

Southeast PB Analyzes Logistic Center Proposal

By Neal Rentz

With the public hearing process concluded earlier this summer, it was time for the Southeast planning board to address a controversial proposal to create a logistics center that would be located off Route 312.

The board discussed the project's draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and a lot line adjustment that would be needed for the state Department of Transportation to make road improvements in the area.

Northeast Interstate Logistics is seeking town board and planning board approvals for its proposed 100,000 million square foot center on a roughly 328-acre site.

The project, which would essentially be a distribution center, located between Route 312 and Pugsley Road, needs the town board to include the use of a logistics center into the zoning code that the zoning code doesn't currently address. There would be four buildings on the land once it's developed with the closest warehouse 950 feet from Route 312.

Town approvals were previously provided for a mixed used development on the property, which would have included the construction of 143 homes. The developer has the right to create the mixed use development through 2020.

Barrett Road would need to be privatized and the town would need to send a letter to the state department of transportation requesting Pugsley Road be an access highway support.

Though public comments were not accepted at the meeting, several residents came to the meeting with "Vote No" signs.

Dan Richmond, an attorney representing the developer, said the project includes working with the DOT to make significant improvements to the intersection of Route 312 and Pugsley Road, with potentially a roundabout. The DOT has told representatives of the developer a lot line adjustment at



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51 Pugsley Rd. that would be needed for the road project. If the project was not approved by the town the lot line adjustment would not be used, Richmond said. For the DOT the estimated eight to 12-month approval process to start the lot line adjustment would need to be approved by the planning board, Richmond said.

Planning board member Daniel Armstrong said if the lot line adjustment was approved a non-conforming lot would be created. Even though he understood the purpose of the proposal of the lot line change, Armstrong said the planning board did not have the authority to create a non-conforming lot without a Zoning Board of Appeals variance.

Armstrong said he was concerned that if the planning board approved the lot line adjustment it would be "prejudicing ourselves" and would be legally

commenting the town to approving the project itself. If the lot line was approved and the project overall was not approved the town could face a lawsuit, he said.

Richmond told Armstrong that the lot line change would not commit the planning board to approve the project. If the lot line adjust was approved by the planning board at the end of the process, "This delays the project by almost a year,"

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Fleming Looks to Take Conservative Line From Odell

By David Propper

Although the main race for Putnam County Executive won't happen until November, Democrat Maureen Fleming is hoping to pull off the difficult task of swiping a third party line from Republican MaryEllen Odell that could improve her chances in the general.

Fleming, the Kent supervisor, is waging an opportunity to ballot (OTB) campaign on primary day, Sep. 13, to attain the Conservative Party line that was given to Odell, the incumbent, by party leaders earlier this summer. Fleming had to collect signatures from Conservative members in order to force the OTB and will need Conservative voters to write her name in to cast a vote for her. Odell will only need Conservative members to darken a bubble next to her name.

Because 9-11 falls on a Tuesday, the primary will be that Thursday.

Fleming said she's been going door-to-door explaining to potential voters how an OTB works and how they can vote for her. She said she's gotten a lot positive feedback from the people she's spoken to.

Fleming has conveyed a message

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Correction

In the Aug. 28-Sep. 3 edition of The Putnam Examiner, an article titled "Croton Fire Dept. Makes Changes After Ex-Chief Stole Funds" printed a photo of the wrong fire department headquarters and incorrectly stated the Croton-on-Hudson department covered parts of Carmel and Southeast.

The incorrect photo was of the Croton Falls department, rather than the Croton-on-Hudson department whose former chief stole from the department. Personnel from the Croton Falls department have never been accused of any wrongdoing. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

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of fiscal prudence, which she believes Odell is not fulfilling during her tenure. Fleming hasn't raised taxes in Kent since she's become supervisor in 2014, a point she's made sure to hit home.

"I really do hope people are energized and realize they do have a choice," Fleming said. "And choose a real fiscal conservative."

While the Odell campaign has argued that Fleming is liberal on social issues, Fleming said whatever her positions might be, those state and national issues are irrelevant in a county race.

"I think it's really to distract people

from making you look in one direction and reaching her hand into your pocket with the other," Fleming said. "She stated positions that I have never taken."

Odell said Conservatives should select her because of her record the past seven years. Since she announced her run for reelection, Odell has stressed Putnam is the lowest portion of a tax bill in the state out of 62 counties and county government has been able to eliminate all of its long term debt and much of its short term debt.

"This county is in a very good direction, has been seven years since I took office, financially we've done a great deal of work," Odell said.

Odell's endorsement from the local Conservative Party was unanimous with the entire executive committee selecting her over Fleming. It's been a team effort between the Conservative Party and the Odell campaign making voters aware of the Sep. 13 election. On primary day, Conservative members will be at polling stations to remind voters who the endorsed candidate is.

"This county has family values and they support the 2nd amendment and they support standing up for America," Odell said. "To have (the Conservative Party's) support has been an honor, I'm very confident that it will show in the polls on Sep. 13."

Attaining the Conservative line can be crucial if a Democrat hopes to topple a Republican in a countywide contest.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who ran against Odell in 2014 for county executive, said if he had the Conservative line, he would've beaten Odell. Oliverio, a Democrat, typically received the Conservative endorsement in his runs for county Legislature, but was unable to secure it for the countywide race.

"Any candidate who runs for political office in this county needs a secondary line," Oliverio said. "It is extremely important."

Fleming has two minor party lines—the

Reform and Women's Equality line—but both lines combined don't have nearly as many registered voters as the Conservative Party can boast. She sought the Working Families endorsement, but the executive committee declined to give her the line and Odell did not seek it. (Fleming said it was because she didn't support a bond in the Carmel school district last year.)

This isn't the first time Odell has faced a challenge on the Conservative line. Back in 2011, Democrat Alan Schneider attempted to snag the Conservative line from Odell through write-in, but came up well short in the race for county executive. Odell secured 228 votes while Schneider, who died in 2012, only got 56 votes.

While it's an uphill battle to swipe a third party line from another candidate, it isn't impossible. When Patterson resident Andrew Falk ran for town supervisor against Rich Williams in 2015, he waged a successful write-in effort to take the Independence Party line. (Williams still won the general marginally.)

Going to countless doors of Independence Party members over the summer, Falk made his pitch and gave voters instructions on how to vote for him through write-in. He even handed out stamps with his name on it so voters could simply stamp his name on the ballot.

"We killed ourselves working for that," Falk, looking back, said.

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he said.

"We don't need this to be done today," Armstrong replied.

Richmond said if the lot line adjustment was approved, "We have no expectations" that it would commit the planning board to approve the project.

The planning board voted 4-2 to approve a negative declaration on the lot line adjustment, meaning a potentially lengthy environmental review of the proposal would not be needed, with Armstrong abstaining and David Rush and Michael Hecht voting against it.

The planning board also discussed the project's DEIS last week.

Board chairman Tom LaPerch said there has been much public input on the DEIS since the oral comment period was closed in July. The planning board has received 135 letters and emails about the DEIS.

LaPerch said comments made by planning board members at the meeting would be addressed by the developer in the final environmental impact statement.

Rich Pearson of JMC Site Development Consultants said his client had agreed to make changes to the project based on public comments. "We look forward to public comments," Pearson said.

Pearson said the developer has heard concerns expressed the additional traffic



The Southeast Planning Board at its Aug. 27 meeting.

the project would generate. A two-lane road in both directions in the area is being proposed in the revised plans, he said.

Planning board member Jack Gress said the applicant had the right to go forward with the project, but the FEIS must address comments made by the public. The developer has made positive changes

to the proposal, including reducing the impact of lighting in the area, Gress said. "I don't think it's going to be any problem," he said.

Gress said the property where the development would be built should be connected by a new entrance to Route 84 off Simpson Road, Gress said.

Planning board member Eric Larca said he want the FEIS to include information on the type of vehicles that would use the site once it is constructed. Larca said he did not understand why the project required construction of four buildings.

Armstrong said, "My issue with this project from day one has been traffic" and he was not satisfied with proposals from the applicant to reduce the traffic impact of the project.

Rush said the most important issue regarding the project is traffic on Route 312.

"Route 312, the way it is now has outlived its functionality," Rush said. "It's just going to get more traffic."

The development must be adequately screened from neighboring homes, Rush said.

LaPerch said the DOT was opposed to a new exit to Route 84, but he did not get a good answer for its opposition.

LaPerch said there was discussion of having trucks come to the site earlier on the road to help mitigate traffic.

The planning board needed comments from local first responders about the project, LaPerch said. "I need to understand that," he said.

Town Planner Ashley Ley said the planning board will have the opportunity to make changes to the FEIS before accepting it.

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A Year on the Campaign Trail, Kesten Confident Heading into Primary

By Martin Wilbur

Robert Kesten doesn't talk much about the legislation he promises to pass should he be elected to the 40th state Senate District this fall.

Rather, Kesten said his focus is building coalitions of legislators and some of the thousands of citizens he has interacted with in his travels in his campaign that started last summer. Fundamental changes are needed in how Albany approaches governing the state and serving its constituents, including major campaign finance and ethics reforms, he said.

First, Kesten, 62, a Lewisboro resident making his first run for public office, must defeat former county legislator Peter Harckham in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary before he can take on incumbent state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) in November.

"No freshman (legislator) will be passing legislation without an army of people behind them and for a year we've been building that army of people on issue after issue after issue," Kesten said.

One key issue for Kesten is to work toward single-payer health coverage in New York. While many skeptics have expressed concern over the tax impact, Kesten said the costs to the people who need the coverage most will go down, especially as corporations and the federal

government look to cut back on plans or force the public to pay more.

"It will save millions of dollars," Kesten declared. "Some people's taxes will go up, some will go down, but the overall costs for individuals in the lower class and middle class will undoubtedly diminish and people will have access to healthcare versus hoping they can get access to insurance, and that's a big difference."

With the future of *Roe v. Wade* potentially in danger as the U.S. Senate begins hearings on Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, New York must protect women's reproductive rights by approving the Reproduction Health Act, he said.

Kesten said he is a supporter of the package of gun control bills passed in the Assembly earlier this year that bans bump stocks, extends the waiting period from three to 10 days, calls for universal background checks and stopping the illicit interstate transactions that help bring guns to New York.

He is also been an ardent proponent of the so-called red flag bill or Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), which allows a court to confiscate firearms from someone



Robert Kesten

who is considered a threat to themselves or others.

"We have to make sure that guns don't end up in the hands of domestic abusers, people who are suicidal," Kesten said.

