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## Land Trust Unveils New Outdoor Space in PV

By David Propper

In the heart of Putnam Valley, residents and visitors now have a new preservation to enjoy for decades to come as the access area and parking lot for Granite Mountain off Peekskill Hollow Road was officially opened last week.

Hudson Highland Land Trust (HHLT) officials, who preserved the land and worked on making it accessible to the public, were joined by officials across governmental levels, preservation advocates, and outdoor enthusiasts for a ribbon cutting last week.

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The HHLT and other officials celebrated the opening of the access area and parking lot for Granite Mountain off Peekskill Hollow Road.

## Pawling Man Sentenced for Embezzlement of Carmel Cemetery

By David Propper

If stealing from a cemetery weren't bad karma enough, a Pawling man was also sentenced last Friday to state prison time for his embezzlement of Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel.

Previously convicted in a jury trial of grand larceny in the 2nd degree, grand larceny in the 3rd degree, criminal possession of a forced instrument in the

2nd degree and two counts of falsifying business records in the 1st degree, Robert Bauer will now face 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 years in prison and must pay restitution in the amount of \$195,850.50, according to the Putnam County District Attorney's Office.

During his trial, the Putnam DA's office proved that Bauer submitted invoices and had been reimbursed for more than

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## Santa Makes Appearance in Mahopac Falls



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With snow in the sky earlier in the day, the members of the Mahopac Falls Fire Dept. held their breath to see if the Annual tree lighting would go on as planned. With a collective sigh of relief, it was a go. As Stan Zalesney, Kevin Neary, Arty Wisotski and the rest of the elves made last minute touches to "The Corner", the cars began to turn the corner off Rt 6N. Everyone at the Main Station stopped to see the lines of residents and families who came a distance to see the new tree. With cookies and refreshments at the ready, people were welcomed to the home of The Ant Hill Mob. As people filed out on to the front apron, the sound of sirens could be heard, meaning that Santa was keeping his promise to stop by. Pulling up on a fire truck, Santa bid hello to all the children waiting to get their wish lists delivered to the big man himself and in the blink of an eye, Santa flipped the switch bringing to life the corner with the tree and many light displays that keep bringing people back to the Falls year after year. The members of the Mahopac Falls Vol. Fire Dept, would like to thank all who came out to support their fire department and as our banner reads: "With Pride, We Serve".

## Lake Carmel Bicyclist Killed by Drunk Driver

By David Propper

A Lake Carmel man's life was cut short last Tuesday night when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office confirmed last Wednesday.

Silvio Tenesaca, 49, of Kent, was charged with vehicular manslaughter in the 2nd degree in the death of George Rosalino,

who was 53. Between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Tenesaca was driving his vehicle in the vicinity of Route 52 and Palmer Trail in Kent when he allegedly hit Rosalino, who was riding a bike, according to the sheriff's office.

Around 11 p.m. the same night, Tenesaca arrived at the sheriff's

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Thursday afternoon.

With so many residents in Putnam Valley living near Granite Mountain, HHLT executive director Michelle Smith noted the land was an important recreational location for the town. She said the HHLT had acquired enough land--400 acres--from Church Road up to Tinker Hill Road to stretch across most of Putnam Valley.

Over the next year, there would be more trail enhancements, Smith said, including more signage and maps.

"We thought this is really valuable from a natural resource perspective and a recreation perspective," Smith said.

The county also owns another 100 acres, Smith said and the HHLT is working with the county to bring it under one management plan.

"It's been a wonderful partnership with the town, with the county, with the state and also Greenway has been funding our infrastructure improvements," Smith said.

State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel and Councilwoman Jackie Annabi (who was also representing

NYS Sen. Sue Serino) were all on hand for the ribbon cutting.

Oliverio called the Granite Mountain preserve an "awesome recreational facility."

Oliverio said at the base of Granite Mountain are aquifers that are recharged every year by rainfall that comes off the mountain. With the land being preserved, the area will never be in danger of becoming developed into homes.

"The most important element is water. You don't have water, you can't survive," Oliverio said. "This will preserve this watershed for years to come."

Byrne said open space in the town and the county is why people want to live in Putnam and the Lower Hudson Valley. Annabi said she's glad to have the preserve rather than it becoming houses.

"This is amazing, so we thank you for preserving Putnam Valley," Annabi said.

It took about a year from when the property was purchased to when it was ready for visitors. In an interview, Smith said one of the major aspects was putting signage up so people know that this preservation is accessible to the public and what type of activities



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

HHLT executive director Michelle Smith was presented a NYS proclamation from Assemblyman Kevin Byrne last week.

are allowed. A parking lot and kiosk were also necessary additions, Smith said.

To raise funds, the HHLT needed to apply for grants in hopes of getting state funds. Greenway was helpful in

attaining those funds, Smith noted.

"A lot of people have been asking 'when am I going to be able to park my car and go,'" Smith said.

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## Spinal Cord Stimulation Pain Relief When All Else Fails...

### **Q: How can spinal cord stimulation help relieve chronic pain?**

**A:** Pain pathways travel in specific locations within the spinal cord. Based on knowledge that the spinal cord can, under certain conditions, turn off the pain signals, medical research has developed ways of influencing the transmission of pain impulses passing through it.

Highly sophisticated computerized batteries have been developed that deliver individualized electrical impulses to the spinal cord. Today's stimulator implant, which is similar to a pacemaker, can eliminate or significantly reduce chronic pain unresponsive to other approaches.

### **Q: Am I a good candidate for spinal cord stimulation?**

**A:** Do you have structural problems, such as a herniated disc? Or, perhaps you've undergone several spine surgeries. Most patients referred for spinal cord stimulation are managed by a chronic pain specialist. They've probably tried a host of medicines, including narcotics, but over time, their pain has become increasingly resistant to medications. Many have undergone physical therapy treatments, weight reduction programs and a variety of

alternative medicine treatments such as acupuncture. Understandably, these people are desperate. They come to me to see if this will work for them.

### **Q: If I've been approved for the treatment, what's next?**

**A:** Guided by x-ray, an electrode is placed in your spinal canal. You'll be brought into a state of light sedation in order to provide feedback as to placement. Once the electrode is in the area of pain, the patient is sent home to monitor its effect. If pain is reduced by 50 percent or more, you're considered a candidate for permanent placement of a simulator.

### **Q: What are the outcomes of this procedure?**

**A:** The permanent procedure takes about an hour and usually involves an overnight hospital stay. Post-surgery, the stimulator is individually programmed, and over the course of several visits with me, it is increasingly fine-tuned to provide the greatest pain reduction. Patients have different responses, with most people enjoying pain relief. For some, the implant eliminates virtually all pain. In others, pain is reduced by 50 percent. For a minority, the procedure is a failure. The battery life in today's implants remains effective for about ten years.

# Firestorm Continues in PV Over Alleged Threat by Student

By Anna Young

As the Putnam Valley school district continues to deal with the controversy surrounding the handling of an alleged student threat on social media, Superintendent Dr. Fran Wills hosted a forum last week to answer questions and ease community concerns regarding safety.

While the discussion was held to address any worries parents might have about school protocol and safety regulations, the roughly dozen people in attendance were divided as some placed blame on the school district for mishandling the situation while others took aim at the student and his mother.

The 14-year-old high school student, whose name is being withheld by The Putnam Examiner due to his age, posted threatening messages on social media last month that prompted the school and Putnam County Sheriff's Department to act swiftly. Wills added how students also contacted school officials and the police department when they spotted the post.

The student's message that was posted on social media stated, "F— Putnam valley and f— the police, 5 days after some sh— I said, two f— faces exaggerated it and a teacher overheard it and the school flipped sh—. Let's keep a long story short, I had my house raided and my gun taken. Whoever f—ed up is going to have one hell of a problem

tomorrow u made a big mistake buddy."

The student, in an online post, said his troubles began when he told classmates jokingly, he wanted to shoot up CNN and ended up receiving a one-day suspension for it. The day after he served his suspension though, the sheriff's department was at his door and took his father's old shotgun, the student wrote, which caused him to make the expletive filled post.

"The issue really is about social media and what it's done, and once a fire is started by someone it cannot be put out, unfortunately," Wills said. "Young people are given this, I call it a weapon of mass destruction, because it is. It destroys lives, it destroys their mental health, it affects other people who read it and then a whole community is inflamed."

While a punishment was reached between the school district and the student's lawyer, the family of the 14-year-old is objecting to how the school system handled the case. The student arrived at school on Nov. 15 after posting what district officials deemed threatening the night before and was quickly escorted to the principal's office, which caused a stir and even panic throughout the school community because the district announced he would not be allowed in school that day.

Parents at the forum acknowledged they received the district's email that the student wouldn't be in school, but

the student's mother, who was also in attendance, alleged that she never received any notification from school officials or the police department until the next day when her child was already at school.

With parents questioning the district's methods of communication, Wills agreed that there was no verbal communication between the district and the family. She said the district did the best they could working after hours given the circumstance, adding that she should have also notified the bus garage.

"I can't change that there was poor coordination and it was a difficult night, and that kind of communication is difficult," Wills said. "We've learned from that incident that we need to have more people on our phones. We thought we had covered all the bases."

While some told the mother that her child needs therapy and should not to be allowed back at school citing the posts as threatening and frightening to their children, others don't want to see the student used as an example. The student's mother agreed that while her child did a stupid thing and expressed his frustration inappropriately, he's not a threat to anyone.

"I don't think he has an idea of what he created," the mother said. "My son is not a threat, he did a stupid thing and he

apologized for it, but obviously I cannot make everybody happy. He regrets it."

Some parents also expressed concern when the student is allowed back to school. Wills said the student would be monitored and cared for by the counseling staff to ensure he isn't ostracized or feels anxious, angered or upset when transitioning back to school.

Wills advised parents that the school has done their part to enforce punishment toward the student, but that forgiveness and rehabilitation from the community is necessary to move forward. The student's mother added that her child has been counseled to seek guidance if feelings of anger arise when re-entering the high school.

Parent Catherine Mason stressed that it's the district's responsibility to work with the community to find a proper setting for the student, emphasizing the effect the alleged threats had on her children, the community and student body.

"Maybe he didn't mean what he said but let's say he comes back to school, doesn't feel integrated and in five months decides to say it again but this time means it," Mason said. "I don't believe that any child who has this deep level of hatred should be back in the school. I'm more worried about my kid than I am about your kid."

## Rep. Maloney Drops Out of DCCC Leadership Race

By David Propper

After battling a bacterial infection, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney was back at home recovering this past weekend, though he had to drop out of the race to be the next chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as a result of his illness.

