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State Begins \$28.9M Bridge Project in Putnam Valley

By Eric Stutz

State and local officials held a groundbreaking ceremony in Putnam Valley last Wednesday to begin a \$28.9 million project for a new bridge over the Taconic State Parkway at the Pudding Street intersection, along with new ramps that will make it easier for motorists to get on and off the parkway.

Residents have been urging the state to change the dangerous intersection for many years.

"Today we deliver on a long-

awaited promise," said Marie Therese Dominguez, commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation. "Construction is starting immediately."

The project will eliminate the current at-grade crossing and realign the parkway to accommodate the new bridge. It will increase sight distance and make the crossing easier to navigate for commuters, school buses and emergency service providers, Dominguez said.

"The Pudding Street intersection is one of the most dangerous intersections on the

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ERIC STUTZ PHOTO

Marie Therese, commissioner of NY State Dept. of Transportation, explains project at press conference last week.

Dates, Times Set for Early Voting in Putnam County

By Rick Pezzullo

Residents in Putnam County who can't wait until Election Day to go to the polls will have nine days prior to choose from.

The early voting polling location for Putnam is the Putnam County Board of Elections, located at 25 Old Route 6 in Carmel.

Any resident who is a registered voter in Putnam can vote at the Putnam County Board of Elections during the following early voting times: Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday, October 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, October 29, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, October 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, October 31, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, November 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The early voting process is the same as

on Election Day, November 5. There will be sample ballots available at the early voting center to familiarize residents with the ballot. There will also be a notice to voters and a voter's bill of rights.

Anyone that casts a ballot during early voting is not allowed to vote on Election Day. The results from early voting will be canvassed and reported after 9 p.m. on November 5.

The Putnam County Board of Elections is accessible to voters with physical disabilities for early voting. Voting by an absentee ballot is still an option for anyone out of Putnam County on Election Day or if someone is permanently or temporarily disabled.

For more information, visit www.putnamboe.com or contact the Putnam County Board of Elections at (845) 808-1300 or boe@putnamcountyny.gov.



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Brewster Tennis Team Nets Funds for Student's All-Sport Wheelchair

The Brewster High School's girls' varsity tennis team recently served up something even better than a win when they raised \$2,288 at their annual Hit and Help fundraiser. This year, they were determined to get CV Starr fifth-grader Jeffrey Marotz an all-sport wheelchair. Marotz, a beloved member of the Brewster schools community, was born with spina bifida. Last spring, he tried tennis for the first time through Brewster schools' tennis club. He continued playing with coach Daria Pascale at Tonetta Park over the summer, but it's not easy to play tennis in a street wheelchair. "It's very difficult," Pascale said. "You have to anticipate where the ball is. You wheel to the ball and you're moving as you hit it." The new chair, she said, "is like providing him with sneakers." It will also allow Marotz to play basketball. "It feels great to help someone else enjoy the awesome sport of tennis," said senior captain Sam Kim.



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Taconic,” State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne said, “and to see this hazardous location finally get the care that it needs will make our community safer for our both our residents and our school district.”

The construction will be done in stages and two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the work. The Pudding Street crossing will be closed to traffic for about five months with a detour in place beginning next summer. Emergency responders will have access to the Roaring Brook community via limited-access roads during the closure. All work is expected to be finished by the summer of 2021.

The project also calls for a new, improved

drainage system for the interchange. To accommodate the new bridge and ramps, wetlands will be relocated within the project area.

“This groundbreaking has been over two decades in the making,” State Senator Sue Serino said, “and I am incredibly proud to have played a role in making this long-held dream of our local community a reality. I thank the countless community advocates who have never given up the fight, NYSDOT for working so diligently alongside my office in getting this project off the ground, and the governor for hearing us and making this project a priority.”

Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio said, “This overpass bridge is a major health and safety issue and will provide our residents - and especially our school buses - a clear and unobstructed passage across the four lanes of the Taconic Highway.”

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said, “This project is a win for residents of Putnam County who have fought for many years for a safer intersection at Pudding Street.”

One of those residents is Tara Eng. Her teenage daughter made a video in 2016 showing southbound traffic rushing down the parkway as her school bus waited. The video was used in the residents’ campaign to bring attention to the dangerous intersection.

“It’s gratifying to see that the voices in our community have been heard,” Eng said at the groundbreaking. “Standing here today I can see that every little voice matters.”

Police Blotter

Putnam Sheriff’s Office

October 15

Putnam County Sheriff, Robert L. Langley Jr. reported that at approximately 9:46 a.m., Deputy Matthew Boscia was dispatched to the Putnam County Court House, located at 20 County Center in the Town of Carmel, for a report of a billboard, on top of a vehicle, which was displaying pictures of a topless woman. Upon his arrival, Boscia did observe a white Dodge SUV, with a billboard attached to it, displaying, among other things, three large photos of a woman with no shirt, no bra, and both breasts entirely exposed. The vehicle’s owner, Douglas D. Demasi, 66, of Hopewell Junction, who admitted putting the billboard up, arrived at the courthouse and was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with one count of Public Display of Offensive Sexual Material, a class “A” misdemeanor. Demasi was processed at the Sheriff’s Office and released on his own recognizance with an appearance ticket ordering him to appear in the Town of Carmel Court at a later date.

State Police

October 18

State Police in Brewster arrested a 16-year old suspect for Rape 1st Degree, a class B felony, and Sexual Abuse 1st Degree,

a class D felony. The 16-year old was arraigned in Putnam County Family Court and remanded to a juvenile detention facility on \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond. During the investigation, State Police learned that the crime was recorded and posted to social media. The public should be aware that the dissemination/sharing/viewing of this disturbing video is a crime, and subject to arrest.