To present relief for taxpayers, Kesten supports a more progressive tax structure to pay for education by reducing the overwhelming reliance the property tax. He would also back a statewide reassessment to make sure properties are more equitably taxed.

Kesten dismissed concerns that the region would lack sufficient power should the scheduled 2021 closure of Indian Point materialize. Con Edison and other utilities have slashed their purchase of power from the Buchanan plant because they have found alternative sources, he said.

He suggested the state explore the legality and feasibility of using some of the revenues from the state's three remaining nuclear plants and generating stations upstate to help the host communities who face the loss of large chunks of revenue.

Kesten said many of the problems in Albany stem from the influence of money, including the difficulty in holding

Con Edison and NYSEG accountable for their severe shortcomings following weather disasters. Appointments and the lack of proper oversight often stems from excessive campaign contributions and promises of appointments.

The 40th state Senate District race currently allows individual contributions of up to \$7,000 per candidate in a primary and \$11,000 for the general election. The governor's race allows, \$23,000 and \$50,000, respectively, he said.

"There's no way that can't influence you, I don't care what anybody says, and there are elected officials who are talking that money and say 'That doesn't affect me,'" Kesten said.

He also supports term limits and limiting outside income for state legislators.

Kesten touted his independence that wouldn't require him to kowtow to the establishment of either major political party or the status quo. He said he can win this race by doing what he's done for the past year – listening to the residents of the district and focusing on their priorities.

"We have to knock on doors and make people aware that I represent over a year of being out there listening to people and understanding their needs and (Harckham) was asked by the governor of the state of New York to carry out the governor's will," Kesten said.

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Harckham Points to Experience as Democratic Primary Nears

By David Propper

For the first time in his political career, 40th state Senate District candidate Peter Harckham believes he's the outsider in next week's primary against Robert Kesten.

Before entering the race, many town Democratic committees in the 40th District endorsed Kesten, but when Harckham entered, those committees either stayed with Kesten or declined to endorse anyone.

"I feel very much like the outsider in this race," Harckham, 57, said.

But Harckham, a South Salem resident, noted that the difference between him and Kesten is he has experience governing and would do so more effectively. With an aggressive legislative agenda on the docket in New York, Harckham believes he can get the necessary work done for his constituents.

Serving Westchester County Board of Legislators for more than seven years, including a four-year period as majority leader, he said many positive things were accomplished with his help.

He also said he has a progressive track record he's proud of and will hold up to anyone. When asked if Kesten was running too far to the left, Harckham demurred and said voters would decide that. But he noted the race against incumbent Republican Terrence Murphy

would be won by getting the support of non-affiliated voters, which he said would be receptive to him.

"The record of having gone through the tough fights," Harckham said, adding "You have to be able to communicate to people that just aren't Democrats."

Harckham worked for Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration and was set to take a job within Westchester County Executive George Latimer's administration before he decided to run for Senate. He worked for the Community of Office Renewal and then for the state Thruway Authority in governmental affairs for the new New York bridge project.

Harckham said he's been endorsed by a wide array of elected officials, including Cuomo and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, who are not on friendly terms. He was also endorsed by the Working Families Party, which is at odds with Cuomo.

Harckham, who he said has considered running for the Senate seat a couple times before, said attacks from the federal government under President Donald Trump against New York's property taxes and the environment compelled him to



Peter Harckham

enter the race. He said the state Senate, controlled by the GOP's thin majority, has "abdicated its responsibility" and got nothing done.

"There are some big issues they just haven't tackled or actively blocked," Harckham said.

Some of those issues include codifying abortion rights in the state constitution, the Child Victims Act, gun control legislation, election reform and healthcare.

"This was not the time to sit on the sidelines, this is a fight I had to get into," he said.

Harckham expressed support for early voting, voting by mail and making it easier to register to vote. He slammed Murphy for proposing a voter ID law earlier this year because it disenfranchises the poor, minorities and the elderly.

With rampant corruption in Albany, Harckham stressed it was important to close the LLC loophole that allows businesses to skirt campaign finance rules. He said individual minimum contributions should be lowered for people and corporations. State government must be more transparent when it comes to budget season, Harckham said, with every

line item being justified so lawmakers can't fill their own pockets.

Harckham said he would vote to limit outside income for lawmakers, but would go along with a pay raise for the legislators to reach that deal. Being a state lawmaker should be a full-time job, he said.

"You should be working year-round," he said. "You should be compensated for that."

If there is outside income, Harckham said it should have nothing to do with state government.

Harckham said the comptroller's office and attorney general's office need to have the latitude to investigate corruption, and if a larger pattern of wrongdoing is discovered, a panel similar to the Moreland Commission should be created.

When discussing the closing of Indian Point in a few years, Harckham said the state should focus on renewable and wind energy. He noted that power doesn't have to come from a local source. As for making up the lost revenue, Harckham said the state must ensure those communities hit with the shortfall be helped until new revenue is found.

Although Harckham officially entered the race in May, nearly nine months later than Kesten, Harckham noted, "When you're hiring for a job, you don't necessarily hire the very first resume that lands on your desk."



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International Overdose Awareness Day Brings Heartbreak, Hope

By Anna Young

In a solemn ceremony last Friday on International Overdose Awareness Day, more than 100 people gathered at Chamber Park in Mahopac to memorialize loved ones who lost their battle to addiction.

Community organizations hosted the third annual Hope and Healing Candlelight Memorial to celebrate life, bring more awareness to the mounting drug epidemic, reduce the stigma of addiction, and provide addicts and their families with a gateway to support. The ceremony included a tribute reading, a banner signing, candlelit prayer, a memorial slideshow, and education and resources for healing.

Attendees shared stories and wrote their loved one's name on rocks that were scattered along the park's newest serenity space. The serenity space, which includes a bench and a boulder with a prayer, was revealed during the event and dedicated to Nicholas Privitera. Privitera died in 2015 to a heroin overdose.

Doreen Lockwood, of the Prevention Council of Putnam, said Privitera's family and recovery organizations wanted to create a space the community could use in time of need.

"We hope that people in our community



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

A serenity space was dedicated to Nicholas Privitera last Friday.

will use this space to come and remember their loved ones, talk to their sponsor, reflect with their friends and just have a place of hope and healing," Lockwood said.

Lauren Privitera, Nicholas' mother, said she hopes by creating a safe space one life can be saved from the struggle, stigma and disgrace addiction carries. While she didn't talk about her son's addiction while he was suffering, she wants others to speak up, find the resources they need,

and hopes that one day addiction will be treated like a regular disease.

"For me, I don't have my son anymore so whatever I can do to help to prevent some other family from suffering such a loss, I want to do it," Privitera said. "I want Nick to be remembered by everyone. I don't want people to forget him; he was part of me. Hopefully we can save a life and that's the whole point."

Lockwood added that those who take medication for diabetes aren't judged,



Emotions were high during the touching vigil.

but those who battle addiction are often discriminated against making them feel isolated. The disease of addiction is chronic and progressive, she said, adding that 110 Putnam County residents have died from a drug overdose since 2012.

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Resident Caitee Donovan, who lost her mother to a heroin overdose when she was just eight-years-old, said that she's never been ashamed to talk about her mother's addiction, but wished there were more resources for children whose parents have died.

"Normally all we ever hear about is parents losing children, and as a mom now I couldn't ever imagine losing my child, but there are also those children that have lost parents to this disease and it's something that really needs to be talked about," Donovan said. "You think your parents are the ones who are supposed to tell you not to do these things



A boulder with a prayer was part of the serenity space.



The vigil lasted well after dark on International Overdose Awareness Day.

and then you have to find out it's not that way."

Donovan said she was ready to hear more people share their stories and offered her phone number to those who needed support.

Jon Cassidy, group facilitator with Friends of Recovery Putnam, said it was an honor to be in attendance and see so many people supporting each other. He said his organization advocates for recovery and provides relief to those who have lost a loved one. The support from

the community is huge, he said.

Carmel Supervisor Kenny Schmitt shared his support for the local organizations that provide necessary resources. He said the fight to eradicate the opioid epidemic could only be accomplished if the community works together.

"It is a war on drugs and we're going to win that war," Schmitt said. "We don't want to lose anymore members of this community, but it's going to take all of us to get that done."

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Southeast Resident, Vet Explores WWI Putnam Roots

By Kristen McNerney

Roderick Cassidy of Southeast has made meaningful contributions to local history and the families of Putnam County. Those contributions now include an annotated scroll.

His annotated scroll "Putnam County Veterans of World War One," exclusively found at the Southeast Museum, was published to honor the men and women of Putnam County who served and to ensure the remembrance of their names. Cassidy stated that he wanted to shine light on the "brief but defining" parts of

people's lives that were largely untold, and admitted that many descendants of the veterans were surprised to hear about their ancestors' contributions.

As a combat veteran of the Afghanistan War himself and lifelong student of military history, Cassidy said that people can never know enough about the sacrifices made during war, and in this case, World War I specifically. Because there are no living veterans and its importance is often overshadowed by the actions and outcomes of World War II, the sacrifices of World War I are often

forgotten.

Cassidy expressed that he was surprised that no one had already done what he had with the compilation of records for the annotated scroll and knew that it needed to be done.

Cassidy began his search for information three years ago when he came across a binder prepared by Judge J. Bennett Southard from more than 100 years ago in the Putnam County Archives, organized as a written remembrance for Putnam World War I veterans.

Cassidy called this a "genealogical and

historical goldmine", and was able to take this information to sites such as the Library of Congress, the New York State Archives, and Ancestry.com. These tools were something that Southard could have never laid his hands on, said Cassidy, pointing to the advantage of modern research.

One of the challenges faced was that some newspaper records used nicknames or assumed names of servicemen who officially enlisted under different names. Something of historical interest to Cassidy was that no women were



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Roderick Cassidy of Southeast with "Putnam County Veterans of World War One" that was released earlier this summer.

identified in Judge Southerland's binder, yet Cassidy was able to identify 15 women who served. Although he admitted the record is not complete, Cassidy expressed that "we are much closer to having a comprehensive historical record than we were a century ago."

There are many lessons that Cassidy wants readers to know, including the fact that the war was physically supported by people of all backgrounds and demographics, including the wealthy and educated, unlike the American Civil War. World War I was everyone's fight, he said, claiming that records "illustrate the patriotism and economic diversity of the population of Putnam County."

Cassidy described how societal pressures played a role in the commitment to serve because it was considered an honor no matter who you were or where you came from. Additionally, rich men couldn't hire substitutes if they were drafted, and few disabilities kept civilians from being inducted. Cassidy's publication of the scroll serves to educate the people of Putnam County about their community's intensive commitment to a national cause, whether through voluntary means or not.

