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## Putnam Officials Talk Shared Service Plan

By Anna Young

Officials from nearly all of Putnam County's municipalities joined County Executive MaryEllen Odell on Feb. 5 to discuss the creation of a shared services plan meant to save taxpayer money.

The meeting at the TOPS auditorium in Carmel centered on implementing Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative. The initiative forces county

officials to develop of plan to eliminate duplicative services and coordinate services to enhance purchasing power. Under the state's timetable, the county requires the creation of a Shared Services Panel, a group headed by Odell consisting of every mayor or town supervisor within the county, along with other appointed

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Legislator Neal Sullivan both spoke at last week's meeting about shared services.

## Former CFO of Carmel-Based Bible Fellowship Arrested

By David Propper

A man that worked for a Bible fellowship apparently didn't follow the holy book's teachings after he was allegedly caught stealing from his employer.

New York State Police arrested David Eldredge, 54, for grand larceny in the 2nd degree after an investigation revealed he allegedly stole funds from the Carmel-based Children's Bible Fellowship during his time as chief financial officer.

Investigators began a probe into possible embezzlement of funds from the religious non-profit in July 2017 after fellowship officials discovered and reported that a larceny occurred, according to state police. The investigation uncovered that during Eldredge's 12-year tenure as CFO, he stole more than \$100,000, authorities said. The funds were redirected to pay for personal expenses of Eldredge, state

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## Carmel Rotary 'Fills the Truck' to Fight Hunger



PHOTO BY JAY JUDELL

The Carmel Rotary Club recently celebrated the 9th Anniversary of its "Fill the Truck" food drive. All donated proceeds of non-perishable items are distributed to local food pantries that will ultimately help those in need in our community. Pictured with Carmel Rotary President Kevin Carroll is Rotarian George Knochel (on the left). George has been the driving force behind this twice-yearly event. With his leadership the 'Fill the Truck' program continues to be successful.

## Parts of Putnam Shaken by Minor Earthquake

By David Propper

Most residents were expecting to wake up to a winter wonderland last Wednesday, but instead were awoken by a loud bang.

That startling noise happened to be a 2.2 magnitude earthquake that affected northern Westchester and parts of Putnam County, according to the US Geological Survey. The minor quake was officially recorded at 6:14 a.m. in Mohegan Lake, although the epicenter was reportedly in Crofts Corner in Putnam Valley.

In a Facebook post, Putnam's Bureau of Emergency Services stated that its 911 center, along with Carmel police and the sheriff's office received several calls about a bang and/or shaking ground around 6 a.m. The short-lived rumble resulted in no reported injuries.

An earthquake registered at a 2.2 magnitude usually doesn't cause damage to buildings and there are more than 1 million of them per year worldwide.

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and elected officials.

The Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability will facilitate panel discussions.

Legislator Neal Sullivan, who will chair the Commission with Legislator Ginny Nacerino, said he wants panel members to think objectively and offer ideas that are based on facts and figures to provide relief to the taxpayer.

"We want to hear the ideas from you because you're the people who are involved every day. You know what's going on, you know what you do already with towns, with villages, with the county, with the

state, with the schools, so there's so many things happening already so we don't want to go and do something that's already been done," he said. "We want to talk about things that you think we can do now for the future."

The commission will meet with the panel on Feb. 22.

The county did not go forward with a shared service plan last year and there was some disagreement between Odell and the six town supervisors as to why nothing was ultimately developed.

Odell proposed the county invest in a wash bay to be shared amongst the schools, highway department and

police department. She said the capital expenditure would create significant benefits to local municipalities, towns and school districts, while also extending the useful life of the vehicle and protecting the environment.

She also wants to move forward with the installation of video conferencing instead of alleged criminals appearing in court. By having jailed defendants appear electronically, Odell said it could save the county money on overtime and vehicle usage while enhancing public safety. She said the initiative has gained support from Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley, the Putnam County Bar Association, and the Putnam Legal Aid Society, among others.

Odell discussed consolidating the county tax assessors into one unit stating that shared services would result in potential savings in personnel cost to municipalities.

She also stressed the need to collaborate with the school districts to find savings, stating how both the county and schools have the same taxpayers. Odell said she has met with each superintendent and identified several areas to share services.

"The school districts, when it comes down to mandates, the county and the local municipalities and the schools are one team because I think outside of us in government the schools are dealing with as many, if not more mandates, so we have


to find some common ground, so we can find savings for our taxpayers," she said.

Susan Savage, who works with the NYS Department of State, said she has traveled to every county within the state working on the shared services initiative for the last year. She explained ways other counties have shared services.

"One of the things I hear in every county is 'we're already sharing services,' and yes, we are, everyone in this room has been active in that and in nearly every county across the state," Savage said. "What we know is that everybody is doing something, but none of us are doing everything so this provides us the opportunity to see what the next steps are."

Legislator Sullivan stressed that the initiative is a long-term plan that will prioritize key issues. He encouraged officials to research proposals submitted by other counties and suggest ideas to help the county in their efforts.

The initial shared service plan needs to be developed and submitted by the county Legislature by Aug 1. It will then be finalized before Sept. 15 and subject to at least three public hearings. The panel will vote on the plan and if approved it, it would go up to New York State. If the plan fails or is not voted on, Odell would need to provide residents the proposals that were put forth and the vote of each panel member and the reason for their vote.



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# Honey Stand Expected to Return Along Route 312

By David Propper

A well-known honey cart along Route 312 in Brewster should be returning within weeks after the Southeast town board passed a resolution that would make it easier for food trucks to set up shop.

The town previously passed a law that required food trucks and peddler stands to get written permission from property owners to sell their product on that owner's land, including requiring written permission from New York State if a food truck wanted to be located along a state road. The town law has made it difficult for Michael Bruen, who is the owner of White Oak Apiaries, to put his honey stand on Route 312.

But an amendment was passed that would give a food truck owner the green light to sell on a state road as long as they have a license given out by Putnam County government. A state law allows veterans to sell on state property.

Councilman John Lord said some food truck owners could not get written permission from certain entities, like the state, causing problems for their business. After speaking with town clerk Michelle Stancati, Lord said the county could issue the permits to veterans as proof that the person can operate legally on state land.

"They couldn't get the state to issue written permission for them to have a



Councilman John Lord, left, and Supervisor Tony Hay at last week's meeting.

food truck or do any vending because the state doesn't write out permission for people even though they are allowed to have a food truck on a state property if they are a veteran," Lord said.

Supervisor Tony Hay said that the vehicle that is used to sell food products still must be moved so it's not on the

side of the road overnight one hour after closing for the day. He mentioned residents had complained about vehicles being left out overnight.

Councilman Edwin Alvarez said he hopes the issue between Bruen and the town board is now alleviated.

"Hopefully that resolves the issue and

helps him out," Alvarez said. "Along with any other veteran or non-veteran."

A public hearing for the new change in the food truck law will be Feb. 22, the board agreed to last week.

Bruen and the town board had a heated exchange last month during a meeting about his inability to open the stand on Route 312. His honey stand is currently on a private property along Route 312, including overnight.

Bruen is the son of the highway chief, who has the same first and last name.


In an interview, Bruen said the changes made by the town board are essentially what he was seeking and he looks forward to opening the honey cart back up. Still, he's frustrated he's been closed for six weeks to start off the year. Wintertime can be the most lucrative for Bruen because customers are looking for tea and honey in frigid weather. He said he's gotten "plenty of calls" from people in the area asking him why the stand hasn't been out.

Bruen said he had a county and state permit, but he wasn't allowed to be on state property because he needed written approval due to the new laws in place. Bruen, who is a veteran, has had a permit for ten years.

"Time and time again they keep passing more and more restrictive laws focusing toward me," Bruen said.

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# Bartolotti Looks to Remain in County Clerk's Office

By David Propper

Finishing up his first term this year, Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti wants to continue leading the clerk's office as he officially announced his reelection bid last week.

In a press release announcing the run, Bartolotti touted the progress the clerk's office has made during his tenure. In an interview, he said there was never a doubt he would look to stay in office for another four years.

"In my personal opinion this is the greatest job in the world," Bartolotti said.

"I truly love coming to work everyday and I love being here, love being county clerk, love being part of the office."

Bartolotti, a Brewster Republican who began his tenure in 2015, said with the support of the entire office, he's been able to return naturalization ceremonies to Putnam, implement electronic filing of court records, obtain two grants worth more than \$300,000, and increased passport acceptance outreach events.

The county clerk is the county register and clerk of the supreme and county courts and has numerous other

responsibilities.

Bartolotti said the most satisfying aspect of his job has been overseeing the naturalization ceremonies that he brought back. He said swearing in a collection of new citizens has been the most humbling experience of his life.

"It is so cool just to know what all those folks went through to become citizens and to be able to bring them on that last hurdle it is beyond a doubt the coolest thing," Bartolotti said.

If re-upped for another four years, Bartolotti has several initiatives he wants



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Michael Bartolotti

to undertake and improve, including the launching of electronic recording of land records, exploring ways to establish mobile offices throughout the county, exploring technology to streamline office operations, and fighting for the county's fair share of DMW revenue from New York State.

Bartolotti also vowed to protect the rights of local gun owners. Part of that protection involves the county's never ending legal battle with The Journal News over the names and addresses of pistol permit holders. The county faced a firestorm in 2012 when it refused to turn over those names to the daily publication and soon after The Journal News sued the county for the information. The daily publication wanted to use that data to create a map of all pistol permit holders in Putnam, similar to Westchester and Rockland counties, which turned over their records to the newspaper.

The county lost its most recent battle with The Journal News, but has not released the names after two unnamed plaintiffs with the help of a guns organization sued the county in federal court and an injunction ensures no pistol permit information can be released at this time. That legal fight is currently in the courts, Bartolotti noted.

"I still do vehemently believe that it would be wrong to release that information in that wide of a scope," Bartolotti said.

When Bartolotti ran in 2014, it was to fill the seat held many years by retired county clerk Dennis Sant, a Republican. Democrat Lithgow Osborne challenged Bartolotti in a spirited race for the open post, but Bartolotti still secured a comfortable win over the current Philipstown Democratic chairman.

It is unknown if a Democrat will face Bartolotti this year and is unlikely that he would find himself in a Republican primary.

"I look forward to continue to serve and fight for the best interests of the citizens of Putnam County, because this is the home I love and I am rewarded by having the pleasure to give back to my community that has given so much to me," Bartolotti said.



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# Odell Seeks Reelection for County Exec. Office

By Anna Young

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell confirmed last month during a press conference she is seeking reelection for the position she has held for the past seven years.

