



Odell Dominates in County Exec. Race

By David Propper

Stating more than once the last few months this would be her last election, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell ended her final political campaign on a high note with a dominating win to retain her seat for another four years.

In a contentious race for the top county post and coming off a previous year where the GOP machine lost a countywide race, Odell easily staved off a spirited run from Kent Supervisor and Democrat Maureen Fleming. Surrounded by raucous supporters at the Villa Barone in Mahopac last Tuesday night, Odell called her tenure as an elected official in the county she grew up in "an amazing run" that'll continue until 2022 when she will be term limited out of office.

Odell garnered an impressive 56 percent of the vote over Fleming with

20,293 voters checking the box for the Republican incumbent while 15,718 voters circled in Fleming's name.

Odell said the last seven years her administration had advocated for veterans and senior citizens, built up the county golf course and Tilly Foster Farm, and fought the opioid crisis all while eliminating debt in masse and keeping taxes at bay.

"And we've done it all as a team," Odell said.

Fleming, who refused to concede to Odell Tuesday night, called Odell the next morning to congratulate her on the win. She was viewing results at McCarthy's in Kent Tuesday night with her family and supporters, many of whom were shocked by the crushing defeat.

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Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell gives her victory speech last week after a easy win over Democrat Maureen Fleming.

Harckham Defeats Murphy to Help Dems Take Over State Senate

By Martin Wilbur and Anna Young

The wave of Democratic dominance in elections across Westchester surged again last Tuesday night helping to propel former county legislator Peter Harckham to victory over two-term Republican Terrence Murphy in the 40th state Senate District.

Harckham ran up vote totals in Westchester (46,488-36,133) offsetting about 6,000- and 2,000-vote margins in the Putnam and Dutchess portions of the district, respectively, according to unofficial Board of Elections totals.

"We said many times, this election was about values and today the Hudson Valley spoke," Harckham said at his election headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco. "It wants to be more tolerant, more accepting and a more inclusive and a more civil place to live."



HARCKHAM CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Peter Harckham rejoices with his supporters last Tuesday night in Mount Kisco after he declared victory in the 40th state Senate District race, defeating incumbent Republican Terrence Murphy.

A Harckham victory ends 104 years of Republican dominance for the seat representing much of northern Westchester and Putnam. Harckham acknowledged that he has work to do to gain the trust of constituents and local officials who may be unaccustomed to having a Democratic state senator represent them.

"To the people who did not vote for me, I just want to say, I work for you too and over the coming weeks and months I will work hard to gain your trust," he said. "I represent you."

Harckham, 57, a Lewisboro resident who served on the Board of Legislators from 2008 until June 2015, pledged to work with Murphy to ensure a smooth transition. Since leaving county

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Support Swelling to Put Forward Bond Again in Carmel

By David Propper

Parents, students and other community members across the Carmel school district didn't just request, but demanded, the board of education put forward a bond meant to upgrade facilities for a third time after the first two referendums failed.

After an \$85 million bond package failed last December, the board put forward a \$25 million bond, but that proposal was narrowly shot down in October, leaving board members and district officials wondering what to do next in order to make necessary upgrades to the buildings. More than a dozen residents recommended the board put forward a bond for a third time last Tuesday, stressing enough residents have awoken to the necessities the bond provided.

The second, smaller bond included fixing failing roofs, making every building ADA compliant, building a new bus garage, and enhancing George Fischer Middle School's library.

Lake Carmel resident Matt Vanacoro, who is a teacher in Westchester County, said he and many other residents strongly object to any facility item being put into the annual budget because it could take away from programs and elective classes from students. In the Bedford district



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Kent resident Eric Mittelstadt, who is a former school board member, spoke at recent school board meeting in Carmel.

where he teaches, there was a large budget gap that resulted in scrapped programs and the district is still recovering from those cuts, Vanacoro, who has two children in the district, said.

"If you have to make mass cuts in order to fund repairs we will not be back for a long time," he said. "Not only will we not be going forward, we'll be barely keeping pace."

Kent resident Eric Mittelstadt, who is a

former school board member, said if the roofs are part of the annual budget, the district would not get New York State aid. He doesn't want to see the board attempt an override of the tax cap in May, which would require 60 percent voter support.

Carmel resident Brian Green said the board needs to tell the community what programs and classes could be slashed if the repairs have to be paid through the budget.

School board president Greg Riley said when the board attempts to tell residents what could be lost, opponents of the bond allege the board is using "scare tactics" to persuade voters to favor the referendum.

"That we're trying to get it passed through scare tactics," Riley said.

Some residents directed their ire at Carmel school board member John Curzio, though the young trustee was not in attendance. Curzio has enthusiastically opposed both bond votes. In the most recent one, he said he didn't want a new bus garage put forward because it would take a parcel of land off the Town of Kent

tax rolls.

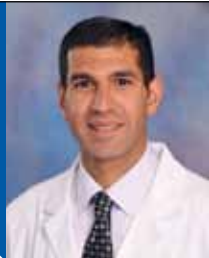
Even students spoke up encouraging school board members to offer up the bond again. One student said while she'd be graduating next year, she wants other students, including her younger sisters, to benefit from the upgrades and not lose elective programs.

A few residents even admitted they didn't vote either or both times when the referendums were held. It was suggested that the school district didn't publicize the bond referendums enough and residents openly discussed during the meeting how they could campaign in support of another possible future bond, including knocking on doors and conducting robo-calls.

"I didn't vote last time, but in order to get the votes, I'd be willing to go door-to-door to advocate for that to happen and to get the votes," one resident, who has three children in the district, said. "Let's get those roofs fixed and let's get the bond back."

Another parent, who consistently goes to board meetings, said this is the most people she's ever seen at a board meeting, unless it included cutting a sports or music program.

"A nerve has been struck," said a parent who has been attending her first ever school board meeting.



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Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became — virtually overnight and automatically — a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

Democrat Takes County Leg. Seat; Two GOP Incumbents Win

By David Propper

After an all-GOP Putnam County Legislature for the last four years, a Democrat will finally be on the lawmaking body after Philipstown Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery topped Republican incumbent Barbara Scuccimarra Tuesday night.

Montgomery toppled Scuccimarra, earning 58 percent of the vote in a district that has more registered Democrats, which is a rarity in Putnam. Montgomery, who has served as a councilwoman for ten years, will be the first Democrat since Sam Oliverio to serve on the legislature.

In a social media post, Montgomery expressed a "heartfelt thanks" to the voters in District 1 and vowed to do her best to represent them on the legislature.

"To the Elect Montgomery Campaign team and to the many volunteers who believed that we could do this together, thank you and your families. I could not have succeeded without you. You are a truly talented team," Montgomery stated. "A sincere thank you to my opponent, Barbara Scuccimara, for her



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Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano won reelection last week with ease. He spoke to supporters after the results rolled in.

years of hard work and service to our towns.

Thank you for participating in the democratic process we are all better for it."

While Scuccimarra didn't win reelection, two of her GOP colleagues did come away victorious. Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano defeated first time candidate Scott Reing with 56 percent of the vote and Legislator Ginny Nacerino cruised to another term after running unopposed. Castellano and

'Thank you for participating in the democratic process we are all better for it.' - Nancy Montgomery

Nacerino have each served six years and have another three years now in office.

Castellano said he was "tremendously honored" to win another term and thankful to the residents in District 7.

"I love what I do, looking forward to another three years," Castellano said.

Nacerino said the healthy margin of victory for County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Castellano demonstrates the confidence voters have in the direction the county executive and legislature have taken Putnam in.

"People are happy with our accomplishments, people are happy with the golf course and Tilly Foster, everything that really lend to community in Putnam County," Nacerino said.

GOP Dominates in Town Council Elections

By David Propper

Two races to fill vacant seats on the Kent and Southeast town boards saw GOP candidates easily win Tuesday night by double-digit percentage margins.

In Kent, Republican Chris Ruthven topped Democrat Gary Link and in Southeast, Republican Eric Larca surpassed Melinda Montanaro. Ruthven will fill the seat in January currently held by Councilwoman Christine Woolley, who was appointed shortly after former town board member Scott Chin resigned earlier this year. Larca will take over the seat previously held by former councilwoman Liz Hudak, who resigned less than two months before Election Day.

Larca was elected with almost 56 percent of the vote (3,590-2,845) over Montanaro. The election was perhaps one of the most crucial in the county, with a large scale logistics center being proposed in the town that would require a zoning change approved by the town board. While Montanaro was clear she could not support the Northeast Logistics development in its current form, Larca held back his views because he's on the planning board, which is also reviewing the project.

"I'm so excited, I love Southeast, I love Brewster," Larca said. "I'm just really happy where I can be in a position where I can have more effect in Southeast."

At times during the campaign, Larca

expressed frustration that he could not openly discuss the logistics center as his opponent did, but said he was excited for residents to see how he will approach the proposal. On Election Day, Larca walked into a local hardware store and was told by a resident he was not going to vote for him because Montanaro expressed her clear disapproval with the project, which many residents also oppose.

"This project became the election and I'm just happy the town is going to see what I think about the project and how I'll approach it," Larca said. "It's going to be an issue about the community."

Ruthven also won by a comfortable margin, beating Link with 55 percent of the vote (2,653-2,151). He called his first campaign a "wonderful and fulfilling" experience, though it turned out to be more work than he thought. He noted Link was a gracious opponent.

