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Boisterous Crowd Clashes with Kent Board over Truck Stop

By Abby Luby

A riled-up crowd expressed their ire about a proposed truck stop last Thursday at a Town of Kent Planning Board meeting.

The controversial truck stop is part of the proposed new development project, Kent Country Square, to be located on a hill on Route 52, just 1,500 feet away from Kent Elementary School and Kent Primary School. The project includes a truck stop, truck wash and truck repair along with two hotels, an indoor waterpark, a restaurant and a convention center. If the plan is approved,

it would mean blasting 54 acres of rock to mine down 180 feet. The planning board is the lead agency for the project and would need to approve a final site plan.

More than 85 people filled the Kent town courtroom – placed at the front was a sign saying, “Stop the Kent Truck Stop.” People scurried to find seats when the building inspector announced that the room was filled to capacity and if people didn’t have seats they would have to leave. The controversial truck stop issue was ninth on the agenda as part of the project’s SEQRA review

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ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Eileen Civitello speaking to the Kent Planning Board last Thursday

Carmel Councilman Facing Criminal Charges for Reporter Fracas

By Rick Pezzullo

Carmel Councilman Mike Barile is facing criminal charges for his alleged actions in a confrontation with a newspaper columnist at a meeting last month.

Barile was charged last Tuesday by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office with first degree grand larceny, a felony, fourth degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, and second degree harassment, a violation, after turning himself in to police. He is due to appear in Carmel Court October 22.

At the September 18 meeting, Barile lashed out at Journal News columnist David Mackay Wilson for alleged biased reporting, threw an empty water bottle at him and then grabbed the reporter’s cell phone and

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Carmel Councilman Mike Barile



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(State Environmental Quality Review Act), but after hearing three other proposals as a restless crowd waited, Planning board Chairman Phil Tolmach skipped ahead to the Route 52 Development project. Residents quickly formed a line on the side of the room for their turn to speak.

"Nobody in their right mind would put a truck stop on top of a mountain," said Kent resident and Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce president Henry Boyd.

Boyd explained that he was a licensed truck driver. "The last thing I want to do is to drive a truck up a hill to get a tank of gas. We don't need 200 to 300 trucks a day going up and down Route 311 and we don't want the trucks passing the kids' schools."

Tolmach explained that there is a traffic study and once the results were in, the study would be discussed. When asked how trucks would be stopped coming onto 311, Tolmach said signs would be put up causing audience laughter and jeers. "I don't believe that the developer wants to put a truck stop in. I believe they are after the rock," said Boyd, eliciting an exuberant round of applause.

"Do you have any proof of that?" asked Tolmach. "Why are you repeating all of this for the 10th time?"

Someone shouted back, "Because we care!" Planning board member Stephen Wilhelm said, "This is not a public hearing!" A resident stood up and yelled, "This is town hall and the town is right here!"

Residents voiced their annoyance with the town for not being informed of the project



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Kent resident Patrick Murphy showing Kent Planning Board charts on health risks from trucks at last Thursday's Kent Planning Board Meeting

until it was well underway. An apparent deep-seeded distrust stems from a 2018 town approved commercial development project to build a school bus garage on route 52. Then developer, Kent Materials, obtained a mining permit to clear cut and level the site before building the garage. Forty feet of rock was mined, the company took the rock and bailed out of the project, leaving a barren hilltop. Ultimately the bus garage was built at taxpayer expense.

"People here are desperately afraid of this project," said Eileen Civitello, who has organized residents to sign a petition opposing zoning variances for the project. "We are all terrified that this [project] will

happen in the dead of night. This project got so far along, and we didn't know about it."

Tolmach told Civitello, "I'm glad we woke them [the town] up. Maybe they'll pay more attention in the future."

Kent resident Patrick Murphy was particularly concerned with the proposed project. "This plan is ridiculous. What are you planning?" Planning board member Stephen Wilhelm told Murphy, "We're not planning it. They [the developers] are proposing it. We don't go out there and solicit projects. This was presented to the town board first and they [the developer] have to go through a review process like any other proposal. They pay the fees, they pay for engineering studies. The town isn't paying anything for this."

Because the proposed truck stop would be within close proximity of the two schools, Murphy culled a list of childhood health risks from trucks releasing airborne particulate matter. "The small, particulate matter can penetrate into small lungs and is a significant health risk to children," he said, holding up charts reflecting data to the board.

"Trucks travel past our houses every single day," explained Wilhelm. "And you're not allowed to idle at a truck stop in New York State." Murphy shot back, "That means our police have to make sure the trucks aren't idling, which also means more of our resources we have to spend our money on."

Throughout the meeting, clear and precise explanations came from Liz Axelson, planning consultant for the town. Axelson offered a brief project history starting with

the first review, studies needed for scoping and what steps had to be taken before a public hearing was scheduled. Tolmach added that certain items had been considered by the planning board for the scoping outline.

"All of us thought about what would concern the town, like pollution, noise," and then Tolmach sarcastically added, "or killing children in the streets." The clamorous response had people yelling, "How can you say that?" Tolmach immediately apologized and someone yelled, "You need to go!"

Holding up the 2008 Kent Master Plan, former town board member Penny Ann Osborn Tarbox asked the planning board if they ever read it. "I'm not happy with this plan. It's way too big, it doesn't fit our town, or our infrastructure. We don't need two hotels," she said. "We've had blasting year after year on Route 52. You're going to start it all over again."

The board often seemed defensive, reminding the audience that they were volunteers and the work they were doing was in the town's best interest. Wilhelm referred to the scoping report and how it reflects the planning board's concerns. "Those are our concerns, we put them in there. We are residents and we're the ones fighting for you. You're not listening to what we have done."

Local real estate agent Brittany Alvarez, who grew up in Carmel, said she currently wasn't representing buyers in the area. "People are saying they don't want to live here because of this project and the truck stop issue."



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Q: How do you recognize erectile dysfunction?

A: Erectile dysfunction is the inability to achieve or maintain an erection sufficient for satisfactory sexual performance.

Q: What causes ED?

A: When everything is working right, a normal level of testosterone sets the stage. The penis contains two tubes filled with vascular spongy tissue. An erection occurs when some stimulation excites the nervous system, causing extra blood flow into the tubes. There must also be an intact mechanism for preventing blood from immediately flowing out. Afterwards, blood drains from the two tubes and the erection disappears.

The immediate causes of ED all relate to conditions that impair the flow of blood into the penis. That includes blood pressure medications, a spinal cord injury, and especially diabetes, which damages small blood vessels and nerves. ED can also signal underlying heart disease from narrowing of the arteries in the heart and the penis. Smoking and excessive alcohol

can cause ED, and depression and anxiety can play a role. Being at your proper weight can lower your risk of ED. Regular exercise improves blood flow.

Q: Who should I see about possible ED?

A: Primary care physicians can initially diagnose and treat ED with pills such as Viagra. But if, after hormone tests, oral medications and perhaps an adjustment to blood pressure medication, the problem persists, you'll typically be referred to a urologist.

Q: What if pills don't work?

A: There are at least four other treatments. *Penile injection therapy* involves self-injecting a medication into the penis that dilates blood vessels. The *vacuum erection device* pulls blood into the penis. A *medicated suppository* inserted into the urethra dissolves into the tissues of the penis, causing an erection. Implantation of a *penile prosthesis* involves placing two cylinders within the penis, a pump in the scrotum, and a reservoir of salt water in the lower abdomen. A squeeze of the pump transfers fluid from the reservoir into the cylinders to create an erection.

New Carmel Distillery Bill Signed into State Law

State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R,C,Ref-Mahopac) and Sen. Pete Harkham (40th SD) announced that Governor Cuomo has officially signed their bill that helps allow a business to continue with its plans to build a multi-million dollar distillery in Carmel.

The legislation was signed into law by the Governor on October 4. The company, the Alexandrion Group, has estimated that it will invest \$40 million constructing their facility. The 118,400-square foot distillery will be built in the heart of the Hamlet of Carmel, and will include a visitors center and tasting rooms for patrons.

The bill permits the distillery to manufacture alcoholic products and sell their own products as a retailer. Byrne and Harkham were alerted of the need for legislative action late in the 2019 session. With little time left, the Assemblyman and Senator moved quickly to introduce legislation to fix the problem, and then worked together to ensure the bill passed their respective committees and reached the floor for a vote before session ended for the year.

"I thank the Governor for signing our legislation into law. This distillery will help provide an economic boost to our community and provide a new stream of revenue to Putnam County," said Byrne. "I am thrilled that by working together, we were able to get this bill introduced, passed in both houses and signed into law in less than six months. The construction and operation of the distillery

will bring over a hundred jobs to the area and help generate new revenue to ease the local tax burden. It's encouraging to see a business-friendly bill like this move through the process at such a quick pace."

"We moved and passed this legislation, in record time, so the Alexandrion Group's Distillery could open in Carmel, bringing over a hundred jobs, countless visitors and new tax revenue to the town. Thank you, Governor Cuomo, for signing this important bill that will boost the economy of the town and region," said Harkham.

"I thank Governor Cuomo for signing this important legislation, and once again, I applaud both Assemblyman Byrne and Sen. Harkham for getting this legislation passed in such a short amount of time. The Town of Carmel stands to benefit greatly from this project; whether it is through job-creation, easing of the tax burden or greater economic activity for local merchants. It's a win-win for us all," said Carmel Town Supervisor Ken Schmitt.

Stelios Savva, CEO of Alexandrian, added, "Alexandrian is sincerely thankful to Governor Cuomo for signing this bill. It has been a pleasure to work with Senator Harkham and Assemblyman Byrne on the legislation and we are looking forward to commence our project. With all the support we have been given it is clear we made the right decision to build the largest distillery on the east coast here in New York."



