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Uneasiness Remains in Brewster Schools Over Threat

By Kristen McNERNEY

Following a threat that resulted in the arrest of one Brewster High School student last month, there was still uneasy apprehension among parents as school officials tried to address school safety last week.

Concerned parents attended a Board of Education meeting last Tuesday, with many upset about the district's handling of the threat and questioning the board about communication and security protocol. Right before the holiday break in December, the Brewster school community was sent into a panic when a student posted threatening messages online directed at the high school. While the student is indefinitely suspended and was even in police custody for a short

time, some parents were still on high alert.

Parents said they were concerned about the student's use of social media, and said it warranted a stronger response from the district.

"Were you aware that the student who posed the threat was facetimeing students during the lockdown?" one mother said.

She also said that she kept her daughter out of school for three days due to a snapchat message her daughter showed her, containing the threat. The mother said she called the district each day with her concerns and received no response.

"There were probably many people with inquiries", said board president Sonia Meskia. "The best we can do is put

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KRISTEN MCNERNEY PHOTO

The Brewster school board heard from concerned parents regarding school safety last week.

A New Class of Master Gardeners



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The 2018 graduating class of Master Gardener Volunteers are a dedicated and diverse group of people who combine their passion for gardening with a sincere desire to share their knowledge with the community. They have all participated in a 12-week curriculum. Classes are conducted by Cornell University faculty, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Educators, members of the horticulture industry and selected senior Master Gardener Volunteers. Each member of the new class makes a commitment to 30 hours per year of volunteer activity for CCE's Environmental Horticulture and Natural Resources educational initiatives. For additional information about CCE's Master Gardener Program please check our website: <http://Putnam.cce.cornell.edu> or call our office at 845-278-6738. New Putnam County Master Gardeners include: Back Row L-R: Lori Conlin, Mahopac; Joan Newman, Kent; Seamus Carroll, Cold Spring. Middle Row L-R: Grace Burke, Somers; Amy Covais, Carmel; Martha Rabson, Putnam Valley; Karen Freede, Putnam Valley; Mary Quillinan, Brewster; Catherine Serreau, Garrison; Barry Leibowitz, Brewster; Jean Arenella, Mahopac. Front Row L-R: Maureen Galway-Perotti, Carmel; Robin Hoffman, Putnam Valley; Elizabeth Matheson, Cortland Manor.

SE Highway Chief Faces Challenge from Within Dept.

By David Propper

It might be awkward within the Town of Southeast highway department for much of 2019 as a worker of the department has announced his intention to run against his boss, Superintendent Michael Bruen.

Michael Burdick, a Republican who has been with the department for 22

years, said he's always had his eye on running for highway superintendent, but family obligations always kept him back. Now with both of his sons out of the house and with the blessing from his wife, Burdick said he figured this is the time to try his hand at it.

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County's Ethics Board to Scrutinize Tilly Foster Caretaker

By David Propper

Issues surrounding the person in charge of tending to the animals at Tilly Foster Farm, who is also the code enforcement officer for Putnam County, will be reviewed by the Board of Ethics later this month, county officials confirmed last week.

Following articles in Lohud about Lou Albano, who is supposed to live and work on the farm along Route 312, County Executive MaryEllen Odell referred matters, though not clear what exactly, to the five-member board which received a letter from Odell last week.

Part of Albano's contract about caring for the animals would require him to live on Tilly Foster free of charge, but according to Lohud, Albano said he was still living in his house in Carmel that receives a STAR exemption.

"I felt an independent review was a responsible way to handle the whole situation," Odell said in an interview. "And that's why the board of ethics was put into place."

Odell said she consulted with the county law department and personnel director Paul Eldridge, who advised her the situation should be looked into by

an independent body. Odell also clearly stated that Albano does in fact live at the farm, which is contradictory to what Albano claimed to Lohud.

"To all that I have known, he does live there," Odell said. "And has been pursuant to the contract that he executed. It's a lot of work, we have a lot of animals up there."

Albano, since Dec. 2017, is required to live on the farm rent free, but also has a home that he shared with his ex-wife along Route 6 in Carmel, which is STAR exempt resulting in saving more than \$1,000 in school taxes each year, according to Lohud. If he didn't primarily live in that Carmel home, he might not be able to receive the tax benefit attached to it, according to Lohud. Albano told Lohud that he lives at his Carmel home and commutes to Tilly Foster three times a day and occasionally sleeps at the farm.

Eldridge, who is the employee representative on the ethics board, said the next meeting for the board is Jan. 25 in which the Albano issue will be reviewed then. Eldridge said the committee of five volunteers will discuss it at the meeting and if more information is necessary, a determination whether or not the county's code of ethics were breached would take more time. The board could also seek

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Lou Albano's duties with the county will be discussed at the next board of ethics meeting later this month.

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Q: What is an Achilles tendon rupture and what causes it?

A: When your calf muscles contract, your Achilles tendon tenses, allowing movement. As we age, its mechanical properties degrade and its blood supply diminishes. A sudden movement can result in a painful rupture – a complete tear through the tendon – and an inability to move your heel. Think of your Achilles tendon as silly putty. Pull it slowly and it elongates and stays intact; pull it fast and it may snap.

Q: This sounds painful, is there anything I can do to lower my risk?

A: Absolutely. Warm up before exercising to get your blood circulating; drink plenty of water to hydrate your muscles and tendons; and be aware of the temperature outside – strenuous activities in cooler temperatures put you at a higher risk. Your tendons become less elastic, less malleable and more prone to injury.

Q: What are symptoms of a rupture?

A: If it's a rupture, you'll likely experience one or more of these symptoms: the feeling of having been kicked in the back of the leg or heel; a popping sound when

the injury occurs; possible severe pain, with swelling near the heel; an inability to bend the foot downward or push off the injured leg when walking; an inability to stand on the toes of the injured leg.

Q: What should I do if I have symptoms?

A: If you have any of these symptoms, elevate and ice the leg to minimize swelling. If you're unable to bear weight you should go to the Emergency Room. If you can bear weight, make an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon for a diagnosis. If it's a rupture, I generally recommend surgery. Non-surgical management is associated with a higher risk of re-rupture and decreased strength. The goal of surgical treatment is to pull the frayed tendons together at the right length for optimal long-term function. This results in faster, more efficient tendon healing.

Regardless of the type of treatment, an Achilles tendon rupture requires a year or more to recover with full function. Consistent physical therapy will help strengthen your calf muscles and your Achilles tendon so you're able to resume all the activities you were doing before the rupture, without pain. The reported risk of re-rupture after surgical repair is about five percent.

County's Ethics Board to Scrutinize Tilly Foster Caretaker

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guidance from the law department or could seek outside counsel, which would be unlikely, Eldridge said.

"It will certainly be reviewed in depth on Jan. 25," Eldridge said, who said he could not reveal details about the referral.

When asked how often Odell has personally reached out to the ethics board to review something, Eldridge said he could only recall once or twice.

Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said to his knowledge, Albano lives on the farm and is available 24-7 to perform his duties.

"Louis Albano has done an excellent job tending to the animals at Tilly Foster Farm," Castellano said in an email. "The Legislature has not received any complaints about Albano's job performance."

When the terms of the contract were drawn up, Odell said she wanted a person that would be the on farm as much as possible, including in the evening and overnight. He is supposed to feed the animals, clean the stalls, collect eggs and take on other various issues that might occur on the farm property.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The animals at Tilly Foster Farm are cared for by Albano, though there was a question whether or not he lived at the farm like he was supposed to.

Albano also caught himself in hot water when he was arrested in October when Carmel police alleged he broke into

his tenant's apartment and stole several items. He was charged with burglary in the 3rd degree and grand larceny in the

4th degree, both felonies. He later pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, which is just a violation, Lohud reported.

Odell said the STAR exemption issue and legal troubles do not fall under the purview of the county. County attorney Jennifer Bumgarner also told Lohud no action would be taken against Albano as a result of the arrest because there is no nexus between the charges and his jobs within the county.

The prior caretaker, who works for the county highway department, lived on the farm in the cottage rent-free for a couple years with her two children, but left when she married. Once she gave the county two-months notice, officials started looking for a replacement. Albano was selected with the county Legislature approving the new caretaker (Legislator Carl Albano, who is Lou's brother, abstained from the vote.)

"He was available 24-7, he's had experience with animals and it seems like it was going to work out perfectly, which it has continued to do so," Odell said. "The animals absolutely love Lou, they're very well taken care of, the property is maintained... It far exceeded our expectations."

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But in order to earn the seat, at least one person he will have to beat is his current boss, Bruen, a Republican who is seeking his second full term.

"It's kind of strange," Burdick said of facing the man he reports to each day, but he added. "It's always been a goal of mine to try my ideas to make the highway department better."

And Burdick certainly believes he can do a better job than Bruen with insight into how the department runs. He wants to improve snow removal, take on more of the paving obligations, and be more transparent with other town officials.

Bruen, in an email, said he is seeking reelection because he is the "most qualified, experienced" candidate after serving the past five years. The highway department has implemented practices that maintain safety, efficiency, and cost effectiveness, Bruen said. He is a longtime Brewster resident who served as highway chief for five years after being appointed to fill out the remainder of a term and then won reelection.

When asked what is was like to have someone who currently works under him gunning for his job, Bruen said he questioned if Burdick, who is a union employee, would have the town's best financial interest in mind

'There are changes that can be made that'll make things better.'

- Michael Burdick

and the possible difficulties of Burdick supervising men he once worked side-by-side with. Burdick said he only has the best interests of the town at heart.

"I think it is great that the American dream is still alive, I believe the transition from co-worker to Supervisor can be extremely hard, if not impossible for most people," Bruen said.

He vowed to not let politics be brought into the department even though it appears the two men have disagreements how the department should be run.

Burdick argued too much paving is done by outside contractors rather than the highway department personnel under Bruen. He believes more work should be done by the department,

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- Michael Bruen

which could save the town money. The department has the manpower and equipment to complete more paving, Burdick said.

When addressing snow removal, he said the response time to cleaning up streets could be faster with the department waiting too long to put salt down and plow.

Burdick said he would be more willing to provide information to the town, which he believes Bruen seems to withhold too often. Burdick vowed to be involved with every facet of the town.

"The highway department seems like the biggest entity of the town," Burdick said.

When addressing putting in new

blacktop, Bruen said it is far more cost effective to use outside contractors for large paving projects and have highway workers handle other necessary repairs.

Bruen said current snow removal practices are efficient and streamlined that still provide "unparalleled safety" to motorists during storms. He doesn't believe large amounts of salt need to be wasted that could hurt the environment and result in an egregious amount of overtime to keep roads safe.

As for being forthcoming with the board, Bruen stated, "I believe the Town Board recognizes that I maintain an open door policy toward transparency."

While it's out in the open that Burdick is running, he and Bruen have yet to have what presumably could be an uncomfortable talk about facing each other in a GOP primary. The two men have seen each other daily, but no mention of the race has come up.

Burdick grew up in Brewster, then moved away to nearby Holmes before moving back to the town recently. Before becoming part of the highway department, he had his own excavating and contracting business.

"If I didn't think I could do a better job, I wouldn't be running for the position," Burdick said. "There are changes that can be made that'll make things better."

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Leadership Remains Same for County Legislature

By David Propper

For the second straight year, the Putnam County Legislature will have the same leadership in place.

Joe Castellano, who represents District 7, was elected unanimously by his colleagues last Tuesday to be the chairman for the second year in a row and Toni Addonizio, of District 3, was selected as the deputy chair out of the nine-person lawmaking body, which is comprised of eight Republicans and one Democrat.

During the meeting, Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who is a former chair of the

was supporting Castellano as chair with the hopes he would commit to appointing her liaison to certain volunteer boards in the county. Montgomery wrote to Castellano about being appointed the liaison to certain boards in December and then wrote to the rest of the legislature this month about the issue.