"I hope to do great things for Kent," Ruthven, who is deputy commissioner for the Putnam parks department, said. "It's certainly a thrill to be elected, what a great feeling. It was exhilarating, it was wonderful."

At the village level, in Brewster, current trustees Tom Boissonnault and Mary Bryde ran unopposed for another two-year term and in Cold Spring, incumbent trustees Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto also ran unopposed to win another two years.

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Serino Leads Close Senate Race Against Smythe

By David Propper

In a race where the two candidates are 2,100 votes apart, it appears New York State Sen. Sue Serino will retain her seat in the 41st district by a thread.

Serino, a Republican, is leading Democratic challenger Karen Smythe 56,462 votes to 54,316 votes going into absentee ballot counting today (Tuesday) although Serino already declared victory.

Serino, in a statement, thanked voters shortly after midnight, stating she was "truly humbled" to serve another term in office.

"In an election year marked by incredible divineness and negativity, I am overwhelmed by the support my family and I have received throughout this year's election," Serino said. "I cannot thank our neighbors, supporters and volunteers enough for all that they did to get us over the finish line."

Serino, who was a single mother that worked three jobs more than 20 years ago, said she could never imagine being a state senator today. But for at least the next two years, Serino will be in the minority of the senate after the Democrats took control of all three branches of government. For the first two terms of Serino's state

lawmaking career, the GOP had a narrow majority.

"I always say, Albany operates in a bubble, but I will never lose sight of where I came from or the experiences that made me who I am, and I will continue to fight tirelessly to restore the public's faith in its government by ensuring that improving our community remains my top priority," Serino stated. "Now, I hope that we can all come together, to help move our community forward."

While Serino declared victory, Smythe has yet to officially concede. There are 7,997 absentee ballots that were sent out in Dutchess County and 2,824 ballots sent out in Putnam County, though not all those ballots are expected to be returned to the board of elections.

Smythe, in a statement, said her campaign wants to see every vote counted.

"I am extremely proud of every single volunteer who dedicated their time and energy to a better and stronger New York. We all believe in a common goal and I will always be in awe of the incredible support our campaign received," Smythe said. "It's not over till it's over, but please know I will be forever grateful and humbled by your faith in me."

Longtime Pol and Freshman State Lawmaker Keep Seats

By David Propper

While the two New York State Senate seats that encompass parts of Putnam County came down to the wire last week, the two state assembly members that represent parts of the county clinched reelection with relative ease.

Longtime Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and freshman Assemblyman Kevin Byrne both triumphed last Tuesday with the Democrat and Republican, respectively, winning with ease. Galef

a blue wave among Democratic voters, Byrne said he didn't pay much attention to that.

"I focus on what I can control which is meeting the people in this district," Byrne said. "At the end of the day, hoping their votes will reflect the work that we've done. As far as a blue wave it certainly didn't happen in this district."

Gashi, who was a first time candidate, thanked his supporters and stated he enjoyed every part of the process, just not



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, with his wife Brianne, celebrate an election Day win.

defeated Republican challenger and college student Lawrence Chiulli with an impressive 61 percent of the vote and Byrne beat Democrat and attorney Vedat Gashi with 54 percent of the tally.

Byrne, in an email to supporters, thanked them for their vote and called serving another term a "tremendous honor." A campaign that knocked on more than 5,000 doors and spoke to voters across the political spectrum helped secure the victory, Byrne said. In the email, it noted that Gashi outspent Byrne by nearly three times as much, with many donations coming from New York City donors.

"I'd also like to thank all the other candidates who ran for office this year, those who won and those who came up short, including my opponent," Byrne stated. "It takes a lot of courage to stick your neck out and run for public office, especially in today's polarizing political climate."

Byrne, in an interview, said the win is a reflection of the success his office has had in his first two years as a state lawmaker. When asked about any trepidation of

the final outcome.

"Losses are painful, but I am overwhelmed by the gains of the past few months. I've gained lifelong friends and an increased faith and appreciation of our community and the democratic process," Gashi said. "I'm going to use the lessons from this race to make sure that I win my next one."

As for Galef, she'll be entering her 14th term when she is sworn in again in January. She called the upcoming year both exciting and difficult. The state will continue to battle the federal government over the deduction limit on property taxes and possibly the reduction of education aid, Galef said.

But Galef said she looks forward to having more bills pass through the state senate that she authored and co-sponsored with a Democratic majority running every branch of state government. Property tax reforms, improved voting measures, and stronger foundation aid for schools could be hashed out next year, Galef noted.

"I'm really excited it's kind of like a new beginning," Galef said. "I'm hoping that this will be good for New Yorkers."



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Rep. Maloney Looks Ahead to Dem. Majority in House

By David Proper

While last Tuesday might've been Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's fourth straight win to serve another term in office, it was the first time his victory came along with a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives.

Maloney, a Democrat, easily repelled Republican challenger James O'Donnell last week, but more importantly, Maloney was part of a Democratic wave that now has control of the House after they gained about 30 seats across the country. Democrats now hold 225 seats while Republicans secured 197 seats. For Maloney, it means he could hold more power.

Pointing to healthcare, infrastructure, veterans issues and the opioid crisis, Maloney said his staff is "chopping at the bit" to get started this January to see what can get done in majority. During his six years in the minority, Maloney was able to pass 31 bills into law.

"I have the seniority and the capacity in the majority to do more than ever and I can't wait to get to work," Maloney said. "I don't think there are any limits for what can get done."

Maloney would like to see the Gateway Tunnel project move forward that would get commuters from the west side of the Hudson River into New York City and see positive train control implemented



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Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney won reelection last Tuesday.

on all commuter trains to prevent future accidents. He noted that he was "extending his hand" to work with Trump on infrastructure needs.

With the Democrats controlling the House, it could mean more pushback against and investigations into President Donald Trump, including filing articles of

impeachment, which had been a talking point among many Democrats that ran for office.

Maloney was less enthusiastic about attacking Trump from the onset. He stressed the biggest thing remains delivering results for people Congress represents.

"There's a role for holding the president accountable, but that's not my number one focus in terms of the investigations or talk of impeachment," Maloney said. "That's not where I'm focused."

With the Democrats in the majority, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is poised to be majority leader once again, but could face a challenge from within the party. When asked about that, Maloney remained non-committal. He also deflected when asked if he had any interest in a leadership position.

During this election cycle, Maloney was actually running for two public offices

'I have the seniority and the capacity in the majority to do more than ever and I can't wait to get to work.' -
Rep. Maloney

at once. He ran for New York attorney general, but fell woefully short in a Democratic primary in September. Once he lost out on the nomination, Maloney went ahead with his congressional race.

"What I hear from people is Washington is all screwed up and they want change to get things done, that's why I'm not going back there to fight with anybody or contribute to this chaos and nonsense that goes on down there," Maloney said. "I'm going to work with this President when I can and I'll stick up to him when I think it's necessary to protect the Hudson Valley."



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PV School Voters Face Bond Question Next Month

By David Propper

As Putnam Valley Central School District deputy superintendent Dr. Jeremy Luft and director of operation and transportation David Spittal recently walked the halls of the middle school, both remarked how the building has remained essentially the same since they went to school there.

If a bond is approved by voters on Dec. 4, that could all change.

The district is putting forth a \$14.8 million bond that would largely renovate and upgrade the middle school, which opened in 1972 during Richard Nixon's presidential administration. It would also include an addition to the high school and some upgrades to the elementary school. The school board unanimously approved to put the bond to a vote earlier this year.

"We feel we have a lot of support," Spittal said.

Giving a tour of the middle school to The Putnam Examiner last week, Spittal said a new kitchen space would be created to allow more offerings for students instead of food that is simply heated up. The cafeteria would also be extended, with the current space so cramped that students from each grade can't all eat together.

"Essentially it would be a much bigger space that would be useful," Luft said.

Music and performance arts would receive a boost in the middle school with the creation of two new soundproof lesson rooms, a new choral room, and upgrades to the stage area including a better lighting and sound system. Space for music lessons is currently limited, with instructors holding lessons with students right near the line for the lunch.

Other areas that would be focused on are the bathrooms, which haven't been addressed since the school opened.

With faculty bathrooms so limited in space, a female teacher who is pregnant can't comfortably move around. The gymnasiums would also see an upgrade and other learning spaces would be created. Windows and the heating and cooling system would be replaced, as well.

"The bulk of the bond is here," Spittal said of the middle school. "It needs it the most."

At the high school, district officials want to see the addition of a health and wellness center, which would be an indoor turf field that could be used year-round. Sports teams, physical education classes and community organizations would all benefit from the space.

"It offers a better use for our sports teams," Luft said.

While the cost for the project is \$14.8 million, the state would provide \$4.9 million, and \$610,000 from a reserve fund

will be applied to help cover costs. The cost can't exceed what the bond would be, district officials said.

Luft and Spittal also noted that taxes would not increase for residents because of eliminating debt service that would correlate with the beginning of payments for the bond. With the payments lasting over 15 years if the bond passes, the payments are of equal value to the debt payments that will be paid off during that same year, district officials said.

"We literally have this once in a lifetime opportunity," Luft said.

A community forum where questions can be posed to district officials will be held this Thursday at 6 p.m. at the high school.

"We're nervous about it, but we're passionate about the need for it," Spittal said of the overall bond. "We feel that our rationale is compelling."