Maloney, who had to be hospitalized earlier in the week, was running against Reps. Cheri Bustos, Susan DelBene and Denny Heck for the DCCC post. In an earlier statement, Maloney, a Cold Spring resident, said an infection he first dealt with in September once again was bothering him, enough so that he was admitted into New York Presbyterian in New York City for treatment.

"I had intended to stand for election to a leadership position this week, but life had other plans for me," Maloney said in a statement released Tuesday, according to Politico. "I've always been blessed with good health, but this condition is going to require a few days of intensive treatment. With deep respect for my supporters and colleagues, I felt it was improper to

continue a leadership run at this time, unless the election can be postponed until a later date. I'll be enthusiastically re-joining my colleagues soon to get to work on the important issues of the day."

Maloney easily clinched reelection last month, topping Republican challenger Jimmy O'Donnell from Orange County. He has served in the House for three terms.

"Congressman Maloney is on the mend and will be back to work in Washington next week," his spokesman Ian Lee said in a statement Friday.

In a letter to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, who will likely be the House Majority Leader once the 116th Congress begins in January, Maloney thanked her for considering delaying the vote, but signaled he was dropping out of the DCCC race so leadership positions could be determined without undue delay.

"So we can be at full strength for the battles to come," Maloney said, according to The Hill.

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# Southeast Looks to Reshape Signage Law

By David Propper

The Southeast town board is back at the drawing board after a previous sign ordinance was struck down as unconstitutional about three years ago.

During a town board meeting last Thursday, town board members discussed how they could tweak the signage law to prevent overcrowding of signs, specifically along town highways and right-of-ways. On the heels of the November election, which saw signs all over town, Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay noted this was a "bad year" for political signs.

A law that was crafted and enacted several years ago was challenged by resident Carla Marin and US District Judge Kenneth Karas found the law to be unconstitutional because it regulated political speech. In 2011, Marin refused to take a sign down from her private property, which was on a town right-of-way, five days after a primary, which eventually led to the legal fight.

"Every law is good until it's challenged," Hay said. "Ours happened to be challenged."

The town was sued because a politically based sign on private property was left up for a longer period of time than allowed, town attorney Willis Stephens said. Even though the plaintiff who received a summons was never convicted or forced



Town attorney Willis Stephens, right, and Supervisor Tony Hay, left, spoke about the sign law in Southeast last week.

to pay a fine, she still filed a civil rights challenge against the town, citing the 1st amendment. He said the judge in the Marin case ruled that the town was attempting to regulate content.

Once the judge in the case dissected the law, it was a "paper tiger" going forward,

Stephen said.

Stephens suggested the town "go back to the drawing board" and he could explore what other towns have done that withstood any legal challenges. He said he doesn't see why the town can't prohibit all signs on town right-of-ways and

highways.

"You're consternation is the proliferation of political signs during the crazy season as we like to call it," Stephens said, referring to campaign season.

The town could craft a law that dictates how long a sign can stay up for and how big the sign can be, Stephens said. A committee could be formed, which the town board will discuss at a future meeting.

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt said up until this year, she thought residents had done a good job self-regulating the signs that they put up around town. For the most part, residents have been sensible when and why they put signs up, she said.

Peter Bell, a Patterson resident, said Southeast has done a good job of regulating the number of signs and how long they stay up in the fall. In Patterson, Bell said the number of signs was "horrific" this election season with one corner in the town having about 150 signs overall.

"Unfortunately there will be winners and losers in this," Bell said once a new sign law is put into place.


There are still a few signs still up from this past election, mostly from judicial candidates that don't live in the county.

"Ironically the judges are always the worst offenders," Eckardt said. "Always."




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# Garrison Resident to Retire from NYS Judgeship

By David Propper

Reaching the mandatory retirement age, Garrison resident and longtime Judge Thomas Scuccimarra announced last week he plans to retire from the courts at the end of the year.

Scuccimarra, who is currently a New York State Court of Claims judge, told The Putnam Examiner he plans to step down at the end of the month, ending his run in his current role after 17 years. When a judge reaches the age of 70, he or she is required to retire from the bench. For Scuccimarra, it'll be the end of a lengthy career wearing the black robe.

Scuccimarra has been a member of the judiciary for 33 years and presided over five different courts in New York. He served as the town justice for Philipstown from 1984-2000 and was the acting justice for Cold Spring from 1985-2000 and acting justice for Nelsonville from 1986-2000. If he weren't busy enough, Scuccimarra then served on the Putnam County Court as a multi-hat judge presiding over family, criminal, and surrogate court matters for about ten months in 2000.

On April 24, 2001, Scuccimarra was nominated by former New York governor George Pataki, a Republican, to serve as a judge on the Court of Claims and was confirmed by the NYS Senate on May 8, 2001. On June 20, 2006, Scuccimarra was

reappointed to a 9-year term by Pataki and then on June 17, 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, appointed him to another 9-year term, which he will leave due to age restrictions after serving about three years into the term.

While he was headquartered in White Plains District Court of Claims, Scuccimarra presided over trials in Hauppauge, Long Island and has been part of the New York City District assignment wheel for many years.

He served as the president of the Peekskill City Bar Association in 1984 and as president of the Putnam County Magistrates' Association from 1989-1992. He was one of the first members of Philipstown's Conservation Advisory Counsel and a trustee of the Butterfield Memorial Hospital board in Cold Spring. In 1999, he was appointed by the New York State Supreme Court Appellate

Division as a mediator in the settlement of attorney/client disputes.

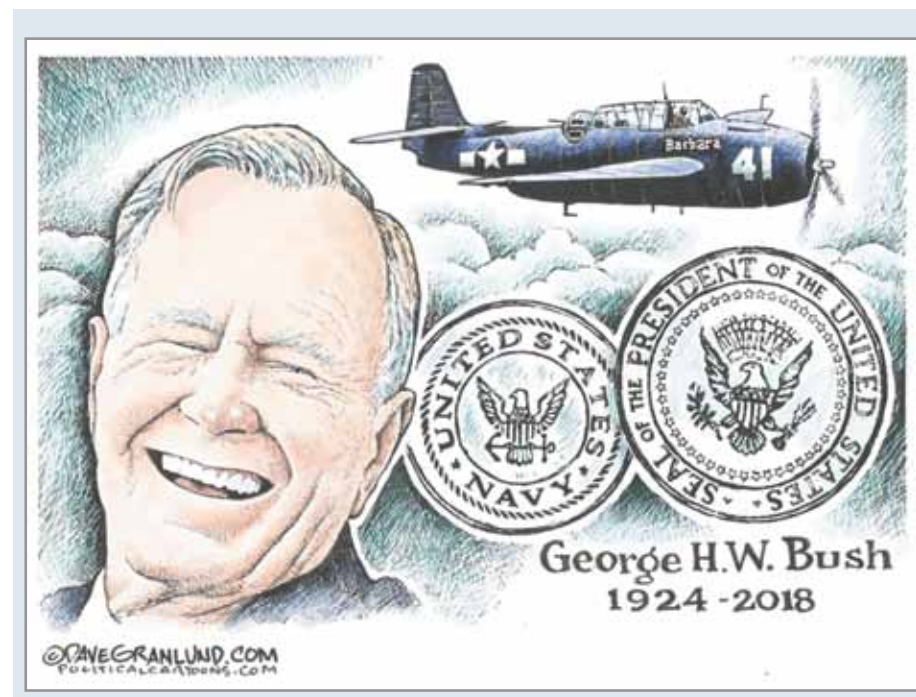
He currently serves on the 9th Judicial District Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the courts and is a member of the New York Magistrates Association and New York State Bar Association.

His wife, Barbara, is a legislator on the county Legislature representing District 1 until the end of the year.

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# Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Debated in Raucous Forum

By Anna Young

Spirited debate erupted at the Croton Free Library last week during a raucous public forum addressing the possibility that New York State lawmakers will legalize recreational marijuana next year.

With state officials weighing legalization, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) hosted a discussion last Thursday evening featuring a panel of experts on both sides of the issue. Galef said she organized the event to gather feedback from constituents before state lawmakers meet in January.

"There's a lot of states that are addressing this issue on recreational marijuana. Next year, I don't know what we're going to do," Galef said. "There have been both successes and setbacks in terms of marijuana. As we get to the heart of the issues, is it right for New York and what needs to happen in order to make it work?"

Medical marijuana is legal in New York for patients who are certified by health care practitioners as having serious diseases and conditions, including cancer, AIDS, severe chronic pain and other ailments. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who signed the Compassionate Care Act in 2014 to legalize it for medical use, has said that the benefits of legalizing recreational marijuana outweigh the risks.

Recently, Cuomo concluded a series



Assemblywoman Sandy Galef introduces a panel last week during a Nov. 29 discussion on the potential for legalization of recreational marijuana in Croton-on-Hudson.

of listening sessions that offered advice on different legislative and regulatory approaches to legalization with a goal to draft a bill that lawmakers can consider in the upcoming 2019 session.

Throughout the two-hour forum, panelists with opposing views engaged in debate that riled the standing-room-only audience at times leading to applause, profanities and shouting. Speakers addressed health impacts, safety components, criminal justice reform, lessons learned from other states and how to avoid repeating previous mistakes.

Heather Trela, chief of staff and fellow at

the Rockefeller Institute of Government, noted that while states such as Colorado and Massachusetts have seen an increase in marijuana sales benefitting state coffers, that bump in revenue isn't sustainable. She said as additional dispensaries

open throughout the states that have approved recreational marijuana, it will no longer be considered a luxury.

"This will eventually level out," Trela said. "In Colorado, young people are smoking less marijuana even though it's legal. It's not rebellious anymore, it's not such a big thing. This may level out supply-wise."

Kevin Sabet, president and CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, agreed that the marijuana industry is out to make money. The profits for states are a "drop in the bucket" for their budgets and doesn't account for the costs, he said.

He also expressed concern that marijuana is being processed with higher levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which makes the substance more potent.

"I do think legalization is reckless because I see it as an equivalent to essentially arming another addictive,

powerful industry," Sabet said. "I think we've learned our lessons with that and they haven't been good lessons."

Thomas Lee, past president of the Westchester Medical Society and Westchester Academy of Medicine, said medical professionals are concerned about legalization. States that have legalized marijuana have seen an uptick in emergency room visits and traffic fatalities, he said.

Sabet added that other states that have legalized marijuana failed to have the discussions that New York is currently having. He suggested state lawmakers move much slower on considering a law they could one day regret.

Cristina Buccola, founder of Cristina Buccola Counsel and former general counsel to High Times magazine, asserted that there is no medical reason for a prohibition on cannabis. Buccola also cited the waste of more than 800,000 arrests made during the past 40 years for low-level marijuana possession.