Castellano, who was reelected to another three-year term last November, said he was “very honored” to be appointed chairman again. The title of chairman comes with an additional \$8,000 on top of a salary of \$40,000.

“Looking forward to a very exciting 2019 and very grateful and thankful to have the confidence in me to lead the legislature,” Castellano said.

Addonizio, who was deputy chairwoman last year, was appointed unanimously to the position again this year. While the deputy doesn’t hold nearly the same level of power as chair, her selection signals her probable appointment to chair in 2020. The past two chairs of the legislature — Castellano and Nacerino — started out as deputy chair and served for two years before they

were handed the gavel.

Castellano said Addonizio did a fantastic job as deputy last year and represents Kent and Putnam in “outstanding fashion.” The two have worked together on several initiatives, including the county veterans medals, he noted.

Legislator Neal Sullivan said Addonizio has done a terrific job as deputy, “supporting the chairman when necessary.”

“It’s an honor to be deputy chair again and looking forward to a productive 2019,” Addonizio said.



Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano



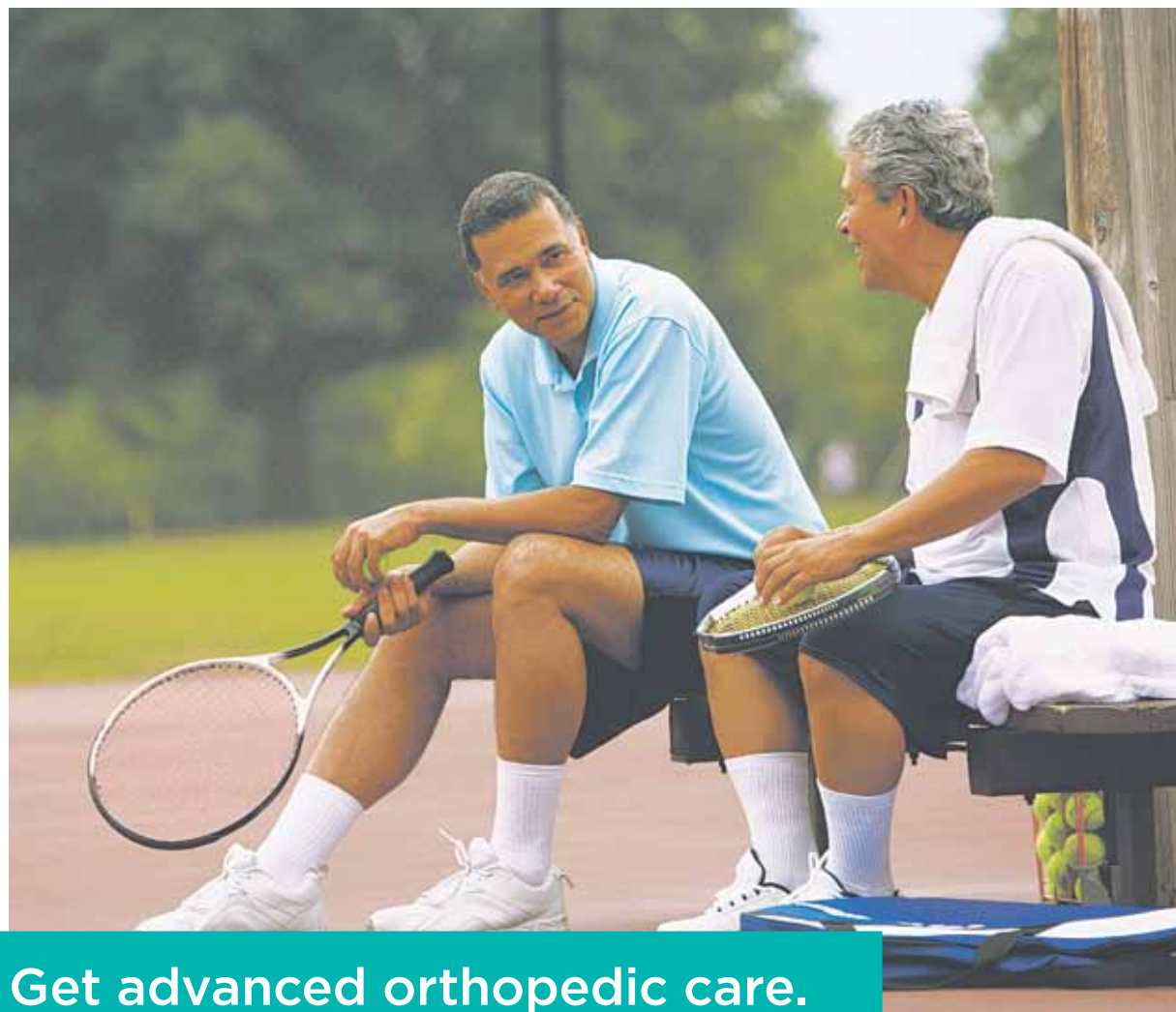
Legislature Deputy Chair Toni Addonizio

legislature, said Castellano’s work last year at leader of the legislature warranted another term as head of the lawmaking body. When nominating him, she called him steadfast and calm, but still firm in the direction he wants to take the county.

“He’s a man of few words, however his words are always noteworthy,” Nacerino said.

Legislator Paul Jonke, who represents Southeast with Castellano, called him a “diligent and hardworking” member of the legislature.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who is the sole Democrat on the board, said she



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Cortlandt Family in Need of Two Kidney Donors

By Rick Pezzullo

It's stressful enough for a family to deal with one major medical issue, but to have to face two life changing crises in the same household can be overwhelming to say the least.

That's the situation the Cancro family of Cortlandt finds itself in as two of its five members are in need of kidney transplants.

"Life is on hold, even planning," said Lisa Cancro as she discussed the conditions of her husband, James, 52, and oldest son, James Jr., 20. "I know there has to be people out there, something they always wanted to do—make an impact on people's lives. It's hard because every day that passes you think..."

Cancro explained there is a genetic kidney disease in the family called focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, commonly known as FSGS. It's a leading cause of kidney failure in adults. Her father-in-law was diagnosed with FSGS in the early 1980s and had two kidney transplants, receiving one from a daughter, but he died at the age of 52.

James Cancro, a retired Fairview firefighter in the Town of Greenburgh, where he served for more than 26 years, suffered kidney failure about two years ago and had to stop working. He has been on dialysis since, going three days a week for about five hours each session—a routine that saps his energy, but keeps him alive as he awaits a transplant.

"It takes a toll on you. He comes home from it, gets something to eat and sleeps the rest of the day," Lisa Cancro said. "That's just one aspect of it. We're grateful that there's something to keep him alive, but it's not what you want out of life. It's like sitting and waiting."

The family suffered a rollercoaster of emotions last September when a kidney became available for James and an operation took place at Westchester Medical Center.

"We thought this was the golden ticket. We thought this was it," said Lisa Cancro, a preschool teacher at Tom Thumb in



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(L-R:) James Cancro, 52, and his son, James Jr., 20, both need kidney transplants.

Mohegan Lake. "We were on such a high when we got the call. This was going to change his life and our lives."

However, there were complications and an infection developed and the transplanted kidney had to be removed after two days.

"It got to the point where I thought I would lose my husband," Lisa said. "He healed relatively well. He's the one going through it physically. I'm going through it emotionally."

Meanwhile, James Jr., a Walter Panas High School graduate, Eagle Scout and aspiring teacher in his second year at SUNY New Paltz, has 23% kidney function and has declined drastically over the last six to eight months, according to his mother.

Once a person's kidney function drops to 20%, they become eligible to be placed on the federally-run United Network Organ Sharing (UNOS) program, which has a wait time in New York State for an organ match of five to seven years. There is also a nonprofit group called Renewal,

which is dedicated to assisting people suffering from various forms of kidney disease. Renewal helped a Buchanan veteran find a kidney last year.

There are more than 150,000 people

in the United States living full and active lives with transplanted kidneys

"He will need dialysis. The ultimate goal is to get a transplant before dialysis," Lisa Cancro said of her son. "It's kind of bittersweet. My son could get a transplant quicker than my husband. He feels the world is at his horizon now."

James Jr. has a common A blood type, while his father has rare O negative blood type. Blood type is only one factor in finding a match. There are several other tests that must be done and criteria that must be met.

Lisa said when her family was tested for the gene that would carry the disease in 2015 she and her other two sons, ages 17 and 12, who are active in local sports leagues, were negative.

Noting she would psychologically be unable to be a donor since "I'm torn between husband and son," Lisa said the recipient's insurance usually covers any costs incurred by the donor.

Anyone interested in possibly donating a kidney to the Cancro family can contact the Westchester Medical Transplant Center at (914) 493-1990 for more information.

Sheriff's Dept. Warns of Credit Card Skimmers

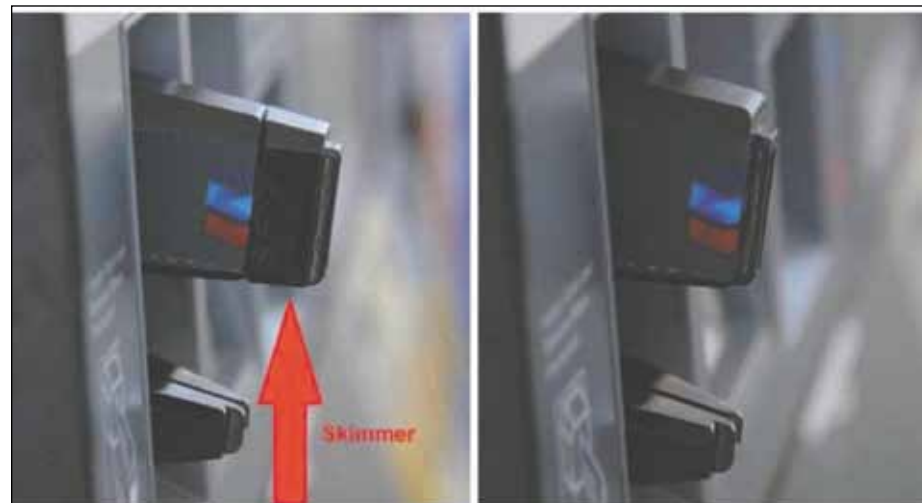
By David Propper

As if feeling the pain at the gas pump weren't bad enough, fraudsters are attempting to obtain customers' credit card information in at least two towns in Putnam County.

The sheriff's department confirmed in a statement last week it was investigating cases where skimming devices have been used to obtain credit card information from gas pumps in Southeast and Philipstown. The exact gas stations were not revealed because the investigation was still ongoing.

The sheriff's department urged residents to be alert for skimming devices when using their credit card or debit card at a gas pump or ATM. Residents should look for signs of damage and pull and twist on the card reader itself as the actual readers are very tough and the skimmer will pull loose in most cases, the sheriff's department stated.

"One should always monitor their Credit/Debit cards for any suspicious activity and report unauthorized use to the authorities," the sheriff's department stated.



A photo provided by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office addressing skimming devices in the county.

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Democrats, Activists Call for Passage of State Elections Reform Package

By Martin Wilbur

Democratic state elected officials rallied with various activists in White Plains last week urging fir election reforms to encourage greater voter turnout and remove the influence of big money in politics.

Lawmakers were joined by labor unions and social action organizations Jan. 8 calling for the state legislature and Gov. Cuomo to enact fair elections legislation that would call for publicly finances small donor matches, stricter limits on individual contributions to campaigns, early voting and same-day registration. All are reforms that have been enacted in other states.

By getting big money interests out of campaigns it will blunt the influence of lobbyists and allow more ordinary citizens to run for public office and spur turnout on Election Day, said Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining). New York City passed similar measures more than 25 years ago and Connecticut instituted similar reforms about a decade ago, she said.