A rendering of the proposed health and wellness center.



A rendering of the front of Putnam Valley Middle School if the bond passes.



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Putnam Valley Voters Sign Off on Camp Purchase

By David Propper

While no candidates were on the ballot in Putnam Valley, voters gave the town board the OK to purchase an existing campground meant to offer more recreational options for residents.

With 2,350 voters in favor and 1,967 against the proposal, the town is set to bond the purchase of the John C. Mara camp off Peekskill Hollow Road for about \$1.9 million. The bond

comes more than a year after the town board failed to get approval to bond a state of the art indoor recreational facility. The 161 acres is owned by the Archdiocese of New York before the town finalizes its purchase of the property.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, along with the rest of the town board, encouraged voters to approve the bond, describing it as a great opportunity for residents.

"It really was a need to sustain our camp to provide future features in that camp," Oliverio said. "I'm very pleased how the vote went and I'm so proud of our residents that they understood the value of this."

Oliverio was still struck by the high number of voters that opposed the measure. He believes that's because opponents of the bond attempted to conflate this bond offered by the town with a bond the school district is

putting forth in December.

The bond company has been contacted, as well as the Archdiocese, which will send the town a contract. An advisory committee will be formed to offer ideas for the property with several suggestions already being floated, Oliverio said.

"There's a lot of possibilities up there," Oliverio said.

Protestors Gather in Peekskill to Oppose Sessions Firing

By Anna Young

More than 100 demonstrators gathered outside Sen. Chuck Schumer's office in Peekskill Thursday night protesting President Donald Trump's controversial firing of Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Following Trump's decision to remove Sessions Wednesday afternoon and install Matthew Whitaker as acting attorney general, residents hastily scheduled the protest alarmed that special prosecutor Robert Mueller's investigation into a possible Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election would be halted. They demanded Mueller's protection and that Whitaker recuse himself from overseeing the investigation based on hostile public comments he has made against it.

"Our goal is to not have any interference with the Mueller/Russia investigation," Peekskill resident Marianna Stout said. "And given the changes that took place yesterday our goal is to have the acting attorney general Matthew Whitaker recuse himself."

Throughout the 30-minute protest residents in attendance carried signs reading, "Trump is Not Above the Law" and "Protect Mueller." They also chanted several slogans including "We deserve the truth" as they marched along the streets of downtown Peekskill.

Protesters believe the president's decision to install an acting attorney general is an obstruction of justice and will end or curtail the investigation.

Cortlandt resident Christine Button said those in attendance believe in the rule of law and Trump doesn't. With similar rally's taking place nationwide, including ones in Armonk and White Plains, Button said Trump's decision is a blatant effort to interfere and shut down Mueller's investigation. She added that it's the peoples' responsibility to hold



him accountable as he attempts to protect himself, his family and associates.

Button stressed that the investigation must continue unimpeded because the American people deserve the truth. She said that whoever is permanently appointed to the position should publicly commit to letting the investigation to continue without interruption or interference. Loyalty is to the rule of law, not personal loyalty to Donald Trump, she said.

"The American people deserve an independent investigation to get the truth and get accountability," Button said. "Any attempt by the Trump administration or his allies in Congress to interfere in the investigation is unacceptable and it must be stopped."

South Salem resident Robert Kesten urged for change, stating that Trump is a symptom of problems that have perpetuated throughout the country for several years. He said the country can no longer rely on elected officials to make change, adding that it's the peoples' duty to take charge of the nation's future and ensure the government is responsible to the people.

"We are making history tonight, and we will continue to do so every single day until the Mueller investigation is completed fairly and justly and until every American can feel like they have a place in this country," Kesten said. "Right now, we are fighting for our freedom and we will not stop until we have it."

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Odell Dominates in County Exec. Race

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In a statement Wednesday morning, Fleming said she was grateful to all the volunteers and donors that believed in her candidacy, as well as the voters that supported her. She didn't acknowledge Odell in her concession statement and Odell did not mention Fleming in her victory speech, which seemed like an appropriate way to conclude a bitter race between the two.

"We asked important questions about how the county is run, how its people are served and how our tax dollars are spent," Fleming stated. "We've opened the public's eyes to things that have been kept in the dark for far too long. Now the public must ensure that we are given actual transparency and real accountability. I'll continue to press the Legislature and the Executive to open County government and refocus their work on issues that really matter to the people of Putnam."

Odell started her political career in the early 2000s when she was elected to serve on the county legislature after being involved in a myriad of community organizations. She then ran for county executive in 2010 against former state senator Vincent Leibell and while she lost

that election, once he was arrested for corruption before taking office, she ran again in a special election and won the seat in 2011. She then ran for reelection after three years in office, beating former legislator and current Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio in 2014.

Getting choked up, Odell noted this was the first election she didn't have the support of her grandmother and mother, who both died the last few years. But Odell said, "I know they've been with me every single step of the way."

There is still much work that must be addressed in the county and the state, Odell said.

"I've enjoyed the ride, it's been a great ride," Odell said. "I look forward to the next four years to finish the things that I started, that we built as a team."

Odell's huge win came at pivotal time for the county GOP, after Republican Don Smith lost to Democrat and current Sheriff Robert Langley last year, which stunned the party apparatus. But last week Putnam Republicans cherished a strong night with Odell leading the way.

She concluded her final victory speech in her final election with these words: "It's all about family, it's all about God, and it's all about country. Thank you."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

County Executive MaryEllen Odell with the full GOP ticket that was mostly successful on Election Day.

Harckham Defeats Murphy to Help Dems Take Over State Senate

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governments, Harckham worked Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration until he announced his candidacy in the spring.

The outcome helped the Democrats pick up eight seats in the Senate, easily giving them an advantage for the first time in a decade. It also will give Westchester's Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) the powerful position of Senate Majority Leader, the first time a woman will hold that post.

While Murphy didn't officially concede the race at his Election Night headquarters in Jefferson Valley, he acknowledged the prospects weren't promising. After a

sometimes divisive campaign, he struck a conciliatory tone last Tuesday night.

"I wish Peter Harckham the best, and may he have as much success as I did because it's been an honor and privilege," Murphy said.

Many of the senator's supporters were downcast as Harckham's advantage in Westchester built up. But Murphy did his best to reassure them.

"It's going to be okay," he said. "It was about me representing you, the people. We were awesome."

Harckham said the difference in the race was the efforts of the legions of volunteers who worked on his behalf knocking on thousands of doors, making

thousands of phone calls and sending out about 25,000 postcards.

With the state Senate in the hands of the Democrats come January, Harckham said key legislation that had previously passed the Assembly but had been held up in the Senate, such as the Reproductive Healthcare Act, the red flag bill and the Child Victims Act, will be passed, probably in the first 30 days of the new

session.

But there are issues that everyone can agree on such as keeping taxes in check.

"The days of the old Democrats coming in and raising taxes on everybody, that's just not going to happen," Harckham said. "We can't let that happen and there's some good fiscal policy and good legislation we want to get passed."



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

State Sen. Terrence Murphy speaks to supporters with his family by his side after a tough Election Day lost.

The Ballard Barrett and First Presbyterian Cemeteries
is holding a special reorganizational meeting on
November 15, 2018 at 11AM at the Town of Carmel Offices
located at 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541.

All lot owners are invited

to attend and vote on the future of the cemetery.

A new board for the cemeteries will be voted in at the meeting.

For directions go to the Town of Carmel's webpage.

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Letters to the Editor

Facts Not Clear Regarding PV School Bond

The responsibility of our school government and administration is to provide all the facts to its residents. It is our right and our civic duty to question these facts. By questioning these facts we are keeping our leadership accountable and forthcoming. It should not be perceived as questioning their integrity as a deflection from the real issues. Yes we are known for being a small caring community; therefore we need to be vigilant, so those who see our caring as a weakness to be taken advantage of do not do so.

In our upcoming bond election on Dec 4 we have a one proposition bond to vote

on, \$14 million yes or no! We have been lead to believe it's all or nothing.

The school website fact sheet states, "State aid will subsidize a portion of the project." What they fail to responsibly make clear is the \$4 million wellness center/indoor sports arena is receiving no state aid. Only the classroom renovations will receive a total of \$6.3 million aid from the state education department. Why isn't that made clear? It seems like the needed classroom renovations are being held hostage to take advantage of our caring community to get their indoor sports arena, while the town is in the process of purchasing the CYO across the street with

a regulation size gym that they are willing to share with the school. The responsible thing to do would have been to introduce the bond in a two-part proposition. This way you get a true sense of what the community wants, classroom renovations and a sports arena or just classroom renovations. However, if this proposition is voted down, in the future a bond can be reintroduced for the classroom renovations.

It is very concerning that our school administration not alone failed to get all the available options to the community, but also failed as front line role models to our kids of what government should be.

It is imperative that our kids are exposed to positive government. As we all look on at our national politics disarray and ask where does this come from? We should pay attention to Abraham Lincoln's quote "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of our government in the next."

Patrick J Cronin
Putnam Valley

Revolutionary War Elective Class Unique Offering in Carmel

As mentioned in my prior letter to you, I am sharing what makes Carmel Schools standout. With Election Day coming soon, I thought I would start with our "C"- Citizenship. In order for us to better appreciate the privilege of being a citizen of the United States of America, we should look to our past. What a better way than through education?