Reflecting on 100 years since the armistice, Cassidy honors the importance of the people who bring life to historical records and artifacts. Cassidy summarized his annotated roll by stating, "We are lessened as a community if we permit our veteran's sacrifices to fade into the mist of history."

**Business
of the Week**

Hollowbrook Travel

Putnam Valley

By David Propper

For many folks, going on a vacation can be the highlight of their year, especially with the burden of work and other responsibilities being a daily grind. Diana Cillo of Hollowbrook Travel makes sure those customers looking to get away make the most of it.

Cillo is the owner of Hollowbrook Travel, which offers a complete range of personalized services for those looking to travel inside and outside the United States.

Cillo began as a travel agent in 1991 on a part-time basis and fell in love with it. Then in 1993, she bought Hollowbrook Travel when the owner could no longer run the daily operations due to illness.

Describing her day-to-day tasks, Cillo said the agency has a full inventory of what is available with the airlines. When a client comes in, she sits with them and figures out what they are looking for. Once a plan is put together, Cillo starts booking the trip they want for the best possible prices.

Cillo can help coordinate cruises, leisure travel, and group and tour vacations. She also helps with special occasions, like honeymoons and destination weddings.

Cillo uses price match websites like



Diana Cillo of Hollowbrook Travel has been in the business for almost 30 years.

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Expedia or hotel.com so the client is guaranteed to get a comparable price or better. She also has negotiated fares with many airlines to help clients get business or first class seats.

"Really we are a personal shopper," she said.

Cillo estimated that most of her clients come within a 25-mile radius of her shop in Putnam Valley. In some cases, because it is a referral business, there are some

clients that she never even sees because of technology.

Cillo said over the span of 28 years of time dedicated to the business, the industry has changed, which has made it harder for any mom and pop business to survive. With so much technology out there, it can be hard to keep pace.

But Cillo believes that the advice, guidance, and expertise she can offer can't be replaced behind a computer screen. It

also doesn't cost anything for a client to use a travel agency, Cillo noted.

"You can use 28 years of our knowledge for nothing," she said.

Living in Putnam Valley since 1980, Cillo is only a couple of blocks from her business and her children went through the school system. Before she was a travel agent, her main job was raising her three children and she also worked as an assistant for a chiropractor.

Cillo is part of many organizations relevant to her job to stay on top of the industry and has developed personal contacts with many different people in the business.

"We do know a lot," she said.

Naturally, Cillo said she's been trying to do more "bucket list traveling" as she's gotten older. Recently, she went to Israel for the first time in February and in June she landed in the south of France. Next month, she will be traveling to Egypt.

"The world is a little scary, so stepping out of your box to see how people feel versus what TV is telling you," Cillo said.

Hollowbrook Travel is located at 11 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley and its phone number is (845) 528-1123. Cillo can also be reached at diana4travel@aol.com.

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Letters to the Editor

Explaining the Purpose of Primary Day in New York

Recently, The League of Women Voters of Putnam County held a Primary Election Candidate Forum for the Democratic Candidates for the NYS Senatorial Race for District 40. We were asked by some folks why didn't you invite any Republicans to participate? To be clear: If there are not two opposing candidates in the same party in a particular political office you cannot have a primary for them. As the expression goes, "It takes two to Tango," especially in this situation. The same is true for any party.

Primaries are a direct, statewide process

of selecting candidates. Similar to the general election process, primary voters cast secret ballots for the candidates of their choosing. They come in two basic forms: open and closed. In an open primary, all registered voters can vote for any candidate, regardless of their political affiliation. An example: registered Democrats may vote for a Republican candidate, and Republican voters may cast ballots for a Democrat. And registered Independents can participate in either party's primary. But in a closed primary, as in New York State, voters may

vote only for candidates of the party with which they are registered. In order for the state to change to an open primary, the NYS Legislature would need to amend the State Constitution.

Unlike the General Election, which generally falls on the first Tuesday of November, states can designate their own day for the Primary Election. An example of this are the states of Florida and Arizona who recently held their Primary Day on August 27th.

I hope this has been a helpful primer. The date for the upcoming Primary

Election is Thursday, September 13. For information on the candidates go to the NY State League Election Voter Guide link <https://lwvny.civiceengine.com/>, or www.votingnewyork.org. Enter your zip code and follow the directions. Every candidate for your town and voting district will be available for you to review. It's very user friendly.

Phyllis Hoenig Vice President
League of Women Voters of Putnam County

Changes Need to Made to Statue of Limitations

The revelation of the long enduring, systemic sexual abuse of children that took place within the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania is abhorrent. Far too often we say that someone else will deal with an issue, or that it doesn't affect us so we let it slip from our memories. This behavior is horrifying, and yet we fail to take action. Stories like these, big and small, institutional and individual have gained

much more attention in the current climate.

We must do more. We, after all, are our brother's keeper. That is why I am so proud to be a cosponsor of A.5885-A/S.6575, a bill that makes some much needed changes to the statute of limitations with regards to the sexual abuse of children. The bill raises the age at which the 5 year statute for criminal charges from 18 to 23

years old. Additionally the bill makes it so that civil charges can be filed until the plaintiff is 50 years old. This allows people the time they need to come to terms with their situation.

Survivors often wait years to feel comfortable enough to speak out. This bill gives them recourse for when they do. The New York State Assembly has passed this bill many times.

Abuse is horrifyingly too common. This bill helps bring closure, justice, and peace to those who need it most. I would encourage you all to research this topic and reach out to your New York State Senators to pass this bill. Survivors deserve their day in court.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
95th Assembly District

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Robert will vote for the Reproductive Health Act codifying the protections of Roe V Wade in NYS, because healthcare decisions belong between a woman and her doctor and can no longer be entrusted to Washington.

Robert will vote for common sense gun laws to prevent dangerous felons and abusers from buying guns and he will vote for practical gun safety laws to keep guns and ammunition locked away to reduce accidental child shooting accidents.

And Robert will vote for the Child Victims Act to protect our most vulnerable.

Robert's experience includes creating jobs, children's safety, education, balancing budgets, and environmental improvement. And he refuses to stand still and watch our infrastructure deteriorate.

In the past two years, Robert worked tirelessly to help other Democrats such as George Latimer and Shelley Mayer get elected. In recognition of his commitment to the Democratic Party he was endorsed by nearly every Party Committee and Grassroots organization in Senate District 40. Robert, and his supporters, knew last September that he could beat the Republican incumbent and keep the

"Blue Wave" flowing.

I have no doubt, that Robert Kesten is the most qualified person to be our next State Senator for District 40. He has given 8 Town Halls on our most important issues. That's 8 more than anyone else.

He is knowledgeable, confident, ethical and committed to victory.

Mark A. Lieberman
Editor's Note: Mark Lieberman is press director for Robert Kesten's Senate campaign.

Kesten Should Be Dem. Choice to Face Murphy

I recently attended a Primary Election Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Putnam County. The two Democratic candidates for State Senate (ED 40), Robert Kesten and Pete Harkham, each responded to questions from the League and from audience members. In general, I thought both candidates were well informed and didn't differ too much in their opinions about the issues discussed. But one thing stuck out for me. I want someone who has passion about wrongs that need to be righted, someone with "fire in the belly" to get to the bottom of today's problems and come up with solutions to fix them, someone with a broad enough background in local, state and national government who can bring a unique perspective to shaping our future for the better. I, for one, have grown weary of our nation's Democratic leaders who continue

to be polite and play by the rules while the other side runs roughshod over the ideals that make our country great. And they're getting away with it. It's time for our side to grow a backbone and make some noise! Mr. Harkham reminded us many times that he used to be a Legislator before Gov. Cuomo asked him to join his staff. He seems to me like the old guard, ready to try again to do the same old things that didn't work so great in the past.

Mr. Kesten spent years working with local, state, national and global governments, often creating systems that gave voice to the disenfranchised. A true grass-roots candidate, he will be indebted to nobody but us, his constituents. He's got the fire, smarts and freedom that I'm looking for to speak for the people.

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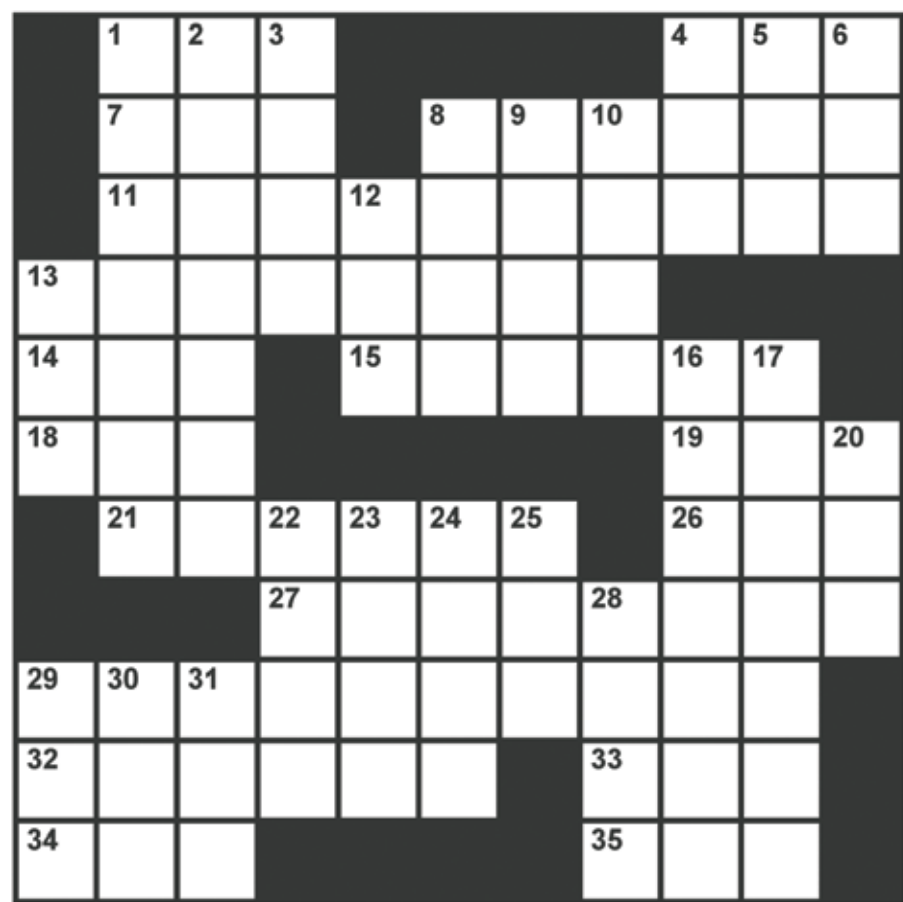
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- Across
1. Golfer Michelle

