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Threat Sends Brewster Schools into Panic

By David Propper

A threat made against Brewster High School led to an uneasy stir throughout the school community the week before holiday break and landed one student temporarily in police custody last Tuesday night.

At about 10 p.m., the district received several messages through Anonymous Alerts that a student, who was already suspended, posted threats against the high school using a social media account. Law enforcement was contacted right away and went to the student's home to conduct a safety check, the district said in a letter. That student was placed into police custody, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning said. He was later released.

On Wednesday and throughout the rest of the week, as a precaution, all schools were placed on lockdown. A lockdown is different from a lockdown because a lockdown is meant to keep someone or something outside of the building. An additional deputy was stationed outside the high school, as well.

Henning said the school would reassess future safety measures after speaking with the sheriff's department.

"I want to thank the people who used Anonymous Alerts to notify us," Henning wrote. "Without this notice, we would not have been able to act as quickly."

Law enforcement in the county also addressed the situation, though vaguely because the student is a minor. Raise

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Scuccimarra Looks Back on County Leg. Tenure

By David Propper

Traveling from Garrison to Carmel, outgoing Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra arguably had the longest drive compared to her eight colleagues on the legislature.

To pass the time during the more than 20 miles and 30 minutes of travel, she would listen to books on tape.

"I went through a lot of novels," Scuccimarra, who represented District 1 for six years, said.

Starting Jan. 1, Scuccimarra, a Republican, won't have to worry about as many long drives as she departs from the legislature after falling to incoming county lawmaker and Democrat Nancy Montgomery in last November's

election. While leaving sooner than she would've liked, Scuccimarra, a 46-year resident, called her two terms on the legislature "productive" where she was able to accomplish some of the goals she set out to achieve when she took office.

Most notably, and what led to never-ending controversy, is how Scuccimarra helped usher in a new and improved senior center for the west side of the county. Despite setbacks and intense criticism of the project that opponents slammed as too expensive, a new senior center was finally opened at the Butterfield redevelopment on Dec. 18.

She even snipped the ribbon during

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Carmel School Board Puts Forth 3rd Bond Package

By Anna Young

This year will end the same way it began for the Carmel Board of Education as members and residents bickered and squabbled over a bond proposal that has led to exhausting infighting with much of the fury directed at one trustee.

As board members and residents anticipate the district's third bond proposal vote next year on items that would enhance the district, a mixture of anger and desperation filled the auditorium at Matthew Patterson Elementary last week from those who don't want to see another referendum fail.

The school system has already offered two bonds, but both have been voted down. One was shot down in Dec. 2017 and the other was rejected narrowly in

October. Following the October vote, residents came out in droves urging the board to place the bond up for another vote.

Residents and board members have also taken aim at board member John Curzio over the last year for his opposition to a portion of the proposal.

During last week's meeting, the board split the latest bond into two propositions. One bond proposition, which passed by a 7-0 vote, would fix failing roofs, make each school building ADA compliant and enhance the middle school library. The other would move the transportation garage from George Fischer Middle School to a parcel of a property in the

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Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra with her legislative colleagues. She is leaving the legislature at the end of the year.

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Cuomo Aims to Legalize Marijuana in New York

By David Propper

Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced in a speech last week that he will advocate for the legalization of recreational marijuana.

"The fact is we have had two criminal justice systems: one for the wealthy and the well off, and one for everyone else," Cuomo said during a speech in Manhattan, noting the injustice has "for too long targeted the African-American and minority communities."

Democrats captured the state Senate in November, and the Assembly is already controlled by Democrats, likely setting the stage for the swift approval of legalization in early 2019. As Cuomo looks ahead to his third term, the Dec. 17 speech detailed his goals for his first 100 days of the New Year.

The debate over legalization going into the new session could be heated with opponents of the bill claiming allowing marijuana usage could lead to harder drug use.

Outgoing Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra sent a letter to the state earlier this year outlining the negative effects of passing the law.

According to a study conducted by the state health department, Scuccimarra said youth marijuana smoking would increase and between 8.9 percent and 30 percent



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Governor Andrew Cuomo wants to legalize marijuana in New York.

of the population who uses marijuana will develop some form of dependence, pointing to other states that have legalized marijuana. Overall, there would be more drug use within the state, Scuccimarra said, citing the study.

"Please consider the epidemic of drug overdose deaths in New York in recent years. Legalizing recreational use of marijuana will increase availability for adolescents and decrease the perception of risk of harm, which will ultimately lead to an overall increase in drug use," Scuccimarra wrote on behalf of the

county task force, One Army in the War on Addiction.

Drug Crisis in our Backyard, a non-profit that fights addiction, sent out an email blast encouraging residents to write to Cuomo prior to his announcement. The organization, which was founded by one Mahopac and one Somers family that each lost a son to an overdose, provided a letter template that argued against legalization.

"The path to marijuana legalization is a slippery slope, and it will have grave repercussions for future generations. As the country is in the grip of the worst drug epidemic in history, we have to ask ourselves whether legalization of marijuana will serve our communities," part of the letter stated. "The answer is obvious: it won't."

Cuomo was previously against legalization but has changed his view on the issue. There has been wide speculation that Cuomo might run for president in

2020.

Neighboring New Jersey is also moving toward legalizing recreational use of marijuana; in all, 10 states and Washington, D.C., have legalized recreational marijuana.

New York State would see a new tax revenue surge of between \$248 million and \$677 million in the first year of legalization, according to a state Department of Health commission report released in July. How to use that revenue is up for debate, with some advocating for the money to be spent on New York City's subway system while others propose investing it in black and Latino communities where the criminalization of marijuana has hit hard.

Working Families Party member Andrew Falk, of Patterson, said there is a racial justice component to legalizing marijuana because black and Latino people are criminalized at a higher rate for marijuana use than white people, even though each group of people use the drug roughly the same amount. He said legalization would be the moral thing to do in order to provide equity.

"We should legalize marijuana and expunge people's criminal records so that we have more room in our jails for crooked bankers and politicians," Falk said.



Is Your Biological Clock Ticking? The Trend toward Later Motherhood...

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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.

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A Look Back At The Year It Was In Putnam County

By David Propper

January

A new leadership team was established on the Putnam County Legislature when lawmaker Joe Castellano was selected as the chairman, replacing Ginny Nacerino, who served as head of the lawmaking body for two years. Legislator Toni Addonizio was named vice-chairwoman, taking the spot previously held by Castellano... The Mahopac Board of Education tapped a well-known resident to lead the school system when it unanimously approved Anthony DiCarlo at its January meeting. The mid-year leadership change sent former school chief Dennis Creedon



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The Carmel Board of Education had tense meetings throughout the entire year.

packing, though he was still paid for the rest of the year as a consultant. DiCarlo, who would start his new job the following month, called being the Mahopac superintendent his "ultimate dream."... In the Carmel school system, the start of the year was just an indication of how much fighting there would be between school Trustee John Curzio and the majority of the board. A removal hearing was held against Curzio to determine if the young trustee violated education law by voicing his opposition to a bond package proposed by the district at the end of 2017 that failed. Opponents of Curzio claimed he used district resources to fight against the bond, while supporters of him argued he had a right to free speech... A Pawling man, Christopher Osborne, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide in a car crash that killed Patterson resident, Jean Riccobon.

February:

After only one month on the job, Edward Swarm, who was selected as the road patrol captain under new Sheriff Robert Langley resigned due to personal reasons. He was later replaced by Harry Tompkins... A minor earthquake hit and shocked Putnam in the dead of winter. The 2.2 magnitude quake affected residents in Northern Westchester and



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Carmel HS students were part of a national walkout calling for more gun control in the country.

parts of the Putnam. Apparently the epicenter was located in Crofts Corner in Putnam Valley. Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio said of the earthquake: "Very frightening. A lot of people a lot younger than I am never experienced that type of thing so they were panicking, 'What is that? Is it a bomb, is it an explosion?'"... A controversy that caught national attention occurred when the Kent Fire Department faced backlash for raffling off an AR-15 rifle following the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida earlier that month. A meeting held led to tensions running high, but eventually a compromise of sorts. The department decided it would not raffle off a rifle, but instead two gift certificates to a local gun shop.

March:

Unspeakable tragedy occurred in the county at the start of the month when an 11-year-old boy, who lived in Putnam Valley, was fatally struck by a tree while in his home during a nasty winter storm. Carmelo Singleton left behind his mother Arin Travis and a younger brother Chase when he died on March 2. Winds that day reached up to 60 miles per hour, leaving wreckage throughout much of the county. Powerful storms would continue to pulverize Putnam during the month with thousands losing power for days and even more than a week. As Carmel Supervisor Kenny Schmitt perfectly described it,

"Sheer bedlam and craziness going on..." The legislature changed the county charter in an 8-1 vote that amended requirements to be the planning commissioner, amid backlash from residents that felt the new guidelines were watering down the qualifications for the position. Now the planning commissioner can have a law degree instead of eight years of experience in planning, which allowed Sandra Fusco to take the job... In light of the gun violence that gripped the nation this year, Putnam students across five school systems participated in a national walkout. The protest called for tougher gun regulations following the massacre at the Stoneman Douglass High School that left 17 dead from a single gunman. The only school system that thought enough of their students to allow the press to cover the walkout was Carmel, which saw more than a hundred young people walk out with signs urging for better gun laws... After Scott Chin resigned from the Kent town board, Christine Woolley was appointed to the position to serve the remainder of this year. Perhaps with a bit of gamesmanship at play, the Kent Republicans on the board hurried the appointment through without telling Democratic Supervisor Maureen Fleming until the measure was brought forward at the last minute by Councilman Paul Denbaum... Health Quest, which

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The Brewster school board faced unrelenting heat for lack of transparency.