October 13

State Police from the Troop K Traffic Incident Management (TIM) detail arrested Nicholas A. Zervas, 20, of Southeast, for Reckless Driving, an unclassified misdemeanor, and two additional violations of the vehicle and traffic law. Zervas was observed traveling at rate of 108 miles per hour in a marked and active construction zone with a posted speed limit of 55 miles an hour on Interstate 684 in the Town of Bedford. A trooper from the Troop K TIM detail conducted a traffic stop, and issued tickets for reckless driving, speeding in a work zone, as well as two additional vehicle and traffic law violations.

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Q: What’s behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we’ve seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

Q: I’m turning thirty. Should I be worried about my “biological clock” ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it’s only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you’re a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you’re over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It’s all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

Q: I’m worried that when I do decide to have children, I won’t be able to. What are my options if I can’t get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman’s eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman’s uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

Costumed Kids Descend on Kent's Spookeree Fest

By Eric Stutz

Hundreds of costumed children and their parents descended on Edward Ryan Memorial Park Sunday afternoon for the Town of Kent's Spookeree Trick-or-Treat Fest.



Deputy Town Clerk Lauren Lauderback helps a young visitor choose a temporary tattoo.



ShopRite of Carmel's House of Horrors offers treats to those bold enough to enter.

The Kent Recreation & Parks Department had stops for trick-or-treating set up all around the park, as well as a costume contest, and free hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of the Lake Carmel Advisory Board.

Trick-or-treat stops were also set up by community organizations and businesses,



Kent Town Clerk Yolanda "Lana" Cappelli and deputy town clerks Lauren Lauderback and Lucy Pirro offer temporary tattoos at their pirate-themed display table.



Jared Kuczinski, director of Recreation & Parks, welcomes people to the Town of Kent's Spookeree Trick-or-Treat Fest.

including the Kent Town Clerk's Office, the Kent Public Library, Carmel Pack 1 Cub Scouts, Mendes Bros. Property Management, Anderson Carpentry, ShopRite of Carmel, and the Pied Piper Youth Theatre.

Kent Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming said the Kent Public Library, along with the



Kent Town Clerk Yolanda "Lana" Cappelli applies a temporary tattoo to a youngster.



Costumed kids visit the Carmel Pack 1 Cub Scouts display.

Kent Recreation Department, will present the fifth annual Pumpkin Glow from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 28 on the Kent Town Green in Kent Lakes. The rain date is Oct. 29.

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Kent Public Library trustee Marty Collins passes out candy at the library's table at the Spookeree Fest.



Kent Town Clerk Yolanda "Lana" Cappelli applies a temporary tattoo to a robot-costumed boy.

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Suicide Prevention Walk Raises Awareness in Carmel

By Eric Stutz

The annual Out of the Darkness Putnam County Walk stepped off Sunday morning in the hamlet of Carmel with 142 registered participants and the goal of raising \$28,000 for suicide prevention.

"Suicide is a health issue that affects all of us," Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell told the crowd gathered at the Carmel Fire Department before the walk. "There are those of us here today who know that somebody else should be here with us today, but we are walking for them."

"Our goal is to reduce the stigma with suicide," said Steve Dolce, director of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). "It's rarely spoken about until it's too late, and that's why we're here."

Dolce said that 90 percent of suicides are due to depression. "Depression is treatable," he said.

Dolce has been involved with the AFSP for 10 years, since a friend of his committed suicide.

"Had I known then what I know now about suicide, my friend might still be here," he said.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, the AFSP says, and the second leading cause of death among college and high school students.

"I want acknowledge all the young people who are out here today," Dolce told the crowd. "They are the future of reducing the



Alyssa Schmidt, who chairs Putnam County's Out of the Darkness Community Walk, addresses the crowd at the Carmel Fire Department before the walk on Sunday. Next to her is Steve Dolce, director of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, holding strings of honor beads that were given to some of the people who have been affected by suicide.

stigma of suicide and helping those people who need help."

"By joining us here today you are not just walking along with those you see beside you today. You are united with hundreds of thousands of people who are walking to fight suicide in all 50 states," he said. "Together we have created a national movement."

Money raised by Out of the Darkness walks goes to research, education programs, and support for those affected to suicide, Dolce said.



ERIC STUTZ PHOTOS

He and Alyssa Schmidt, who has chaired Putnam County's Out of the Darkness Community Walk for the past several years, gave strings of "honor beads" to individuals at the event who have been affected by suicide: a woman who lost her brother, a man who lost his niece, two girls who lost their father, a woman who lost her husband and another whose husband struggles with depression. Schmidt herself wore beads in honor of her grandfather, who committed suicide in 2003.

"It's time to end the stigma and it's time to let people know that it's okay to struggle," she said. "They don't have to suffer alone. Help is out there."

"We are united in our goal to bring suicide prevention out of the darkness and save lives."

As of Sunday, the Out of the Darkness Putnam County Walk had raised \$20,462. Walk donations will be accepted until Dec. 31. For more information, go to afsp.donordrive.com.

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Obituaries

Robert Salvador

Robert J. Salvador, loving husband, father of 11, grandfather of 24, great-grandfather of two and a longtime Putnam Valley resident, died October 14. He was 89.

He was born on May 4, 1930 in the Bronx, to Louis and Rose (Foley) Salvador. He attended Gorton High School where he played baseball and football. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served overseas in Germany. Later he attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Geology. After a brief sojourn in California, Mr. Salvador returned to New York. He married Patricia A. Shaefer on July 21, 1962 in Yonkers, where they began their lives. In 1970, they moved to Putnam Valley, where they resided for 48 years until they moved to Poughkeepsie, in 2018. They raised six sons, and four daughters. For most of his career, he worked for the New York State Department of Labor, from which he was retired.