Throughout her tenure, Odell said she has helped pioneer great momentum throughout the county including the completion of the new Tilly Foster Farm, improvements to the Putnam County Golf Course, and plans to explore a sewer district in Brewster and Mahopac.

"The last six years we've accomplished (a lot), with the partnership of the

legislature and the business community and the volunteer community, we've really built a good strong team and for me to not want to see all of these projects go through wouldn't be responsible," Odell, a Republican, said. "I didn't take this job on because it was something I was looking for in my life, I took it on because I wanted to see change and we have."

She said the county has eliminated all short-term debt, reduced long-term debt, and paid off the \$8 million that was left behind in the pension fund. She said the golf course has been rebranded into a destination spot, Tilly Foster Farm is continuing to grow as an educational institute and residents are traveling within county borders to enjoy the numerous amenities Putnam has to offer.

She said the 3.5-mile Brewster sewer project would be "game-changer" for the county's tax base. The sewer district would cross state lines into Danbury, CT. She said it's a platinum mile that is commercially zoned and already equipped with a two-lane highway.

"When those parcels are improved with commercial growth and there's actually jobs there, it changes the whole financial dynamic of Putnam County," she said.

She added how the county has taken over the sewer project in Mahopac from the Town of Carmel. The district would run from Heritage Hills and go up Route



Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell

6 and possibly tie into a Department of Environmental Protection plant in town on Buckshallow Road.

Odell stressed the project would be beneficial to the town and business community, stating a desire to build a hotel on a parcel near Villa Barone.

While Odell's campaign is underway, Democrats haven't unveiled their candidate for county executive, but should have a person confirmed in several weeks, if not sooner.

Odell first got into politics when she

*'I didn't take this job on because it was something I was looking for in my life, I took it on because I wanted to see change and we have.'* - Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell

ran and earned a seat on the county Legislature. After several years on the lawmaking body, she went up against former state senator Vincent Leibell in a Republican primary for the county executive seat. Although she lost that race, Leibell was arrested on corruption charges before he ever took office and Odell ended up attaining the top county post in a special election in 2011.

She ran again in 2014 and topped former legislator and current Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio. If she won again, this would be her last term in office because of term limits.

"There's so much in the pipeline now," Odell said. "This would be my last term, I'm termed out and so I'm going to hit the road and hit it hard and I have a good team."

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# Former CFO of Carmel-Based Bible Fellowship Arrested

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police allege.

Eldredge, who lives in Wisconsin, was arrested on Feb. 5 by the Waushara, WI Sheriff's Office and extradited to New York where he was arraigned in the Town of Carmel Justice Court. He was released on his own recognizance and must reappear on Feb. 26.

According to the Children's Bible Fellowship, its goal "is to disciple those we come in contact with through our various programs as they grow in their knowledge of Christ, because we believe they are valuable in God's eyes. We have

designed our programs to provide solid biblical teaching that undergirds our year round ministry."

The CEO of the fellowship, Sean Stewart, addressed the arrest on the fellowship's website and revealed further details. Stewart wrote that last summer the ministry leadership uncovered accounting irregularities in their financial records and that Eldredge admitted



PROVIDED PHOTO  
David Eldredge, former CFO of the Carmel-based Children's Bible Fellowship.

"some culpability" in the matter to the board of directors.

The fellowship then hired an independent CPA to more accurately determine the nature of the irregularities, Stewart wrote, and then the CPA's findings were turned over to the state police.

"While we are deeply saddened by this revelation, we are appreciative for the

work of the authorities and are fully cooperating with their efforts as this unfortunate situation continues to move toward closure," Stewart wrote.

Since the alleged theft happened, Stewart said fellowship leaders have been working with the guidance of the board and independent professionals to put stricter standards in place for all of the organization's financial matters.

"We promise to remain vigilant and act with transparency moving ahead," Stewart wrote. "We sincerely appreciate your continued generosity and support for the work we do at Children's Bible Fellowship."

## Parts of Putnam Shaken by Minor Earthquake

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Many residents throughout the region were unsure or confused what they heard or felt at first.

Brewster resident Cathy Croft, who is the Southeast Democratic Committee chairwoman, said she originally thought it was a problem with her furnace and then thought maybe it was thunder or even a problem at Indian Point.

Brewster resident Robert Cullen, a former Southeast councilman, said he was sleeping and thought it was a snowplow going by because of the impending

snowstorm. When he got up and saw no snow outside, he was puzzled.

"I did not realize it was a quake until later in the day when I read (about) it," Cullen said.

Bill Powers, executive director of the Peekskill Business Improvement District, stated on Facebook that Peekskill wasn't spared from the tremor, saying, "Felt the whole house shake for about 20 to 25 seconds."

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio was already at town hall around 6 a.m. when he heard a "boom!" He thought a

snowplow accidentally slammed into the building, only to learn minutes later from Putnam Valley highway chief Larry Cobb that the plows weren't out yet. Oliverio also thought it might have been the furnace at town hall, but didn't smell any oil or burning.

After that, Oliverio went on Facebook and saw other people in the area talking about the loud bang they all heard.

Oliverio's theory is that a glacial rebound was the reason for the earthquake. Putnam Valley doesn't sit on a fault, Oliverio noted. He said a couple

other glacial rebounds have occurred the last several decades.

According to the US Geological survey, there was another very minor earthquake in the afternoon around 3 p.m. on Wednesday that had a magnitude of 1.3.

But the earlier quake delivered the biggest impact.

"Very frightening," Oliverio said. "A lot of people a lot younger than I am never experienced that type of thing so they were panicking, 'What is that? Is it a bomb, is it an explosion?'"

Rick Pezzullo contributed to this report.

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# Westchester Lawmakers Approves Gun Show Ban at County Center

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators approved a law last week banning gun shows from being held on county-owned property.

Following intense debate last year between county officials, lawmakers voted 12-5 last Monday along strict party lines. The Democrats, who unanimously supported the measure, maintained that

county property shouldn't be used to promote or encourage the sale of guns.

"We believe most people are responsible gun owners, but it's not about that, it's about what we as a county promote," Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said. "You are allowed to buy guns in Westchester County, there are many ways to do so, but I believe it's not appropriate that the county endorse and sponsor gun

shows in our facility. So, I'm very happy that the work of many of my colleagues, former and current, is coming to fruition."

Last month, County Executive George Latimer, who signed the legislation into law on Monday, issued an executive order banning gun shows from being held on county-owned property urging lawmakers to make his order an official law. He recognized that some may disagree with the decision but strongly believed that many residents support the ban.

"By voting this act in tonight we emphatically endorse that act and convert it into law and hopefully this will stem the tide of gun usage in the United States and especially in Westchester County," Vice Chair Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh) said.

The Board of Legislators passed a similar gun show ban last year by a 9-8 margin – also along party lines – after former county executive Rob Astorino scheduled the Northeast Gun Show at the County Center that drew people from throughout the region. But days before the scheduled show, Astorino vetoed legislation without any time for an override vote, stating he was protecting First and Second Amendment rights.

Republic Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) said that the Democrats

are wrong for "taking a discriminatory approach" against law abiding gun owners, sportsmen and businesses from holding a show at the County Center.

"A better approach would have been to require operators to follow the strict guidelines for gun shows that have been established by (state) Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, the same guidelines which are observed for the gun shows that Gov. Cuomo allows in New York State-owned buildings," Testa said. "Pushing gun show operators out of the County Center means that they will now hold their shows in private venues across the county where we will have much less control over how they are operated."

From 1999 to 2010, the county discontinued gun shows on county property. Astorino lifted the ban after taking office and one was held at the County Center in 2012. However, after the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Conn., a 2013 show was canceled, and there was a handshake agreement among county officials that the venue would no longer host the shows.

A push was also made by members of the Democratic Caucus in October to override Astorino's veto following the mass shooting in Las Vegas that killed 59 people and injured more than 500. The action was denied.

## Losing Weight With Putnam Hospital's Help

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**Business  
of the Week**

# Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory Yorktown

By Anna Young

It's never easy losing a pet, but the owners of the newly opened Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory in Yorktown want to ensure every pet is treated with dignity, love and respect.

Owners Eric and Liz DiBartolo celebrated their grand opening last month surrounded by local officials and members of the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce. Eric DiBartolo, president of the chamber and also co-owner of Yorktown Funeral Home in Shrub Oak, said as a dog lover he wanted to deliver a service that provides empathy and comfort during a challenging time in a family's life.

"There are a lot of people that don't know aftercare for pets is completely different than aftercare for humans," he said. "There's really no regulations and a pet is a huge part of the family, so we're taking it to the next level and we're excited."

Rainbow Bridge offers around the clock, on-call pickup services, private and communal cremations, personalized urns, and a comfortable waiting room where clients can wait for their pets remains or watch the process via camera system. Clients can expect their pet remains within 24 to 48 hours.



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory looks to send deceased pets off with dignity.

Private cremation takes place in a cremation chamber at the state-of-the-art facility on Front Street, with a private vehicle available to transport the pet from the home or veterinary clinic. A unique ID tag is placed with the animal and the remains are placed in a decorative urn and hand delivered to the family. The family will also receive a certificate of cremation, framed Rainbow Bridge poem

with the animal's photograph, a clipping of the pet's fur in a laminated pouch, and their paw print in hardened clay along with a grief package.

Complimentary private cremation services are offered for police and fire K-9's.

Transport is also included in communal cremation, but the animals are cremated in a group setting with other pets. While

the facility maintains a prominent level of respect and dignity towards the pet, the ashes are not returned and are properly disposed of in a designated location.

Rainbow Bridge also offers a variety of urns and keepsakes, along with personalized art pieces, garden stones, memorial candles, remembrance cards with paw prints, video tributes and grief support literature.

Eric DiBartolo said when he presented his business plan to the Yorktown Town Board last April his idea was received with support and enthusiasm. He credited former town Supervisor Michael Grace for his continuous support and thanked him for not turning his back on the project. Town Supervisor Ilan Gilbert also paid homage to Grace for his guidance, adding that Yorktown is a community that encourages business.

"We are extremely excited to bring this new endeavor to Yorktown. It was a dream that we had put together," DiBartolo said. "This is what happens when a community comes together."

*Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory is located at 1789 Front Street in Yorktown Heights. For more information, call 914-455-4270, email [info@rbpetcrematory.com](mailto:info@rbpetcrematory.com) or visit [www.rbpetcrematory.com](http://www.rbpetcrematory.com).*



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## Letter to the Editor

# Compressor Station in Brewster Poses Health Risks

The Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project recently visited New York State to report on phase one of our New York Environmental Health Study. This study focuses on air exposures and potential health effects resulting from the transmission of natural gas across the state, including the compressor station located at 142 Tulip Rd. in Brewster.

