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Brewster Sex Offender Back in Jail on Porn Charges

By David Propper

A registered sex offender was back in jail this month after an investigation revealed he was in possession of child pornography.

Shawn Waters, 34, of Brewster, was arrested on Dec. 13 and charged with ten counts of possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child, which are class E felonies, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's Bureau of Criminal Investigation began an investigation into the online possession of images of child sexual abuse material that led them to Waters' apartment in the Village of Brewster where they seized multiple

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Shawn Waters

PV Man Arrested for 'Extremely' Neglecting Two Horses

By David Propper

Two horses in Putnam Valley are in a new home to start the New Year and their former owner is in county jail after it was discovered the two thoroughbred horses were "extremely neglected."

Officers for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals removed the two horses this month after an investigation revealed they were 1 out of 5 on the equine body scale, which equated the horses' body type to severe emaciation, according to a press release from the SPCA. The horses had no grain, no grass to graze, lived in filthy unmucked stalls and feces strewn about the paddock leading to "extremely unsafe" conditions, the SPCA stated.

The owner of the horses, Paul O'Dair of 16 South Highland Road was arrested



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Two horses in Putnam Valley were neglected that led to the arrest of their owner.

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and charged with two counts of animal cruelty on Dec. 24. Each charge could result in one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, or a combination of both. O'Dair was arraigned in Putnam Valley town court and is currently being held in Putnam County Correctional Facility.

Chief Ken Ross and his son, Ken Jr. worked the case for the SPCA.

"The horses weren't receiving the right nutrition nor living in a sanitary living environment so that's when we had to

act," Chief Ross said in an interview.

Ross said O'Dair has a history of treating these two horses poorly, which resulted in the SPCA going to his house in 2015. The horses were not in as bad condition in 2015 as they were this month, but Ross still issued O'Dair a notice to comply back then, which gave him a list of things he had to do to better care for the horses.

Some of the requirements included

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Philipstown Town Board Appoints New Councilwoman

By David Propper

With Nancy Montgomery now on the Putnam County Legislature, the Philipstown town board appointed her replacement at its end of the year meeting last week.

Judy Farrell, a Democrat and 15-year resident of Cold Spring was appointed unanimously to the post on Dec. 27 with her interim term beginning Jan. 1. With a lifelong interest in public service, Farrell is ready to serve the community through another avenue. She also plans to run for the seat this November to secure a full term.

"I still believe in public service and community service," Farrell, who has volunteered with the Haldane school system and town recreation commission,



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Judy Farrell will hold her first elected office after she was appointed by the Philipstown town board. She has lived in Cold Spring for 15 years.

said. "I thought the timing was right for me to get more involved in Philipstown."

Farrell, who has a background in public administration, specifically in public health, wrote a letter to each board member expressing her interest in the position. She said she has experience in government regulations and accessing resources at the state and federal level and is co-chair of the Hudson Valley Access to Health Care Coalition.

She was also the director of government relations for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York for many years.

"I think that appealed to the town board, that someone with my experience and knowing how to access resources," Farrell said.

Montgomery served on the town board

for ten years. She beat Republican Barbara Scuccimarra to take the District 1 seat last November.

On the town board, Farrell wants to provide continuing support to the conservation board and the climate smart committee in town. It's important to preserve the environment locally from any external threats, she said. Farrell also wants to work with the Community that Cares Coalition, which is fighting the drug epidemic.

"I look forward to working for the Town of Philipstown," Farrell said. "With the current board we have a really strong board so I'm really looking forward to working here and supporting people in our town. I think we have a great community."

Metro-North Initiates Positive Train Control on Mid-Hudson Line

Metro-North Railroad has begun commissioning a new safety system, Positive Train Control on the segment of the Hudson line between Tarrytown and Croton-Harmon. The eight-mile stretch of tracks became the first segment of the MTA's commuter railroads to begin limited passenger service testing on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Positive Train Control enhances train safety behind the scenes by eliminating the potential for human error to contribute to

train-to-train collisions or derailments caused by a train traveling too fast into a curve or into a misaligned switch. It also prevents trains from traveling into zones where railroad employees are working on tracks, a potentially grave situation that since 2014 has been eliminated on Metro-North through the establishment of the railroad's Enhanced Employee Protection System. It gives track workers in the field the ability to confirm which tracks are taken out of service for maintenance and

prevents entry of trains.

Positive Train Control uses a network of computers on trains and alongside the tracks that are in communication with a central control hub, sharing data on rail conditions in real time. Like roads, every stretch of track has a speed limit; lights at the railroad's equivalent of intersections flash red and green to indicate when a train must stop or can proceed. If the Positive Train Control system detects that a train is operating too fast for a given

stretch of track or is at risk of passing a stop signal, the system automatically steps in to slow or stop the train while alerting the train's engineer that it is doing so.

The enhancement builds upon existing Metro-North systems such as in-cab signaling with Automatic Train Control, systemwide automatic civil speed enforcement and the Enhanced Employee Protection System, which already offer some of the most substantial functions of

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Q: What is a mobile-bearing partial knee?

A: Key to the durable nature and natural feel of the mobile-bearing knee is a plastic bearing that glides freely throughout the knee's range of motion, hence the name "mobile-bearing." Similar to the ball bearings that "bear the weight" and allow a wheel to turn freely, a mobile bearing allows your knee to move more naturally. In other partial knees, known as "fixed-bearing," the bearing does not move.

Q: What advantages does it have over a total knee replacement or fixed-bearing partial knee?

A: The main advantages are faster recovery time and less pain. Total knee replacement is major surgery involving the removal of a substantial portion of bone in the knee and half the supporting ligaments. The less invasive partial knee replacement preserves all the ligaments and two-thirds of the healthy knee. Patients can often go home the same day and recovery time is cut in half.

Q: Why do some doctors recommend a total knee replacement even if the problem can be fixed with a partial knee?

A: Historically, physicians have favored total knee replacements over partial for almost all patients with severe osteoarthritis because they last longer than fixed-bearing partial knees.

But statistics show that the mobile-bearing knee is comparable to a total knee replacement in terms of durability. Twenty years post-implant, the mobile-bearing knee is still viable in 91 percent of patients. The comparable figure for total knee replacements is 93 percent.

Q: How do I know if a mobile-bearing is right for me?

A: Knee replacements are done only for people whose osteoarthritis is severe or "end-stage." Your doctor will determine which type of replacement you need based on a physical exam and x-rays. In about 30 to 40 percent of patients, the osteoarthritis is contained only on the medial or inner part of the joint. If the rest of the knee is healthy, you might be a candidate for a partial knee replacement with the mobile-bearing device, whereas someone with arthritis throughout the knee or a torn ligament is not.

Putnam Young Dems Fight for Progressive Values

By David Propper

Although Democrats in Putnam County have scored a few critical election wins the past couple years, Republicans still remain almost universally in power throughout most of the county.

With Democrats' hopes of changing that, it doesn't hurt to have some youthful energy behind that effort with the formation of the Putnam Young Democrats, which received their official charter from the state organization near the end of 2018 as it looks to build up membership and become a recognizable entity within the county.

According to the national organization, a person can join a Young Democrats chapter if they are 35 years and younger. So far, the Putnam chapter has about 20 members that include residents from Southeast, Carmel, Putnam Valley and Kent, but are still looking for members from Patterson and Philipstown.

Chapter president Jordan Bailey-Hoover, a Brewster resident, moved to the county in 2015 and wanted to get more involved in the community and political landscape. When she first arrived, she didn't have a firm grasp just how much of a Republican stronghold Putnam was.

After speaking with others, like Putnam Democratic Committee chairman Jim Borkowski and Southeast Democratic



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The Putnam Young Democrats have been holding meetings where they are expanding their membership and reach in the county.

Committee chairwoman Cathy Croft, Bailey-Hoover helped organize the first Young Democrats meeting one month before the election this past year.

"We just wanted to find like-minded people who are committed to a progressive future in Putnam and are willing to put in the hard work knocking on doors, talking to neighbors and really showing that we're here and we want to make our community better for everyone," Bailey-Hoover said.

With a background in non-profit policy, Bailey-Hoover didn't gravitate much toward politics until recently. She felt this was the best way to make a difference in

her town and county.

The Young Democrats hope to become more of an influence within political circles not just near election time, but year-round by meeting with current elected officials, helping train new candidates and registering voters.

"All those things go into slowly chipping away at that Red (Republican) Wall that we're seeing here," Bailey-Hoover said.

Also, by talking with as many people as possible, Bailey-Hoover hopes that misconceptions residents have of Democratic politics will dissipate over time. Bailey-Hoover said she wants the group to connect with people regardless of political affiliation.

"You forget the humanity so we're just trying to connect with people," she said.

Other local party leaders have been receptive to the new chapter.

"It is wonderful to see the formation of the Putnam Young Democrats taking root in our county and I look forward to working with them," Croft, the Southeast

Democratic chairwoman, said.

Carmel Democratic Committee chairwoman Jennifer Colamonico said it's exciting that younger residents are becoming more interested in the political process.

"There are a lot of young families that are living here for quality of life and good schools, they're not being represented, they're not being heard so it's exciting trying to see them engage," Colamonico said.