Mr. Salvador was a devout Roman Catholic his entire life, and his faith in God's eternal love was the foundation on which he built his life. He was also devoted to his family, especially his wife of 55 years and their descendants, as well as his parents, his siblings, and his many nieces and nephews. After these, he loved baseball (and other sports) and learning almost equally to teaching others his lessons learned in life and sports. He was known to many as a youth baseball coach for the Shrub Oak Athletic Club and as a religious education

(CCD) teacher in the St. Columbanus Catholic Parish, where he taught for more than 40 years. He was known to all for his sense of humor and as an avid storyteller. He was quick to begin one of his many, many personal and fantastic stories, which sometimes made one question the boundaries of their own reality, but always made one laugh and learn and experience his rich life through his unique eyes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis, his mother, Rose, his brother, Gerard, and his son, Christopher. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Pat) and their 10 children and spouses— Joseph and Hope-Sutton, Catherine, Teresa and Jeff (Black), Patricia and Bob (Conklin), John and Kristi, Paul, Regina, Mark and Jennifer, Peter and Sara, and Michael, his 24 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his brother Jim and his sister Rosanne Martin.

Dorothy Willis

Dorothy J. Willis, a resident of Brewster, formerly Charlestown, Rhode Island, died peacefully October 16 at Salem Hills Nursing Home. She was 90.

Mrs. Willis was born April 26, 1929 in White Plains to Harold and Clara (Priesen) Ackerly. She was a High School graduate from the Pleasantville Schools.

On September 23, 1951 she married the love of her life in White Plains, Arthur Willis. Mr. Willis predeceased his wife on November 30, 2017.

Mrs. Willis was a postal worker with the

U.S. Postal Service out of Pleasantville for more than 25 years before retiring. Following retirement she and Arthur moved to Charlestown, Rhode Island. While living in Rhode Island, Mrs. Willis was part of the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Mrs. Willis is survived by her children; Gary A. Willis and his wife Mary Ann of Bethel, CT, Gail A. Myers and her husband John of East Wakefield, NH, Donna L. Moloney and her husband Jim of Stormville, NY, and Ron A. Willis and his wife Tina of Poughkeepsie, NY. Arthur and Dorothy have 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ballantine

Elizabeth (Betty) Irving Ballantine died peacefully October 13 at home in Brewster after a short illness. She was 93.

She was born July 26, 1926 in Bronxville, to Frances W. and Dr. Albert J. Irving. She attended Bronxville School, Drew Academy and earned her high school diploma at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT. She also attended Vassar College.

Her family moved permanently to Brewster in 1933. In December 1947, she married the love of her life Herbert W. Ballantine at Brewster's St. Andrews Episcopal Church. With the exception of three years in Hopkinton, MA and three years in Hanover, PA, they spent their entire marriage here.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Charles, of Poughkeepsie, NY; her daughter-in-law Alexandra, also of Brewster;

two granddaughters, Brenna and Marina; and twin grandsons, Peter and Ian. Her son, John, predeceased her.

She was a lifelong supporter of animal welfare and children's charities and was a thoughtful, supportive and loving presence to friends and family alike.

JoLynne Tomanelli

JoLynne Tomanelli, a resident of Patterson, died October 2 at home. She was 63.

She was born February 2, 1956 in New York, to Joseph and Rose (Procino) Tomanelli. She enjoyed arts and crafts and drawing. She enjoyed poetry as well.

She is survived by her children; Joseph Olivieri of Clinton Corners, NY, Nicole Cromarty of Mountain Top, PA, Roselyn Baugh of Mountain Top, PA, Jennifer Baugh of Mountain Top, PA, her grandson Cole Berling and her siblings; Stephen Tomanelli, Phillip Wasserman and Joanne D'Ascoli.

Thomas DeMarchi

Thomas G. DeMarchi, a resident of Mahopac, died October 13 at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. He was 67.

He was born in Brooklyn on July 5, 1952. He moved to Mahopac in 1969 where he would soon graduate from Mahopac High School. He attended a few years of college at Lowell Technical Institute in Massachusetts where he learned how to cook under their

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Troop 371, Mahopac Celebrates Seven New Eagle Scouts

Seven scouts from Troop 371 recently received scouting's highest award, the Eagle Scout rank.

As a requirement for the rank, Scouts Andrew Baron, Michael Buzea Jr., Austin Kuhbier, Chris Nealon, Danny O'Neill, Mario Termine and Tommy Zellely proposed, planned and led service projects at the Mahopac Public Library, St. John's RC Church, VFW Post 5491, the Chamber Park and Volz Town Park.

The scouts, in consultation with the beneficiary organizations, researched their projects and prepared proposals for presentation to the Scout District Committee. Upon approval they began planning all aspects of their project. In addition to the project, scouts were required to earn at least 21 merit badges, of which 13 were in required subject areas. They also held positions of responsibility while participating in the scout troop meetings and activities.

All of the scouts have been active in the scouting program since elementary school. Their individual project descriptions follow:

Andrew Baron: The Mahopac Public Library was the recipient of this project.

The library had a rusted broken bicycle rack on the side of the parking area. The project involved the removal and disposal of the old rack and the design, fabrication and installation of the new bicycle rack.

By Hammer By Hand, a metalwork business in Mahopac, provided the workshop to fabricate the new rack. The scout worked with the workshop owner to learn welding



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Eagle Scouts Andrew Baron, Michael Buzea Jr., Austin Kuhbier, Chris Nealon, Danny O'Neill, Mario Termine and Tommy Zellely. (listed in alphabetical order)

and metal fabrication skills. A new planter was also constructed and placed next to the bicycle rack.

Michael Buzea: This was a beautification project for the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac. The project involved the design and fabrication of planter boxes that were placed at both entrances to the main sanctuary of the church. The six 2-foot by 4-foot boxes were made out of wood and filled with topsoil. Perennial plants that require minimal care were placed in each box.

Austin Kuhbier: VFW Post 5491 on East Lake Boulevard was the location of this project. The Post Hall, which is on Lake Mahopac, has docks and a swimming area on the lake front. The permanent dock on the side of the area was very old and in poor condition. The surface of the dock was replaced and about 30 feet of the end was removed. Additionally, the fence that separated the area from the adjoining property was replaced.

