, Kreps argued. There is a difference between a bond and a tax, Kreps said, adding how much of the bond would have been covered by state aid.

Kreps stands by not splitting the bus

garage into a separate referendum from the rest of the items in the bond, arguing a new bus garage is necessary because the current conditions are untenable at the middle school.

"I thought we did a pretty good job of putting out the information," Kreps said. "I think voters may have had their minds made up already and decided to vote based on what they felt versus what they looked at and were able to retain."

Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum, who vocally opposed the bond, said while this latest bond proposal was an improvement over the one crafted last year, he was glad to see it rejected.

"I wonder if they're going to take the message from the voters or continue down the path to push this through against all opposition," Denbaum said.

He said the proposed bus garage motivated many Kent residents to oppose the referendum. Denbaum argued the school board wrongly bunched in the bus garage with more necessary upgrades like making sure the every school facility is ADA compliant. It's a disservice to those students that need handicap access, he said, asserting those students with special needs are being used as leverage for the bus garage.

"That's very disheartening," Denbaum said.

Overall, Denbaum believes the school board and district have lost the trust of the community. When school board members tried to remove Curzio after the last failed bond because he spoke out against it, Denbaum said that only hurt the district's chances of getting this bond passed. (A hearing officer found Curzio committed New York State education law violations, but the board did not vote to boot Curzio.)

"They got exactly what they deserved," Denbaum said. "Unfortunately the kids don't get what they deserve."

Kreps said the board would need to discuss what is most fiscally prudent before any further action is taken to address the needed upgrades. One option he mentioned is putting another bond forward during the annual school budget in May. He noted that if the repairs were thrown into the annual operating budget, it would be detrimental to ongoing programs.

Riley stated going forward, the board will need to include repairs in the annual budget, which means those repairs do not qualify for state aid and because of the two percent tax cap other items will be taken out.

"At this point the only place left to take away from is programs for our students and that is a shame," Riley stated.

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# Carmel BOE Vice Prez Blasts Bond Skeptics

By David Propper

For years, longtime Carmel Board of Education member Richard Kreps has made it crystal clear what he thought and how he felt about issues pertaining to the school district.

Last week, in light of a \$25.4 million bond that was voted down by less than 200 votes, Kreps, the board vice president, didn't hold back how he felt a fellow board member and the town supervisor in one of the municipalities that's included in the district affected by the final outcome. Carmel school board member John Curzio and Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming were two prominent people to speak out against the bond, which Kreps believes might've influenced the final tally.

"I certainly don't think it was (Fleming's) place and I certainly don't think it was (Curzio's) place," said Kreps, who supported the bond.

The bond would've made improvements to the district's facilities. One aspect of the bond, a new bus garage located in Kent, had opponents and Kent officials concerned because the proposed parcel would be removed from the tax rolls if the district bought it. At a recent Kent town board meeting, Curzio and Kent town board members, including Fleming, voiced concerns.

Kreps, who noted that Curzio was only 3-years-old when he was first elected to the board in 1999, said Curzio has done "some pretty outrageous things" and isn't informed on how a school system is run.

"He doesn't know anything about a school district, about budgets, about bonds, about anything," Kreps said. "And he's a foolish young man and he's decided to go out and convince people through rhetoric, which is totally ridiculous."

He slammed Curzio for having a booth at Kent Town Day last month that dispensed information about the bond and attending Kent board meetings where he shunned the bond proposal. (The Carmel school system also had a booth at Kent Town Day about the bond.)

When a bond last December failed, the board held a removal hearing against Curzio, arguing he violated New York State education law by advocating against it at public school meetings. The removal hearing officer found Curzio committed wrongdoing, but the school board opted not to remove him. As a response, Curzio claimed victory in his battle with the rest of the board.

When asked if the board might try to hold another removal hearing against Curzio, Kreps said there were no plans to. But he still felt that Curzio violated

the spirit of education law by voicing his opinion on the bond.

When re-litigating the removal hearing held last year, Kreps said the board was made out to be "ogres" and "bullies" against Curzio, but they acted appropriately. When asked if he thought Curzio was a bully, Kreps said "in a way, absolutely."

"For him to turnaround and come in as a 'late come Johnny' and come in here and think that he can say whatever the hell he wants, I feel bad for him going forward in his life," Kreps said. "I think he's made a big mistake in terms of his mentality, I think he's wrong and I think people are wrong to listen to him."

In an interview, Curzio stood by his actions leading up to the bond but declined to respond directly to Kreps' insults. Curzio said he wanted to get the word out to voters about the bond so people were informed before they casted a ballot.

"I know he gets upset when I speak out," Curzio said of Kreps. "I would just remind him what I said when their removal attempt failed; that I would not be silenced or intimidated by the Carmel school board or by anybody else and I would continue to speak by mind."

But Kreps didn't just blast Curzio. He also lashed out at Fleming, who

addressed the bond at a recent board meeting. He called it "sad" that Kent elected officials have come out against the school system.

Kreps also said he can't see Fleming in the role as county executive, a post she is currently running for against incumbent MaryEllen Odell, because of the way she deals with the school system.

"For her to come out against people like me and other things is despicable," Kreps said. "And she's running for county executive. If she's going to do what she does in the county what she does in the Town of Kent, I think that would be a huge problem for the people in the county of Putnam."

Fleming said she doesn't believe she advocated against the bond, but rather she informed town residents that Kent could lose a valuable piece of property off of the tax rolls. Further, Fleming scoffed at the notion that she came out against school board members or the district, as Kreps suggested.

"I never advocated against a bus garage, I just said that with us having limited areas to develop that perhaps there was another location that could've been worked on," Fleming said. "I have never voted against a school budget."

"My job is to protect my residents," Fleming added.

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# Past Audit Report Critiqued Kent's Financial Practices

By David Propper

During her run for Putnam County executive, Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming has touted her strong fiscal record throughout her tenure at the town level, but a New York State audit conducted a year ago asserted Kent could've been doing more to potentially save money.

According to the audit report conducted from Jan. 1, 2016-Jan. 25, 2017, town officials did not use competitive bidding, issue requests for proposals (RFP) or obtain quotes, as required, for purchasing that cost about \$268,000. Three purchases were for professional services that equaled \$137,162 without going out for an RFP first; six purchases were from six vendors for \$65,982 without seeking the required written or verbal quotes; and then another \$64,850 was paid for welding services without using competitive bidding.

"When purchases are made without a competitive process, there is the risk that goods and services were not purchased at the best prices and were not obtained prudently," part of the audit stated.

The audit also raised concerns that the town at the time of the report did not develop a disaster recovery plan or establish controls to stop employees from installing games or visiting social media sites. Of the 27 computers tested, seven computers had multiple game programs downloaded. The games could've possibly

*'In all instances, the Town acted on the advice on counsel and within the law.'* -  
*Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming*

possess spyware and could cause an application to crash, the report stated.

State officials also found "questionable internet use" by town employees including visiting to websites for online banking and investment, shopping, travel, sports, social networking and entertainment. Perhaps the most eye popping reveal from the report was that one computer was used for dating, solicitation of various sexual acts and pornography.

In her response a year ago, Fleming noted the town, since 2014 when she took over, has regularly solicited RFPs for services, resulting in "substantial savings"

and has been a vast improvement from an audit conducted in 2009-2010. Years back when former supervisor Kathy Doherty was in charge, the town spent more than \$700,000 on certain services, according to a 2011 audit, which is about \$600,000 more than under Fleming's leadership, Fleming wrote.

"Since 2014, the Town has authorized RFPs for a myriad of services and has narrowed its view of what falls within the exceptions under the statute," Fleming wrote. "In instances when the Board had not solicited for RFPs, it had moved forward on the advice of counsel."

Fleming has proposed five straight budgets where taxes have not increased in Kent.

As for the Internet use that didn't involve work, Fleming said all systems were audited in July 2017 and any software deemed unnecessary, including pre-installed games, were deleted. Web history would also be reviewed, Fleming wrote last year, and the one system found in "serious violation" of policy was removed and replaced in April 2017. The employee that visited pornography sites was no longer with the town.

Going into the Opportunity to Ballot primary for the Conservative line against Fleming, County Executive MaryEllen Odell in a letter to the editor printed in a couple of newspapers knocked her

opponent over the audit report and also noted that when the town had IT issues, the county stepped in to provide services at no cost.

"I am supportive of this continued good relationship for the people of the Town of Kent, despite a lack of appreciation—all in good governance," Odell wrote.