"We need to get the big money out, small donations in," said Galef, who has been fighting for reforms since she first arrived in the Assembly in 1993. "When people give a small donation to a campaign and are invested in a campaign they go out and vote and that's what's

really important. And it also brings democracy to us. People give to these small campaigns."

Supporters of an election reform package said they see for the first time a realistic chance of passing these changes with a Democratic Senate joining the Assembly and Cuomo. In fact, on Sunday the state Senate's Democratic Conference announced that the Senate was scheduled to vote on legislation on Monday afternoon.

Joan Mandle, executive director of Democracy Matters and a professor at Vassar College, said the campaign contribution limits are out of whack with the rest of the country. For example, individuals can give up to \$60,000 to each candidate in a gubernatorial race and limits for Assembly and Senate seats exceed what congressional candidates may receive from individual donations, she said.

As a result, New York ranks 47th in voter turnout among the nation's 50 states.

"A lot of people don't vote in New York and we need to change that and this legislation will change that, too," Mandle said.

Andrew Falk, field director for Citizen Action, one of more than 175 organizations across the state lobbying for a fair elections package, said legislation would more closely reflect

public sentiment because lawmakers' decisions won't be as easily influenced.

He said the public is turned off when their representatives listen to the big money interests rather than their issues.

"The fair elections campaign, that's not just on the plate that is the plate because if we get money out of politics. We can get our individual issues addressed," Falk said.

One of the biggest upsets in state government last year was the victory by Alessandra Biaggi in the 34th Senate District. She defeated Independent Democratic Conference leader Jeffrey Klein in a primary then went on to win the general election despite being outspent by an 11-to-1 margin.

She said she was able to overcome that disparity but few have been able to and many potential public servants don't even try.

"It is actually embarrassing that New York State is 47th in the country for voter turnout," Biaggi said. "I will fight like hell with all of the members of my conference



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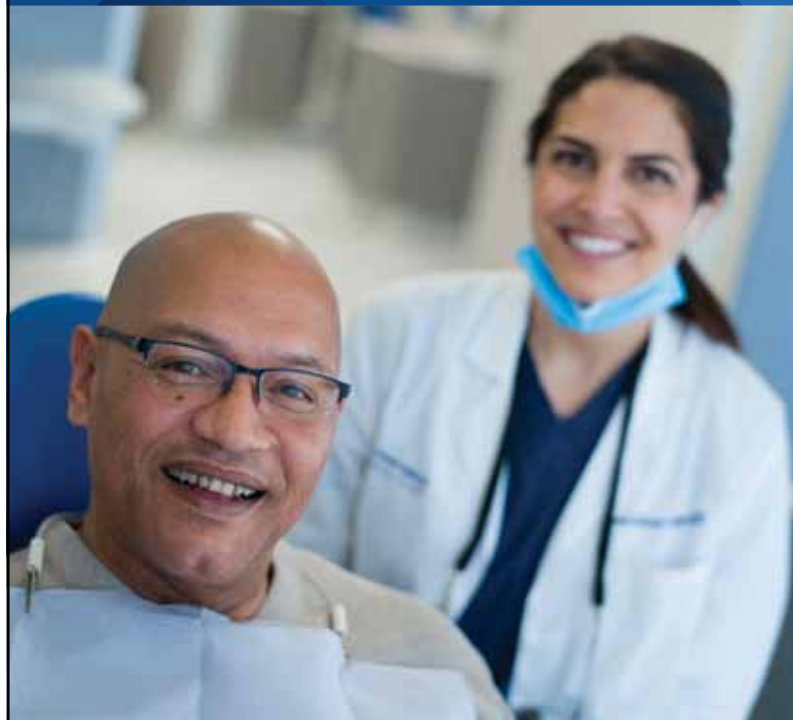
Assemblywoman Sandy Galef was one of many officials and representatives from grassroots groups that called for election reforms last week in White Plains. Galef has been trying to get legislation passed for 26 years.

to make sure this is a priority."

"It's only when we're breaking down the barriers of participating in our democracy that we will create a government that works better for all of us," said Kevin Sheil, head of the Communications Workers of America, Local 1103.

Advocates for election reform have scheduled a day of action in Albany for Tuesday, Feb. 12 to try and convince legislators on the importance of making changes.

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Maloney's Statement on Presidential Address on Immigration

Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) release the following statement in response to President Donald Trump's address to the nation that took place last Tuesday regarding the partial government shutdown.

"We're still in the same position we've been in for a month – and I'll keep saying the same thing: we can have border security and fund the government at the same time.

This fight is not helping anybody – but it has left 800,000 federal workers in the lurch and threatens federal services millions more rely on. It's time for the president and Congress to do our jobs and get the lights back on while also investing in effective border security measures that will keep us safe."

Talk of WWII Hero at Van Cortlandtville Historical Society

The true and tragic story of an American Navy hero who survived fierce battles of World War II only to meet his fate just after the war ended in a plane crash on Mount Beacon in Dutchess County will be the topic of a talk on Saturday, January 19, at 2 p.m., at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Avenue, Cortlandt Manor, New York. Sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society, the event is open free to the public.

Author, photographer and historian David Rocco of Yorktown will present a PowerPoint picture program based on his book---The Indestructible Man: The True Story of World War II Hero

"Captain Dixie." "Captain Dixie" was Commodore Dixie Kiefer of Blackfoot, Idaho, a much-decorated pioneering pilot who was seriously wounded in several naval battles in the Pacific, yet carried on to lead and inspire his men. According to Mr. Rocco's book, when the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, awarded Kiefer the Medal of Valor, he proclaimed the battle-scarred Commodore to be "The Indestructible Man." Who knew that just five months later, Dixie Kiefer and his five crew mates would tragically encounter Beacon, New York ---James Forrestal's hometown!

In his informative and inspiring

program, Rocco will tell the true tale of how no one could have foreseen the end to Captain Dixie's heroic story on that foggy morning of November 11, 1945---at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, on 1,100-foot Mount Beacon---as his aircraft slammed into the northwestern slope of the landmark mountain overlooking the Hudson River. He will also point out what the public can see at the crash site today.

After his talk, Rocco's book, which he co-authored with award-winning writer Don Keith, will be available for sale and signing.

As a photographer of the scenic Hudson Valley and beyond, Rocco has photographed some of the most important and historic restoration projects in the Hudson Valley Region. He is currently known for his stunning pictorial essay documenting the construction and completion of the new Tappan Zee Bridge. These photos have been exhibited recently at the Shrub Oak Library, the Warner Library in Tarrytown, and street festivals in Sleepy Hollow and Nyack. Additional exhibits are scheduled for this year, and Mr. Rocco plans to continue his unique photo coverage---on land and by air --- this coming weekend (Jan. 12) when project engineers conduct a controlled demolition of the remains of the original east anchor span.

A number of his photos that were published in 2016 were considered for a Pulitzer Prize in Photography. Over the years, his photo work has been published in a wide variety of noted publications, and his photo images on the "Damage and Destruction of Hurricane Sandy" have been exhibited at the Arts Westchester Gallery in White Plains and The Museum

of the City of New York. Some of these have been entered into the New York City permanent records.

Rocco has been a longtime volunteer and organizer of many charitable, cultural, historical and environmental initiatives in the local and regional area. He played a seminal role in the successful development and highly popular Walkway Over The Hudson project, the restoration of the historic Mt. Beacon Fire Tower, and the creation of the Yorktown Community Dog Park. He has successfully completed the "Fellows" program at the Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress. A consistent blood donor for the past 30 years, he has been organizing blood, bone marrow and organ donor drives at the popular Yorktown Community Street Festival since 2015.

He is one of the founding members of the Friends of the Mount Beacon Eight organization whose goal is to bring public awareness to the fact that eight U.S. Navy veterans---including Commodore Dixie Kiefer in 1945---were killed in two separate plane crashes on Mount Beacon. The first crash occurred on September 14, 1935, taking the lives of two crewmen, including Katonah native Clinton Hart, an Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class.

A native of Yonkers, Mr. Rocco has resided in Yorktown with his wife, Ruby, since 1995. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

The Little Red Schoolhouse (the venue for the January 19 program) is located at the north end of Locust Avenue, next to Old Saint Peter's Church and Cemetery on the hill just south of Oregon Road in the Town of Cortlandt. For more information, and in case of inclement weather, call (914) 736-7868, or visit: www.vancort.net.

Mahopac High School Senior Joins the 'Golden Dozen'

The Mahopac Central School District is proud to announce the selection of Anthony Corrado, high school senior and varsity football quarterback, to the Westchester County Chapter of The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame 2019 "Golden Dozen" Scholar-Athlete Program.

Corrado's award is in recognition of academic excellence, achievements on the football field, and accomplishments in extracurricular and community service activities. He will be honored on January 31st at the 47th Annual Banquet at the Westchester Country Club in Rye.

Since 1973 the Westchester Chapter has honored over 500 Golden Dozen honorees and awarded nearly \$600,000 in scholarship grants.

"In the classroom and on the field, Anthony is a stellar example of the Mahopac High School's core values of compassion, resilience, problem-solving and risk-taking," says John Augusta, Mahopac High School Athletic Director.



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Business of the Week

Makeup By Danielle Mahopac

By David Propper

For the last decade, women in Mahopac and the surrounding communities know if they want their makeup done right to call Danielle Spirelli.

Spirelli, who owns and runs Makeup By Danielle, which is a home business, has worked the last ten years making hundreds of women feel beautiful before they embark on a major life event like marriage or prom. Spirelli said the idea for her business first began when she was still a dancer and fellow dancers loved the way she did their stage makeup prior to performances. With a natural talent for it, everybody would always ask her to do their makeup.

"So that's where it started, I said, 'hey, I'm kind of good at this, maybe I should make a career out of it and I really enjoy

doing it,'" Spirelli said.

From there, she took a course to get certified, but mostly uses her own artistic instincts to make others look and feel glamorous. Makeup By Danielle will do makeup for prom, weddings, sweet 16s, bat mitzvahs, special events and even just for a group of women simply going out on a Friday night. Many of her customers come from Mahopac, where she resides, and other parts of the Putnam and Westchester counties. She's benefited largely from word of mouth and social media to attract business.

For weddings, Spirelli is willing to travel to the venue, bringing her equipment with her. Spring, summer and fall are the busiest time for her with winter more of a lull. The job is perfect for Spirelli, who is the mother of three children. Most of



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Danielle Spirelli has owned Makeup By Danielle for ten years, making hundreds of women look their best.

the work occurs during evenings and weekends when her husband is home from work.

"Definitely something I want to expand and keep going a bit," Spirelli said.

Spirelli still attends classes to keep up on the latest, hottest trends that are constantly changing because of social

media and Youtube. One of the bigger fads out there right now is airbrush makeup, she said.

Spirelli's goal no matter whom she does makeup for is to make women feel good. She wants them to look in the mirror and feel beautiful.

"I've had people in tears," she said. "You have a woman that looks in the mirror and it brings tears to her eyes because she looks so beautiful, it's such a rewarding feeling. Just to make people feel good I guess would be my philosophy. That's the best part of my job."

Spirelli is so passionate about her profession that she has rarely ever had anyone do her own makeup. In fact, on her own wedding day, she did her sister's makeup and she has done the makeup for all of her friends at their weddings, even when she is in the bridal party.

"I had to have my makeup done once when I was dancing," Spirelli, who danced for the New York Jets and New York Dragons. "And I hated it. When you know what you're doing, you know your own features, it's very hard to let somebody else take over."

Makeup By Danielle can be reached at 914-438-1944 and its website is <http://www.makeupbydanielle.com>.



Doing makeup for other has been a longtime passion for Spirelli.