She advised parents that the most responsible thing they can do for their children is to stress that marijuana use is regulated and for adults only. Furthermore, cannabis retailers must require customers to present identification.

Buccola also said that minorities are unfairly targeted with low-level marijuana offenses.

"Prohibition didn't start because of a medical reason, it started because of racism and it doesn't work and it costs money," Buccola said. "The safest way forward is legalization, is regulation. This is safer for kids, this is safer for consumers, this is safer for public health because then we can start having real conversations."

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\$160,000 of work he never performed and materials he never purchased.

His embezzlement of Raymond Hill Cemetery revealed a larger scheme undertaken by Bauer. It was discovered that he stole from Ballard Barrett Cemetery, Union Valley Cemetery, Putnam County Monuments and Bulldog Concrete. Three of the thefts occurred the same time he was stealing from Raymond Hill, with the fourth theft occurring — incredibly — the weekend before his trial was going to begin, according to the DA's office.

He ended up pleading guilty to three additional charges of grand larceny in the 3rd degree and one count of grand larceny in the 4th degree on Oct. 19, 2018.

The Putnam DA's office argued that Bauer should be sentenced to 4 to 12 years in prison. At sentencing, Judge Larry Schwartz described Bauer as a "brazen thief."



Robert Bauer of Pawling will face state prison time.



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## Letter to the Editor

# Holiday Season Great Time to Adopt a Dog

Now that the holiday season is upon us, many people think a puppy would make a good gift. What most forget is that puppies require a lot of time, energy, money, and many pet store puppies come from sick and neglected puppy mills.

Nearly 8 million companion animals enter U.S. shelters each year, half of which are sadly killed. This is a staggering number of innocent lives lost, with

millions more spending many years, if not their entire lives in a small cage hoping to be adopted.

Instead of buying an expensive and high maintenance puppy as a gift, visit your local animal shelter in order to find one. These loving dogs have already been spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on vaccinations, and microchipped.

We are fortunate in Westchester and

Putnam Counties to have terrific animal shelters. One of which is the Putnam Humane Society in Carmel. The most intelligent, friendly, and loving dogs I have ever met were adopted. Shelter pets want nothing more than to be in a loving home, where they will be a terrific new family member.

So instead of buying a puppy this holiday season, please share your love and

home with a dog who desperately needs it. Visit your local shelter, volunteer to walk a dog, and always choose to adopt.

Steve Reid  
Somers  
Professional Dog Trainer

## Recent Drug Possession Arrests in Putnam

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office recorded several recent drug possession arrests.

**On November 5**, at approximately 7:20 p.m., Deputy Kevin Osika observed a vehicle commit traffic violations on Peekskill Hollow Road, located in the Town of Putnam Valley. Deputy Osika initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that the vehicle's female driver, age 18, of Putnam Valley was in possession of a small quantity of marijuana. The female, was arrested, processed at the scene, and was issued an appearance ticket for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, returnable to the Town of Putnam Valley Justice Court.

**On November 6**, at approximately 9:14 p.m., Deputy Anthony Tolve observed a vehicle commit traffic violations on Sprout Brook Road, located in the Continental Village area, in the Town of Philipstown. Deputy Tolve conducted a traffic stop on

the vehicle. New York State Department of Motor Vehicle Computer check revealed that the vehicle's driver, Christina Deagan, age 51, of Cortlandt Manor, had a revoked New York State driver's license. Further investigation revealed that Ms. Deagan was in possession of a small number of the prescription pills Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine, which she allegedly did not have a prescription for. Ms. Deagan was arrested and transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility for arrest processing. Ms. Deagan was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree (Misdemeanor), and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (Class A Misdemeanor). Ms. Deagan was processed, posted \$250 cash-bail, and issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Philipstown Justice Court.

**On November 12**, at approximately 9:40

p.m., Deputy Christopher Irwin observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation in the area of Church Street and State Route 6, in the Town of Carmel. Deputy Irwin conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that the vehicle's driver, John Rutledge Jr., age 32, of Patterson, was in possession of alleged marijuana having an aggregate weight exceeding two ounces. Mr. Rutledge was placed under arrest and transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility for arrest processing. Mr. Rutledge was charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Fourth Degree (Class A Misdemeanor). Mr. Rutledge was processed and released on an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Carmel Justice Court.

**On November 18**, at approximately 4:20 p.m., Deputy Kevin Radovich observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation on Becker Street, located in the

Town of Putnam Valley. Deputy Radovich initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. New York State Department of Motor Vehicle Computer check revealed that the vehicle's driver, Christian Brimon, age 51, of Mohegan Lake, had a suspended New York State Driver's License. In addition to driving with a suspended license, Mr. Brimon was found to be in possession of the prescription pills Alprazolam and Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine, for which he allegedly does not have a prescription for. Mr. Brimon was arrested and transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility for arrest processing. Mr. Brimon was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree (Misdemeanor), and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (Class A Misdemeanor). Mr. Brimon posted \$250 cash-bail and was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Putnam Valley Justice Court.

## Westchester Jingle Bell Run For Arthritis Honors Local Residents

The 2018 Jingle Bell Run for arthritis is bringing holiday cheer to Westchester on Saturday, December 8th with the goal of raising \$129,150 this year. As over 500 people gather at Purchase College to join the movement to conquer arthritis, this annual, holiday-themed 5K run, or optional one-mile walk, encourages participants to dress in festive costumes and get moving to raise awareness and funds to cure America's #1 cause of disability.

The 2018 Jingle Bell Run Westchester will honor two locals who are battling arthritis.

Avery Etman is 10 years old, a fifth grader at Kenisco School in Valhalla. She was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) when she was three years old after meeting with Dr. Hom, a pediatric rheumatologist. It started with her knee and ankle being swollen and they didn't know why. Several years later, in first grade, they found out that Avery had uveitis a complication from her juvenile arthritis. They tried some eye drops at first, but it didn't work and ended up having to get injections of methotrexate for two years until the inflammation went into remission.

Avery still sees Dr. Hom and his ophthalmologist in New York City to make sure the eyes and joints are healthy. Avery loves swimming, lacrosse, bike riding and

hanging out with her friends! Check out her team Avery's Arthritis Avengers.

Margaret Carey was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) when she was 16 years old and has been battling arthritis for over 35 years. Under the care of rheumatologist, Dr. Richard Barone, Margaret has learned to adapt to the challenges of living with arthritis. Thanks to Dr. Barone's guidance and the Arthritis Foundation's support groups, she was able to maintain a positive outlook and focus on the things she could do instead of the things she couldn't do. Margaret earned a degree in computer science, and had a successful and fulfilling career. She married her college sweetheart, Peter who is a continual source of support and encouragement. They have three adult children and are the editors of a hyper-local digital publication named HamletHub, where they share positive news and information about their community.

"I am inspired by the advancements in medical treatment and technology," explains Margaret, "I've been the recipient of multiple joint replacements, which have reduced my pain and improved my mobility." People with arthritis may "look" perfectly fine but the pain, weakness, and fatigue are real and challenging to everyday life. Margaret maintains that a positive

outlook, knowing your limitations, and taking care of your health are the keys to living with arthritis. Check out her team Joint Efforts.

Taking place in more than 100 cities nationwide, the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run benefits the more than 54 million Americans (1 in 4 adults), including 300,000 children (1 in every 250), living with arthritis every day. From funding cutting-edge research for new treatments and ultimately a cure to advocating for

health care access, the Arthritis Foundation helps those living with arthritis score everyday victories, one step at a time.

The Jingle Bell Run is nationally sponsored by AbbVie, Sanofi Genzyme, Regeneron, CVS Specialty Cheribundi and Janssen Pharmaceuticals and locally sponsored by NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital and HamletHub. To learn more and register for the Westchester event, visit [www.jbr.org/Westchester](http://www.jbr.org/Westchester), contact Jaclyn Renner at [jrenner@arthritis.org](mailto:jrenner@arthritis.org) or call 917-794-2638.

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**Business  
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# Brewster Shipping Center

## Brewster

By David Propper

With the holiday season in full swing, packages from around the nation—and world will be sent. Brewster Shipping Center, under new ownership, hopes they can provide patrons the peace of mind to make gift-giving as seamless as possible this year.

Owner John Dayrit, who is working with FedEx, UPS, DHL, and the Post Office, is ready for a busy month by accepting, packing and shipping items all over the place. The shipping center also offers mailbox and U-Haul truck rentals, makes keys, takes passport pictures and can be a notary.

Dayrit took over Brewster Shipping, a Brewster Chamber of Commerce member, back in April from former owner and longtime Brewster resident Richard Ruchala. While the business is under new ownership, Dayrit said he has kept the services previously provided and hopes to expand even more in the coming months.

He renovated the interior of the shipping center to give it a brighter look. New walls and floors were put in to give the center a more welcoming vibe. Another new twist to the shop is multiple clocks representing different time zones in the world, including Dayrit's hometown



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
New owner of Brewster Shipping John Dayrit with former owner Richard Ruchala as the business will continue to be a staple of Main Street in Brewster.

in the Philippines.

Dayrit said he was looking to own a business similar to the shipping center when he met Ruchala through his other job at Comcast.

"He said, 'why don't you take it,'" Dayrit, a Danbury resident, said.

Dayrit has lived in the United States since 2000 after he emigrated from the Philippines where he used to work in electronics communication. For work, he traveled all over the Pacific, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, China,

and South Korea.

He came over to America for his family, which is comprised of his wife and three children.

"We come over here and of course we have to start over," he said.

After traveling all over the place, Dayrit enjoys that he now gets to go to the same place everyday for work along Main Street in Brewster.

But this isn't Dayrit's first time owning a business. When he first arrived in



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Last week Dayrit cut the ribbon to the store he has owned since April with Brewster Chamber of Commerce officials looking on.

America, he set up a computer consulting business at a time when computers were incredibly pricey. Now, he's turned to the shipping sector.

"You have to have dedication and put time into this and you know how to think ahead of time instead of just what's going on today," he said. "We have to think a step farther."

*Brewster Shipping Center is located on 12 N Main Street in the Village of Brewster and its phone number is 845-279-6633.*

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# PV Student Honored for Radiant Positivity

Aiden Rice's smile completely lit up the room as he accepted a Student of Distinction Award surrounded by teachers and administrators in the Putnam Valley High School library on November 19. Popular with many of the staff and administrators attending, Rice gave enthusiastic hugs before the start of the Putnam Valley School District Board of Education meeting and never stopped smiling.