In a statement to The Putnam Examiner, Fleming said many of the services mentioned in the report were not required to go out to bid according to town law and case law regarding those services.

"In all instances, the Town acted on the advice on counsel and within the law," Fleming stated.

Fleming then took a swipe at Odell, noting a 2016 audit of the county's Department of Consumer Affairs revealed that the former head of the department had engaged in criminal behavior. Former department director Jean Noel was arrested and charged with stealing money from the department and eventually pleaded guilty to petit larceny.

"I can proudly state that no one in my administration or anyone employed by the Town in my tenure has been the subject to any probes of local or state law enforcement agencies for criminal activities or have been convicted of any crimes related to their officials duties," Fleming stated.



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# Leg. Finally Votes Through New Smoking and Vaping Regulation

By Anna Young

Enough Putnam County lawmakers voted last Tuesday to approve a measure that would raise the age limit to purchase tobacco and vaping products in the county from 18 to 21.

After several months of prolonged discussions leading up to last week's meeting, legislators voted 6-3 in favor of a local law referred to as T-21. The measure will prohibit the sale of not only cigarettes and tobacco products but also e-cigarettes and vaping products to those under 21.

Lawmakers in support of the legislation

adulthood. Legislator Ginny Nacerino also opposed the measure.

Jonke said the rate of teen smoking has declined since he was a teenager and called T-21 "feel good legislation." With the law only penalizing business owners for selling tobacco to underage consumers, he said there's no penalties for those who are caught smoking under 21. He said the law was unnecessary and believes it sends a wrong message to young adults within the county.

"Our attention should be on education, not this legislation," he said.

Addonizio, who acknowledged that she does not condone smoking and is "deeply concerned" with the health and safety of everyone in the community, said the law sends a message to young adults that government needs to dictate how they live. She added by enacting the law that 18 to 20-year-olds could make the drive to Dutchess County or Connecticut to purchase tobacco products.

Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said he was on the fence with his vote. After speaking with his teenage daughters about smoking and vaping, he learned

that vaping was the issue affecting young people. He said he wanted to save at least one person from smoking and vaping.

Legislator Amy Sayegh said she voted in favor of the law due to research that indicates the vaping and smoking rates amongst young people in Putnam County is "alarming."

"We need to get these products out of schools, especially here in Putnam County," Sayegh said. "Putnam teenagers are smoking and vaping double the national average. Let's get this out of the hands our kids and raise the age to 21."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Shops like Den of Vapors in Carmel will no longer be able to sell their products to customers under the age of 21 after the Legislature voted through a measure last week.

hope the new measure will dramatically reduce the number of new smokers and the likelihood of new addictions to vaping products, some of which have higher nicotine content than cigarettes.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who spearheaded the proposal, praised her colleagues for working to craft the legislation and researching the impacts of smoking and vaping. She said the measure is important to preventing the sale of both tobacco and vaping products.

Legislator Neal Sullivan cited vaping as the real epidemic plaguing the county.

"People think they're smoking something that's not harming their bodies but what we've learned is that it's a tremendous harm," Sullivan said. "They're smoking chemicals and they think they're smoking water and it's causing great harm. It's a real epidemic in the area and it needs to be addressed and we are stepping forward and addressing it."

Legislator Carl Albano agreed that approving legislation is a step in the right direction. He said young people don't always make the best choices and hopes he can help influence them to make good decisions.

"It may not make a major difference but if it makes any kind of difference I'll be happy to see it happen," Albano said.

Legislators Paul Jonke and Toni Addonizio voted against the law agreeing that raising the age to purchase tobacco products would redefine the age of



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# Vietnam Traveling Wall Touches Down in Putnam

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the Wall in Washington DC and when he did, he had a breakdown. He had many friends that died during the war from his hometown and men that he served with.

"Being here has been cathartic," Spencer said. "It took a long time to come to terms with what happened to our brothers and sisters on the Wall in back of us."

Veterans Service Agency director Karl Rohde, the other keynote speaker, spoke about two veterans that he knew from the area and then spoke about one of his own experiences. Near the end of his speech, similar to the closing scene in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, he turned to the Traveling Wall and asked, "Did I live a good life, am I a good man?"

Rohde, who is a Silver Star recipient, said too many Vietnam veterans dwell on the negative on how they were treated when they came home. Rohde stressed he focuses on the positive.

"There are nice things that happened to Vietnam veterans and we have to look for them and we have to think about them," Rohde said.

Sunday's closing ceremonies included a performance by the Hudson Valley Council Band, a Boy Scouts affiliate. Director Althea Richards spoke of the importance of preservation. "It brings history alive," she said.

Throughout the weekend, volunteers read names of all those listed on the wall. Readers included 14-year-olds Rory Charbonneau and Amanda Shkreli of Girl Scout Troop #1067 from Brewster. The girls also took part in tracing the names of the 12 individuals from Putnam County who died in action.

For some, it is more than just a monument. Brenda Robitaille said, "they're not just names, they were people."

Vietnam veterans expressed the peace that the wall has brought them. Rob



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The Traveling Wall was in the county from Thursday to Sunday. It is the fourth time the Wall was in Putnam.

Rottcamp, the senior vice commander of VFW 672 said that in Washington, the scene of the Memorial Wall was solemn and sad. He stated that in the Wall's exhibition in the park is different in that it sends a hopeful message and creates an idea of "life after."

"There's something about being up here in the country," Rottcamp said.

Joan Russell and Carol Kraus, president and treasurer of VFW Post 1374, respectively, were impressed with the number of people who showed up over the weekend, especially at Thursday's opening ceremonies. They estimated hundreds were in attendance and agreed it was a very emotional weekend.

Toward the end of the closing ceremony, Art Hanley, commander of the Brewster VFW Post 672 and deputy director of the Veterans Service Agency, read the 12 names of Putnam natives lost in Vietnam.



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Everyone was instructed to face the wall as Taps was played. Prayers were also said.

Brewster resident Jack Gress, who could not serve in the Vietnam War, but contributes to many veteran causes, was still on the planning committee for the wall. His brother served in Vietnam though, and has several friends on the Wall. Gress said his brother would be at the Wall in the middle of the night to reflect and find his friends.

"Very, very touching," Gress said. "Definitely very emotional."

Putnam Valley resident and Vietnam veteran Robert Ulrich Sr. said to see the Wall is still emotional, noting there are 58,000 of his friends inscribed. He feels he's able to make contact with those fallen soldiers when he sees the Wall.

"I salute them," Ulrich said.

Mahopac resident and New York Riders member Robert Ferguson, who served in Vietnam, said he has two friends that are



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on the Wall.

"A lot of us made it back and a lot of us didn't," he said. "So we came here for respect and remembrance."



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# Harckham, Women's Rights Advocates Press for Reproductive Health Act

By Martin Wilbur

Supporters of the proposed Reproductive Health Act 40th gathered in Chappaqua on Sep. 28 with Senate District candidate Peter Harckham urging the importance of swinging the Senate to the Democrats to pass the legislation.

Harckham was joined by Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul and other Democratic women officeholders at the Chappaqua train station the day after dramatic Senate Judiciary Committee testimony from U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, one of the women who accused him of sexual assault.

Harckham said passage of the Reproductive Health Act in New York is essential because it would codify Roe v. Wade in the event the landmark 1973 decision is overturned by the Supreme Court or portions of the ruling are weakened. Although New York State legalized abortion in 1970, it remains in the penal code instead of the health code, which could make it easier to curtail or deny abortions, he said.

The Democratic-controlled Assembly has approved the legislation multiple times but Senate Republican leaders have repeatedly thwarted it from reaching the floor for a vote, giving cover to their



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State Senate hopeful Peter Harckham stands with Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul and Democratic women elected officials and other advocates of the Reproductive Health Act.

legislators, including 40th state Senate District incumbent Terrence Murphy, Harckham's opponent next month, supporters argued.

The Murphy-Harckham matchup is seen as a key race in the Democrats' quest to wrest control of the Senate.

"If it's not this Judge Kavanaugh it will be the next Judge Kavanaugh," Harckham said. "Who is to protect our daughters, our wives, our sisters, our partners? Will

it be Sen. Terrence Murphy? I don't think so."

Hochul pledged that if the Democrats win the majority in the state Senate they would pass the Reproductive Health Act in the first 30 days of 2019. Other legislation, including passage of the Child Victims Act, would follow, she said.