Chris Nealon: This project was the installation of a permanent chess/checker in

the Chamber Park in Mahopac. The chess/checker table also included permanent seats around the table. The table and seat are concrete and were transported to the park. The surface where the table and seats were placed was cleared and landscaped with gravel.

Daniel O'Neill: This project involved the construction of a new nativity stable in front of the Church of St John the Evangelist in Mahopac. The new stable replaced an older one that was heavy and not easily disassembled and transported. Lighting, hay and moss were included. The stable was designed to be easily taken apart and stored on plastic containers during the rest of the year.

Mario Termine: Volz Park, located up the hill off of Route 6 in Mahopac, was the location of this project. The project was primarily the restoration of the existing trails and creating new ones. Many dead and fallen trees had to be removed. A new map and guide to the park was mounted in the frame at the park entrance. The area at the park entrance was cleared and landscaped. New benches made from recycled pallets were placed at the entry.

Thomas Zellely: This project took place at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac. The area in front of the Bishop Mahony Building has a landscaped garden and picnic area. The garden was overgrown and in need of weeding and removal of dead plants. The picnic benches had many rotted boards that needed to be replaced. All the table were resurfaced and painted.

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A close-up photograph of two young children. On the left, a boy is shown in profile, whispering into the ear of a girl on the right. The girl is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. The background is blurred.

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Letters to the Editor

A Tale of Two Towns in Putnam County

This is a tale of two towns in Putnam County. The first town is Philipstown. The longtime Republican town clerk is running for re-election. It was well known in the town that she has been battling cancer. This dedicated woman would come to work even after receiving chemotherapy treatments. She would take as little time off as she could and remained dedicated to the town and her

duties. The Democrats have decided to put up a young lady to challenge this town clerk.

The second town is Putnam Valley. The Democratic town clerk has experienced the heartbreak of her husband's devastating illness. The Republican Party in Putnam Valley chose not to run anyone against her. Not only did they not run anyone against her but they decided to cross endorse her.

Unfortunately, after the nominations were completed, this town clerk's husband passed away.

So my question is. . . "Who did the right thing?"

Anthony G. Scannapieco, Jr.
Republican Committee Chairman

Linson Well-Qualified for Putnam County Judge

In 2016 I had the pleasure of meeting Camille Linson during her successful run for Town Justice in Philipstown. Since then, we have developed not only a professional relationship, but I am proud to call her my friend. She is truly a remarkable individual and if I didn't know her personally, I would still be writing this today, just with about 30 fewer words. Camille is a breath of fresh air and always happy to meet anyone who has the opportunity to make her acquaintance; she is wonderfully humble. As Justice Linson, she is a credit to her profession, prepares diligently, and no one has better integrity.

Camille has a tremendous respect for the law, the Constitution, and the rights of the individual. She is a very intelligent attorney who was educated at Harvard and Oxford. Her law background is highly diversified and she is more than qualified for the job of County Judge.

Two of her best qualities go hand in hand. First, she always listens intently

to what people have to say! This is a lost art in contemporary America; the qualities of a true fact finder. While her opinions are important to her, they are never preconceived notions, she is not waiting to interrupt, and when she reveals her thoughts on an issue, they are always backed with facts. I admire that she is open minded and seems to treat every interaction as an opportunity to learn something new. The second dovetails with the first, her desire to do her best in whatever she is involved with. This is the fuel that seems to drive her. The most notable example of this has been during her tenure as Town Justice. She embraced a new frontier and followed the lead of Judge Jim Reitz in order to implement Drug Treatment Court practices in Philipstown. Camille would talk to me about her research and why the Drug Court model works, the experience she gained with Judge Reitz, and the countless hours of her own time spent researching Treatment Court and spending time in Judge Reitz's courtroom. This is

something her opponent says he cares about, but it seems he never found time to get around to it before he started running.

People may attempt to label her based on her party affiliation, but they would be so mistaken to think she will be an activist or soft on crime. Justice Linson is for justice, that's it! If one of my loved ones had the unfortunate circumstance of being a defendant, I would want them to be treated fairly. I would want someone like Justice Linson hearing the case; someone who will be there to guarantee individual rights are retained; someone who will not be affected by outside political influences, and someone who has the guts to allow nothing but the law to point the way to justice. I am a conservative who will be voting for Camille Linson for Putnam County Judge.

Keith Anderson
Philipstown

Get the Facts about Putnam Valley Library Proposition

I too attended the meeting at the Putnam Valley Library on Oct. 7, 2019 and what I heard varies greatly from what Mr. Cronin heard.

It is true that the Putnam Valley Library is putting forth a 414 which is a proposition to be voted for on Nov. 5. The proposition is confusing but having attended the meeting the one clear fact is that the cost differential between what I have been paying in taxes for the library and what I would be paying is verifiably the difference of a meal or two

at McDonalds. So what do I and the rest of the community obtain for these "meals"? The community gets a library that is open seven days a week, which allows for ongoing programming and a place to go to study, meet with friends, or use the computers, and read. All the information needed to make a sound decision is also found on the library website, so please check it out.

The staff that is employed at the library is young, passionate, creative, diligent, knowledgeable, and energetic. The staff wants to work full time and be paid a fair wage and receive health benefits. The two meals at McDonalds that I forego and the one that you forego will provide that fair wage and health benefits.

Mr. Cronin is wrong when he states that all of the schools have libraries. In fact our middle school has no library. What Mr. Cronin is unaware of is that the librarians work closely with the middle school to demonstrate all of the online resources the library offers to help with schoolwork.

Mr. Cronin erroneously states that there is a declining use of the library. Between January and September of this year the library reported to have had over 23,000 people make use of the facility.

I would also like to rebut his statement that the senior center has computers. It does not. Also, the seniors use the library all the time

and have participated in community talks and community reads. The library provides instruction to any senior who needs help. Story time alone can have over 30 children in attendance.

It is true that the library has \$150,000 in reserve funds. The website provides this information. Anyone who owns a home or business knows that it is important to have reserve funds in case the roof collapses or if a major plumbing repair is needed. The stewards of the library make sure that these reserves are available. That never means spend it all just in case.