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operates Putnam Hospital Center, and Western Connecticut Health Network announced the two entities were joining forces to create a new healthcare system at the beginning of 2019.

April:

A controversial safe gun storage law was passed in Philipstown in a 5-0 vote. The all-Democratic board approved the gun control measure that would require gun owners to store their gun in a locked container or with a trigger lock when they are not home or if they are home, but not in view of the gun with children around. The crime would be misdemeanor... The Brewster Board of Education faced heat when it was revealed months after the fact that they voted to give five more vacation days of compensation to administrators, including school chief Valerie Henning. The revelation came as Brewster was facing a tough budget season and the administrators eventually agreed to relent the five paid vacation days. "The lack of transparency is disgusting," one parent screamed at a meeting.

May:

Plans by the MTA to build a

controversial cell tower on Route 164 in Patterson near many homes was back on, the town revealed because another location ended up falling through. Many residents and town officials have had concerns with the proposed location,



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Mini tornadoes (yes, really) hit Putnam, causing widespread damage.

but have little power to stop it because the monopoly would be constructed on MTA property... Eric Schneiderman was forced to step down as New York attorney general after it was revealed he

was abusive toward women he was dating. Solicitor General Barbara Underwood was elevated to acting AG, making her the first woman ever in that position... Tornadoes tore through Putnam, leaving down trees and poles throughout a good portion of the county. Thousands lost power and the damage was enough to warrant a visit from Governor Andrew Cuomo to Putnam Valley... During that tornado, Sheriff Robert Langley was allegedly assaulted by an Oklahoma man in the area for work who drove onto Langley's property at his home in Garrison and then fled when he appeared to be drinking and driving. Langley chased the man, Brant Carter, in his car and eventually the two became entangled in a scuffle, leading to the assault on Langley. With help from other authorities, Carter was arrested and faced a slew of charges. He would later plead guilty to a misdemeanor and get probation... Voters in the Brewster school system shot down the annual proposed budget, even though the spending plan was under the tax cap. Many residents in the district were upset with the actions of the board and administration, complaining they were not being transparent enough. There were also questions if students that don't live in Brewster were going to school there

anyway, leading to a verification process that lasted throughout the summer into the new school year in September... Two Mahopac men went missing in Idaho during a hunting trip when the vehicle they were in drove off the road into the raging Selway River. The bodies of Raymond Ferrieri, 24, and Jesse Ferrieri, 21, have not been recovered.

June:

The Nelsonville ZBA voted down a proposed 100-foot cell tower by a 3-2 margin that has now led to ongoing litigation. The tower was universally rejected by much of the community because residents believed it would ruin the character of the village and hurt home values. The cell tower would've been located off Rockledge Road overlooking the historic Cold Spring Cemetery... Sickening tragedy struck the Carmel Police Department when one of their own, officer Gary Pietropaolo, died in a motorcycle accident. He collided with a US postal vehicle on Route 301 in Kent and was pronounced dead at Putnam Hospital Center. He was 29. "His tenacity for law enforcement was unparalleled and admired by his peers," part of a statement from Carmel Police read. The road

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The Carmel Police Department lost one of their own, officer Gary Pietropaolo in an off-duty motorcycle crash.

going into the department in Mahopac was renamed after Pietropaolo... It was revealed that County Executive MaryEllen Odell's campaign was getting discounts compared to other clients at the Putnam County Golf Course, which is county-owned. The Journal News first reported the issue, which made the case Odell was getting special treatment. The Odell campaign defended itself, arguing billing and terms are never negotiated and the campaign pays the bills sent its way... After the Brewster school district's budget failed in May, the revised budget was passed easily... Brewster school chief Dr. Valerie Henning announced she was leaving at the end of the 2018-19 school year after a tumultuous year... Carmel school Trustee John Curzio was not removed from the school board even though it was determined that he violated education law by a hearing officer. Curzio claimed victory and vindication. His attorney, Michael Sussman, said, "To claim that John engaged in 'official misconduct' because he spoke at a meeting which the Board video-taped for the benefit of the

community strikes me as ludicrous."

July:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam Executive Director Marjorie Keith announced she was retiring from the non-profit she'd led since 1987 at the end of this year. She spent her entire professional career with Cornell Cooperative... Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum, who was running for county executive against the incumbent MaryEllen Odell, was booted from the ballot, ending any chance of a GOP primary in September. Denbaum -- after some of the signatures he collected on his petition to get on the ballot were challenged -- did not have enough signatures to stay on the ballot... A public hearing was held for a proposed logistics center in the Town of Southeast, which brought a massive amount of residents out, the vast majority of them against the project because of traffic and environmental concerns. It was also argued the large scale project would change the character of the town. The proposal is still in front of the planning board and no decision has been made.

August:

Following the retirement of former Kent Police Department chief Alex DiVernieri, Kevin Owens was elevated from lieutenant to new chief of the department... A cell tower that would be on town hall property in Putnam Valley was approved through voter referendum. Supervisor Sam Oliverio called the location the best spot for the tower because it wasn't near as many residential homes.

September:

A Brewster teen tragically died when he drowned in Lake Tonetta right before school was about to begin for the year. Oscar Gonzalez was 14 and about to start his sophomore year. He was on the varsity soccer team. Friends remembered him as someone who was kind to everyone



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Brewster teen Oscar Gonzalez died in a drowning accident, devastating the community.

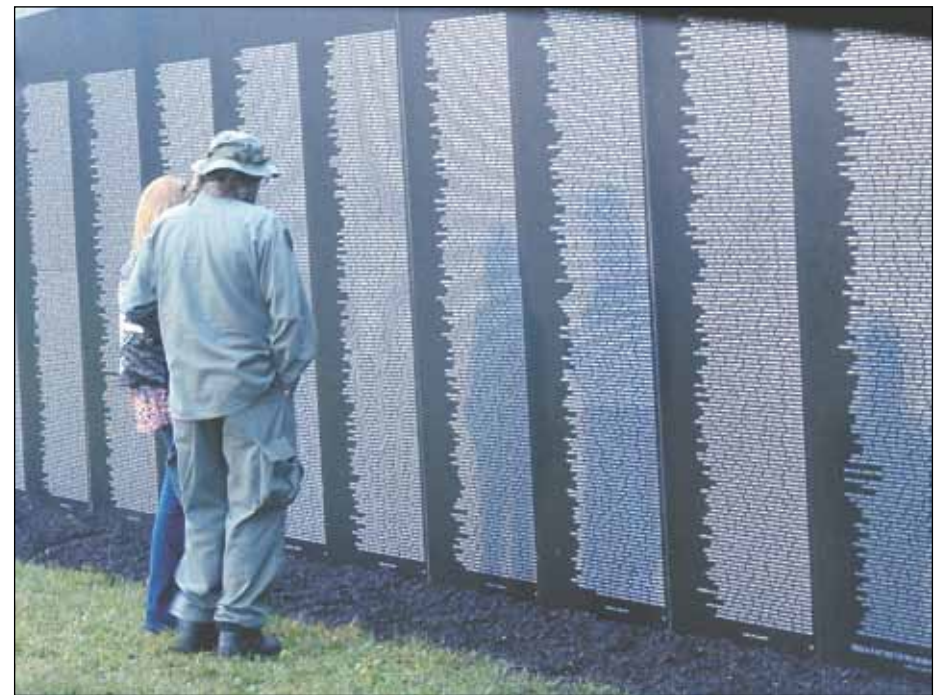
and made sure everyone felt involved. A vigil for Gonzalez brought out more than 200 people of all backgrounds. "It's a big loss for us and his community of friends because he had a big positive impact on those around him," his soccer coach Scott Potusek said... Former Westchester County lawmaker Peter Harckham defeated activist Robert Kesten in a

Democratic primary for the chance to face Republican NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy for the 40th senate seat... Liz Hudak stepped down from the Southeast town board citing personal reasons. She called being on the town board "one of the finest experiences" in her life... New York Police Department officer James Talbert, who lives in Mahopac, was awarded the NYS Liberty Medal for pulling a 59-year-old woman from her burning car to safety while he was off-duty... Two cell towers were proposed before the Carmel planning board in residential areas in Mahopac, leading to mass outrage among residents.

October:

Leading to more division within the Carmel school community, another attempt to pass a bond, much smaller than the failed one proposed in 2017, fell short

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The Vietnam Traveling Wall came to Putnam for the fourth time this year.

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the Age legislation, which increased the age of criminality from 16 to 18, has made it difficult for officials to be more forthcoming with details.