Did you know that Carmel High School is the only area school to offer

Revolutionary War as an elective? This course, 15 years strong, was created by Mr. Rob Buccheri. This class rarely sees an empty seat. Mr. Buccheri is not only the teacher for this unique elective, he is also a reenactor that encourages our students to "live history." They actively participate in historical lessons that include events such as the ride of Sybil Ludington to setting up an 18th century military encampment. Since we are lucky enough to live in a

community rich with our nation's history, they have many places to visit. Recently, the students visited Fort Montgomery. Here, they learned how soldiers lived as they walked through the remains of their barracks and fort. Students explored artifacts relevant to the times and were treated to a live musical performance. They reviewed weaponry of the day and were able to see a musket fired by

Mr. Buccheri himself.

This course allows our students to examine America's fight for independence. As they travel back in our nation's history, they learn about the social and political climate that triggered a collaborative effort to find freedom. So as our students prepare for their future, they gain an understanding of our past. As Benjamin Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Michelle Yorio
Carmel Board of Education member
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UnWined Winebar & Kitchen

Baldwin Place

By Neal Rentz

Stephanie Small of Waccabuc and her business partner, Brian Moss of Somers, opened UnWined Winebar & Kitchen, Baldwin Place on June 30.

Though their restaurant is new, wine is something they are very familiar with. They also co-own UnCorked Wines & Spirits, which is located next door to their new eatery and that was the inspiration for why the duo decided to open UnWined, Small said last week. They opened UnCorked on November 11, 2015.

"What ultimately ended up happening was just meeting the clients and the customer base here, we just realized there was a need for something new in cuisine and food in the area," Small said.

The name of the new restaurant is a play on words on the name of the partner's wine store, Small said.

Small described the restaurant's menu as "American eclectic." UnWined does not offer tapas selections, she said. "We're not Spanish or Portuguese," Small said. "But we are really trying to adapt kind of a new menu concept for folks who want to come in and either get a small plate and enjoy some wine or have a full dining experience."

The restaurant specializes in small plates and composed dishes, which Small described as "petite entrees."

Small said "hands-down," the most popular small plate is the tiny tuna tacos. "They are done with a sushi grade tuna and avocado puree and they're done open faced" on a crispy wonton shell made in-house, she said. Another signature small plate is the caramelized



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The co-owners of UnWined Winebar & Kitchen in Baldwin Place are Stephanie Small of Waccabuc and Brian Moss of Somers.

pears and chorizo. "We cook that actually with a spirit that is distilled locally here in Mahopac called Kas," which a honey spiced liqueur, she explained. Kas is also used in some of the restaurant's other dishes and in some cocktails, Small said.

Two of the restaurant's signature small entrees are the pan seared scallops that are served over pureed cauliflower with some black truffle oil, crispy shallots and wild mushrooms and a five-ounce dry-aged New York strip steak with smashed potatoes, wilted arugula, lardons and chimichurri sauce.

A key to the success of the restaurant is its wine, Small said. "We have an extensive wine selection," she said. The eatery offers wine by the glass in 33 selections. "We're constantly searching for new wines," Small said. "We worked very, very, very long and hard to curate a wine list that we thought from a price standpoint would not be offensive to people."

Customers can order individual items one at a time when they desire to accompany their wine or four beers that are on tap, Small said. "The most amazing thing about this restaurant is there are no rules," she said.

UnWined Winebar and Kitchen is located in Baldwin Place in the Somers Commons Shopping Center, 80 Route 6 (next door to UnCorked Wines & Spirits). For more information, call 914-519-6190, send an e-mail to unwinedny@gmail.com or visit <https://www.unwinednewyork.com>. The business is also on Facebook and Instagram.

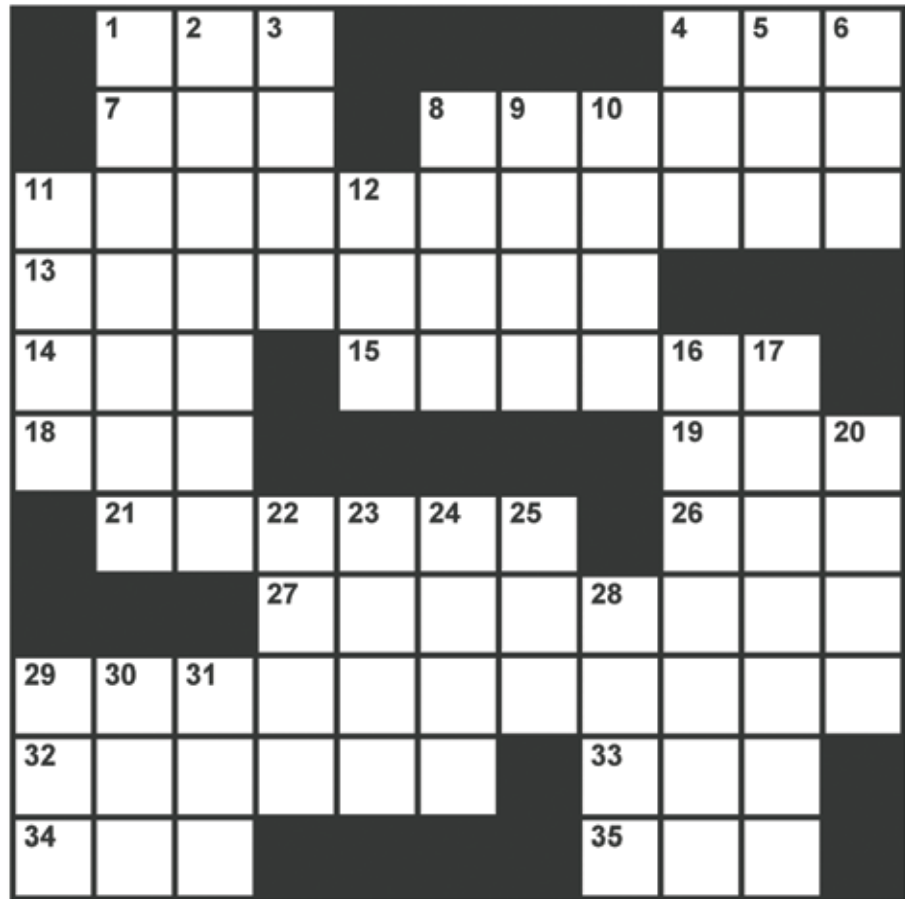


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UnWined Winebar opened in the Somers Commons Shopping Center in Baldwin Place on June 30.



Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 19

- Across**
- 1. Pouter
 - 4. Denver clock setting, abbr.
 - 7. One ____ million
 - 8. Black Sea port
 - 11. Where to get a delicious flattened beef patty in Cortlandt Manor
 - 13. Stellar musicians
 - 14. JFK posting
 - 15. "You ____!"
 - 18. Item in a photog's file
 - 19. S.American tuber
 - 21. Recover
 - 26. Croton "south of the border" restaurant, ____
 - To Go
 - 27. Antiquated
 - 29. Triangle description
 - 32. "Hollywoodland" star, Robin
 - 33. Opposite of safe
 - 34. Top exec
 - 35. Compass point
- Down**
- 1. Source of restrictions
 - 2. Fit to be tied
 - 3. Time gone by
 - 4. Additive in many processed foods
 - 5. Compass point
 - 6. Driveway surface

- 8. The duck in "Peter and the Wolf"
- 9. Bunny-forming dirt
- 10. Clapton or Burdon
- 11. Cinematographer Nykvist
- 12. Center of activity
- 16. Dramatic game winner
- 17. Transparent sheet
- 20. Figure skating jump
- 22. Enter
- 23. Experienced
- 24. "My word!"
- 25. "____ to worry"
- 28. Musician Redbone
- 29. Catchall abbr.
- 30. Canada's largest prov. in area
- 31. Card game akin to crazy eights



Obituaries

Valerie M. Baker

Valerie M. Baker of Carmel, died on November 4, surrounded by her family; she was 62 years old. Valerie was born in the Bronx on March 3, 1956, the daughter of Joseph and Alfonsina (Rotolo) Papale. Valerie loved the beach life, and often traveled to the Caribbean with friends and family. She had an unwavering affection for animals and all forms of life. Her devotion to helping and caring for others was often shown as she worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse throughout her life. Although, one of her most proudest moments

in her life was the achievement of her nursing license, she loved nothing more than being a mother, a wife, a family member, and a friend. She treasured her relationships with the ones she loved first and foremost. "Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what." - Valerie Baker. Valerie is survived by her husband Skipp, her son Christopher Sladic and his wife Beth, her son Zachary Baker, her siblings Loretta Preira (Papale) and Joseph Papale, and her grandchildren

Ranger and Rose Sladic.