4. Single spot card

7. Sign, the contract

8. New Mahopac back docs, Chiro-practic ____ Performance

11. Band that made the album, Don't Waste Your Wishes

13. Kinda

14. Guitarist Paul

15. Chimneys

18. Ultimate ending

19. Electrical resistance

21. It's believing!

26. Darjeeling or oolong

27. Sacerdotal

29. Lots and lots

32. Primps

33. Ryder Cup org.

34. Meddle

35. Crime investigator (abbr.)
9. Lohengrin's bride

10. He played Obi-Wan

12. Falcon film

13. France's Belle-____

16. Shrub Oak preschool, Kiddie ____

17. Varnish

20. Can

22. Olympic fencing weapon

23. OPEC member

24. Louse babies

25. School exam

28. Month abbr.

29. GPS is one

30. Growling sound

31. King, in Cádiz

- Down
1. Prosecution's need

2. Hurriedly

3. Just manages, with "out"

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5. Geom. point

6. Canadian expressions

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Green Chimneys Celebrates Sportsmanship And Teamwork

Green Chimneys School students work hard in school all year long so coming together for a few days of team activities and healthy competition is a great way to close out the summer session. Last week – the official end of the 2017/18 school year – students participated in the first ever “Raptor Week” by dividing into four teams and competing in track & field events, swimming, games, spirit activities and some unusual farm-style events perfectly suited for Green Chimneys’ farm setting. School staff also got involved, captaining the teams and fully participating in sports and spirit activities right alongside the students.

The result was three days of major fun along with valuable lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship for all. Event highlights included the Cow Patty Toss, Wagon Pull, and the Team Cheer and Dance Off Competition. Teams racked up points for each event and a giant trophy was awarded to the winner: The Blue Team.

Raptor Week gets its name from Green Chimneys School’s newly adopted Raptor mascot; ‘Raptors’ also appears on the jerseys of the student football team, which debuted this past school year. As a symbol of strength and agility, and representative of Green Chimneys’ renowned wildlife

program, the raptor inspires students and staff, alike.

The event was created by Green Chimneys’ dynamic recreation department, which is dedicated to meeting general recreational, as well as individual therapeutic needs for students through activity programs that provide the opportunity for children to develop their social, physical and emotional coping skills. Diverse programs from sports to arts are part of after-school scheduling, and evening and weekend activities for residential students. Recreation staff utilizes the extensive resources on the Green Chimneys campus, and within the community, to develop fun and engaging activities that emphasize participation, respect, responsibility and conflict resolution.

About Green Chimneys

Green Chimneys is a multi-faceted nonprofit organization helping young



people to maximize their full potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services, in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature. Founded in 1947 and headquartered on a farm and wildlife center in Brewster, Green Chimneys is recognized as a worldwide

leader in animal-assisted therapy and educational activities for children with special needs. Services include an accredited special education school on two campuses, residential treatment center, animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs, public education and recreation programs, and community based support for underserved youth and families. www.greenchimneys.org.

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Hudson Valley Educators Look to Bring Computer Science to All Students

Some teachers have incorporated computer science into their lessons, but what about the students who don't have those teachers? Many schools offer coding classes, but what about the students who don't sign up for them? How helpful is an after-school robotics club if students without transportation can't participate?

Ensuring that all students have equal access to computer science learning was among the chief challenges addressed at a July 23-24 workshop in Gates Hall for educators from four New York state school districts. The districts are participating in CS Visions, a two-year project led by CSforALL and New York University, to develop consistent, meaningful computer science curricula – an outgrowth of similar work and relationships begun by Cornell Tech.

"These great stories help us really understand the challenges faced by school districts as they try to implement rigorous K-12 curriculum," said Leigh Ann DeLyser, co-founder and managing partner of the CSforALL Consortium, which includes Cornell Tech.

At the workshop, representatives from the Ithaca City, Groton Central, North Salem Central and Brewster Central school districts, as well as from the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga Board of Cooperative

Educational Services (TST BOCES) and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, exchanged ideas and reflected on their progress after a year of working on CS Visions, which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

"The change in mindset is really remarkable," said Diane Levitt, senior director of K-12 education at Cornell Tech, who convened a similar event for eight central New York districts in Ithaca last year. "Today, participants are talking about computer science with so much commitment and fluency. They're so knowledgeable, they're so driven, they're so passionate about bringing this to their kids. Last year they saw the barriers more than they saw the opportunities, and that has completely switched."

Educators said the relationship has given them access to new opportunities, knowledge and support, helping them integrate computer science learning in a thoughtful and coherent way.

"We appreciate the expertise that they bring, and how they help us hash out



ideas," said Michelle Gosh, an assistant superintendent in Brewster, in Putnam County. "We're at the point where we don't know what we don't know, and they help us bridge the gap between research and practice."

At TST BOCES, which serves vocational, special education and alternative-school students on its campus and throughout the region, the collaboration helped the district qualify for a grant from Dell. Since February, more than 1,000 students, teachers and administrators have used virtual-reality kits bought with those funds.

"It's their reality; it's their world. We have a lot of work to do to catch up with our students," said Sunshine Miller, TST BOCES enrichment coordinator. "It also brings relevance and interest to the curriculum – it has the capacity to upend the curriculum."

In Ithaca, educators are integrating computer science into the project-based learning that is already happening, said Dan Breiman, principal of Belle Sherman Elementary School. For example, first

graders used an infrared camera to track wildlife on the school's nature trail, examining the data for patterns based on variables like time, temperature and moon phase.

"With computational thinking, we're able to solve the problem on a much higher level," he said. "We're not just talking about giving them more devices. We're talking about thinking in different ways."

CS Visions – which also supports work with 12 other New York state school districts – will inform the education CSforALL offers to districts across the country. A toolkit developed for the 2017 workshop has since been used by more than 100 school districts nationwide.

There's no single prescription for computer science learning, DeLyser said; CSforALL's role is to help each district figure out an approach in keeping with its own goals.

"While policy makers and industry leaders talk about computer science in terms of jobs, for elementary school principals that's not the primary concern," she said. "We put them through a process where they can define why computer science is important, and that sets them up to make implementation decisions rooted in their own values."

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'Santa Cause' Kicks Off Season For Open Door

Santa made rare summer appearances in Westchester and Putnam Counties recently, for a good cause. His warm weather arrival came thanks to Open Door Family Medical Centers, a non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center and pioneer in community-based health care. Open Door provides quality health care to low-income patients, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status — serving more than 57,000 people each year in Westchester and Putnam Counties. The Open Door Foundation raises funds to support critical services not covered by third-party reimbursements or government grants. This year, with rising health care costs and a national spotlight on public health needs, Open Door is determined to get the word out early, reminding area residents and businesses that help is needed throughout the year, whether in the form of volunteer hours, in-kind or monetary donations. Open Door enlisted the help of Santa himself for this initiative, dubbed "Santa Cause."

Santa visits with staff and patients at Open Door Family Medical Center in Brewster, Aug. 23 as part of Open Door's "Santa Cause" Initiative.

Santa Cause is designed to call attention to the need for critical support services at Open Door that are only made possible by volunteers and donors. These services include patient advocacy, wellness and behavioral health integration — programs that vastly improve health outcomes, save lives and foster thriving communities. In addition, specialized programs such as Open Door's Baby Box initiative, providing necessities for



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Santa made an appearance in Brewster this summer at Open Doors.

newborns and infant safety training for expecting Mom's, are also powered by volunteers. The Baby Box program is offered at Open Door Medical Centers in Brewster, Mt. Kisco and Ossining, among other locations, and those centers received surprise visits from Santa during the Santa Cause launch. Santa spread summertime holiday cheer and reminded local residents that they don't have to wait until December to make an impactful difference in their communities.

People spotting Santa were asked to

spread the word on social media, using the hashtag #SantaCause, reminding their friends and neighbors that there are many ways to help those in need at any time of year. Open Door has established an online link, www.opendoormedical.org/santa-cause, with information on ways for people to volunteer, donate items, or to make monetary donations.

About Open Door Family Medical Centers and Foundation

The Open Door Foundation was established in 1990 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit

organization to raise funds that benefit Open Door Family Medical Centers and community health initiatives. Open Door Family Medical Centers provides healthcare and wellness services to individuals and families in need throughout Westchester and Putnam Counties in New York. A pioneer Federally Qualified Health Center, Open Door provides more than 300,000 patient visits annually, serving more than 57,000 individual patients who might not otherwise have access. Open Door offers integrated services and a holistic approach to building healthier communities. Primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, clinical nutrition, wellness programs and chronic disease management are the foundation of our clinical programs. For more than 45 years, Open Door has developed a proven model of cost-effective healthcare for patients in need that benefits the entire community. Open Door operates centers in Brewster, Mamaroneck, Mt. Kisco, Ossining, Port Chester, and Sleepy Hollow, New York, in addition to seven school-based health centers. Open Door is accredited by the Joint Commission and is recognized by the National Committee on Quality Assurance as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home. It achieves clinical results that consistently surpass national benchmarks for patient outcomes related to diabetes management and to blood pressure control among others. Learn more by calling Amy Wolfson, Chief External Relations Officer (914) 502-1416 or online at www.opendoormedical.org.

Putnam Sheriff's Office Urges Safe Driving With School Back

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department is urging parents to teach their children some simple safety tips before they head back to school.

"Very soon, thousands of children will be walking to and from school and school buses—many for the first time," Sheriff Robert L. Langley said. "Everyone who drives has a responsibility to be especially careful during this busy time for youngsters."

Hundreds of young children are killed each year in collisions with motor vehicles, and thousands more are severely injured, the Sheriff said. Children tend to be at greater risk during the back-to-school period because they are thinking more about seeing old friends and new teachers than watching for cars and trucks. Others are going to school for the first time.

Drivers should be especially cautious in school areas, keeping their speed at or below posted limits and being prepared

to stop, on both sides of the street, for school buses with flashing red lights, as required by New York State law.

To help protect children, Langley offered these six pedestrian-safety tips from AAA Northeast's New York region, the local AAA affiliate:

- Look all ways before crossing the street.
- Cross only at corners.
- Obey police officers, school crossing guards, members of AAA School Safety Patrols, and traffic signals.
- Watch for turning cars.
- Be especially alert in bad weather.
- Play away from traffic.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit member service organization with 65 offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with roadside assistance, travel, insurance, finance and auto related services.