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Obituaries

Tommy Lyons

Tommy Lyons, of Carmel, spent his last days in hospice care surrounded by family and friends before he succumbed to 9/11 related cancer. His long courageous three-year battle ended as he passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on December 31, 2018. He was born on July 16, 1967 to Pat and Rose Lyons in New York. Tommy was the beloved husband of Jeannie and devoted father of Matt and Jimmy. Tommy is survived by his brother, Kevin (Kathi), brother-in-law John (Connie), sisters-in-law Margaret (Rich), and Kathy (Chuck). He was an amazing uncle to Kristin, James, Meaghan, Callan, Katie, Alexander, Kyle, Conor, Kelley, and Benjamin. Tommy dedicated his life to service. He was a member of the NYPD as a Narcotics Detective. He spent many years dedicated to Carmel youth sports as a coach and mentor. Tommy was an avid reader, sports fan and was extremely knowledgeable of all genres of music and movies. Anytime we were faced with a random or mystifying question regarding these topics, there was a good chance Tommy would know the answer. Tommy was truly loved by all who knew him. He lit up a room when he walked in and would make anyone feel welcome. He had many different groups of friends including the "Giants Crew", "IBOL of the 52", "the Brooklyn guys", and "Bronx Narcotics" all of whom he cherished as brothers. Tommy will be sorely missed. Jeannie and her boys would like to extend a special thank you to all of the medical professionals that helped Tommy through this long three year journey. They treated him with dignity and respect. A special thanks should go out to Dr. Manji, Dr. Stoopler, Dr. Koucher, Dr. Kluger, and countless dedicated and amazing nurses. A very heartfelt thank you goes to the wonderful and compassionate doctors and nursing staff on 6 Hudson North of NYP Columbia who made his last days peaceful. Special remembrances in Tommy's memory can be made to "Project Purple" and/or "The Lustgarten Foundation" for continued research in

pancreatic cancer.

Ralph J. Esposito

Ralph J. Esposito of Mahopac, and formerly of Yorktown Heights, died peacefully on January 5, with his family by his side. Ralph just celebrated his 98th birthday on January first. He was born at home in the Bronx on January 1, 1921, the son of Michael and Mary (Imperiale) Esposito. Following High School, Ralph served in the US Coast Guard during WWII. He attended the NY City Police Academy and became a NYPD officer. He served in the Bronx in the 52 Precinct and retired in 1986 after 28 years of service. Ralph was an active parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where he was a supporter of St. John's Food Pantry, often bringing bags of food to help those in need. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Mooney Council in Mahopac. Ralph was an avid baseball fan. He tried out for the NY Yankees and the NY Giants but was drafted into the Coast Guard instead. He was an avid golfer and as well a professional golf caddie. He caddied for many of the greats of the day including Jack Nicklaus. On September 27, 1947 he married Isabell C. Vallejo in Bethlehem. Isabell predeceased him on April 9, 2011. He is survived by his daughters, Sharyn O'Leary and her husband, Thomas of Mahopac and Mary Bentley of Bedford, TX; his brother, John and his wife, Eleanor of Rockland, County; his sister, Theresa Ragone and her husband, Michael of Warwick; his grandchildren, Thomas (Maria), Andrew (Carolyn), Jonathan (Jessica), Catherine, and Steven (Caroline) and his great granddaughter, Aubrey Isabell. Nellie Lato Tavino, a long-time resident of Brewster, formally of the Bronx, passed away on January 5, 2019. She was 90. Nellie was born December 9, 1928 in Lynn, MA to the late Louis and Catherine Pelicano Lato. Nellie was married to the late Peter J. Tavino for 60 years. Nellie is survived by sons Peter (Mary), James (Nancy), Louis (Mary), Thomas (Ann), daughter Joanne, sisters Marion Zema, Angie Merlino, Liz Zaneri, 11 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Her greatest love was spending time with family and friends. Nellie was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America and part of St. Lawrence O'Toole parish.

Owen J. Boland

Owen J. Boland, 78, and long time resident of Stormville, died peacefully at his residence on Saturday, January 5, surrounded by his loving family. Owen was born on February 26, 1940 in Elmhurst, New York to the late Owen and Eleanor Boland (McLaughlin). Owen grew up in New Hyde Park, NY and attended Sewanhaka High School where he

graduated in 1958. After finishing school Owen went on to attend Kansas University where he majored in Philosophy. On April 4 1964 Owen married his soul mate and companion for the past 55 years, Marianne (Oerter) in a ceremony in Kings Park, New York. Shortly afterward Owen and Marianne would settle down in Stormville, NY. Their family included three beautiful children Kevin, Owen and Ellen. Owen was a proud representative of Vanguard Roofing where he worked in their Commercial Sales Department at the Poughkeepsie, NY office. Owen was a devoted Catholic and parishioner at Saint James the Apostle Church in Carmel, NY where he would also volunteer his time as a Eucharistic minister and lector. In his free time he enjoyed writing poetry, traveling, listening to jazz and working on the seemingly endless list of house projects on the family's five acres of land. Most of all, Owen loved spending time with his friends and family. Owen is survived by his devoted wife Marianne (Oerter) and three loving children; Kevin C. Boland of Montrose, NY, Owen J. Boland of Stormville, NY and Ellen M. Moorehead of Southborough, Massachusetts. His four adoring Grandchildren; Owen J., Zachary, Alexander, and Mary Grace. Owen is also survived by his Brother Dennis of Cold Spring, New York and Sister Deirdre Gray of Vero Beach, Florida. Owen is also survived by his first wife, Kevin's mother, Geraldine G. Boland of New Hyde Park, New York.

Scott Warren

Scott Warren, 73, of Putnam Lake, died peacefully at Danbury Hospital Center on January 8. He was born on October 21, 1945 to the late James P and Martha (Juszczak) Warren. Scott attended school in Illinois and served in the Navy. Scott worked as a boiler room maintenance for Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was an avid Yankees fan and enjoyed computers and reading - especially anything Sci-Fi or about NASA. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council and a past treasurer. He was a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Scott is survived by his sons, Gavin S. Warren of Mahopac, NY and James Warren of Putnam Lake, NY. He is also survived by his sister Barbara and brother-in-law, Hank of Crivitz, Wisconsin. Friends and family may call from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, January 16 at Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster, NY. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday during the calling hours.

William T. Behrends

William T. Behrends, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 9, at the age of 92. He was born in Manhattan on December 4, 1926, the son of Frederick and Margaret

(Dolan) Behrends. Bill served in the US Marine Corps during WWII. Following the war he worked in the business world for National Cash Register Co. (NCR) and Boroughs. Because his job took so much time from his family, he went into education so that he could spend more time with them; a decision he never regretted. Bill had a very long and distinguished career in the Mahopac Central School District. In the mid 1960's he taught fifth grade at the Mahopac Falls Elementary School and from there moved on to Mahopac High School. At the high school level he taught business and became the Athletic Director, a position he treasured and held for many years. Additionally, while at the high school he coached football, gymnastics and track. Following his tenure as Athletic Director, he became an Assistant Principal at the middle school and high school, retiring in the early 2000's. Bill founded the Mahopac Relays, an annual event that brought many schools in the area to compete in track and field events. He was one of the longest serving members of the Section 1 Basketball Committee. He was an active parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where he was instrumental in the CYO program and attended Nocturnal Adoration. On June 28, 1952 he married Josephine T. Walsh in the Bronx. Josephine passed away on April 22, 2005. He is survived by his sons, William, Eugene and John; his daughters, Ann Bastone, Mary Leslie and Joan Behrends; his identical twin brother, Frederick; his grandchildren, Danielle, Amy, R.J., Molly, Jared and Gregory and his great grandson, William. He was predeceased by his step-brother, Edward Lyons.

Anne Ryan

Anne (nee- Fitzpatrick) Ryan, died peacefully at home, on January 10, surrounded by her family. She was born Anne Fitzpatrick in the Village of Crosskeys, County Cavan on June 8, 1920, and was the youngest of six children. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Michael Ryan, a native of County Limerick, Ireland. She is also predeceased by her brothers; Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Jack Fitzpatrick, of County Cavan Ireland, and her sisters; Molly (Fitzpatrick) Johnson, Los Gatos CA., Helen (Fitzpatrick) Simpson, Exeter, U.K., and Katie (Fitzpatrick) Brady, Crosskeys, County Cavan. Anne is survived by her son Brian Joseph Ryan, daughter-in-law Patricia (Byrne) Ryan, and her three grandchildren, Brianna, Daniel and Sean. Until recently, Anne was a long time resident of Carmel. In her early years, Anne attended the technical school in Cavan Town eventually acquiring an administrative position with the school. Anne was a well-known camogie player

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Carmel Rotary's Basketball Fundraising Goal Aims High

The Carmel Rotary Club announced a \$55,000 fundraising goal for the 12th Annual Community Basketball Challenge. This popular annual event organized by the Carmel Rotary Club and Carmel High School Interact Club offers non-profit organizations in Putnam County the opportunity to raise funds to support their organizations. This year's Community Basketball Challenge will be held on Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. – noon at the Carmel High School Gym, 14 Fair Street in Carmel.

The Carmel Rotary Club also announced Joan Smithwick Newman as the 2019 Rotary Community Basketball Challenge Honoree. Joan was chosen for her enthusiasm and community service in all she does for our community and beyond. Joan has made and donated over one hundred quilts to eight charitable organizations in Putnam County for their respective fundraising efforts. Joan also volunteers at the Kent Primary School; the Brewster-Carmel Garden Club's community projects that includes maintaining several gardens and the Blue Star Memorial dedication in the Carmel hamlet; Town of Kent Beautification Committee projects; making Baptismal Bibs for over one thousand babies in St. James the Apostle Church; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's 4-H Youth Sewing Program; the Putnam County 4-H Fair,



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and so much more. Joan exemplifies the Rotary motto, Service Above Self,

her hands and heart are never far from their work.

The Rotary Basketball Challenge has become a popular event as it offers all non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise funds to support their mission. Last year's Community Basketball Challenge raised \$50,000 benefitting 45 local, regional and national organizations.

Basketball Challenge Chairman, Sal Gambino invites organizations, adults and youth to take advantage of this fun and easy fundraiser. "This year we've set our goal to raise \$55,000 at the Basketball Challenge," according to Sal Gambino. "We are confident that this goal is attainable with our nonprofit organizations and community's participation and will help provide a wide variety of vital programs and services in Putnam County and beyond." For example, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County participated in the Basketball Challenge last year and raised over \$3,000. Marjorie Keith, recently retired Executive Director says, "It's a very easy way to raise money for your organization and you don't have to be a basketball player to participate." For information on how to participate in the Community Basketball Challenge call the Carmel Rotary Club at 845-225-2122 or Sal Gambino at 845-228-9115, or visit the Carmel Rotary Club Website www.carmelrotary.org.

Uneasiness Remains in Brewster Schools Over Threat

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out a statement from the district to the entire community as we get updates."

Resident Julie Weber, who has a freshman in the district, asked what type

of process is in place when a student makes a threat, with high school principal Nicole Horler explaining every threat, depending on the severity, will result in a different type of response from the school.

One father suggested that the student who made the threat did not even reside in the district. His claim was made during the district's ongoing investigation to vet out students who are attending Brewster schools, but do not live in the district.

"Who's not filtering these people from the get-go," he said. "The kid should never be able to come to Brewster ever again."

District officials could not reveal much because of the student's age and New York State education laws that left some parents frustrated.

During the meeting, the school board had BOCES regional safety coordinator Frank Guglieri talked to parents about certain safety protocols, including equipment that is and can be used in school buildings. There are several different ways school districts and BOCES prepares for an active shooter or shooters, he said.

Guglieri said having School Resource Officers on the school grounds is best protection a building can have to prevent or quickly stop a school shooter.