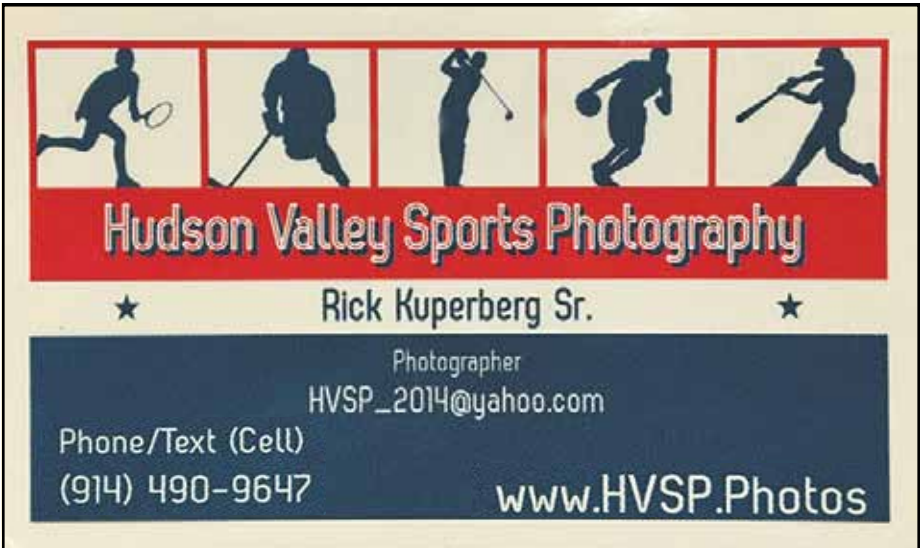
Jacqueline S. Keller

It is with heavy hearts the family of Jacqueline S. Keller, age 83, of Carmel, announces her passing on November 4. Jacqueline was born January 12, 1935 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Violet (Gassman) and Henry Jacke. She went on to marry the love of her life Walter Thomas Keller Jr on February 23, 1957 and together they were blessed with three adoring children Walter, Robert and Susan. Mrs. Keller loved music; she had a powerhouse opera voice which she so generously used to sing for her family and church choir. Her children remember a home filled with love, music and her singing. Jacqueline was a homemaker dedicating her whole life to her family and friends. Jacqueline was a beloved wife, loving mother and respected sister but her heart was happiest when she became a grandmother and her grandchildren were the light of her life. Mrs. Keller will be remembered for her love and dedication to her family and friends. She will be remembered for her beautiful voice and the beautiful memories she gifted family and friends. Jacqueline is survived by her children, her daughter Susan Bay, son in-law Antonio, her son Walter Thomas Keller

III, daughter in-law Holly, her son Robert Allen Keller, and her daughter in-law Contee. She is also survived by her precious grandchildren Sara, Nicholas, and Jacqueline. As well as her great-granddaughter Violette Mae and her brother Royal Klein. Jacqueline is pre deceased by her beloved husband Walter Thomas Jr. and by her brother Henry Jacke.

Lynn Ann Ryan

Lynn Ann Ryan, of Brewster and Mashpee, MA, died peacefully at Calvary Hospital on November 7. She was 71 years old. Born on November 11th, 1946 in Mt. Vernon, daughter of the late John and Veronica (Connors) Padler. She received her Associate's degree from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton College. On August 22, 1971 she married the love of her life John Ryan in New Rochelle. Lynn was a daycare worker with the Putnam County Department of Aging in Mahopac. She was an active parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Ridgefield, CT as well as Christ the King Church in Mashpee, MA. Mrs. Ryan is survived by her loving husband, John, her two children; Christopher, wife Hilary of Concord, NH, daughter Stephanie, and two grandchildren; Liam and Brennan, as well as her granddog, Clancy.



Mahopac Welcomes Stop & Shop to the Block



NIKKI GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Store manager Scott Bartomue cut the ribbon to the new Stop & Shop with several election officials on hand.



The Mahopac Fire Department held a proper welcome to the newest supermarket on the block.



The St. John's Food Pantry received a check from Stop & Shop to help fight hunger this holiday season.

After more than a year of construction and renovations, the new Stop & Shop opened its doors last weekend in Mahopac along Route 6. Taking over for the former Key Food in that space, the store held a grand opening ribbon cutting to much celebration.



The Mahopac Lions Club was on hand for the community event.



Other business owners from the shopping plaza were on hand, including one of the co-owners of D'bertos Pizza.



Jeff Feagles, the former punter for the New York Giants and Superbowl champ, takes a picture with an attendee of the grand opening.



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DA's Office Provides Computers To Cold Spring Police Dept.

Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy and Village of Cold Spring Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke announced last month the purchase and installation of two Panasonic Tough Book Laptop computers. The computers have been installed in two police vehicles and were purchased using District Attorney Asset Forfeiture money.

"These computers brought us from the 18th to 21st century," Burke said. "They are so fast, and they enable us to access information very quickly. It could be a routine traffic stop, an accident scene, a need to run a quick background check on a license or vehicle or driver. They are great tools."

Tendy said that the purchases were part of an effort to help law enforcement fill identified needs

which couldn't be filled through ordinary budgeting procedures. "Police Departments, particularly the smaller ones, run on a very tight budget and don't always have the funding necessary to purchase equipment like these computers. Whenever we can help out a department through asset forfeiture we'll do it. I know how useful these computers are, and I'm glad we could supply them. They are very high-tech state of the art machines."

Asset forfeiture money is the result of the proceeds of a crime being seized by law enforcement. "We usually get it from DWI vehicles, sometimes narcotics sale proceeds. If a person has numerous DWIs we will forfeit their car. We won't allow that person to drive anymore. They are simply too dangerous to the public,"



Tendy said, "If a person is selling drugs we will forfeit their vehicle if it is used to facilitate the sale or the transportation of the drugs, and

if we can take sale money we will." Officer Burke let us know what his department needed and we were very happy to help.

PCSN Presents Excellence in Communication Award to Brewster Resident

The Putnam Community Service Network Awards presented Margaret Carey with the Lyn & Buzz Burr Excellence in Communication Award on October 3, at the PCSN Ceremony at the Putnam County Golf Club.

The award is given to an individual or group who has exemplified commitment to community and human service in Putnam County during the past year in communication venues, including but not limited to, newspapers, radio, cable, newsletters, websites, presentations, etc.

Ms. Carey was nominated for her work as an editor of HamletHub. She started out with just a few online readers, but today thousands of area residents rely on HamletHub website and associated social media as their source of up-to-the-minute community news for Brewster, Carmel, and surrounding communities.



Margaret uses the HamletHub platform to generate local news with a very personal touch that brings communities

together and attracts an even larger following.

HamletHub has a "feel-good" vibe

that comes from Margaret's passion to make the community a better place to live, play, and raise a family. Margaret also wears many hats. Her dedication to the Cultural Arts Coalition, Brewster-Carmel Master Networks, Brewster Music and Fall Festival, Carmel High School Drama Club and other local theatrical performances shows her true commitment to serving her community.

You can sign up for the HamletHub Nightly Newsletter at www.BrewsterHamletHub.com and www.CarmelHamletHub.com or follow them on Facebook and Twitter. Congratulations to Margaret and all the nominees and award winners of the Putnam Community Service Network Awards. The PCSN is an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County.

Third Annual America Recycles Day Contest Scheduled for Nov. 15

Plastic film is everywhere: Store "carry-out" bags are made of it and paper towels come wrapped in it. Unfortunately most of it is not recycled, but the Putnam County Department of Health is trying to change that. Thursday, November 15 is America Recycles Day, and the health department is holding its Third Annual "Caught-in-the-Act" Contest that day and the following day, Friday, November 16.

On both days, the recycling coordinator from the health department will be looking for residents who recycle plastic film and rewarding them with a free reusable shopping bag, and social media recognition for their efforts. Thursday's event will take place in the morning at Acme in Mahopac, 149 Route 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and then from 2 to 4 p.m. in Brewster at DeCicco & Sons, 15 Independent Way at the intersection of Route 312 and Interstate 84. On Friday, the event will end with a morning session in Cold Spring at Food Town, 49 Chestnut Street and Route 9D.

"Plastic film is an environmental hazard, and an eyesore when found scattered along the roadside in our beautiful county," says County Executive

MaryEllen Odell. "Many people don't know it can be recycled because it is not collected from your home. Instead, plastic film must be dropped off. Many of the larger stores we shop in every day are required to collect it. It's the right thing to do, for your family and for your community."

"The number of plastic bags that people use is staggering and less than one percent are recycled," says interim Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD. "The positive impact on the environment would be immense if everyone would make the effort to start and it then becomes routine."

The health department works with stores in the county that are required by law to accept plastic films. All large retail stores, or chains with more than five smaller stores, must participate. Currently there are 24 drop-off locations in Putnam County, including Home Depot, Acme, and Kohl's in Brewster, Acme in Mahopac, and at Foodtown in Cold Spring. A complete list is posted online at the PCDOH website.

P'ville Firm Eases Homeowners' Certificate of Occupancy Process

Whether you're planning a simple home improvement job or adding an entire wing to your house, obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy can be a daunting experience. There's now a local firm that can ease the pain and do all the work for you.

GET MY C.O. is a Pleasantville-based company that opened in January offering a one-stop service to acquiring a Certificate of Occupancy. Run by brothers Michael and Tim Lener and Tim's wife JoAnn, it boasts the expertise of two architects (Tim and JoAnn) and Michael's experience as a businessman to get the job done.

"We have a lot of clients who go to the Building Department of their municipalities and find such things as their basement being recorded as finished storage space and not habitable when, in fact, it may have a finished bedroom and bath," Michael Lener said. "If the Building Department says it's unfinished, then that is what it is, and they have to go through the whole process of getting a CO."

In such cases, Tim Lener said drawings must be submitted and a building permit obtained to bring the space up to code. Final town inspections and paperwork are



By Bill Primavera

also required. Towns have extra fees, which can run as high as \$1,000 per item, he said.