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Sheriff Holds Awards/Swearing-In Ceremony

Putnam County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Facility held an award/swearing in ceremony on October 10. Several deputies, investigators and civilian employees were honored with lifesaving, commendation, appreciation and meritorious awards. Sheriff Langley opened the ceremony with a few words on the important role that each play, big or small, and it is through their perseverance and hard work that makes the department operate in such a successful manner. Sheriff Langley also swore in and welcomed to the department two new Deputies, Christopher Fury and Corey Berke. K-9's were also present as one could hear the hollowing in back of the room and each K-9 was presented with their department badges.



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Schmitt Releases Proposed Budget for Carmel with Slight Tax Hike

By Rick Pezzullo

Carmel Town Supervisor Ken Schmitt released a tentative budget for 2020 October 2 with a less than one percent property tax increase.

If approved without changes, the average homeowner with an assessment of \$347,000 would pay an additional \$14 next year in town taxes with Schmitt's 0.8 percent tax hike proposal.

"The tentative budget is based on months of preparation and collaboration between myself, the town comptroller, Mary Ann Maxwell, the managers of the various town departments, as well as other elected officials," Schmitt stated in his budget message. "I wish to thank everyone for the care and consideration they took in the preparation of their budget requests. The town comptroller and I worked for many days and hours examining every single line item in the budget."

Schmitt noted the town's tax levy increase in the \$30.6 million budget falls under the New York State mandated tax cap. The bulk of the budget, \$21.6 million, covers employee salaries and benefits.

Included in the spending package is funding for professional consulting firms to assist the town in providing professional and technical guidance in developing a new Master Plan, along with reviewing and revising Carmel's Town Code.

Other expenditures funded in the budget pointed out by Schmitt are: \$75,000 for



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Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt

the installation of bathrooms at Baldwin Meadows Park; \$75,000 for a new natural gas stand-by generator at Carmel Town Hall; \$50,000 for future windows replacement at Town Hall; \$120,000 for Swan Cove Park and Municipal Parking Lot improvements; and \$15,000 for concrete replacement at the south entrance of Town Hall.

The preliminary budget is slated to be adopted by the town board on Wednesday, October 16. A public hearing will take

place on Wednesday, November 6. The final budget must be adopted no later than November 20.

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tossed it outside, cracking the cover.

Two weeks ago, the majority of the Carmel Town Board voted to hire an outside law firm to investigate Barile's alleged unauthorized connection to a sewer system for a restaurant he owns in Lake Mahopac.

Councilpersons John Lupinacci, Suzi McDonough and Jonathan Schneider agreed to retain the services of Cozen O'Connor to look into the accusations. Barile recused himself from the October 2 vote, while Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt, who called the scuffle "an embarrassment," abstained.

However, prior to the vote, Schmitt said he agreed with the need to bring in an outside legal eye, commenting "we need to start this process quickly." He also said retaining Cozen O'Connor could cost the town more than \$40,000.

As reported in *The Putnam Examiner*, a letter from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection stated that Blu

at the Lakehouse, the restaurant owned by Barile, was connected to a sewer and not using a septic system. Earlier this year, Barile said that the property did use septic. A dye test on the existing septic field was done on September 4 by the DEP and discovered the force main for the Blu Restaurant was online. According to Barile, the cap on the force main at Route 6N and Clark Place had been removed the previous week. The Putnam County Department of Health sent a violation to Barile for non-compliance.

On September 3, Barile told *The Putnam Examiner* that he disconnected from his septic field and connected to the sewer so the DEP could run a test to inspect the manhole and sewer line. He also claimed that the town engineering department had been aware of the sewer hookup.

"I'm not looking for exoneration," Barile remarked two weeks ago.



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Obituaries

Barbara Dwyer

Barbara A. Dwyer, a resident of Brewster, died peacefully October 9. She was 83.

She was born September 25, 1936 in Mt. Kisco to David and Adelaide (Bove) Ferris. She was a graduate of Brewster High School and earned her master's degree in Education from Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, CT.

She married the love of her life, William "Bill" Dwyer, on August 21, 1960 at St.



Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Mr. Dwyer predeceased his wife on August 17, 2018.

Mrs. Dwyer was an elementary school teacher at the Garden Street School in Brewster for more than 35 years. Her favorite way to spend the weekend was to travel with Bill to their favorite place, Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT.

Mrs. Dwyer is survived by her children,

Karen Visca of Newtown, CT and Kim Kunkle (Randy) of Newark, DE, as well as her grandchildren, Jenna and Jessica Visca and Alyson, John, and Sarah Kunkle.

Anthony Sobieski

Anthony M. Sobieski, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died peacefully October 3. He was 86.

He was born in Webster, Massachusetts, the fifth of 13 children, on August 13, 1933, to John and Eva (Talbot) Sobieski.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and worked as an executive for RH Macy's and A&P for more than 40 years combined. On February 12, 1956, he married Gloria A. Marinaccio at St. Phillip and James Roman Catholic Church in the Bronx.

In addition to his wife of Mahopac, he is survived by his daughter Judy and her husband James Othmer of Mahopac, his son Anthony and his wife Kristen of Brick, New Jersey and his son Christopher and his wife Kelly of Mahopac, and eight grandchildren: Michael, John, Kelsey and Brooke Sobieski (Anthony); Isabel and James Othmer (Judy); and Maxwell and Bryce Sobieski (Christopher). He is also survived by his brothers and sisters William Sobieski (Betty), Rita Cardenale, Joseph Sobieski, Peter Sobieski, Pauline Sobieski and Mary Jane Sobieski.

Nancy Michalko

Nancy Ellen Michalko a resident of Putnam Valley, died October 3. She was 77.

She was born in New York, NY on April 28, 1942. She was a nurse for more than 40 years. She loved cooking for her family and traveling with her husband of 60 years, Nicholas Michalko. Mrs. Michalko was also an avid Ranger fan.

She is survived by her devoted husband Nicholas, five loving children: Teri (Timothy) Gerstner, Nicholas (Susan), John (Julie), Julianne Serino (fiancé Bill Scherpf), and Christopher (Renee); her cherished grandchildren: John (Kathryn), Benjamin, Michelle (Emre), Timothy, Nicholas, Lyndsey, Jennifer, Anthony, Courtney, Alexa; and three great-grandchildren: Alynn, Scarlett and Oliver. She is also survived by her two sisters, Peggy Vargas and Helen (Ron) Cronin, many nieces, nephews and extended family.

George Olsen

George Olsen, a longtime resident of Lake Peeskill, died peacefully October 8 after fighting a long illness. He was 84.

He was born on March 1, 1935 in Hanover, Germany. He came to America and for three years, served in the U.S. Army as a

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paratrooper. He worked for Valad Electric Heating for 50 years. Mr. Olsen also served as a councilman in the Town of Putnam Valley.

He is survived by his wife Betty, his children Erik (and Cora) and Georgette (and Bobby) and his three grandchildren, Heather, Melanie and Steven.

Gerardo Frassino

Gerardo Frassino, a.k.a, Papa Gerardo, a resident of Carmel, died October 3, surrounded by his loving family. He was 99. He was born October 13, 1919 to Serafino



and Margherita Quaglia in Muro Lucano, Potenza, Italy. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 70 years, Teresa Mangone. He is survived by his two loving children, Dominic Frassino and daughter-in-law, Othilyn of Larchmont NY, and Cristine Jozan and son-in-law, Michael of Carmel NY. He was an Uncle to many nieces, nephews, and cousins throughout Italy and Argentina, including the only one in America, Maria Mangone. Gerardo was the youngest sibling of nine, all whom predeceased him in life. Gerardo also leaves behind his Grandpups, Trixie and Pebbles, as well as, Bella, the parrot.

Mr. Frassino served in World War II in the Italian Army before emigrating to Buenos Aires, Argentina. There he built a house for his bride, Teresa, to follow him. Mr. Frassino and Teresa were married by proxy with Gerardo in Argentina and Teresa in Italy. They stayed in Argentina for several years and had two children, Dominic and Cristine. The family then immigrated to the United States in the early 1960's, where Gerardo was a Master Bricklayer and Contractor with Rusciano Inc.

His Catholic faith was an important part of his life; and when he was not physically attending Mass daily, he was watching it televised. Many times you would see him with rosary in hand, praying. In addition, he was very proud of his Italian Heritage. After his dear wife, Teresa, went to Heaven, he moved in with his devoted daughter, Cristine, and doting son-in-law, Michael, in Carmel. In their loving care, he spent his

remaining five years of life. During this time, Mr. Frassino was an active member of the Seniors in Putnam County, frequenting many events with Cristine and the Seniors to outings at the Putnam Golf Course. he duo also participated in Alzheimer's Association events in Poughkeepsie, Music Socials at Mahopac Library, Mahopac Adult Day Care, as well as, Yorktown (formerly Field Home) Adult Day Care in Cortlandt. A devout family man, he enjoyed praying, working, music, singing, dancing, mani/pedis, food, and wine. He was a ray of sunshine to many people. No matter where he was people gravitated to him. He made longtime friends wherever he was, and

would delight everyone he encountered with his bright smile, serenades, and overall happy demeanor. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. A Memorial Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 15 3 to 8 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., 10 Fowler Avenue in Carmel. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate the life of Gerardo will be held Wednesday, October 16, at 10 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church located at 14 Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. Following Mass his cremains will be brought to his final resting place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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Dated: August 26, 2019
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Letters to the Editor

Fluff is in the Supermarket, Shouldn't Be from PV Candidates

What will the prospective candidates for Putnam Valley do if elected?

It is easy to be a keyboard warrior. Why don't the candidates that are not currently on the Town Board tell us HOW they will lower our taxes.

We the taxpayers would love to hear from them on what they will do to cut the budget if they were on the Town Board. Why don't they review the proposed budget and tell the public what they would do? These candidates are using fluff and feel good words.