"Aiden is relatively new to us and started out in our extensive therapeutic support program rather late last school year," said Michael Sowul, Walden School principal. "He's made a lot of gains in that program and we've felt that he could continue to make those gains in our learning center."

Since September, Rice has been thriving in Melissa Bayeur's K-1 self-contained classroom. Bayeur teared up while talking about him. "The smile is just contagious!" she said. "His enthusiasm, his creativity, he's a joy to have in class. He's not without his challenges, but rule number four in



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our classroom is 'Be the best you can be' and Aiden does that every day. Every day he shows us that despite the challenges he might have, he's going to continue to be the best that he can be. I'm so proud

to be here tonight and I hope that Aiden feels just as proud because this is a great accomplishment."

Putnam Valley Superintendent Frances Wills handed Aiden his award

surrounded by Bayeur, Sowul, Assistant Superintendent Natalie Doherty, and Putnam Valley Elementary School Assistant Principal Jenette Mistretta. There was not a dry eye in the group.

"Aiden, this is for you," said Wills as she gave Aiden his award. "And this is a very special certificate because you are being the best you can be. We are so proud of you."

Aiden's parents, Cameron Rice and Kayla Petrocine, were also incredibly proud, noting the improvement in his schoolwork and behavior in a conversation after his recognition.

"I think it's a different setting and it's helped him more," said Petrocine about Rice's experience at Walden School. "It's a smaller group and he can get more of the assistance that he needs. In Putnam Valley Elementary School, he was in a bigger class. It was a little more difficult for him. Since he went to BOCES, it's been a lot better. Not one phone call... Well, only for something good."

# Fourth Graders Become Surgeons in Brewster

Fourth grade teacher Danielle Recine transformed her classroom into a hospital recently for a lesson on nonfiction texts.

As part of the Teachers College language arts curriculum, fourth graders at CV Starr have been learning about the different features of nonfiction. To make the lesson more engaging and hands-on, Recine and Cheryl Sassone created an event where students could become "surgeons" and work together in their very own operating room.

Desks were draped in white plastic tablecloths and students donned hair nets, face masks, gloves, and stickers that let everyone know they were "doctors."



Each team of surgeons was given a paper cutout of a body and a basket of supplies to help their injured patient. The procedure included reading directions, organizing supplies, identifying text features (such as captions, diagrams, and photos), gluing the features on to assigned body parts, and discussing the importance of each feature. Afterward, students reflected on their successes and challenges in their writer's notebooks.

In addition to learning about nonfiction texts, the lesson incorporated critical skills like collaboration and communication, adaptability, and critical thinking, all of which are part of the district's Strategic Coherence Plan.

# Carmel High Holds Business Honor Society Induction

On Wednesday November 14, the Carmel High School Career & Technical Education (Business Education) Department held their annual Induction Ceremony for the Business Honor Society. They inducted 21 students.

## 2018 CHS Business Honor Society Inductees:

Melissa Agro, Tyler Allocca, Mia Bojorquez, Claire Cody, Tyler Dicembrino, Michael Dinardi, Gabriella Ferreira, Emma Guiney, Jaclyn Grippio, Hannah Hauptman, Sophia Jeltsch, Gentiana Krasniqi, Nicole Kruse, Miah Lee, Victoria Leibnitz, Kaitlyn Martins, Julia Miletti, Ryan Murphy, Erin Rangel, Ryan Taormina, Daniel Wiener.

## Honorable Inductee:

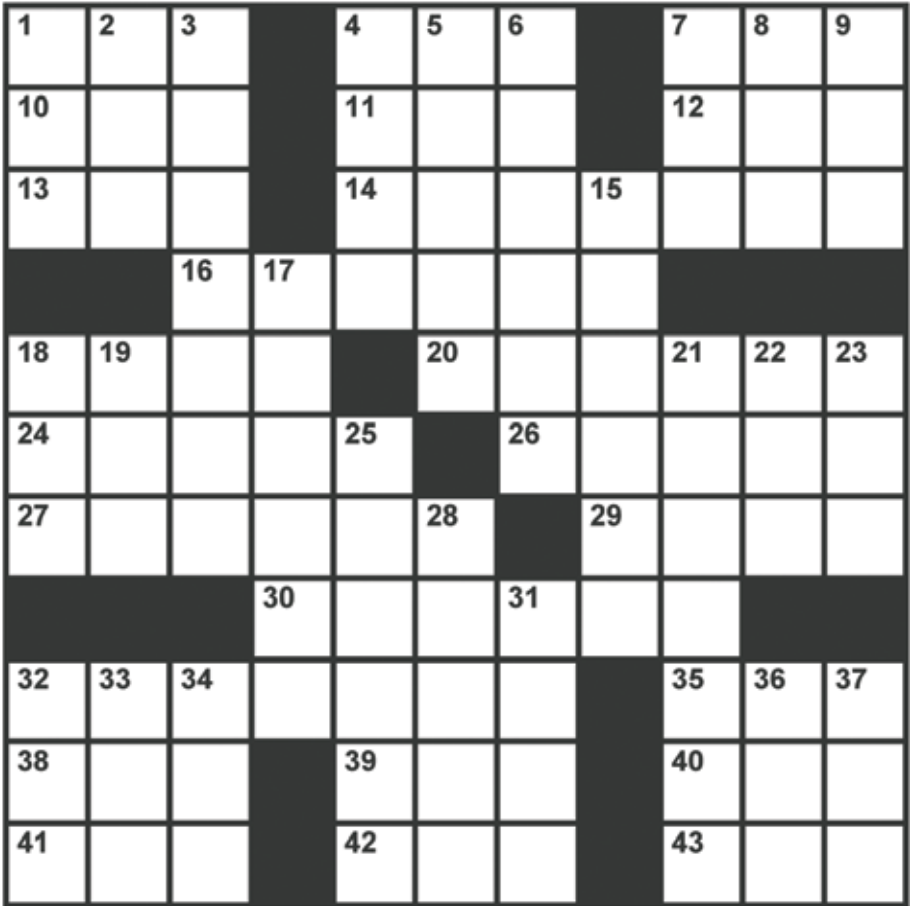
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To be selected, students must be a senior and have completed at least 4 business education classes (including at least 1 college credit course). They also need to have at least an 88 average in those business education courses and have an overall average of 85 or greater. These students have taken various business education classes such as College Accounting, College Management, College Marketing, College Business Law, College Business Economics, Technology, Imagination & Social Media, Business Math, Video game Design and Career & Financial Strategies. The benefit to have taken these classes is that these students can take these business and life skills with them into any college or career choice.





# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 17

## Across

- Boat mover
- Nurse
- Educ. institution
- Sergeant or corporal, e.g.
- Horror writer, Edgar Allan
- Naughty boy in "Toy Story"
- Baking need, abbr.
- Perpetual
- If you want to "flee" from cigarettes, this Yorktown shop may be for you, Vape \_\_\_\_
- Post-WWII commerce agreement
- Zone
- Photo session
- Where to go to "tickle the Ivories" in Ossining, Mike \_\_\_\_ Music School
- Scandalous
- I.Q. or driver's
- Vodka cocktail
- Roleplay
- Kangaroo pocket, e.g.
- Command to an attack dog
- Wander
- A Manning
- Arctic sight
- Sibilant
- Search engine marketing ingredient, for short

## Down

- Neighbor of Minn.
- Temperature controls, briefly
- Aid for skiing uphill
- Blueprint datum, for short
- Little pieces
- Leaf \_\_\_\_, in Vermont
- Nine-digit ID
- Spy agcy.
- The good cholesterol
- Say one's piece
- Monotonous
- Prime meridian std.
- Revelation response
- Dangerous flies
- Approves
- Turn bad
- Emergency medicine system
- Workout spots, for some
- Old Fords
- Air pressure, abbr.
- Driver's need, abbr.
- One or 11, in blackjack
- Oktoberfest drink
- IT head

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# Savoring the Season at PNW BOCES' Student-Run Restaurant

The Educated Palate, Putnam | Northern Westchester's student-run restaurant, ushered in the holiday season in November, with a mouth-watering, open-to-the-public luncheon on November 20. The festive meal's theme was American Holiday Cuisine, and it came with all the fixings.

Hospitality students served the lavish luncheon at the Yorktown campus-based restaurant. Diners feasted on an apple, pear, cranberry and bleu cheese salad with maple balsamic vinaigrette; roast loin of pork with sausage and sage stuffing and apple cider au jus; and sweet potato hash and sautéed green beans. For dessert, an apple cake made with coconut, pineapple and pecans was served with cranberry sauce and cinnamon whipped cream.

Students in the program learn everything from fundamental cooking and baking/pastry arts skills to training in safety, sanitation, and basic nutrition. They also learn management principles that include menu planning, front-of-the-house hospitality training and culinary business concepts.



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Student wait staff at the Educated Palate, the student-run restaurant on the Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES Yorktown campus.



Louis Elmore of Peekskill and Catherine Pogact of Yorktown, culinary students at Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES, prepare beverages for the Educated Palate's November luncheon on November 20.



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# Austin Road Students Learn from Travel Channel Host

While most Austin Road Elementary students get a bit restless and distracted on a grey, cold Monday just before Thanksgiving recess, Mary Jean Cerbini's fifth grade class was attentive, inquisitive and focused. All eyes and ears were on Don Wildman, Travel Channel's host of "Mysteries at the Museum," "Monumental Mysteries" and "Greatest Mysteries."

Wildman, a personal friend of Cerbini, took over Social Studies class with lively stories from filming and researching shows for "Mysteries at the Museum." He started with theories on Amelia Earhart's disappearance and engaged a thought-provoking class discussion on theory validation.

Doing what he does best, Wildman then smoothly transitioned to UFO and extraterrestrial sightings that led to testing the clandestine surveillance forces of the United States Airforce's "Area 51" in a helicopter.

The students were given an assignment from Wildman to read a book that is at least one and a half inches thick. He explained to them that his first "big" book was about the civil war, which fueled his interest and eventual career into exploring history.



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## Obituaries

### Marion E. Hegarty

Marion E. Hegarty, a 53-year resident of Brewster, died peacefully at home on Thursday November 22. She was 76-years-old. Born on August 15, 1942 in Brooklyn, daughter of the late John and Delia (Quealy) Fitzgerald. Marion received her associated degree as a registered nurse and began her work in Yonkers. Following the death of her husband William in 1970, she worked at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, for over 40 years before retiring. The most important thing to Marion was her son, she strived to give him the best life possible. Marion is survived by her son; William 'Bill' Hegarty and his wife Suzanne of Brandon, VT. She will be greatly missed by many friends.