Last Friday, the sheriff's department confirmed a 16-year-old Brewster student was arrested for allegedly making threats against the school. On Dec. 18, the sheriff's department said it responded to the home of the student who made the threats through his social media accounts. A security check of the student's home and another home that is frequented was conducted, the sheriff's office said.

"After an investigation the subject was arrested and charged accordingly," the sheriff's office stated. "He was released to the custody of his father."

The sheriff's department stated it continues to work with federal and state law enforcement partners to investigate the matter, but can't give more specific information because of the subject's age.

"The investigation is ongoing," the sheriff's office stated.

The district attorney's office also sent out a statement, which was equally vague. DA Robert Tendy confirmed the student, who is considered an adolescent offender, appeared before Judge James Rooney in

the Youth Part of Criminal Court on Dec. 19 and 20 where he was ordered to stay away from the school.

Tendy said further investigation would determine whether the matter would be removed to Family Court under the Raise the Age statute.

"The safety of our students and our community is our number one priority," Tendy wrote.

Throughout the week, Henning sent out updates as she was able to. In her most recent letter, she said one question that has been asked is if the student would be returning to school.

"While I cannot comment on

any particular student or his or her discipline...I can assure you that we have taken steps to ensure that there will be no re-occurrence of this incident," Henning wrote.

She said if a student is found guilty of making a serious threat, the code of conduct allows the district to address the situation, including long-term suspension.

In her first letter to the community, she stressed the sheriff's department would protect the students and staff of Brewster schools.

"Your children's safety is our priority," Henning wrote. "They should come to school everyday without fear."

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by less than 200 votes. The bond would've fixed roofs, made all buildings ADA compliant, enhanced the middle school library and moved the bus garage to a new parcel in Kent, the last item the most controversial because it would've taken a piece of prime real estate off Kent's tax rolls... The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall came to Putnam for the fourth time, with fallen vets being remembered by people across the region... Putnam County Executive Odell proposed her sixth straight budget that was under the state tax cap, which was passed easily by the legislature later in the month... The county Legislature raised the age to purchase tobacco and vaping products to 21-year-olds... An anti-Semitic slur was found inside a house under construction in Nelsonville. Two suspects were eventually caught and accused of the hate crime.

November:

The most eye-catching result from Election Day is when Democrat Peter Harkham beat Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy to take the 40th senate seat. Murphy was in office for four years before getting the boot this year. Democrats now have control of all three branches of state government... Other election results were more predictable, with Republican MaryEllen Odell beating Democrat Maureen Fleming to keep her county executive post. Republican Kevin



The GOP team that was mostly victorious in Putnam.

Byrne and Democrat Sandy Galef won to stay in the state assembly and Sue Serino narrowly won to keep her senate seat. The county Legislature will have a Democrat for the first time in a few years after Philipstown Democrat Nancy Montgomery beat GOP incumbent Barbara Scuccimarra. Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney topped his GOP challenger to stay in office and for the first time will return to Washington DC in the majority as Democrats took control of the House... Voters in Putnam Valley approved a bond for the town to buy the

CYO campground... A Putnam Valley student was caught in hot water after he allegedly posted a threatening social media message directed at the school. The 14-year-old was suspended from school, but then showed up to the high school anyway, which caused a stir. His parents contend the school never contacted them properly about not going to class.

Eventually a resolution was reached between the student and school where he won't be expelled... A Lake Carmel man was killed riding his bike when a drunk driver allegedly hit him. George Rosalino was struck and killed in Kent by Silvio Tenesaca, the sheriff's office said with Tenesaca charged with vehicular manslaughter and other related charges.

December:

Putnam Valley school district voters narrowly approved a \$14.8 million bond that will lead to upgrades at the middle school and a newly constructed health and wellness center. The bond was approved by less than 150 votes... The Carmel school board decided the third time might be the charm to get voters to approve upgrades for the school facilities. The board voted 7-0 to offer one bond that would fix roofs, make facilities ADA compliant, and improve the middle school library and a 6-1 vote for a bond that would move the bus garage to another location in the Town of Kent. The sole no vote was Trustee John Curzio... The Brewster school community was sent into a panic when a threat was made by a 16-year-old student against the high school. He has since been suspended from school, but each building had to go into a lockdown mode with extra security going into the holiday break.

Philipstown Business Hit with Bomb Scare

By David Propper

A bomb scare at a local business in Philipstown led to a busy, but ultimately uneventful Dec. 18 afternoon for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

At about 2 p.m., sheriff deputies responded to T. Webber Plumbing and Heating along Route 9 due to a bomb threat against the business. Once they arrived at the scene, deputies set a perimeter around the premises and evacuated the building, which had about 20 people inside, according to authorities.

The sheriff's emergency service unit, New York State Police, and local fire department also responded with bomb dogs on the scene. After a search of the facility it was determined the bomb threat was a hoax, the sheriff's office said.

Out of an abundance of caution, the sheriff's department closed surrounding roads and Route 9 for a short period of time until the threat was found not credible. The threat appeared to be part of a larger wave of bomb threats against businesses, schools, hospitals and other places in the United States that day.

An investigation by the sheriff's department is ongoing. A message to the owners of the business was not returned.

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Town of Kent, which was approved in a 6-1 vote. The vote is set for March.

Despite several in attendance sharing their support for the two bond proposals, over an hour was spent demeaning Curzio for his unsurprising vote against the transportation garage.

"I'm disappointed the bond is being put up in two parts. Splitting it in half really shows a lack of conviction," Kent resident and former board of education member Eric Mittelstadt (who lost his seat in Curzio) said. "Splitting it in half, at least in my belief, is the equivalent of just giving into a child who holds his breath and screams long enough just to get it done. It's unfortunate."

Curzio has continuously expressed reluctance supporting the property chosen for the bus garage, maintaining it would take valuable property off Kent's tax rolls and that the board hadn't vetted other potential properties adequately.

"People have rejected this property on two separate occasions, yet the Carmel school board is seeking yet again to drag it across the finish line at all costs regardless of what the voters think," Curzio said. "Unfortunately, this board has not listened to or accepted the will of the people that we are honored to represent."

Curzio added that board members do not believe in having "two valid" opinions on the matter. He claimed that the board perceives those against the bond as being "uniformed, ungrateful and ignorant of the facts."



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Harold Magid, whose Kent property he wants to sell to the Carmel school system for a new bus garage, went after board Trustee John Curzio last week during a meeting.

"If we were the representatives of the people that this community believed we were when they elected us, this twice rejected property would not be up for referendum discussion for a third time, let alone up for a vote," Curzio said.

Harold Magid who owns the proposed property for the bus depot, stressed to Curzio that he decides who he sells his property to and what development takes place. He said the decision was not up to Kent officials, who have also expressed opposition to the bus garage.

Magid added that Kent officials have

been using Curzio as a "puppet" to dictate their agenda and that Curzio is being "disingenuous" to voters, asserting that the transaction wouldn't harm the town's taxes to the extent that has been aired.

"I have kept my mouth shut now for over a year," Magid said. "You passionately plea how the town is being hurt and yet the numbers don't bear it out. So I would wish that you would come clean and be honest both to your board, as well as the citizens of the town and please explain what your agenda is."

Board president Greg Riley eventually

'Splitting it in half, at least in my belief, is the equivalent of just giving into a child who holds his breath and screams long enough just to get it done. It's unfortunate.' - former board of education member Eric Mittelstadt

instructed Magid to calm down after Curzio refused to answer questions or respond to Magid's concerns, expressing that his character, motive and integrity was being put into question.

While other residents, including Riley's wife, questioned Curzio on his opposition and urged him to listen to the community, trustee Tara DeTurris pressed that she no longer wanted to talk about the bond.

"I'm really sick of talking about the bond," she said. "Let's move forward, let's talk about positive things. I'm tired of all this negative."

Scuccimarra Looks Back on County Leg. Tenure

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the grand opening.

"I started that project when I first got on the legislature and to see it opening on one of the last days of my time on the legislature is kind of bittersweet, but I'm so happy for the seniors and happy for the community to have something like that," Scuccimarra said in an interview.

"It's going to be wonderful."

In the beginning Scuccimarra had doubts if the senior center would ever become a reality, but as things started picking up, her resolve to see it come to fruition became stronger.

Still, there were marathon meetings where residents, many from her district, slammed the proposal as a boondoggle

and a process that lacked transparency. Scuccimarra directly faced much of the ire, with residents singling her out at meetings because they felt she was not responsive to their concerns. Still, she said it's satisfying knowing she was one of the reasons the center was built, calling it a "great legacy."

"It wasn't pleasant but I kept my eye on the people it would help," Scuccimarra said. "So all the naysayers, they can say what they want, but I knew in my heart this was the best thing for Philipstown, the best thing for our seniors."

Scuccimarra's passion for the environment and her fight to enact legislation that would improve the health of residents was also a hallmark of her agenda. She successfully pushed for a ban on polystyrene in all county facilities and was able to spearhead legislation that raised the age to buy tobacco and vaping products in Putnam.

Grateful for her time on the health committee as chairwoman, Scuccimarra tried to raise awareness for environmental issues like the overflow of plastic and polystyrene.