Both parents and the board still had questions about the law enforcement response. One mother questioned if the FBI was contacted and followed up with the student in question. In the case of the Parkland school shooting, the FBI did not

follow through with an investigation of the shooter, who also posted social media threats, she said.

Sergeant Kevin Cargain was confident in the response. "Our standard protocol would be to contact the FBI if there's a threat. We did in this case and we have in the past."

Mesika was skeptical if the communication between the district and sheriff's department was as strong as it could have been.

"As a district we have to make decisions based on what comes from the sheriff," she said. "I thought there was a little bit of a delay in communication."

Board member Erik Grutzner, who is the police chief in Pleasantville, also expressed issues with communication. "I would have liked to see more information come out during the break," he said. But he added he had "no doubt" that the sheriff's department does everything they can to keep students safe.

Cargain said there was never a delay and no information was held back from the beginning of the investigation to the end. Sheriff officials and district officials were in constant contact, Cargain said.

"There was a lot of work and a lot of communication," he said. "We're not looking to hide anything."

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Town of Carmel Police Blotter

On October 3, Carmel Police arrested a 31-year-old Danbury, CT woman after she was involved in a traffic accident. She was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 3, Carmel Police arrested Gerald Cawley, 61, of Carmel after an officer were flagged down for a vehicle being driven erratically. When the officer caught up to the vehicle, the vehicle drove across the double yellow lines in the roadway and was stopped. Mr. Cawley was charged with DWI, a misdemeanor, and Drove Left of Pavement Markings, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 4, Carmel Police arrested a 50-year-old Carmel woman after she returned to a property in town that she had been told not to return to. She was charged with Trespass, a violation. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 7, Carmel Police arrested a 31-year-old Patterson man after he was involved in a traffic accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 8, Carmel Police arrested a 29-year-old Bronx man after he was involved in a traffic accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 9, Carmel Police arrested a 35-year-old Wappingers Falls man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Speed in Zone and Unlicensed Operator, both violations. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 10, Carmel Police arrested a 30-year-old Mahopac man after he was found to be throwing garbage into the roadway while walking down the street. He was charged with the Town Code of Littering, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 14, Carmel Police arrested Devon Struzzieri, 25, of Carmel after she stole several items from a pharmacy in

town. She was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 14, Carmel Police arrested a 32-year-old Port Chester man after he was involved in a traffic accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on \$100 cash bail pending a future court date.

On October 18, Carmel Police arrested Louis Albano, 51, of Carmel after he broke into his tenant's apartment and stole several items. He was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, both felonies. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 20, Carmel Police arrested a 48-year-old Bronxville man after he was stopped for driving over the double yellow line. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Drove Left of Pavement Markings, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 23, Carmel Police arrested Steven Parish, 27, of Mahopac after he was picked up by Ramapo Police and it was determined that he had an active Arrest Warrant. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$500 cash bail.

On October 29, Carmel Police arrested a 28-year-old Putnam Valley woman after she was involved in a traffic accident. She was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On October 29, Carmel Police arrested Blaid Terhune, 25, of Mahopac after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with DWI, a misdemeanor, and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, Speed in Zone, Speed Not Reasonable and Prudent, and Failed to Keep Right, all violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 2, Carmel Police arrested Steven Marino, 57, of Carmel after they responded to a suspicious person call and it was determined that he had an active warrant out of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He was released to the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

On November 2, Carmel Police arrested a 24-year-old Bronx man after he was involved in a traffic accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, Speed Not reasonable and Prudent, and Drove Left of Pavement Markings, all violations. He was released on \$250 Police

Bail pending a future court date.

On November 3, Carmel Police arrested a 24-year-old Mahopac man after he was involved in a traffic accident. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 4, Carmel Police arrested a 25-year-old Mahopac woman after they responded to a call of suspicious activity. She was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana and Trespass, both violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 11, Carmel Police arrested a 30-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Speed in Zone. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 23, Carmel Police arrested a 68-year-old Mahopac man after a farm animal that he owns was roaming the town for several days with no efforts by the owner to capture it. He was charged with Disorderly Conduct, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 20, Carmel Police arrested Vincent Annabi, 18, and Christopher Verdi, 17, both of Mahopac after they stole several items from another person while displaying a knife during a drug deal. Mr. Annabi was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, a felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree, a misdemeanor. Mr. Verdi was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, a felony. They were arraigned by a judge and released on their own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 21, Carmel Police

arrested Leidy Lopez, 27, of Mt Kisco after officers investigate a vehicle that was stopped in the roadway. She was charged with DWI, a felony, Aggravated DWI, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without an Interlock Device, all misdemeanors, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. She was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 cash/\$2,000 bond.

On November 25, Carmel Police arrested Deme Dervishaj, 51, of Mahopac after he got into a physical altercation with a worker at his house. He was charged with Harassment in the 1st Degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 27, Carmel Police arrested a 52-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for failure to keep right. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 28, Carmel Police arrested Raymond Ruiz, 28, of Mahopac after he stole \$800 from his place of employment. He was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 28, Carmel Police arrested Antonio Vuksanaj, 49, of Mahopac after he turned himself in on an active Bench Warrant. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On November 29, Carmel Police arrested Nicholas Dellabate, Jr, 22, of Putnam Valley after he turned himself in on an active Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

Obituaries

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and was named to the County team at age 16. By all accounts, she was a standout midfield player. During her tenure playing, the County Cavan team won two Ulster Championships in 1941 and 1942, respectively. She played in an All-Ireland semifinal camogie match in Dublin with her beloved teammates, the late Mollie (Donohoe) O'Brien of Crubany, and her beloved sister, the late Katie (Fitzpatrick) Brady. Anne also played at the local level for Crubany, then later for the Killygarry Camogie Club with her sister Katie, and dear friend Mollie, whose team claimed a number of senior championship medals. Anne immigrated to New York City in 1950, settling in the Borough of Queens. She continued playing camogie and was

named Captain of the New York select team playing at Gaelic Park in the Bronx on many occasions. The County Cavan Women's Camogie Club Association Championship Cup which is awarded annually was renamed the Fitzpatrick Cup in 2009 in honor of the Fitzpatrick sisters, Anne, Katie and Helen. Along with raising a family, Anne worked for a catering business based out of Yorkville in Manhattan for many years and met many people from all walks of life throughout her career. She was an avid sports fan and passed that love of sports to those she encountered. Anne spent many years in Carmel and enjoyed her summers on Lake Carmel. Most of all, Anne treasured her three grandchildren, family and friends.

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Brewster 8th Grade Makerspace Students Collaborate on Large-Scale Art

Eighth graders in Irene Othmer's Makerspace class have been working hard in small groups to create big works of art.

"This particular group is doing all paintings," Othmer said. "Last year there was some papier mache. They're allowed to work in whatever medium they want to work in."

The class, which is an elective, involves a lot of project-based learning. The students break up into groups and work together to conceptualize and create a group project that is donated to one of the schools or into the community. Othmer is there to supervise and provide guidance, but she does her best to step back and allow students to learn as they go.

"Sometimes they'll come in and ask 'How do you do this?' and I'll show them," Othmer explained. "The most difficult part is that they have to figure out how to make a piece that looks like one person created it. It's hard to do."

Othmer has enjoyed watching the students collaborate. "They're learning to value each other's skills," she said. "There's always one kid who takes a leadership role. It's a good life lesson for them to work like this. It's very difficult to do art

with other people."

Moving from group to group, it was easy to spot which students have taken a leadership role. They're the ones other students look to before making a decision on how to move forward and who are quick to talk about their work.

There are four big projects being worked on currently.

One group is creating a ceiling tile oceanography scene that will hang in Katie Allen's classroom. The nine tiles in total will feature coral reef, squid, jellyfish and more so that marine biology students can see what they might learn about in class. The group is also hoping to raise awareness about coral bleaching and the importance of recycling and using fewer plastics.

"We decided to do ceiling tiles because it's more unique than just a canvas painting," said Grace Garecht. "We're trying to use glow in the dark paint so that when you turn off the lights for videos, it will glow."

"It will be part of the environment and take up more of the room," added Elizabeth Bodansky.

Another group was creating a painting



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of the Freedom Tower that shows the World Trade Center reflected in the water. It will be hung in the Bronx firehouse where Matthew Tuohy's dad works. "It's to let people know that the towers are gone but the spirit is still there," said Tuohy.

A third painting, "Imagine," features splattered paint and inspiring words written in different languages. It will also eventually include the signatures of all eighth grade students and will be hung in Wells. "It's supposed to represent that everyone's opinion matters," said Alex Meola. "It's also going to leave a little bit of the eighth grade behind."

The fourth large-scale painting focuses on diversity. It features a face with different skin tones, eye colors and hair textures in front of a painting of the Earth. "The world in the background shows that no matter what you look like, you can still fit in anywhere," said Kelly Repp. Their painting will hang in CV Starr.

In the past, students have created pieces for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (which is 3D so that it can be touched and experienced like braille), the K9 unit, Putnam Ridge, and more.

"For them to get the feeling they're doing something for a bigger cause makes it more important," Othmer explained. "They're enthusiastic." Students are responsible for reaching out to the places where they'd like to see their pieces find a home.

The class incorporates all of the district's Strategic Coherence Plan skills. Critical thinking is required as students collaborate to make their vision come to life. They have to adapt to any challenges that may come up and persevere when a piece gets tricky or frustrating. The civic responsibility part comes in with the message they hope to convey with their artwork and choosing a place to have it displayed.



Law Book: The Intersection of IRAs and Long-Term Care

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

Second to the house, an individual retirement account (“IRA”) is usually the largest asset when looking into someone’s financial portfolio. The tax and Medicaid rules dealing with IRAs are very different yet related, quite complex and often misinterpreted or misapplied. It is important to have a general understanding of these rules in order to avoid paying unnecessary taxes or worse; spending down the value of the IRA towards the cost of your long-term care needs.

Medicaid rules and regulations afford IRAs special protection. The general Medicaid rule is that an IRA will be considered an exempt resource if you are taking your required minimum distribution (“RMD”). An RMD is the minimum amount that you must withdraw from your IRA according to the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”). The RMD is an amount calculated by applying the IRS life expectancy tables published by the IRS, to the prior December 31 balance of your IRA. The Code provides that you must begin taking RMDs no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the year you turn 70 1/2. From a tax perspective, the concept is simple – the IRS wants their tax revenue on your deferred IRA that has been accumulating



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tax-free your whole life. Thus, if you are taking your RMD, the entire principal balance of your IRA will be protected if you need to apply for Medicaid. Be mindful, I didn’t say the RMD was protected. While the principal balance of the IRA is protected, the RMD is not. The RMD is treated as income and added to the rest of your income. As you may know, New York requires that you contribute your income to the cost of your care. I regularly meet with individuals who have been told to spend down their IRA

in order to become eligible for Medicaid. Unfortunately, this article is going to sound familiar to many who read it, some may be the persons who have consulted and worked with me. Nursing homes, professionals other than attorneys and non-elder law attorneys and are often the biggest culprits in providing this erroneous information. I once worked with a family who cashed out an IRA having more than a \$300,000 balance because they were told to do so by a nursing home.

The Medicaid rules are very stringent. Not only must the applicant be receiving her RMD, but the RMD also must be taken on a monthly basis. One of the first things we usually do with clients is have them contact their financial advisors to change their RMD distribution from annually to monthly, if they have not already taken the RMD.