### Antoinette N. Mautone

Antoinette Nina Mautone of Johnson City and formerly of Mahopac, died on Friday, November 23, at the age of 90. Nina was known as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and a "favorite aunt" to many nieces and nephews. She was also a remarkably resilient person, having fought and defeated breast cancer in her 40s, and having lived with heart disease and declining mobility during her final years. She was proud of her Italian heritage and dedicated to her Catholic faith. Nina was born in White Plains on Dec. 18, 1927, to Italian immigrant parents. She was the youngest of seven siblings and was one of six sisters. Although Nina grew up during the Great Depression and times were sometimes tough, her childhood included many fond memories, such as taking tap-dancing lessons, exploring the "wilds" of White Plains, and going on vacation trips with her sisters. Nina graduated high school in 1945, at a time when many of her classmates had left school to fight the war. Nina did her part, too, by taking a secretarial job with the Army Service

Forces in New York City. She later found a job closer to home with Eastview Junior High School in White Plains, followed by five years working at an insurance company. One night in February 1950, she and a couple of friends decided to go to a dance at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers. Nina was hoping she would meet a handsome blond Polish man. Instead, a skinny Italian with glasses asked her to dance. In December of that year, they were married. Nina and her husband, Eugene, lived in Yonkers, surrounded by extended family, during the early years of their marriage, where they had three sons, Eugene, John and Michael. The family then had a home built and moved to Mahopac in 1963 to "live in the country." There, a daughter, Christine, was born a year later. Nina later became an employee of Guideposts Magazine in Carmel. She worked there for 12 years before retiring. Then, in the 1990s, two special things happened: she became a grandma, and she and her husband fulfilled a lifelong dream by visiting Italy. (They made two trips, in fact — but days before the second trip, Nina tripped and fell, fracturing both her wrists. Undeterred, she made the trip anyway.) Nina was very proud of her cooking skills, from making the family favorite, pasta with gravy, on Sundays to planning big Italian family celebration dinners (especially Easter) where there would always be more than enough food for everyone. Family get-togethers were a source of joy for Nina and her family, whether it was Christmas in Yonkers or gathering clams at Sherwood Island in Connecticut. Nina enjoyed music and was particularly fond of Italian and Italian-American singers — ranging from Sinatra to Pavarotti — and Broadway musicals. In her younger days, Nina joined her sisters-in-law in collecting antique glassware, and would later amass an impressive

display of miniature shoe figurines. Her family's passion for sports rubbed off on her and she took an interest in the Mets. She spent a number of years as a member of a bowling league, and enjoyed going on trips with the Putnam County seniors group to shows and casinos. Nina took pride in her appearance and always wanted to look her best — even during years of declining health, she made it a priority to have her hair done once a week. After her husband's death in 1998, Nina continued to live in Mahopac with her son Michael. Her close friendships with next-door neighbor Marie Silvestro and her family and Gloria Streppone brought much joy to her life and later years. Even when she began to suffer health setbacks, she always maintained a sense of humor and optimistic outlook about "getting better" by saying "I am not myself...yet! In 2015, she and Michael moved to Johnson City, to be closer to her other sons. She passed away on Nov. 23 at the age of 90. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

### Thomas Ruane

Thomas Ruane age 89, of Carmel, was called home to the Lord on November 25. Thomas died peacefully at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born June 27, 1929 to the late Mary Ellen (Godfrey) and John Ruane in Logboy, Ireland. He emigrated to the United States in 1956 and there met and married the love of his life Maureen O'Brien. Together Tom and Maureen were blessed to have a daughter, Mary. Tom, like so many of the people who came to this country, worked tirelessly to give his family the life he wanted them to have. He was proud to be an American but always felt it was important to celebrate and stay true to his Irish heritage. Tom could be

heard cheering for County Mayo during Irish Football matches. He loved the New York Giants, the New York Mets and the Yankees. Tom enjoyed watching games surrounded by family or friends. Tom had a great sense of humor; to talk with him you would enjoy his jokes and Irish charm. He had the ability to make everyone around him laugh especially his cherished grandchildren. Tom was a family man and treasured time with those he loved. He leaves his family with a lifetime of love and happy memories. Tom is survived by his daughter Mary and his son in law, who was more like his own son, John. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren Suzanne, Kaitlyn and Alaine, who each had a special place in his heart. Tom is also survived by several nieces and nephews as well as an extended family in Ireland. He is predeceased by his first wife, Maureen, who passed in 1994, and by Anna McSherry, whom he married in 1997. Tom is also predeceased by his siblings, Annie McAuliffe, Babe (Catherine) Heneghan, Bill Ruane, Marie Gibbs, Pat Ruane, John Ruane, Dave Ruane, and Luke Ruane. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

### Jessie Gariolo

Jessie Gariolo peacefully died November 24, in Carmel. She was born August 30, 1938, in the Bronx. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Salvatore J. Gariolo Jr. and their three sons, Salvatore J. III and his fiancé Michele, Ronald and wife Rosemarie, and Michael and his wife Lisa and seven grandchildren, Salvatore J. IV, Daniel, Jessica, Anthony, Andrea, Michaela, Ronnie and one great-grandchild, Alexis. After retiring from IBM, she spent her time attending the local senior center with her friends and spending time with her grandchildren.

## Lake Carmel Bicyclist Killed by Drunk Driver

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department in Carmel to report the accident and then led sheriff officials to the dead body, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office alleged Tenesaca was drunk at the time of the accident.

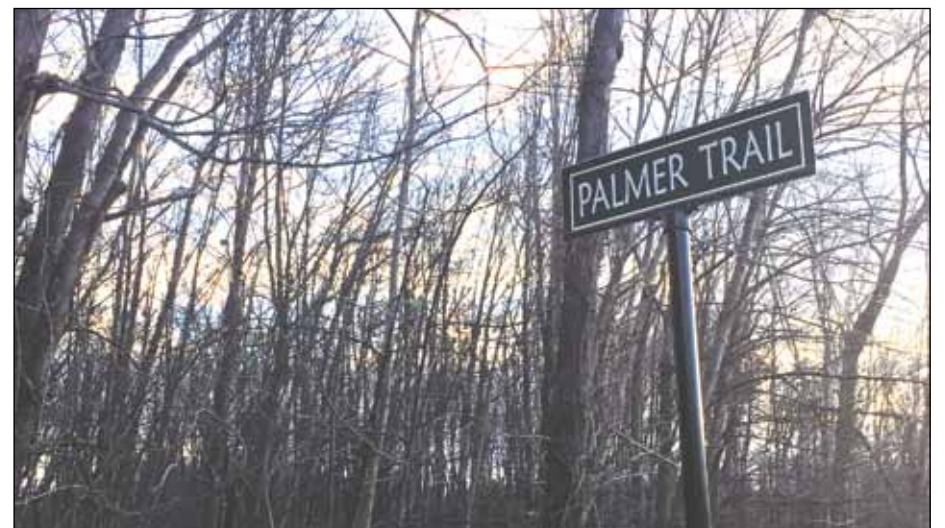
Along with the manslaughter charge, Tenesaca is facing leaving the scene of an accident, a D felony, driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and other related traffic violations. He had a blood alcohol content in excess of .08, authorities said.

Tenesaca was arraigned last Wednesday in the Town of Kent by Justice Kevin Douchkoff and was remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$50,000 cash/ \$100,000 bond, pending a future court date.



PROVIDED PHOTO

Silvio Tenesaca, 49, of Kent, was charged in the death of fellow Kent resident George Rosalino.



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The accident, which was allegedly fueled by drunk driving, happened in the vicinity of the Palmer Trail and Route 52 in Kent.



# Memories of Decorating Trees, Real and Artificial

Can you guess what percentage of us decorate real Christmas trees as opposed to artificial trees? At one time in the distant past, I would have guessed it would be about half.

Every holiday season, I always enjoy helping my wife decorate our home but I turn from the happy Elf into the Grinch when things don't work out well. That can happen when the crowning star won't sit straight atop the tree or we happen to choose a real tree one year and the thing won't stand up straight.

Sometimes when I get frustrated over the big and the small stuff as I decorate our home for the holidays, I think that maybe I've reached a stage of life when it's time to celebrate holidays in a more moderated way and decorate the house accordingly. My wife hasn't reached that stage yet, but maybe I have.

Things were different when we first married many years ago in late September. By Thanksgiving we had launched into our first joint home crafts project, making



By Bill Primavera

our own ornaments for a tree of the artificial, but rather convincing, variety. Did you know that the first artificial Christmas trees were made by a toilet brush company and actually looked like big, green toilet brushes?

As hopelessly romantic newlyweds, we dedicated ourselves to creating highly sophisticated, decorative ornaments made from Styrofoam balls. Using straight pins that we purchased from the hat district on Manhattan's West 28th Street, we attached the balls adorned with fine ribbons, metallic threads, beads, semi-precious stones, feathers, pearls and crystals. The project became an addiction that gave us callouses and had us losing sleep, night after night.

A week before Christmas, all the ornaments were completed and the tree was easily assembled in three pieces. We strung it with multi-colored lights and golden tinsel garlands, which we haven't seen sold in the past 30 years, and there it remained in the corner until

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after Valentine's Day. Or was it Easter? Seriously!

We liked it so much that we excused its extended stay to visitors as camp art. We just didn't want to let go of that demonstration of our first and maybe our only major artistic project created together.

The ridiculousness of the situation paid off, however, when a national magazine was tipped off (by me) about our beautiful tree and published a photo feature about it that appeared in mid-summer.

I often smile as I spy young families picking out real trees and wreaths, excited to get them home for holiday decoration. At the same time, I realize that I seem to have passed into a different phase, someone who decorates for the holidays but enjoys watching our kids pull out all the stops for their kids, whether it be mounting Santa and his reindeer on the roof or putting out cookies and milk. Good for them, but not necessarily for me anymore.

In my own family, there were a few years when we enjoyed four generations of our family gathering at our highly decorated home to celebrate the holidays. I'm looking forward to the day when we can expand generationally to that number once again.

In answer to the real versus artificial Christmas tree question, of the 94 million trees sold, 80 percent of them will be artificial.

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

## The Continuing Virtual Travels of Wine and Food Enthusiasts



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week in our virtual tour of Spain's wine regions, we settled in on the Mediterranean coast, traveling along the southern areas of Alicante and Valencia. This week, still focusing on the third of Spain's six wine regions, we'll travel a bit west to the region of Jumilla.

This region, sitting on a plateau surrounded by mountains, might seem like an arid landscape, and it would be but for the saving moisture and breezes embracing it from the Mediterranean Sea. Geographically west of Alicante and further inland, it is 150 miles southeast of cosmopolitan Madrid.