As a Republican, Scuccimarra was an outlier in her concern for the environment. As she steps down from the lawmaking body, she hopes another colleague takes up her causes.

"That's a concern of mine," she said.

Prior to her time at the county level, Scuccimarra was on the Philipstown town board. When she first ran for public office in 2009, Scuccimarra took to heart the words of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who once said, "Do one thing everyday that scares you." She did and won that race. After she lost reelection, that didn't deter her and she ran for the legislature successfully.

Going forward, Scuccimarra is steadfast that she'll remain active in the community. She's been learning more about therapeutic horseback riding the last few years and might get more involved with that.

"I love helping people," Scuccimarra said. "Being on the legislature, I had no agenda, there was nothing I was looking to do other than help my community. That's what it's all about."



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Yorktown Discount Liquors

Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

For Yonkers resident Shibu Joseph, owning a liquor business is nothing new.

For the past 15 years he has been in the business and earlier this month he opened Yorktown Discount Liquors in Mohegan Lake.

Joseph said recently he chose to open his new business in December because the month has the Christmas, Chanukah and New Year's Eve holidays which are particularly popular times for the sale of wines and liquors.

More than a year ago, during a tour of the northern Westchester area, he discovered the Mohegan Lake property off Route 6, Joseph recalled. It took him several months to renovate the establishment.

Joseph's new store features a wide variety of wines and liquors with many of them priced with steep discounts of as much as 60 percent. "This is a discount store," he said, adding he is willing to sell his products at a lower profit margin to



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Yonkers resident Shibu Joseph opened Yorktown Discount Liquors in Mohegan Lake earlier this month.

seek a higher volume of sales because he is offering lower prices, as well as a good selection of products.

Joseph said his store offers both

domestic and international wines and liquors, including French and Italian wines. Some of his wine selections come from upstate New York, which is

among the store's specialty items, he said. California wines are also available.

His wines can be purchased for as low as \$1.99 a bottle, though more expensive wines are also available, Joseph said.

Joseph said most of his customers live in such communities as Mohegan Lake, Cortlandt, Yorktown, Mahopac and Peekskill.

One of the positive attributes of owning a wine and liquor store is to make customers happy, Joseph said.

What has attracted customers to Yorktown Discount Liquors? "They shop around and look at my prices," Joseph said. "They see that it's the cheapest prices in town."

"Once people come in and they see my prices," they recommend his store to their friends, which is building up his customer base through word of mouth, Joseph noted.

Yorktown Discount Liquors is located at 1761 E. Main St. (Route 6), Mohegan Lake. For more information, call 914-743-1138.

Mahopac Library Receives Emerging Technology Leadership Award

On November 2, Mahopac Public Library received a Spotlight Award in recognition for leadership in the area of Emerging Technology. The 2018 Spotlight Awards, distributed by the Mid-Hudson Library System, were given to 14 member libraries who have invested in programming, equipment and redesigned spaces to help connect residents with information and experiences related to emerging technology.

Some of the Library's recent accomplishments include providing a secure network for Mahopac Central School districts students to automatically connect to their Chromebooks; partnering with Instant360 to provide imaging for a virtual 360 tour of the library that is accessible on Google Street view, and hosting a Virtual and Augmented Reality Vacation day. In addition, a digital library

card application for Mahopac residents ages 14 through adult, and Spanish language resources, are now accessible through the home page of the Library website.

Mahopac residents can use their Library card to access Lynda.com, a premier online learning resource offering more than 6,000 courses, taught by industry experts, covering technical skills, creative techniques, business strategies, and more. LyndaLibrary offers videos that you can watch in small, easy-to-manage chunks; you can return to the lessons at your convenience. Log on at home (with your card and pin) or at the Library.

The Library also subscribes to Kanopy, an online source for over 30,000 films that can be streamed for free, on your preferred device, with your Mahopac Library card. Hundreds of new films are

added each month, and the selections include Independent Spirit Award Winners, Documentaries, Classic films, World Cinema, Holiday movies, Great Courses, Shorts, and Health Living films.

The Library continues to promote literacy and life-long learning through these and other technologies, and to

facilitate easy access to online collections and resources. Michele Capozzella, Library Director and CEO, is proud of the accomplishments of the Emerging Technologies staff as they continue to advance library science and service to meet the changing needs of our community.

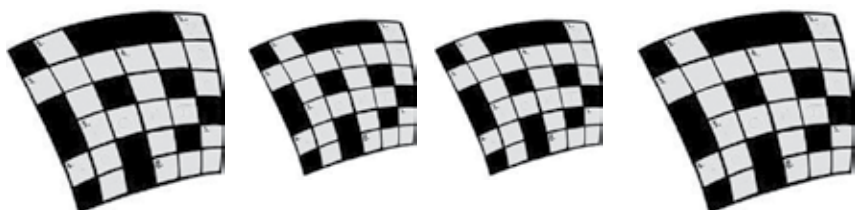
Mahopac Lacrosse Senior Signs with Gettysburg College



Zachary Puckhaber, Mahopac High School senior, along with his family, committed this month to play Men's Lacrosse for Gettysburg College as a student athlete for the 2018-2019 academic year.

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Obituaries

Robert R. Russo

Robert R. Russo, a longtime resident of Brewster, died in Danbury, CT on December 15. He was 80 years old. Born on May 24, 1938 in Bronx, New York, son to the late Pasquale and Amelia (Musorifiti) Russo, he was a graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School. Robert married the love of his life Elizabeth T. Ruggiero on October 18, 1959. Mr. Russo was a devoted husband and family man. He had a passion for horticulture and was able to make that passion his life-long career, working for the New York Botanical Gardens until his retirement. Robert is a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Mr. Russo is not only survived by his wife Elizabeth but also his three sons; Robert Russo of White Plains; Joseph Russo (Joanne Bentivoglio-Moreno) of Carmel, Michael Russo of Bethel, CT; his five grandchildren: Joseph, Christopher, Steven, Michael, and Nicolas; one great-grandchild, Aiden and his brother, Dr. Stephen John Russo of Huntington. He was predeceased by three sisters, Rosemarie Russo Burson, Rita Russo Lombardo, and Helen Russo and one brother, Vito Russo.

Douglas L. Hyatt

Douglas L. Hyatt, a lifelong resident of Mahopac Falls, died peacefully on December 15, surrounded by his family; he was 82 years old. He was born in Mahopac, on August 6, 1936, the son of James and Clara (Head) Hyatt. Doug was a 64-year life member of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department and served as a past president and vice president, as well as a past president of the Board of Directors. During his tenure, he received a Proclamation of Public Recognition from the sitting Putnam County Executive.

Doug is survived by his wife Barbara, his daughter Sharon Blichfeldt and her husband Craig, his son David Hyatt and his wife Peggie, grandson Alex Hyatt and his wife Jennifer, grandson Thomas Hyatt and his wife Sarah; and three great grandchildren Jace, Gavin, and Caleb. He was predeceased by his siblings James Hyatt, Marian Sprague, Helen Eastwood, Viola Benjamin, Shirley Sweet, and Mildred Austin.

Eugene E. Terminello

Eugene E. Terminello, age 77, of Mahopac died December 16, with his loving family by his side. Eugene was born on April 28, 1941 in New York City, New York to the late Mary (Re) and Joseph Terminello. He would go on to marry his loving wife Patricia on August 8, 1964 and together they were blessed with two adoring sons Eugene Jr. and Patrick and had a beautiful 38 years together before her passing. Mr. Terminello earned a Bachelor's degree and worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Try-State in Yonkers until his retirement. In his free time Eugene was an avid golfer and spent his springs, summers and falls on the green. His other past time passion in life, was building model airplanes; he had a talent for building anything but a love for building his planes. This kept him young and active but it was his family who kept his heart full. For all the love he gifted others; family and friends were happy to see love find Eugene again, in his fiancé Lorraine and for him to spend his days loved and cared for. Mr. Terminello was a dedicated family man who gave out so much love to those in his company no one felt this more than his beloved grandchildren, of all the things he enjoyed out of his blessed life, being a grandfather

was his most prized. Until family and friends meet Eugene again, may he sore as high as his model plans and may his love keep them comforted. Eugene is survived by his fiancé Lorraine, his beloved son Patrick of Yorktown, as well as being survived by his cherished grandchildren Mackenzie, Joseph and Alexa. He is also survived by his a respected brother Richard of North Carolina. He is predeceased by his wife Patricia (2002) and his beloved son Eugene Jr (2014).