EHP's work and the work of other researchers shows that industrial sites such as these pose a serious health risk to those living nearby, especially to children, the elderly and individuals with chronic health problems. However, we believe these risks can be substantially mitigated

if there is sufficient political will to do so.

Compressor station emissions travel downwind, impacting residents within one-half mile of the compressor station, and under certain weather conditions at greater distances. Periods of short-term high intensity exposure can last from a few minutes to several hours.

The primary risks for nearby residents are from the mix of particulate matter (PM), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and up to 70 chemical air pollutants reported to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the National Emissions Inventory. Particulate matter (especially the finer particles such as PM<sub>2.5</sub>) is a known health hazard that

effectively binds with other air toxicants.

Short-term exposure can cause headaches, dizziness, fatigue and numerous respiratory problems. Over time, these exposures may increase the risk of asthma, COPD, endocrine disruption, poor birth outcomes and cancer.

Because particulate matter has the capacity to synergize with multiple chemicals, we strongly recommend that the natural gas industry employ the best available control technology to remove particles and thereby reduce exposures.

If emissions are not mitigated, it will fall to residents, schools, daycare centers and others in the path of emissions to

understand the health implications of exposure and protect their health by filtering indoor air as best they can, while also monitoring air quality each day to identify days when outdoor activities should be limited.

The website for more information and the presentation is <http://www.environmentalhealthproject-ny.org/>

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## Lifelong Putnam Resident Joins CoveCare Center Board

CoveCare Center, formerly known as Putnam Family & Community Services, is pleased to welcome Suzanne Fregien to its Board of Directors. Ms. Fregien is the most recent addition to the governing body of the Carmel-based non-profit that addresses mental health needs, substance use, and social and emotional issues.

"We are so pleased to welcome Suzanne to our Board of Directors," stated CoveCare Center's Chief Executive Officer, Diane E. Russo. "Her enthusiastic support of our mission and her strong connections to the business community

will be invaluable as we continue to provide quality services to those in need."

A lifelong Putnam County resident, Ms. Fregien was born and raised in Mahopac, and graduated from Mahopac High School in 1993. Ms. Fregien has been an employee of PCSB Bank since 1995, and currently serves as an Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Brewster office. A member of both the Brewster Chamber of Commerce and the Brewster Rotary Club, she also holds a realtor's license and is a Notary Public.

"CoveCare Center is a great

organization, and I'm so pleased to become a part of its Board of Directors and help guide the future of the agency. I am eager to lend my help and support to continue CoveCare's outstanding history of providing services in our community," stated Ms. Fregien.

For more information about CoveCare Center and its services, please visit [www.CoveCareCenter.org](http://www.CoveCareCenter.org) or [www.facebook.com/CoveCareCenter](http://www.facebook.com/CoveCareCenter) or call 845.225.2700.

### About CoveCare Center

CoveCare Center is the only private non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County. CoveCare Center offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, and medication management. CoveCare Center is a member of Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), a non-profit 501 ©(3) membership organization of forward-thinking, community behavioral



Suzanne Fregien

health and disability service providers in the Hudson Valley Region whose shared goal is to promote recovery-oriented and outcome-based services designed to ensure high quality and low costs.

## New Library Exhibit Features 'INK' Artwork

INK is the latest exhibit to be installed in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library. Thirty-two artists responded to an open call for artwork using ink as the primary medium. The resulting show is an inspiring and imaginative look at this versatile medium. INK will be on display through February 25 and can be viewed during regular Library hours. For further information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



From etching to graffiti art, from pen and ink drawing to collage, and from alcohol ink to mixed media, these artists have produced a variety of images produced on paper and fabric. Carol Chebba King's linocut entitled "Covfefe" is a humorous reference to a recent Twitter kerfuffle; David Lovelace's ink drawings on papyrus entitled "Anubis Playing Space Invaders" and "Horus Playing Pac Man" feature ancient Egyptian gods enjoying contemporary video games. Barbara Lemischak, Jeanette Rodriguez, Rose Stock, Debbie Poe, and Judith de Toth use acid-free

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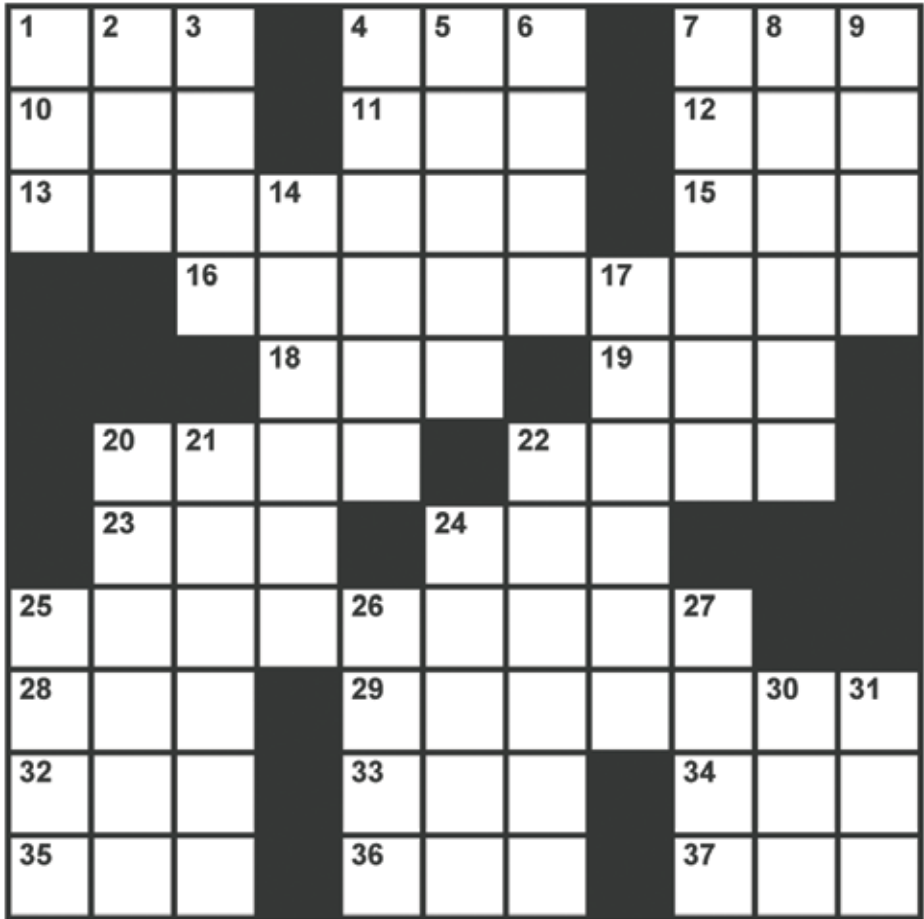
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4. Right-angle shape

7. Smidgeon

10. Memo starter

11. False statement

12. 16th US President

13. Gradually diffusing

15. Rouen refusal

16. Formerly Osceola Manor, in Jefferson Valley, it is now “zee” place to have a reception

18. Chase scene maneuver, slangily

19. Ballad’s end?

20. Mamas and the Papas member

22. Fuse

23. “The greatest”

24. Sun, poetically

25. Mahopac kitchen and bath remodeling center, \_\_\_\_s

28. Land of the brave and free

29. Top cards in poker

32. Mary \_\_ cosmetics

33. Station purchase

34. Republicans, for short

35. Hosp. units

36. Scrap

37. Abbr. after Brooklyn
4. Aristocracies

5. Like a dryer screen

6. Tile construction piece

7. Pioneer surveyor, Boone

8. On a ship

9. Daimler contemporary

14. 16th century Pope

17. Nike rival

20. Popular side salad choice

21. Enduringly

22. Most ironic

24. Actor award

25. Microwave

26. Othello’s ensign

27. Pretty soon

30. “Hardly!”

31. Satellite based positioning

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One of the more popular acts each year is the Hanneford performing Elephants and they will be featured for the final time in White Plains. The New York State Legislature has banned performing elephants effective 2019. So, this year will be a nostalgic one for the fans of elephants in the Circus.

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## CHS Biz Teacher Recipient of Adviser Wall of Fame

Carmel High School Principal Louis Riolo is pleased to announce that business teacher and FBLA advisor Mary Odell has been recognized by the national organization, Future Business Leaders of America as a member of the FBLA-PBL Adviser Wall of Fame. This is in recognition of Ms. Odell's commitment to making Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda a vibrant and growing organization.

The Adviser Wall of Fame was created to recognize advisers and state chairs that have made a difference and have contributed twenty-plus years of service to FBLA-PBL. There is no group as important as this in leading the young members of the organization. "It is a great achievement, and we all appreciate Mary's loyalty and commitment to this program," said Mr. Riolo.

The Future Business Leaders of America Chapter (FBLA) at Carmel High School was started in 1990 by Ms. Odell

and it is still growing and going strong. It is the largest club at the high school and membership today is at 106 members. The Carmel High School FBLA chapter has had many members who served as state and national officers throughout the years. Chapter members and teams have also won numerous state and national recognitions. For example, in 2016 the chapter won first place in New York State for "Outstanding FBLA Chapter," and in 2017, the chapter placed second. Ms. Odell stated, "I enjoy watching the students grow, mature and blossom

through the FBLA experience. They join FBLA their first year having no clue what FBLA is really about. Then, when they are seniors, they have become true 'leaders.'" The Carmel FBLA members are heavily involved in community service projects. Of this, Ms. Odell said, "I am particularly proud of the amount of community service the chapter participates in. Our members are always willing to lend a helping hand."

The FBLA-PBL Adviser Wall of Fame can be found at [www.fbla-pbl.org/about-fbla/adviser-wall-fame](http://www.fbla-pbl.org/about-fbla/adviser-wall-fame).



Pictured are Lisa Smothers, FBLA-PBL Membership Director and Mary Odell at the national FBLA Headquarters in Reston, VA.

## Putnam County Honored for Financial Reporting

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell announced that Putnam County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement, according to the GFOA, is judged by an impartial panel and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Being recognized with the Certificate of Achievement means that Putnam County has demonstrated a "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

Odell remarked, "The Certificate of Achievement is a recognition that Putnam County is committed to open, transparent government."

Leg. Joseph Castellano, who is Chairman of the Legislature and its Audit and Administration committee agreed. "Both the County Executive and the Legislature work cooperatively to ensure that the people of Putnam County are aware of how their taxpayer dollars are spent," he said.