Additionally, a fully functioning library that is respected and cherished by its community helps to increase home values. My children grew up with story time and summer evening movies. They are lifelong readers. I enjoy going to the Korean cultural events and Knit Wits where there are young children learning to knit along with senior citizens. I love the fact that we can go to the museums for free by just asking for a pass.

I encourage each of you, and Mr. Cronin, to get the facts about Proposition 414 from the website. I would also encourage you to reach out to any of the board members for further clarification.

Nicole Berglas



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Letters to the Editor

Support Zach Disador for SE Town Board

We're writing to urge your readers to vote for Zachary Disador, who is a first-time candidate for public office and is running for Southeast Town Board on Nov. 5th.

As the parent and sibling of a mentally handicapped young adult, we know Zach and his team at the ARC of Mid-Hudson to be outstandingly caring, generous and helpful to all those facing mental handicaps and their

families and caregivers.

No doubt Zach will rely on these same traits to all our benefit if he's elected to serve on Southeast Town Board.

Sincerely,
Ian and Alexandra Ballantine
Brewster, NY

Obituaries

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great chefs by working in the kitchen. He left college in 1972 to pursue a career as a police officer for the Town of Carmel. Those 23 years spent serving and protecting citizens were his most prideful, but that wasn't all he did. He also served as a Carmel Fire Department Commissioner for a few years and on the Carmel Ambulance Corporation. He was a member of the Carmel Police Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police - Stephen Driscoll Lodge, and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. DeMarchi also built homes including the one he raised his family in, he loved fixing automobiles in his self-built garage,

and was able to put the pieces of almost anything together again.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Christine DeMarchi as well as his oldest daughter, Theresa. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Carrie, his three children, Matthew, Andrea and Thomas and his most cherished granddaughter, Gabriella. He is also survived by his sisters, Christine, Barbara, Patricia and Suzanne and brothers, Michael and William.

He will be remembered most for his overwhelming generosity and kindness to everybody from friends to strangers; his courage and valor and, most importantly, the love and commitment he had for his family.

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Avoiding a Horror Story When It's Time to Move

When I told my wife that I received a cold call from a moving company and agreed to meet with a representative because the caller seemed so nice, she went into panic mode. "Oh, my," she said, "haven't you heard all the horror stories about movers?"

Before the end of the day, she had printed out 89, count them, 89 online postings of moving stories from hell, everything from drivers showing up drunk to not showing up at all, to holding truckloads of furniture for ransom until inflated prices were paid to victims of a scam. Even we had experienced a couple of them ourselves. With our last move when the company did the packing for us, hadn't they unbelievably thrown our hammer into the same box with our signed Tiffany candy dish, shattering the latter to bits?

By the time I had skimmed through all the postings, I was really anxious and was prepared to ask a lot of questions, even though my eventual move is barely four miles across town.

However, within moments from the time Phil Derasmo of Advantage Moving & Storage Systems arrived, I felt totally at ease. First of all, even though his direct marketing representative, the nice lady on the phone named Felice, had called from someplace in New Jersey, I learned that Phil was the president of the company and a neighbor, hailing from neighboring community, Mahopac. Somehow, even though I do a lot of business with global companies, I like everybody else feel very good about shopping and supporting "local" as well.

When I asked how long he'd been in the business, he said, three generations, and it came with a story with real heart.

"My grandfather Mario started the business in the early 50s by making arrangements with his neighbors in the Bronx to go down to the port in lower Manhattan in his open wagon to pick up their relatives who were arriving by boat from Italy," he told me. "There were a lot of Italian immigrants coming over at that time, and they didn't come just with suitcases. They came with trunks. With many, maybe 2,000 or more, he was the first person they met when they got off the boat. He would charge them about \$25 to get them up to the Bronx, and it took about two hours because it included an impromptu tour of Manhattan. He then started moving people, a natural progression"

Today, Phil's company is highly advanced with a contingent of trucks and warehousing and the most technically sophisticated website you can imagine which takes the guesswork out of calculating what the cost of a move is going to be by moving your browser over a map of the country. "That's the biggest problem with some companies in the business today," Phil said, "getting a straight answer about what the



By Bill Primavera

bottom line is with cost when you do comparative shopping among several movers. With our company, you just go to our website, and our cost calculator can take you anyplace in the country and you'll know what the basic cost will be." It's true. Go to www.advantagemoving.com and check it out. It's like a game to play.

But as technically advanced as Advantage may be with its marketing, the personal touch that its president offers, along with just a few other representatives who deal one-on-one with customers, is actually disarming.

I knew I was dealing with an honest, straight shooter when we were going through the rooms of my home and my biggest concern was my paintings. I was trying to calculate what it would cost to package up our paintings and framed prints which we've collected over the years. He simply said, "Why go through that expense? I'll give you some big boxes with separators, either cardboard or bubble wrap, and package them up, and why not move them yourselves? It will save you a lot of money!"

Phil tells me that 75 percent of his business comes from personal referrals and, indeed, I can understand why. His information kit gives the names and telephone numbers of people in my own community I can call for recommendations.

Be sure to check out Advantage's really fun website even if you're not planning a move soon, but if you are, call 1-800-444-0104.

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Autumn Wreath Workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a workshop on how to make a holiday wreath using local sourced, natural materials. All supplies are provided, including wreaths, dried plants, ribbons and holiday accents to help produce a festive decoration for your home. The workshops takes place at the Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6 Mahopac on October 30th, 10 am to 12 Noon. Registration is required and a \$25 fee will cover all materials. Please register at Putnam.cce.corell.edu or call 845-278-6738

Wednesday, October 23

Robert Frost Discussion Group (also November 20.): 2 p.m., Reed Library, 845-225-2439. Visit www.carmellibrary.org to register.