Rose Piscatore

Rose Piscatore of Carmel, died peacefully on December 17, at the age of 101. She was born in New York City on September 9, 1917, the daughter of Antonio and Carmela (nee Tamburrino) Gianfrancesco. Rose is survived by her son Raymond Ortiz and his wife Sandra, her daughters Carmen Bierman, Rosemarie Oliveri, and Margaret Ortiz; her sister Theresa Dannacker, her brothers Jerry and Sal Gianfrancesco, 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Sigrid C. Kummer

Sigrid Caroline (Moeser) Kummer, 80, found peace on Tuesday, December 18, at Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Peekskill. She was born February 20, 1938 in Frankfurt am Maine, Germany. After high school graduation, she studied and practiced cosmetology as her career. In early 1960, she met George Kummer in Germany through a mutual friend. George was serving in the United States Air Force. On December 9, 1962, Sigrid and George married while he was based in Spokane, Washington. Sigrid, George and their son, Eric relocated to New York following George's honorable military discharge, settling down near George's family and have lived in the Westchester County area for many decades. Sigrid became a naturalized United States citizen on June 19, 1970 at the Putnam County Supreme Court. Sigrid is predeceased by

her parents, August and Friedel Moeser. She is survived by her husband, George, her sister, Barbara (Rolf), sons Eric (Ann), and Peter (Patricia), and grandchildren Joseph, Kristjan, Matthew, and Niklas. In addition to raising her family, Sigrid spent many years working for the Putnam Valley School District, retiring at age 65. She was a congregant of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Putnam Valley as well as active in the German-American Social Club of Peekskill for many years. During retirement, she enjoyed her grandchildren as well as spending winters in Venice, Florida with new friends. Sigrid leaves behind a loving family who will always remember her love of pie, her skill in the kitchen, and her wry smile.

Nina Incantalupo

Nina Incantalupo, of Mt. Sinai, formerly of Carmel, died peacefully at home on December 19. She was 97 years old. Mrs. Incantalupo was born on April 10, 1921 in Bari, Italy, daughter of the late Thomas and Theresa (Baccialieri) Scuccimari. In 1930 at the age of nine Nina came to the US. On April 21, 1946 she married the love of her life Joseph Incantalupo in the Bronx. Joseph predeceased his wife on December 1, 2008. Nina was a skilled seamstress. She was also a member of the Alter Rosary Society in Brooklyn and a parishioner of St. James Church, Carmel. Her greatest passion and joy in life was her family. Mrs. Incantalupo is survived by her loving children; Thomas Incantalupo and his wife Gladys of Mt. Sinai, and Tina Ann Armato and her husband Sal of Redding, CT, her 4 grandchildren; Joanna, Joseph, Benjamin and Jessica and her 5 great grandchildren. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, Thursday December 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Church Carmel, New York. Burial to follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Putnam Valley. Family will receive friends Wednesday December 26th from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at Beecher Funeral Home, Putnam Avenue, Brewster.

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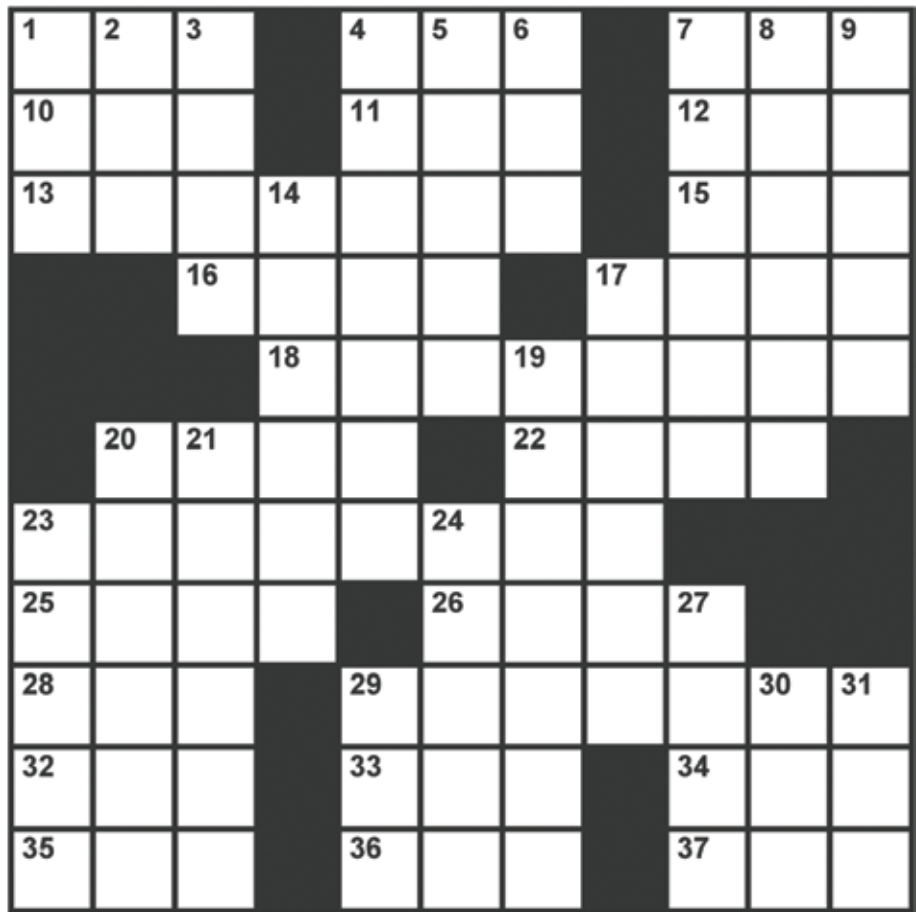
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. ____ favor (please, in Spanish)

4. Iranian city

7. In the past

10. Notable period

11. Action film staple

12. “Well ____-di-dah . . .”

13. Stick to

15. Chicago team member

16. Pennsylvania founder Sir William ____

17. Animated 2017 movie or Croton nail salon

18. Sneakily

20. Prefix with pad

22. Chess ending, for short

23. Belonging to Sicily’s second largest city or new Mohegan Lake pizzeria

25. Lord of the Rings evil warriors

26. Medicinal amts.

28. Speed record, abbr.

29. Double reeded woodwind

32. Busy one

33. Suffix with percent

34. Smashing Pumpkins “____ Adore”

35. Bobby ____ (hockey great)

36. Sounds of woe

37. Diane Keaton, in “The Godfather”

Down

1. Zing

2. “. . . a man ____ mouse?”

3. Filer

4. “Kill Bill” director, Tarantino

5. Atmosphere component

6. At least

7. Louisa May

8. Not smooth

9. “Whoopee!”

14. Magnetic field densities

17. Holds

19. Rolls up

20. “To Kill a Mockingbird” author ____ Lee

21. Engraver

23. Band

24. Pompeii’s country

27. Wash process

29. Job-seeker’s posting

30. Lab eggs

31. Legislative negative

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Little Library Bookshelves can also be found at The Freight House Café, and at the William Koehler Memorial Senior Center in Mahopac. Stop in at the Freight House for an award-winning “cup of joe” and pick up a novel by John Grisham or Alice Hoffman. Enjoy at hot lunch at the Senior Center, then pick out a book from the little bookshelf and explore the world from the comfort of your own home.

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Brewster School Community Thanks Sen. Murphy

Earlier this month the Brewster PTAs, PTSA, and SEPTA held a celebration to thank Senator Terrence Murphy in the IDEA Room at JFK. In his four years in office, Murphy has advocated for Brewster's interests in Albany and sent extra funds that helped to maintain district programs.

After some opening remarks from Superintendent Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte, presidents of the district's PTAs, PTSA, and SEPTA presented Murphy with a basket of Bear wear, a globe that symbolizes the district's Strategic Coherence Plan, and a certificate of recognition.

Congress presented a proclamation thanking Murphy for all he has done for the high school including securing multiple grants that helped the district to buy new mats in the wrestling room, refurbish the baseball field and enhance the district's mental health counseling program. Brewster Athletic Director Dean Berardo joined the superintendent to present Murphy with an honorary Bears coach t-shirt.

Henry H. Wells Middle School Student Government representatives were there as well. Andrew Diaz read a proclamation before the group presented Murphy with Bear Bucks for civic responsibility.



"We know you have choices and we're honored that you put your faith in Brewster Central Schools," said SEPTA president Kristin Cacal. "Everything from the athletic program to the summer program to the Brewster Community Learning Center would not be possible without your generous support."

Representatives from all four of the district's schools were on hand to give thanks and gifts to the senator. Julia Villani from Brewster High School's Democratic

"I'm usually the one reading proclamations!" Murphy joked.

CV Starr students made a thank you poster and read letters of thanks to the senator. JFK students presented Murphy with kindness rocks.

"Every year Senator Murphy has made possible additional resources that have helped us," said Dr. Henning-Piedmonte, addressing the students who gathered for the celebration. "It's befitting that we thank him for remembering us. I think it's

pretty awesome."

Murphy was visibly moved by the outpouring of gratitude.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart," he said, teary eyed. "It's been an honor and a privilege to be able to work with you all. I really mean that."

Murphy went on to say, "When you have everybody working together, you

can accomplish so much. When you put good out there, good comes back. It might not come back right away, but it comes back."

After the presentations, a small reception was held with students, teachers, administrators, and Senator Murphy enjoying food supplied by the PTAs, PTSA, and SEPTA.



Milone Promoted to President of HV Gateway Chamber of Commerce

Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Deborah Milone has been promoted to President by the chamber's Board of Directors at its most recent board meeting.

"The Board wanted to recognize Deb's efforts and bring her title in line with the leadership she has shown and the accomplishments she has made over the last eight years," said Kish Melwani, Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ServiceByte.

Milone was selected to serve as Executive Director of the chamber in 2010, after a stellar career in marketing, sales and community service. Milone served as writer/producer at CBS, as Vice President of Marketing for Guide Communications, and District Sales Manager at Yellowbook USA, until she joined the chamber.