The Putnam chapter has also collaborated with chapters in Westchester and Dutchess counties, which all worked together to help incoming NYS Sen. Peter Harckham turn the 40th district seat blue against Republican Terrence Murphy.

Finding candidates to run that are part of the Young Democrats is another goal the chapter plans to pursue. In 2018, Scott Reing and Melinda Montanaro, who ran for a legislative seat and Southeast town board seat, respectively, are both members of the Young Democrats.

"The more we run people the better our chances are and I think we have a lot of great people in our group that would make fantastic elected officials," Bailey-Hoover said. "I think we're realizing every election is important and we have to have someone running and we have to have an argument for all of these candidates."



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getting veterinarian care for the two large animals and having a better system to feed them.

For some time, the conditions for the horses improved, Ross said, but when the SPCA was contacted this October regarding further problems, O’Dair was not responsive to the SPCA’s calls. Chief Ross and his son Ken would drive by to try to observe the horses and became more concerned when they started seeing the ribs of the horses from the road.

The horses have been moved to a horse rescue location, in which a vet has seen them at least once a week to make sure they are improving and responding nicely to treatment, Ross said.

Ross said the SPCA made several attempts to work with O’Dair before pursuing charges. If O’Dair didn’t want to care for the horses, Ross said the SPCA could’ve helped him find a new home for the horses.

“He really wasn’t interested in speaking with us so once it hit the point where we can’t make contact with him to make it better we started with the process of a search warrant and an arrest,” Ross said.

Ross said people interested in donating to the care of the horses could mail checks to Putnam County SPCA PO Box 850, Brewster, NY 10509.



The conditions for the two horses were hardly livable, the SPCA stated.

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‘The horses weren’t receiving the right nutrition nor living in a sanitary living environment so that’s when we had to act.’ - SPCA Chief Ken Ross

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Walden and Pines Bridge School Students Star in Holiday Show

Walden and Pines Bridge School students sang about snowflakes and Santa, “rocked” around the Christmas tree and brought the Grinch who stole Christmas to life at the annual Holiday Variety Show, held Wednesday.

In the school gym, transformed into a Winter Wonderland by large paper snowflakes made by Walden and Pines Bridge students, students performed for their classmates, parents and PNW

BOCES staff. As the gym erupted in applause after one act, teacher assistant Debra Canzio praised the hard work that went into the entire show.

“It takes a lot of practice and courage to perform,” she told the audience, “and that’s what we are applauding.” Canzio and art teacher Jesse Steiner stage the annual show, which this year featured musical and dance acts by more than 10 classes from both schools.



Student Alex Barasorda brought the house down singing “Last Christmas.”

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Sheriff's Department and PV Could Swap Facilities

By David Propper

The Town of Putnam Valley and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office are looking to swap facilities that could be beneficial to both government entities.

During a Dec. 19 town board meeting, discussions began about moving a sheriff department's substation to town hall campus and moving the parks and recreation department to Peekskill Hollow Road where the substation currently is.

Undersheriff Michael Corrigan, who spoke on behalf of Sheriff Robert Langley and County Executive MaryEllen Odell, said the sheriff's substation in town was not serving the needs of the department any longer after the department used it for the past 20 years.

"We've grown out of it," Corrigan said.

The parks and recreation department would be situated closer to the fields and facilities they oversee and the sheriff's department would be closer to the judicial courts in town. There are many times a person goes to the court clerk, where in turn the clerks tells that person they need to meet with sheriff officers, Corrigan said.

The sheriff's department would be back in the location where the old Putnam Valley town police department was before it was disbanded.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Undersheriff Michael Corrigan spoke at a Putnam Valley town board meeting on Dec. 19.

The New York State Police would continue to use the Peekskill Hollow location that it currently shares with the sheriff's office. Additionally, the Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center would occupy part of the facility where the substation currently is, Corrigan said. It was announced in October the resource center plans to open a second location in Putnam Valley to better serve women that live on the west side of the county.

"I'm sure that when we're finished everybody will have a space that works for them," Corrigan said. "We're going to make sure this fits the bill for everybody."

Frank DiMarco, the parks and recreation director, was receptive to the switch. He said the facility that the town department would move into would just need to be "prettied up" in order to be sufficient.

Corrigan said if everyone were in agreement with the swap, the sheriff's

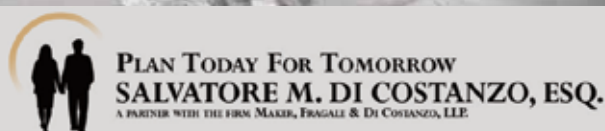
'Being here all my life, I kind of miss having a police presence right here on the town hall campus.'
- PV Supervisor Sam Oliverio

department would like to get the logistics underway as soon as possible. Corrigan said he and Langley are "chopping at the bit" to make the move.

When Corrigan said he would like to see the swap complete by the spring, Supervisor Sam Oliverio said that would be "outstanding."

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi noted much of the renovations could be done by residents that need to complete volunteer hours, which is an alternative to incarceration. Corrigan said, "everywhere we can save money, we're going to do it."

"Whatever you require from the town board, we'll be quick to follow suit," Oliverio said. "Being here all my life, I kind of miss having a police presence right here on the town hall campus."



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Obituaries

Rosemarie Pedulla

It is with heavy hearts the family of Rosemarie Pedulla, age 81, of Mahopac, announces her passing on December 21. Rosemarie was born September 17, 1937 to the late Mary (Bernardi) and Daniel Caffero in Utica, New York. She would go on to marry James Pedulla on August 19, 1956 and together they were blessed with 5 loving children, which kept the home as busy as it was full of laughter. Ms. Pedulla was equally dedicated to her faith and family. She owned the Christian Book Store The Light House in Brewster NY and as a loving homemaker. Rosemarie was as patient, as she was kind and although managing her time between 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren she had a gift for making you feel as though you were the only person she loved. Her favorite way to spend any free time was with the people she loved most in this world; her family. Her family will look back fondly on the wonderful memories she gifted them and remember her warm smile contagious laughter and lifetime of love. Rosemarie is survived by her 5 loving children Roseanne, Annmarie, Suzanne, Maria and Jimmy. As well as being survived by her 16 precious grandchildren and 8 angelic great-grandchildren who each had a special place in her heart. Ms. Pedulla is predeceased by her husband James.

Thelma J. Steeprock

Thelma J. Steeprock, age 75, of Carmel, died peacefully on December 23, with her loving family by her side. Thelma was born September 8, 1943 to the late Thelma (Daley) and Joseph Sprague. As one of seven children; Thelma grew up in a home filled with company, laughter and love. She would go on to marry the love of her life Albert on April 4, 1961 and together they were blessed with two daughters; Joann and Barbara and their own home of company, laughter and love. Ms. Steeprock worked in the Putnam Nursing and Rehab facility until her retirement, where she touched many

lives and felt as sense of accomplishment working along with her husband to support their family. Thelma was a pillar of strength and support to her family and friends. She was always there for her family whether it was to lend a helping hand, cook a meal, or give you a hug in the moment you needed it most. She was a rare light in this world and had an amazing spirit which family treasured most about her. When she was not spending time with her beloved family she could be found playing bingo which was her second favorite way to spend her time, her first choice would be always to spend time with her greatest joys in life her cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her family and friends will miss her strong spirit and warmth but she gifted them with a lifetime of love that will live on. Thelma is survived by her loving daughters her daughter Joann with her life partner Rudy of Dover Plains, and her daughter Barbara and son-in-law Michael of Carmel. She is also survived by her grandchildren Hope, Michael and Michelle, as well as, her great grandchildren Angelina, Jeremiah, Dylan, Page and Delaney who were all her greatest joys, each having their own special place in her heart. She is also survived by her beloved siblings her sisters Martha along with her brother in law Gerard, Betty along with her brother in law Jeff and Donna along with her brother in law John and her brothers John along with her sister in law Ethel, her brother Joseph and her brother David and several loving nieces and nephews. Ms. Steeprock is predeceased by her husband Albert (1998) and her son-in-law Richard (2004). A visitation will be held at the Cargain Funeral Home 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel, NY 10512 on Wednesday January 2, 2019 between the hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday January 3, 2019 a Funeral Service to celebrate the life of Thelma will take place at the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Following the funeral service Thelma will be brought to her final resting place at the Raymond hills Cemetery in Carmel.

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electronic devices, according to the sheriff's department.

Waters was interviewed and arrested by sheriff investigators after images and videos of obscene sexual performances by children were located on one of his electronic devices, authorities said.

Waters has had other disturbing run-ins with the law. In 2009, Waters was convicted of an attempted criminal sexual

act in the third degree, a misdemeanor and served one year in jail. In 2012, he was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, a misdemeanor.

He is listed as a level 2 sex offender, which means there is a moderate risk of repeat offense.

Waters was arraigned by Judge Gregory Folchetti in Southeast and remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu \$25,000 cash/\$50,000 bond.