Falls Prevention Workshop at Putnam Hospital Center

Each year, one out of every four Americans age 65 and over takes a fall, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To combat this troubling statistic, Putnam Hospital Center will offer a falls prevention workshop in September.

The seven-week Stepping On program is for adults 60 and older who live independently and do not rely on a walker, scooter or wheelchair most of the time.

Stepping On will be led by Putnam Hospital Center physical therapists Kirsi Vera and Holly Hagin from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for seven consecutive Tuesdays from Sept. 11 to Nov. 23 in the Michael T. Weber Conference Rooms, 670 Stoneleigh Ave.

During the sessions, participants will learn strength and balance exercises, safe footwear, home modifications, the impact medication and vision have on falls, as well as community safety.

"Falls can be physically, financially and emotionally devastating. Fear of falling often limits older adults and results in reduced mobility and isolation," Vera said. "The good news is people can learn how to prevent falls. The Stepping On workshop is a wonderful complement to medical care, equipping older adults to take control of their lives and make changes in their home and lifestyle to reduce their risk."

Stepping On was created at the University of Sydney in Australia and adapted by a geriatric physician and falls expert from the University of Wisconsin. Research has shown workshop participants reduce falls by more than 30 percent.

The registration fee for the program is \$25. To register and learn more, call the Putnam Hospital Center Rehabilitation Department at 845-279-1785 (TTY 1-800-421-1220).

Youths Offered 4-H Junior Vet Program

In a joint partnership with South Putnam Animal Hospital - Mahopac, Brook Farm Veterinary - Patterson, Northfork Stables - Putnam Valley, and Companion Pet Hospital - Patterson, Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program is sponsoring a 7-week Junior Vet Program Series. This exciting opportunity is open to Putnam County youth 9 -14 years old, membership in 4-H is not required.

This enrichment program will be an introduction to explore a career in the Vet Sciences with hands-on learning and a chance to shadow local Veterinarians. A session of 7 continuous Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. will begin on September 26 and will conclude November 14.

A tentative schedule will include a tour of the animal hospitals, opportunity to explore animal nutrition, dentistry, microscope use, bloodwork and animal behavior. Participants will learn about a variety of animals including dogs, cats and horses and also discover STEM -



Science, Technology, Engineering, Math - related careers in Veterinary Science and Medicine.

The registration fee of \$110 per person for non-4-H members, or \$80 for 4-H members, will include enrollment and

workbook materials. Prior participants are not eligible. Space is limited to 14 youth on a first come, first serve basis. Early registration is advised. Only a non-refundable, paid registration will reserve space in the program.



PROVIDED PHOTOS

Registration and payment is due by September 12. Please register online at <http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events>. For additional information please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738.

Obituaries

Marie von Bargaen

Marie von Bargaen of Mahopac, and formerly of Brewster, died peacefully on August 27, at the age of 92. She was born on May 1, 1926 in Brooklyn, the daughter of Carl and Agnes (Hink) Weber. On February 11, 1951 she married Henry von Bargaen; they were blessed with three children. Marie along with her husband Henry spent many years wintering in their airstream trailer in Florida. She especially loved their cabin on the Back River in Boothbay, Maine. Until recently Marie enjoyed crafting with the woman's group at Trinity Lutheran Church. Most of all, Marie loved spending time with her cherished grandchildren. Marie is survived by her husband of 67 years Henry, her son Kenneth and his wife Barbara, her daughter Jeanne von Bargaen, her daughter Nancy Knapp and her husband Randy, her brother Fred Weber, nine grandchildren, two step grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her siblings Charles and Alma, and her grandson Cory.

Douglas J. Scolpino

Douglas J. Scolpino, a lifelong resident of Brewster, died on Tuesday, August 28, at the age of 87. He was born on September 12, 1930 in his parents' home. Doug was the son of Joseph F. Scolpino and Ellen (Mackey) Scolpino. He is survived by his wife Jeanette F. Scolpino and his 2 daughters Jennifer Daley of Danbury, CT and Beth-Ann Geraldini of Redding, CT. He was also a proud grandfather to Tyler Muller and Julia Geraldini. Doug was predeceased by his siblings: Marion


Dunford, Ruth Hunt, Robert Scolpino all of Brewster and Joseph Scolpino of Bethel, CT. Doug was a 1948 graduate of Brewster High school where he was a three sport athlete. In 1992, Doug was officially inducted into the Brewster High School Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball. He scored 45 points in a single game, setting the county record, which he held until 1953. Doug also played baseball and from 1951-1961, he pitched for several different teams in the Danbury Industrial night league, helping Republic Foil, Castro Convertible, and Brewster to several league titles. He also served in the United States Army in Europe where he pitched on several of the Army baseball teams, as well. Doug was an accomplished pool player having a high run of 79 balls. As an avid golfer, Doug at one time had a 12 handicap and had two holes-in-one and four eagles which he was very proud of. Doug was a former member of the Putnam County and Westchester County Umpire Association. Doug was also a former Charter Member of the Brewster Elks and Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Knights of Columbus. Doug became the co-owner of Scolpino's Stationary from 1956-1964 and Scolpino's Wines and Liquors for 27 years from 1959-1986. The Scolpino's newsstand in the Village of Brewster was in operation for 49 years. Doug was on the Republican Town committee for over 52 years. He was one of the three Southeast Accessors to be elected in 1963 and held that office for 16 years. In 1983, Doug was elected Supervisor of the Town of Southeast and held that office from 1984-1993. As Town Supervisor, he negotiated

with the Town Board to upgrade new zoning laws and property building sizes and during his tenure there were 3 years in a row with no tax increases. Also, at no cost to tax payers, Doug helped to negotiate and acquire donated land for the use of 2 Little League fields with lights and a picnic park. This park was dedicated the "Douglas J. Scolpino" park in 1994. Doug will always be remembered for his jokes and his story telling and his love of Cape Cod. We would like to thank the Village at Brookfield Commons and the Regional Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Danbury for all that they did for our father.

Dominick Pietranico

Dominick "Pepe" Pietranico of Mahopac, died on August 30, at the age of 88. He was born in New York City, the son of Silvio and Phillipina (Antonucci)

Pietranico. Dominick was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served active duty both domestically and abroad, including Korea, where he earned several distinguished service medals, including the Bronze Star. Pepe loved watching sports... ALL sports; baseball, basketball, the horse track and his favorite, football season. Pepe also enjoyed playing cards, and was the best cook. He was truly a food and wine connoisseur. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He will be missed by his loving family, extended family and more friends than one person could count. On June 22, 1957 he married Grace Alleluia and they were blessed with three children. Dominick is survived by his wife Grace, his son Dominick and his wife Bernadette, his son Daniel, and his granddaughter Debra Ann. He was predeceased by his daughter Debra Ann.



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How Best to Use the Color Red in the Home

As a teenager just beginning to form preferences in style and substance, I told anyone who asked to know my favorite color that it was green because it was the color of nature. But that was a lie.

Actually, I was drawn like a magnet to the color red but didn't want to admit it for some reason. Did it seem too radical or daring for a young man of 16? I can't say, but given the first opportunity to choose a color for my immediate surroundings – my bedroom – I chose a flaming red.

My mother, who waited until I was in my thirties to finally tell me that she always knew I was “different,” let me have my way. Her liberal permission backfired when she listed that house for sale and every prospect who came by exclaimed “Wow!” when opening my bedroom door. As a realtor now, I know that neutral colors are best when it comes to preparing a house for sale and that flaming red bedroom just may have impeded the sale.

It never occurred to me as a teenager that something deeply psychological



By Bill Primavera

might have been going on with me at the time. Perhaps it was a quest for excitement which the color red is said to induce. But that excitement might tend to be on the side of aggravation for some people. Consider that a matador's cape, which taunts bulls, is always red. On the other hand, consider again that bulls, along with all other cattle, are color blind and the color red has nothing to do with their charge. It is therefore probably most exciting for the bullfight spectators.

There are other famous instances where red has been used for effect. Remember the dress Scarlett O'Hara decked herself out in after the scandal of being caught in Ashley Wilkes' amorous embrace? What about the walls of every bordello ever depicted in film? The power tie, the power suit for women (think Nancy Reagan), they're always red, right?

Whether it's lipstick or brick, the allure of red is undeniable. But as learned by my teenage bedroom, the color – as bold and captivating as it might be – needs to be

used carefully. Red isn't always the best choice for an entire room.

According to environmental psychologist Sally Augustin, “Red can be a useful color to include in a home. People are drawn to red so painting the wall at the end of a long hallway red is a good idea. But it's not such a desirable color to use in places where thoughtful work will be done.”

Benjamin Moore advisories tell us that “Nothing perks up a room like decorating with red, but many are afraid to introduce this powerful color into their home.” However, there are many creative ways in which you can spice up your décor with red's ebullient energy without feeling overwhelmed. One way could be to create a focal point or define a space with one red accent wall. Playful touches of red can be applied in unexpected places such as stair risers, the interior of a bookcase or china cabinet or the legs of a table.

When I owned an 18th century home, I painted the floor of one room red and the effect was transforming. Of course, I have always recommended the use of red, preferably Benjamin Moore's burgundy, for the front door.

Based on research studies by Andrew

Elliot, a professor of psychology at the University of Rochester, the use of red has distracting effects that reach into the subconscious levels of our minds.

“Their studies showed that when people see something red, even briefly, before they begin some sort of competency evaluation, such as an IQ test, they do not perform as well on the test and actually avoid challenging tasks.”

“On the bright side – and opposite spectrum – Elliot and his team have found that red backgrounds increase the attractiveness and desirability of a person standing in front of it,” said Augustin, which explains the common association of sexual attraction with the color. “So even though your bedroom walls are a pastel blue or green, red sheets may be in order.”

Red sheets? My response to that is while red sheets might induce sexual attraction, for me personally they would hardly accommodate a good night's sleep.

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The Multiple Influences of Oak on the Profile of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

What makes an individual wine unique from another? Why does a Chardonnay from one country differ so greatly from another? Why does one winemaker's Chardonnay differ so greatly from his

neighbor's a few miles away?

There are three principal (and many minor) factors that influence a wine in its final state: vintage, terroir and oak. In prior columns I've explored the first two factors; let's now focus on the third.

Winemakers have many choices for the vessels used in producing wine. Traditionally oak has been the vessel of choice, especially for red wines. However, there is a growing preference for stainless steel tanks and concrete eggs. This week I'll focus on oak.