If I wanted Fluff I would go to the supermarket. It's not enough to say that "Our Taxes Are Too High" and they will lower them, or find grants to pay for things. Many residents would like to know how they would change the budget.

Giving us one sentence lines on facebook, websites or ten second answers. is not enough.

There will be two debates coming up, although it cannot be stated in a 2 minute rebuttal, say something factual, what and

where do you think you would cut in the budget.

Give us real numbers, you have the budget, it is available to you -- tell us what you would do.

Anthony Armerino
Putnam Valley

PV Library and Community Need to Coexist

Three years ago, the library board introduced proposition 414. It was a 9.5% \$27,000 budget increase, and where they were to become their own government entity, a third local government. If passed, we were told there would be no library budget increase for five years. If not passed, the insinuation was that the library would cease to exist as we know it.

The proposition was voted down by a substantial majority of over 2,800 residents. This should have sent a very clear democratic

message to the library board, but it didn't, it fell on deaf ears.

Here we are only three years later and this time it is a 28% \$90,000 increase (three times the original request) while sitting on a \$150,000 cash reserve without any financial explanation other than a "que sera sera" approach with the over use of the word "Sustainable" and lack of specifics like, "We'd like to plan on not doing this for the next few years."

They clearly lack the budgetary experience of our elected town board members who currently oversee the library budget. In spite of their dire predictions three years ago, if the 414 didn't pass, the library has not only survived, but have provided the community with more than an adequate service. In the words of our town Supervisor the library board "have enhanced the library services 100 times."

Having attended the 10/7/19 library board meeting which had a disappointingly low turnout and didn't have the robust support that has been portrayed, there is

no doubt they are a sincere, passionate and a hardworking group. In their love for the library, it seems that love has blinded them from the reality of the declining need of the library.

Our seniors, who once depended on the library, now have an incredible and very active senior center, provided by the County with its own library. Our school district (with its own library system) enrollment has declined 12.75% over the last ten years with steeper declines predicted. The biggest contributor to the lessening need is technology.

No one is saying it shouldn't exist, but it shouldn't over exist, it would be great if it could coexist. That gives our library and our community the best hope of surviving into the future.

Patrick J. Cronin
Putnam Valley

Library Budget Proposition in Kent Deserves Support

As a writer and retired college professor, libraries a second homes to me.

During my 20-plus years here in Lake Carmel, I have had countless occasions to seek out the assistance of the wonderfully accommodating staff of the Kent Public Library. And if what I happened to be looking for wasn't available in-house, they have done everything possible to locate what I needed from other libraries, far and wide. My debt to them is beyond calculation.

There also came a time when my MacBook was being serviced and I had a strict deadline to meet. The Library's computer room proved to be a godsend. While there, I encountered my closest neighbor, who had brought her grandson with her so he could participate in one of the many children's programs that the Library has to offer the Kent community.

In 2017, the Library held a round of "Community Conversations" for the purpose of determining how they could best serve the interests of its public. Our response could not have been clearer: more,

not fewer, books; longer, not shorter, hours, more, not fewer hours. And on and on. (It was in response to these "Conversations" that Kent Library has added a third late night to its hours of operation.)

Unlike abominable Carmel School Bond referendum that was recently foisted on us -- not once, not twice, but three times -- until they finally hoodwinked us -- yet again -- the Kent Library Budget Proposition is a genuinely modest but eminently deserving investment in the social and cultural and educational life of our community.

And I implore everyone who -- like me -- uses this exceptional resource we call the Kent Public Library to turn their ballots over on election day and vote YES for the Kent Budget Proposition.

Dr. Richard France
Lake Carmel

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Letters to the Editor

Keep 'Team' Together on Southeast Council

My name is James Ryan. I and my wife Ellen have lived very happily in the Town of Southeast for over thirty years. I am writing to express my strong hope that the voters in Southeast all vote to keep the "Team" of our current Town council together on November 5th. By that I mean voting to re-elect Lynn Eckhardt and Edwin Alvarez to the Town Board.

Although I am registered with the Republican Party, I have gotten to know Lynn well, through her years of dedication to our town, particularly with respect to

fiscal responsibility, her leadership on environmental projects such as the annual Earth Day Clean-up and her devotion to improving the quality of life for all of us in Southeast by such things as her hard work on re-opening the Town of Southeast Museum and Center for the Arts.

As Chairman of the Milltown Association and as Vice-president of the Putnam Chorale, both of which charters prohibit political endorsements, I am still free to express my views as a private citizen of how much I value Lynn's work on our Town

Council. With similar goals and interests we have gotten to be good friends and often joke about how a Republican like me and a Democrat like Lynn can get along so well.

Likewise, with respect to Edwin Alvarez, I think he brings real common sense and fiscal responsibility to the Town Board which only complements the great job Tony Hay does as Town supervisor. Edwin's dedication to Community events is typified by his leadership in bringing back the Fourth of July celebration to our Town.

So, to finish, I hope and urge voters in

our town of Southeast to "Keep the Team Together" when voting in this November's election. In my opinion, it is working great for all of us,

With respect,
James "Jay" Ryan

Proposed Truck Stop on Route 52 is Not Responsible

As a candidate for Supervisor of the Town of Kent I would like to stress the need for responsible growth. However, a truck stop on Route 52 is not responsible. I am opposed to the truck stop

at its proposed location. I would like to see an alternative. In addition to supporting a hotel and water park. I would suggest we bring Health care to the Town of Kent. With the right development it would bring convenience and good jobs to our town. I know my opponent supports growth in our town and stated so to the planning board

by calling the truck stop "a win win." Our Supervisor likes to brag about not raising taxes, yet she uses fund balance and added debt in the form of bonds. In my opinion we need to grow our revenue to maintain low taxes and not rely on gimmicks. I have been 1 of 7 volunteer Board members with the Carmel central school district, we vote on the Superintendent's annual budget which is then placed before the voters for approval. The average increase for the Town of Kent has been 1.75% for the last 5 years which is under the cap. It may appear higher this year

due to the fact that we are only at 95.75% valuation. Unfortunately, this causes our equalization rates to be higher than other towns in the district. By being within the cap imposed by the state it insures getting our rebate checks.

Our schools are high performing which helps to maintain our property values. I am currently employed

as a Vice President of operations for a life safety company and retired as an NYPD detective. I am a true conservative and believe in the 2nd amendment. I would be

honored to have your support on November 5th. Please remember early voting begins on Oct 26th at the Putnam county Board of elections on old route 6 in Carmel.

Thank you,
Rick Kreps



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Brewster Theater to Present Laughter on the 23rd Floor

The Brewster Theater Company presents the hilarious Neil Simon play *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* on October 25, 26, Nov 1, Nov 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct 27 and Nov 2 at 2 p.m. The comedy is performed at The Theater at Drew United Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave, Carmel. The show is directed by Stacy Dumont of Patterson.

The quick-witted characters are based on the comedy writers of the 1953 variety show, *Your Show of Shows*, starring Sid Caesar and Mel Brooks. The cast consists of Joe Manuele and Steve Zerilli of Carmel; Bob Dumont of Patterson; Paul Stein, Christopher Gladysz, Vinny LaRusso and Brian Dallas Field of Brewster; Pam DeHuff of Pawling; and Amanda Booth of Holmes. The show is produced by Judy Brewster and Amanda Bevacqua, and stage managed by Karen Tunney and Carolyn McCarthy.

Visit www.brewstertheater.org to select and purchase your seats. Tickets are also available at the door. Contact



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(L-R) Amanda Booth, Christopher Gladysz, Paul Stein, Brian Dallas Field, Joe Manuele, Pam DeHuff, Steve Zerilli, Vinny LaRusso

BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com or call 845-206-9013.

The Brewster Theater Company is a 501(c)3 community theater celebrating its 20th year in 2020. This project is made possible, in part, through the Putnam Arts Council's Arts Link Grant Program, with public funds provided through the NY State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NY State Legislature.

Time to See a Timeless Treasure at the Southeast Museum

When was the last time you interpreted local history by reading a blanket?

The Southeast Bicentennial Quilt, designed by Cynthia Crawford and sewn by Joan Crawford, Pat Baker, Louise Andres, Betty Brosius, Stefani Gosselink, Kathy McGrath, Gail McNamara, Janice Nastasi, Susan Packard, Mary Payne, Clara Porta, Marie Rohrman, Lisa Salvestrini, Winnie Thomas, Susan White and Saga Wihera to honor the Town of Southeast's Bicentennial Celebration in 1988. The quilt is on exhibit at the Southeast Museum in Brewster, NY. It features beautiful hand embroidered panels of important elements of local history including the Croton River and reservoirs, the Harlem Line railroad, Borden's Condensed Milk Factory, Brewster Fire Department, Southeast Presbyterian Church and the one room school house, among others. Some unique real-life characters featured in this amazing piece include Henry H. Wells, known as "The Man with the Flag"; the "Leatherman" who traveled through Southeast on his mysterious walkabouts; world-famous equestrian star Lily Deacon Forepaugh along with Seth B. Howes, father of the American circus leading the assorted



animals in his famed menagerie. The shining star of the quilt is the fabric depiction of the Old Town Hall, the home of the Southeast Museum since 1963.

Due to the lack of heat in the Old Town Hall, the Museum will close to the public on December 7 and will re-open April 2020, so now's the time to see this timeless treasure!

The Southeast Museum is located at 67 Main Street in Brewster, and is open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and for special events.



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Five Ways to Fight Cancer with Your Fork

By Patricia Talio, MS, RD, CDE, CDN,
Registered Dietitian at Northern
Westchester Hospital (NWH)

Proper nutrition is essential to cancer prevention. While no single food can completely protect you against cancer, studies show that diets rich in a variety of healthy foods can offer the strongest cancer protection. Here, I'll discuss five ways you can fight or prevent breast cancer with your fork.