Light Up Fall Decorations for Grades 3-5 @ Mahopac Library: 4:30 p.m., Have fun making crafts that really shine! Registration is required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

The Early Days of TV at Reed Library: 11 a.m., Registration required. Visit www.carmellibrary.org or call 845-225-2439 for more information.

Toastmasters Open House: Northern Westchester Toastmasters will host an

open house. 7 p.m. in the Jefferson Valley Mall Community Room 650 Lee Blvd, Yorktown Heights. Toastmasters meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m., NorthernWestchester. ToastmastersClubs.org

Thursday October 24

The Tri-State IBM Retirees: United Methodist Church Hall, E Main St, Shrub Oak. Note that this meeting will be the third Thursday due to the fact that the usual meeting on the fourth Thursday is Halloween. Bharat Jani (BJ), an insurance specialist, will discuss Medicare for 2020. Social and coffee at 1 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. Contact info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

Medicare 101 @ Mahopac Library: 10 a.m. This is a basic Medicare overview for those individuals who: are turning 65, are losing group/employer health coverage and who need to enroll in Medicare for the first time, need/want to change their current plan, or are receiving Extra Help (Part D) or would like to learn about Extra Help (Part D) and the Medicare Savings Program (Part B). This free program is presented by Jackie Gallagher, an independent insurance agent. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Halloween Houses: 4:30 p.m., Let's get spooky! We'll be having our first Haunted

Halloween House decorating! Grab your creepy candy and get creative making your own funky, scary house to start your Halloween right! For all ages. *Children under five must be accompanied by an adult. 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 25

Grand Re-Opening: Come join the grand reopening 5 p.m., Cocktail Party. **La Petite Salon** 1701 Route 6, Carmel 845-225-1701.

Open Mic Night: Writers and Poets. Calling all writers! Join the Southeast Museum and Brewster Library for a new program series for writers. This program is open to all adult writers. 7:30 9 p.m. For more information, call 845-279-7500 or email director@southeastmuseum.org.

Move Every Day for Balance, Strength & Flexibility: Fridays at 2 p.m., through November 22 at the Reed Library, 845-225-2439. Visit calendar at www.carmellibrary.org to register.

Teen Haunted Gingerbread House Making: 4 p.m., Calling all Ghosts and Ghouls in grades 6-12 for a fun spooky night at Mahopac Library. We will start the night off with a few Halloween games and then each teen will create their own

spooky Halloween gingerbread house. All materials provided. Registration is required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Guidestar and Grantspace: A Foundation Center workshop at Mahopac Library. 1:30 p.m. Discover how to find trainings and more on Grantspace. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Saturday, October 26

Free MLB Baseball Clinic: 9 a.m. to noon at the Carmel Sports Club. For ages 6-16. Up to eight former Major League Baseball (MLB) players will be on hand to teach baseball and life skills. Each participant receives a free Rawlings baseball (players will stay for autographs). Hosted by the Family & Children's Aid in Danbury, CT, a Behavioral Health Center serving children and youth in Putnam County and Western CT. Visit <http://www.fcaweb.org/Forms/bb> to sign up or call Terri (203) 205-2633.

Eco-Dye & Stitch: Also November 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Reed Library, 845-225-2439. Explore mark-making in stitch on eco-dyed fabric and paper to create unique bound books. Visit www.carmellibrary.org to register.

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Reviving the History and Wines of the Campania Region in Italy



By Nick Antonaccio

In previous columns, I've focused on a number of the 20 Italian wine regions, describing the history, culture and wines of each.

One of the regions that I've highlighted is one of my favorites – Campania – for its backstory, its peoples and its wines. This week I'm beginning a multipart series on my personal journey to a specific area and specific town in Campania.

In the next few columns, I will be much more granular, focusing on the subregion of Avellino and the sub-appellations of Fiano, Greco and Taurasi. I'll conclude with a report on my trip to Cantine Ciani, a winery deep in Taurasi, in which I have recently invested.

My goal is to inspire you to sample the wines of greater Campania and for you to appreciate the inherent beauty of the region through these wines.

How ironic, in the 21st century, that a significant source of Italy's influence comes not from the cultural

city centers of its past but from those areas not known for their historic influence – wine regions. Not from the famous wine regions, but from the agricultural underbelly that has been feeding Italians for centuries, including Campania, the region just south of Rome which incorporates Naples, the Amalfi Coast and the southern Apennine mountains.

Before the Italian Renaissance, there were wines being produced here. Revered wines from Campania date back two millennia to Greek and Roman settlements. Then came a long period of neglect and the near extinction of grapevines which had been planted as early as 1,000 B.C.

The exodus of farmers to urban areas after the devastation wrought by World War II contributed to this demise. But things began to improve in the early 1990s. Winemakers from the north rediscovered the coveted volcanic soil and temperate climate of the Campania region.

They researched the history of the indigenous grapes and they began

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

to experiment in applying modern techniques and technology to the production of wines from these ancient grapes. The result – a Southern Renaissance in winemaking that is just now becoming available in the United States.

Today's Campanian winemakers are plying their trade with a distinct elegance and aplomb that sets them apart from previous generations.

What are they planting? What grapes from this forgotten agricultural paradise are creating a stir?

There are three white grapes and one red from Campania that have surged in popularity in the last 10 years.

Greco. It is the oldest cultivated grape in Campania. Its mild aroma and flavor profile make it perfect as a quaffing wine, but paired with a light seafood dish or a simple vegetable recipe, it seduces you with almond and pear aromas and flavor. This is the wine the Greeks cherished for its ideal balance between fruit and acid. Some wines never go out of favor.

Falanghina. If you like the Pinot Grigio of northern Italy for its aromatic bouquet and crisp palate pleaser, try this alternative. Bright and highly aromatic, it pairs well with Mediterranean white fish and light chicken and pork dishes.

Fiano. In my opinion, this is the most interesting of the Holy Trinity of Campanian whites. It has an intensity not found in its brethren and is redolent of nutty and spicy aromas. Try it with shellfish; you may never go back to white Burgundies.