Oak adds complexity to a wine; it also adds unique aromas and flavors. Oak wood naturally has a vanilla-like aroma and a tannic taste. Both of these are considered by many to be critical in the overall style of white and red wines. The vanilla hints add complexity to the wine flavors, while the natural tannins in the wood aid in softening the harshness of wines as they age.

Winemakers have many

choices in oakings that enable them to stylize their wines to their unique preferences. Light oaking adds subtlety while heavier oaking adds additional structure and complexity. Your preference for a style

of wine is significantly influenced by the winemaker's use of oak. If you taste a barrel-fermented and aged Chardonnay next to one produced using stainless steel, the difference will be obvious and may influence your buying decisions.

Winemakers have many choices to impart an oaky character to their wines during barrel aging. Let's briefly explore five:

1. The origin of the oak trees. French oak trees are the dominant wood used, followed closely by American oak trees. French oak has a tighter grain. The tighter the grain the less absorption by the wood and therefore less flavor is imparted. This is one reason why French wines (and other wines using French barrels) are considered more subtle than American wines.

2. The “toast” level of the barrel. The art of barrel making (coopering) is dependent on curving the barrel slats (staves) over an open fire to form the familiar shape of the barrel.

Depending on how long they are toasted, the flavors

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imparted will range from vanilla and mild smokiness to caramelized and more dominant smokiness and tannins. The winemaker decides the style he desires and purchases barrels accordingly.

3. The size of the barrel. This one is counterintuitive. The larger the barrel the less oak is absorbed due to the volume of wine in the barrel. The smaller the barrel the more surface area there is to be absorbed by less volume of wine. Bottom line: aging in smaller barrels imparts more oak flavor.

4. The age of the barrel. New, virgin, barrels leech higher levels of oak than older, previously used barrels that have already given their best effort. Winemakers seeking heavier oakiness will only use new barrels (translation: Cabernet Sauvignon). Others will mix new and old barrels or use old barrels exclusively (translation: many Chardonnays). In some cases, economics dictate. New barrels can cost from \$900 to \$2,000 each versus \$200 for older ones.

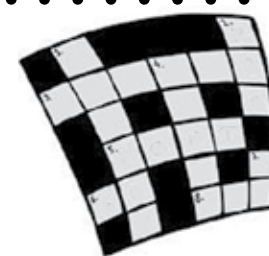
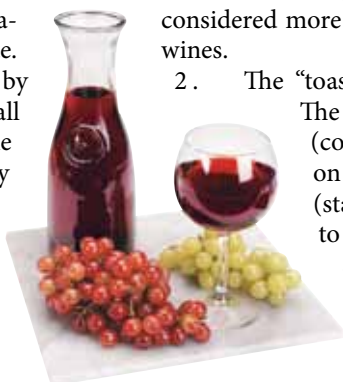
5. The length of time wine ages in the barrel. The most influence by the individual winemaker on the final product comes at this stage. The longer wine matures in the barrel the more obvious the oak. This is when the subtlety, or lack thereof, is determined. However, in France, Italy and Spain the time in barrel is governed by law.

Each of the steps in producing a fine

wine is critical to the final product offered in your local wine shop. The impact of oak is not always understood or appreciated. But if you look for the influence of oak, you'll begin to appreciate the subtleties of individual winemakers' efforts and whether they meet your preferences in wine.

NB: This week's column is a reprise of an earlier composition.

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Thursdays:

Putnam County Youth Bureau Pegasus Program: Held on Thursdays from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Youth Bureau, beginning October 11. Children and their adult caregivers will have fun in an engaging and supportive environment. A free confidential program for children ages 6-12 who have a parent or family member suffering from alcoholism or other drug dependencies. Pre-registration required. Contact Stephanie Nocera at 845 808-

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Fridays: Music Appreciation with Dorothy Killackey. Please gather with us for soothing piano sounds and melodies of Music Appreciation every Friday at 10 a.m. beginning September 7th. Sessions will be held at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6, Mahopac. If you have any questions, please call Mary White at 845-808-1734.

Save the Date: Annual Tag Sale Sponsored By The Catholic Daughters Of The Americas Chapter 1921. St John The Evangelist Church, Social Hall, 221 East Lake Blvd, Mahopac Saturday, Sept. 22, 8 a.m. To 7 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, 8 a.m. To 2 p.m. Proceeds To Assist Our Church And Other Needy Charities.

Tuesday, September 4

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m. to discuss the book "Behind Closed Doors" by B.A. Paris. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, September 5

Friends of Mahopac Public Library meeting. 6 p.m. New members always welcome. Join this group and support the Library. Contact the Friends at mahopaclibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Friday, September 7

11 a.m. Flo Brandon Book Group @ Mahopac Library. Join us for a discussion of Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West by Hampton Sides. Drop-in group; no registration needed, and new members are always welcome.

Chair Yoga at Reed Library: 10:30 a.m. Come for a delightful hour of chair yoga. Learn breathing techniques to calm, relax and increase your energy. Everyone is welcome, no need to be fit, flexible or have prior yoga experience. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

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Wednesday, September 8

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

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Mad Hatter Barbershop Chorus to sing in Brewster The Southeast Museum is happy to announce that the Mad Hatter Barbershop Chorus will be performing songs of yesteryear at the Brewster Public Library 3:00 pm. This concert is free and sponsored by a generous donation by the Brewster Rotary Club. This is an event of the Southeast Museum that will take place at the Brewster Public Library. The Mad Hatter Chorus is a 30-man a capella chorus singing songs in the barbershop and other styles. Our focus is on impressive singing and spreading the joy of harmony. They are a 3-time Small Chorus Champion for the Yankee Division AND the North East District. For more information please email director@southeastmuseum.org.

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Mahopac Sinks in 2nd Half, Falls 21-0 to Jay EF in Season Opener

Mahopac LB Michael Rivera makes a sick tackle on John Jay East Fishkill's Richie Eletto in the Indians' 21-0 opening-day League AA-North-West setback to the visiting Patriots last Friday night when the Indians never got in synch offensively and let a 7-0 game get away from them in the second half... see Grid Notebook

Carmel Excels in All Facets of 51-0 Win; Yorktown Survives Panas

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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There were some succinct giveaways and takeaways in Week 1 of the Section 1 grid season, and we're here to feature some of them. Hopes that were high along the local campaign trail to open the year, and some may have taken a hit in what was a weekend of washouts and blowouts with the depths of disparity already revealed among the haves and the have nots. Here's the give and take

after one week of action.

CLASS AA

There was a perfect storm in CARMEL last Friday night and the end result saw Coach Todd Cayea's Rams perform in every phase of the game in a 51-0 League North-West raid of visiting Suffern on opening day. Offense, defense, special teams... you name it, the Rams (1-0) executed.

Shifty junior RB James Cox had 10 carries for 155 yards and a TD, shoring up the ground game. Carmel QB Peyton

Cayea went 6 for 8 for 57 yards and 2 TD passes while rushing for 33 yards and another score. Sleek junior RB/DB Alex Beauchesne took a short pass for a 30-yard score, rushed for one TD and snared a 70-yard pick-six to the house. RB Sam Duke added another TD and a crunching block on Beauchesne's INT.

"Overall, it was a great team effort," Carmel Coach Todd Cayea said. "James Cox really stepped up at running back. He gives us another shifty back with great speed. We have been trying to

find someone to complement Duke, and he made a great first impression. Defensively, led by McCabe and Parisi, we were able to hold the run game in check and force them to throw. We got a couple of turnovers, which is something we have been stressing since day one of camp. We've got lots of work to be done but a good start."

The Giveaway: Cox and Beauchesne, who flew somewhat under the radar

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going in, will now be a major focus of opposing defensive coordinators, who will certainly lose some sleep in the weeks ahead as they try to choke the throttle of this potent, multi-pronged attack.

The Takeaway: The Rams looked every bit the part of a legit contender in dismantling Suffern, serving serious notice to the rest of Section 1, but they will get a legit test in Week 2 against visiting Arlington, a 60-6 winner over Ramapo.

MAHOPAC took a 21-0 League North-West setback on the chin from visiting John Jay EF, breaking down throughout the second half of a 7-0 halftime game. The Indians (0-1) struggled to get the ball downfield with consistency.

"It was not such a good night for us," second-year Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo admitted. "We played solid defense in the first half and moved the ball at times. However, we were just too inconsistent on offense. In the second half we really struggled to get anything going. Then, we wore down."

The Giveaway: Senior QB Anthony Corrado (5 of 16 for 28 yards passing, 29 rush yards) and senior WR Reahl Allen (3 receptions, 18 yards) connected for a few quick hitters, but the timing was off down field, mostly due to breakdowns up front that allowed for mega-pressure by the Patriots.

The Takeaway: Mahopac senior RB Tim Cegielski (11 rushes, 79 yards) was the most consistent player for the Indians, who have a ton of work to do if they are going compete and challenge for one of eight playoff spots.

OSSINING (1-0) provided outgoing Coach Dan Ricci with some opening-night hope in 21-14 win over the visiting Yonkers Force.

The Giveaway: The Force is in its first season as a combined program, and its going to take more than this win to believe the Pride are legit league title contenders,



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Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado sheds tackle in 21-0 loss to John Jay EF last Friday.



Versatile Carmel junior Alex Beauchesne marches for one of three TDs he would score in 51-0 rout of visiting Suffern.

but any win is a great win in Ricci's swan-song season.

The Takeaway: Ossining RB John Turnquist, who shook off rust and rushed for two touchdowns after missing last season with a broken hip, provides a sweet 1-2 punch with bruising RB Izaiah Steen.

CLASS A

HEN HUD (0-1) may have lost the battle, 27-25, to Spring Valley, but Coach Mike Lynch's Sailors may be in the war for one of the eight Class A playoff spots after the qualifying round of 16 is complete.

The Giveaway: Spring Valley is just one of three extremely difficult foes right out of the gate, and it only gets tougher when Lourdes and reigning sectional champ Yorktown come calling in Week's 2-3, respectively. Hen Hud better strap on its

collective big boy pads early and embrace smash-mouth football in both trenches in order to make some stops on defense and get stud senior RB Jordan Grullon (5 carries, 3 yards) going in the run game.

The Takeaway: The Sailors can, apparently, line up and play some smash-mouth football on the offensive side of the ball, given that senior QB Manny Carbone hit on 20 off 33 passes for 255 yards and three TD passes to senior TE Mike Fasolino (5 grabs, 102 yards, TD), junior WR Marcus Lenz (7 catches, 72 yards, TD) and Grullon (4 receptions, 41 yards, TD). Carbone added 14 carries, 82 yards and a TD on the ground.