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# Obituaries

## Guerrino A. D’Onofrio

Guerrino A. D’Onofrio age 96, of Carmel, died on February 2, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. D’ Onofrio was born on November 16, 1921 to Anthony and Albarina (Lombordi) in Roccaspromonte, Italy. He met the love of his life Mariannina (Meffe) and were married on February 15, 1946 in Italy. Together they moved to the United States and settled in Eastchester, to make a better life. They were blessed with two adoring children Silvana and Hugo. In his spare time, Guerrino enjoyed cooking, gardening, but most of all being with his wife and his great big family and friends. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and a friend to many. Mr. Guerrino is survived by his two children Silvana (John) and Hugo (Ellyn), his five grandchildren Keri, Mary, Christine, Christopher and Danielle. He loved being a grandfather and each of his grandchildren had a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his sister Ida. He is predeceased by his loving wife Mariannina (2015), his four brothers and one sister. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

## Catherine T. Sutton

Catherine Theresa Sutton, of Patterson formerly of Danbury, CT, died peacefully at her son’s home on Saturday February 3. She was 83-years-old. Born on February 23, 1934 in Mt. Vernon, NY she was the daughter of Thomas and Bridgett (McNulty) Scanlon. Catherine was a Mt. Vernon High School graduate. On December 13, 1957 she married the love of her life Anthony ‘Buster’ Sutton. Anthony predeceased his wife in 2003. Catherine was an active member of the New Fairfield Senior Center. She was a member of the Red Hat Society. Catherine was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling. Her cats and dogs were an important part of her life. Mrs. Sutton is survived by her three sons; William (Patricia) Sutton of Patterson, NY, Joseph (Jessica) Sutton of Monroe, CT and David (Martha) Sutton of Danbury, CT, her 5 grandchildren and her brother Thomas Scanlon.

## John M. Russo

John M. Russo, 85, of Calabash, NC, formerly of Mahopac, died on February 4, in North Carolina, with his loving family by his side. Mr. Russo was born on October 12, 1932 to John J. and Helen M. (Maffia) Russo, in the Bronx. During the Korean Era, from 1950-1952, he proudly served our Country with US Marines Corps. On September 20, 1953, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Ward and together they were blessed with five children; Joanne, John Jr., William,

Jeanellen, and Joseph. In 1980 he retired from the NYPD Highway 1, after 21years of service. He later went on to becoming a Postmaster with the United State Postal Service located in Amawalk and retired in 1994. Both he and Marilyn moved in January, 1994 to Calabash NC, to enjoy their retirement and warmer weather. John has always been an active member in his community. In his spare time, he was the Director N.E. Region Wheel Afield Travel Club, USPS Coordinator Ben Franklin Stamp Club, Commandant United States Marine Corp. League in, Calabash, NC and was also the Commissioner of the Town of Carolina Shores NC but most of all, he loved spending his time with his family and friends. John was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother-in-law, and a friend to many. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, and he will never be forgotten. John’s legacy of love and devotion to family, friends and community, will continue to grow in our hearts. John is survived by his devoted wife Marilyn of 64 years, his four loving children; Joanne Netrosio of Mahopac, William Russo of Fishkill, Jeanellen Baker of Mahopac, and Joseph Russo of Brewster, his cherished grandchildren; Joseph Netrosio, Jaclyn Morrissey, Nicole Bosco, Aimee Rice, Douglas Bunyea, Rachel Thomas and John Baker and four wonderful great-grandchildren; Dylan Morrissey, Elaina Morrissey, Talon Bosco and Kylie Bosco, all of whom he adored and each grandchild and great-grandchild held a special place in his heart. He will now join his beloved son, John Russo in Heaven, who had passed 2010.

## James P. Wright

James P. Wright, of Brewster, died peacefully on February 4. He was 86-years-old. Born on October 25, 1931 son of the late James W. and Blanche (Fields) Wright. He graduated from West Field High School and received his Bachelors degree from Wagner College. Mr. Wright honorably served in the US Airforce during the Korean War. On September 10, 1945 he married the love of his life Eileen Darragh. Eileen predeceased James in 2014. James worked for Union Carbide for many years as an accountant before retiring. His family was his life, he worked hard to provide a great life for them.

James is survived by his children; Carolyn Frey, Tara (John Morton) Wright, James K. Wright and his 5 grandchildren.

## Joseph H. Vigliotti

Joseph H. Vigliotti, 72, of Brewster, died on February 6, at Putnam Hospital Center. Mr. Vigliotti was born on November 28, 1945 to Angelo and Opal (McDonald) Vigliotti in Hays, KS. He proudly served our Country as a Sergeant with US Marine Corps from 1965-1971.

On November 12, 1978, he married the love of his life, Barbara Dunphy in White Plains, NY and together they were blessed with three children; Brian, Christopher and Catherine. Before he retired in 1989, Joseph was a courageous Firefighter for the Eastchester Fire Department in Eastchester. In his spare time, he volunteered for the Red Cross, NYFD and Lake Carmel Fire Department where he was a lifelong member, but most of all he loved to spend his time with family and friends. Joseph was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a friend to many. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love, community, and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Joseph is survived by his three loving children; Brian and Sara Vigliotti of Norfolk, CT, Christopher and Genevieve Vigliotti of Okinawa, Japan and Catherine and Scott Camp of Hamilton, NJ, his sister Lisa Holland and brother-in-law Paul, and his four cherished grandchildren; Raphael, Justin, Isabella and Keira, all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart.

## Korene M. Klescht

Korene M. Klescht, age 38, of Carmel, died on February 7, at Putnam Hospital Center. She was born on January 23, 1980, in Peekskill, to the late Federick Klescht and Susan (Elrath) Klescht. She was the beloved sister of Seth and Lukas. Korene was the adoring mother

of three beautiful children Nevaeh, Jade and Jaxon who were the loves of her life. One thing for sure, we all know Korene adored her family, dedicating her short but vivacious life to being surrounded by them always. She will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and friends. Korene is survived by her beloved mother Susan, loving siblings and her beautiful children; she is predeceased by her father Frederick. She will always be in our hearts. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers donations please be made to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department. Family may receive friends for a visitation on Thursday February 15, at the Cargain Funeral Homes from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our Carmel location 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel NY 10512.

## Manuel G. DosSantos

Manuel G. DosSantos of Mahopac, died February 7, 2018 at the age of 81. He was born in Portugal, the son of Manuel Monteiro and Rosa (Goncalves) DosSantos. Manuel was a watchmaker and learned his trade in Portugal. He worked for several fine watch companies before opening his own business in Portchester, which he owned for 40 years. He loved gardening and flowers, but most importantly he loved his family. His sons were everything to him. Manuel is survived by his wife Marli, his son Andrew, his son Mark and his wife Karen, and his siblings Antonio, Celeste, and Elisa. He was predeceased by his brother Jose and his sister Arminda.

# Crossword Answers

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# How Much of the Home of the Future Do We Want?

When I was in college, I appeared in the musical production of "Where's Charley?" a farce by Frank Loesser and George Abbott set at the turn of the last century. One of the cute numbers sung by Amy, the ingénue, predicted such inventions as wireless telegraphy, horseless carriages that fly and stereopticons that move.

What a simple time and what simple dreams for a better future, I thought. At that time, in the 1960s, all I dreamt about was to someday have a color television so that I could sit comfortably at home, watching movies in living color. I never dreamed of the kind of technology that would allow me to see what the rest of the world was doing, nor could I imagine that surveillance technology might allow the rest of the world to see what I was doing at home.

There have always been inventions for better living, but now in the 21st century, is it time to say, enough already?

I had a traumatic experience recently when my relatively new laptop, which I use in the assumed privacy of my home, went down. Only when I contacted Apple support did I learn that this device that



By Bill Primavera

greatly facilitates my working from home had been badly "compromised," not by just one evil force but two from different parts of the country that had taken over the function of my computer to conduct unknown activities. Whatever they were, I'm sure it was not for the common good or for me.

After two days of phone discussion with a few smart guys in India, my functionality was restored and hopefully secured with an expensive protection system. But what's next in this age of technology, especially with the surveillance

systems designed to monitor and protect our homes? Will it all come back to haunt us time and again?

That's the thing about trying to predict which technologies and innovations will become part of our home life and which should be avoided for its downside. For every scientist who claimed that we would have quick and convenient frozen dinners available (six years before Swanson first sold them in 1953), there was another who claimed that by 1978 our milk would come from kerosene instead of cows. Yikes!

The 1933 Chicago World's Fair featured

a Home of Tomorrow with a floor-to-ceiling curtain wall system which would regulate the internal temperature at any time of the year. Because all families in the future were assumed to own their own planes, the home also featured an air hangar to go with the garage.

The 1964 World's Fair in New York made more modest, and more accurate, predictions. A couple in an "all-electric home" marveled at their electric cooking range, their self-cleaning oven, the many colors available for all their appliances, VHS tapes and mood lighting for their stereo system. And where are the grandparents, you may ask? They are at their own senior citizen retirement community, which really didn't exist at that time.

But then, I remember well the introduction of Jefferson Village, the first massive retirement community that had just been introduced to upper Westchester when I first moved to Yorktown in the early 1970s.

While scientists, engineers and futurists have tried in many ways to imagine more convenient and more efficient innovations for our homes, more often than not they are off-target. In 1950, Popular Mechanics imagined that housewives in 2000 would have homes made entirely of plastic and waterproof fiber. To clean everything, the

homemaker would blast the rooms with a hose. While we all want to simplify our housework, we haven't yet gone that far in the name of convenience.

But at times the soothsayers were correct. They predicted microwave ovens in 1937, the remote-controlled home in 1939 and flat screen TVs in 1954.

We all quickly adopted the microwave and, in the past few years, the flat screen and the remote-controlled home, connected via the Internet to our cell phones. But now there is the question of whether this digital information can be used to invade our privacy. The discussion will continue regarding how far government can go in surveilling its citizens in the fight against crime and terrorism.

The most anticipated development for the home that would seem relatively harmless is the video telephone. It took a while, but it is finally here, albeit through the medium of a computer, tablet or smartphone.

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## A Crossroads in the Composition and Shape of the Wine Bottle



By Nick Antonaccio

The winds of change are blowing – again. This time it's the impact of wine on the environment. Not the wine that is in the bottle, but the bottle that the wine is in. Concerns are surfacing over

the impact of producing, shipping and recycling glass bottles.

This has the potential to change our buying and drinking habits in a profound manner. Slowly, but inexorably, the wine industry is moving to alternative containers for wines. More and more, we are seeing Tetra Paks and wine-in-a-box on wine shop shelves.