1. Eat the rainbow

A complete diet includes foods of many naturally occurring colors. This is because natural foods get their color from specific vitamins and antioxidants; for example, red foods get their pigment from anthocyanins, an antioxidant that can help prevent cell damage. A diet consisting mostly of white, processed foods — or even whole foods from just one or two color groups — is not as nutritionally complete as a varied diet.

Diets comprised mostly of plant-based foods aid in the prevention of breast cancer. Limit your consumption of red meats (beef, pork and lamb) and processed meats (most deli lunchmeats). When eating meat, choose fish or poultry.

Be sure to eat berries and dark green, leafy vegetables. These fruits and veggies contain flavonoids, powerful antioxidants with anti-inflammatory and immune system benefits. You should be eating two cups of fruit and two-and-a-half cups of

vegetables every day.

When we follow a colorful, (mostly) plant-based diet, we also have a diet higher in fiber and lower in calories. Maintaining a healthy weight is the number one recommendation for the prevention of breast cancer.

2. Up your omega 3's

Omega-3 fatty acids, found in seafood (like wild salmon, atlantic mackerel, sardines, black cod, anchovies, oysters, tuna, and rainbow trout), can help prevent breast cancer by activating specific genes that block the pathways responsible for tumor growth. Women should be eating two to three portions weekly.

3. Fiber, fiber, fiber...

You should be eating 25 to 30 grams of fiber per day. Foods that contain fiber can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower your risk of breast cancer, diabetes and heart disease. To increase your fiber, add the following to your grocery list: 100% whole grain or whole wheat bread, barley, brown rice, beans, peas, and other legumes.

4. Spice it up

Research has shown that spices such as allspice, basil, caraway, turmeric, cinnamon, clove and garlic (among others), may lower cancer risk and affect tumor behavior. Adding these colorful and fragrant herbs and spices to our meals is a great way to get vitamins, minerals, and

antioxidants in. It helps make our food taste better, too!

5. Limit added sugar to 24g a day.

All cells, including both healthy and unhealthy ones, use glucose, a form of sugar, for their energy supply. While it is not necessary to cut all sugar from your diet, it is best to consume simple sugars (candy, baked goods, and fruit juice) in moderation and choose complex carbohydrates (fruits, veggies, and whole grains) more often.

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An American in Paris Opens at Westchester Broadway Theater

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

The fantastic entertainment continues at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) once again. Recently opened this month, An American in Paris is one of their most lavish productions to grace the Elmsford theatre's stage. It runs through November 24 and is the perfect venue to invite out-of-town family and friends visiting during the November holidays.

The story line is about a young American soldier, a beautiful French girl, and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Hoping to start a new life, World War II veteran Jerry Mulligan chooses newly liberated Paris as the place to make a name for himself as a painter. But Jerry's life becomes complicated when he meets Lise, a young Parisian shop girl with her own secret and realizes he is not her only suitor.

George Gershwin's 1928 "An American in Paris" rapidly became one of his most famous compositions. The 1951 MGM film starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron was inspired by Gershwin's score and became one of the studio's most acclaimed and famous movie musicals, winning six Academy Awards. The stage musical was inspired by the Academy Award-winning film and features a score which includes the Gershwin songs "I Got Rhythm," "S Wonderful," "But Not for Me," "Stairway to Paradise," "They Can't Take That Away" and "An American In Paris."

For me, personally, I truly enjoy learning where some of the old-time songs first



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became popular, often not realizing they were featured in classic stage or silver screen films. The WBT production stars Brandon Haagenon as Jerry Mulligan, Deanna Doyle as Lise Dassin, Erika Amato as Madame Baurel, Tommaso Antico as Adam Hochberg, Lauren Sprague as Milo Davenport, and Jonathan Young as Henri Baurel. Supporting cast members include: Danielle Behrens, Rachel Beiswenger, Joseph Cullinane, Jamie Foord, Tim Fuchs, Rachael Britton Hart, Leeds Hill, Katy Kauffman, Ian Knauer, Ryan Lambert,

Garrett Marks, Leisa Mather, Georgina Moore, Collin Sanderson, Rebecca Shulla, Joey Simon, Charity Van Tassel, Kate Wesler, Kent Zimmerman. The production was directed and choreographed by Richard Stafford, with Joseph Cullinane as Associate Choreographer. Musical Direction is by Ryan Wise, Set Design by Steve Loftus, Lighting Design by Andrew Gmoser, and Sound Design by Mark Zuckerman. The Costume Designer is Keith Nielsen, Wig & Hair Design by Gerard Kelly, the Production Stage Manager is Victor Lukas, ASM

is Theresa Stark, and Properties are by Grumpy's Props. Lisa Tiso is the Associate Producer.

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Avoiding an Intimidating Restaurant Wine List Selection Experience



By Nick Antonaccio

How many times have you walked into a restaurant, have just sat down, absorbing the ambience of the room, engrossed in small talk with your dinnermates, when the waiter breaks the pleasant atmosphere by thrusting the dreaded "Wine List" in front of you?

How do you react? With the confident bravado of a seasoned diner or a very visible look of intimidation?

Selecting wines from a restaurant wine list can be an awkward experience for many of us. Whether it is scribbled haphazardly on the back of a menu (hidden below the beer list and above the house cocktail specialties), or worse, presented in a bound leather binder that could easily be mistaken for a volume of illuminati stolen from the Vatican Museum, wine lists require a thorough review and evaluation. All in the span of time it takes for the latest muscle car to speed from 0-60 mph.

Fear not. The solution is usually right at hand – the wine attendant. It may

be someone whose sole responsibility is managing the wine cellar and providing guidance to a restaurant's guests or it may simply be the waiter/waitress who has been given a quick overview of the wine list an hour before you arrived.

Trudge onward. You know you are paying a significant premium (two to three times the retail price) for the wines offered, so why not get your money's worth – with free advice. Most restaurants are eager to provide guidance, advice and gentle arm-twisting to enhance your dining experience. A stress-free diner is a repeat customer. Of course there are those wine attendants who are belligerent or arrogant, but those restaurants are quickly added to your "never again" list. So, take the plunge. Ask for advice! Ordering wine can be just as enjoyable as drinking it.

Here are a few tips on mastering the art of wine selection:

1. Do your homework.

Many restaurants offer their menus and wine lists on-line. A few minutes of review at home before your culinary excursion will familiarize you with the wine list.

2. Many excellent wines are made

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

available only to the restaurant trade.

Invariably you will find unknown wines that will provide a pleasant surprise. How to evaluate these wines? Just ask for advice. If you are in a French restaurant, chances are

there will be several gems on the wine list from regions or producers that will never make an appearance in your local wine shop. Likewise for other ethnic-based restaurants. My rule of thumb: if I see a familiar wine on a wine list I skip right past it to one I've never heard of and ask the server/steward for insights and recommendations. I rarely have been disappointed.

3. A corollary to the above rule of thumb: look past the traditional grape varieties like Chardonnay or Pinot Noir, especially those from the Central Coast of California (bulk produced and industrial grade). Instead look to lesser known varieties from lesser known wine regions (Spanish reds, German whites). They tend to be less expensive and will open your eyes to a new world of wine enjoyment.

4. When asking for advice, provide your wine attendant with a price range (be coy in front of your date or your fellow diners– just point to any wine in your price range: "I'd like your advice on a wine in this price range.") Servers want to please you. The more input you provide the better the

'with the confident bravado of a seasoned diner'

end result.

5. Invariably there is a bargain on the wine list. It may be a wine that wasn't selling well at its higher retail price and the owner has lowered the price. Great wine, reduced price. Another pointer: great wines from poor vintages are abundant, which makes for great bargains. Again, just ask your server/steward for the hidden gems on the wine list.

Armed with these pointers, you will be able to focus on a pleasurable dining experience – great food, great wine, great memories.

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



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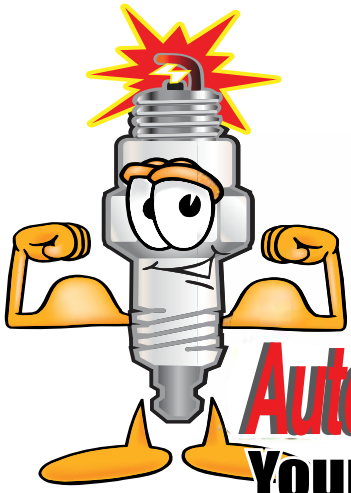
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The Home Library in a Digital Age

In an age when the wealth of human knowledge and culture can be accessed through a tile-sized tablet, many people would assume that we no longer have any need for a library in the home. This does not necessarily indicate a decline in literacy. In fact, the members of Generation Y are the most avid purchasers of books. Not only should we not judge a book by its cover, we also shouldn't assume it will be printed on paper.

And yet, the printed book still holds its appeal as an artifact, a memento, or an artistic creation, and those who own these objects will want them displayed safely and attractively. (And if their physical presence inspires children to read more, so much the better.)

If you have seen collections of books in other people's homes, you may have noticed how they seem to reveal something about the personality of the collector. In fact, you may want to take a look at your own collection and see if it is conveying a message that meets with your approval. Consider the following distinctive home library types, and see if you recognize yourself in any of them.

A space lined with shelves which are in turn crammed with books, maybe two deep,



By Bill Primavera

horizontally stacked, and tucked in every which way, suggests an academic type who reads widely and deeply. If these books are old editions, or in different languages, we may imagine the reader is a tenured professor in an arcane subject. If the books are stacked popular paperbacks covering every surface, we expect their owner to be a zealous fiction fan.

A large collection of books on a single subject naturally reveals the occupant's interest, be it mysteries, gardening, or history. It's a great first step to getting to know a person better. Be conscious of revealing too much of your own interests, however: my

own collection of motivational and self-help books from my earlier stages of personal and professional development would give visitors quite the cross-section of my own preoccupations.