Madeline V. Haughey

It is with great sadness the family of Madeline V. Haughey, age 79; of Lakeland, Florida formerly Carmel, announces her passing on December 26. Madeline was born on February 15, 1939 in the Bronx, New York to the late Dorothy (Carr) and John Sergott. She was blessed with three adoring sons Richard, William and Thomas. Ms. Haughey was a homemaker dedicating her life to her beloved family, God and his Church. In her spare time, you could always find Madeline, volunteering, decorating the altar or whatever was needed of her, at her beloved Parish; St. James the Apostle. Her greatest joy was being a mother and later in life, her heart was made full when she became a grandmother and again when she became a great grandmother. Madeline was a patient, kind woman, who was a loving mother and woman who spoiled and loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. People try their whole lives to be half the loving warm-hearted woman that came so naturally to Madeline. She lived her life through the grace of God and letting those she cared about know they were loved and appreciated; her family and friends will miss her dearly. Madeline is survived by her two beloved sons Richard and William. She is also survived by her three adored grandchildren Jessica, Samantha and Alexandra, as well as, her precious two great grandchildren who meant so much to her Jason and Jayde. As well as being survived by her cherished sister Colette. She is also survived by Thomas Haughey to whom she was married to for over forty years and still remained friends all these years. Ms. Haughey is predeceased by her loving son Thomas (1993) and her sisters; Dorothy. Audrey and Frances.

Joan (Maguire) Munz

Joan (Maguire) Munz was born in the Bronx, on October 6, 1943. She entered Heaven's gates on December 26. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and dedicated employee, Joan touched the lives of everyone she encountered during her 75 years. Joan was a fighter, and no matter how difficult a situation you could count on her to get through it with strength, and an incredible sense of humor. She will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege to know her. Joan's greatest joy in retirement was following the accomplishments of her grandchildren, whether it was in person, or through daily phone calls. Joan was predeceased by her loving husband of 41 years, Joseph H. Munz. She was also predeceased by her sister, Carol Desalvo and brother, Raymond Maguire. Joan is survived by her daughter Dawn Minutelli and her husband Nick, her son Joseph

Munz and his wife Magdalena. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Madeline, Maria, Dominic, Victoria, Joey, Mia, and Tyler.

Diane Grey

It is with heavy hearts the family of Diane Grey, age 71, a lifelong resident of Carmel announces her passing on December 27, 2018. Diane was born July 26, 1947 in Carmel, New York to the late Diana (Modiste) and Alfred Gravelle. She would go on to marry the love of her life Ronnie and together they were blessed with four beloved children Norma, Karl, AnnMarie and Jennifer. Ms. Grey lived her entire life within the community. Diane was born at the Mahopac Hospital, grew up in Carmel was a graduate of the Carmel School District, then worked and raised her own family within the community. Diane worked in the Carmel School District, the very district she was a graduate of. She worked in the guidance office until her retirement in 2006 but is still missed to this day by the Carmel Schools, graduates and staff. Diane left a 71-year long imprint on the Carmel community and she will be missed greatly by her beloved town, friends, neighbors and the school district she loved so much. Although dedicated to the community it was her family she was most dedicated to and lived for. Diane was a loving wife, caring mother and cherished grandmother. She was proud to be a part of the community but prouder of all the memories she was able to share and recreate with her own family, there is something profound and special about seeing your own childhood memories recreated on the faces of your own children and then again of the faces of your grandchildren. Diane was an always present mother, grandmother, wife and friend. She was as dependable as she was loving and kind. Her presence in the community and within her family will be missed dearly. Ms. Grey is survived by her loving husband of over 35 years Ronnie, and her treasured children her daughter Norma of Melbourne FL, her son Karl of Saugerties NY, her daughter AnnMarie of Fishkill and her daughter Jennifer of Elko NV. As well as being survived by her five cherished grandchildren Tori, Tyler, Amanda, Jacob and Shannon each of whom held their own special place with in her heart. A visitation will be held Thursday January 3, 2019 at the Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel, NY 10512 between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A prayer service to celebrate Diane's life will be held on Friday January 4, 2019 at the Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Following the prayer service Diane will be brought to her final resting place at the Raymond Hills Cemetery in Carmel.

**Business
of the Week**

By Neal Rentz

How do you like to stay fit?

For more than four decades, Club Fit has been providing a wide variety of activities to help local residents stay fit.

"As far as offerings, it's so vast," Club Fit Marketing Director Jacquie Giannico noted last week.

The club, which also has a facility in Briarcliff, will celebrate the 46th anniversary of the opening of its Jefferson Valley facility in 2019.

Club Fit offers a virtual exercise buffet at its two locations, which include two indoor heated pools and indoor and outdoor tennis courts

Another feature of Club Fit is its racquetball courts, Giannico pointed out.

"A lot of the other health clubs don't have that," she remarked, noting Club Fit initially began as a racquetball club.

The full gymnasiums are available for not only members but also for basketball leagues.

More than 155 group fitness classes are offered weekly at both locations, with most of them included in membership fees, Giannico commented. Some of the classes are yoga, Body Pump, dance, Zumba and kickboxing. Personal training is offered by certified personal trainers.

Another feature at both Club Fit locations is women-only fitness areas, "which really is very appealing for women," Giannico said.

Club Fit also offers massage, personal trainers and a cafe at both locations. Large fitness floors with machines and free weights are located at both sites.

Children's programs are also offered at Club Fit.

"We offer an Energy Center, which is for children," Giannico said. "So, when the parents are working out they can drop their kids off."

A nursery is provided for children three months to age five.

At the Jefferson Valley location there is

Club Fit

Briarcliff and Jefferson Valley



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Club Fit opened in Jefferson Valley in 1973.

Parisi Speed School, which is a franchise owned by Club Fit. The school for youths helps with the development of speed and agility in all sports, Giannico said.

"If you want to get faster, if you want to train for the next level, we have Parisi Speed coaches who are certified coaches that can take the kids to the next level," she stated.

Both locations have a swim team, summer camps and Schools Out Camps for students who are off for school holiday breaks.

A new feature was recently added to the Briarcliff Club Fit.

"We recently added a Functional Fitness Turf Center in our Briarcliff location where multiple levels of fitness classes are offered," Giannico said. "Most of these classes are included in your monthly membership fees." The Briarcliff facility also has an indoor track.

Giannico said tours and fitness orientation is offered at both locations

applied, Giannico said.

Events are provided by Club Fit for both members and non-members. Some of the events include casino nights, summer concerts, comedy nights and summer barbecues. Club Fit also makes donations and provides sponsorships for fund raising events.

"We are so big in giving back," Giannico said.

Club Fit, which is a privately-owned health club, employs more than 500 full-time and part-time workers at its Jefferson Valley facility alone.

Giannico said there are many reasons for the success of Club Fit.

"I think first and foremost is the staff and just the absolute desire to keep our community healthy and keep them moving," she said. "That is just so important to live a long and healthy lifestyle."

Club Fit's Jefferson Valley facility is located at 600 Bank Rd. For more information call 914-359-4127. Club Fit's Briarcliff facility is located at 584 N. State Rd. For more information call 914-303-6056. For more information about both Club Fit locations, visit clubfit.com. Club Fit is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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Letter to the Editor

Putnam Valley Seniors Want Former Driver Back

A terrible injustice has occurred at the Putnam County Senior Center in Putnam Valley.

We were fortunate enough to have, as our regular designated driver, a very dedicated, honest, helpful, hardworking and compassionate employee who has been working for Putnam County for 22 years without a blemish on his record.

Now, two individuals, who think they know what is best, had our bus driver taken from us overnight, just before the holidays, and transferred to Brewster without any reasonable explanation for

this move. The seniors he transported everyday were his primary concern. He and the seniors would have to sit on the bus like school children for as long as 20 minutes until they were given the okay to go food shopping, so they lost that time from shopping when, normally, they were entitled to an hour.

He is a very caring individual who puts a high priority on the seniors' safety. One of the buses used to transport the seniors has a broken door that doesn't open automatically so the driver has to get down from the bus at each stop to

walk around to the passenger side door to manually open and close it. Due to the various problems with the old buses, we had been informed that six new buses had been ordered but we have yet to see them.

Mike Cunningham, the new director of the Office of the Aging in Putnam County, decided to board one of the buses to observe the route used to pick up and drop off the seniors at their home and hear what the seniors on the bus had to say. When asked if their driver could be transferred back to the Putnam Valley Senior Center, he replied that he had the

final say, and that their driver would never be coming back. Our County Executive, to whom Mike Cunningham reports to, has said that the issue should be resolved by January 2019. If she does not have the power to make the final decision, we will keep pursuing our goal to get him back.

Any suggestions would be welcome.

Respectfully,

Joan Mercado, on behalf of the Putnam Valley Senior Center Seniors

Op-Ed

Thank You to the Carmel Town Board for Listening

By Thom Iannicari & Lawrence Zacks

The year 2018 is in the history books. It has been a productive year in the Town of Carmel with so much to look forward to.

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce and its Legislative Advocacy Board would like to take this time to thank the Town Board for responding to the issues brought forward in the Carmel Vision 2020, our position paper about the community's future. Holding the community meeting in August with the residents, boards, community leaders and town department employees helped progress the conversation and we look forward to the next one.

We appreciate the Town Board's recent approval to fund a planning consultant, which will assist in identifying projects that will be needed to improve the

residential and commercial districts throughout the township, is an important step in moving toward a comprehensive and updated Master Plan.