"So if an attic and a basement don't have COs, it can be costly to the homeowner," Tim said. "Plus, the town might triple the building fee that should have been paid in the first place."

Sometimes it's not worth the effort. One client in Briarcliff Manor decided to rip out the third-floor attic rather than go through the trouble and expense of installing required sprinklers down to the front door. However, a similar case in Pleasantville, where sprinklers were added, increased the

value of the home.

Work can be expensive if you include Building Department, architect and electrician and plumber fees.

"It could end up costing \$5,000 to legalize a basement space," Tim said. "What we do is take all these aspects of the process and put them under a one-stop umbrella so that they can make one phone call, rather than talking to maybe five or six people."

GET MY C.O. also does "detective work," investigating when construction was done to know which code to go by. In New Castle, half of one client's large

basement was finished in the 1960s. To prove that the work was done under a less restrictive code, the Leners removed electric outlet covers off to expose older wiring.

Then there was a Briarcliff Manor homeowner who wanted to add a shower in the bathroom.

"Although it was just adding a fixture, the town required that she present a drawing and a licensed plumber and electrician to certify that the work was done properly," Michael Lener said. "We were able to handle everything from the drawing and submission for the building permit to recommending contractors to bring it up to code."

Tim Lener said the company offers a free 30-minute consultation, which features an assessment of the scope of work and preliminary cost estimates.

"Maybe a project requires only a drawing for a CO, or it can be more involved to bring the space up to code," he said.

Besides drawings, work includes presenting the application and fee, contractor license and insurance information, scheduling inspections with the town and sometimes a survey. The Leners work on COs for finished basements, decks, porches, bathrooms, converting garages into family rooms and attics.

An inspection with the town will be



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From left, Michael, JoAnn and Tim Lener of GET MY C.O.

scheduled to verify that the work was done properly. The application fee is small, about \$50, after the building permit is received. The town will issue an inspection report.

Assuming all goes well with the site inspection, GET MY C.O. will then fill out and submit the Certificate of Occupancy application on the owner's behalf. They will also follow up until the CO is issued.

For more information, call 914-727-0980 or visit www.getmyco.com.

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Trekking Through the Southern Expanse of Spain's Wine Regions



By Nick Antonaccio

I hope you've been heeding my encouragement to explore Spain's new generation of wines coming to the New World. In the past two columns I've been focusing on an overview of Spanish wines and history, including a virtual tour from 35,000 feet.

This week's column, part three of my reprised, multi-focus virtual tour of Spain's primary wine-producing regions, begins to focus on specific geographic regions.

I've segregated Spain into six wine regions – from south to north. Loosely defined, they are the South, the Mediterranean Coast, the Meseta Central, the Ebro River Valley, the Duero River Valley and Green Spain. As we move from the dry, desert-like region in the south to the opposite extreme of wet and cool in the northwest, so too the wines change from region to region. From light whites to rosé to medium-bodied reds to

heavy, alcoholic reds, there is a style and a particular wine that will satisfy the most discriminating palate.

Let's begin our tour in the South. There is not much to tantalize us here.

Yes, the desert is surprising to see in a land that we consider lush and highly developed, but its proximity to Africa and its seclusion created by the surrounding mountains, make for very little land suitable for agriculture. Except if you like fortified wine.

In the southwest corner, near the port city of Jerez, is a small pocket of land mildly suitable for agriculture. But the enterprising Spaniards have adapted well to their environment. They have been refining a unique process for centuries and have influenced history with the wine from this region: Sherry.

The final product sold in wine shops is the result of a laborious, time-consuming method that is painstakingly watched over.

Sherry has been revered for centuries, from the 15th century Spanish explorers who brought this fortified (and therefore long-

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lasting) wine on all of their expeditions, to the English, who considered Sherry to be medicinal.

Let's take a look at the wine-making process: cultivated white grapes are spread out in the sun

to dry, like raisins, intensifying the sugar content. After fermentation, the wine juice is exposed to air, allowing a yeast layer to grow on top of the barrel of wine, which interacts with the natural alcohol in the barrels.

Next comes the first of two unique steps. A type of brandy is added to fortify the wine to an alcohol level of 15 to 17 percent. When sufficiently mature, the wine goes through a second unique step: a blending process called the solera system. A portion of the wine from the current vintage, from 5 percent to 30 percent, is transferred from its original barrel to a barrel of a previous vintage. The displaced wine from that barrel is then transferred to the next oldest barrel, and so on for up to nine or more barrels.

At the end of the line, the (first) sherry removed from the oldest blended barrel is bottled. This blending allows the winemaker to produce a consistent wine that has marvelous components each year.

There are two basic styles of Sherries produced and multiple subsets of these.

Fino Sherries are lighter, typically served cold with tapas and are a bit austere, with bright acidity and a sharp, light salty nut flavor. Olorosos are served at room temperature with dessert or cheese. They are robust and rich flavored, with a vanilla and caramel aroma and a hazelnut bouquet.

The best Sherries will hold their own against any other aperitif or dessert wine, including moscato, port, ice wine and Sauternes.

One of my favorites was described by a friend who is Sherry-obsessed: "It can be enjoyed on its own, but it pairs so well with desserts, especially chocolate and cheese. It has an intense flavor of raisins, figs and spices with a syrupy texture that complements the dessert at hand."

Experimentation will reward you with a new wine in your repertoire of favorite wines. Sherry should be an addition to your wine-consuming bucket list.

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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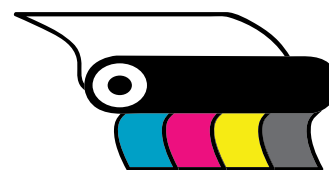
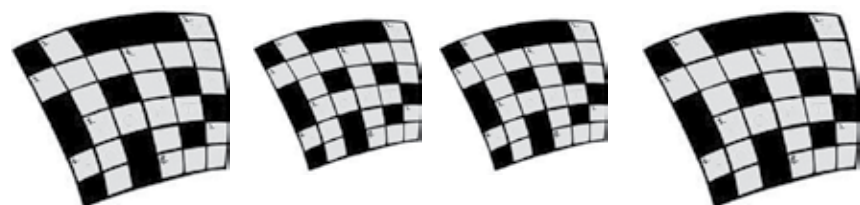
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Tuesday, November 13

Come join us at the Mahopac Koehler Center and have fun creating decorations or gifts. Our Crafts class takes place every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Please call Mary White at 845-808-1734 with any questions.

If you haven't seen the first Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, come to the Kent Library on 5:00 p.m., to see it before *The Crimes of Grindelwald* comes out! Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

DIY Flashlight for grades 6-12. 3:30 p.m. Use simple materials to make a custom flashlight. Registration required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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Kindergarten Book Club. A special book club for children in Kindergarten. 4:30 p.m. Every week hear a new story and make a craft project. Have fun with book-related games & activities. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Book Buddies – Children in grades 1-3 have the opportunity to read with a buddy in grades 6-12. 4:30 p.m. Registration is required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Wednesday, November 14

Swords, Sorcery and Critical Thinking: Dungeons and dragons for teens at Brewster Library Brewster Library is inviting would-be adventurers who are age 13 and older to come together and weave a tale of fantasy and heroics! The library's D&D club meets on alternating Wednesdays (November 14th, December 5th & 14th), from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the library's programming room. The adventure at the library this winter involves exploring a very haunted mansion. No prior D&D experience is necessary. To register, visit brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Master Networks Mixer to be held at Moonlight Café in Brewster: The Brewster-Carmel Chapter of Master Networks invites you to attend their November 14 Mixer at Moonlight Café 850 Route 22 in Brewster from 6-9pm. Moonlight Café is a "relaxed food joint" with a newly opened bar. They have a variety of food & beverages available for purchase including vegan options, desserts, kombucha & nitro coffee. Enjoy

live music by Riley Krisch while you network with like-minded individuals. Learn how Master Networks can grow your business through building relationships and enjoy a great evening of conversation and connection. For more information contact: CoachGlo at 914-204-1703 Laurie Spens at LSpens@comcast.net Margaret Carey at MargaretC@HamletHub.com

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, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, November 15

Foreign Film Screening – A Man Called Ove, a film from Sweden. 6:30 p.m. Running time: 115 minutes; screened in Swedish with English subtitled. Registration requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Carmel Central School District Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon: Senior citizens residing in the Carmel Central School District are invited to the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon prepared by the Carmel Central School District's Food Services Department. Reservations must be made by calling the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources 845-808-1700, ext. 47100 by Thursday, November 8.

The Origins of the Victorian Christmas: 7 p.m. Leon DiMartino will discuss how Victorian traditions made Christmas the holiday we celebrate today and their impact on movies, literature, and American culture. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Friday, November 16

Thousands of Word For Young Readers Brewster Library expands story time programming. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 11 a.m., an afternoon story time program on Wednesday afternoons at 1 PM, and evenings with Dakota the Literacy Dog on Thursdays at 5:00 PM. To register, visit brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Bling's The Thing: Jewelry-making workshops at Brewster Library. Bling's The Thing founder Joan Lloyd returns to Brewster Public Library in November to share her jewelry-making skills and beadwork supplies! There will be a workshop for adults: 5 p.m. -7 p.m. The program and materials are free,

but patrons are asked to craft at least one pair of earrings for donation to a battered women's shelter. To register, visit brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

An Oneg Shabbat, Joy of Sabbath will follow the service with refreshments, provided by our members. Our Judaica gift shop, complete with gift and holiday items will be open prior to and after services for your shopping pleasure. 7:30 p.m. We would love to welcome new and prospective members and their families to learn more about Temple Beth Elohim, "House of God". Temple Beth Elohim is a Reform synagogue and while Reform in orientation, the Temple practices liberal Judaism within an atmosphere that is warm and traditional. Please invite your friends to be part of our Shabbat Service, meet Rabbi Laurie Gold and members of our congregation. We welcome all unaffiliated families, so please invite your friends.