Now comes another innovation in wine vessels. Garçon Wines of Great Britain has introduced a high quality slimmed-down version of a plastic wine bottle. Two innovations in one package: shape and composition.

I must admit I've been having difficulty deciding if I can support this new product. I'm conflicted by my uneasiness with a plastic, not glass, vessel

for storing wine, and my exuberance for the new shape.

The plastic is high-grade polyethylene terephthalate (PET), a thermoplastic polymer resin, while the shape is that of a slim flask. Allow me to elaborate.

Plastic bottles proliferate the food aisles – and the landscape. The PET bottles are stronger, clearer and more readily recyclable than many plastic bottles.

The shape of the PET bottle is a marketing marvel. The bottle is as wide as a traditional Bordeaux or Burgundy glass bottle, yet it is not cylindrically shaped. Rather, it is more like a rectangle, no deeper than the screwcap atop its neck. And it is taller than a traditional wine bottle, maintaining the same 750 ml capacity of the traditional glass bottle. Think of a glass bottle being figuratively run over by a multi-ton asphalt roller and flattened to a mere two inches. Does that evoke a mental image? That is the Garçon bottle.

Allow me to air my conflicting opinions of the Garçon bottle.

### Pros

1. Glass bottles

### You Heard It Through the Grapevine

weigh 19 ounces, while PET bottles average two ounces. Factor that difference on the tens of billions of wine bottles sold and potentially recycled each year. The cost savings on production, shipping

and home delivery charges is significant. The carbon footprint is smaller than glass bottles.

2. The flask-like shape of the Garçon bottle has a smaller footprint than a traditional glass wine bottle. This makes for more efficient costs in shipping and storing; significantly more bottles in less space.

3. The Garçon bottle is designed to fit in your mailbox, making it much easier to transport and deliver directly to homes (except in our area; an adult, 21 or older, must sign for wine deliveries).

4. The Garçon bottle is more conducive for outdoor usage. It is made for today's outdoor lifestyle. Now you can have plastic wine bottles matched to your plastic wine glasses and plastic dinnerware. And you can carry it alongside your plastic bottle of water or sports drink.

### Cons

1. It's made from plastic. Over the long run plastic is not environmentally friendly.

2. It's made from plastic. Lurking BPAs are still a potential health threat.

3. Plastic may affect the aromas and flavors of the wine contents. Studies have shown that this is not a factor, so long as the wine is consumed within 12 months of being bottled. That's a short window for many wines.

4. Plastic is more porous than glass. Oxygen is more likely to penetrate the walls and oxidize the wine contents. There is minimal risk if the wine is consumed within the 12-month window mentioned above.

5. It's made from plastic. The Garçon bottle is not a natural product. It is coming into a market that is highly sensitive to sustainable practices.

So, where do I come down on this self-created debate? I like the novel shape of the Garçon bottle. I'm able to adjust my traditional perspective for this aspect. But in the end, it's made from plastic.

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# Happenings

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**Art on Display:** Mahopac High School students have created exemplary artworks that explore spatial perspectives in two-dimensional drawings. Twenty images produced by these students are featured in the current show on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library. The high school show will remain on view through February 28; visitors to the Library can see the work in the Gallery (1st floor) during regular Library hours.

**Soup Kitchen Help Needed:** Putnam CAP is looking for volunteers to commit one day a month to work at the Soup Kitchen. The soup kitchen operates from the First Baptist Church in the Village of Brewster every Tuesday through Thursday. A 'soup kitchen team' handles the cooking, serving and cleaning-up. Putnam CAP provides all the food and supplies needed but relies upon volunteer manpower to actually run the program. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call Dehisy at the CAP office on 845-278-8021.

**Registration for Kindergarten:** Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2031 takes place the week of February 26 – March 2. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary at 845-279-2087 x 4111 to make an appointment.

**The New Mahopac Falls Nursery School,** located at 411 Route 6N in Mahopac on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church, has current openings as well as openings for the 2018-2019 school year. Please call Michelle Armstrong, Director, at 845-803-0701 or e-mail [MahopacFallsNurserySchool@gmail.com](mailto:MahopacFallsNurserySchool@gmail.com) for more information and to set up a tour. Check out all the fun on our Facebook and Instagram pages- The Mahopac Falls Nursery School.

**The Patterson Recreation Center** is excited to be offering the following

program: Winter Break Fun Days: Monday/Tuesday Feb. 19 and 20th. 9 a.m. -4 p.m. \$50 / day. \$45/ sibling rate. Before and after care will be available to 6:00pm. Activities will include dodgeball, crafts, Xbox, open gym, air hockey and much more. Register by Feb. 12. Located at 65 Front Street Patterson. For more information call 845-878-7200.

## Ongoing: Tuesdays:

**LCFD Ladies Auxiliary Meeting:** Second Tuesday of Each Month. 8 p.m. at firehouse. Bring a friend.

**Spotlight Family Support Group:** Mahopac Library, 3rd floor, 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 13, 27 and March 13, 27. This is a guided recurring support group for family and friends suffering with the effects of a loved one that has a problem with drugs or alcohol. This is open to the public. For more information contact Drug Crisis in our Backyard 814-842-1212. No registration required.

**Come to the Kent Library** on Select Tuesdays in January through March from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Starting Tuesday, January 30th, if you're looking for a place to chat and craft? Working on a project? Want to start a project, or just need help with the finishing touches. Bring your own materials! Some knitting patterns will be available, and an instruction will be in attendance. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

## Wednesdays:

**The Putnam County Marine Corps League:** Monthly meeting at the Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel, NY at 1930 on the second Wednesday of the month. (10/11/17) If you are a U.S. Marine or FMF Corpsmen Veteran, Reservist or on Active Duty, we welcome you as a Brother. View us at [www.putnammcl.com](http://www.putnammcl.com)

**In-Stitches Needlework Club at Reed Memorial Library** meets Wednesday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. Beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcomed to drop-in to this fun and friendly group. Reed Library, 845-225-2439.

**Brewster American Legion Meetings:** The American Legion Argonne Post 71 holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Brewster Elks Club. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, call Bill Miller at 845-406-2533.

**Fridays: AARP Tax Help:** The AARP Foundation is providing free tax help for low to middle income taxpayers at the library every Friday by appointment only from February 9 until April 13. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 211 or the library at 845-878-6121 ext. 15. You do not have to be a member of AARP to take advantage of this service.

**Lenten Season Services at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac:** Ash Wednesday- 2/14/18- 7 p.m. service Palm Sunday- 3/25/18- 8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. services Maundy Thursday- 3/29/18- 7 p.m. service Good Friday- 3/30/18- 7:30pm service Easter Sunday- 4/1/18- 8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. services First Presbyterian Church is located at 411 Rt 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac. For more information: [presby411@verizon.net](mailto:presby411@verizon.net) or 845-628-2365.

## Tuesday, February 13

**PCDOH Opens Doors for Free Flu Vaccines:** Due to the high incidence of flu in New York State, the Putnam County Department of Health is offering free seasonal flu vaccine to anyone who lives or works in New York State, ages 6 months and older beginning Monday, February 12

through Friday February 16, 9 am to 5 pm and until 6 pm on Thursday at the Health Department main office at 1 Geneva Road Brewster (above Motor Vehicles). No appointment is necessary. Please bring proof of residency and a Medicare card if applicable. Call the flu hotline at 845-808-1390 to check on availability or in the case of bad weather.

**Social Security:** Are you getting ready to apply for Social Security benefits? Mahopac Library will host an informative Social Security workshop on Tuesday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m.; get answers to many of the questions you may have about Social Security and learn how to maximize your benefits. Registration for this program is requested, drop-ins welcome. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100. A representative from Foresters Financial will discuss the following topics: Will Social Security be there for me? How much money can I expect to receive? When should I apply for Social Security? Will Social Security be enough to live on through my retirement? Join us for this presentation and gain useful tips about Social Security benefits.

**Percy Jackson & the Olympians Monthly Book Club:** 5 p.m. -6 p.m., we will be discuss the second book, The Sea of Monsters. The book club is for ages 8-11. We'll discuss the book, learn about Greek mythology, and make a fun craft! Please have the book read for the first meeting. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

## New Library Exhibit Features 'INK' Artwork

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alcohol ink to create vibrant, luminous works on yupo paper; Rodriguez' "Serenity" and "Spirit of the Land" are outstanding examples of this technique.

Matt Gaspar's ink drawings entitled "Bird Flocking" and "Check the Frame" fall into the category of graffiti art; Lou Parco's "Rough Rider" and Daniel Creary's "Laughing and Lying" have a cartoon-like edge to their work. Animals are depicted in many of the ink drawings including Muriel Wines' "Elephant", Maria Kaprielian's "Snow Leopard", Jill Leary's "Zen Elephant", Barbara Rush's "My Food Bowl is Empty", and Betsy Walters' "The Tortoise and the Hare".

Adrienne Cullom's work, "Nest III", is

an inventive collage of engravings, and Alex Lindquist's "Welcome to the Moon Forest" and "Take me to Church" are ink-based collages created from ripped pages of National Geographic magazines. "Daffodils" by Cindy Green is a delicate work created with fabric, thread and ink; "Mi Corazón" by Regina Dueno is an ink drawing nailed to a 6" x 6" canvas using metal and plastic studs.

Each of the 64 artworks in the INK show present an authentic and expressive use of a medium that has been used by artists for centuries. For further information about the INK show and other exhibits in the Third Floor Gallery, please contact Debra Feiman at [dfeiman@mahopaclibrary.org](mailto:dfeiman@mahopaclibrary.org), or by calling 845-628-2009, ext. 108.



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## Regional Schools Work to Prevent Suicide

Guidance counselors and school social workers are on the front line when it comes to helping troubled students, more and more of whom are presenting with mental health issues. That's why about 80 participants attended a Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES workshop on suicide prevention last month to learn how to use a screening tool to identify at-risk students before it is too late.

The Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) is widely recognized as a gold-standard suicide risk-screening tool and has been adopted by schools throughout the country and is also used all over the world. Currently, for example, every school in Tennessee has received training on the C-SSRS, as has every teacher in Israel. Since its implementation, C-SSRS has helped reduce the suicide rates by 65 percent over the first 10 months in the nation's largest provider of outpatient community behavioral health care.

"It does such a good job for screening for suicide risk that it is mandated for drug trials," said Adam Lesser, LCSW, deputy director of The Columbia Lighthouse Project, who conducted the BOCES training. The Columbia Lighthouse Project is tasked with disseminating the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale. "As a result, we can offer it to schools for free."