Under Milone's direction, the chamber has seen explosive and historic growth in membership from 320 to more than 500 members. In addition, Milone, along with Board Member Ben Green, has spearheaded the launch of AIM along with the board of directors, bringing together the region's creative businesses in art, industry and media.

"I am delighted that the Board has recognized my efforts as we continue



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New chamber President Deborah Milone.

to build our chamber into a formidable powerhouse representing the needs of the business community. To balance an economy that benefits businesses and residents alike, we must work together on prudent legislation, streamline government processes, and

remove barriers to entry for aspiring entrepreneurs," said Milone.

The Chamber was selected by the Business Council of New York State as the "Chamber of Year" in 2015.

"Ms. Milone has transformed a small area chamber of commerce into a forceful voice representing the interests of the Northern Westchester business community. She makes sure the interests of our chamber members are represented in local, county, state and federal decision-making," said Marianne Oros, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

Milone is closely monitoring the closure of the Entergy nuclear power plants, making sure that the business community's interests are being heard at the state level and that the economic impact on the community is mitigated as much as possible. She has testified at public hearings, conducted and attended public information meetings and has met with elected officials at all levels of government. Milone even traveled to other communities where nuclear plants have closed to see firsthand the impact of the closures.

Additionally, the chamber was one of the first to decry the Coast Guard's plan to allow barge anchorages along

the Hudson River—something, that if allowed, could wreak havoc on the river's delicate ecosystem, tourism and recreational opportunities.

The chamber has also partnered with the Business Council of Westchester on legislative initiatives and concerns and including the Coalition for Westchester Airport and recently hired former Westchester County Economic Development Director George Oros as a consultant to improve economic development in the region and work with businesses in their dealings with government. Milone currently serves on the Government Action Committee of the Business Council of Westchester and the Advisory Board of New York Area Energy Alliance.

In addition, Milone has served on the Board of Directors of the Peekskill Business Improvement District, as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Peekskill, and as Past President of the Peekskill Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow.

Milone is a Magna Cum Laude graduate from New York Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and has lived in Peekskill for 28 years with her husband, John, and two dogs.

Cruising Along the Spanish Route of the Early Monks and Pilgrims



By Nick Antonaccio

Penedes and Priorato denominations.

Today, we're pulling up stakes and traveling to the fourth of Spain's six primary wine regions: the Ebro River Valley.

This is the motherlode of Spanish wines and culture. This northeastern region is more fertile than the Meseta and Southern regions, more diverse than the Mediterranean Coast regions and more emblematic of Spain's surge in quality wine production than the other regions.

The Ebro River Valley consists of six classified subregions, each unique unto itself. The most popular and the most sophisticated are Navarra and Rioja. The others, all producing excellent wines are Calatayud, Campo de Borja, Carinena and

Somontano.

Let's resume our virtual tour by following the course of the Ebro River as we trace its origins to the mountains of Cantabria in the northwest. From Priorato we travel through hilly terrain and visit tiny towns that evoke Middle Ages architecture; many are still agrarian based. Here are ideal towns to use as our base of operations as we immerse ourselves in the culture and history of the region and of Spain itself.

The Ebro River was the lifeblood of northern Spain for centuries, primarily as a pilgrim route. Many monasteries and churches still stand as monuments to the dedication and fervor of Catholics visiting holy sites. The castles that dot the landscape were home to famous royalty; even the Knights of Templar "hung out" here.

Fast forward to the 20th century, when Americans first became aware of the unique culture of this area through the writings of Ernest Hemingway. ("For Whom the Bell Tolls," his immersion

*You Heard It
Through the
Grapevine*

in the Franco-period civil uprisings and "The Sun Also Rises," the introduction to many Americans of the running of the bulls in Pamplona.)

Until we reach Rioja, the history of winemaking in these regions is sparse: mostly inferior wines that were consumed locally. The resurgence of Spain's wine economy has emphatically reached this area. Even in these "lesser" regions, fine wines are produced and exported to the U.S. It is an economically thriving area, unlike other regions and other industries, which are still feeling the long aftereffects of the Great Recession.

When we reach Navarra and Rioja, the climate, the terrain and the wine passion change significantly. This is the heart and soul of Spanish wine history.

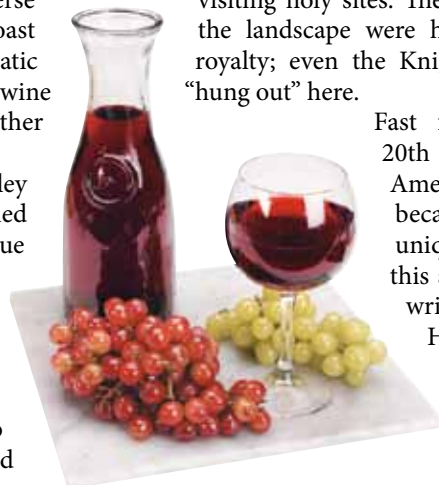
Navarra was predominately a Garnacha-based region until about 20 years ago, when the local winemakers realized that their soil and microclimate were ideal for growing the esteemed Tempranillo grape variety. Then, shockingly at the time, they went one step further and blended the Tempranillo with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Today, world-acclaimed wines are produced that offer unique aromas and flavors to the American palate.

Rioja has been a world-class wine region since the 19th century. Most Americans remember these wines as astringent, dry, with little fruit forward taste. That has dramatically changed in the last 20 years.

The young winemakers who have assumed responsibility for centuries-old wineries and vines have crafted wines with elegant texture, sophisticated balance and complex structure. They approach winemaking in the same manner as the highly respected Bordeaux vintners and the results are outstanding. Using Tempranillo as their foundation, they have become organic alchemists; in fact, fewer wines coming from this area are 100 percent Tempranillo, a striking departure from the past.

There are many individual wines coming from the Ebro River Valley, but space this week does not permit the proper focus. Next week we'll delve into selections that I recommend. Have your wine glasses at the ready.

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A Guide for Caregivers During the Holidays

By Jerri Rosenfeld, LMSW and Rita Hayes, LCSW

(courtesy of the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center at Northern Westchester Hospital)

Every year the holiday season brings unique challenges to almost everyone. But for caregivers who have loved ones in the hospital or are caretaking someone at home, the holidays can be a time of stress, frustration and exhaustion, instead of peace and good will.

If you have a loved one in the hospital during the holidays, you may experience the additional stress of visiting them in the hospital, concern about their well-being, as well as trying to maintain family holiday traditions. Needless to say, this combination can be extremely overwhelming.

Tips for Caregivers, Family and Friends:

Here are some tips that you may find helpful while your loved one is in the hospital during the holidays. Remember for safety reasons, it's very important to check with hospital staff before you bring any items into the hospital room.

1) Bring small gifts to your family member if they are well enough to unwrap the item.

2) Bring something pleasant and safe as a decoration for their hospital room.

3) Bring in some comforts of home, such as your loved one's favorite pajamas,



blankets or pillow.

4) Deliver their favorite snacks or holiday food that fit within any dietary restrictions.

5) If you think it will raise their spirits, assemble a photo album of pictures from previous holidays.

6) If religious, bring in a recording of a religious service, or watch one on television.

7) Play some holiday music or watch a favorite holiday movie together.

8) If family is unable to visit, reach out to the volunteer department for visitors.

Gift Suggestions for hospitalized family members

Entertainment: Books, magazines, music, movies, crossword puzzles, and

playing cards.

Enjoyment: Get well cards, holiday cards, and small gifts.

Gift of Service: Have someone offer to run an errand for your loved one – this can feel very supportive when in the hospital. If your family member needs information about a community resource, you can offer to assist

them in gathering information.

Those who provide care to loved ones in the community also experience additional stress during the holiday season. The demands of care-giving on a daily basis is tremendous, therefore holiday expectations can increase the demands of entertaining, cooking, gift buying, etc.

Of great importance to all caregivers is taking care of oneself and paying close attention to emotional needs. This might include support from social networks, maintaining communication with others, and identifying ways to reduce the demands placed on you as you approach the holidays.

Here are some tips that may be useful:

1. Consider modifying some holiday traditions by enlisting the help of friends and family to assist with shopping, cooking, and household chores. Perhaps have a "pot-luck" holiday meal instead of doing all the work yourself.

2. Set manageable expectations for the holidays. Prevent over-taxing yourself in order to maintain traditional celebrations by making a plan that is realistic for you to implement.

3. Ask for and accept help! Let others know ways they can be helpful to you. Possibly include a note about your loved ones' condition in a holiday card. This may invite others to offer assistance.

4. Maintain your social connections. Support helps reduce isolation and can be helpful in managing stress.

5. Get enough rest and do some type of exercise on a regular basis.

Ideally, caregivers need to have daily, weekly, and monthly breaks from care-giving. Consider yoga, meditation, support groups, lunch with a friend, meeting someone for tea, taking a quiet drive, walking in nature, etc.

The Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center is available to help, whether you have a loved one at Northern Westchester Hospital or not. We can offer assistance and support to family and friends during the holidays. You can also call us at (914) 242-8128.

Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

Thursday, December 27

Mahopac Public Library will host an urgent blood drive in cooperation with the New York Blood Center 2 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 28

Community CPR: 11 a.m., - 12:30 p.m. Empower yourself with the knowledge to save a life. Learn the basics of CPR to help someone in cardiac arrest. For ages 9 and up. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, December 29

#iSupport & Youth "ALL" Mighty ICE SKATING: 12:30 p.m.,-2:15 p.m. at Brewster Ice Arena, 63 Fields Lane, Brewster. Free admission for all youth. Free admission for one adult chaperone per child. Lunch provided. RSVP to Amanda Boccardi at aboccardi@mhaputnam.org or call 845-278-7600, ext. 205

Monday, December 31

Noon Year's Eve: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Celebrate the "noon" year at Patterson Library! Get dressed up and join us for some dancing and tasty treats with games and more as we ring in the "noon" year! For ages 5 and up. For more information

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Thursday, January 3

Koehler Center Computer Classes: Genealogy/Basic Computer/Tablets/Phones. The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for Seniors holds registration the first Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.. Registration is held at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac. In all, we offer 13 different computer classes. A free drop in session is offered every Friday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. for help with phones and tablets. A description of the classes can be found at: www.putnamrsvp.com/clc/ Registration must be in person. FMI, call Judy Kolt (845)-277-5422

Friday, January 4

Come join us for food, fun and fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster. 2019 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Bring a dish and make new friends. RSVP 845-279-5181.

Tuesday, January 8

New Year's Resolution — Free Smoking Cessation Program. The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) is encouraging residents who

smoke to begin their journey toward a smoke-free life. Quitting smoking isn't easy and the PCDOH is supporting residents with an evidence-based approach to kicking the habit. By offering residents a free smoking cessation program, with a group "Quit Day", residents can make a new year's resolution that could save their lives. According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 38 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. The eight-week Freedom From Smoking (FFS) program starts January 8, and continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 12:30 p.m. at the health department's main office at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster. Each session lasts 45 minutes. The last class is on February 28. Pre-registration is required, as group size is limited. More information on the program can be found online at www.freedomfromsmoking.org. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390, ext. 43155.

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m. to discuss the book "My Absolute Darling" by Gabriel Tallent. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, January 9

Manuscript: 6:30 p.m. at the Kent

Library, creative life coach and novelist Ryan Hall offers tips and insights on how to polish your manuscript, as well as how to best approach the often daunting steps that come after you write those last two words: "The End." Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52 and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Saturday, January 12

Drama Discovery Registration Now Open For "Annie" Grade K-2 and 3rd-8th. Starts Jan. 12. Show date March 23 Rehearsals Grades K-2 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and grades 3-8 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturdays at the Brewster Baptist Church Each family is required to purchase 6 TX AT \$8 EACH. Enroll by Dec 4 and tuition is \$100 for K-2 or \$150 after Dec 4. Tuition by Dec 4 for 3rd-8th is \$150 OR after Dec 8 it is \$200 Email youthtehater1@aol.com for more info. Register at www.dramadiscovery.com

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Yorktown junior G Jesse Barer goes up for two points in the Huskers' 50-46 victory over visiting Pelham last Wednesday when first-year Coach Brian Mundy's Huskers improved to 5-0 as they head into the holiday break with a full head of steam and an eye on the highly competitive League II-C slate... see Girls' Hoops Notebook

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Somers, Put Valley Early Favorites to Reach Final 4

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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With the holidays now upon us, we've gotten a fairly revealing one-month glimpse into the 2019 boys' basketball campaign. Somers has really opened some eyes with a superb start, but Class A is dogfight to the Final 4. Putnam Valley stumbled against Class AA Mahopac and defending B champion Briarcliff, but the Class B Tigers are still the best bet to reach a Final 4 among the clubs from Northern Westchester/Putnam area. Here's a look at what we know...

NWE/Putnam County Super 7 Hoops Poll

No.1 SOMERS – What we currently enjoy most about Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (5-0) is the fact they can score the ball – as evidenced in recent 71-61 win over Harrison and the 66 PPG they average – while defending the ball at a level that is second to none in this neck of the woods – evidenced by the fact that they allow less than 44 PPG through five games.

Somers is either right there or a smidge below state-ranked (No.19) Poughkeepsie (3-1), No.14 Tappan Zee (5-0) and No.16 Byram Hills (4-2). Nick Maestri (19 points) and Max Germaine (14) led Somers against the Huskies.

No.2 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Indians (3-4) saw junior G Matt McMahon go for 13 and Rheal Allen added 10 but it wasn't enough in a 56-47 loss to Clarkstown South, but the two were huge in 'Pac's 65-52 trouncing of Lourdes when Allen went for a career-high 21 and McMahon added 14. Indians will get Ramapo and Panas out of the break.

No.3 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's previously state-ranked Class B Tigers (6-2) have answered the bell since losing to Mahopac, coming away with a victory over Class A Yorktown and a 64-50 flattening of Woodlands behind 24 points from senior F TJ Brescia. We were hard on the Tigers in this space last week, just know it was tough love, which we hope they heed as they head into the Dobbs Tournament over the holiday break. Should the Tigers and Eagles survive and advance, we could looking at a whale of a tourney finale on Friday, the 28th, maybe even a Final 4-style preview.

No.4 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (5-1 overall) chalked up a last-second 52-50 win over Westlake when Theo Curran nailed the game-winning bucket with 11 seconds remaining. Sean Reynolds and Sean Macarchuk each had 15 points for Croton



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Roni Brucaj goes for two of his game-high 20 points in Huskers' 56-52 loss to Lucas Feliciano's (2) Panas Panthers last Friday.

while Reynolds owned the boards with 12 rebounds. Tigers draw Pleasantville and state-ranked (No.12) Briarcliff out of the break as the league slates heats up in earnest, so we'll know a heck of a lot more about them in early Jan.

No.5 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (4-3) ran roughshod over Yonkers in a 72-55 win that saw junior F Joe Vetrano have his way with a career-high 29 points and seven boards. He was joined by Augie Karaqi (12 points, 4 assists), Marc Cummins (12 points) and Rob Nardelli (11 points, 3 boards, 3 assists). Hornets blindsided us with a 70-59 loss to Peekskill, which we did not see coming. But here comes a slew of early New Year's games that will determine whether or not the Hornets are for real, including league bouts with Yorktown (1/2), Somers (1/4) and Brewster (1/10).

No.6 CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (3-4) played much



Panas G Derek Pisani splits Yorktown defenders Roni Brucaj (L) and Anthony Ortiz (R) in the Panthers' 56-52 win over Huskers last Friday.

tougher in a 63-50 loss to undefeated Mamaroneck (6-0) and showed up big-time in 53-40 win over host Ramapo on Thursday. We were tough on the Rams in this space last week and in the spirit of the holidays we apologize, but it's only because we expected much more than we had gotten. But Peyton Cayea went for 23 points against the Gryphons while Shane McNerney (12) and Christian Hutra (11) were all in double digits for Carmel, which seems to be trending in the direction we originally figured. Rams get a two-week break before hosting the annual Putnam Challenge on Jan.5th when they take on Somers in what should be a good one.

No.7 PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (3-2) had their biggest win of the season -- 72-70 in overtime against Roosevelt – when Lucas Feliciano dropped 16 points, including a buzzer-beating tip-in to force OT where freshman Arturo Macchia took over, notching the last six points, including the go-ahead

3-ball in the waning seconds. Panthers followed that up with a

HM YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Class A Huskers (2-3) got superb balance in a 66-49 win over Riverside with Brandon Carter (9 points), Anthony Ortiz (8), Roni Brucaj (11), Joe Sgobbo (10) and Rob Miller (12).

HM BREWSTER – Certainly, Harrison Dignan (22 points) was at the heart of Coach Nelligan's Class A Bears' (3-3) biggest win of the season, a 51-47 win over a solid Class AA Arlington (5-2).

HM HALDANE – Coach Virgadamo's Blue Devils (5-2) worked a methodical 58-38 triumph of Rye Neck with four double-digit scorers, including Mame Diba (14 points), Kyle Sussmeier and Matt Champlin (13 apiece) and Alex Kubik (11). Sidenote: If it were me, I'd want to beat the cr@p out of Put Valley rather than cancel two league games over a bizarre two-year beef #LetBygonesBeBygones.

HM PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils' (1-5) 70-59 win over Lakeland got out attention.

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Girls' Hoops Notebook

Put Valley, Yorktown Remain Unbeaten Entering Break

By Tony Pinciario

PUTNAM VALLEY graduated two seniors, and its top junior opted not to play after its 2018 season, leaving the Tigers without any 12th-graders this year.

No seniors, no problem for Putnam Valley as the Tigers are off to a 7-0 start, after a 57-50 victory over Hastings.

In fact, this is an underclassmen-oriented team led by two juniors, Kelli Venezia and Cyera Daughtry, and one sophomore, Arianna Stockinger. Even though Putnam Valley is young, it is an experienced team.

"Only two seniors graduated, but a lot of the younger players have really stepped up, offensively and defensively this year," said third-year varsity player Stockinger. "They've been big contributors in our games."