"We have strongly believed for a long time that we need to protect the women of this state against the whims of Washington because we have said for years, you never know when the Supreme Court flips, Congress flips, when the presidency flips," Hochul said. "Ladies and gentlemen, they have all flipped and they have flipped on their heads. It's a very topsy-turvy time right now, an unsettling time. It's a very somber time if you're a woman in this

country."

In addition to abortion rights, contraception rights could also be in jeopardy of being hollowed out, said Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, president and chair of the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion.

She said that the legislation approved in 1970 during Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's administration and with both houses of the legislature controlled by the GOP, has not been updated to reflect changing times.

"We have not moved women's health into the 21st century and we must do that," Lederer-Plaskett said. "The only way we can do that is by making the majority of the Senate a Democratic majority. We are working hard to do that but without every single person out there voting to make the Senate majority Democrat, we will not get the Reproductive Health Act."

After reaching out to Murphy last week, his campaign released a prepared statement calling Harckham's press conference "a desperate attempt by my opponent to distract voters from the facts."

Murphy's statement pointed to his sponsorship of the women's equality agenda, the state's new sexual harassment law and new legislation to protect victims of rape and domestic violence as evidence that he has supported issues important to women.

"It's easy to score a headline, but it is harder to actually deliver, and for (the) past four years I'm proud of all I have done for the people of the 40th Senate District," Murphy's statement read.

## Training Announcement: Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events

Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley Jr. is pleased to announce that the Putnam County Sheriff's Office will be providing free active shooter training to the public. Beginning in October, the Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course will be offered to the public on a monthly basis.

High-profile acts of violence serve as frequent and tragic reminders that no community is immune to violence. These incidents often prompt citizens throughout Putnam County to reassess their level of preparedness and seek guidance from local law enforcement agencies.

In response, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office sent several highly-trained police instructors to the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT®) course. The attendees earned certifications as CRASE instructors, enabling them to provide nationally-acclaimed training to the Putnam County community.

The CRASE curriculum was developed in conjunction with the Texas State University. It was designed to empower people from all walks of life with the knowledge and skills necessary to survive an active shooter event.

Soon after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the Federal Bureau of Investigation partnered with the Bureau of Justice Assistance to increase the delivery of active shooter training throughout the nation. Subsequent to a nationwide review of all available training programs, the CRASE curriculum was selected as the national standard in active shooter response training.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office was one of the first law enforcement agencies in New York State to provide this highly sought-after program. The inaugural course was hosted on January 7th of this year, less than one week after Sheriff Langley assumed office. Since then, his instructors have trained over 1000 people at schools, businesses and civic organizations throughout Putnam County.

Due to the overwhelming success and popularity of the CRASE program, Sheriff Langley has opted to schedule the training on a recurring basis. Beginning on October 11, the course will be open to the public from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. The Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services has graciously agreed to host the monthly program at their headquarters, located at 112 Old Route 6 in the Town of Carmel.

Seating is limited. Registration is required. To register, please email: [crase@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:crase@putnamcountyny.gov) or call Sergeant Matthew Monroe: (845) 808-4335

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Business  
of the Week

Quick & Easy Bottle Return

Carmel

By David Propper

When going to return bottles for a five-cent deposit at a large supermarket, multiple issues can come up.

There can be a limit for how many bottles can be returned, machines can break, and the lines can be lengthy. Dave Oakes tries to counteract all of those pitfalls at his redemption center in Carmel, called Quick & Easy Bottle Return, near the bowling alley on Old Route 6. The center has been open for two months.

Oakes said he offers customers no machines, no counting, and no lines. All customers need to do is bag it and bring it, with Quick & Easy Center staff doing the rest. There is no fee assessed.

“Just come here, we do all the work for you,” he said. “The process is very simple.”

Oakes, who works for the Carmel highway department as a diesel mechanic, runs the business with his wife, who will work at the deposit center during the week. Oakes is primarily there during the weekends.

He grew up in Carmel and is known by many folks in town.

Oakes said people from “all walks of all life” come to the return center to cash in on the empty bottles they have. In some



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Dave Oakes of Carmel is owner of Quick and Easy Bottle Return. He opened a couple of months ago.



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There are thousands of bottles returned weekly at the redemption center in Carmel.

cases, Oakes has seen customers bring not just hundreds, but thousands of bottles, to the center, making a decent amount in exchange.

“Carmel needed something like this to make it easier for the residents,” Oakes said.

Oakes noted that only bottles that contain a carbonated drink (soda, seltzer)

or water are allowed to be returned for the five cents. Bottles with milk, juice, and ice tea aren’t accepted, per state law. He doesn’t care if it’s store brand or where it was purchased, as long as it says “NY5” on the can or bottle, he’ll take it.

Oakes decided to open the business after a friend of his with centers in Dutchess County motivated him to look

into the venture. Before that, Oakes never really considered opening up his own place. Now, one day he might have more places.

“You never know,” Oakes said. “Got to see how it goes.”

*Quick and Easy Bottle Return is located at 21 Old Route 6 in the back of the building and its phone number is 306-7415.*

Crossword Puzzle

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- Across
- 1. Listening device
  - 4. Consumes
  - 7. Fed. media watchdog
  - 10. Compass point
  - 11. Poem
  - 12. Back then
  - 13. Truck, in a way
  - 14. Adore
  - 16. Chilean novelist Allende
  - 18. Liberty \_\_\_ or Mahopac heating and cooling company
  - 20. White coating
  - 24. Direct or indirect link
  - 26. “Don’t Cry for Me, Argentina” musical
  - 27. Imaginary
  - 29. “My word!”
  - 30. Kiss a lot
  - 32. Jefferson Valley crockery castle, Westchester Putnam
  - 35. Guinness Book suffix
  - 38. Hacker
  - 39. Corinne Bailey \_\_\_ Grammy nominee
  - 40. \_\_\_ glance
  - 41. Turn red, perhaps
  - 42. Elder
  - 43. Kind of theater

- Down
- 1. Slalom path
  - 2. Sun Devils’ sch.
  - 3. Negative talker
  - 4. “Strange to see \_\_\_ good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody”: Pepys
  - 5. Software maker
  - 6. Collected
  - 7. Kind of thermometer: abbr.
  - 8. Special effects, abbr.
  - 9. One of the finest
  - 15. From Croatia, perhaps
  - 17. Sneakiest
  - 18. A.C. stat
  - 19. German one
  - 21. Get it wrong
  - 22. JFK abbreviation
  - 23. Reclined
  - 25. Those who identify
  - 28. Navigational system
  - 31. Certain court hearing
  - 32. Walk softly
  - 33. Chemical prefix
  - 34. Golfer’s prop
  - 36. \_\_\_-Croix, Quebec
  - 37. Request money from



## Letters to the Editor

# Voter Apathy Caused Carmel Bond to Fail

I am a resident in the Town of Carmel and am writing about the Carmel School Bond vote on October 2, which failed to pass by a margin of 53 percent against and 47 percent in favor.

I have been reading a lot of posts on Facebook that place blame on the Board of Education for not putting enough information out there, for not having separate bonds for each item, for not giving more details, for not getting people out to vote on this bond, for not having enough VOTE YES signs out, for spending on "frivolous items" needlessly and for a myriad of other errors on the part of the Board of Education. The reality is that over the 20 years I have lived and

voted in this town there is rarely even a 10% turnout for any bond or budget vote.

There is a lack of caring in this community that becomes evident when voter turnout is so poor. I forgive the uninformed for voting "No". I cannot fight their lack of interest in getting the information and not just taking it from Facebook or a flyer in their vehicle or a knock on their door. They are not the problem.

I blame it on the voters who neglected to vote. There are a multitude of ways to get the information. Go to a meeting, read the flyer that came in the mail, watch the video posted on the CCSD website, go to any of the informational meetings

that were held at the local firehouse/PTO meetings/community meetings. You can even call or email a board member or an administrator. Their contact information is all over the CCSD website. And I have no idea why a parent of a child in our district would display such apathy about the schools their own children go to every day.

So now we wait and see how much this impacts the budget process for 2019-2020. My son is a senior, this is my last child to go through the district. My children have taken advantage of many offerings in this district: foreign languages, travel, music, art, AP and Honors classes, SUNY courses. My daughter graduated with

over 20 college credits, my son is on track to exceed even that. I feel sorry for the children that will come up in this district without the benefit of these wonderful programs, because their own parents did not get involved and did not bother to show up for them.

Stop blaming the No votes and the Board of Ed and take a good hard look at the real reason this bond failed. If you did not vote, you are the problem.