The workshop was offered by the Guidance and Child Study Center at BOCES. Workshop attendees found the training extremely useful. "We've had suicide trainings before but have never been given a tool like this," said Jennifer Ramos, a social worker at Sleepy Hollow Middle School. "This will allow us to have better data on each student. I think it's very valuable."

The tool can be used for students as young as five years old, and there is also a pediatric and cognitively impaired

version. Lesser said the tool also has enormous value in screening people who are not suicide risks. "It is very important that we save emergency room referrals for when we have a sense that it is high risk," he said, explaining that a student who has been through an ER experience once is less likely to ask for help again, when it might be more necessary. "It also helps save money by keeping some people out of the emergency room," he said.

Lesser also outlined a safety plan that can be implemented for at-risk students.

"The issue of mental illness in society at large, but particularly among our youth, is one that needs to be recognized and addressed," said North Salem Guidance Chairperson Grace Carnevali, who attended the workshop. "The conference gave wonderful suggestions not only on how to use this very valuable tool but also very good information on what to do with the results."

Brewster High School Social Worker Henrietta Lodge, who is also a member of the Putnam County Suicide Task Force, said she was particularly interested in the discussion of the safety plan, "Since most students return to school and class after the crisis."

The safety plan is a written document that a student/client creates with the counselor upon return to school, and includes five steps identifying individual warning signs, and coping strategies that individuals can use. Brewster High School has used the C-SSRS in its crisis assessments for several years.

"Several members of Brewster Central School District attended the workshop and we plan to explore ways to promote the use of C-SSRS and website handouts in our future trainings for non-clinical staff, she said.

The tool can be downloaded for free at <http://cssrs.columbia.edu/>.



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# 'Doog' Not Fly Zone

## Mahopac Denied League I-A Title Entrance

Mahopac senior captain Ryan Dugan (13) had a superb game despite being chopped on and triple-teamed at times, scoring a team-high 19 points in the Indians' 61-57 loss to visiting Arlington last Thursday, but the visiting Admirals batted down the hatches in the final quarter and erased an 11-point deficit to repeat as League I-A champs, denying Mahopac its first league title since 2014... see Boys' Hoops Notebook





# Sports

## Boys' Hoops Notebook

# Hen Hud, Panas Snag League Titles in Dramatic Fashion

By Ray Gallagher  
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Hen Hud's Fraser twins, Austin and Dylan, are such fierce competitors they likely battled over who would see the light of day first. The feisty duo have been battlers since Day 1, and the proof was in the pudding with a 30-year title drought on the line last Tuesday.

Hen Hud (16-4, 7-1) fell behind visiting Poughkeepsie by nine points in the fourth quarter and needed the Frasers, the teams' senior starting guards, to fight for that light at the end of the tunnel like they did that first day on earth. With Hen Hud seeking at least a share of its first league title since 1988, the Fraser boys went to work at the Donovan Gym, their home away from home, where the go-getting duo combined to score 16 of the Sailors' 20 points and jump-start a 54-51 come-from-behind win over the Pioneers



Hen Hud's Kyle James was a driving force in Sailors' first league title since 1989 despite defense of Peekskill's TJ Lawrence last Thursday.

to complete a season sweep of Poughkeepsie.

Austin Fraser, who had nine of his 15 points in the fourth and dished four assists, and Dylan who dropped seven of his 13 points in the fourth and set up a monster lob for star swingman Mekhi Gray's jam, triggered the winning rally. Neither would say die.

"Austin and Dylan definitely love to battle each other in practice, and probably in their own driveway, they just love to compete," said fifth-year Sailor Coach Jordan Hirsch. "Austin and Dylan made big shots in the fourth, Mekhi (Gray) sparked a run in the third, and even with all of the defensive attention Kyle (James) has been getting, he still locked in to essentially have the game winning points

on a hard-fought tip-in. Sometimes, it's a few guys getting the hard-data stats, but all of our guys have made the difference in these tight games... box-outs, bench energy and 50/50 plays don't get tallied in the book, but all of our guys give us those things, and for our team I think that has made the difference. We really feel every guy in the locker room makes our team successful. I'm thrilled for the kids to accomplish something that hasn't been done in a long, long time... it's all them, but we won't take anything for granted."

The Sailors followed up in form with a 63-50 win over Peekskill on Thursday to secure the League II-E



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Hen Hud' Austin Fraser drives past Peekskill's Mekhi Hodges in Sailors' league-title clinching win over Red Devils.

title outright and, in doing so, locked down the No.4 seed in the upcoming Class A playoffs where Hen Hud hopes to end yet another drought. The Sailors,

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## Pac to Pac to Pac! Mahopac Three-Peats as Section 1 Gymnastics Champs



Members of the Mahopac High gymnastics team pose with the Section 1 championship hardware for a third-straight year after the Indians (175.676) held off a charge from Lakeland/Panas/Putnam Valley (172.1) and Clarkstown (171.75) last Thursday at Carmel High where the Indians had five gymnast qualify for the NYS Championship, including Callie Johanson (All-Around), Sydney Hughes (Floor), Chloe Lee (Uneven Bars), Jamison Castrataro (Vault) and Lia Graap (Uneven Bars). Members of the three-peat championship team include Row 1 (kneeling): Julie Santoiemma, Alex Porcelli, Sarah Citarella, Callie Johanson, Annalee Hammel & Sydney Hughes; Row 2 (standing): Chloe Lee, Fabiola Laska, Rachel Romero, Jamison Castrataro, Nicole Giannetta, Juliette LeBlanc, Lia Graap and Kelsey Collins. "I am extremely proud of this team, again a total team effort," Mahopac Coach Vin Collins said. "We have had our best routines and vaults as well as team scores the last three competitions of the season with our highest team total in the sectional championship; you could say we saved our best for last. Our seniors led the way. Callie and Sydney are always solid and continued again and we had nice vaults from Alex Porcelli and a terrific bar set from Julie Santoiemma. Our younger gymnasts really stepped-up today; Jamison Castrataro, Chloe Lee, Lia Graap and Nicole Giannetta had some of their best routines and vaults of the season." Ossining's Justine Valentino and Cruz Vernon, and Caitlin Pellegrino, Amanda Grigas and Jana Frattellone of L-P/PV, plus Somers/Croton/Yorktown/Hendrick Hudson's Lucy DeMichele will all compete at the state tournament.



Panas G Brandon Hodge sinks two of his 10 fourth quarter points en route to 19 in win over Put Valley.



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## Boy's Hoops Notebook

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Put Valley F TJ Brescia sinks jumper in Tigers' loss to Panas Saturday.



Panas G Brandon Ramos drops two points of his 21 points in Panthers win over Put Valley Saturday.



Mahopac junior F Rheal Allen goes up for shot in Indians' gut-wrenching loss to Arlington last Thursday.

who also defeated an unmanned Croton club, 45-26, on Saturday, haven't reached the Final 4 since 1991 when the jovial Mauro Bros., Chris Kelly, Keith Friedman, Ted Leshinsky, Chris Talma and the loquacious Tim McNulty ruled the roost before losing to Peekskill at the County Center.

That '91 Hen Hud team defeated host John Jay in the sectional quarterfinals; the Stephen Silas-led Indians who had similar hopes of reaching a Final 4 before Silas went on to coach in the NBA (Charlotte Hornets), following the lead of his legendary dad, former Celtic great, Paul Silas.

There was greatness in the room that night and the 2018 Sailors can only hope to reach their limits, fulfill their promise and end a 27-year Final 4 drought...

## NWE/Putnam Examiner Super 7 Poll

**No.1 PANAS** – The League II-C champion Panthers (16-4, 7-1), the No.2 seed in Class A, actually have a very tough draw with No.15 Harrison, who recently knocked off No.5 Byram Hills and No.7 Poughkeepsie waiting in the quarterfinal wings #Ouch!. No.3 Saunders, the prohibitive favorites, could be a semifinal foe, making this championship run all the more difficult. Still, winners of 13-straight vs. Section 1 foes, Coach Auerbach's Panthers, who last won it all in 20014, are playing as well as anyone in Class A right now and cannot be taken lightly. "We're on a pretty good run and we're a pretty good team," said senior G Brandon Ramos, who scored 14 of his game-high 21 points in the second half of 52-43 win over Put Valley. "I think we can make a run for the championship. This is a very big win for us, they kicked out butt at home in triple overtime and we had to get it back. We're ready to make a run in the playoffs."

**No.2 HEN HUD** – League II-E champion Sailors (16-4, 7-1), the No.4 seed in Class A, should eventually see No.5 Byram Hills in the quarters, which gives Coach Hirsch's Sailors one of the tougher draws to reach the Final 4, where No.1 Rye would likely lie in wait. Hen Hud hasn't been to a Final 4 since 1991 and the basketball Gods don't seem to like them very much.

**No.2A PUTNAM VALLEY** – League III-E champion Tigers (16-4, 6-0), the No.1 seed in Class B, could see No.4 Blind Brook in the semis (God willing), which makes No.3 Briarcliff have to go through No.2 Irvington in the semis, which should/could set up a PV vs. Briarcliff finale at Pace U. in the finals. There is no doubt the Tigers have enough inside to get it done, but the PV backcourt will have to find its high-water mark in a hurry if the Tigers are gonna knock to advance to Final 4 or finals, what would be their 3rd championship appearance in 5 years.

**No.4 OSSINING** – The Pride (10-10), the No.14 seed in Class AA, blew a big chance to gain ground on a last-second foul-line box out against Put Valley (of all things) and a league loss to Fox Lane, but there is a clear path to the Great 8 should they upend No.19 Yorktown in the outbracket and then survive No.3 Mamaroneck in the opening round #ThisIsDoable.

**No.5 MAHOPAC** – Indians (10-10), the No.11 seed in Class AA, truly disappointed in their 61-57 fall-from-ahead loss to Arlington with League I-A title on the line, but they responded in kind with a big 74-63 win over neighboring Somers on senior day, thus setting up an opening round playoff game with No.6 Spring Valley. Certainly, been

an improvement over last 3 seasons, but a playoff win would be a mad feather in the cap for the 7 seniors on the roster, who got Somers head to head after Saturday's triumph.

**No.6 SOMERS** – Tuskers (11-7, 5-2), the No.9 seed in Class A, will have to wait another year to end their league title drought that dates back to 1989, but I'd sign up for their road to the Final 4 in a heartbeat, given the fact that No.24 Sleepy Hollow (outbracket), and the winner of No.8 Ardsley vs. No.25 Nanuet, are the only thing preventing them from a quarterfinal matchup with No.1 Rye, who has had a solid season but offers little by way of legitimate playoff history. It's time to get over the loss of injured senior point man Gio Tradito and #BustBrackets.