YORKTOWN (1-0), the reigning Section 1 champ and NYS runner-up, had to run for cover in the fourth against a furious comeback bid from visiting

WALTER PANAS (0-1) in a 27-25 Cornhusker League B win.

The Giveaway: The Huskers will need their new leadership corps to keep the unit focused for four quarters. "It was a weird ending," Husker boss Mike 'House' Rescigno said. "It made the win feel junky. It was not an acceptable ending to a good start. You cannot play to merely survive. We gotta play the whole game all-in. I can tell you that our kids understand that now. Hats off to Panas and Coach Patronik for their perseverance."

The Panthers, if nothing else, proved they can't afford slow starts but have the firepower and some gadgetry to score points in bunches.

The Takeaway: Yorktown may have found the two dudes who can try to fill the

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Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver finds a seam in Panas defense in Huskers' 27-25 win over Panthers last Friday.



Panas RB David Louis tries to gain corner on Yorktown defenders Matteo Cermele (62) and Eddie Capone (55) in Panthers' 27-25 loss to Huskers.

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Fiery Mahopac DL Anthony Perricone wraps up a sack in 21-0 loss to John Jay EF last Friday night.

shoes of departed Brett Makar when RB Nick Campanaro chugged for 166 yards on the ground, including a pair of TD scoots, and sophomore RB Keith Boyer gashed the Panthers for another 131 yards on just 10 totes, including a TD trot. The Huskers rushed for 380 yards, including 70 by QB Tommy Weaver. The coach cited Naim Sinanaj and Ben Robinson for blocking very well, and the defensive efforts of Reese Andrews and Alex Debenedictus.

The Panthers have to feel pretty good about hanging more than tough with the defending champs and should get better with time. "We did start slow but the kids played through injuries and early mental mistakes to make it a game," Patronik said. "David Louis, Sean Laukaitis and Lucas Feliciano played terrific and really us in it."

SOMERS (0-1) could do nothing to contain John Jay QB Bryce Ford, who

rushed 26 times for a staggering 269 yards and three touchdowns and threw for another 120 yards and two TDs in an impressive 34-20 win over the host Tuskers.

The Giveaway: The Tuskers clearly have work to do if they are going to remain among the elite in Class A, which they have pretty much been since the turn of the century. All things being cyclical, maybe, just maybe, the Tuskers come back to the pack this season, if only for a year.

The Takeaway: Somers FB Jack Kaiser had 17 carries for 69 yards and two touchdowns, so it appears as though veteran Coach Tony DeMatteo has a workhorse back he can trust. Tusker DL Logan D'Anna (three tackles for loss and forced a fumble, which was returned 55 yards for a score by teammate Kevin Graber) got great push up front.

BREWSTER (1-0) came out rocking in a 46-20 win over visiting Sleepy Hollow last Friday.

The Giveaway: Sleepy is far and away one of the weakest foes on the Bears' schedule, so the sledding will get tougher from here on out.

The Takeaway: When Bears QB Brendan Fox rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another, it became clear that the Bears have a leader who can spread the ball around (five different Bears scored) and showed great poise in front of a raucous crowd.



Mahopac WR Rheel Allen takes off upfield in Indians' 21-0 loss to visiting John Jay EF last Friday.

LAKELAND (0-1) had to know that visiting Lourdes would be among the toughest home openers in the section and its 48-6 loss to a Warriors team that many are touting as legit sectional title contenders, was ample proof of that.

The Giveaway: Lourdes will seriously challenge Clarkstown South for the No.1 seed in Class A this season, and youthful Lakeland, which is already banged up, will be in a battle to reach the field of 16.

The Takeaway: Lakeland brought it to Lourdes on its first two drives, doing so as sophomore QB Tyler Santucci hit on 6 of 10 passing for 88 yards and a 26-yard score to Robert Hart for a 6-0 lead.

CLASS B

Host **PUTNAM VALLEY** (0-1) suffered a 14-8 league setback to reigning Section 1 Class C champion Albertus Magnus (now a lead dog in Class B) last Friday night.

The Giveaway: If the Tigers were seriously going to contend for the Class B crown, they were going to need a home victory on opening night against one of the top contenders, but Class B is more open than ever given two-time defending champion Pleasantville's 34-6 loss to Ardsley, which may have just assumed the role of favorites.

The Takeaway: PV senior RB/LB John Listwan will give opposing defenders nightmares. On film, they will fret his load, on gameday they will hope to gang tackle better than the Falcons did Friday when Listwan went for 132 yards and

a score on 19 carries. The captain also added 14 tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble on the other side of the ball. Throw in Pleasantville's loss to Ardsley and all is NOT lost. The show must go on!

"John was a bruiser," PV Coach Ryan Elsasser said. "He was a high-impact player. He was not only running by players, but he was also running through them. Unfortunately, our youth showed this week. We had some younger players making some mistakes offensively that cost us a few possessions. All in all, the game came down to special teams and Albertus Magnus outplayed us in that area of the game. We saw both good and bad things Friday night, and we will need to push the good and polish up the bad. I think we have the possibility of being much better."



Lakeland WR Robert Hart is stoked after scoring Hornets' lone TD in loss to Class A power Our Lady of Lourdes last Friday.



Yorktown TE Ben Robinson snaps off a four-yard TD run in Huskers' 27-25 win over visiting Panas last Friday.

Local Soccer Coaches Upping Ante for High School Preps

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If you can't spot the collective efforts by local soccer coaches to grow the game and benefit the high school preps in their programs, then you're living under a rock or just don't care to know. It's almost as if they have commenced an unspoken war against the academies by upping the ante with superb summer showcases, a totalitarian approach to coaching and top-notch tournaments featuring programs from the many counties of Section 1 and Section 9 going head to head.

"That is 100% accurate," said Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan, who, along with Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta and



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSPHOTOS)

Lakeland's Alexa Coe rips goal as Hen Hud's Maddy Gough and G Iliana Done defend in Hornets' 4-1 season-opening win over Sailors.

Brewster Coach Scott Potusek, have taken on some of the leadership role in this region of the section. "The summer college showcase was the best thing I have been involved with in high school soccer. And to be honest, nothing makes me prouder than to see what Coach P has done in Brewster now in Year 2 of the Dutchess vs. Putnam Challenge. High school soccer is an amazing opportunity for kids in our area. We continually produce some of the best players and teams year in and year out, creating exposure for these kids, and creating opportunities for them that they can remember for a lifetime is what it's all about. It is amazing how great it has ended up being for our players and I can't wait to announce all of the college commitments we get."

This Columbus Day, the Section 1 vs. Section 9 Challenge will head into its second year at Lakeland High in an effort to grow the game and give local players a high-profile platform.

Let's understand that the academies produce a different level of play with no holes throughout the lineup, deep benches and stacked competition, which is also great for the game, but you simply cannot replace playing with YOUR best buddies for YOUR community, under the lights against a local rival in front of hundreds



Panas G Kyle Rizzo make nifty save in Panthers' 1-0 season-opening loss to Poughkeepsie.

of people. There is nothing like it, so thank these local high school coaches for providing an improved opportunity to do so...

They spread the wealth on opening day at Somers High, getting six different goal scorers in a 7-0 non-league triumph of visiting Sleepy Hollow last Thursday.

The 2016 Class A NYS champion Tuskers had an all-world, four-point effort from senior F Lucas Fecci (2G, 2A). Alex Maher (1G, 1A), Ethan Cukaj (1G), Jose Giron (1G), Drew Lasher (1G, 1A) and Zane Bramson (1G) all tickled twine while Max Grell (1A) and Jon Riina (1A) each set up a goal for the top-ranked Tuskers, who will now focus their attention upon the prestigious Yorktown Tournament, which will essentially establish early-season bragging rights for three of the top programs in the region, including a Somers vs. Mahopac matchup in the opening round.

Yorktown will face Arlington B in

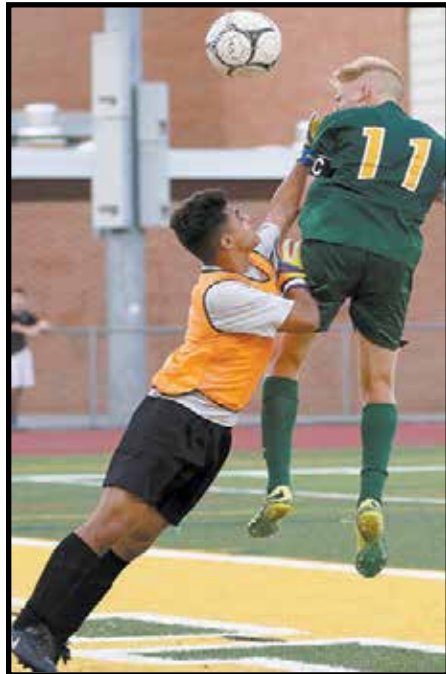
the other opening-round game, and most folks in the know are anticipating a Somers vs. Yorktown finale later this week. However, the Niko DeCola-led Indians were anything but an easy out for the Tuskers last year, so expect a feisty challenge from Mahopac, which suffered a 4-0 loss to Arlington's A club in the Dutchess vs. Putnam Challenge.

That challenge didn't go so well on the scoreboard for the kickers of Putnam County, who went 1-4 against their Dutchess counterparts, but facing some of the top competition from Dutchess is an eye-opening experience that makes the locals stronger. Host Brewster was the lone Putnam-based program to pull out a win, a 4-1 triumph of Dover. Haldane fell 1-0 to Pawling, Putnam Valley lost 3-0 to RCK and Carmel came up short in a 4-1 loss to Beacon.

And to boot, Coach Potusek found a noble way to invite and honor local troops and servicemen/women, including terrifically-designed T-shirts for players, fans and troops who attended (XX-L, please!): Well done, sir!...

Lakeland senior M Noah Kemp, who broke his leg (both the Fibia and Tibia) seven minutes into his junior campaign, has looked like a stud early on, scoring both game-winning goals during Lakeland's 2-0 start (win over Peekskill and Panas). I'll be rooting for that kid...

The 2017 Class AA Final 4 Mahopac girls' squad begins what might be a special campaign this week, and the second game of the season features quite a doozy at Somers this Friday (4:30 p.m.).



Lakeland's Noah Kemp began a monster week by heading home the game-winner past Peekskill G Bryan Merchan in 3-2 Hornet win.



Peekskill's Jerry Leon line up bicycle kick in Red Devils' 3-2 loss to Lakeland.