Joan Fitzgerald  
Carmel

# A Vote for Sandy Galef is a Vote for All Constituents

As a long time follower of the political scene and more recent progressive activist

I am writing to ask for your enthusiastic support of the re-election of Democrat NYS Assemblywoman Sandy Galef on Nov. 6. A vote for Sandy, is a vote for us all.

In this age of partisan politics and ego driven back patting, Sandy has a proven track record of putting the needs of her constituency foremost, working full time to reach out to serve her district and represent your values. The emphasis

is clearly on you and her commitment to serving is exemplary in an otherwise largely self-serving dysfunctional political climate.

She is focused on determining what issues you and your families are most concerned about, bringing informed speakers to discuss topics of greatest concern at her many Town Halls and bringing civility, clarity and solutions to the community she has served with dedication over a long and distinguished career. She listens...and she acts!

For the sake of brevity, let me just highlight just some of the legislative issues she has either initiated or enthusiastically supported in Albany to date, i.e. election reform, limiting property tax increases, increased aid to education, environmental protection, support of women's health and equality issues, child protection, financial aid for those impacted by Indian Pt. closure, sensible health care programs and advocacy for ethics reform in Albany.

I urge you to please get out and vote in this critically important mid-term

election on Nov. 6.

And, if you would, please cast your vote for Sandy Galef, a candidate who has selflessly and tirelessly never stopped working in your behalf and with your support, will continue to be your voice in Albany going forward. Thank you.

Jay Forbes  
Croton on Hudson

# Electing Harckham Only Way to Get Key Legislation Passed

We all know that state Sen. Terrence Murphy takes personal credit for everything positive that happens in Albany, whether or not he had anything to do with it. Now, he's spun an even more egregious fantasy by claiming that he, himself, brought Democrats and Republicans together to achieve these accomplishments. Yes, that's Terrence Murphy, the great conciliator.

And he actually expects us to believe that! C'mon Mr. Murphy, we're just not

that gullible.

But if you're such a genius at bringing warring factions together, Mr. Murphy, how about dragging your Republican colleagues along to pass the bills on women's health, universal healthcare, election reform, immigration, ethics reform, gun safety and all of the other legislation passed by the Democratic Assembly that was left to die in Senate committees by you and your Republican collaborators? You never mention that, do

you?

We can end this logjam by replacing Mr. Murphy and his henchmen in the Senate with good Democrats who care more about you, their constituents, than they do about the special interests who pour millions into their campaigns.

Such an individual is Pete Harckham who is opposing Mr. Murphy in the 40th Senate District.

Pete is an experienced legislator who, with like-minded associates, will free this

much-needed legislation from committee limbo and get it enacted for the benefit of you, your family and all New Yorkers.

Vote for your interests. Vote for Pete Harckham on Nov. 6. It's a decision you'll never regret.

Joel E. Gingold  
Croton-on-Hudson

# Large Development Would Put Vehicles in Peril

Monday, Oct. 1, in the early morning hours, a fatal car/trailer crash occurred on Interstate 84 between Exits 17 and 18, just one exit away from Exit 19, which is the entry for I84 west from Route 312, forcing closure until 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon. It is the same highway that Putnam Seabury, the developer of the logistics center, has proposed as the entryway for the 24-7, 510 semi-trailers leaving the four 1.1 million square feet distribution warehouses slated to be built off Pugsley Rd and Route 312. Unanimous public outcry occurred opposing this project at the two Planning

Board public hearings; online petition of over 1,000 signatures and hundreds to letters citing the eventuality of such an horrific accident. I-84 is death alley with accidents occurring daily between cars and trailers throughout its length and breadth. How can the Southeast Planning and Town Board put the lives of residents and non-residents in danger by approving such a development fraught with so much obvious peril? What will it take?

Ann Fanizzi  
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## Obituaries

### John C. Curzio Jr.

John C. Curzio Jr. (Johnnyboy) of Patterson, died on September 25, at the Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. He was 69 years of age. John was born on July 19, 1949 in Mount Vernon, to the late John C. Sr. and Rosaria (Grasso) Curzio. He was the loving brother of Mario Curzio, cherished uncle of John C. Curzio II, and the brother-in-law of Diane Curzio. John was active in many PARC programs. John was also a very empathetic, outgoing, and happy person. He is survived by many loving cousins. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

### Steven Potter

Steven Potter of Mahopac, died on September 26, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 68 years old. Steve was born in the Bronx on November 13, 1949, the son of William and Myra (Caine) Potter. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War where he received a Purple Heart after being wounded in combat. Over the years, Steve dedicated himself to his contracting and home remodeling business, as well as real estate and property management in the Jersey Shore area. He was a scholar of natural history, and an avid collector of seashells from beaches and oceans around the globe. Steve enjoyed nothing more than being surrounded by friends and family, and he conducted extensive research into his family's genealogy, tracing his family tree all the way back into the 1800's. He also enjoyed passing down his family's history to the younger generations through his stories, for which he will always be affectionately remembered. Steve is survived by his wife Debbie, his daughter Jennifer Zambolla and her husband Jay, his grandchildren Nicholas and Andrew, and siblings Ed(Maggie), Bill(Bonnie), Robbie, and Betty Adams.

### Joann Robert

Joann Robert, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 26. Joann just celebrated her

83rd birthday on September 1st. She was born in Croton-on-Hudson, on September 1, 1935, the daughter of Sam and Anna Bonauto Paonessa. Joann was one of four children that grew up in a traditional Italian household, filled with passion, heated discussions (arguments) and the constant smell of Italian food that was the foundation for every gathering; and despite the outcome of these discussions, everyone was anxious to get together again as long as someone committed to making the anti-pasta and Anna Paonessa, Joann's mom, made her famous sauce! Joann graduated from Mary Immaculate School in 1953, worked in Croton High School and then moved to Mahopac in 1964 where she was a longtime resident working for the Town of Carmel until she retired. Joann had her challenges in life as we all do but she was focused, passionate and committed to her friends, her family, her son David and the community of Mahopac. Joann was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. She retired from the Tax Receivers Office of the Town of Carmel after many years of service. Joann was active in local politics through the years and passionate about the Hamlet of Mahopac. She is survived by her son, David Robert and his wife, Lynn of Rye; her brother, Ralph Paonessa of Poughkeepsie, and her sister, Sr. Benedict Paonessa of Hartsdale. She was predeceased by her brother, Sam Paonessa.

### Angelo Marsella Jr.

It is with heavy hearts the family of Angelo Marsella Jr., age 61, of Mahopac, announces his unexpected passing on September 30, at the Putnam Hospital Center. Angelo was born to the late Maria (Bernardi) and Angelo Marsella Sr. He went on to marry the love of his life Tina (Castiglia) Marsella on April 16, 1977 and together they were blessed with two beloved children Daniel and Dana. Angelo worked as a self-employed insurance broker for Marsella Insurance until his retirement. He loved going to the casino and being social. He loved binge watching his favorite tv shows on the couch at home while eating his ice cream and chocolate chip cookies with his dog Lucky on his lap. You could always find him singing along

to his J-Lo CDs and updating everyone on the latest pop culture events. Angelo lived life to the fullest; his heart was made whole when he became a grandfather. He was a beloved husband, adored father, respected brother but to him, his greatest title was being called Papa. Angelo may be gone too soon but leaves his family a life of happy memories and love to comfort them. Angelo is survived by his beloved wife of over 40 years Tina, as well as being survived by his adored children, his son Daniel and his wife Christina of Mahopac, New York and his daughter Dana and her husband Mark of Yorktown Heights. He will be greatly missed by his cherished grandchildren, his pride and joys, Lucas, Mia, Noah, and baby Angelo. He is also survived by his treasured siblings Gina DeFilippi and Marco Marsella. Angelo will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

### James M. Mongelli

James "Jimmy" M. Mongelli died on October 2, at the age of 50. He was born on December 4, 1967 to Father Louis P. Mongelli and Mother Virginia Boudreau in White Plains. For over 20 plus year, Jimmy worked in his family business Mongelli Carting Company in the Bronx, before he moved to Mahopac and worked for Northern Construction, as a Heavy Equipment Operator in Mahopac. Jimmy is survived by his loving Fiancé Anna "Ann" Feliciano, step-son Mark Feliciano,

Lilly, Victoria and Richie, his brother Paul Mongelli and his sister Gina Mongelli, as well as many loving nieces and nephews; Lisa Mongelli, Paul Mongelli, Jr., Nicole Mongelli, Angela Mongelli, Louis Mongelli, Jr., Marissa Mongelli and Nicholas Petrucci, and his great-nephew Mikey boy, all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is predeceased by his loving parents Louis P. Mongelli and Virginia Boudreau as well as being predeceased by his two brothers Michael Mongelli and Louis Mongelli.. Jimmy will most be remembered for his good sense of humor, quick wit, his awesome smile and his love and devotion to family and friends.