**No.7 BREWSTER** – Bears (9-11), the No.19 seed in Class A, knocked off Arlington in season finale on a last-second fade-away from hotshot Harrison Dignan and would do well to win its outbracket against No.14 Magnus on the road, but the Bears would need to pull a lucky horseshoe from their collective butts at No.3 Saunders in the opening round, which is one heck of an unenviable task despite the solid season they've have posted.

**HM HALDANE** – Class C's No.2 Blue Devils (14-6) will draw a surging No.3 Tuckahoe club in the semis, and that's not

what the doctored ordered. Getting to the finals just got a lot tougher.

**HM LAKELAND** – Hornets (6-14), the No.21 seed in Class A, came up big against Brewster last week and have a puncher's chance against No.14 Nyack in the outbracket, but the road gets really bumpy with in an opening-round trip to Byram Hills. Good news is; lax and baseball is right around the corner.

**HM PEEKSKILL** – Red Devils (6-14), the No.22 seed in Class A, have to go through outbracket route with No.11 Pelham before a potential opening-round bout at No.6 Tappan Zee. The river city has changed demographically so much over the last five years that it could be years before we see the Peekskill hoops program we were once accustomed to.

**HM YORKTOWN** – Huskers (7-13), the No.19 seed in Class AA, have to go through the outbracket door at Ossining and would then draw No.3 Mamaroneck in the opening round, followed by the No.11 Mahopac vs. No.6 Spring Valley winner in quarters, should they survive. I can't think of a better draw for a 19-seed, to be honest.

**HM CROTON** – Tigers (8-12), the No.13 seed in Class B, have been rocked and shocked by injuries and other misfortune, so we suspect a one-and-done scenario against No.4 Blind Brook, unless the Tigers can bust up a bracket.



## Sports

## Grappling Notebook

# Brewster's Cuomo, PV's Sams 3-Peat as Section 1 Champs

By Tony Pinciario

It was a difficult time for standout **BREWSTER** wrestler Grant Cuomo.

Cuomo was sidelined, for a month, with an injury and unsure if he's return for the 2018 Section 1 Division I (large school) Wrestling Championships.

"I honestly didn't think I would make it back in time for the postseason, but my doctor cleared me right before divisionals, so I decided to give it a shot," said the Princeton-bound Cuomo.

That was great news for him, but bad news for Section 1 Division I wrestlers in the 170-pound weight class.

Cuomo showed no ill-effects of the injury to win his third consecutive Section 1 Division I wrestling title. He is the first Brewster wrestler with three sectional titles.



Brewster's Grant Cuomo (R) and teammate Cody Hamblin (L) placed 1st and sixth, respectively, at Section 1 D-I tourney Sunday.

Cuomo, along with his fellow Section 1 champions advanced to the New York State Division I and Division II Wrestling Championships, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at the Times-Union Center in Albany.

Wrestlers who are eligible for a wild card will find out their fate, Wednesday.

Cuomo registered three pins in the first period, punctuated with a fall of Eastchester's Steven Bilali at 1:22.

"I was very excited to make it back on the mat, but nervous," said Cuomo, a 2017 state runner-up. "Nonetheless, I was willing to put myself at risk for re-injury if it meant another shot at a state title.

"Given that risk, I was and continue to be cautious in my matches to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Along with being a three-time sectional titlist, Cuomo has an opportunity to become Brewster's first three-time state placefinisher.

"Winning my third sectional title is a nice accomplishment and I was happy I made it through with no injury problems," Cuomo said. "I am so pumped for states. After what I went through, with my injury, I am hungrier than ever for it."

## PUTNAM VALLEY

senior Kyle Sams added the exclamation point to his outstanding Section 1 career, winning the Section 1 Division II (small school) 132-pound title. It is Sams' third sectional title and he will be making his fourth trip to the state Division II championships.

Sams and his teammates finished fourth to champion Pearl River. The Tigers placed 11 wrestlers in the top six, including seven finalists.

"Kyle is a stand-alone captain and teammate and he has been the most consistent member of our team in every aspect of the sport," Putnam Valley Coach Will Carano said. "He got what he earned and I couldn't be more proud of who he has become as a young man and senior. There is no ceiling on what this kid can do, and what makes it all the more special for me, as one of his coaches, is that he does it with class and integrity."

Sams, who was a 2017 sectional runner-up but earned a wild card, wanted to go out on top.

"This third one was almost as good as the first one," Sams said. "This one wrapped up my last high school wrestling season. This was a major point in my life I will never forget."

Putnam Valley had six runners-up – David Ordonez (99 pounds), Hunter Lundberg (113), Will Carano (126), Mikey Bruno (138), Mike Nolan (145) and Dean Appell (160).

Despite their respective finals' results, Bruno and Carano are in good position to receive wild cards.

The trio of Owen McDonald (113), Shane Appell (120) and Mike Gaitan (220) finished fifth and Harry Leiter (152) placed sixth.

"This team was the best team I could've wrestled with my senior year," Sams said. "The young guys have a winning attitude and they all have bright futures after this year."

**OSSINING** junior Zachary Bonner brought Pride to the program, winning the Section 1 Division I 138-pound title with a 10-5 victory over Scarsdale's Seth Schulman.

"This is great, really amazing because five months ago I didn't think it was possible that I could win a section title," said Bonner, now 34-3 this season. "I didn't think I was at that level yet, but I kept pushing hard and working hard every single day."



Put Valley senior Mikey Bruno (L) settled for second place in the D-II wrestling tournament last Saturday at Hasting High.

Bonner credits teammates and workout partners – Farouk Capalbo, Tyrese Marbury and Josh Manning – with pushing him and sharpening his skills to that he raised his wrestling to a champion's level.

Bonner fell behind 2-0, early, but answered with a reversal and three back points in the final 10 seconds of the first period for a 5-2 lead.

"I was pushing the pace and I wrestled non-stop," Bonner said. "In the past, I would sometimes get complacent when I had the lead, but this weekend I didn't allow that to happen. I felt I controlled my matches."

Ossining had a strong showing, finishing fourth with 109 points, as Fox Lane claimed the crown with 145 pounds.

The Pride had Manning (152) take third, Capalbo (145) and Diego Orellano (285) placed fourth and Izaiah Steen (195) and Marbuty (160) were fifth.

**YORKTOWN** continued its strong wrestling under the guidance of Coach Eric Fama and assistants Andrew and Frank Cabibbo with a pair of finalists – Patrick Patierno (145 pounds) and Connor Thomas (152). Senior Mauricio Arango (138) took fifth and sophomore Andrew Finateri (113) placed fourth.

The two finalists are a first for Yorktown since Steven Sabella and Thomas Murray won titles in 2013.

"Patrick and Connor had great tournaments and have nothing to be ashamed of," said Coach Fama, a sectional champion for New Rochelle. "As a three-year wrestler who's main sport is soccer, we are extremely proud of Mauricio. In the last month, Andrew has made a huge jump and started peaking at the right time. We are excited for Andrew to return next season as an all-section wrestler."



SEAN VICTOR PHOTOS

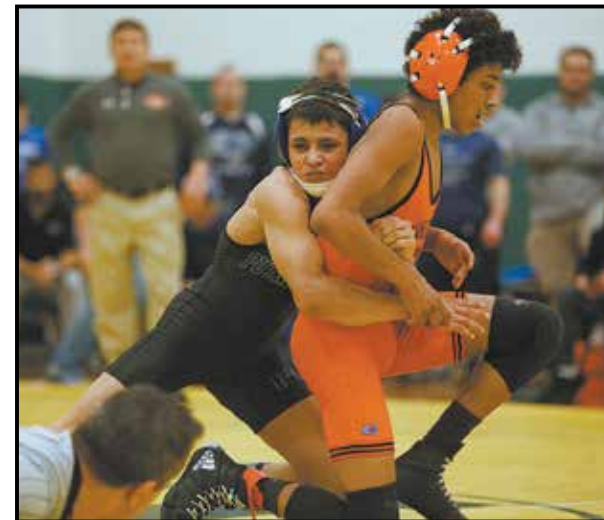
PV wrestling Coach Will Carano led Tigers to 4th place finish and placed 7 grapplers in D-II finals.

Arango closed out his career by pinning the second seed in the fifth-place match.

Fama feels that Thomas, who placed third in the section last year, has a shot at a wild card. Thomas is currently 42-5 this season.

**SOMERS** finished ninth and had five placefinishers, led by Frank Celli (138) and Matt Kelly (195), who were both third. Sean Freebern (220) was fourth, Matt Russo (99) placed fifth and Antonio Vieira (170) was sixth.

**HEN HUD** returned to Division II



Put Valley's David Ordonez had an impressive second-place finish at the Section 1 D-II finals.

this season and the Sailors had seven placefinishers.

Hector (106), Beckett Hermann (120) and Colin Park (285) finished third. Michael Tosi (160) placed fourth, Kerann Belvu (145) garnered fifth and Brendan Cruz (113) and Cameron Curley (182) were sixth.

"Overall, we had a great season," said Hen Hud Coach Shane Turrone, a sectional placefinisher for the Sailors during his scholastic career. "We have a

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## Sports

## Girls' Hoops Notebook

## League Titles Abound at Ossining, Somers, Put Valley

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It's been a regular bonanza when it comes to league titles on the local girls' hoops circuit. State-ranked (No.5) Ossining (17-3, 11-0 Sect.1) snagged its 19th straight, winning the League I-D title without struggle. State-ranked (No.19) Putnam Valley (18-1, 6-0) cruised to the League



Somers G Hannah Angelini soars for rebound in Tuskers' 48-38 loss at John Jay CR last Friday.

III-E title after a clean sweep of Haldane, North Salem and Pawling. State-ranked (No.22) Somers (14-6, 7-1) settled for a share of its 2nd-straight title and third in four years after falling at John Jay CR, 48-38, last Friday.

Hen Hud (13-7, 6-2) placed second in League II-E, losing only to undefeated, state-ranked (No.6) Class AA power Our Lady of Lourdes (20-0), so the Sailors have plenty to be proud of, too.

**Collision Courses AA, A & B:** No.1 seeded Ossining's road to the Class AA title will likely go through two Catholic powers, including No.2 Lourdes and/or No.3 Magnus and No.4 Ursuline. Pride Coach Danny Ricci is chomping at the prospects but admits this is one of the toughest paths his team will tread en route to its 8th-straight sectional title. Odds are, Magnus

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young team in which we are only losing two seniors, both of which placed third. I am very excited for what the future holds. This year's sectional tournament ranks among one of the best for the program, in years, with the seven placefinishers."