Festival of Trees: Benefiting Ann's Place. Danbury Sports Dome. 25 Shelter Rock Ln, Danbury, CT. Spirits soar under a 90' ceiling with Holiday Tree competition, craft beer tasting, and the Tennessees & Ties Gala. The weekend brings musicians and dancers, artisans and quilters, gifts, sporting games, Tom Pesce's Saturday Magic, famous characters, amazing raffles. Festival has it all and only needs YOU! Come help create the miracle of hope & comfort for our neighbors living with cancer by sponsoring, volunteering and attending Festival of Trees at the Danbury Sports Dome. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Lynn Stubbe (lynn@annsplace.org)

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Saturday, November 17

Maze Masters: Family-made mazes at Brewster Library Maze builders and solvers of all ages are invited to come doodle their most perplexing pathways at Brewster Public. 1 p.m. Who can make the most mystifying maze? Who can solve it the fastest? What if it has tunnels, or turns three-dimensional? Families will learn all kind of tips and tricks to make the craziest mazes imaginable. To

register, visit brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND CARNIVAL: Hosted by Carmel Community Girl Scouts: 11 a.m., -3 p.m. Lake Carmel Community Center, 10 Huguenot Road, Carmel Crafts, Games, Bake Sale, Gift Baskets

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Sunday, November 18

LADIES AUXILIARY CASH BINGO: Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair St., Carmel. Admission is \$30. Jackpot is \$500. Limited to the first 100 people. Please bring a toiletry item to donate for our troops. Doors open at 1pm and calling begins at 2 p.m. Proceeds donated to Vet2Vet Program and United for the Troops. Email Ladieskofc@gmail.com with questions.

Monday, November 19

Rose Christmas will visit the Kent Library again this fall to offer a new workshop for energy healing and stress relief on two select Mondays: Nov. 19 & Dec. 17. This is an adult program. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

High-flying Somers' G Conor O'Donoghue, and defenders Tim McCormack (16) and Sean Dickson (20), were living high on the hog after the state-ranked (No.3) Tuskers knocked off No.1 Queensbury, 2-1, in the semifinals of the NYSPHSAA Class A boys' soccer tournament last Saturday at Mount St. Mary's College, but their delight was short lived when No.2 Amityville, in movie-like fashion, created the horror and dashed the dreams of All-NYS Somers striker Lucas Fecci, Bennett Leitner (inset photo) and the Tusker faithful in Sunday's 2-1 Class A title win over Somers, denying the Tuskers their second NYS title in three years... see Soccer Notebook

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Soccer Notebook

Somers' Bid for 2nd NYS Title in 3 Years Stopped in Finals

No.3 Tuskers Thwarted by No.2 Amityville, 2-1; Haldane Girls Fall in State Semis

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MIDDLETOWN -- When Somers junior wing Evan Mazzola hunted down a loose ball along the near sideline and snapped a centering pass along end line into the box against his body, the ball somehow found the head of All-Section senior M Jon Riina, who headed one home with 47 seconds left, lifting state-ranked (No.3) Somers to a 2-1 victory against No.1 Queensbury last Saturday in the NYSPHSAA Class A semifinal at

Mount Saint Mary College.

With a second state title in three years just a win within its reach, Somers (19-5) found the sledging much tougher in Sunday's 2-1 state championship loss to No.2 Amityville at Faller Field in Middletown.

Somers senior All-NYS striker Lucas Fecci delivered a goal in each game over the weekend, and the Tuskers played to the final buzzer against the Warriors, with Fecci heading one home in the 73rd minute of title tilt, but the frenzied Tuskers were denied several quality

looks by Amityville in the game's waning moments.

"They were definitely a great team," Fecci admitted. "They had a lot of great players and coaches. We just couldn't finish, but there's nothing we can do about it. We still had a great season and I'll never forget this team."

Somers outscored its playoff opponents by a combined 25-6 count, but the Tusker defense was up against a quick, deft-touch Amityville (21-0-1) attack that savored purpose and quality over quantity. And quality was at a premium for Somers when Riina lost his cool early in the second half and was promptly served a yellow card, leading to a 12-minute benching from Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta.

"If you guys know the Incredible Hulk like I do, you know at any moment if his head's not in it he can be tough, and we needed Jon too cool off for a bit," the coach said. "Keeping him calm was one of the most important things before we put him back out there."

With Riina on the sidelines, Somers had a tough time generating an attack, but within seconds after his return, Fecci headed home a corner from senior M Alex Maher with seven minutes to play. Somers pressed hard over the final seven but was turned away on several close calls.

"I've got mad respect for that Amityville program," Lanzetta admitted. "We developed a great relationship with those

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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers G Conor O'Donoghue and teammates took the state championship loss, as one would imagine.



Somers striker Lucas Fecci back-taps shot on goal in Tuskers 2-1 NYS semifinal win over Queensbury Saturday.



Somers M Jon Riina scores game-winning goal in Tuskers' 2-1 NYSPHSAA Class A semifinal win over Section 2 champ Queensbury Saturday at Mount St. Mary's.



Somers M Jon Riina and teammate Joe Grippo (7) react to Riina's GWG in 2-1 NYSPHSAA semifinal win over Queensbury Saturday.



Somers' Sean Dixon (20), Bennett Leitner and Lucas Fecci waltz off Faller Field after heartbreaking 2-1 loss in NYS Class A title loss to Amityville Sunday.

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Somers junior M Andrew Lasher tries his best to beat Amityville keeper late in 2-1 NYS Class A title loss last Sunday in Middletown.

guys two years ago (when Somers defeated the Warriors in the state semis). That's a hell of a team, well coached. He's got two or three distinct players that make all the difference for them, they're unbelievable. They eat, sleep and breath soccer.

"But I am super proud of my guys," he added. "They played to the end, and to be honest with you there were four or five times where we could have finished and put them away. We're not going out as losers in my mind. We have nothing to be ashamed of. I'm not one to complain, but for a New York State game like this the inconsistency of the refing that was going on really put a damper on things. But in the heat of the moment we can't let that get to us. Some of my guys showed some frustration to it and let it get the better of them."

The frustration began when Amityville struck first, scoring the game's initial goal on a somewhat controversial play,



Somers was lucky to rebound from this miscue that allowed Queensbury to tie NYS Class A semifinal game Tuskers would eventually win 2-1.

which Somers believed to be off-sides and interference on the Warrior goal scorer, Kymani Hines.

"That's where we started to crumble,"

Lanzetta said.

Several seniors on the 2018 roster, who served on the 2016 NYSPHSAA championship team, finished with an astounding 53-10-2 record over the course of three splendid seasons.

"It was an amazing senior class," Lanzetta said. "This was one of the best soccer weekends in the world for us. We're not coming out of here as losers, we're winners for having played here."

Against Queensbury (19-2), it took a special effort from Mazzola to spark the Tuskers in the game's final minute. His perfectly-placed cross found the head of Riina for the game-winning goal. Fecci had spotted the Tuskers a 1-0 lead on a first-half goal.

"We got a lot of crosses coming through the middle," Riina said. "We just gotta find someone to put a head on it or a foot on it just to tap it in. We had a bunch there in the

second half that looked promising but that last one from Evan really got it. I got a head on it and it went into the back of the net. Evan really is a playmaker, one of my best friends. I've been playing with this kid for a while now and those combos are something we do a lot in practice and I saw him making that run, so I just ran across into the box looking to get something on it and when I saw it come across into the box like that I knew I had to finish it."

The Tuskers had lost some composure with about 20 minutes to play, allowing Queensbury to gain the better of play and finally tie the game at 1-1 with seven minutes to play.

"Hats off to Queensbury, for sure, they did their best," Lanzetta said. "We had a couple of chances to put them away and we didn't and it frustrates the boys. We gave up a stupid goal with the son in Conor's eyes, but for us to battle back and get the game-winning goal just shows the heart and what these men behind me are truly made of. They are amazing and it's just crazy that it happened. We just kept whipping balls in and crashing guys to the net, one ball in and one ball across and that was it. Riina's unbelievable man. It just goes to show you that accolades mean nothing, to me both Jon and Fecci are both All-Americans. It shows right here, they're unmarkable, so versatile and involved in so many different things besides



Somers senior M Alex Maher heads ball out of his zone in 2-1 NYSPHSAA Class A title loss to Amityville Sunday at Faller Field.

goals. What they bring to this team is unbelievable."

Indeed! What these seniors brought to the program is something that is unrivaled in its history, something that could take quite some time to match.

HALDANE belied its 9-8-1 record and upheld the rich tradition of a nine-time reigning Section 1 Class C champion by reaching the NYSPHSAA girls' soccer semis before Section 2 champion Stillwater's Brooke Pickett and Teya Staie scored two goals apiece last Saturday to lead Stillwater's top-ranked girls' soccer team to a 4-0 win at Cortland High School.