Stockinger credited sophomore Jordan Tucker, freshman Amanda Orlando and eighth-grader Eva DeChent with raising their level of play. If opponents think they can exploit Putnam Valley's youth, they need to reconsider their approach.

"I think it pushes us harder to be better every day and makes us better when people and teams say that we're a young team," Stockinger said.

One thing opponents can expect when playing Putnam Valley, is a staunch Tigers' defense that makes scoring a major task.

Prior to Putnam Valley's victory over Hastings, the Tigers limited Dobbs Ferry to a season-low 24 points, and Hen Hud to just 30 points, and Harrison to 31 points. Putnam Valley beat Hen Hud and Harrison to win the Harrison tournament.

"Our defense has been very good each game and getting better every game," Stockinger said. "It's been a big part of our victories."

Stockinger said the defense, specifically Cyera Daughtry, played an excellent game against Hastings.

"Again, our defense stepped up," Stockinger said. "Cyera is a great lock-up defender. She guarded their best player and did a great job and that helped everyone else to step up and do their job, defensively."

Venezia led the offense with a team-high 20 points, Stockinger added 17 and Daughtry had a double-double – 12 points and 10 rebounds.

WALTER PANAS added two more victories – 66-39 over Peekskill and 66-52 over Eastchester, improving to 6-0.

Kristen Cinquina lit up the scoreboard for a game-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers and Cailean Nolan added 16 points against Peekskill.

"Alex Sudol, Julia Araujo, Kat Reynoso, and Emma Anderson played very solid defense and moved the ball very well," Panas Coach Matt Evangelista said.

Panas was without its starting center, because of sickness, so Julia Araujo played out of position and responded with 15 points and nine rebounds against



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown senior F Kat Severino makes her way to rack in the undefeated Huskers' win over Pelham last Wednesday.

Eastchester. Kat Reynoso and Nolan led the team with 17 points, apiece, including a combined nine treys.

Alex Sudol finished with five points, 11 assists and eight rebounds. Evangelista said Sudol hit a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

"Cailean and Kat each played excellent defense," Evangelista said. "Alex did a great job of locking down Eastchester's best scorer, holding her to nine points. Kristen Cinquina played a great all-around game and Megan Mucci and Erijona Rraci both made important contributions off the bench to help with the win."

OSSINING (6-1) competed in the annual Slam Dunk Championship at the Westchester County Center and the Pride came away with a pair of convincing victories – 76-65 over Albertus Magnus and A 76-56 over defending Class AA state champion Baldwin (L.I.). The victory over Baldwin was the first meeting between the teams since the 2018 State Class AA final.

Seton Hall-bound Kailah Harris was selected the tournament most valuable player. Harris had 22 points and 17 rebounds against Albertus and followed it up with 20 points and 16 rebounds, despite fouling out midway through the fourth quarter. Harris has been outstanding since fellow senior Aubrey Griffin has been sidelined with an injury.

"I love how all of our girls have stepped up since Aubrey went down," Ossining Coach Dan Ricci said. "We feel we have the two best players in the section and Kailah is proving that. Now, our other girls are all getting better which will us that much better come playoffs."

Jaida Strippoli had a team-best 23 points against Albertus. She also registered nine assists and had five rebounds. Julia Iorio contributed 19 points and Brooke Weeks had seven points and seven rebounds.

LAKELAND (3-2) won both its games last week, improving to 3-2 on the season. The Hornets defeated Lincoln, 66-29, and

followed up with a 52-27 victory over Sleepy Hollow. Alexa Cole led the Hornets against Lincoln with 12 points and seven rebounds. Tyler Hormazabal added 11 points and five steals and Emma Walsh also had 11 points. Hannah Devine grabbed 11 rebounds and played excellent defense, according to Lakeland coach Miranda Lustig.

Cole filled out the statistics' sheet against Sleepy Hollow with 15 points, five assists and four blocked shots. Hormazabal contributed 10 points and Sarah Carroll added nine points.

"The last two games we've played pretty disciplined," Lustig said. We've had a lot of girls stepping up off the bench and it's been nice to see them take advantage of their opportunities. It's always nice to get a win before break because we know our schedule will get tougher in the second half of the season. The plan is to carry the positive energy into the new year."

It was a tale of two halves for **BREWSTER** (5-2) in a 56-35 triumph of Edgemont. The Bears trailed, 26-15, at halftime. Following a pep talk from Coach Mike Castaldo at halftime, the Bears were ferocious in the third quarter, outscoring Edgemont, 24-3.

"I told the girls they were not playing with a purpose and to either get on the bus and forfeit the second half or do something about it," Castaldo said.

Maggie DePaoli finished with 17 points and five steals and Grace Galgano added 10 points, 11 rebounds and four rejections.

YORKTOWN remained perfect, 5-0, with a 50-46 win over Pelham.

Kat Severino finished with 18 points, six rebounds, three assists and two rejections and Ashley Zeolla had a double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Jesse Barer chipped in with nine rebounds and four assists.

"We knew coming in that it would be a tight game," said Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy of Pelham. "Our perimeter defense has been very good and we were able to cut down on the number of 3-point opportunities by their shooters. We were able to protect the ball pretty well and kept control against their zone press."

Mundy likes the offensive versatility his team has shown to date along with total team efforts.

"We've been getting scoring from a bunch of different areas," Mundy said. "It seems like it's someone different every game. But what I'm really pleased with is the way the girls have bought into playing hard-nosed defense, especially those who have been coming off the bench and contributing. They're taking charges and communicating, which is the key."

CARMEL improved to 3-3 under first-year Coach Brandon Johanson following a 2-1 week. The Rams opened with a 69-66 loss to Croton, but responded with wins over Haldane, 59-56, and Mamaroneck, 62-61.



Yorktown's Ashley Zeolla goes up for two in Huskers' win over Pelham last Wednesday.

Claire Cody erupted offensively for the Rams. She scored 27 points against Croton, poured in 30 against Haldane and capped her week with 27 against Mamaroneck.

"The girls are making strides and improving their play with each game," Johanson said.

In the Croton game, Lili Alexander contributed 12 points and Khadijha Johnson added nine points. Johnson had 12 points against Haldane.

SOMERS (5-1) had a light week with one game – a 57-44 triumph of Harrison.

"Foul trouble hurt us early, but we managed to pull out a good road win," Somers' Coach Marc Hattem said.

Dani DiCintio finished with a game-high 17 points and Taylor Penzo added 12 points. Hannah Angelini had 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals.

HEN HUD (3-4) beat John Jay-Cross River, 58-46, to open the week, then dropped games to Hastings, 65-54, and Yonkers. Hen Hud seized control of the John Jay game in the first quarter, outscoring the Indians, 14-4.

Caitlin Weimar scored a season-high 29 points and had 20 rebounds. Aniyah Thomas added 11 points. Kira Varada had six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Hastings had an 11-point lead at half against Hen Hud and lengthened it to 16 points after three quarters. Weimar had 24 points and 17 rebounds and Grace Moretti added 13 points.

"It was a great game for us against John Jay," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman said. "We handled their pressure pretty well and limited our turnovers. We did a very good job, defensively, as well. Unfortunately, after that win we felt we could win by just stepping on the floor, which does not happen."

'Pac to 'Pac Wins over Carmel!



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Mahopac's Cooper Betancourt (L) and Mike Sottile (R) battle it out with Carmel's Jack Lagan in Indians' 8-6 win over Rams.



Mahopac's Brian O'Shea and Carmel's Galvin Golisano get after a 50-50 puck in Indians' 8-6 win over Rams last Friday at Brewster Ice Arena.

Indians Defeat Rams, 8-6, But No Losers in This Hockey Rivalry

The Carmel and Mahopac hockey communities came together in a big way last Friday night at the Brewster Ice Arena where the Rams and Indians raised over \$1,000 (and counting) for 'Community Cares' and the 'Super Ty Campbell Foundation' on a night where 'Dax' -- the Therapy Dog -- dropped ceremonial the first puck. The two super rivals also competed on the ice with Mahopac snatching a second victory from the jaws of defeat within a week against Carmel; following up last Sunday's 9-7 victory with a hard-fought 8-6 triumph behind four goals and a pair of assists from lights-out sniper TJ McKee. Nick Bricker (2G, 1A), Brian O'Shea (1G, 3A), John Dundon (1G, 1A), Aiden Martin (1A) and Cooper Betancourt (1A) all found their way on to the scoring sheet while Rams Matt LaFontaine (3G), Brendan Murphy (1G, 2A), Luke Golisano (1A), Gavin Golisano (1G), 1A), Jack Lagan (1G), Robert Paradiso (1A), Pasquale Fata (2A), Graham Ludwig (1A) and Steven Mount (1A) contributed to the Carmel attack. The Indians suffered their first loss of the season -- a 6-5 setback to unbeaten Horace Greeley -- Saturday night. Mahopac (8-1) travels upstate Dec. 26 to play Niskayuna/Schenectady/Albany at Union College.



Carmel's Jake Roberts and Mahopac's Matt LaFontaine get feisty in Rams' 8-6 loss to Indians last Friday at the BIA.