Here we have the perfect formula for a well-balanced wine: elevated topography, nutrient-deprived but moisture-retentive soil and cooling wind currents to offset the intense sun. As in other areas of the world, local vintners have experimented with various grapes over the centuries to determine which varieties fare best in this microclimate.

What they have planted

and nurtured in over 80 percent of the vineyard acreage is the Monastrell grape. This grape has been grown elsewhere with a high level of success, but the Spaniards have stamped it with a unique pedigree. Elsewhere it is known as Mourvedre and is produced in several regions in France and Australia. In Spain, the locals have capitalized on this grape's attraction to consumers and are producing a wine that is tailored to the American palate – fruit-forward, modest tannins and moderate alcohol (13.5 percent).

This is a true in-your-face fruit bomb. The characteristics of the wine sound more like ruminations on a food dish: blackberry and cherry flavors, spicy aroma, silky on the palate, complex structure, lingering finish. This is a perfect barbeque wine – in any season. Its younger sibling, rosé, is a refreshing and fruity summer quaffing wine.

I recently conducted a food and wine dinner featuring Spanish wines. The hit of the evening was a Jumilla from Altos de la Hoya, which was perfectly matched with tapas. Here is

*You Heard It  
Through the  
Grapevine*

where the Monastrell grape shines. It matches well with many typical tapas dishes such as fish, game, Serrano ham, cheese, roasted peppers, gazpacho in a shot glass, all invariably garlic-laced.

It's now early evening on our virtual tour. Earlier we immersed ourselves in local culture by enjoying the centuries-old tradition of an afternoon siesta and now we're stopped at a typical Jumillian tapas bar before heading out to a local restaurant for dinner and late-night dancing.

We saddle up to the bar, order a glass of Monastrell from an unlabeled bottle (the good stuff sometimes doesn't make it out of the country) and select from the list of tapas. The bartender/waiter keeps track of what we order with a piece of chalk, writing on the slate bar top where we are sitting. We enjoy calamari, sardines and a sampling of Spanish cheeses – Manchego (mild, sheep's milk with a slight olive aftertaste), Cabrales (blue cheese) and Mahon (tangy, lemony, sea salt flavors).

We find out that the owner's brother moved to Manhattan recently to open the American branch of the family tapas bar. This adds to the growing trend of tapas and small plate Spanish-themed bars and restaurants proliferating in the New York City area, including the northern counties and eastward into Fairfield County.

Each of the tapas and the cheeses

*'Here we have  
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wine'*

we've enjoyed tonight are now available in our backyard. (We silently thank the globalization gods.) We jot down a few of our favorite wineries and wines we sampled along the way, which, we are told, are all available at our wine merchants in The Examiner distribution area: Juan Gil, Finca Luzon, Panaroz, El Nido and even Wrongo Dongo (all under \$15).

Next week we will continue our virtual tour northward along the coast to Priorat and Penedes. Hasta luego!

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](mailto:nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF SURETY TITLE AGENCY COASTAL REGION, L.L.C.** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/6/18. Formed in NJ on 10/12/99. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to 853 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The office address required to be maintained in NJ is **11 Eves Dr., Ste. 150, Marlton, NJ 08053. Cert. of formation filed with State Treas., 33 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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# Kent Library Holiday Book Bag Sale Dec. 8

On Saturday, December 8 the Friends of the Kent Library will hold a special bargain Holiday Book Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kent Public Library. Come fill up a big bag with books for just \$3 per bag. Pick from thousands of children's books, coffee table books, DVDs and CDs. Many are in gift quality condition, all would make good stocking stuffers, etc. Save your money for electronics or fruitcake. These are the best bargains anywhere! All of the books are presorted, and no batteries are needed. There will also be beautiful gift baskets available. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing (off of Route 52) in Kent Lakes.



Jane Fowler, Phyllis Briggs, and Rich Harrison preparing for the sale is attached.



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## Tuesday, December 4

**Annual Menorah Lighting:** As part of its Holiday on the Lake festivities, the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association (HCCA) will be sponsoring a menorah lighting ceremony 5 p.m. The holiday celebration will be greatly enhanced this year with an amazing Chanukah Concert. Rabbi Avi Korner of Chabad of Putnam County will preside over this Chanukah festival ceremony with singing and refreshments. The menorah will be located on the shore of Lake Gleneida, at the intersection of Routes 6 and 52 (opposite the Reed Memorial Library), and the public is invited to come help us celebrate. The concert will begin at 5:00pm and the menorah lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m.. For more local Chanukah activities visit [www.PutnamChabad.org](http://www.PutnamChabad.org). For more information about the HCCA, visit their website at [www.carmelcivicassoc.org](http://www.carmelcivicassoc.org).

## Wednesday, December 5

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## Saturday, December 8

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**Photos taken with Santa Claus at the Kent Library:** 11 a.m., -noon. 10 and under. Then enjoy a fun tree craft and hot chocolate and cookies as supplies last. No registration is required but it's first come, first served. Please bring your own camera. 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](http://www.kentlibrary.org).

**Holiday Concert:** 1 p.m. Kick off the season at this festive concert and sing along to your favorite holiday songs with the Bob Martinson Trio. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Sunday, December 9

**Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department Breakfast with Santa:** Pancakes (chocolate chip, strawberry, banana, cherries, whip crème, chocolate sprinkles, Eggs, Bacon, Coffee, Tea, OJ will be served. 9 a.m. -noon. Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department at 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson. (near the War Monument) Adults: \$6. Children \$3. Contact person: Michael Ercole at 1-845-284-5791. [www.plfd.org](http://www.plfd.org)

**CASH BINGO: The Ladies Auxiliary** will be hosting a Cash Bingo: Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair Street in Carmel, NY. Cost of admission is \$30 - Jackpot \$500. Limited to the 1st 100 people. Doors open at 1 p.m. & calling begins at 2 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to Putnam County Children's Committee. Questions email [Ladieskofc@gmail.com](mailto:Ladieskofc@gmail.com)

**The Armchair Actors present 'Tis the Season':** 2 p.m. Brewster Theater Company's Armchair Actors will offer holiday script readings including:

RE-GIFTED (giving away unwanted holiday gifts), and MY FRIEND IRMA (recollections of Christmas past). Plus, join our holiday sing-along. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.


**Toddler Holiday Story Time:** 10:15 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. Children's author Bernadette Rossetti-Shustak will be giving a reading of her new book "I Love You Through and Through at Christmas Too!" We will sing some Christmas carols and you can purchase and have book signed if you choose to. For ages 18 months to 3 years. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**A Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting:** For family and friends to remember a child or sibling who has died at any age from any cause. Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Route 6, Brewster. Set-up at 1:30 p.m. with the program to follow This non-denominational event includes readings, music, lighting of candles and reading of names. Those attending may bring a photo or small memento for the remembrance table. For more info and to RSVP call 845-225-4076.

## Monday, December 10

**Light Up Holiday Cards: Mahopac Library.** 7 p.m. Use simple materials to make a custom card or artwork- for yourself, or a personalized gift for a friend. Adult program; registration is requested. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**Join local author Robin Cohen:** 6:30 p.m. as she reads her book, Searching for Chanukah in Frankfurt, Germany. We will also do a craft and enjoy some Chanukah treats! Ages 7 and up! Registration is required. Parents are welcome to attend, but please register only your child. 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](http://www.kentlibrary.org).



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Peekskill senior G Shion Darby dropped 19 points and blocked this sick shot against Putnam Valley senior G Ryan Soto, who did manage seven clutch points while handling the Red Devils' upbeat pressure in the Class B Tigers' 51-47 opening-night win over the Class A host Red Devils last Friday night... see Boys' Hoops Notebook



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO



# Sports

## Boys' Hoops Notebook

### Put Valley Survives Scare from Peekskill; Brewster 2nd at Lakeland

By Ray Gallagher  
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Yes, we're only a week into the season, but the realist in me sees the writing on the wall: This could be a down year for the boys' hoops team in the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region. I know it's early to be raining on the parade, but there's not a ton of Final 4 potential out there among the locals at this point in time, emphasis on "this point in time". That could change as teams improve over the course of the season, and I sure as heck hope I'm wrong about this, but let's just say it won't be easy to reach the



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Putnam Valley senior TJ Brescia snags a carom in Tigers' 51-47 win over Peekskill.



Lakeland's Mark Cummins is met by Brewster's Harrison Dignan in Hornets' OT loss to Bears last Friday.

County Center – or whatever Final 4 destination they decide on – this coming February.

Coach Mike McDonnell's **PUTNAM VALLEY** Tigers (1-0) appear head and shoulders above the rest as far as the local title contenders go, despite not playing to their capabilities in a 51-47 win at **PEEKSKILL** last Friday night where my man DJ Pistol Pete Peterson was spinning tunes and feeling the love of a local rivalry like nobody in Section 1 does. Truth be told, the world would be a better place with more people like DJ Pete on the planet.

If nothing else, host Peekskill proved it can be a menacing pest this season on the Class A hoops circuit after giving Class

B heavyweight Putnam Valley fits in a 51-47 opening-night setback to the Tigers. Peekskill's two-pronged attack of wing Antonio Taylor (game-high 22 points, four 3's) and senior G Shion Darby (19 points) was not enough to offset PV's balance as four Tigers went for seven or more points, including senior F Darnell Shillingford (21 points), TJ Brescia (12 points, 10 in a pivotal 3rd Q run), Brandon Guerra (9 points) and Ryan Soto (7 points).

"We won't play a better point guard than Shion Darby this year," Coach McDonnell said. "This was a great win on a Friday-night atmosphere in a tough place to win. Our student body was super motivating. Give special credit to Ryan Soto, Charlie Gatewood and Brandon Guerra's ballhandling against intense ball pressure from Peekskill."

Peekskill would not go down quietly,

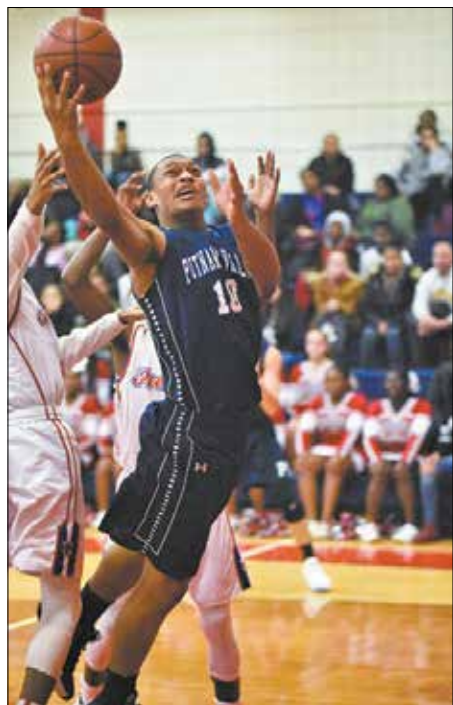


Lakeland's Jack Kruse takes on Brewster's Cameron Hart with Bears Coach Tom Nelligan doing his thing in background of Brewster's OT win Friday.

and the Tigers will need to do more to take advantage of Brescia, who looked to have a significant advantage physically, but (IMO) the Tigers rarely imposed that will, or they might have run off with this win...