Aglianico. This red grape is ascending to stardom next to its esteemed Italian brothers, Barolo and Brunello di Montalcino. An intense wine, rich in red fruit aromas, high in acid and tannins in its youth, this wine is made for aging. I rarely drink an Aglianico that is less than five years old. This is a wine I will place in my wine cellar, next to my Barolos and Brunellos, to enjoy with my young grandchildren on their 21st birthday.

Campania's winemakers are practicing their craft with Sprezzatura – the uniquely Italian art of effortless mastery. It's in their heritage and defines their destiny. Over the next several weeks, we'll get to know better my personal connection with the region, one winemaker in particular, and his wines.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is co-chair of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at antonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. Make a goof

4. Mariner’s pronoun

7. Watson makers

10. Formerly, in wedding columns

11. Cleveland cager, for short

12. “Modern” word starter

13. Like some sunsets

14. Barnstormed

16. Temperature controls, briefly

17. Bag holder

18. Game for hunters

20. Warty hopper

21. Military quarters often

25. Cortlandt canine day care

29. South-east Asian country

31. Canadian city, abbr.

32. Railroad device

33. 100 lbs.

34. Movie format

35. Ending of an enzyme

36. Make tracks

37. “Comprende?”

38. “You bet!”

39. Atlas abbr.

Down

1. Absorbed

2. Come back again

3. It parted for Moses

4. Emulates Ella

5. ___ cow

6. Lake Geneva resort

7. A huge fan of

8. Epitome of redness

9. Stylish, in the 60s

15. Is ___ (probably will)

19. Make sense

22. Periods in history

23. Bonehead

24. Tear into shreds

26. Dental crown alternative

27. Ones in a gaggle

28. They have to be rotated every now and then

29. Somers spa

30. Bad-mannered

32. D.J.’s stack



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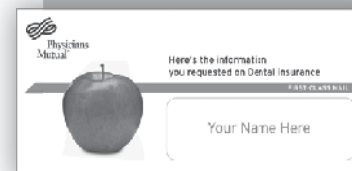
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Mahopac senior M Jenna Daly, who set up a pair of goals, and Brewster sophomore Rory Charbonneau get tangled up in a battle for possession in the Indians' 5-1 win over the host Bears last Saturday when Mahopac saw Grace DiVincenzo (2G), Mia Klammer (2G) and Hailey Pereira all score goals of assists by Mia Klammer, Daly (2) and DiVincenzo. Mahopac (13-3), the current No.4 seed in Class AA, also defeated Carmel 8-0 earlier in the week behind a DiVincenzo hat trick, while Brewster (7-8-1) holds the No.16 seed in Class A... see Soccer Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

Special Cayea: Carmel Coach Notches Milestone Win, 150

By Ray Gallagher

Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

There are few, if any, folks in the history of Carmel High that have meant more, and/or provided more notoriety to its athletic department than varsity football Coach Todd Cayea, the fiery, straight-shooting mentor of all things football... and then some.

A physical education teacher by trade, Cayea came to the Putnam County region via western NY, which you can still pick up in his accent from time to time, but his style is as direct as the setting sun: He tells it like it is, doesn't sugarcoat facts and the results speak for themselves.

Whether you play for him, or line up against his Rams, you best be prepared, because few coaches in Section 1 over the last quarter century are better equipped from a strategic standpoint than Cayea.

His attention to detail, his game planning, his mutual respect for opponents, his reverence for all things football and his command of the gridiron is the stuff of legend. It was all on display last Friday when the ol' ball coach racked up the 150th win of his career during the Rams' 52-14 triumph of host Mahopac: 18 of those career wins have come against the rival Indians. Those wins against Mahopac (18-8 for his career), plus his stubbornness to relinquish the coveted Bryan Higgins Trophy, define his coaching career more than the lone 1998 sectional title Carmel has procured during his time on the sideline.

"It's more about the athletes I've coached, the great coaches I've had around me, the administration and the support of the community than it is about me," Cayea said. "I never thought I'd get to this point when I came on board 25 years ago."

Cayea is more than X's and O's and his impact goes above and beyond Carmel football, which won the Higgins Trophy for the fifth-straight year (17th time in the last 25 years).

"You have to understand what a genuinely good man he is to the kids," said Carmel



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea notched the 150th win of his 25-year career in 52-14 rout of Mahopac Friday.

Assistant Coach Jim Donahoe, who, has a unique perspective, having spent many years on the opposite sideline as an assistant at Mahopac. "A lot of times you only see the 'Game Day' coach. I see the other stuff, which is the things that make him such a wonderful guy.

"As an assistant at Mahopac for five years I had the chance to help prepare our kids to play against Coach Cayea's teams," Donahoe added. "What makes him so difficult to prepare for is that he runs a 'Multiple Offense'. He uses many different formations and personnel and has the ability to use the entire field to attack his opponents. You must be very diligent and detailed in your preparation when playing a Carmel football team."

Having joined forces with Cayea four years ago, Donahoe has an ever greater appreciation for the coach, having spent countless hours by his side while grooming interior linemen.

"In that short time I have gained tremendous admiration for Coach Cayea's work ethic and passion for the game, and, more so, for the young men he coaches," Donahoe said. "What I have witnessed on a daily basis is a coach whose preparation and attention to detail is second to none. At staff meetings, Todd has zero ego. As a lifelong learner, he encourages and facilitates a free-flowing exchange of ideas and strategies from his coaches. His only demand is that we bring the same passion and energy that he displays, and that we coach the heck out

of every player."

Milestones are secondary to Coach Cayea, relationships are primary, which sets him apart from most, according to Donahoe.

"I believe that Todd Cayea is one of the preeminent football coaches in Section 1 and in New York State. It's an honor to be part of this."

His players, both past and present, swear by him.

"It was awesome to be a part of this," senior TE/DE Will Boalt said. "Coach Cayea's lessons go far beyond football, and he's just truly a great guy that cares about us. It was the best moment I've ever had playing this sport when we raised him up on our shoulders after the game."