### Mary K. Joyce Mazzola

Mary K. Joyce Mazzola, died at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Cortlandt Manor on Oct. 3. She was 33 years old. She is survived by her husband Frank and two children; Frank Patrick and Vincenzo Carmine. She is also survived by her parents; Patrick and Eileen Joyce and a sister, Karen Gallagher. Mary was born in East Meadow, Long Island, January 23, 1985, and grew up in the Bronx until the family moved to Brewster, in 1994. She graduated from North Salem High School and soon after attended Paul Mitchell Beauty School. Later, she attended Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES and received her LPN license.

## Call for Proposals For Art Exhibits At Mahopac Library

Mahopac Public Library invites local, regional, emerging and established professional artists to submit exhibition proposals for the Library's Third Floor Gallery. Preference is given to work completed within the last two years; artists should bear in mind the need for a consistent and very strong body of work when submitting. The deadline for proposals is Friday, October 19.

Proposals will be considered for two-dimensional work only; three-dimensional work will not be not be accepted. Submissions for group shows and individual artist exhibits are welcome. Artists who are interested in exhibiting at the Library must submit: a Mahopac Public Library Exhibit Application Form (available at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org); click the 'Events' tab, then click 'Art Galleries'); six jpgs, with image list, or six hard copies of the images, or six images submitted on a CD (all images must be identified with the artists' name, title of work, medium, and dimensions); a Bio/Resume; and an Artist's statement. Artists who have exhibited at the Library within the last two years are not eligible to submit a proposal at this time.

Digital submissions are preferred, and links to websites are also appropriate. Please submit digital submissions to: [MPLgallerycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:MPLgallerycommittee@gmail.com).

Proposals may also be hand-delivered to the Library, or mailed to: Gallery Committee

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### Correction

In the Oct. 2-8 edition of The Putnam Examiner, the article titled "Filling Void, Reitz Runs for NYS Supreme Court Seat" wrongly identified James Rooney as a state Supreme Court justice. Rooney is a county judge and the state Supreme Court justice from Putnam is actually John Sweeney. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

# Patterson Rotary Club Does Good, Has Fun

The Rotary Club of Patterson takes their motto, "Do Good and Have Fun", very seriously.

Just a few days after donating thousands of dollars to the Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership (BESP) and the Putnam County SPCA (to help with the purchase of a much-needed police vehicle), they hosted another successful Blues & BBQ Festival on September 15 & 16.

At the end of October Patterson Rotary will load up a dump truck full of pumpkins and a carload of pumpkin donuts and apple cider for their Annual Fall Pumpkin Festival for children at The Fairmont School and Samara Community School in The Bronx. The event began as an idea that club member and Putnam residents, Jason Maxwell and his wife Hilda Delgado, brought to the Rotary Club of Patterson. Delgado teaches Pre-K at The Fairmont School. They felt that the children attending those particular schools were missing out on the childhood experience of pumpkin picking. The majority of children attending these schools live below the poverty line and would otherwise never have this experience. Many had never even seen a pumpkin outside of pictures and media.

Two days later Patterson Rotary Club will be at it again, this time for their Fall Giveaway on October 30. The semi-annual event (formerly the February Giveaway) is one of the main reasons for

all the fundraisers, festivals, and events that the club hosts. Twice a year, in spring and (now) fall, Patterson Rotary gives away thousands of dollars to local Putnam County charities and non-profit organizations. Past recipients include CoveCare Center, Putnam County SPCA, Women's Resource Center, Help Our Military Heroes, NY Riders, local scholarships for high school students and summer camps, and many more.

To end the fall season, members of Patterson Rotary will come together again in November, to do good and have fun. This time the club will pack up about 35 dinner baskets filled with all the fixings for complete Thanksgiving meals, including home-baked desserts and gift cards for turkeys. Baskets will be distributed through Putnam CAP (Community Action Partnership).

## About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.

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# Mahopac Resident Honored by United Way

United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Emerging Leaders Alliance is honored the efforts of Ryan Finch, a Mahopac resident, at its United We Rock event on Sept. 20 at the Whitby Castle in Rye. Finch is one of five recipients of the United Way's Rock Star Award, which recognizes young professionals who are active for the good of their communities.

"Our Rock Stars epitomize the young professionals who are striving to be leaders in the workplace and make positive changes in our community," said Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "They are the leaders who will take our mission into the future—of fixing the roots of poverty through early literacy, family financial stability and providing a point of entry to community resources through our 2-1-1 Helpline."

Finch is an account executive with Corporate Audio Visual Services based in Elmsford. He sells, designs, and manages the AV production elements for corporate, healthcare, and nonprofit clients' events. Ryan also writes blog articles for use by the company's marketing and sales teams.

With the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Finch serves on the Special



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Events Committee of the Emerging Leaders Alliance, taking a lead role in producing the Speaker Series events including moderating panel discussions.

Also honored were: Nicolle Wolfson of Hocherman Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP; Swati Goel-Patel of PURE Insurance;

Laura Picone of TD Bank and Dante Hudson of YWCA.

About United Way of Westchester and Putnam

United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) focuses on children and families living on the financial edge.

Our aim is to put them on a path toward self-sufficiency, through early literacy for children, family financial stability, and the 2-1-1 helpline, so they might thrive and contribute to a stronger community. Our legacy is to lay a foundation of work that future community leaders and organizations can build on.

About United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Emerging Leaders Alliance

Emerging Leaders Alliance (ELA) is a network of young professionals under 45 who are interested in being successful on a professional level and in making positive changes in our community. The mission of ELA is to cultivate the next generation of community leaders in Westchester and Putnam Counties, with a focus on philanthropy as well as professional and personal development.





# Where and How Should Your Television(s) Be Placed?

At the expense of giving away my age, I remember when a television set was a novelty.

I clearly remember the times when, as a child, my family would gather around our console radio set listening to Fanny Brice's "Baby Snooks Show" or I would listen on Saturday mornings to the children's show "Let's Pretend" or join my mother in listening to the daytime radio series "Stella Dallas." I was perfectly happy to let my imagination take over where the sound waves left off.

But one night when my older sister and I were listening to an orchestral concert that was simulcast on early television, my sister turned to me and said, "Just think, if we had a television set now, we'd be able to see them performing." All of a sudden, I felt cheated and I obsessed about the day when my parents could afford a television, which I remember as relatively expensive for the average family.

I can also recall when the first television set was purchased by a homeowner on our block in West Philadelphia. The whole neighborhood was invited over to watch the scary, early live show "Lights Out."

One by one, each family on the block purchased its own television, proudly announcing the event when it happened.



By Bill Primavera

I think we were one of the last to get one. It was placed strategically as the focal point in the living room with all chairs angled to provide the best view. Replete with a rabbit-ears antenna on top, the living room television set did little to enhance the aesthetics of the space.

Integrating a television set into the interior décor in a pleasing way has always been a challenge, but that problem was eased somewhat when home designs began featuring family rooms and dens specifically intended for the family's relaxation and

entertainment. In most homes today, there are multiple TVs. When I lived in a five-bedroom house, there was as many as five. Even in my current two-bedroom condo, I have four sets – in the living room, my office and both bedrooms.

For many people the television is still a focal point in the living room, but finding a place for it without compromising the furniture arrangement and décor can be a challenge.

First, let's consider that it should be eye level so when you're seated you don't have to strain your neck or eyes by looking up or down at the screen. Usually that is about four feet off the ground. The best viewing distance is considered to be three

times the diagonal width of the screen.

If the television is your prime focus, it is best placed in the center of the seating area. If there is another principal focus in the room, such as a picture window or a mantel, the TV might best be placed on the adjacent wall so that both points can be viewed comfortably.

For those who don't like the television to be the living room's focal point, it can be disguised in one of those inventive coverings of a painting or concealed by placing it in a cabinet or armoire. If it's in a cabinet not intended for TV use, you would have to make holes in the back for cables and wiring.

To integrate the television in my living room, I place it on the bookcase cabinetry which is four feet high, placed on the same level as a collection of oil paintings hung on the wall above the bookcases.