The updated Master Plan will serve as a needed guide for urban redevelopment; bring in new businesses and giving a makeover to that which we already have. This will spur new looks, new businesses and new jobs. Also, the new tax revenue created with new businesses will eventually take the onus off the single-family homeowner.

There are many actions already under way that will benefit the future of our community.

- The Town is currently studying the County plan to run a Sewer Line from Wallauer's along Route 6 to the Westchester County Line. This is the

most important item to be dealt with as it will then make the Route 6 Corridor a viable commercial corridor.

- The Swan Cove Park and Parking project in the Mahopac commercial district will offer a beautiful public park view of the lake as many as 100 parking spaces that can be utilized by the businesses.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has been doing some future planning and the Town approved the design and construction of The Airport Park, adding quality of life value to the lives in the community.

There is still more work to do and the Chamber is optimistic that there will be more dialogue and planning in the New Year.

We encourage you, the reader, to be

involved with all this. The Town Board meets every Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; the exception is when that month has a fifth Wednesday, then no meeting. Let your voice be heard. When public hearings are called related to this initiative, please attend to hear what is being discussed and share your thoughts.

As always, the Chamber's LAB wants to listen to you as well. Feel free to contact the office 845-628-5553 and leave a message for Thom or Larry. And ask for your copy of Carmel Vision 2020.

Iannicari and Zacks are Co-Chairs of the Legislative Advocacy Board The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber Commerce.

Murphy was Out of Touch with Common Sense Gun Legislation

By Jeff Raderstrong

When I moved to Sleepy Hollow over two years ago, I was shocked to learn my State Senator did not support common sense gun legislation. Gun violence is a critical issue for me as a member of the Columbine generation, so I reached out to his office to start a relationship and talk about our differences. I was sure that if we could connect, constituent to representative, we'd be able to find some middle ground.

That State Senator was Terrence Murphy. Two years later, he is no longer my representative, voted out of office by a massive "blue wave" that installed a Democrat in my state senate district for the first time in over a century. I am happy to see Senator Murphy go, and my family and I actively volunteered for his opponent, Pete Harckham.

But, I started my relationship with Senator Murphy wanting to vote for him. Despite being from different parties, I respected what seemed like his common-sense approach to legislating. I decided

that if he would listen to me and his other constituents about gun violence and temper his positions, I would support him. But, not only did Senator Murphy not change his position, he wouldn't even hear me out. I arranged three different meetings with him through a local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, which I volunteer for, and he did not show up for a single one. We spoke with his staff instead—who were all very nice—but there was no compromise or exchange of ideas. So, when the election came, I had no choice but to work to elect a representative for my community that understands my family's values.

A common theme from this year's midterm elections is the increase of "partisanship": More people are voting based on party identification than anything else. The Democratic successes were filtered through a media narrative that said those gains were due to a partisan reaction to President Trump. But this narrative belies a greater truth that communities feel their representatives are

out of touch with what constituent's value. This shows up in teachers demanding better pay in states like Oklahoma and West Virginia, the election of a Democratic governor in deep-red Kansas after the Republican party decimated the state's budget, and of course, the

overwhelming defeat of the Republican-aligned Independent Democratic Caucus (IDC) in the New York State Senate.

One of the strongest indications of elected representatives being out of touch

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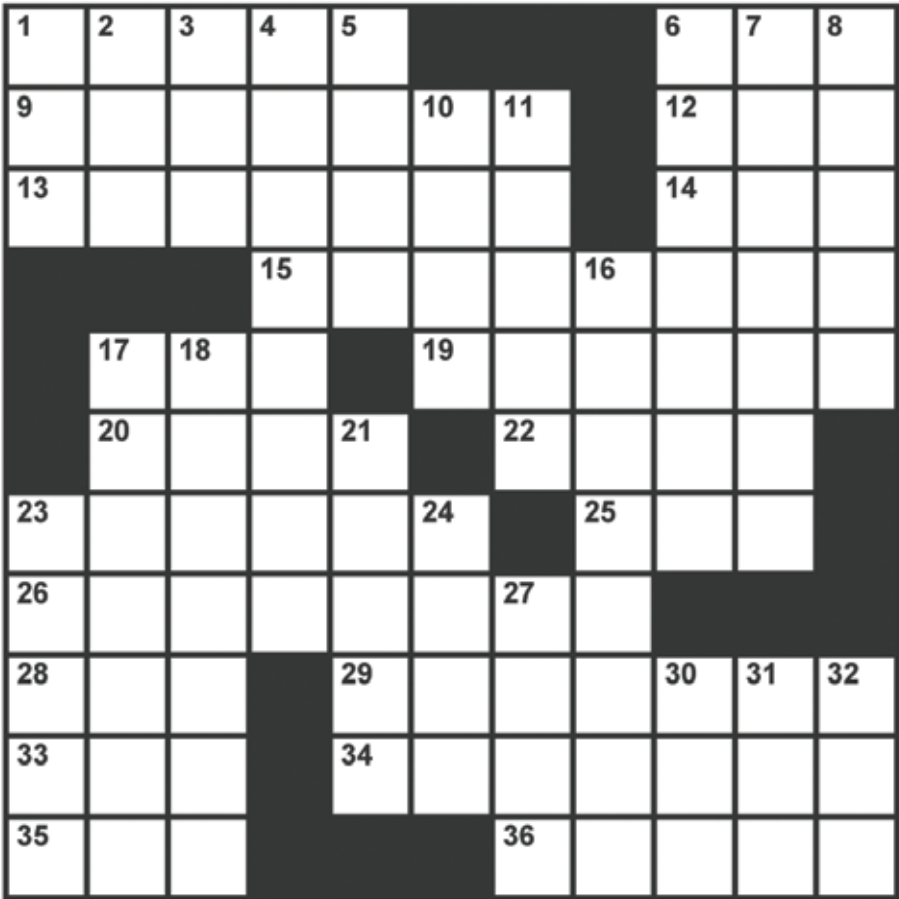
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across**
- 1. The name of this Peekskill Indian restaurant means "Tasty"
 - 6. 2nd letter addendum
 - 9. Agitations
 - 12. HDTV brand
 - 13. Sum
 - 14. "___ is never finished, only abandoned," da Vinci
 - 15. Political prisoner, e.g.
 - 17. Mid.
 - 19. Harmonized
 - 20. Two-dimensional extent
 - 22. Go downhill, in a way
 - 23. Humbled
 - 25. Hems and haws
 - 26. Movie: "Victor ____" or Mahopac deli
 - 28. Lord of the Rings tree shepherd
 - 29. Beans
 - 33. Classic car of 1915
 - 34. Married couples
 - 35. Atlas abbr.
 - 36. Do a greenhouse job
- Down**
- 1. Groove
 - 2. A, in Acapulco
 - 3. Type of computer monitor
 - 4. Car safety feature
 - 5. Saint Thomas or Saint Martin
 - 6. A sleigh puller
 - 7. Lengthy discourses
 - 8. Full, at last
 - 10. Tsk tsk
 - 11. Neuters
 - 16. Allied (with)
 - 17. Furniture piece
 - 18. Farm vehicle
 - 21. Seemingly forever
 - 23. Maintains
 - 24. Egg ___ soup
 - 27. Operatic prince
 - 30. Internet provider, for short
 - 31. Prefix meaning "modern"
 - 32. Mach 1 breaker, abbr.

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New Senior Center Opens in Cold Spring

The following is a press release from the Putnam County Executive's Office.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell was joined by other elected officials, community leaders and seniors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Friendship Center of Philipstown—the new county-operated senior center, on the former Butterfield Hospital Property in Cold Spring on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The 6,000 sq.ft. senior center will provide meals, social activities, physical fitness classes, and other programs through the Office of Senior Resources.

“County government has come to Philipstown and we hope that the senior center is the first of many programs that will extend to the western side of the county,” said Odell. “We must thank several people for making today possible: Leg. Barbara Scuccimarra for speaking up for the needs of District 1; Leg. Carl Albano, as the chairman of the Physical Services Committee, for making sure project was both socially responsible to our senior population and fiscally responsible for our taxpayers; developer Paul Guillaro for his unwavering confidence in Putnam County; the trade unions and the highway department for their talents and craftsmanship as well as helping us implement the pilot PLA; our state representative – Sen. Sue Serino and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef for helping us secure funding for the senior center; and to Donna Anderson for her leadership and citizenship and being a



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Leg. Barbara Scuccimarra, surrounded by seniors, elected officials, representatives from Teamsters Local 456, Plumbing and Heating Local 21 and North East Regional Council Of Carpenters Local 279 as well as community leaders, cut the ribbon at the grand opening celebration of the Friendship Center of Philipstown in Cold Spring on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

shining light for this community. Each of us played a piece in the history made here today.”

Scuccimarra was proud to work on behalf of the seniors for the Friendship Center and thanked County Executive Odell for her commitment to the seniors.

“Seeing the senior center come to fruition will be one of the highlights of my legislative tenure,” she said. “Let us remember those seniors who started this journey with us but who were not able to see this day come.”

The need for a senior center for the Philipstown community had been discussed for more than a decade. Odell has been committed to the project since at least 2013.