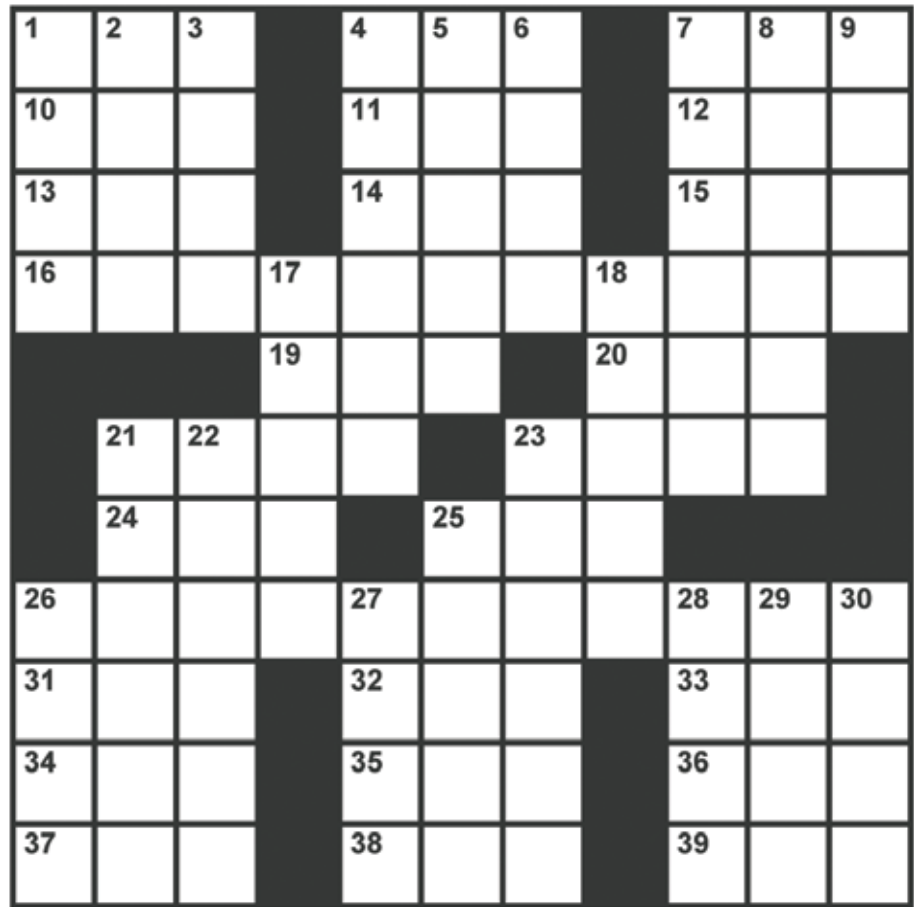
Another stringent and relatively unknown rule is that an IRA will lose its exempt status if the applicant takes out more than the RMD. This is usually an issue in homecare situations. For instance, an applicant may be at home in need of Medicaid to cover the cost of caregivers. Her only asset is a small checking account and an IRA. Unfortunately, in our geographic area, the process of applying for Medicaid to cover the cost of homecare

services can take a few months. If the applicant depletes her checking account, she cannot take a distribution from her IRA as it will expose the entire balance and render her ineligible for Medicaid until further planning is done. This is a rule that families have a difficult time digesting. Often, other family members pitch in to cover the cost of care until Medicaid is approved.

As you can see, these rules have many subtleties and illustrates the importance of working with an elder law attorney. Medicaid planning and tax planning is not a “do-it-yourself” project.

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- French for water
- Geller, the spoonbender
- TV company
- Compete
- Dependable quality
- Low mark
- Hoorah!
- Astronaut Armstrong
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- Days gone by
- TV journalist Curry
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Selecting Housing for the Eventuality of Retirement

A while back, I was invited to speak before a meeting of the Retired Municipal Employees Association. As I planned my remarks, I thought about how I was close to an age when some people think about retiring and living differently than they do now.

As for me, I intend never to retire from the enjoyable work I do in the real estate business. I just love matching buyers with their dream homes and helping sellers get the best deal on their major investment.

Nevertheless, my living preferences have changed significantly in the past few years, just as if I were retiring.

When I was still in my twenties and my wife and I moved to a historic home in need of repair, I was eager and ready to restore and maintain it. I was known as the "young guy" on the block who always answered the door with a hammer or paintbrush in hand.

After more than 40 years living there, I found myself wanting to do something other than hammering and painting, so we moved to the no-maintenance convenience of Trump Park Residences in Yorktown. In terms of planning for the future, we consider that the smartest



By Bill Primavera

housing decision we ever made for ourselves.

The housing issues facing retired and elderly people can be quite simple, such as finding living space on one level with no steps and being conveniently located to shopping and medical services.

Many older people are still in the homes in which they raised their children, married them off and then retired as empty-nesters. These homes may have become too big to rattle around in or maintain, and the tax bill that paid primarily for the education of their children no longer has

the same payback.

But they may still want to remain in those homes, no matter how impractical. Surveys by AARP have found that about 80 percent of older persons say that they want to stay in their own homes. This phenomenon has been called the preference to "age in place."

It's understandable. After a long period of living in one place, our homes become an extension of who we are and how we express ourselves. Longtime residence is also a connection to the community where people know their neighbors and merchants as well as their houses of

worship, libraries and community service.

For a long stretch, our homes have been our principal financial asset, and today, the high demand for homes has made this a good time to cash in on our investments if we want to move.

Others who have paid off their mortgages and have equity can take reverse mortgages to stay put and live more comfortably through their golden years.

Those who decide to downsize must think carefully about the percentage of income they should be paying for housing and still manage to afford other necessities of later life besides food and clothing.

Affordability depends on their individual situations and whether they live with a spouse, alone or with relatives. Today, about 54 percent of older persons live with their spouses, 31 percent live alone, 13 percent live with relatives other than their spouse and 2 percent live with non-relatives.

If the decision is to move later in life, people seem to know what they want. A survey done by the National Association of Realtors in concert with MetLife found that retired and older citizens want easy, comfortable homes with single-story floor plans or homes that offer a first-floor master bedroom. They also like home maintenance and repair as part of their next home purchase, preferably

with no necessary outside chores and low maintenance inside, including washers and dryers, storage space, easy-to-open windows and easy-to-use climate controls.

As for my wife and me, we made the decision to downsize, yet upgrade, when we purchased a unit at Trump Park Residences. It affords us all the benefits I've listed above. Let the younger folks do as I did in my youth, answering their doors with hammers or paintbrushes in hand.

Interestingly, my daughter recently informed me that she and my son-in-law have discussed the eventuality of my wife and I living with them when the time comes. I was greatly touched, even though I'm sure we would rather remain independent as long as we can and to seek at-home care should we need it. And while the sentiment expressed by my daughter is lovely, I do wish she had waited another 15 or 20 years before discussing the matter with me.

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Our Virtual Tour of Spain's Wine Regions: The Land and its History



By Nick Antonaccio

This week we are traveling to the final destinations on our virtual tour of Spain's six major wine regions before heading home. We motor in our Spanish-produced Tauro Sport Coupe rental to the far

northern coast and the sixth region, called Green Spain.

As we depart from the Duero River Valley region that we visited last week, we make one last stop – the Rueda region. From here we will travel first to the northeast corner of Green Spain and then traverse all the way to the western extremes.

In these areas, the dominant wines are white. So, the rest of our journey will focus on the delightful white wines from three areas: Rueda, Txakoli and Rias Baixas.

Rueda. Located northwest of Madrid and Segovia along the Duero River, this area has been producing various wines since the 11th century. Fast forward to the 20th century when Spanish

vintners rediscovered the local Verdejo grape and began producing light, crisp wines. These wines have been compared to French Sancerre and New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Stylistically this is a valid

comparison, but Ruedas are distinctive unto themselves; they have a bit more fruit – think Granny Smith apples – and don't try to be complex, just refreshing. Examples of locally available wines: Basa (\$13), ConClass (\$11) and Naia (\$12).

Leaving Rueda, we head into Green Spain. Its name is derived from its northern maritime exposures to the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Biscay and its mountainous terrain, including the Basque country near the Pyrenees. The inland mountains capture the moisture from the sea, creating the most rainfall in all of Spain. Hence the verdant hillsides and lush vegetation. Here

two white grapes thrive in very distinct areas: Hondarribi Zuri in the Txakoli region and Albarino in the Rias Baixas region.

T x a k o l i . Located in the northeastern

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extreme of Green Spain, at the foot of the Pyrenees, this area had been forgotten by the rest of Spain and the wine-consuming world – until recently. It now seems to be caught up in the current frenzy in the

United States for anything Spanish. This is a good thing.

The grape, Hondarribi Zuri, is a local indigenous grape. The wine is unique in that it has a certain frizzante characteristic, making it perfect for summer quaffing. It is high in acidity, yet low in alcohol; its aroma is lime-tangy, yet it has floral flavors. It will be a welcome alternative to your standard summer fare. It can be a bit difficult to find, but worth the search. Try Itsas Mendi (\$17).

Rias Baixas. From Txakoli, we now travel along the northern coastline, peering up at the looming mountains, breathing in the salt air and soaking in the sea breezes. Our destination is the nearby town of Galicia and the home of the Albarino grape. This grape has reference points in Viognier (summer fruit bouquet of apricots) and Riesling (acidity and minerality).

This is not just another pretty face on the Spanish wine scene. It is complex and refined, unique in its aromas and crisp

to an extreme; a perfect accompaniment to seafood. Try these offerings: Burgans (\$12), Nora (\$15) and Martin Codax (\$13).

The idyllic atmosphere and great wine make Galicia a great locale for the final destination on our virtual tour of Spain. As we make our long trek back to Madrid for our flight to New York, we're already reminiscing about our favorite cities and wines and dreaming about a return trip.

A dose of reality: Fares to Spain are very reasonable in the springtime, before the hordes of Trip Advisor zealots and the perennial rush of exchange students descend on the land. Plan an itinerary of culture, architecture, food and wine in the metropolitan centers and the tiny secluded villages. I trust my Spanish guide has titillated your travel urges and taste buds. Your questions and comments are always welcome.

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Legislature Applauds DeCicco's for Giving up Plastic Bags

The Putnam County Legislature recognized DeCicco & Sons grocery stores for voluntarily eliminating single-use plastic bags and switching solely to paper bags for groceries. The switch is part of the company's effort to reduce its waste stream, noting that in 2017 alone it used over 22 million single-use plastic bags at its seven locations in Westchester and Putnam counties. Former Legislator and Health Committee Chairwoman Barbara Scuccimarra commended DeCicco's for being proactive and voluntarily removing single-use plastic bags from their waste stream. She noted that plastic bags are rarely recycled, and reducing their use will have a positive impact on the environment. Chairman of the Legislature Joe Castellano (left), who represents the Village of Brewster and part of the Town of Southeast, cited DeCicco's as a great example of the kind of community-minded and high-



quality businesses that the Legislature has been working to bring to, and keep in, Putnam County. Legislator Paul Jonke (right), whose district is within the Town of Southeast, joined his colleagues in commending DeCicco's, adding that the Legislature is always looking for opportunities to work with local businesses for the public's benefit without necessarily imposing additional laws and mandates on the small businesses that are the lifeblood of Putnam's economy. A certificate was presented to DeCicco & Sons' store manager Gino Letizia.

Happenings

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

Notice of Board of Education

Meetings: The Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings. High School library at 146 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. 1-10: Work Session/Business Meeting This meeting will be convened at 6 p.m. and it is anticipated that the Board will immediately convene an Executive Session for one matter that may lead to the appointment of one particular person. The regular agenda will resume at approximately 7 p.m. 1-24 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 2-7, Work Session/Business Meeting 7 p.m., 2-21, Business Meeting 7 p.m. The full 2018-19 meeting list and the proposed meeting agendas can be found on the district website at: www.pvcsd.org prior to each meeting.

Registration for Kindergarten: Brewster School District: Class of 2032 takes place the week of March 4- March 8. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 279-2087 x 4111 for registration information.

Ongoing Mondays:

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

Eating for Energy: Certified Health Coach Kristen Schneider every Monday in January. 6:30 p.m., Kent Library. Primary foods that increase & decrease energy, weigh less, live more, Sugar blues, Gut health, How to eat clean on a budget, How to create meals to fit a specific diet. This is a series for adults. 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.