Decorators would say this placement is too high for comfortable viewing and I was placing a big black hole as the room's main focal point. However, it is very frequently the placement of choice in most homes. After a while, I moved it to the end of the bookcase, in a corner, and it is still too high to view comfortably, but I endure.

In bedrooms, all bets are off regarding placement. There is no optimal way to watch television when you're prone in bed, unless you copy what hospitals do and suspend it on an arm from the ceiling.

Just recently I visited the home of my



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

Donna McGevna of Yorktown Heights flips up her kitchen cabinet panel to reveal a concealed television.

accountant, Ken McGevna, to see that his kitchen television has been mounted so that it could be concealed by flip-up cabinetry. Such camouflage can also be utilized in dens or home offices.

Surrounded by televisions in my home, I nevertheless wish I could be less addicted to my two favorite stations: MSNBC and TCM that help me escape to flights of fancy.

*Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.*

## The Interaction of Nature and Science in Creating a Glass of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

On numerous occasions I've discussed the symbiotic relationship of wine and the external environment with which it interacts. The French term "terroir" encapsulates the natural influences of climate, soil, sun exposure and elevation on the final wine produced and released by winemakers, even though their vineyards may be mere yards apart.

One wine may be rich and complex, the other fruit-forward with in-your-face ripeness. One may be redolent of black fruit, the other of herbs. One may exude mineral aromatics, the other a flowery bouquet.

While a winemaker's influence may seem to play the critical role in the final product, an old adage rings true to me each time I conduct a "compare and contrast" evaluation of wines from similar regions and the same grape: "90 percent of a wine is made in the vineyard."

The impacts on the final expression of a wine fall into varied and numerous realms in the creation and aging of a bottle of fine wine. Even though it is nature that has the

most significant influence, there are factors at work in the winery – post-harvest – that affect the ultimate drinkability and age-worthiness of wine.

**Biology:** The beginnings of a fine wine are influenced by the strain of yeast that grows on grape skins. When grapes are crushed in the winery, the sugars in the juice interact with these yeasts, creating alcohol and natural compounds that ultimately affect taste and longevity.

**Chemistry:** A winemaker has a number of sources outside the vineyard for purchasing yeast cultures. Each form of yeast will influence the characteristics of the final fermented juice that will be bottled and aged.

**Physics:** The interaction of fermented juice with oxygen in its fermentation vessel, and the duration of this interaction, will influence the levels of tannins and phenolic compounds. Our perception of a fine wine, beyond the sensory components of the raw product nurtured in the vineyards, typically is the result of the introduction of oxygen during and after a wine's production cycle.

These immutable laws of nature and science certainly may be manipulated during the production of fine wine. This

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is why one consumer may prefer a Cabernet Sauvignon from Bordeaux, while another may disdain the aromas and flavors and finish of this French wine in favor of a Cabernet Sauvignon from California

or Washington or Chile.

And the final product, even when bottled and released for sale, may be influenced even further by those immutable laws. As a bottle of fine wine ages, its characteristics and profile will evolve. The cumulative impact of terroir, fermentation and oxygen continue to exert their influence. This is why one wine loses its vitality and structure soon after it is released by a winery. And it is the reason why another wine may age for years, even decades, continually changing, maturing and improving in aroma and flavor.

Wine is a living, breathing organism and requires the presence of oxygen in order to properly mature in a bottle. The amount of oxygen present in the neck of a bottle and likewise the amount seeping into a bottle can make a wine truly memorable – or a disaster.

The seeming inconsequential role of a natural cork is critical in the aging process. More than a bottle stopper trapping wine-altering oxygen in the bottle, its low-

density cells contain minute amounts of oxygen, which permeate a bottle and, by the laws of physics, provide a laboratory for the evolution of wine trapped in the bottle.

Each time you open a bottle of wine, young or aged, there is a message in that bottle. Savor its contents; immerse yourself in the natural and scientific elements that influence it; and enjoy the symbiotic relationship of your palate and a glass of wine.

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little-known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org or 914-741-0740.

*Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. 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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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF METACR, LLC.,** Consulting Co. filed with SSNY on 9/17/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **MetaCR, LLC, 591 Warburton Ave., Ste. 373, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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## Tuesday, October 9

**Medicare 101 at Reed Library:** 6:30 p.m. This session will provide basic information about Medicare. Get your questions answered. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

## Wednesday, October 10

**Dualsky Yoga At Kent Library:** Join us for yoga with Cruskaia Albert-Hall, founder and teacher for DualSky Yoga at the Kent Library. Find ways to relax and refresh, while toning and building strength. This class is suitable for beginners and experienced yogis. Bring a yoga mat if you have one! Class is held every Wednesday in October with the exception of Oct. 31. Registration is required for each class. The Kent Library can be reached at 225-8585 or [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org).

**Lifestyle Adjustment/Life Coaching with Rose Christmas:** Reed Library, Fridays in October 10:00 a.m., - 12 Noon. Participants will learn how to align body, mind, spirit, emotion and environment with archetypal pursuits. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

**Poetry Writing Workshop with Anne Graue:** 6:30 p.m. In this workshop, participants will create new poems to share and receive feedback from other participants. Each monthly session will feature poetry readings and discussion in a format that is aimed to be helpful to each poet in honing his/her craft. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Thursday, October 11

**Monster Month film Screening, Young Frankenstein:** Popcorn provided; drop-in program - no registration needed. For more information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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**Putnam County Retired Teachers:** Calling all Putnam County Retired teachers to come to the Fall luncheon at

Four Brothers Restaurant, Rt 6, Mahopac. 11:30am. Cost \$30. Our guest speaker is Sarah Johnson, Putnam County Historian. A fun loving group of retirees who want to keep in touch with what is happening in the Putnam Schools plus raise funds for our BOCES scholarships given out each year to deserving students from all Putnam districts, Call Nancy Keller 845-661-3750 or email: [Nancy@NancyKeller.com](mailto:Nancy@NancyKeller.com) for info.

## Friday, October 12

**Grantmaker Charts:** Grantmaker charts can help you determine if a grantmaker offers support for your area of interest, in your service region, and the size of grants generally awarded. 1:30 p.m. this information can be very helpful in determining whether or not an organization would fit as a funding partner. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Medicare 101:** 10 a.m. This is a basic Medicare overview for those individuals who: are turning 65, are losing group/ employer health coverage and who need to enroll in Medicare for the first time, need/want to change their current plan, or are receiving Extra Help (Part D) or would like to learn about Extra Help (Part D) and the Medicare Savings Program (Part B). This free program is presented by Jackie Gallagher. Registration requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Saturday, October 13

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE:** 10 a.m., - 4 p.m., Allstate Insurance 957 Route 6 Mahopac, Cost: \$35 per student Why should you take this course? You can save 10% on your vehicle liability, collision, and personal injury protection (PIP) insurance premiums for THREE YEARS!... and may reduce up to FOUR POINTS on your driving record. To register, contact Felicia O'Brien 845-621-2557 Open to the Public!

**Carmel Fire Dept. Auxiliary Annual Harvest Dinner:** 94 Gleneida Ave. 5 p.m., - 7 p.m., coast adults \$10.00 Children 4-12 \$6.00 and under FREE.

**Prepare to be Scared with Ghost Hunter Barry Pirro:** 1:30 p.m. Reed Library. Chilling stories from recent paranormal investigations, recordings of real ghosts and ghost hunting tips. Ages 12 and up. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

**Crafting Bee, Mini-Craft sale and quilt raffle:** Watch knitting, crocheting, and quilting demonstrations. Learn about the crafts, gain new skills, and meet fellow crafters. 10 am - 2 p.m.: Plus, the Crafters and Quilters will host a mini-sale of select items, and as well as a raffle of handmade "Book" quilt. Proceeds from the sale of craft items and the "Book"

quilt to benefit the Friends of Mahopac Public Library. Drop-in program; all are welcome. For further information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Drop-in DIY Story Time:** Drop in between 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. to read to your children from a selection of picture books and use the available craft materials to create something together. Stop by the Youth Services desk at the Library for more information, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

## Sunday, October 14

**BAMM:** Dance through History with Patricia Campbell & The Reel Thing Band. Patricia Campbell and The Reel Thing band will lead participants through a timeline of historical dances from the late 1700's to the present. Dances will include samples from the Playford period (1670-1720), the Revolutionary War, the Regency period, the Civil War, and the Victorian period. In an age of increasing isolation and solitary activities, traditional dance continues to bring people together the way it has done for generations. 2:00 p.m., To register visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Monday, October 15

**Poetry Reading & Open Mic:** Mahopac Library. 6:30 p.m. Be Bold, Be Heard! This poetry reading, and open mic is hosted by the Mahopac Poetry Group. Support our local poets and discover new voices in poetry. Readers will have 5 minutes to read their original poetry; sign up for poets wishing to read begins at 6 pm. For further information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Light Bite Book Group:** 1 p.m. Join us at the Light Bite Book Group which meets on the third Monday or third Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome. The October read is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate; pick up a copy at the Library's Circulation Desk.