Serino spoke about perseverance. “Thank you to County Executive Odell, Legislator Scuccimarra and Paul Guillaro for not giving up,” she said. “I am so happy that the seniors have a place to come to and be Putnam proud.”

Galef agreed with Serino. “Good things don’t happen overnight, but this senior

center proves that good things can still happen,” she said.

Michael Cunningham, Director of Putnam County’s Office for Senior Resources, was excited about the opportunities the Friendship Center of Philipstown will be able to offer the services. “The seniors are already loving this new center, which reaffirms that this was worth fighting for,” said Cunningham. “We are already looking at what other programs we can utilize here to better serve the seniors.”

Cunningham’s predecessor, Patricia Sheehy, was also in attendance of the ceremony. “I am thrilled to have been able to walk through those doors and see this senior center be a reality,” Sheehy said.

Donna Anderson thanked the elected officials. She also thanked her fellow seniors for their willingness to take on the fight. “We rallied together,” Anderson said. “We challenged the village board for what we deserved.”

Joining the officials at the ribbon cutting were two local centenarians, Rosina Parcesepe and Joseph Etta, both of Cold Spring, and many other seniors who are looking forward to being active participants at the new center.

The Friendship Center of Philipstown is located 1756 NY-9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516. For more information about the programs and services available through the Office for Senior Resources, visit www.putnamcountyny.com/osr.

Mahopac Teacher Inspires Students to Give with Purpose

When you learn, teach. When you get, give. - Maya Angelou

These words apply to no one better than Jennifer Degl, Mahopac High School science teacher and mother of four, author and renowned public speaker.

Degl and students of her ninth- and 10th-grade Honors Earth Science class and 11th- and 12th-grade Global Environmental Issues class, collected about 150 toys for the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital. Not only was this

a lesson in giving but it also offered a perspective on the precious gift of life.

In 2012, Degl’s daughter was born at 23 weeks’ gestation. Weighing just 1 pound, 4 ounces and 11 ¾ inches long, her baby girl was born at the cusp of viability. Maria Fereri’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) became a second home for the four months Degl. The more her daughter thrived in the NICU, the stronger her bond and appreciation grew for the work of the nurses and doctors. As a result,

she initiated the NICU Parent Mentor Program for which her entire family volunteers. “We also have a large team, ‘From Hope to Joy,’ that walks at the ‘Go the Distance’ walk each year and we typically raise between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each year for the hospital,” Degl said.


On each day of Hanukkah and on Christmas Day, Maria Fareri gives each hospitalized child, and their siblings, a box of toys. And for the past five years, Degl has organized her students to help with the giving.

This year, much of the high school community was involved: the custodial staff provided the large boxes that were decorated and used for delivering toys; the German Club donated advent calendars; high school principal Dr. Lawrence provided the transportation and her students provided the multitude of toys.



On one of December’s rare sunny mornings, Degl and her student volunteers arrived at the hospital and were immediately greeted by staff who gave the students an overview of what they do and the kinds of patients and conditions treated there. The neonatologist who treated Degl’s daughter personally escorted the students to the NICU. The students were able to tour the NICU and see first-hand the babies who are treated there. They also got to speak to some of the NICU nurses and physicians.

This experience Degl provided to her students truly represents the Mahopac High School’s core values of compassion, resilience, problem-solving and risk-taking.



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Mahopac MS Student Government Reps Children's Hospital

As the custom for over two decades, Mahopac Middle School Student Government student representatives; along with their adviser and teacher, Richard Kozera, and middle school administrative assistant, Annette Simmonds, delivered over 100 toys to infant and toddler patients at Blythedale Children's Hospital is a specialty children's hospital in Valhalla, NY.

The students continued to spread holiday cheer by playing with several the infants and toddlers, who have complex medical and rehabilitative needs. This is a shining example of the Mahopac Central School District's "Mahopac Way."

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Middle School Students Make Birthdays Better in Brewster

Birthdays at Henry H. Wells Middle School just got a little more exciting. The Birthday Buddies, a group of three 7th graders that are part of the Kindness Klub, have started to recognize student birthdays each week by decorating the lockers of their peers.

"The idea started from the excitement you get when you get your locker decorated for your birthday," said Brianna Franklin, one of the Birthday Buddies.

"A lot of people don't get that because it only happens if your friends do it," Jenna Mueller added. Mueller first spoke about the idea with her mom before asking Franklin and Mya Coston if they'd help. The three girls then took the idea to Joanna Biagi, seventh grade counselor and Kindness Klub advisor.

The club, which started last year with a group of sixth graders and is now 26 members strong, works hard to spread kindness in the Wells community. The group has done amazing things like hosting a Kindness Week last month, posting encouraging posters around



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the school, painting a mural, putting inspirational notes on every student's locker, and running a food drive. They

also try to recognize others with "What's Up Wednesday." On Wednesdays, all Wells students are given a kindness

challenge. A recent example was "to help at least three people do something they are struggling with; say kind words and tell them to be determined."

When the girls came to Biagi with the Birthday Buddies idea, she thought the Kindness Klub would be a great fit. "Three members in particular, the Birthday Buddies, decided to be kind by recognizing everyone's birthdays throughout the year," Biagi said. "With some help, they created a simple acknowledgement of each student's birthday."

To catch up on the birthdays they've missed so far, the core group of Birthday Buddies turned to their Kindness Klub friends for help. Club members took to the halls of Wells in pairs with supplies and clipboards in hand. The clipboards had all the information they needed to match birthdays and locker numbers. They taped a special birthday note, a colorful balloon, and a pencil to each locker all in the hopes of giving their classmates that special feeling of excitement.

Brewster HS Students Participate in All State Festival

On November 17, 12 Brewster High School students participated in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All State Festival in Hyde Park.

Musicians from schools throughout the Hudson Valley were selected based on scores from their vocal or instrumental performances in last spring's NYSSMA Solo Festival. The student musicians chosen were placed in the festival's Mixed Chorus, Treble Chorus, Band, and Orchestra conducted by professional or collegiate directors.

While weather-related cancellations cut their rehearsal time in half, students persevered. They arrived at 9 a.m. at host school Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park to begin rehearsal and performed at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Students in the Treble Choir sang under the direction of Dr. Janet Galvan, professor of music at Ithaca College. Students in Concert Choir sang under Dr. Mihoko Tsutsumi from SUNY Oswego and band students under Keith Hodgson from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Metro-North Initiates Positive Train Control on Mid-Hudson Line

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Positive Train Control.

"Safety is a core value of Metro-North and we are very pleased to build on our existing safety measures as we roll out this important new system," said Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi. "We overcame numerous challenging obstacles to reach this milestone. We will continue to work unceasingly to ensure this rollout takes place as quickly as possible, and we will continue to aggressively look for new and better ways to improve safety throughout the railroad."

"While no single technology can eliminate all risk, the introduction of PTC dramatically reduces the risk of train accidents," said MTA Chief Safety Officer Patrick Warren. "The MTA remains

steadfast in its drive to sustain and improve safety measures in all aspects of the operation of its railroads."

Metro-North Railroad and the Long Island Rail Road are adhering to an aggressive segment-by-segment implementation schedule that puts them on paths to complete the rollout of Positive Train Control across their entire networks before the federal deadline of Dec. 31, 2020.

For a video explaining how Positive Train Control works, visit the MTA's YouTube Channel at [YouTube.com/MTAInfo](https://www.youtube.com/MTAInfo). Searching for the phrase Positive Train Control will bring up a three -minute video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIX9wWlY_wg.

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Handmade Holiday Memories to Last a Lifetime or Two

Before I married, I had a roommate, Tom, who was an excellent artist and craftsman, a fellow who added more taste and style to our place than one normally would expect to find in an apartment occupied by two bachelors.

We shared living space for little more than a year but when Christmas approached, he suggested that we have a fully decorated tree. I was somewhat surprised, even resistant, to such an idea but he insisted. Because he was really into crafts, he suggested that we make our own ornaments. I was definitely not interested in that prospect, so I suggested that he make the ornaments and I offered to buy the tree.

Because he worked in the garment district, he had access to shops where he bought spools of ribbons, many kinds of different glass beads, sequins, buttons and feather plumes. With a supply of different sized Styrofoam balls and lots of straight pins, he had assembled all the makings of a home industry for ornaments. And



By Bill Primavera

artistic as he was, he crafted ornaments that were indeed sensational.

Impressed by his artistry, I thought I'd try my hand at it and must confess, while I'm not at all crafts oriented, I enjoyed it.

When I moved out, I didn't get custody of the handmade Christmas balls, but soon after I was able to bring the concept to my wife and, as newlyweds, we had our first project to share.

In the days before A.C. Moore and Michael's, not to mention Martha Stewart, the place to get the wildest stuff for

ornamental projects was in Manhattan's hat district, west of Fifth Avenue on 38th Street. On my way home from work each day, I'd pass through and buy interesting hat decorations at a time when women still wore hats.

Then, immediately following dinner, my wife and I would sit in the living room, spread out my finds on our large coffee table and get to work.

We came up with the idea of each

making one elaborate tree ornament every year throughout our marriage, but we got so much into our new hobby that it became an obsession the first year. The balls became more and more elaborate as we practiced our skills, and many were themed with their own names.