Stillwater (22-0-1), last year's state runner-up, put pressure on the Blue Devils early, so Haldane goalie Abigail Platt needed to be at her best from the get-go to keep things scoreless.

Haldane had a great scoring chance in the 23rd minute when Bella Monteleone broke in on a fast-break chance from 30 yards, which went just wide, and Blue Devil junior Jade Vilella had a long blast on net, which Stillwater G Kiersten Conroy stopped for the eventual NYS champs.



Somers players bask in the glow of their 2-1 NYSPHSAA Class A semifinal win over top-ranked Queensbury Saturday at Mt. St. Mary's.

Lakeland Denied Equalizer in 1-0 NYS Title Loss to Garden City

Hornets Shut Out for 1st Time Since 2008, Lose for 1st Time Since 2012

By Tony Pinciario

For the first time in 10 years the final score of the New York State Field Hockey Championship Class B title game was not in Lakeland's favor as Garden City pulled off a 1-0 victory at Williamsville North High School.

The victory snapped Lakeland's New York State-record nine consecutive Class B championships, an unprecedented mark in the history of the state field hockey tournament. Despite the final result, Lakeland walked off with its collective heads held high knowing it left the proverbial 'everything on the field'.

"We came out and played as a team," said senior and captain Julia Cummings. "We held our own and did the best we could. We didn't come out with a win, but I'm extremely proud of the way my team and myself performed."

The game was evenly-played, which was to be expected considering Lakeland and Garden City play for the state

championship annually. Garden City finished an opportunity 5:30 into the second half, then entrusted its defense to fend off Lakeland's vaunted offense. The defenses played outstanding as Garden City registered two penalty corners and Lakeland had one, a season-low for both teams. Usually, both teams reached double digits consistently throughout the season.

Lakeland, which won its 10 straight Section 1 Class B title, finished with a 22-1 record, falling for the first time since a 2012 loss to mighty Darien (CT). Lakeland advanced to the state final four with regional victories over Rondout Valley, 4-1, and Burnt Hills-Ballston Spa, 1-0. The Hornets defeated Afton, 2-0, in a state semifinal while Garden City beat Mendon in the other semifinal. Lakeland senior F Cara O'Shea scored both goals in the Lakeland triumph over Afton.

"Garden City was a very strong team, as well, and competing with them and having such a close game was a good experience," said Cummings, who finished with 11 goals and 19 assists.

Even though the final result was not in the Hornets' favor, Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen was effusive in her praise.

"I am so proud of this group," Sarsen said. "To play at the level they did all season long has been most impressive. They carried themselves with class each and every day, including in today's disappointing loss. I am so proud to be their coach today as much as always."

Lakeland has been Section 1's most dominant team this century. Since 2003, Lakeland has won 11 state championships – 2003, '06, '09-'17 – 12 overall.



Lakeland G Kellie Smith eyes up a save in Hornets' 2-0 NYSPHSAA Class B semifinal win over Section 4 champ Afton Saturday.

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Lakeland senior F Cara O'Shea scored both goals in Hornets' 2-0 NYSPHSAA semifinal win over Afton Saturday at Williamsville North.



Lakeland Captain Julianna Cappello works ball up field in Hornets' 1-0 loss to Garden City in NYSPHSAA Class B title game last Sunday at Williamsville North.

The 2003 team featured only two seniors – current Lakeland Junior Varsity field hockey Coach Danielle Fiore and current Copper Beech Modified field hockey Coach Andi (Coiro) Geraghty. The 2003 team also featured three freshmen, Melissa Gonzalez, Kara Connolly and Amy Voelkel, who all contributed to the

determination and it is shown through all of our accomplishments. Our history also shows our dedication to this sport and how dedication will be continued through the years."

Many factors have made this a memorable season for Lakeland, one of which was tremendous team camaraderie.



Lakeland seniors had plenty of reason to hold their heads high after falling in NYS Class B finals, 1-0, to Garden City.

state title. In 2006, these three formed the nucleus of Lakeland's state-championship team. In 2003 and '06, Lakeland was the state Class A champion.

Lakeland returned to the state Class A final in 2007, only to be upset by Williamsville North, 2-1. Following a loss to Putnam Valley in the Section 1 Class B final in 2008, Lakeland began its history-making run in 2009.

"Our history is a great part of Lakeland field hockey, but Sars is the backbone of it all," Cummings said. "She is an amazing coach who has been such a great teacher and role model these past years. I really look up to her and I'm so thankful that I was able to be coached by the best of the best. Sars also teaches us the importance of hard work and

"This season has been such a great experience for my teammates and I," Cummings said. "The bond that this team has is truly amazing. We enjoyed every second of playing together and we're so grateful that we had the opportunities that we did. I'm so proud of the way we performed this whole season. I hope the younger players have learned from and looked up to the seniors."

"Lakeland field hockey will last forever and has given us so many memories to look back on and be thankful for."

O'Shea was the Hornets' sportsmanship award recipient while senior midfielder Emily Kness and junior defender/midfielder Erin Daly were named to the Class B NYS all-tournament team for Lakeland.

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It's True: All Good Things Must Come to an End



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So, my wife and I have been together for nearly 20 years since we first started this wondrous 2-for-1 deal, which I get the best of every day, honey. So when she asks me, 'Did Lakeland field hockey win another championship today?', the response -- ever since the Hornets' 2008 Section 1 championship loss to Putnam Valley -- has been, "Yeah, of course they did, ya' have to ask?"

It's gotten to the point where I've considered a cut-and-paste story version of Coach Sharon Sarsen's Lakeland High field hockey program each year (JK), simply changing the names around while inserting new heroes into the program's distinctive annals.

But when my wife returned from Costco last Sunday, and rhetorically asked again, "Sars won states, right?", I had to tell her something I've only had to say a handful of times since we first met at the Red Mills Pub prior to the turn of the century.

"No," I said, only hours after Lakeland suffered a 1-0 loss to rival Garden City in the NYSPHSAA Class B finals at Williamsville North High School on Sunday. "All good things must end."

But to have it end in the state finals isn't such a bad ending, is it? The only way to answer that question is to remind the reader that no other NYS field hockey program in the history of the tournament has been to 10-straight title tilts, much less

won nine of them.

Sarsen's résumé reads like an inexpressible fictional tale, because words fail me at times like this: I mean who appears in 10 consecutive NYSPHSAA Class B championships and goes 9-1 in them?

I ain't no spin doctor for 12-time NYS champion Sharon Sarsen, who was recently minted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame; she don't need no spin. So, she finally lost one! It was bound to happen, I reckon. But that will never tarnish this dynasty and what I consider the most impressive state championship run in the 30-plus years I've been covering sports on the Section 1 block. Someone will have to show me something more momentous before I concede that notion.

So, for the first time since 2008, classy Lakeland didn't have a dogpile on their goalie after a state championship game. Perhaps the only thing more earth-shattering to me was that first kiss at the Red Mills Pub back in 1999 and the subsequent changes in my life.

Congrats Lakeland, on a run second to none...

And here's a tip of the cap to the **SOMERS** boys' soccer program for reaching its second state final in three years. Yeah, the state-ranked (No.2 as of Monday) Tuskers were denied the second state title in three years after a 2-1 loss to Section 11 champion Amityville in the NYSPHSAA Class A

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As they've done so often the last decade, Lakeland forms yet another mosh pit around their goalie after moving on to NYS Class B finals in 2-0 semifinal win over Afton Saturday.

championship game at Faller Field on the swank campus of Middletown High, but Coach Brian Lanzetta has this program head and shoulders above most in Section 1. Same goes for the **HALDANE** girls' soccer program, second to none in Section 1 Class C with its nine-straight sectional titles...

Okay, so the scent of snow is in the air this week and I'm just about ready to hibernate at local gymnasiums from now till early March. It's hoops season, y'all, which means it's time to forward your basketball rosters and all things "previewy" to Raygallaghersports@gmail.com, so hit me up.



Hen Hud's Ashanti Davis slams home kill in Sailors' five-set loss to Cornwall in Class A Region 1 championship last Saturday.



Hen Hud's Madisen Lupica slams down a kill in Sailors' five-set loss to Cornwall in Region 1 Class A title match.



Hen Hud seniors Pamela Loh (L) and Ashley Perez receive NYS Region 1 Class A runner-up plaque after falling to Cornwall in five sets Saturday.

Hen Hud Drops Grueling 5-Set Match in NYS Regional Round



Remarkable athleticism like this from Pamela Loh enabled Hen Hud to reach Region 1 Class A title game where they suffered 5-set loss to Cornwall.

GREGORY LOH PHOTOS

Fine Day for a “Turk”ey Trot!



Carmel Senior Medals at NYS Cross Country Meet

Carmel sophomore Katie Turk was all smiles after medaled in 18th place (out of 100 runners) with a time 19:17 to help the Section 1 girls' team claim the top prize in the NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country Championships last Saturday at Sunken Meadow State Park on Long Island. Turk also qualified to run at NYS Federations next week, a race pitting the best runners in of all of NY State (NYSPHSAA, PSAL, CHSAA, AISAA) in one girls' race. With a late pass, Haldane's Shannon Ferri also medaled in the Class D girls' race.