## Tuesday, October 16

**Putnam County Veterans of World War I:** 7 p.m. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the armistice of November 11, 1918 ending WWI, Roderick Cassidy, author of Putnam County Veterans of World War I, will discuss our local residents who served in the "War to End All Wars." The Patterson Historical Society will hold its annual meeting prior to the presentation at 6:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Medicare 101.** 6:30 p.m. This is a basic Medicare overview for those individuals who: are turning 65, are losing group/ employer health coverage and who need

to enroll in Medicare for the first time, need/want to change their current plan, or are receiving Extra Help (Part D) or would like to learn about Extra Help (Part D) and the Medicare Savings Program (Part B). This free program is presented by Jackie Gallagher. Registration requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Tuesdays:

### Wonder Lab:

**Every other Tuesday** 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Kids will work together to explore the concepts of STEAM through fun activities, exciting experiments, and awesome art. For grades 3-6. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Wednesdays:

**Mental Health Association Peer Café:** A safe and open space to talk about life. For ages 18-26. Coffee, tea and smoothies. Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at Mental Health Association. Contact Amanda Boccardi at 845 279-7600, ext. 205 or [aboccardi@mhaputnam.org](mailto:aboccardi@mhaputnam.org)

## Thursdays:

**Crazy 8s Club:** 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. For grades K-2. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Coloring for Adults:** Re-connect with your inner child. 7:00 p.m., Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided; no registration needed. Call Mahopac Library for information: 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Basic ESL:** 5:15 p.m., -6:45 p.m. This ESL class will focus on practical communication skills and is aimed at helping anyone who has limited English, but wants help improving their spoken and written English. This course will be taught by Steve Rome, a certified TEFL instructor. Steve has retired from the Yorktown School District where he taught Social Studies, French and Spanish for over 30 years. Click here to register or call 845-279-6421.

**Putnam County bureau Pegasus Program:** 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Youth Bureau, Children and their adult caregivers will have fun in an engaging and supportive environment. A free confidential program for children ages 6-12 who have a parent or family member suffering from alcoholism or other drug dependencies. Pre-registration required. Contact Stephanie Nocera at 845 808-1600, ext. 46126 or Stephanie.Nocera@putnamcountyny.gov



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Mahopac, Carmel  
go 50-50 in Soccer,  
Field Hockey

Split!

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Putnam County rivals Mahopac and Carmel got after each other last Friday in girls' soccer and field hockey where the two programs split the difference. Carmel's Caitlin Tully scored four times and the Rams delivered a 6-1 win over April Heady's Indians on the field hockey circuit while Mia Klammer headed home a shot in the Indians' 6-0 win over Colleen O'Rourke (4) and the Rams on the pitch... see Field Hockey & Soccer Notebooks



## Sports

## Grid Notebook

# No.10 Yorktown to Visit No.7 Somers in 1st Round Playoff Game

*Mahopac, Carmel Set to Renew Putnam County's Greatest Rivalry... Higgins Trophy on the Line*

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
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Apologies in advance for this condensed version of the Grid Notebook this week. With the righteous version nearly 99% completed – chock full of playoff tidbits – this scribe's computer screen went black... yes, the dreaded black screen, thus sending 1,500 words into space, not to mention another 1,200 of the soccer notebook (soccer fans, I will make it up to you next week).

So, here's a quicky; an under the gun recap, it's all I got, gang, sorry!

## CLASS A

10th seeded **YORKTOWN** (3-3) will visit 7th-seeded **SOMERS** (4-2) this Friday (7 pm) in the qualifying round of the sectional tournament. Yes, this is a game we're more accustomed to seeing in the finals and/or semifinals, but nonetheless, this will commence for the right to reach the sectional quarterfinals instead after Somers defeated Greeley 33-0 behind five more touchdowns from sophomore FB Jack Kaiser. The bruising back now has 19 TDs for the season, just four behind the 23 TDs by former two-time All-Section stud Stefano Bicknese, and 11 shy of the single season school record of 30 by other-wordly RB Messiah Horne in 2016.

"I just can't believe I'm anywhere close to Stefano Bicknese because of the fact he



RAY GALLAGHER/ANDY JACOBS/BOB CASTNER/BILL KENNEDY

Yorktown RB Dylan Smith chugs for some hard-earned yards in Huskers' 27-7 loss to top-ranked Clarkstown South Friday.

was one of the best players to come out of Somers and hearing about how talented he was and still is," Kaiser said. "It all feels like a dream to me a little bit. My O-line is the reason why I've been having success, because they are giving me the gaps I need and all I need to do is make cuts, so they are doing their job, which makes my job so much easier. All the credit is to them."

Kaiser scored all five touchdowns for the Tuskers and finished with 111 yards on the ground, also staging an electrifying 73-yard kick return he took to the house. Somers HB Charlie Balancia added 112 yards on the ground and had an interception for the surging Tuskers, winners of four straight.

Yorktown, the 2017 NYS runner-ups, fell to top-ranked Clarkstown South, 27-7, falling for a third-straight week. Yorktown RB Dylan Smith rushed for 95 yards on 16 carries. Ben Robinson had 12 tackles to lead the defense.

**HEN HUD** crushed **PANAS**, 33-0, to lock down the No.11 seed,

which bring the Sailors to No.6 Nyack Friday (7 pm). Panas (2-4), and sister school **LAKELAND**, each failed to make the playoffs, which tells you there's work to do in regards to the state of football in the Lakeland district in 2018.

Sailor QB Manny Carbone hit on 9 of 17 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. He also marched for 13 carries for 123 yards and a score. Sailor RB Jordan Grullon was percolating as well, going for 123 yards and two scores on 11 totes. Sailor WR Donte White and TE Michael Fasolino caught TD passes in the win.

Lakeland, which got worked by Tappan Zee, has two promising underclassmen in RB Matt Makar, who rushed 10 times for 126 yards and a touchdown and had two catches for 70

yards, and sophomore QB Tyler Santucci, who hit on 10 on 23 passes for 160 yards and a TD. OL Jason Green has been a bright spot as well.

**BREWSTER** (3-3) secured the 14th seeded after falling at Fox Lane, 34-7, and setting up a nightmarish qualifying round playoff date with No.3 Lourdes. After a 3-0 start the Bears have hit the skids.

## CLASS AA

**MAHOPAC** vs. **CARMEL** is upon us... nothing more need be said about Putnam County's greatest rivalry. In this neck of the Putnam County woods it doesn't get any better than Mahopac vs. Carmel, with the memorial Bryan Higgins Trophy on the line. Yes, the Indians (1-5) are starving for a victory after their 34-28 overtime loss at Arlington, but you can throw the proverbial records out when these two get together. Carmel has defeated

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Yorktown WR Joey Atherall hauls in one of two catches for 49 yards in Huskers' 27-7 loss to host Clarkstown South last Friday.



Mahopac WR Rheal Allen had monster game in overtime loss at Arlington.



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## Grid Notebook

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Somers FB Jack Kaiser scored five more TDs in Tusker rout of Greeley.

Mahopac three consecutive times.

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea was neck deep in Mahopac film, hoping to figure out a way to contain Indian RB Tim Cegielski, who had 20 carries for 210 yards and two touchdowns in the loss to the Admirals. Indian QB Anthony Corrado had his best

day through the air, hitting on 21 of 30 passes for 184 yards and one touchdown pass to WR Rheal Allen (13 catches for 120 yards and a score).

"Our student athletes won my heart," Mahopac Coach Dom DeMatteo said. "Words cannot express the respect and admiration I have for them. Cegielski and Corrado's offensive output this year, considering our schedule is nothing short of exceptional. Reahl's numbers aren't huge, but we get defended differently because of him. He is one of the most impactful players in the Lower Hudson Valley this year."