**LAKELAND** suffered the toughest blow of the young season in a 69-64 overtime loss to **BREWSTER** in the opening round of the Carolyn Conroy Relay for Life Tournament when junior wing Jack Kruse suffered a broken wrist. This was a kid who Lakeland was going to use as a centerpiece for its offense, a budding star. The thought is that he'll be ready to go sometime in mid-January, so Coach Steve Fallo's Hornets will have to float the boat without him for at least six to eight weeks with any luck.

Byram Hills went on to defeat Brewster in the Lakeland Tourney final, 64-38, behind an MVP performance from Bobcat Ben Leff (17 points, 12 boards). Lakeland went on to take fourth place in the tourney after falling, 74-65, to Class C favorite Tuckahoe. Man, Kruse can't back quick enough. Brewster senior Cameron Hart was named to the All-



Put Valley senior F Darnell Shillingford drops two of his team-high 22 points in 51-47 win over Peekskill.



Lakeland F Joe Vetrano takes on Brewster's Joe Girard (23) and Patrick Nevin in Hornets' OT loss to Bears.

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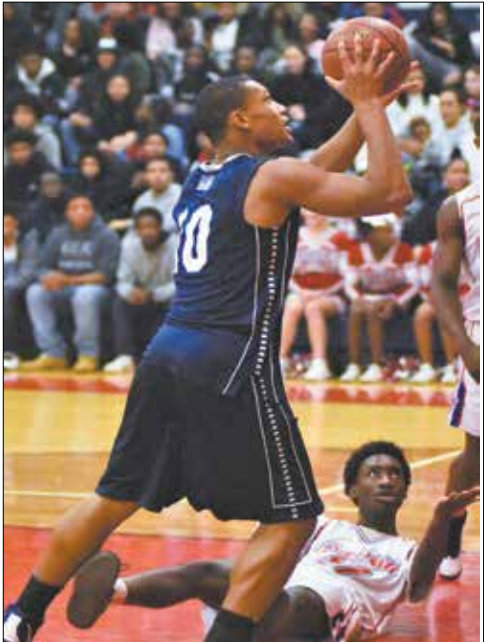
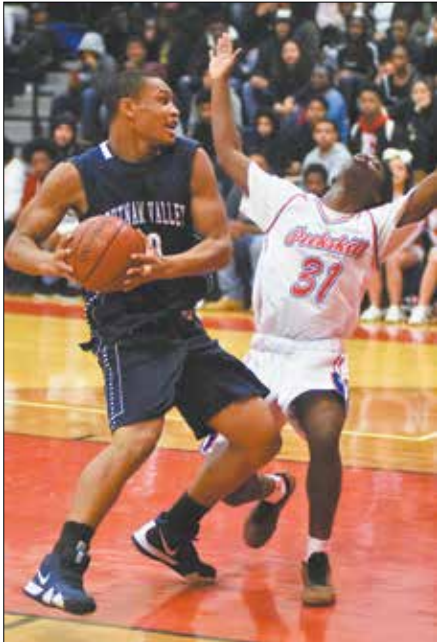
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Peekskill's Rohan Robinson tries in vain to sell a charge call against Put Valley's Darnel Shillingford, and his reaction is classic in Red Devs' 51-47 loss to Tigers.



Peekskill's Mehki Hodges (15) and Shion Darby defend Put Valley's Darnell Shillingford in Red Devils' 51-47 loss to Tigers.

Tournament team, and his kid brother, sophomore Kobey Hart, had a coming out party with 16 points in the loss to the Bobcats, who pulled away after a tight first half, 27-22.

In **HALDANE's** 63-29 win over host Pawling, Blue Devil G Alex Kubik earned an MVP nod after scoring nine points and playing one of the best two-way tournaments of his career. Matt Champlin and Kyle Sussmeier each had 14 points to secure All-Tournament honors for a Blue Devil team (2-0) that is bucking for a Class C title in late February but has some work to do in order to catch this Tuckahoe team.

**OSSINING** had a last-second win over



Members of the Haldane basketball team hoist the hardware after winning the Pawling Tournament last Saturday.

Sleepy Hollow on Mouhammed Cisse's bucket with 1.4 left in the opening round of the Headless Horsemen tournament, buy Mamaroneck (2-0) beat Ossining 51-34 to win the tournament. Sleepy then knocked off **HEN HUD**, 47-42, in the consy. Connor Gallagher of Hen Hud was named to the All-Tourney team, but the Sailors, who got waxed by Mamor' in the opening round, could be in for a long one...

**SOMERS'** superb guard play should keep the Tuskers in the mix for the league title chase, but it'll come down to C Max Germaine taking his game to the next level that will determine whether or not Coach DiCintio's Tuskers can run with league favorites Greeley and upstart

John Jay. Senior G Lucas Fecci, who was just named as a soccer All-American, and the Tuskers will open the season Wednesday against Saunders in a game that will feature neither head coach, as both Somers Coach Chris DiCintio and Saunders Coach Anthony Nicodemo are both suspended by the Section 1 Athletic Council to start the 2018/19 season from issues stemming from an LGBTQ Pride On The Court event last January, hosted by Nicodemo and the athletic department of Division III Sarah Lawrence College. Section 1's leadership allegedly claimed Nicodemo's Athletic Director, Jim Rose, did not submit the proper paperwork to host the event at the college and have it supported by Nike. Nicodemo and



Lakeland G Zach Cohen eyes rim as Brewster G Kobey Hart defends in Hornets' OT loss to Bears Friday.

DiCintio were suspended for failing to provide necessary paperwork to hold an event supporting LGBTQ inclusion.

This may just be the most ridiculous suspension ever handed out in the history of Section 1 sports, but this is Section 1 at its finest.



Peekskill's Antonio Taylor goes up for hoop in Red Devils' 51-47 loss to Put Valley Friday.



# Mahopac's DiSanto Chalks Up 400th Career Win

By Tony Pinciario

Dennis DiSanto recalled a conversation he had with his brother regarding a story on a fellow wrestling coach in New York.

"He sent me an article when Joe Bena, the legendary coach from Niskayuna High School, got his 400 win and said maybe someday you can get to 400," said the veteran MAHOPAC coach. "At the time I thought 'No way' but here I am many years later at 400."

Mahopac presented DiSanto with his 400th career win as the Indians opened up the Columbia Dual-Meet Tournament with a 71-12 victory over Ichabod Crane.

Mahopac went on to finish 6-1 in the tournament, but the highlight was the opening match as DiSanto, in his eighth year at Mahopac after 27 years at Somers, joins legendary retired Fox Lane Coach Joe Amuso, Sr., with 400 career wins.

"When I first started coaching, I just wanted to field a full line-up," DiSanto said. "I never envisioned I would be coaching this long and have reached 400 wins. It's a credit to all the great kids I coached throughout the years and who have bought into my style and philosophy of coaching. It's also a credit to all of my assistants who have helped me, especially Chad Brennenman, who has been with me for over 20 years. Having him by my side for so many years has been special. It's also a credit for my wife who has been supportive of my coaching for 35 years."

DiSanto praised Amuso for his impact on a new wrestling coach.

"I have always looked up to Joe Amuso as a mentor and a coach and joining him at 400 means a lot," DiSanto said. "The way he handled his teams, year in and year out, is something not many coaches could not do."

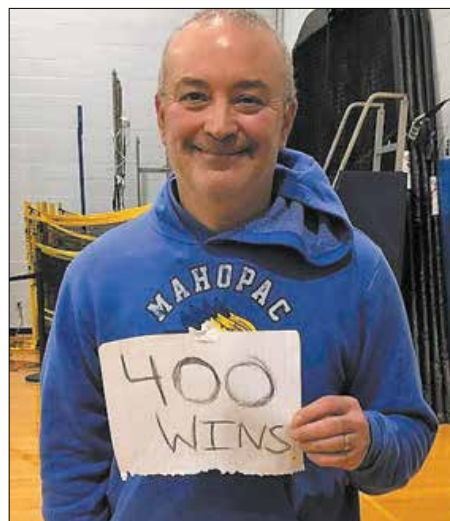
DiSanto said one thing brings him back and has him excited, annually.

"The kids that I coach is what brings me back," DiSanto said. "I get just as much satisfaction as a quiet kid in the back of the room who struggles, but sticks with it and after a few years finds success as I do over a wrestler who dominates. I like to believe that the kids I coach are learning a lot more than how to wrestle and they are developing qualities that will make them better people and more successful in life."

After opening with a win over Ichabod Crane, Mahopac beat Beekmantown, Whitehall/Fort Ann, Columbia, Guilderland and Tamarac. The loss was to Shaker, 42-38.

Angelo Centrone went 7-0 while Mike Rivera, Joe Harney, Charlie Nicosia, Aiden Muldoon and Andi Berisha all were 6-1.

Rivera, who finished third in the section last year, Muldoon, a 2018 divisional champion, Harney, Nicosia and Berisha are all returning starters for DiSanto,



Mahopac wrestling Coach Dennis DiSanto, a member of the NYS Wrestling Hall of Fame, holds impromptu sign after earning his 400th career win last Saturday.

along with Frankie Scauzillo and Tyler Roa. This group accounted for more than 180 wins last year.

The returning starters continue with seniors Nick Saetta, Frank Casagrande, juniors Londrim Hasanramaj, Larry Nardecchia and Steve Guaragna and sophomore Frank Cammarata completing this numerous group.

Centrone, a freshman, made his varsity debut memorable with a perfect seven – wins.

"We should have a strong season, providing we can stay injury-free," DiSanto said. "All the the returning wrestlers are solid. We are returning 14 starters and, with the addition of Centrone at 99 pounds, I think we will have a tough lineup. All told, I am returning 27 wrestlers from last year and I currently have 42 on my roster so the program is doing well and going strong."

DiSanto and his team will host the annual Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament, Saturday, Jan. 26.

OSSINING closed out the 2017-18 with a flourish as the Pride finished fourth in the Section 1 Division I Championships.