Ongoing Tuesdays:

Hooked on Books: Every other Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. A book club with something for everyone! Kids will read fun and fantastic books. Cool activities and projects will get them involved with the stories and one another. This club will be run by a high school student with our supervision as part of an honors project. For grades 3 and 4. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Ongoing Wednesdays:

Short Story Book club at Reed Library alternating Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Join for a lively discussion of short stories, a different story each meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday January 23. Stories are available in the library, please call to register 845-225-2439.

Ongoing Thursdays:

Mid-Week Hikes - The leaders offer hikes of varying difficulty to different areas of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Hikes may be followed by a stop for refreshments. Leaders: Ginny Fauci, gefauci@gmail.com 845-399-2170 or Lalita Malik, Lalitamalik@aol.com (845) 592-0204. They will be held every Thursday, weather permitting. Contact the Leaders if you would like to join these hikes.

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

Ongoing Fridays: AARP Tax Help through April 12: The Patterson Library is hosting free AARP Tax Help for Seniors and other qualifying individuals. AARP volunteer tax aid counselors will be available by appointment on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Appointments will be filled on a first come-first served basis beginning January 15, appointments can be made by calling 211 or 845-878-6121 x15.

Ongoing Saturdays:

Story Time: First Saturday of the month 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Birth to 5 years old. We will read stories, sing songs, play with shaker eggs, and more! *Caregivers must remain in program. Older siblings are welcome. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tuesday, January 15

Kent Library Board Annual Organizational Meeting: 7 p.m. in the Kent Library. The organizational meeting will be followed by a regular board meeting. The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets in the library on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend all library board meetings.

Thursday, January 17

PIED PIPER YOUTH THEATER REGISTRATION: Registration is open for the Spring 2019 semester. Be part of Cinderella, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Newsies! Visit www.pipertheater.org for start dates, performance dates and details.

The Kent Town Board will hold a Special Town Board Meeting: 8 a.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. The board will immediately convene to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law; and the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Foreign Film Screening - A Man Called Ove, a film from Sweden: Mahopac Public Library: 6:30 p.m. Running time: 115 minutes; screened in Swedish with English subtitled. Registration requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, January 19

Making Iron Lecture by Donald "Doc" Bayne: 3 p.m. Putnam History Museum 63 Chestnut St Cold Spring. Admission is free for museum members and is \$10 for the general public. To guarantee a spot, please register through this Eventbrite. Contact: Catherine at 845-265-4010

Sunday, January 20

The Desmond-Fish Public Library 23rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration: 1/20 from 2-4pm all are welcome for the annual potluck and talk. 1-21 10:30 a.m., everyone is invited to Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day at a family celebration. Storyteller Carolyn Evans, accompanied by John Grady on the drums, will perform a reenactment

of the story of Harriet Tubman, the most famous "conductor" on the Underground Railroad. These events are FREE and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Public Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit: www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

Author Talk & Book Signing-Gail Carson Levine's "Ogre Enchanted: 1 p.m. at The Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster (snow date is Feb. 3). For reservations or more information call 845 363-8330, email info@culturalartsco.com or visit www.culturalartsco.com

Monday, January 21

Early Literacy Program Registration: Mahopac Library. 10 a.m. In-Person and On-Line Registration for Winter 2019 Early Literacy Programs at the Mahopac Public Library. All programs are designed to develop listening, thinking, language, imagination and social skills, plus, it's a great way to meet other parents! To register online visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Tuesday, January 22

Snowfest at Reed Library: Join us for an afternoon of winter fun! We'll drink White Hot Chocolate, create snow slime, make white whoopie pies and more! For children age 5 & up. 4:30 p.m. please call the library to register 845-225-2439

Thursday, January 24

The Last of the Mahicans Talk: The Daniel Nimham Saga. 6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Public Library. is a fitting location for this talk as the land it sits on was once part of the Wappinger territory and several of the main characters of this story, such as Beverly Robinson, lived right in the area. Peter Cutul is the Assistant Parks and Recreation Supervisor at Fort Montgomery State Historic Site.

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Carmel Stumbles in Loss to Mahopac

Carmel junior F Stephanie Ogbebor (22) goes up for two points, but it was Mahopac F Natalie Scanlon (24) and Mia Klammer's (14) Indians, who prevailed in last Saturday's 53-40 triumph over the host Rams, who failed to defeat their crosstown rivals in boys' and girls' varsity hoops on very special day at Carmel High... see Girls' Hoops Notebook



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Sports

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Mahopac Rallies for Win at Carmel; Somers off to Historic Start

By Ray Gallagher
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At first glance, it looked as though Mahopac Coach Matt Simone had his Indians (7-4) playing over their heads through smoke and mirrors; that this superb five-game win streak was simply an allusion based on the fact that nobody saw this athletic group of football/lacrosse players taking their basketball skills to the next-level. The prevailing wisdom around Section 1 was that Mahopac would eventually come crashing back down to earth, but here we are at or beyond the halfway point of the 2018-19 season and the Indians are holding firm on what would be the current No.8 seed in the upcoming Class AA tournament should it start tomorrow, not to mention control of the League I-A title chase after defeating rival Carmel, 42-38, last Saturday and Arlington in overtime earlier in the week.

Last week was a big one for the Indians, who saw senior C Rheal Allen emerge with a few offensive explosions, including a career-high 42 points and 16 rebounds in the Indians' 82-80 overtime triumph of host Arlington last Wednesday; this on the heels of a 32-point game against Panas.

"Reahl has been using his athleticism to his extreme advantage," Simone said



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Lakeland's Augie Karaqi has emerged as a potent score in Jack Kruse's absence.



Carmel's Peyton Cayea and John Franklin (24) battle Mahopac's Mike Argila for rebound in Rams' 42-38 loss to Indians Saturday.



Panas G Lorenzo Santucci goes for two of his team-high 16 points in the Panthers' 60-45 loss to Dobbs Ferry Saturday.

of his 6'5" big. "Physically and athletically, there are not many kids in the section that can hang with him. Additionally, we have a very unselfish group of players, and everyone realizes when Reahl has a mismatch, and they do a great job of getting him the ball in the right spots for him to be successful."

Trailing by 18 at the half, Mahopac mustered every ounce of resilience it had and rallied from what would become a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit to win its fourth straight behind Allen and senior G Mike Argila, who added 13 points for the Indians, including a pair of huge 3's down the stretch.

Allen, an All-Section football player, and Argila, the lax goalie with All-Section skill sets, fueled the comeback, and form just a portion of a unit that is short on overall basketball talent but long on heart and athleticism. Mahopac senior guards

Tim Cegielski and Drew Riolo, yet another pair of football players, plus Matt McMahon – maybe the only true baller among the starting five – have the Indians playing their best ball since 2013.

The win over CARMEL wasn't pretty by any means, but a 13-3 fourth-quarter run sealed the deal when junior Matt McMahon drilled the game-winning 3 late in the fourth.

"I've never played in an atmosphere like this before," McMahon said. "But we battled and that was a war right there. In the end we grounded it out and we're happy to go home with a win. It feels great to hit the

shot, but I feel better for these seniors. I may have put us ahead but they did all the work. Our biggest attribute is that we worked hard every day and I love just going to practice with them."

It hasn't always been that way for stretches during the last five years as Mahopac hit the skids by its standards, but the Indians are hoping to grind out a playoff win and put themselves in a position to reach the Final 4 for the first time since the winter of 2014...

CLASS A

SOMERS may have won the war, but PANAS provided quite a battle in the Tuskers' 61-56 win over the visiting Panthers last Thursday. Panas had little answer for Somers big man Max Germaine, who netted 20 points. Drew Lasher added 10 points while Joe Grippo and Lucas Fecci chipped in nine points apiece for the Tuskers, who also defeated John Jay, 67-66, behind a game-high 26 from Germaine and 17 from Nick Maestri. Panas was led by Lorenzo Santucci, who dropped 18 after a sluggish start, down 16-5.

"We started awful," Panas Coach Mike Auerbach said of the Somers loss. "Then we were down two (48-46) with three minutes left and it slipped away on us. We're finally close to full strength. We have gotten a couple injured or ineligible guys back, which really helps."

After reaching the Final 4 a year ago, Panas just can't get over the hump against the second tier teams in Section 1 (see Somers, Mahopac).

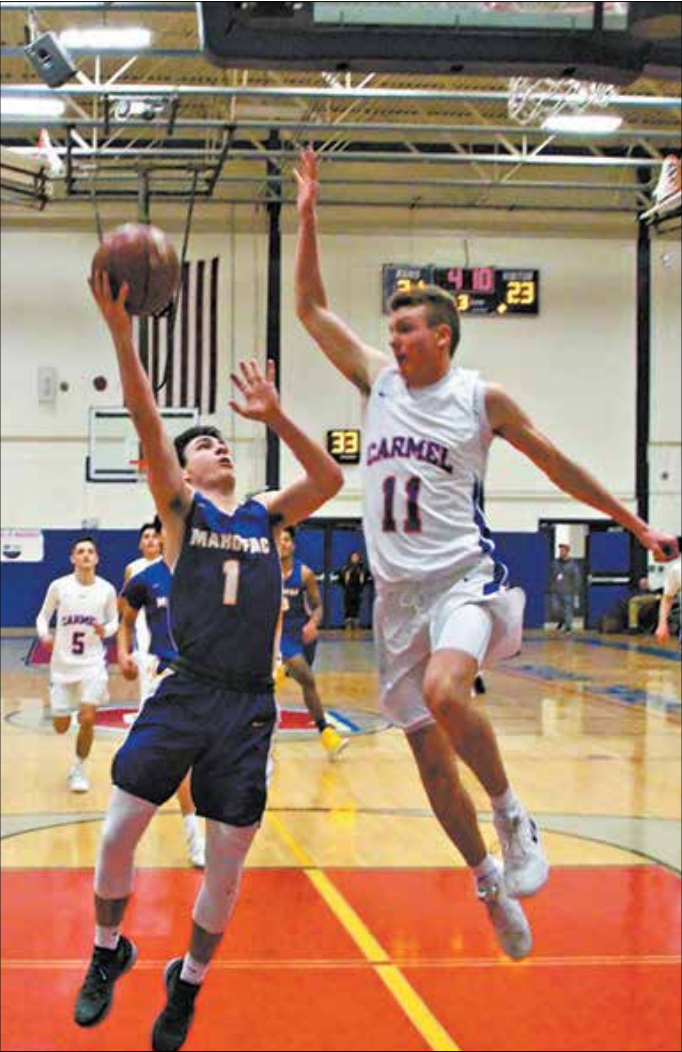
"We haven't had the easiest of schedules either," Auerbach said. "It doesn't get any easier. Hopefully, we can be one of those teams that is battle tested and surprises someone in sectionals..."

LAKELAND, which has remained relevant despite loss of injured sniper Jack Kruse, beat host Brewster last Thursday, 46-41, behind 23 points from swingman Augie Karaqi and 10 more from F Joe Vetrano. The good news for Lakeland, which is beyond good news, really, is Kruse is set to return to practice next week and is shooting to play in the Greeley game on Jan. 22.

"I am very proud of how our team has played without Jack," Lakeland Coach Steve Fallo said. "I think that experience will help us down the stretch. Jack obviously is going to make us better. Hopefully, he quickly gets back to where he was on opening night. Teams will now have to key on him, which will open things up for other players. Jack is not only an offensive threat but will make us better defensively also. We still have half the season left plus the tournament and

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Mahopac G Drew Riolo goes strong to hoop against defense from Carmel's Shane McNerney in Indians' 42-38 win over host Rams Saturday.