Lakeland's Gerardo Hernandez and Peekskill's Wilbert Guerrero get some hang time in Hornets' 3-2 season-opening win over Red Devils last Tuesday.

Lakeland Eyeing a 10th Straight Section, NYS Title

By Tony Pinciario

Julia Cummings had an exciting and memorable finish to her 2017 season.

When the buzzer sounded to end the New York State Class B Field Hockey Championship game, Cummings turned from her sweeper position and raced to goalie Cassie Halpin to start the celebration of Lakeland's ninth consecutive state title.

"Last year was the most exciting because I was playing in the championship game," said Cummings, in her fourth varsity season and second as the starting sweeper. "Being on the field, running back toward Cassie (Halpin) and having all of your teammates jump on each other. It was crazy."

Cummings and her teammates are hoping for a repeat as the Hornets strive for their unprecedented 10th straight Class B state championship.

Lakeland returns a core group of 10 seniors, led by Julianna Cappello (forward), an all-section and all-state pick last year, Emily Kness (midfield), also all-state, Kiera Wax (defense) and Cummings



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland's Julianna Cappello cranks shot as Yorktown's Alexa Borges defends in Hornets' 9-0 win over Huskers.

dedication and commitment of its players during the offseason. Cummings pointed out that many of the Lakeland players play for the Hudson Valley Field Hockey Club, which is coached by veteran Lakeland mentor Sharon Sarsen.

Lakeland, which went 22-0 last year, will play a challenging schedule, once again. The Hornets non-league schedule includes Scarsdale, Thursday, 9/20, perennial Class A champion, Mamaroneck, Saturday, 9/22, and Suffern, Monday, 9/24. The Hornets played annual championship-game foe, Rye, Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Former Lakeland and University of Michigan standout Shannon Scavelli, a four-time state champion, returns as Sarsen's assistant coach. Former Lakeland standout and co-captain of the 2003 state-title team, Danielle Fiore, is back for her fourth year as the Junior Varsity coach.

Lakeland opened its 2018 season with a victory over Yorktown behind two goals by Bussell.

Emma Halderman and Kness each had one goal and one assists and McCrudden collected three assists.

PUTNAM VALLEY welcomes a new, but familiar coach in Courtney Hyndman. Hyndman is the Putnam Valley varsity girls' lacrosse coach and was the field hockey varsity assistant the last three years.

The Tigers went 5-11 last year and lost a first-round sectional game. Hyndman has a veteran core returning, many of whom also play lacrosse for her.

Seniors Danielle Cunningham and Ciara McGinty return on midfield and at forward, respectively. Cunningham was selected all-league in 2017.

Juniors Colleen Cassidy and Cyera



Lakeland sniper Jenna McCrudden scores goal despite run from Yorktown's Madelyn Marr in Hornets' 9-0 season-opening win over Huskers.

(sweeper), both all-league.

The senior nucleus also includes Sarah Bussell (midfield), Cara O'Shea (forward), Gianna Scialdone (forward), Brianna Madison (defense), Sophia Gloade (defense) and goalie Kellie Smith.

Lakeland also returns junior and starter Jenna McCrudden (midfield), an all-league selection last year.

"We all get along really well," Cummings said. "We're all so close. We like to push each other as hard as we can and help each other so we can make each other the best players we can be."

Lakeland is always prepared for the season because of the hard work,

game, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

YORKTOWN Coach Bernadette Gannon has her two leading scorers returning this season as the Cornhuskers plan on increasing their win total from 2017.

Yorktown did qualify for the Section 1 Class A Championships, but lost in the first round to eventual titlist, Mamaroneck.

Senior forward Izzy Ciccinielli and junior midfielder Kelsey McDonnell highlight a sizeable group of returnees including goalie Adeline Araneo.

Among the returnees is a core group of juniors, cited Gannon. Gannon pointed out that junior Alyssa Albano (midfield/forward) and sophomore Maiya Munoz (defense) are making the step up to varsity.

"When the girls play together, they do amazing things," said Gannon, who has also coached Suffern and Clarkstown North during her 25-year career. "The strong group of core returning players will need to mesh with the newcomers in order to succeed this season. They will have to share their knowledge and game sense and that's when we will be an improving and stronger team."

Yorktown had the misfortune of opening the season against nine-time defending state champion Lakeland and was shut out.

The Cornhuskers will host their annual tournament, beginning Thursday. Albertus Magnus will play Putnam Valley, 4:30 p.m., followed by Sleepy Hollow-Yorktown, 6 p.m. The winners will meet in the championship game, Saturday, 1:15 p.m., preceded by the consolation game at 11:30 a.m.

Somers enters the 2018 season following a strong conclusion to the 2-17 season.

The Tuskers played a difficult schedule in 2017, resulting in the fourth seed for the Section 1 Class B Championships. As a result, Somers won its first two games, including a 3-2 double-overtime victory over fifth-seeded Nanuet in a quarterfinal game. However, Somers lost to eventual champion, Lakeland, in a semifinal.

SOMERS has a new coach in Michelle Armstrong. The first-year varsity coach has three impact seniors back to lead the team. Grace Farina, an all-section pick in 2017, Rosalie Murphy and Emma Kittridge. Juniors Erin Clark and Haley Dineen are also returning for Armstrong.

Two newcomers to varsity will be senior Linsey Hershfield and junior Jen Campbell. Somers opens the season with its tournament, Wednesday. Somers will host Scarsdale, Pawling and Mahopac. The consolation and championship games will be played Thursday at 4 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., respectively.



With almost 100% certainty, Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen will get the 1,000th win of her varsity coaching career (hockey-lax combined) today against Arlington.

Daughtry will join Cunningham in the midfield and classmate Sydney Goldberg and Lauren Seiler will anchor the defense.

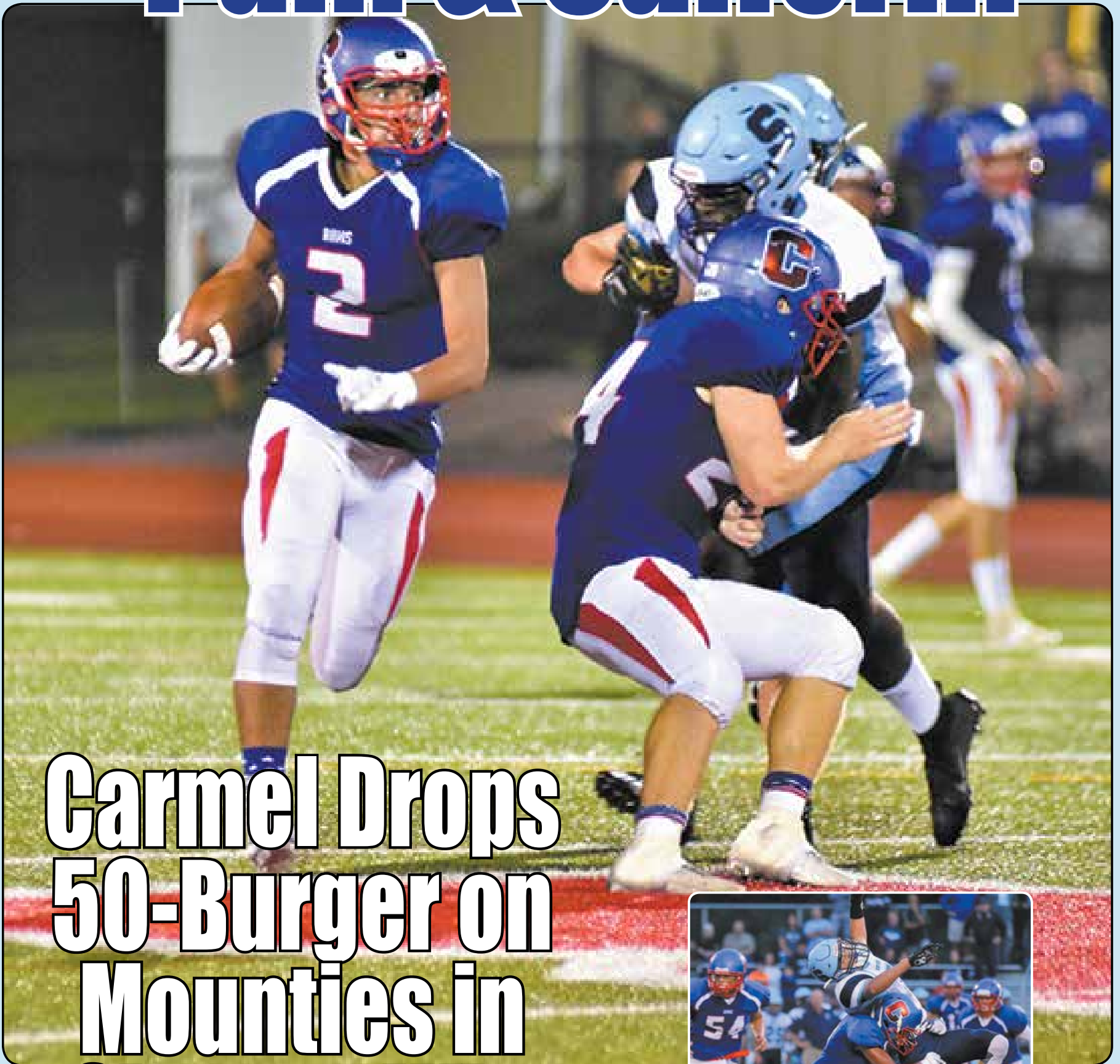
A pair of freshmen – Julia Cunningham and Alexandra Jacobs will play forward and/or midfield.

"We have a strong trio in the midfield, all returning, and I will be looking to them to lead our young team on the field," Hyndman said. "We have about 12 freshman joining our team this year, so we have a lot of young girls coming from modified and going straight to varsity. The main focus for them this year would be to build their skill level up and their field hockey IQ. I will look to our four captains, Danielle Cunningham, McGinty, Goldberg, and Cassidy, along with the rest of the returners, to help teach these girls and lead them both on and off the field."

"I look forward to this year being my first season as head coach. I am impressed with the improvements and progress made these past two weeks, and can't wait to see how this season pans out."

Putnam Valley faces Albertus Magnus in a Yorktown Tournament first-round

Pain & Suffern!



Carmel Drops 50-Burger on Mounties in Shutout Win

Carmel RB/DB Alex Beauchesne (2) was a force to be reckoned with in the Rams' 51-0 win over visiting Suffern last Friday night when Beauchesne picked up a block from Sam Duke and took a pick-six to the house (above), left little doubt while finishing tackles (inset) and scored three TDs in all on a hugely successful opening night for the @CarmelCrazies... see Grid Notebook