The books themselves may be the items of interest. My wife Margaret's Aunt Pearl subscribed to a book club that reissued a classic work every month with exquisite artistic production values. These books were left to us and hold a place of honor in the custom-built shelves of our living room. Serious bibliophiles may also seek out important first editions, signed copies of

books, or vintage books of other historical interest.

Sometimes books are collected not in their own right, but simply as visual design elements. Many second-hand book shops will advertise their books-by-the-yard rate to interior decorators, who will make their selection based on the size and color of the spines. The next level of books as decoration is when the titles are chosen based on how much they may impress guests, rather than as a reflection of the homeowner's interests. You may recall a famous scene in *The Great Gatsby* where a visitor to Gatsby's library comments knowingly on the scope and quality of the volumes it contains, but also points out that the pages of all the books are uncut; a sign in that age that a book had not yet been read.

To show off your books, first glean them to make sure that the titles you have left are pleasing and useful to you. You may want to group them by category, and then select a different part of your home for each one (cookbooks in the kitchen being a popular example). Store the books either upright or flat, not at an angle or spine-up, and keep them away from bright sunlight and moisture. If you are keeping more than a few books on each shelf, do be certain that the shelf is built for the weight. A too-heavy load can bend the shelf, or even make it collapse completely. The latter happened once at my in-laws' home, and we were

all lucky no one was in the room when it occurred.

A glance online will show you endless varieties of arranging your books, from a ceiling-to-floor wall of shelves with a rolling ladder to access the highest level, to bookshelves built into the structure of a staircase, to bookshelves used as sliding wall dividers. While I am all for saving the trees, I am also very fond of the layer of interest and inspiration that a shelf full of books gives to a home.

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 18

- Across
1. Passe

4. Half of D

7. Sch. in Baton Rouge

10. Seafood delicacy

11. He was famous for spoon bending

12. Forbidden fruit figure

13. Actress, _____ Diaz

15. Chap

16. Birthplace of St. Francis

18. Belonging to Founding Father Franklin or White Plains kosher deli

21. Slept noisily

24. Nunavut native

26. “Honk” if you’ve been to this Cold spring gift shop, The Country _____

27. Humiliate

29. Explosives

30. Get into

32. Inn intake

34. Was naturally present

38. Traffic jam item

39. _____ Paulo

40. Piercing locale

41. Aliens, for short

42. Common spoon (abbr.)

43. Astronaut Grissom
- Down

1. Evil warrior in “The Lord of the Rings”

2. Mauna _____

3. Rep’s opposite

4. Junkyard dogs

5. Snappish

6. Inner layer

7. Shackle

8. A Law and Order version

9. One-eighty

14. Not so strict

17. Conciliate

18. Signal at Sotheby’s

19. Compass direction, abbr.

20. Old Testament book

22. Superlative ending

23. Paris’s Pont _____ Arts

25. Advocate of a very simple life

28. Grannies

31. Butcher’s offering

32. High card

33. Atlas fig.

35. Grande, in the Starbucks world

36. _____ de-toilette

37. Salk and Pepper, abbr.



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Tuesday, October 15

What Does Organic Mean?: 6:30 p.m. Interested eaters will learn about the ins-and-outs of an organic label. What does it mean exactly for your diet, your shopping list, and the environment? Also covered are some of the other monikers (such as non-GMO and bsT-free) that are often associated with organic foods. This talk, hosted by Mahopac Library, is presented by Maire Ullrich, MBA, Agricultural Program Leader. Registration for this program is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Patterson Library Board of Trustees Meeting: The Patterson Library Board of Trustees meets at the library on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121.

Wednesday, October 16

Halloween: A Haunted History at Reed Library: 11 a.m. Registration required. Please visit www.carmellibrary.org or call 845-225-2439 for more information.

Patterson Historical Society: The Original Hell’s Angels. 7 p.m. Hear the story of the WWII B-17 bomber known as “Hell’s Angels” which was part of the U.S. Army Air Force’s 303rd Bombardment

Group. The Patterson Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, October 17

Understanding Dementia-Related Behaviors: 2 p.m. During the middle stage of dementia, the person with the disease often starts to exhibit new behaviors that can be confusing for a caregiver. This program, presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, will help attendees identify common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia and learn strategies for addressing common dementia-related behaviors. Registration for this program is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Hauntings of the Hudson River Valley: 7 p.m. Listen and you shall hear of spirits residing here and near. Vincent Dacquino will discuss his paranormal experiences while researching his books on Sybil Ludington and “Hauntings of the Hudson River Valley.” For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Friday, October 18

“Tales From the Lake:” The Arts on the Lake Writers Group presents their “Annual Read” 7 p.m. Come for an evening of poetry; prose; memoir; fiction, fun and refreshments! 640 Route 52 Lake Carmel - the old Fire House. Join us as Tail Feather paddles on a river that flows two ways and a love letter is written to Summer’s abundance. From AmeriCorps memories of kids covered with homeopathic repellent to the pitter patter of paws on hardwood floors and rains’ frenzy zapping your ears. From the turf fire in the hearth glowing bright as old Ned recounts echos of ages past to the cosmic dust swept by birds’ little stick feet. Hilarious episodes from six decades of mammograms to human legs askew in the grass of an accident scene and space zombies in a suffering fog swinging themselves across a creek like Tarzan.

Saturday, October 19

The Great Swamp Celebration: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., also Sunday, October 20, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Thomas Memorial Center at Christ Church, 17 Church Street. on Quaker Hill in Pawling. The location is spectacular with western views of magnificent fall foliage on the distant hills and of course, the Swamp.

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Defensive Driving Class @ Mahopac Library: 9:45 a.m., – 2:45 p.m. The Defensive Driving Insurance Reduction. It is designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Completion of the course may result in a 10 percent liability insurance discount to the principal operator (check with your insurance company) as well as a maximum of four points off the driver’s violation record. This program is approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. \$45 per person, \$35 for seniors 65+. Register online, by phone, or in-person. Payment will be taken only on the day of the class. Cash or checks payable to Jack Coxen; charge cards not accepted. Registration required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

The Great Give Back: Community members to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences. Mahopac Public Library has chosen to participate in this project by partnering with United for the Troops to collect non-perishable snacks, toiletries, and sundries for the brave men and women who are serving overseas in the U.S. military. Collection boxes will be placed

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at the Library during the week of October 13-19; stop in before that time to pick up a list of items requested by United for the Troops, and then drop off your donation at the Information Desk during our Great Give Back week (10/13-19). For further information about the Great Give Back or the Untied for the Troops collection, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Patterson Fire Dept. Car Show: 11a.m.-4 p.m. Vehicle registration from 9-11 a.m., \$10 entry fee. DJ, food, vendors, raffles, trophies. For information, call 845 803-2397, email PattersonFDCarShow@gmail.com or visit [pattersonFireDepartmentNY](https://www.facebook.com/pattersonFireDepartmentNY) on Facebook.

Military Collectables, Knife Show: **Patterson Recreation Center**, 65 Front Street, Patterson. Historical items for sale will include Insignia, Medals, Uniforms, Equipment, Swords, Knives, Headgear, Books, Artwork, Antique Muzzle Loaders, Surplus, etc. The material will cover the years from the American Revolution to the present day. There will also be several uniformed "Living Historians" who are ready to answer questions about the eras they represent. Great food will be available. Come for breakfast and stay for lunch! This family friendly show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5, Children under 12

Free with an adult. Part of the proceeds goes to Patterson Recreation Center & The American Veterans Historical Museum. For additional information, contact The Patterson Recreation Center, 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag, 845-878-7106.

Sunday, October 20

Putnam's Out of the Darkness Walk: 11:15 a.m. at the Carmel Fire Department. Registration begins at 10 a.m. or online at www.afsp.org/Putnam.

BAMM Presents Twilight Orchestras in Concert at Mahopac Public Library: 2 p.m., Twilight Orchestras, featuring Kati Mac and Tim Ouimette, performs an intimate and sophisticated selection of Jazz from the greatest artists of the era. Registration for this concert is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Italian American Mass and Concert: 11:30 a.m. Mass and followed by an Italian Music Concert in the Social Hall. St. John's Church is located at 225 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac. A reception will follow. No reservations needed. Bring your friends and family. For more information, contact President of IAC, Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655.

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Wells Trade Students Building a Bookshelf

Middle schoolers at H.H. Wells in Brewster are learning a lot in their Trades class. During a recent class, students were building a bookshelf so that they could keep their workspace and the floor clear during class. While building, they made a mistake in assembling one of the pieces of the shelf. Instead of alerting them to it, the teacher, Glenn Palmieri, sat back and waited for them to notice. Once they did, he taught them how to fix the mistake.



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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science; Computer, Civil, Traffic or Transportation Engineering; or a closely related field and three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in the field of traffic engineering, one (1) year of which must have been in computerized traffic signal systems and control. NOTE: A Master's degree in one of the above noted fields may substitute for one (1) year of the general traffic engineering experience. Valid Driver's License.

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Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a **Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday October 24, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application 1. Fiorio, Robert, 66 Lee Avenue, 62.18-1-33; R-3** Request lot coverage variance, front and side yard setback variances for generator, propane tanks and carport. A

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variance under Section 165-27 I (3) for fence height. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

Notice is hereby given that the **TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY** has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 20/19 Harris Fields 15 Locust Glen Road TM# 73-1-44 WT21/19 Thim Oung 160 Barger Street TM# 74.17-1-51**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting October 16, 2019 6 P.M. 1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. Departmental Reports. 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Legislative Report 5. School Report 6. Set public hearing for final budget on November 6th at 5 P.M. 7. Adopt Lake Oswawana Septic Pumpout law revision. 8. Resolution to accept the Town's 2020 Tentative Budget as presented at the Work Session on October 2, 2019 9. Request for Release of Demolition Bond for Stacey Soloviev. 10. Authorize Supervisor to sign computer lease. 11. Authorize Supervisor to sign a server

migration contract with KVS. **Districts 12.** Town Board to waive any building permit fees for Glenmar Garden roof repair of pump house. **Parks & Recreation 13.** Personnel changes **14.** Refunds **Building Department 15.** Daily fee report for September. **16.** Budget Transfers **17.** Public Comment **18.** Audit of monthly bills.

Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board** will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oswawana Lake Road on Monday October 21, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm **AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for **October 21, 2019 at 6:00PM** (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oswawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. **Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oswawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12&7.11/File2019-0199)** The subject property consist of +/-

10.3 acres of land and is located on Oswawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **SKETCH 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oswawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7/File2019-0196)** The property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oswawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a Fire Station building +/-30,000 sq.ft. in size, with well and septic system, 127 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities and related site improvements. 3. **Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (TM# 72.20-1-7.11/File2019-0204)** The applicant is proposing an amended site plan for improvements to allow shared access and parking with proposed fire station on adjacent property. The Planning Board will consider adopting a resolution declaring intent for lead agency for the Fire House and Ambulance Corp. project. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2019**

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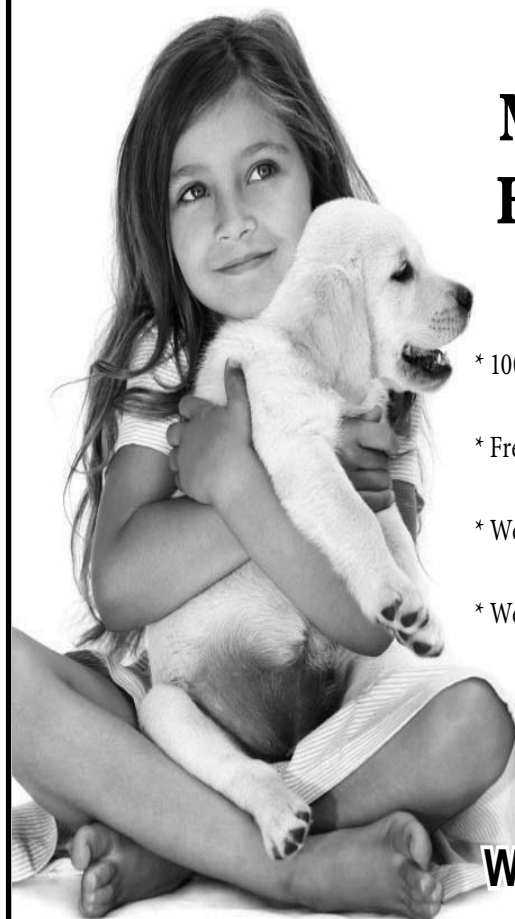
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE of Object of Action Supreme Court of the State Of New York County Of Putnam U.S. Bank National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Trustee For The RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 500437/2019 Mortgaged Premises: 7 Lakeview Road Carmel, NY 10512 SBL #: 55.20 - 1 - 9

Plaintiff, vs Catherine A. Cercena If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Hsbc Bank USA, N.A., People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs,

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. **TO Catherine A. Cercena Defendant in this Action.** The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Victor G. Grossman of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twelfth day of September, 2019 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated October 25, 2006, executed by Catherine A. Cercena to secure the sum of \$343,400.00. The Mortgage

was recorded at Book 4972, Page 275 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on November 13, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 30, 2012 and recorded on August 15, 2012, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 6028, Page 210. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 27, 2013 and recorded on November 12, 2013, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 6315, Page 332. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 1, 2017 and recorded on March 6, 2017, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 6697, Page 397.

The property in question is described as follows: 7 LAKEVIEW ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512 **HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The state encourages you to become in-

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DATED: September 18, 2019
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Mahopac Rear-Views Last Year, Full Speed Ahead in 2-1 Win over Carmel

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

After a 2018 season that was one to forget, Mahopac junior A Krista Dietz (L) has led the Indians' 2019 charge back toward the top of the Class A heap as she put two between the pipes in Saturday's 2-1 win over rival Carmel, scoring off assists by sophomores Ava Jennings and Gabby Gonzalez. Dietz has now scored a team-high 19 goals and eight assists on the year for the Indians, including Mahopac's lone goal in a 1-1 tie with Arlington Thursday. 'Pac G Katie Iarussi made eight saves and Coach Dona DiMaggio's Indians, one of the premier Class A programs for much of the last three decades, improved to 8-4-2 after failing to win a single game last year. Maryrose Murphy (5) and the Rams fell to 5-6-2.

Sports

Grid Notebook

Somers, Yorktown, Brewster, Lakeland to Host 1st Round Playoff Games

Carmel Coach Cayea Sets Sight on 150th Career Win vs. Mahopac, Higgins Trophy Up for Grabs

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

As we ride off into the sunset of the regular season, the Section 1 Class A playoffs are wide open this year. As per usual, the classification is choc-full-of-contenders, with a slew of state-ranked challengers with one or fewer losses, including No.6 John Jay CR (6-0, the No.1 seed in the playoffs), No.17 Somers (5-1, the No.2 seed), No.14 Nyack (5-1, the No.6 seed), No.16 Yorktown (5-1, the No.5 seed), No.19 Rye (5-1, the No.3 seed), plus unranked Brewster (5-1, the No.4 seed) and Clarkstown South (5-1, the No.7 seed).

SOMERS is locked and loaded after the Coach Tony DeMatteo's Tuskers roughed up visiting Nyack, 35-12 behind 207 rushing yards and two scores from junior RB Jack Kaiser, who manhandled a Nyack unit that crushed Yorktown with explosive plays a week prior. The Tuskers' rushed for 339 yards on the ground, which controlled time of possession and limited Nyack to just nine offensive plays in the second half.

"Ground and pound, the O-line was producing holes and giving me the chance to do some things," Kaiser said. "We knew Nyack was a very fast team, so our game plan was just to contain them and stop the homerun plays."

Mission accomplished: Starting with a 12-play, 62-yard drive, capped by a two-yard Kaiser with 3:24 left in the first quarter, which gave Somers a 7-6 lead, the Tuskers never looked back, never trailed and put the section on notice.

Somers junior QB Jackson Kossow hit on 5 of 10 passes for 53 yards and rushed for another 53 yards and two TDs while Somers out-gained Nyack 389-128 from scrimmage. Somers RB Nick Rossi added a five-yard TD run, which provided a ton of first-half momentum.

Somers DL Charlie Grindrod paced the defense with eight tackles, three for loss



RAY GALLAGHER/ANDY JACOBS/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Somers RB Charlie Balancia picks up a herd of blockers in Tuskers' 35-12 win over Nyack Friday.

while T.J. Deagan added six tackles and a sack. Tuskers Eric Krauss and Anthony Cheek had seven tackles apiece.

YORKTOWN had its way with host Fox Lane in a 42-0 trouncing Saturday. Coming off its lone loss of the season, the Huskers (5-1) had laser sharp focus and ran roughshod over the Foxes (4-2). Yorktown QB Trevvon Johnson rushed for 133 yards rushing and two scores. Powerful Husker RB Dylan Smith found gaping creases in the Fox Lane defense and rushed 19 times for a game-high 158 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown run that saw his O-line open a hole a truck could drive through. Dynamic WR/RB Keith Boyer added a pair of touchdowns for the Huskers.

LAKELAND struggled with rival

WALTER PANAS for a half before the host Hornets went off on defense and special teams to pull away for a 42-14 win, defeating the Panthers for the first time since 2015.

Lakeland junior QB Tyler Santucci continued in what has been one of the finest seasons in recent memory for a Hornet QB, clicking on 18-23 passes for 196 yards and four TDs, the bulk of those scores going to senior RB Matt Makar (8 catches, 74 yards, 3 TD catches, 8 rushes, 43 yards, 1 rush TD). Indeed, Makar had himself a career day. Lakeland's Mike Castelli (3 catches for 83 yards, 1 rushing TD) was also involved.

Defensively, John Giofrida (10 tackles, 1 blocked punt), Danny Libretti (10 tackles) and

Jason Green (10 tackles, 1 INT) were spectacular. Green's pick was a thing of beauty. He batted up a pass at the line of scrimmage and corralled at the one, which set up an easy Lakeland score. The Hornets are now 4-2 after finishing last season 2-7.

The Panthers fell to 1-5 and did not qualify for the field of 16 playoff teams, but they hung tough for a half behind QB Mark Perez who fired two TD passes to Robert Ennis, giving Perez nine TD passes for the year, six to Ennis.

BREWSTER RB Thomas Consolato exploded for three touchdowns, finding paydirt on jaunts of 14, 60 and 54 yards in a 35-7 win over host HEN HUD Friday. Brewster improved to 5-1 on the season while Coach John 'Big Cat' Catano's Sailors fell to 3-3 and discovered they will be competing in Class B next season. The last time Hen Hud was in Class B the Sailors lost to Sammy Maldonado's Harrison Huskies in the 1999 Section 1 title game.

CLASS AA

CARMEL has all but locked up the No.2 seed by virtue of a 38-7 win over visiting Scarsdale, giving Coach Todd Cayea the 149th win of his career.

Ram QB Andrew Nunez had his finest game, connecting on 12 of 13 passes for 183 yards and two touchdowns. Five of those completions went to versatile WR/RB Alex Beauchesne for 114 yards and a score. Carmel senior RB James Cox continued his excellence with 90 yards on the ground and two more scores as the Rams improved to 5-1 and likely locked up the No.2 seed, with rival Mahopac standing in the way and the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial trophy up for grabs. The favored Rams are seeking a

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Somers DE T.J. Deagan (14) puts hammer down on Nyack QB in Tuskers' 35-12 win over Indians Friday.