**MAHOPAC** had a pair of top-six finishers in Mike Rivera, who was third at 220 pounds, and Tom Mahoney, the

will be the team the Pride square off with for all the marbles, and odds are just as strong the Pride survive and advance.

"We had to go through them last year and suspect we will have to do so this year," Coach Ricci said of Mangus...

In Class A, second-seeded, reigning Section 1 champ **SOMERS**, ranked No.22 in the state, and No.1 seed John Jay CR could see one another a third time if the chalk prevails. To quote my son, "Somers shot like trash" in Friday's loss to Jay, but it would seem more of an aberration than the norm, knowing this team as we do.

"I would love to see John Jay again and we fully expect to see them again some time down the road," Somers Coach Marc Hattem said. "We can only hope to shoot better than we did tonight. I'm dying to see our shooting percentage, I don't think we shot 20%. We shoot better than this and we figure to do so in the playoffs. We've been shooting in the low 20s for the last two weeks now and it's killing us. As the returning section champs teams are shooting to take us down, and I trust my kids at the end of the day to figure this out."

No time like the present...

And could there be a tougher road than Class B **PUTNAM VALLEY's** road? PV, the current No.3 seed, will have to go through state-ranked (No.8) and second-seeded Briarcliff at the County Center and then defeat top-seeded, state-ranked (No.1) Irvington -- the 3-time defending champs -- in the finals. To be honest, the youthful, record-setting Tigers (most regular season wins in a year) -- led by underclassmen Dora Rippon, Kelli Venezia and Ariana Stockinger -- might be a year away from winning it all, but they are banging on the door well before anyone expected...

We just don't see anybody in Class C that is as prepared as four-time reigning champion **HALDANE** is to make a run for the roses. The Blue Devils (10-10), though not ranked in the state, are feistier and better coached than the whole lot of Section 1 Class C clubs. They will hoist again...

If anyone in Class A had just two players of **HEN HUD's** Caitlin Weimar's ilk, they might be unbeatable. The 6'2" sophomore is beyond good, a walking double and just 3.5 blocks per game shy of a triple-double. Weimar is putting up digits no girl or boy in Hen Hud history has ever posted: 18 PPG,

170-pound fourth-place finisher.

**CARMEL's** Abby Duke became the first female wrestler to place in Section 1 history. Duke finished sixth at 99 pounds. After losing her quarterfinal match, Duke won consecutive matches, by a combined 11-0 score, to reach the placing round.

Lakeland/Panas' Ryan Ocasio finished sixth in the 120-pound weight class.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers G Jackie Penzo goes baseline in Tuskers' 48-38 loss at John Jay CR last Friday.

13.3 RPG, 6.4 blocks and 2 steals. The kid was one block shy of a triple-double in the Sailors' 50-36 win over Croton-Harmon, putting up 26 points, 15 caroms and nine blocks.

"I feel like she has improved every game this season and she is doing it with teams double-teaming her night in and night out," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman exclaimed! "She definitely could be the best to come thru the doors at the Donovan (gym). She's the first true center I have had in nine years at Hen Hud."

**NWE/Putnam Feb 5 Poll**

**No.1 OSSINING** -- Catholic powerhouse Magnus is the only considerable bump in the road to Section 1 Class AA title, and the fact that the Pride dispose of every Catholic power in their way year after year only adds to the insurmountable lore of the Harris/Griffin/Quain-led Pride.

**No.2 PUT VALLEY** -- Briarcliff might be too much for record-setting Tigers to handle this season, but this program is legit on every level and should see the finals in 2019 unless they can shock the section right here and now. B-Cliff is the team to beat.

**No.3 SOMERS** -- At the risk of sounding too critical: The time is now to put one's best foot forward, lest you be left out of the state tourney. The 78 points scored in Saturdays blowout over Nanuet is encouraging, but anyone paying attention saw mental and physical lapses in loss to John Jay Friday #TimeToUptheAnteUpLadies.

**No.4 BREWSTER** -- Should the No.8 Bears (12-8) survive No.9 Pearl River in the opening round, they would get a third crack at John Jay CR in the quarters and would need to amp up their intensity to match a scrappy Indian outfit; without doing so, Swaggy Maggie D's Bears would

be two-and-through. All it took was one bad quarter last Thursday to see. "You have to give John Jay credit," Bears Coach Mike Castaldo said after Maggie DePaoli led Brewster with 16 points and six steals and Krsiten Stefanick had nine points and four assists in a 53-47 loss to the Indians. "They caused the turnover and scored off of them. We played careless for eight minutes and against the top seed in Class A you can't do that."

**No.5 HALDANE** -- Can't see a scenario where Abbey Stowell and Alison Chiera's top-seeded Blue Devils (10-10) are knocked off by any Class C contender

**HM MAHOPAC** -- No.12 Indians (9-11) will have to go through No.21 Suffern and No.5 RCK, whom they are very familiar with, to reach quarters in a somewhat likeable draw.

**HM YORKTOWN** -- The No.14 Huskers (10-10) will draw No.3 Magnus in opening round if the survive No.19 Greeley in the out-bracket game. The only tougher draw in the field is Ossining #ToughBreak



Put Valley F Dora Rippon and the Tigers broke school mark for regular season wins (18) last week.

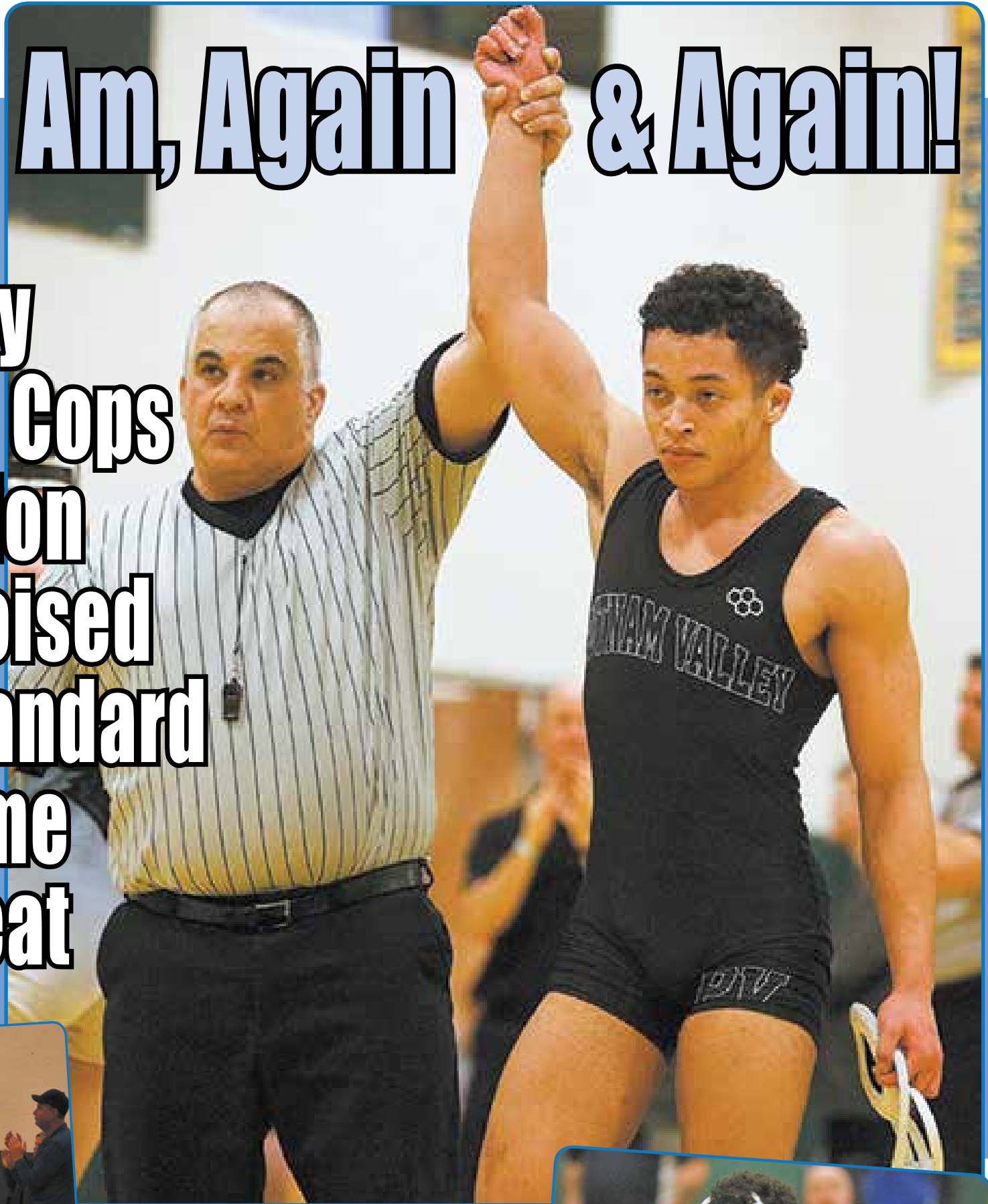
**HM PANAS** -- Who's to say the 10th-seeded Panthers (10-10) can't edge their way past No.7 Ardsley and suit up for a quarterfinal matchup with Somers and a Final 4 berth on the line.

**HM LAKELAND** -- 15th-seeded Hornets (8-12) have played everyone as tough as possible and might give Somers fits in opening round should they survive outbracket vs. No.18 Nyack. If ya don't believe me, believe the ridiculous numbers put up by Hornet F Alexa Cole: 20 points in win over Suffern; 27 in 59-54 OT loss to Somers and 26 in 56-40 loss to Brewster.



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Putnam Valley senior captain Kyle Sams, a whiz on and off the mats, was the only one of seven Tiger finalists to emerge with a Section 1 D-II title, claiming his third sectional championship and fourth trip to the NYSPHSAA D-II championships with a 13-6 decision over Pearl River's Dante Simeti at Hastings High School last Saturday. Fourth-place Putnam Valley (212 points) entered the championship round in first place by a narrow margin, but the Tigers had six wrestlers settle for second place, including three-time section champ Mikey Bruno, who, along with Sams, will head to states and leaves behind a legacy like few before them ever have. Pearl River (250 points) repeated as section champs and leads the Section 1 contingent to the D-II state meet on Feb. 23-24 at the Times Union Center in Albany... see Grappling Notebook inside