The Rams (4-2) have been stout on defense, having surrendered just 33 points this season, and they will be looking to lock down a top four seed, retain the Higgins trophy and home field advantage for the opening round of the playoffs. If the Rams can get the ground game going behind game-breaking RB Sam Duke, it could be a long night for Mahopac.

"We have been preparing for this game



Brewster RB Domenico Surace and the 14th-seeded Bears will face No.3 Lourdes in the Class A qualifying playoff round.

our whole lives, nothing is quite like this game," said Duke, who has trucked his fair share of dudes this season and went for 129 yards rushing with three touchdowns against Ramapo. Duke added a 39-yard screen pass from QB Peyton Cayea for another touchdown and had two sacks on defense. "We are going to give it everything we got and more against Mahopac."

Duke gave his all against Ramapo, looking like the finest athlete on the field.

"I couldn't have done it without the O-line, they are really starting to come

together," he said.

**OSSINING** improved to 4-2 when RB Izaiah Steen scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter, capping the come-from-behind win. The Pride get Port Chester next.

### CHSAA

**KENNEDY CATHOLIC** improved to 5-0 and continued to look like the team to beat in Class A NYC League this season after a 26-6 win over visiting Nazareth on homecoming day at JFK. The cool kids lined the grassy knoll and watched

RBs Myles Proctor (130 yards, 13 carries TD) and Seth Surret (9 carries, 135 yards 2 TDs) have their way. Defensively, the Gaels have pitched two shutouts and have allowed 27 points in their five games behind the Cole Esposito-led unit. Espo continues to stick out on defense from his linebacking position, blowing up the line of scrimmage, and off the O-line, serving countless pancakes. Kennedy Catholic will head to Sarasota, Florida this week for a game against Out-of-Door Academy for what Coach Dom Tassone called a unique, team-bonding experience.



Mahopac RB Tim Cegielski rushed for over 200 yards in Indians' OT loss at Arlington.



Carmel RB Sam Duke scored four TDs in Rams' rout of Ramapo.





# Sports

## Field Hockey Notebook

# Lakeland Survives Scare from John Jay, 3-2, Remains Unbeaten

By Tony Pinciario

**LAKELAND** is not the type of team to look ahead to an opponent. After all, it is the opposition that always has Lakeland circled on its schedule since the nine-time defending NYS Class B champion Hornets have not lost to a Section 1 opponent since 2008.

However, when the Hornets received their 2018 schedule they could not help but notice John Jay-Cross River. John Jay has quietly established itself as a rising power in Section 1 Class B field hockey and in 2017 the Indians advanced to the sectional semifinals.

"Based on our team's knowledge of John Jay we viewed this as a big game in our regular season because we knew that they were going to be a very strong team," senior Julia Cummings said. "We knew that they were going to bring high intensity and big competition. We also knew their record going in, but we focused more on being able to match their intensity and speed of play."

The game featured two undefeated teams and, most likely, the eventual top two seeds in the Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championships. As a result, it was an outstanding game with Lakeland breaking a tie in the second half for a 3-2 victory.



Lakeland's Jenna McCrudden cranks goal in Hornets' 3-2 win over John Jay last Wednesday

Coupled with a 6-0 win over Rye, Lakeland is now 12-0 this season and on track to receive the No.1 seed in sectionals.

Erin Daly scored the decisive goal, tipping in a Julianna Cappello shot. Jenna McCrudden and Cappello also had Lakeland goals.

John Jay did accomplish two things against Lakeland. The Indians scored twice, which is two times as many goals Lakeland has allowed in a game. And the Indians had the game even at 1-1 and 2-2. Usually, Lakeland opponents are only tied at 0-0 before the opening whistle.

Even though John Jay tested Lakeland, the Hornets were more than prepared for this. Earlier this season, Lakeland faced a similar experience against defending Section 1 Class A champion Mamaroneck in a 2-1 victory. Lakeland is also used to this type of game come sectional and state-playoff time.

"This game was played with sectional intensity," said Cummings, who also had an assist against John Jay. "It was played at a very high speed and the ball was on both sides of the field, in both offensive circles."

"When you are playing hard game, like this, this says that keeping our

composure and playing calm is crucial when playing hard games. We don't get caught up in the hype of the game; we try to stay focused and composed which shows that our mental fortitudes must be strong and we must stay focused on what we are doing in order to be successful."

Lakeland has four games remaining in the regular season -Walter Panas, Hen Hud, Our Lady of Lourdes and Brewster - before sectionals commence in two weeks. The Hornets know there is a real possibility that John Jay will be seeded second and a rematch would be slated for the sectional final. As a result, Lakeland wanted to win, but the Hornets also came away motivated.

"Because this was a possible preview of the section final it was very important that we won that game," Cummings said. "It definitely makes us more confident, but it also teaches us what we might need to alter to improve our play in order to possibly meet them again. It's great motivation for us to keep working hard. I think that there is a possibility we play them again. I am very excited to see them again and play an even stronger, more intense game. My teammates and I will keep working hard and preparing for our upcoming games."

Lakeland, which has defeated Rye in each Section 1 Class B final dating back to 2009, received two goals from Emma Halderman and Cappello. Cappello has a team and Section 1-leading 21 goals and Halderman now has nine goals



John Jay's Tyman Cronin tries to slow down Lakeland's Erin Daly (L), who scored game-winning goal in Hornets' 3-2 win.



Lakeland's Keirra Ettere tries to pound shot home in Hornets' 3-2 win over John Jay.



Lakeland's Vienna Protomastro battles a host of Indians in Hornets' 3-2 win over John Jay.



Carmel's Julia Stefano (10), Ariana Caione (4) and Caitlin Tully (1) celebrate one of four Tully tallies in 6-1 win over host Mahopac last Friday.



Mahopac captain Devin King looks to clear her zone against Carmel's Maryrose Murphy in Indians' 6-1 loss to Rams last Friday.

this season.

Keirra Ettere and Kiera Wax each had a goal and Cummings and McCrudden had two assists apiece. Cummings and Cappello have a team-best 14 assists apiece.

**PUTNAM VALLEY** sandwiched a win over Hastings, 7-0, around tough losses to

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# Sports

## Soccer Notebook



Mahopac sophomore Mia Klammer (L) is challenged by her cousin, Carmel sophomore Melanie Klammer, in Indians' 6-0 win over rival Rams last Friday.



### Mahopac Tops Carmel, 6-0; Somers Falls to Greeley, Yorktown Nips Hen Hud



Mahopac junior M Carly Steinberg, who scored 3 goals, drills shot against defense of Carmel's Gabby Vitiello in Indians' 6-0 win over Rams Friday.



Mahopac junior M Sabrina Nogula (21) sets up shot against Carmel's Dani Ferreira in Indians' 6-0 win over visiting Rams last Friday.



Mahopac senior Sama Colatruglio races past defense of Carmel's Julianna Febbraio in Indians' 6-0 win over Rams.



Lucas Fecci (L) scored Somers' only goal in recent 2-1 loss to Greeley while Yorktown G James D'Allesio pitched shutout in 1-0 win over Hen Hud.



Mahopac freshman Maddy DeCola and Carmel junior Jenna Schneider get after 50-50 ball in Indians' 6-0 win over Rams.

### Lakeland Survives Scare from John Jay, 3-2, Remains Unbeaten

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Pawling, 2-1, and Edgemont, 3-2.

In the win over Hastings, the Tigers received goals from seven players -- Jess Marro, Julia Cunningham, Maddie DeVito, Danielle Cunningham, Ciara McGinty, Colleen Cassidy, and Cyera Daughtry. Isabel Healy stopped two shots to register her first varsity shutout.

Katie McLean had both goals against Edgemont with Antonia DiBullo and Danielle Cunningham recording assists.

Sara Lussier scored against Pawling with Danielle Cunningham assisting. Sabrina Cross made 10 saves for

Putnam Valley.

Panas posted an impressive 2-0 win over Yorktown on goals by Maria Zeman and Brianna Viola. Jaime Griffin assisted on Zeman's goal.

**CARMEL** did some major damage in a 6-1 win over **MAHOPAC**, doing so behind a four-goal effort from Caitlin Tully, who was clearly the top athlete on the field that day.

**Field hockey coaches are encouraged to reports scores, stats and comments to [tfinch23@optonline.com](mailto:tfinch23@optonline.com) for inclusion in our weekly notebook.**



Somers' Jon Riina and Yorktown's Rocky Bujaj are currently the No.3 and 4 seeds in the Class A playoffs, respectively.



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