One, completely covered in pink ribbon ruching, was named our Baby Girl ball, even though we didn't have a baby yet. There was the Grace Kelly ball with pale blue and yellow ribbons and pearls; the Swan Lake ball with white ribbons, white feathers and crystals; the Can-Can Girl ball with black and red ribbons, beads and a black feather plume on top; and a large Faberge ball with semiprecious gems taken from old pieces of jewelry.

The tips of our thumbs had developed calluses from pushing in the pins until we got smart and used thimbles to aid our obsession.

We decided it would be safer to buy a large artificial tree so that there would be no threat of sap staining the balls, and we kept producing our little gems until we ran out of space on the tree. We had become Christmas ball addicts.

During that first holiday season, we magnanimously allowed any visitor to

select one of our creations for their trees, and still our tree seemed overlaid. We must have OD'd on our first year's attempt because we haven't made a single ball since then. We did, however, add antique and specialty ornaments over the years as presents to each other.

To this day, couples with whom we are still in contact from our first year together remind us annually that they think of us when they take their gifted ball out of its box.

As we have grown older, our tree has become smaller, and our daughter, who was predated by that pink ribbon ball in her honor, is now the recipient, one by one, of our early Christmas ornament bingle.

I guess that's the kind of stuff newlyweds do together, projects that can be appreciated later in life when there's time to do so. That's exactly what has happened.

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Sampling the Sweet Spot for Tempranillo Wines – Rioja



By Nick Antonaccio

In last week's column our virtual travel transported us to the Ebro River Valley, a hotbed of exciting developments in Spanish wines. Here the Tempranillo grape reigns supreme. This grape is rarely grown outside of Spain and Portugal (I'm starting to see a bit coming out of Argentina, California and even Texas), but within Spain it thrives as the unabashed answer to France's Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir. Different for sure but with favorable components of each of those two illustrious and legendary grapes.

In the Tempranillo grape, the Spaniards have the thick skin, complex characteristics and deep color of the Cabernet Sauvignon with the subtleties and unique fruit and herb aromas of the Pinot Noir. The result is a bold wine redolent with berry aromas, a hint of vanilla and spices and a whiff of leather.

To confuse matters, this grape is known by different names across Spain: Cencibel, Tinto, Tinto de Toro and Tinto Fino, among others. The two most respected locales of this grape are Rioja and Ribera del Duero (we'll focus on this region

in a future column). But don't be confused; it's the same grape, just grown in unique locales.

Having just described the unique characteristics of the Tempranillo, be aware that, just as with French winemakers, most Spanish winemakers are not content to allow the grape to rest on its laurels. The French art of blending is pursued vigorously by the Spaniards. Through winemakers' masterful crafting with other grapes, principally Graciano and Garnacha, a very American-style wine has surfaced: medium bodied, medium alcohol, fruit-forward, mild acidity and very aromatic.

There is a plethora of Tempranillo-based Rioja wines coming into the United States market, in multiple price ranges and different styles. They are excellent accompaniments to most tapas-style foods as well as traditional Mexican dishes. Experiment with Italian tomato-based pastas and meats. And don't forget grilled meats; the char and smoke of steak or ribs pair well with the rich aromas of an inexpensive Tempranillo.

Here is a sampling of the current releases of the most prevalent offerings and a few to be sought out. The wines are available at many of the wine retailers in The Examiner distribution

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area. These dedicated proprietors all strive to meet customers' preferences and requests. Stop in and try one, you may discover your newest favorite wine.

1. Sierra Cantabria Crianza 2015 (\$15): Plum flavors, good ripeness and concentration.
2. Sierra Cantabria Cosecha (\$15): Dark color, black cherries, medium bodied, very rich.
3. Sierra Cantabria (\$12): The third Cantabria offering recommended. Lovely red fruits, perfectly balanced.
4. Marques de Caceres (\$10): Black fruit, discreet touch of oak.
5. Osoti Crianza (\$13): Organically grown, vibrant fruit and oaky notes.
6. Allende Estate (\$39): Layers of fruit, ripe tannin and excellent balance.
7. Campo Viejo Crianza (\$13): Soft and fruit-forward, not oak driven.
8. Campo Viejo Reserva (\$16): Aged for three years, well balanced.
9. Marques de Vitoria Gran Reserva (\$32): Aged five years, huge wine at a great price.
10. Conde de Jauregui Crianza (\$13): Long finish, vanilla notes.
11. Marques Vitoria Crianza (\$11). Compare and contrast to the top bottling above, rich bouquet of berries and spice, creamy oak.
12. Abel Mendoza Seleccion Personal (\$49): Single vineyard, 100 percent Tempranillo, opaque purple, berries

'a plethora of these wines are coming into the United States market'

galore.

13. El Coto Crianza (\$10): Superb concentration of fruity flavors.

14. Marques Murrieta Reserva (\$20): Plenty of fruit, 25 months in oak, will evolve even more with age.

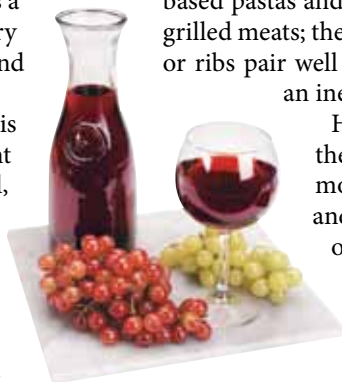
15. Bodegas Muga Reserva (\$15): Mid-priced offering from this top producer, layers of flavor, lengthy finish.

16. El Pundito (\$55): Notes of dark raspberry and oak, creamy body, great complexity.

17. Marques de Riscal Reserva (\$14): Oaky vanilla and spices, soft tannins.

From the Ebro River region to the Duero River region; our adventures in Spain continue next week.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SECOND MOUSE CHEESE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 10/18/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **SECOND MOUSE CHEESE, LLC, 351 Manville Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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herein summarized shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours for twenty (20) days following the date of publication of this notice at the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York. **Noreen Regan, Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York**

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Ongoing Mondays:

Chair Yoga: Reed Library: Until Feb. 25th at 10:30 a.m.

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Ongoing Thursdays:

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Watercolor Goache: Reed Library. Until Feb 14th at 10 a.m. Goache is a painting technique in which an opaque white pigment is added to watercolors to produce opacity. Registration required.

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Thursday, January 3

Teen Balloon Club: Learn how to make balloon animals, then go out into the community to make balloon animals at special local events. 3:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to earn community

service credit; pick up a Teen Volunteer application at the Library or download one from the Library website. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 136.

Friday, January 4

Book Club: @ 11 a.m. Flo Brandon Book Group. Join us for a discussion of Catherine the Great by Robert Massie. Drop-in group; no registration needed, and new members are always welcome. For information about future reads visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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

Saturday, January 5

Horror Story Book Group: 10 a.m. This group, led by Heather Powderly, meets on the first Saturday of each month to read and discuss horror novels. On January 5 the group will discuss Pet Sematary by Stephen King; pick up a copy of the book at the Library's Circulation Desk. Drop-in group; no registration needed. Visit www.mahopaclibrary.org for more information.

Make braided bracelets: Using synthetic sinew Ages 8-12 may join Denise Fuchs at the Kent Library. 1 p.m. You can choose to add an inspirational charm to personalize it if you like. Registration is required. Space is limited. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52 and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

The Gentle Organizer Tips with Linda Bonorden: 1 p.m. Linda will teach you how to enjoy your space and your possessions again. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52 and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Sunday January 6

Music Concert: Reed Memorial Library: 2 p.m. International Music Concert. An afternoon of music by Eliot The Singing Sax.

Monday January 7

Monday Evening Book Group: Mahopac Library @ 7:30 p.m. This group will discuss The Immoralists by Chloe Benjamin. Drop-in group, new members always welcome. For information call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Tuesday, January 8

Reeds at Reed Book Club: Discuss My Absolute Darling by Gabriel Tallent. Please call to request the book.

Engage your Dreams in 2019 with Rose Christmas: 6:30 p.m. Use the law of attraction to engage with your dreams in the new year. Reed Library.

Free Smoking Cessation Program: The eight-week Freedom From Smoking (FFS) program starts January 8, and continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 12:30 p.m. at the health department's main office at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster. Each session lasts 45 minutes. The last class is on February 28. Pre-registration is required, as group size is limited. More information on the program can be found online at www.freedomfromsmoking.org. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390, ext. 43155.

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

Wednesday, January 9

Lunch & Learn: Healthy Eating Made Easy: Noon. Learn smart eating habits and important nutritional facts to keep you healthy with information from Hannaford Dietitian Allison Stowell, who will show you how a healthy diet can be nutritious and delicious! Feel free to bring your lunch while you listen in on this great program. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

College Financial Planning: 6 p.m. This workshop will help families learn options and strategies for paying the college bill as well as ways to save for college, including: 529 college savings plans & Coverdell education savings accounts. Registration is requested. Visit www.mahopaclibrary.org to register.

Murphy was Out of Touch with Common Sense Gun Legislation

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with their constituents is the issue of gun violence. Around 90% of Americans support background checks on all gun sales, yet Congress has refused to make this popular policy law. And voters are beginning to reject politicians who won't do anything to stop the carnage of gun deaths in this county. In races where NRA-backed candidates ran against candidates endorsed by Everytown for Gun Safety, nearly 80% of the gun safety candidates won.