Somers junior QB 'Action Jackson' Kossow eludes Nyack tackler in what might have been his finest game as Tusker QB, a 35-12 win over Nyack Friday.

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Carmel RB James Cox has been a terror all season and rushed for two more TDs in rout of Scarsdale Friday.

fifth-straight Higgins win over the Indians. In Arlington's 23-13 win over host **MAHOPAC**, the talk of the town centered on the Indians' likely drop in classification next season, dropping down from Class AA to A. As of press time Monday morning, the state's BEDS numbers (Basic Educational Data System) were not officially released, but word did leak out about Mahopac dropping

from Class AA to A, and Hen Hud moving from Class A to B for the 2020 season. The Indians (2-4) fell behind 16-0 and fought back valiantly when sophomore QB Anthony DeMatteo passed for over 100 yards for the first time in his career, hitting 5 of 9 passes for 103 yards, one TD and a pick. Mahopac WR Tommy Elliot (Fairfield Commit for lax) had five receptions for



Yorktown's Keith Boyer is shot from cannon on long TD trot in Huskers' 42-0 win over host Fox Lane Saturday.



Yorktown RB Dylan Smith rushed 19 times for a game-high 158 yards, including this 50-yard TD jaunt in Huskers' 42-0 rout of Fox Lane Saturday.

43 yards, two of which were highlight reel grabs. Vincent Bastone led the Indians defense with nine tackles while Dom Perricone and Matt Puckhaber also performed well on defense, according to Coach Dominick DeMatteo.

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 SOMERS – Since Week 2 loss to Yorktown, Class A state-ranked (No.17) Tuskers (5-1) look like the team we thought they would be, and should the seeds hold up we could be staring down the barrel of a Somers vs. Rye semifinal. For now, Somers draws No.15 TZ in qualifying round in what should be a cakewalk.

No.1A CARMEL – Class AA Rams (5-1) will likely celebrate a fifth-straight Higgins Trophy victory over Mahopac this Friday, what would be the 150th career win in Coach Todd Cayea's 25-year career. This guy is #TheStuffofLegend.

No.1B YORKTOWN – State-ranked (No.7) Class A Huskers (5-1) have apparently put the Nyack loss behind them, and should they find the Week 2 mojo that undressed Somers, this unit could find itself challenging for the Section 1 title. No.5 Yorktown should find that mojo and then some in qualifying round game against No.12 Hen Hud.

No.4 BREWSTER – Class A Bears' (5-1) would have signed in blood for this regular season, but the 2nd season is another story for the No.4 Bears, who drew No.13 Pelham in qualifying round, and they could be on a collision course with

No.5 Yorktown should the seeds remain intact after the 1st round re-seed. Imagine the Bears' Den would be lit if the Huskers come northeast and The Crop travels well. #SignMeUp.

No.5 LAKELAND – Class A Hornets (4-2) came to life in the 2nd half of their win over rival Panas, and now the No.8 seed sets its sights on a home playoff game against No.9 Fox Lane. A win over the Foxes might be Lakeland's biggest win since a 2009 playoff win over Fox Lane, but this is by no means an easy assignment as the Foxes have a mighty RB in Michael Washington.



Somers RB Nick Rossi (9) celebrates his TD with teammates in host Tuskers' 35-12 win over previously unbeaten Nyack Friday.

Sports

Soccer Notebook

Lenaghan Setting Standard On, Off Field at Ossining

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

We have some really solid soccer being played across the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region this fall, and some record-setting performances coming out of **OSSINING** where this Nolan Lenaghan is rewriting the record books with single-season goals (24) and career tallies (50). Lenaghan, the most recent Con Ed Scholar Athlete award winner scored once in last week's 2-2 with White Plains and notched the milestone 50th in a shocking 2-0 win

over state-ranked (No.1) Mamaroneck. Lenaghan scored both the tying and overtime goals, snapping the career goal scoring mark of Alex "The King" Tejera and breaking the season single marks of both Tejera and Mateo Marra (22G).

Lenaghan currently leads Section 1 with 24 goals this season and, more importantly, sports an unweighted average of 100-plus in the classroom. The state-ranked (No.16) Pride (11-2-1) are having one of their best seasons and that is saying something given the level of soccer the last few years, and there are many at Ossining who say Lenaghan is the best to ever lace 'em up there, the current No.2 seed in Class AA...

Staying in Class AA, **CARMEL** (7-5-1) is having one of its best seasons in the last decade and a 6-1 win over host **MAHOPAC** last Thursday only confirmed it. The Rams are currently holding the No.13 seed in the AA playoffs, and they got back on course after losing three in a row when Brian



Lakeland G Caley Doell makes choice save in Hornets' 2-1 loss to host Somers Thursday.



NICK ABREAU PHOTO

Ossining's Nolan Lenaghan is flanked by former Pride greats Mateo Marra (L) and Alex Tejera (R) upon breaking their scoring records.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel senior F Nicholas Fernandes scored goal in win over Mahopac and continues to kill it on pitch.

Baader-Blaser had a hat-trick for the Rams. Jaiah Gottor, Nick Fernandes and Jack Auteri also scored for Carmel. The Indians fell to 3-9-1 and hold the No.16 seed.

CLASS A SOMERS, the 2018 NYS runner-up, crossed into the top 20 in the state rankings last week and appears poised to defend its second Section 1 title in three years. Winners of nine in a row, Somers (12-1) swept John Jay in a 24-hour span, concluding in a 2-1 win Saturday, which produced the League II-B title and allowed the Tuskers to hold firm the current No.2 seed in the upcoming playoffs.

Skillful Ethan Cukaj scored both goals for the Tuskers off assists from Drew Lasher and Daniel Dipolito. Somers has outscored opponents 36-4 since the early season loss

to Byram Hills.

LAKELAND spread the wealth around in a 5-0 win over Tuckahoe last Friday when Augie Karaqi, Sonny Karaqi, Bryan Jaramillo, Jason San Lucas and Jack Tuite each scored. Genti Gashi dished a pair of assists and G Nick Bassani (4 saves) posted a shutout for the Hornets (7-5-1), the current No.11 seed.

YORKTOWN made some adjustments from their first meeting with the Panthers and doled out a 5-1 setback to **PANAS**, which has struggled some of late. Husker striker Timmy O'Callaghan scored two goals and set up another. Yorktown coaches believe O'Callaghan is closing in on the

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Somers' Kayleigh Kenny flicks shot on goal in Tuskers' 2-1 win over Linda Daly and Lakeland Hornets last Thursday.



Somers' Ella Kittredge (L) and Lakeland's Mikalya Gustavson get after it in Tuskers' 2-1 win over visiting Lakeland Thursday.

Sports

Volleyball Notebook

Swertfager's 'Volleyball Family' Celebrates Milestone 600th Win

By Tony Pinciario

Callie Pidorianio was an elementary school student when she was first introduced to legendary Hendrick Hudson varsity volleyball Coach Diane Swertfager.

"I was only seven or eight when I first met coach," said Pidorianio, a senior and captain. "Coach was, and still is, very good with kids, so I used to love going to the volleyball camps that she and her team held for the elementary school."

Pidorianio and her current teammates, who began at these volleyball camps, would give Swertfager a milestone gift in their victory over Dobbs Ferry last week.

It was Swertfager's 600th varsity win in her illustrious career. Swertfager joins Croton coach and good friend, Robin Cook, as the only Section 1 volleyball coaches with 600 career victories.

"We knew coach was approaching 600 wins this year, and I think we felt honored as a team to be able to share this win with her," said Pidorianio, who also had Swertfager as her Phys Ed teacher at Blue Mountain Middle School. "Coach has put so much effort and care into creating a legacy at Hen Hud and it felt so good to be there to celebrate this success with her."

The recent milestone is just one of many for Swertfager, who has also guided her team to 14 Section 1 championships, seven state finals and three state titles in her 32 years guiding Hen Hud. Swertfager has also witnessed many of her players continue playing in college and some return to their roots and coach in the program – current Junior Varsity coach Dina Bertoline, modified coach Alexis Augusta and varsity assistant Stephanie Gaminer. Swertfager is also joined by her daughter and 2019 University of Florida graduate, Theresa Swertfager, also a former John Jay-Cross River All-Section standout.

The always humble Swertfager enjoyed the victory, however, she was happier for her team.

"I was really excited for the girls," said Swertfager, who had Hen Hud playing in the Hall of Fame Tournament, Columbus Day. "I remember at 400 and 500 how proud the kids were to be part of that. This is a special team to see them rejoice in their accomplishments, individually and collectively, and to thank them for their sacrifices."

When Swertfager first became the Hen Hud volleyball coach, in 1987, she couldn't fathom 600 wins. Instead, the Pleasantville



Legendary Hen Hud volleyball Coach Diane Swertfager celebrates her 600th career win with the 2019 Sailors and staff last week.

High School and Springfield College graduate's short-term goals were simple.

"I wanted to get decent uniforms," said Swertfager, with a laugh. "We had ugly uniforms and awful, plastic, hard volleyballs that weren't even good for phys ed classes. It was all about upgrading the equipment and earning the respect that volleyball existed as a sport and program and we wanted to get the girls to play better. And, immediately, the girls enjoyed the game and wanted to do well. We've always had supportive parents and the players understand the need to commit because we run a rigorous, fun program with high standards."

Swertfager's impact on the program was immediate as Hen Hud thrust itself among the Section 1 elite. The only problem was that Fox Lane and then-Coach Mike Galu were making sectional titles an annual happening. Hen Hud was on the short end of some of those titles, so Swertfager and her girls raised their collective commitment level.