Mahopac C Rheel Allen goes up for two points in Indians' 42-38 win over Peyton Cayea and the host Carmel Rams Saturday night.

are looking forward to playing those games with Jack on the court.”...

CLASS B

In **CROTON-HARMON's** 53-24 pasting of Port Chester, Sean Reynolds led the Tigers with 10 points as they rebounded from Monday's tough overtime setback to Briarcliff. Still, the Tigers have had a terrific run thus far and Class B remains a mystery to most, including Croton boss Ben Martucci.

“Bill Parcels' saying, ‘You are what your record says you are,’ doesn't apply right now to Class B,” Martucci said. “I think Class B is wide open. There are teams hovering around .500 in Class B currently that could easily beat teams at the top of the rankings. We'll get a better idea of where we truly stand as our schedule becomes more challenging; especially as we go through our league a second time, and we also face Class A Nyack, Class AA Ossining, and Class A Hen Hud. We love the current chemistry and attitude of our squad. It's not how you start, it's how you finish, and we're hoping our best basketball is yet to come.”

NWE/Putnam County Super 7 Hoops Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.9) Tigers (10-2) should see senior F Darnel Shillingford become just the 2nd player in program history to score 1,000 career points against North Salem today, joining Ryan Basso (circa 2015). Tigers will put themselves to the test against much bigger schools next two weeks, including Class AA Carmel, Class A's Pelham and Lincoln and AA Ossining to close out the month.

No.2 SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (9-1) are off to the best start in school history, with wins over John Jay and Panas. State-ranked (No.25) Greeley will be some barometer this week. If Germaine continues to play at this accelerated level, Somers can be one tough out in the playoffs.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (7-4) can crawl to No.2 or better with a win over Somers this Saturday.

No.4 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (6-4) get Eastchester, John Jay CR and Greeley in what will be a very telling tale.

No.5 CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (8-3) gave up 69 points to Class A Nyack, a four-win club #Unacceptable.

No.6 CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (4-6) just can't seem to get healthy all at once, but they had Mahopac on the ropes (up by as many as 11) and failed to deliver the kill shot. Rams can make serious headway in this poll by upsetting Put Valley Saturday.

No.7 BREWSTER – Coach Nelligan's Bears (3-5) make you work for a win and they have some rough stretch forthcoming vs. John Jay CR, Greeley and Somers.

HM YORKTOWN – G Tommy Weaver had 14 points to lead Coach Pavella's Huskers (3-7) in a 61-51 loss to John Jay.

HM PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Panthers (3-6) are better than their record would indicate.



Mahopac's Mike Argila and Carmel's Peyton Cayea exchange pleasantries in Indians' 42-38 win over Rams Saturday.



Mahopac G Tim Cegielski looks to shut down Carmel swingman Shane McNerney in in Indians' 42-38 win over Rams Saturday.

Sports

Girls' Hoops Notebook

Yorktown Stays Hot, Panas Remains Unbeaten

By Tony Pinciario

Nine games into the season and **YORKTOWN** has established itself as a team on the rise. Yorktown won two of three games, improving to 7-2 on the season. The Cornhuskers ran away from Horace Greeley with a strong surge, 62-47. In the opening game of the Peekskill Tournament, Yorktown handled the host, 64-34. White Plains surprised Yorktown in the final, 48-42.

The Cornhuskers (7-2) trailed Greeley, 43-41, in the fourth quarter, but closed the game with a 21-4 run. Ashley Zeola had a game-best 23 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and eight rebounds. Kat Severino added 20 points, six rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots and Melissa Severino collected five assists and five steals.

"We started getting the ball inside and converting a lot more, where we kind of got stagnant and didn't move enough on offense in the third quarter," said Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy of the Greeley game. "We got into a situation with fouls in the third quarter and we had to change some personnel, but they were able to hold it together. The girls really stepped up and were able to get some turnovers with the press, which allowed us to get back on track."

The victory over Greeley came in a league game which also pleased Mundy.

"Any league wins we can get are a huge boost for our team," Mundy said. "The teams in our league are all so close in talent level and all the games are so tight, that any time you gain a little momentum you try to build on that and hope it helps carry you through."

Severino scored a season-high 31 points and Jesse Barer added 21 points as Yorktown held a 25-point lead over



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Yorktown senior F Kat Severino soars for two in Huskers' loss to White Plains in Peekskill tourney final Saturday.

Peekskill at halftime.

"We went in knowing that if we could limit Peekskill in the paint, we would put ourselves in a good position to win," Mundy said. "And the girls did that without zone. We were also able to outscore them on points off turnovers and



Brewster G Maggie DePaoli inches closer to 1,000 career points against defense of Lakeland's Brianna Monte in Bears' win over Hornets.

get out to a solid first-half lead."

Severino led Yorktown with 19 points in the loss to White Plains. Barer finished with 10 points and Zeolla added nine points.

PANAS continued rolling, adding two more victories, 44-34 over **BREWSTER** and 44-42 over **SOMERS**, improving to 10-0 this season.

The Panthers used a staunch defensive effort against Brewster, limiting the Bears (7-5) to 10 points in the second half. Panas also utilized pin-point accuracy from the free-throw line, going 6 for 6 down the stretch to cement the win.

Cailean Nolan and Kristen Cinquina each had 13 points and Emma Anderson added seven points.

Panas battled back from an early 13-point deficit in the first quarter

against Somers (7-3), which played without injured All-Section G Hannah Angelini.

"In games where we start to get ourselves into trouble it tends to be our coaches that keep us in it," said senior Julia Araujo. "In the Somers' game, specifically, we had a slow start and we relied on each other to keep our spirits up. We knew once we started to get going offensively that we'd be fine and that's what we told each other. Overall, we just make sure to keep positive attitudes and we turn out fine."

Panas Coach Matt Evangelista said the score was tied with three minutes remaining in the game when Panas stepped to the foul line and converted seven of 10, including five by Araujo.

"Our game against Somers came down to free throws at

the end, but thankfully that is something we practice daily," Araujo said. "We start every practice with form shooting and free-throw drills which definitely come in handy in a game like the Somers' one. When I'm at the free-throw line, even if it's an intense game with high stakes or a noisy crowd, I really don't get nervous. I'm a pretty good free-throw shooter, so I just take a deep breath, dribble the ball three times and shoot it."

Kristen Scrobola scored 10 of her team-best 15 points in the second half. Cinquina finished with 12 points and Nolan added 10 points. Nolan had five in the fourth quarter, including a 'dagger' 3-pointer, according to Evangelista.

HEN HUD extended its winning streak to three in-a-row with victories over Beacon, 41-34, and Poughkeepsie, 53-36. The Sailors (6-5) trailed Beacon, 18-13, at halftime, but took control in the fourth quarter.

Caitlin Weimar finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, Thalia Oliveira added 10 points and five rebounds Grace Moretti contributed eight points and 11 rebounds.

"We played an awful first half," said Hen Hud coach Ken Sherman of the Beacon game. "We played better in the second half. We did a better job of limiting our turnovers and got some easy baskets off of our press."

Moretti finished with a season-high 18 points, five steals and four assists and Weimar added 16 points and 15 rebounds. It was the first game that Weimar did not lead the team in scoring.

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Brewster's Grace Galgano takes a run at Lakeland's Sofia Portante in Bears' win over Hornets last Thursday.



Yorktown junior G Jesse Barer drives for two in Huskers' loss to White Plains in Peekskill tourney final Saturday.

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Mahopac sophomore G Mia Klammer takes run at Carmel junior F Stephanie Ogbebor in Indians' 53-40 win over host Rams Saturday.

"We kind of fed off the energy from the second half of the Beacon game," Sherman said. "We got off to a good start and never

looked back.

"Grace, once again, had a complete game which, as I have said, makes our team better."

LAKELAND won two of three games. The Hornets sandwiched wins over Peekskill, 50-42, and Beacon, 55-29, around a setback to Brewster, 54-46.

Alexa Cole turned in a huge game against Peekskill with 27 points and 12 rebounds and Sarah Carroll finished with 10 points.

Cole had a double-double, 21 points and 10 boards, against Brewster. Tyler Hormazabal had nine points and five assists and Bri Monte added eight points and three blocked shots.

Cole closed out the week with her third consecutive 20-plus-point game, hitting for 25 in the triumph of Beacon. Point guard Amanda Cole collected a team-high 10 rebounds and Hormazabal scored eight points.

BREWSTER dropped a 44-34 verdict to Panas, but rebounded to overcome Lakeland, 54-46.

"We were only down 27-24 at the half, but went ice cold in the third and fourth quarters," said Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo of the Panas game. "Our defense was solid but we just couldn't score."

Maggie DePaoli finished with 17 points.

"Grace Galgano had a huge and-1 that sealed the deal for us," Castaldo said.

DePaoli led a balanced Brewster scoring with 13 points, Kristen Stefanick and Megan Beal each had 12 points and Galgano scored 10 points.

PUTNAM VALLEY suffered its first loss of the season, 42-34, by defending sectional champion Irvington. The Tigers shook off any ill effects of that loss with a dominant 58-28 victory over Ardsley as Cyera Daughtry had a team-high 19 points and Kelli Venezia added 15 points.

"We worked hard, however, our defense was not the same and Irvington took advantage of that, and our shots were not falling," sophomore Arianna Stockinger said. "To bounce back against Ardsley was awesome. We had to get back in our groove and that was a



Carmel senior G Clair Cody and Mahopac sophomore April Heady get after 50-50 ball in Rams' 53-40 loss to Indians Saturday.

great game to build everyone's confidence as a team and individuals, as well. Cyera had an amazing game and really stepped up, leading to our success."

OSSINING was upset by Our Lady of Lourdes, 55-41, sending the undermanned Pride (8-4) to its second consecutive loss. It was the second straight game Ossining was without Jaida Strippoli. And the Pride are still without Aubrey Griffin. Kailah Harris led the Pride with 21 points and 13 rebounds and Ashley McFadden added nine points.

Ossining will play Central (Ma.), Friday, 9 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Classic at Springfield College.

"We are close to being healthy and onvce we get our kids back on the court, I expect things to turn around," Ossining coach Dan Ricci said.

MAHOPAC Coach Chuck Scozzafava said his team played really well in both games, but came away with a split – a 66-61 loss to Arlington, then a 53-40 victory over arch-rival Carmel Saturday.

"Arlington was a back-and-forth game with numerous lead changes," Scozzafava said. "Unfortunately, we are having trouble finishing games. Carmel was a nice win for us after losing a couple of close games."

Caitlyn O'Boyle poured in a game-high 24 points against Arlington. Mia Klammer led a balanced scoring effort with 11 points against Carmel. Claire



Carmel G Hailey Cassimassina gains lane in Rams' 53-40 loss to visiting Mahopac Saturday.

Cody finished with a game-leading 17 points for Carmel and is close to 900 points for her splendid career.

SOMERS had an uncharacteristic 0-2 for the week – 41-30 to John Jay-Cross River and 44-42 to Panas.

Jordan May finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds against John Jay and Dani DiCintio had a team-leading 15 points against Panas.



Carmel's Hailey Cassimassina harasses Mahopac's Zina McInerney in Rams' 53-40 loss to visiting Indians Saturday.



Putnam Valley 8th-grader Eva DeChent and the Tigers are one of several Class B title contenders.

Shots Fired!



McMahon 3-Ball Lifts Mahopac, Sinks Carmel



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS

Mahopac junior sniper Matt McMahon (12) drills the game-winning shot in the visiting Indians' 42-38 League I-A win over rival Carmel last Saturday night when surging Mahopac erased a nine-point deficit with a 13-3 fourth-quarter run to seal its fifth-straight win, improve to 7-4 and send the Mahopac Maniacs, Mike Argila (10) and Drew Riolo (inset) home a happy bunch... see Boys' Hoops Notebook