This dynamic is particularly apparent in Westchester: Senator Murphy was one

of only two in the County with favorable NRA ratings. Now there is only one. And this came after NRA-backed Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino's defeat last year, in an election where a debate on gun shows was particularly prominent.

I hope this moment in history is not remembered as an era of hyper-partisanship, but of increased engagement in democracy. I hope politicians can learn from Senator Murphy's failings and remember why they are elected to office—to listen to those they serve. We don't always have to agree, but we have to hear each other out, and work to compromise, no matter our differences.



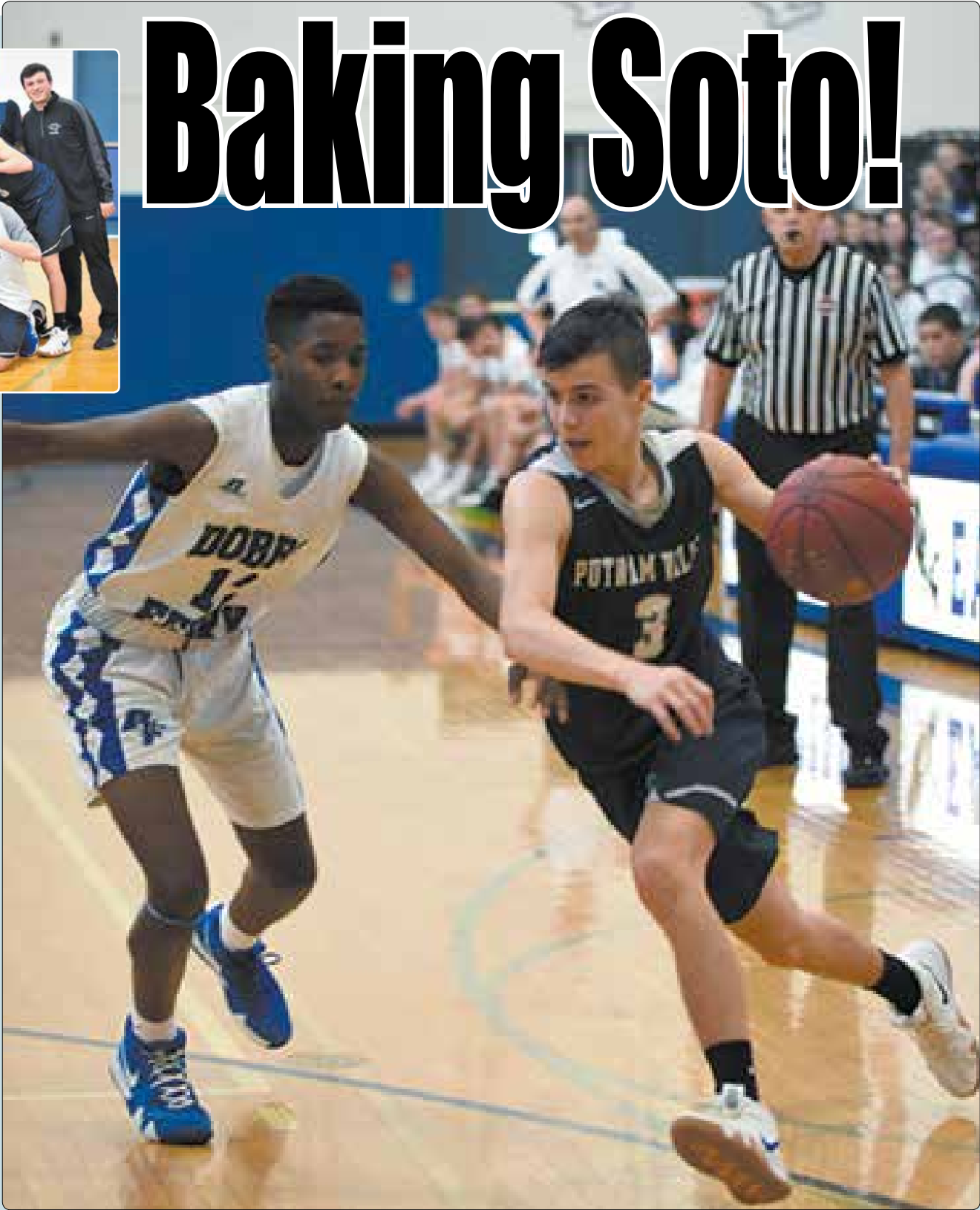
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Putnam Valley senior G Ryan Soto (3) popped off for a season-high 14 points, including a pair of game-sealing, fourth-quarter treys, plus this nifty baseline runner against Dobbs Ferry's Lester McCarthy in the Tigers' 60-53 win over the state-ranked (No.12) Eagles last Saturday in the championship round of the Dobbs Ferry Holiday Classic where the celebratory Tigers (inset) regrouped just after the half from losing All-Section F TJ Brescia to an ankle injury that could sideline him for a few games... see Boys' Hoops Notebook

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Put Valley Wins Epic Tourney Battle vs. Dobbs Ferry

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Class B hoops fans and coaches flocked to state-ranked (No.12) Dobbs Ferry last Saturday in what many suspect was a potential prelude to the Section 1 championship as the host Eagles, a perennial powerhouse, eagerly tested their wears against a Putnam Valley program that has been to five of the last six Class B Final 4's, including two championship appearances, under Coach Mike McDonnell, who lives but two blocks from Dobbs Ferry High and knows a thing or two about the Eagles.

McDonnell knew full well going into the tourney title tilt that his Tigers (8-2) would need to be at their best against the Eagles (7-3) – despite a wrenched ankle to F/C TJ Brescia -- after PV stumbled in a Week 1 loss to (No.25) Briarcliff, the reigning Class B champs.

The balky ankle reared its ugly head early in the second half when Brescia was forced to the bench, but the Tigers barely skipped a beat and finished the game on

a 17-6 run to beat the Eagles, 60-53, for the Dobbs Ferry Holiday Classic championship.

Put Valley senior F Darnel Shillingford led the way with 20 points and an All-Tourney nod, but it was Tiger MVP Ryan Soto who made a significant difference, going for a season-high 14 points, including a pair of back-breaking, fourth-quarter 3s (three 3s in all). Brescia dominated before going down, putting up 11 points, while PV senior G Brandon Guerra added seven clutch points and reserve wing Ivan Caposito hit a big 3 ball in the closing run.

"Ryan was big for us today and Charlie (Gatewood) was huge yesterday," Shillingford said. "If we all play liked we did today, we're a hard team to stop."

Soto was almost banished to the bench after a poor start to the season, but Coach McDonnell stuck with him and it's paid dividends of late.

"We knew as soon as TJ went down it was going to be a tough one," Soto said. "But we all did what we had to do and we all stepped up. Today really proved to me what I'm capable of, and I'm looking forward to keeping it up."

PV cruised into the finals with a 64-37 win over Valhalla in the first round of the tourney, doing so behind Shillingford's double-double (17 points, 10 rebounds), plus a career-best effort from Charlie Gatewood, who went for 15 points and six steals.

"Charlie was outstanding," McDonnell said of the 5'6" Gatewood. "He made challenged layups that had the Dobbs players smiling in awe. He put on a show in the first quarter."

Ryan Soto (11 points) and swingman Brandon Guerra (8 points) also contributed during one of the Tigers' finest backcourt efforts of the year...

If you're looking for something to do after the New Year, look no further than Carmel High School for the 12th annual Putnam Hoops Challenge, which pits three Northern Westchester teams against three Putnam County clubs on Saturday, Jan. 5th, including Walter Panas vs. Mahopac (2:00 p.m.); North Salem



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Put Valley G Brandon Guerra sinks two of his six big points in Tigers' title-clinching tourney win over host Dobbs Ferry Saturday.

vs. Haldane (4:00 p.m.) and Somers vs. Carmel (6 p.m.). IAABO Board 161, which runs the challenge and referees the games for free, will award scholarships to one player from each team after each game for having exhibited hard work, fair play, cohesiveness, team spirit and sportsmanship. The IAABO membership hopes like heck to get Brewster and Putnam Valley back on board next year with the prospect of getting Lakeland, Fox Lane, John Jay, Yorktown or others in the Northern Westchester area to take on the challenge: Northern Westchester vs. Putnam! Contact Bob Nugent at powervike@aol.com for info.

Happy New Year, y'all! That's still okay/ P.C. to say, right (as if I care)?

NWE/Putnam County Super 7 Hoops Poll

No.1 SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (5-0) would be No.2 seed if playoffs start today and should/could go to 8-0 with Brewster, Lakeland and Carmel on deck.

No.2 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B Tigers (8-2) are on a five-game win streak since losing to

Mahopac and visit a tough Hastings club this week. Brescia could need 10 or more days to mend the ankle IMO, so I'd rest him against Hasting and Pawling and do without until the 15th against North Salem.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (3-4) would be the No.10 seed and draw Ramapo and Panas next before a League I-A rumble with Arlington this week.

No.4 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (5-1) are looking at the No.1 seed if playoffs opened today but rivals Pleasantville and Briarcliff hope to alter things this week.