"We were all willing to learn and improve," said Swertfager, a setter at Springfield. "I started coaching at Pepsico Volleyball Club with Mike Galu and Patti Perone, two good mentors. When we finally beat Fox Lane and Mike was retiring, he smiled and said to me, 'I leave this sport in good hands.'"

Once Pidorianio made her choice to play modified volleyball, she knew what the commitment level would be, especially when she got to varsity.

"On modified, I was so excited to go to the

high school and play for Coach Swertfager and Coach Bertoline," Pidorianio said. "I remember watching Coach Swertfager's team and seeing how talented they all were, which is what sold me on volleyball and when I started to put all my time and effort into getting prepared for varsity."

"Coach is definitely tough; she knows how to push her players to get the most out of them," she added. "At the same time though, she is loving, goofy, and supportive to her players. She makes it clear that the only reason she pushes her teams so hard is because she sees such potential in her players."

Swertfager laughed when telling a story about a serious/comic situation in practice.

"The girls like it when I try to do the bad cop and then Theresa steps in to make fun of me," Swertfager said. "The girls smile and try not to laugh, then they see Theresa laughing. It's fun and brings some comic relief."

Theresa joining the coaching staff is almost a rite of passage considering she spent many a day at practice with her mom.

"Growing up in the Hen Hud program was absolutely amazing," Theresa said. "I would go to practice, watch the girls play and always admired how intense and driven they were to be better and for something that was so important to everyone, which was to win a state championship."

"Coaching with my mom has absolutely been one of the best experiences ever. I'm growing as a coach and learning new ideas

and concepts that my mom is teaching. Combining our knowledge of the game has really helped the girls and their level of play."

Hen Hud Athletic Director Tom Baker has had the pleasure of experiencing many Swertfager's wins. Baker feels that Swertfager's commitment to her team and program has made Section 1 raise its collective level of play.

"Coach Swertfager has a deep passion for the sport of volleyball," Baker said. "I firmly believe that the level of play in the sport of volleyball has grown tremendously in our entire area, regardless of the school, due to Coach Swertfager's success with Hendrick Hudson. We've sustained such greatness for so long, other schools had to raise their level of play. I'm always impressed how former players return, year in and year out, to visit. They consistently connect their personal success to their work on the volleyball court. It has been truly impressive to see Coach Swertfager sustain this greatness over such a long period of time."

The sectional and state championships are rewarding, but Swertfager is more impressed with how her players mature into well-versed and well-rounded young women, first in high school, and beyond. While Swertfager gives the credit to her players, the players, and Theresa, know that it is all Swertfager. She is an excellent role model for her players and her students.

"Coach teaches her players the importance of being strong, confident and classy women in life," Pidorianio said. "Being a female in a male-dominated field is not easy, and Coach Swertfager teaches us, by example that you can be successful, intimidating, and respected as a female coach. She also teaches us the importance of hard work, and how nothing comes easy. Coach really created more than just a team at Hen Hud, she's created a family."

Theresa agrees with Pidorianio and expanded.

"My mom is such a tremendous role model as a coach because she doesn't just focus on volleyball," Theresa said. "She shows the girls how to be better people off the court. As a role model it is important that you lead by example. My mom does a great job helping her players understand how to be the best they can be as an overall person and not just a player. A great coach doesn't just focus on the players' skills, they focus on the person and I believe my mom does a great job with that aspect."

Oh, and a 15th Section 1 title sits merrily on the horizon.

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program record with his 17 goals this season. Peter Tinaj had a pair of goals and playmaker George Popovic set up three scores for the Huskers (9-4), the current No.5/6 seed. Panas fell to 6-7 and cling to the No.15 seed.

HEN HUD (5-6-3) holds the No.16 after a scoreless tie with Beacon and a 4-0 loss to Scarsdale, but make no mistake the Sailors were scrappy in each game and continue to make 'Angry Baby' happy (inside joke).

GIRLS SOCCER

State-ranked (No.16) **SOMERS** and

LAKELAND really got after it last Thursday, the Tuskers (11-2-1) eking out a 2-1 win over the visiting Hornets (7-6-1) behind a goal and assist from Ella Kittredge. Ava Pagliaro tied the game at 1-all for the Hornets off an assist from Linda Daly.

Somers Coach Paul Saia was happy to get the win but expects more.

"Let's just say that I'm hard to please," Saia joked.

He was a tad happier after the Tuskers posted a 3-0 win over **BREWSTER** Friday to secure the League II-B title. Ella Kittredge, Karlene Kurtz and Angelina

Hurtado each scored for the Tuskers while assists went to Dahlia Pepe and Kittredge.

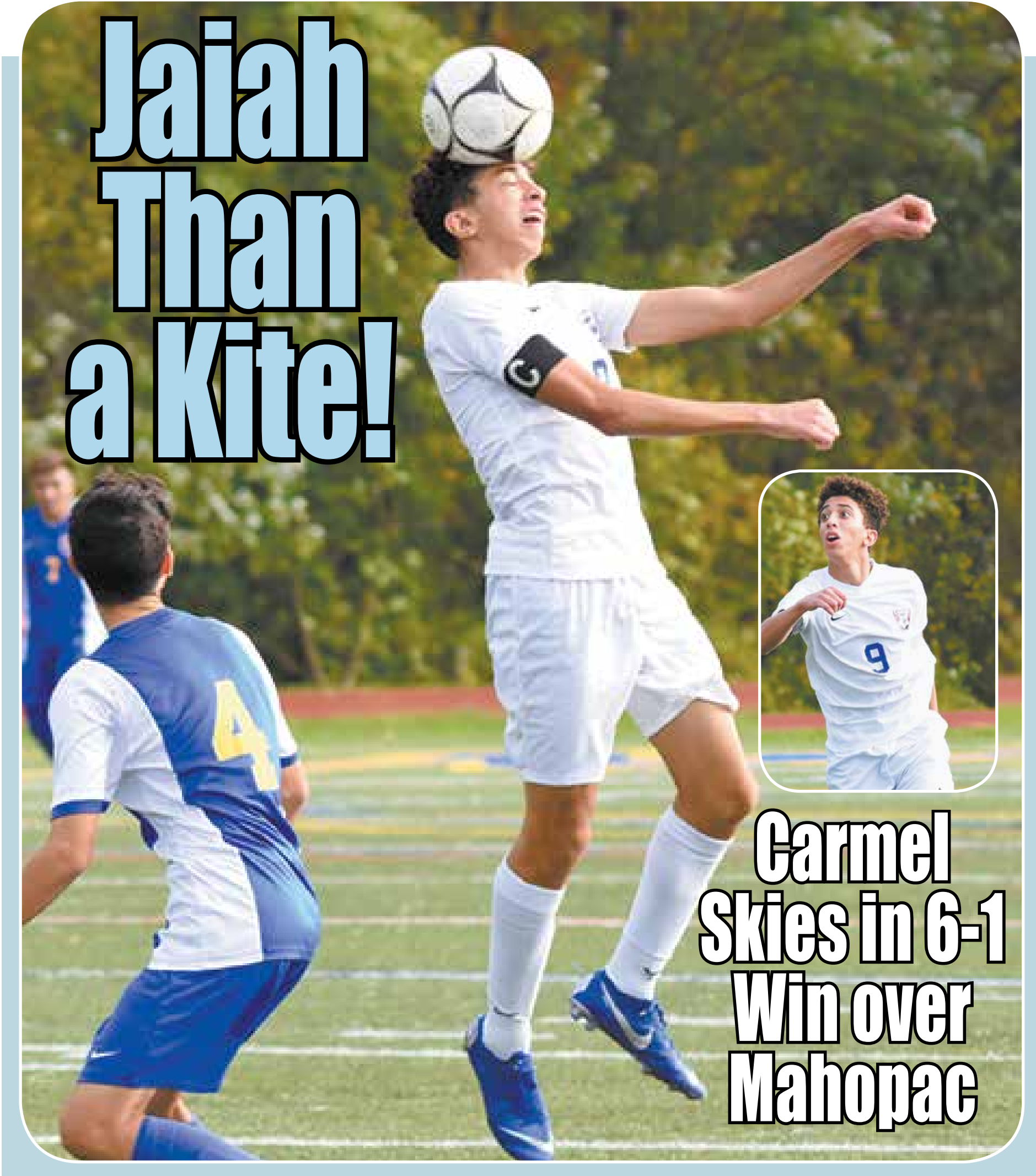
Somers G Rachel Ross posted the 10th shutout of the season for the Tuskers, the current No.4 seed. Lakeland holds the No.14 seed, behind No.13 Hen Hud (7-5) and ahead of No.16 Brewster (6-6-1).

HEN HUD's Erin Clark was the hero of the day in the Sailors' 2-1 overtime triumph of Beacon last Thursday, tickling twine twice, including the OT winner. Kira Varada added an assist for the Sailors.

Current No.17 **YORKTOWN** saw Julianna Vano get the hat trick in a 3-0 win

over Brewster, improving to 5-6-2.

CLASS AA MAHOPAC climbed into the top 20 in NYS when Hailey Pereira, Mia Klammer and Christina Lopreato all scored for the Indians (10-3) in a 3-0 shutout of visiting Yorktown last Tuesday when Mahopac honored its seniors on senior night. Mahopac currently holds the No.3 seed behind No.1 North Rockland and No.2 Arlington, the three-time defending champs, directly in their current semifinal path; the same Admirals that handed the Indians a 3-0 setback Saturday. Arlington remains the team to beat until proven otherwise.



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Carmel senior M Jaiah Gotter puts a head on the ball in the Rams' 6-1 win over host Mahopac and Marco Chousa (4) last Thursday when Carmel's Brian Baader-Blaser had a hat-trick for the Rams, who snapped a three-game skid and improved to 8-5-1 behind additional goals from Gotter, Nick Fernandes (1A) and Jack Auteri. Mahopac dropped to 4-10-1... see Soccer Notebook