The Pride were in this position thanks to sectional champ Zachary Bonner, who finished sixth in the state, and the graduated trio of Farouk Capalbo and Diego Orellano, who both placed fourth, and fifth-place finisher Tyrese Marbury.

The good news for 13-year Coach Larry McRae and assistant Tom Larm is that Bonner returns along with classmates Joshua Manning, who finished third in the section, and Izaiah Steen, who placed fifth, as does junior Joseph Nolan.

McRae, who wrestled for Mahopac, is turning to youth and three fresh faces to fill his lower weights in seventh-grader Anthony Lofaro (99 pounds), freshman Jonathan Benitez (106) and eighth-grader

Tristan Robinson-July (113).

"We bring back 10 starters, half of which were section qualifiers," McRae said. "Our question right now is depth in our lineup."

Ossining premiered the season hosting the annual Mike Nardone Tournament.

The Pride went 2-2, beating Brewster (54-36) and Fox Lane 'B' (54-36), but falling to Cossackie-Athens and John Jay-East Fishkill.

Ossining opens the Section 1 Division I Dual-Meet Tournament, Wednesday, at Beacon. The No. 9 Pride wrestle No. 24 Carmel while No. 8 Beacon faces No. 25 Scarsdale. The winners will wrestle with the winner moving on.

McRae will bring Ossining to the two-day Mid-Hudson Tournament at Arlington, Dec. 27-28. January will be busy for Ossining as the Pride will wrestle in the Scarsdale Tournament, Eastern States, Jan. 11-12, Hen Hud Tournament, the Westchester County Championships, July 19, and the Garden City Duals.

PUTNAM VALLEY finds itself in an unfamiliar situation going into the 2018-19 season.

In previous years, the Tigers were seeded either first or second for the Section 1 Division II Dual-Meet Tournament and also considered a favorite to win the Section 1 Division II Championship.

Putnam Valley begins the season with the Section 1 Division II Dual-Meet Tournament, today, with an out-bracket match against visiting Woodlands. The winner will face the victory of the Ardsley-Croton match, also on Tuesday. Whoever emerges from Putnam Valley will wrestle fourth-seeded Edgemont, Thursday, in a quarterfinal.

Last year, the Tigers finished fourth in the section. They had seven finalists, including one champion – Kyle Sams, who is a freshman wrestling for Campbell (N.C.). Sams is not the only impact wrestler who graduated as multiple-time sectional champ Mikey Bruno also received his diploma last June.

Even though veteran Putnam Valley coach Will Carano graduated two of the program's all-time best, he has a strong returning core, led by seniors Owen McDonald and Dean Appell. Carano also has a strong sophomore trio back in Hunter Lundberg, who qualified for the state championships last year, Shane Appell and Will Carano, the coach's son. Young Will Carano has been on varsity since seventh grade.

"This year is a reset year for the program, which means we have many athletes new to the sport and this team," said Carano, who created the program and has been the coach since 1999. "We want guys that are competitive and we think we have that with this team. A wrestling season is

a long process, and our season schedule is designed to expose and give us insight into what those question marks might be. We think we have guys that are willing and eager to "buy in" to what it will take to be competitive come February."

Carano has designed a challenging schedule for his team in order to prepare them for the postseason.

Putnam Valley opened at the Huntington Tournament. Carano will bring his team to The Wrangle in Schenectady (N.Y.), Saturday, Dec. 8. The following Saturday the Tigers go to the Jay Alvarez Tournament at Truman High School.

January is just as difficult with the Ted Murphy/James Guccione Shoreline Classic, Jan. 5, the Eastern States Classic and Hen Hud Tournaments, Jan. 12, and Carano returns to his alma mater, Mahopac, for the annual Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament, Jan. 26. Carano was a sectional champ for Mahopac.

Experience is the buzz word for BREWSTER as the Bears begin the 2018-19 season.

Brewster returns six experienced seniors to a lineup that will be without 2018 New York State champion Grant Cuomo, who is a freshman wrestling for Princeton.

Sure, the Bears will miss Cuomo, however, having the senior six back will help compensate for his graduation.

Coach Tom Looby's senior six are Lewis Grana, Jack Muentner, Alex Goldberg, Cody Hamblin, Greg Salavec and Ryan Anfuso. Sophomore Jacob Hamblin is also a top returning wrestler.

"The strength of our lineup will be experience with a senior-heavy lineup," said Looby, in his 16th year. "Losing Grant at 170 is a large hole to fill, but we have a core group of returning starters to add strength to our team, overall."

Looby pointed out that Goldberg is the team's best technician, Muentner is a tremendous athlete and Grana is the toughest competitor.

Even with the super six seniors, Looby said the team has a few goals.

"We want to outwork the competition, push one another, stay positive and improve with every match," said Looby, who enters the season with 195 career wins.

Brewster is seeded 10th in the Section 1 Division I Dual-Meet Tournament. The Bears open against No. 23 Byram Hills, Wednesday, at Fox Lane. The seventh-seeded host wrestles No. 26 Yorktown in the other match that day. The winners meet immediately following.

SOMERS' Coach Ron DiSanto, Jr. began his fifth season without 10

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# Somers Puts Best Foot Forward in Loss to Mighty Ossining

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For OSSINING, the reigning eight-time Section 1 Class AA champion and 2018 NYS runner-up, it was just another day at the office; a methodical 82-31 opening-day win over visiting Class A foe SOMERS whereby Pride Coach Dan Ricci unveiled yet another championship banner. But for the 2017 Section 1 champion Tuskers it was an opportunity to improve against a state-caliber championship team, to put their best foot forward and begin their quest to get back on top of Class A in 2019.

It took just one day for Somers Coach Mark Hattem to introduce the Tuskers to the best team Somers would face all season, and while the outcome may look bleak on the actual scoreboard, the Tuskers might reap the rewards down the road. One thing's for sure: By saying yes to a non-league crossover game against Ossining, Somers isn't ducking anyone as they embark on what should be a banner campaign after a shocking semifinal loss in last year's Final 4.



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Put Valley 8th-grader Eva DeChent drains one of three big 3's she would drill in Tigers' opening-day win over Arlington.



Putnam Valley sophomore G Arianna Stockinger goes up for two in season-opening win over Arlington.



Lakeland's Sarah Carroll eyes baseline in Hornets' 61-40 win over Clarkstown North in Carolyn Conroy Relay for Life tourney.

Ossining senior C Kailah Harris (25 points, 13 rebounds, 3 steals) was unguardable, proving to be too strong in the paint. All-NYS G/F Aubrey Griffin dropped a typical stat line, including 29 point, six boards and four steals. Pride point guard Jaida Strippoli (6 points, 5 dimes), Kacie Scarduzio (5 points), Brooke Weeks (4 points, 5 assists) and Julia Iorio (4 points) were all in on the fun. The bad blow for the Pride came in the form of Scarduzio's ACL tear in the final seconds of the win.

"She is one of our fiercest defenders and was always a spark plug off the bench," Ricci said. "We know she will work hard, and Kacie will come back stronger than ever."

Senior G Hannah Angelini (15 points) led Somers, who trailed 22-1 early on.

Class B PUTNAM VALLEY wasted no time in endorsing the fact that they, despite losing All-League F Dora Rippon (who opted not to play this season), are still a menacing force with just eight girls on the varsity roster.

That fiery Tiger unit wasn't the least bit intimidated in the Class B Tigers' 52-43 season-opening win last Wednesday over Class AA Arlington, who had no answer for fearless sophomore Ariana Stockinger. The feisty guard led PV with 23 points and solid two-way play against the Admirals. Junior wing Kelli Venezia added 15 points while eighth-grader Eva Dechent nailed three big-time 3s to put the hammer down. PV junior G Cyera Daughtry was lights-out on D for the Tigers.

BREWSTER is hoping to make some noise in Class A this season and its 45-18 rout of Beacon was a good start behind G Maggie DePaoli (16 points) and Kristen Stefanick (9 points) last Thursday. The Bears (2-0) followed that up with a 42-27 win over Nanuet. Stefanick (11 points) stepped up again, as did Grace Galgano (9 points).



Putnam Valley G Amanda Orlando gets going in transition in Tigers' win over Arlington.

*Girls' Hoops Coaches are encouraged to drop all stats and comments on beat writer Tony Pinciario at [tfinch23@optonline.net](mailto:tfinch23@optonline.net)*



Lakeland's Alexa Cole makes her move in Hornets' 61-40 win over Clarkstown North in the opening round of the Carolyn Conroy Relay for Life tourney.

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graduated seniors and a junior who enabled the Tuskers go 13-7 and later finish ninth in the 2018 Section 1 Division I Championship.

One of the seniors, Frank Celli, is wrestling at Sacred Heart University and junior Matt Kelly, a sectional placefinisher, transferred to Iona Prep.

DiSanto will turn to the junior trio of Matt Russo, fifth in the section at 99 pounds last year, Thomas Gall and Zach Lupinacci to lead the team.

The graduation departures have opened

up starting weight classes in the lineup. DiSanto has a promising group looking to make an impact. They include juniors Bruno Imhof, Peter Kim and Daniel Rios, sophomores A.J. D'Orazio and Michael Rivera and eighth-grader Max Lupinacci.

"This a very young lineup so there is an unknown, but I see great potential," said DiSanto, in his fifth season. "All of our newcomers are athletic with wrestling experience in either JV, modified or youth. The team focuses and works hard in practice. We will have ups and downs this

season, but we will be an exciting, athletic team, and we will improve quickly."

Somers opened the season with a 42-30 loss to Pawling. Russo, Max Lupinacci, Kim and Rivera pinned.

The Tuskers are seeded 27th in the Section 1 Division Dual-Meet Championship and will wrestle at No. 6 Arlington, Wednesday, in the first round. The other match at Arlington is No. 11 East Ramapo-No. 22 Lakeland/Panas. The winners will wrestle immediately following the opening matches.

Somers has a booked January tournament schedule, beginning with the 40th annual Eric D'Agnes Memorial Somers Tournament, Jan. 5. Somers goes to the Hen Hud Tournament, Jan. 12, the Westchester County

Championship, Jan. 19, and the Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament at Mahopac, Jan. 26.

**Lakeland/Panas, Yorktown & Hen Hud Previews to run next week**



# Little Engine That Could

**Class B  
Put Valley  
Derails  
Class AA  
Arlington  
in Season  
Opener**

Purnam Valley junior G Cyera Daughtry sets up her move, played lock-down defense and was an integral part of the Class B Tigers' 52-43 season-opening win over visiting Class AA Arlington last Thursday when just eight kids from the Valley defeated one of the largest schools in Section 1... see Girls Hoops Notebook



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