No.5 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (4-3) would be the 12th seed if tourney started today and draw league rivals Yorktown, Somers and Brewster next. Hornets should settle for nothing less than 2-1 in these three but that's not a given at all.

No.6 CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (3-4) need an impressive performance against Somers in Putnam Challenge to build some confidence for League I-A slate.

No.7 PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (3-2) would be the No.11 seed as of now and will be physically tested this week by a menacing Greeley club and an athletic Mahopac outfit.



AMY KUBIK PHOTO

Haldane swingman Matt Champlin soars for block in recent win over Children's Village.



Put Valley All-Tourney choice Darnel Shillingford drives to rack in Tigers' tourney win over Dobbs.

Sports

Girls' Hoops Notebook

Ossining's Harris Thriving as Pride Shine; Brewster 2nd in Tourney

By Tony Pinciario

Throughout Kailah Harris' varsity basketball career, the Ossining senior has always been an outstanding player for coach Dan Ricci.

The veteran coach has long considered her one of Section 1's top players and this year is no different for the future Seton Hall Lady Pirate.

However, Harris has always been overshadowed by several big-name DI-bound teammates. This year, Harris has elevated her game, even more so in the past two weeks, since fellow senior and UConn-commit Aubrey Griffin has been sidelined with an injury.

The Pride are 5-1 during this stretch with Harris averaging 34 points and 16 rebounds. Harris scored a career-high 53 points against Mount Vernon in one of these wins. She followed it up with a 44-point, 17-rebound performance in a win over Albertus Magnus. Harris also had 20 points and 16 rebounds, despite fouling out with four-plus minutes remaining in the victory over Baldwin in the Slam-Dunk final.

Harris is averaging a team-leading 29.1 points and 16.3 rebounds on the season while maintaining a 90 average in the classroom, which secured a recent Con Ed Scholar Athlete award.

Overall, Ossining is grabbing an average of 41 rebounds per game.

"Every year, Kailah has played with a major Division 1 girl," said Ricci, referring to Shadeen Samuels, Andra Espinoza-Hunter and Griffin. "This year, with the injury to Aubrey, Kailah has been our go-to girl and she has thrived so far in that role. In my opinion, we have the two best players in Section One and that is proving to be true with our success without Aubrey in the lineup."

Harris was promoted to varsity, for



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Ossining C Kailah Harris has reached new heights in recent days, leading the Pride to 8-1 start.

sectionals, as an eighth-grader. She became an immediate contributor her freshman year.

"Kailah's game has evolved more each year," Ricci said. "She has developed a much stronger post-up game and expanded her perimeter game as well. Kailah has always been a major part of our success. There are games when she has been our best player, even with Aubrey healthy. We are a team and all support each other. No one player can do it alone."

Ossining won two of three games at the Diamond State Classic in Delaware, improving to 8-2 this season.

The Pride defeated Mount Lebanon of Pittsburgh (Pa.), 64-56, and Conrad Science of Wilmington (De.), 65-53. Seton (9-3 record), of Bladensburg (Md.), defeated Ossining, 60-47.

Harris finished with 28 points and 21 rebounds against Mount Lebanon. Pride point guard Jaida Strippoli had 22 points,

eight rebounds and eight assists, a massive output, and Julia Iorio added 12 points and five rebounds.

In the Seton game, Harris scored 24 points and snared 10 rebounds and Ashley McFadden had nine points.

Harris had a huge performance against Conrad Science with 37 points and 23 rebounds. Iorio and McFadden each had nine points and Strippoli registered seven assists.

Ossining returns to action at the Westchester County Center, Friday, playing Catholic High School power, Christ the King, at 5:45 p.m.

BREWSTER traveled to Hastings for the annual John Costello Tournament and came away with a second-place finish. The 2017 champion opened with a 64-59 victory over Pleasantville, but dropped a 57-41 verdict to the host school.

Brewster enters the new year with a 6-3 record. Bear G Maggie DePaoli scored a game-high 22 points against Pleasantville. Meghan Beal added 14 points, Grace Galgano contributed 13 points and Alexis Mark came off the bench to score nine points.

"We built an early lead by causing turnovers, but Pleasantville called time out, made great adjustments and started

hitting shots," Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said. "We trailed, 31-30, at the half, and made an effort to get to the rim and line and we were able to do that. The second half was very tight, but we made the plays when we needed to, especially in the final two minutes."

Hastings jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first quarter. Castaldo said his team drew to within four in the third quarter and six with four minutes remaining in the game.

"We came out and had our worst quarter of the season," said Castaldo of the first quarter. "And to a team like Hastings that is very difficult to come back and win. However, we did respond and cut the lead to 30-26 in the third and again in the fourth, 39-33, however, Hastings hit back-to-back threes and iced the game. We lost the game at the free-throw line, going 8 for 23, and because of our first-quarter effort. Hastings deserved to win. They came out stronger than we did and when the game was close they hit shots when they needed to."

DePaoli and Galgano were all-tournament selections. Brewster returns to action, Saturday, hosting league favorite Somers as the competitive League II-C slate heats up in earnest this month.



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*Esposito
Named to
USA Today
All-NYS
Grid Team*



Kennedy Catholic LB Cole Esposito (Cortlandt Manor) was named to the second team USA Today All-NYS football team. The 6'1" 205-pound senior led the Gaels in tackles (114) and sacks (7) and averaged over 11 tackles per game the last two seasons.

Putnam Hoops Challenge

12th Annual

WHO:
Walter Panas vs. Mahopac (2:00 p.m.)
North Salem vs. Haldane (4:00 p.m.)
Somers vs. Carmel (6:00 p.m.)

WHAT:
3 Varsity Boys' Basketball Games, pitting Putnam vs. Northern Westchester

WHY:
Because IAABO Board 161 gives back; a scholarship is awarded to a Putnam County varsity boys' basketball player after each game, whose team participated in the Putnam Challenge, and exhibited hard work, fair play, cohesiveness, team spirit and sportsmanship. Scholarships are given to worthy student athletes from all participating teams.

WHERE:
Carmel High School

WHEN:
Saturday, January 5

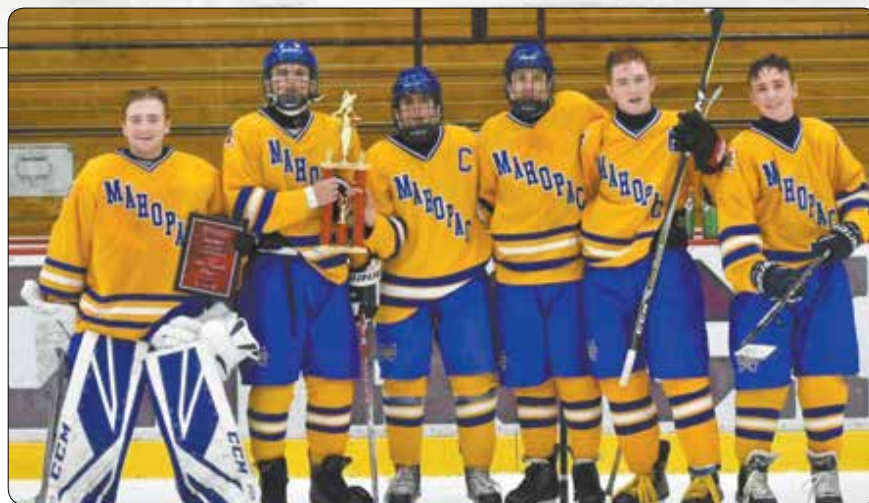
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Mahopac Senior Danglers Lead Indians to Tourney Title, McKee Sets School Record for Career Points



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Behind the record-setting efforts of Mahopac senior center TJ McKee, who broke the school record for total career points (with 155 and counting), the state-ranked (No.14) Indians (10-1) won first place in the 2018 Mohawks Holiday Tournament (senior Niko DeCola -- inset photo --has the hardware to prove it) after defeating Section 2's LaSalle, 4-2, last Thursday at Union College behind two goals from McKee and two more from Brian O'Shea (inset photo).

O'Shea is just 20 points behind the previous school record of 151 career points set by three-sport stud Tyler Perrelle in 2009, putting both McKee and O'Shea in the top three all-time scorers at Mahopac. McKee's hat trick with just minutes gone by in the first period last Wednesday, gave the Indians to a 3-0 lead in the tourney opener en route to a 5-2 win over host Niskayuna/Schenectady/Albany. Tourney MVP honors went to Mahopac G Logan MacDougall (4 GA & 52 saves in two tournament games) while the five seniors (inset photo, McDougall, DeCola, O'Shea, Nick Bricker, McKee and Mike Sottile) set the pace throughout. Behind McKee (30 G, 31 A this season) and O'Shea (41 points), the Indians' attack was something to behold. "These are two young men that any coach would want to have on their team," Mahopac boss Tim Donaghy said of McKee and O'Shea, who also carry a GPA in the mid-90s. "They are our two leading scorers and in practice they are the two of the hardest workers on the ice. They set the standard for behavior in the locker room and around the rink. They will greatly be missed in the future, but I feel they have been such great leaders that many of the younger players have learned from them and will continue the standard set by TJ and Brian." -- By Ray Gallagher @Directrays