When, win or lose, they line up to buy you a beer at Carmel's Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus, you know you've affected the community, made a legit impact and left your mark. Todd Cayea has done that and so much more.

With the victory over Mahopac, Carmel secured the No.2 seed in the playoffs and will host No.7 RCK in Friday's opening round. Of note, senior RB James Cox was unstoppable behind a dominant offensive line: marching for 159 yards and four touchdowns on 16 totes. Matt Massi recovered a fumbled on Mahopac's first possession and ended the third with an interception. Alex Beauchesne, Ryan McDonald and Andrew Nunez all rushed for touchdowns. Beauchesne added 54 rushing yards and Nunez smoothly controlled the flow and went 6 of 9 for 89 yards passing. Aiden Babnik took a Pick-6 36 yards for a 14-0 lead.

Mahopac senior QB Jack Carey threw a touchdown to junior RB Vin Bastone and added a 28-yard rushing touchdown.

CLASS A

The going gets markedly tougher from this point forward, but three off the five local Class A teams to reach the qualifying round advanced to the quarterfinals.

No.4 **BREWSTER** (6-1) worked a steady

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Mahopac junior RB Vincent Bastone tries to get corner on Carmel LB Michael Storen in Indians' 52-14 loss to visiting Rams Friday.



Mahopac senior Zach Esteves is tracked down by Carmel's Aiden Babnik (1), Matt Demme (89) and Michael Storen in Indians' 52-14 loss to Rams.

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Yorktown TE Mike Benzinger throws a stiff-arm at Hen Hud DB Marcus Lenz in Huskers' 40-6 qualifying win over Sailors Friday.



Carmel players celebrate Aiden Babnik's (1) Pick-6 in Rams' 52-14 win over Mahopac Friday.



Somers RB Jack Kaiser rushed for 196 yards and two scores on just 8 carries in Tuskers Class A playoff qualifying rout of Tappan Zee Friday.

49-14 beatdown over No.13 Pelham in Friday's playoff qualifier, winning for the fourth time in a row and setting up a wildly entertaining opening round game. Brewster will host No. 5 Yorktown at the Bears' Den on Friday (7 p.m.) in what could be a doozy between to programs with as much tradition as most in Class A.

Brewster sophomore QB Chris Donohue has emerged as the force Coach Ed Mulvihill expected he would become. The 6'4" signal caller connected with RB Thomas Consolato for a pair of TD strikes. He fired a third TD pass Jack Gusler, who bulled his way into the end zone.

The game turned when Donohue a connected with Christian Rhodes for 35-yard, third-down completion, and the nine-play drive was capped off when Donohue found Consolato in the back of the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown pass and a 21-7 lead with 4:25 before the break.

"Both sides of the ball executed the game plan very well," Mulvihill said. "The offensive line -- led by Austin Beal (C), Billy



Lakeland DL Jason Green gets some ups to defend pass in eight-seeded Hornets' 20-0 loss to visiting No.9 Fox Lane Friday.

Finn (G), Dom Rienzi (G), Franco Milano (T) and Austin Matra (T) have opened some big holes for Tommy Consolato all season. Jack Gusler (TE) had a big game both receiving and blocking. Justin Niles (RB) has also helped the offense with his slashing the defense on sweeps. Soph QB Chris Donohue is settling in and gaining confidence each week. Defensively, Franco Milano has been unblockable."

No.5 **YORKTOWN** ran all over No.12 **HEN HUD** in a 40-6 in a Class A playoff qualifier where versatile Yorktown junior Keith Boyer rushed for a pair of touchdowns and QB Travvon Johnson rushed for one score and fired a TD pass to TE Ben Robinson. Yorktown senior RB Dylan Smith and WR Sean Vogel also found paydirt for the Huskers (6-1). The Sailors fell to 3-4, and the huskers appear to have put the costly Week 5 Nyack loss behind them.

"You cannot win football games turning the ball over five times and giving up a kickoff return, period," Yorktown Coach Mike Rescigno said of the Nyack game. "We laid an egg that week. I am hoping it was an important lesson learned."

"Brewster is a very good football team with a very impressive front," he added. "They have a well-balanced attack and are well coached. It's going to be a war."

No.2 **SOMERS** ho-hummed its was past No.15 Tappan Zee, 56-12 Friday in a Class A playoff qualifier when RB Charlie Balancia posted a career game, scoring three touchdowns, including a 46-yard Pick-6. The versatile senior snagged three passes for 76 yards and a score and rushed for a 10-yard TD on his lone carry.

"The goal is always to get our backs into space and the line executed their blocks perfectly," said Balancia, who missed two games due to injury earlier but looks to have bounced back. "All we had to do was make people miss and score some touchdowns. Obviously, everything went as planned."

Somers (6-1) RB Jack Kaiser needed just eight carries to record 194 yards, including a pair of paydirt jaunts, one a 67-

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yard banger. Tusker QB Jackson Kossow was proficient and efficient, hitting on 6 of 9 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown. Kossow, who is really coming in to his own in his junior season, added two rushing scores and 38 more yards as nine different backs rushed the ball for about 350 yards.

Tusker OLB Ethan Krauss was a monster on D, racking up nine tackles (three for loss) and three sacks while TJ Deagan added five tackles (three for loss) and three more sacks. Charlie Grindrod (5 tackles, 3 for loss), freshman Jake Polito (4 tackles, 2 for loss, 2 sacks), Dominick Cheek and Brian Marcus each met with the quarterback.

Somers will host No.7 Clarkstown North Friday.

No.8 **LAKELAND** picked a bad spot for a bad game in its 20-0 loss to No.9 Fox

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Mahopac senior Grace DiVincenzo (2G) was a tough contain for Brewster's Angelina Rappa and Sophia Leggio (R) in Indians' 5-1 win Saturday, which locked up the No.4 seed for the Class AA Indians (13-3) will open the playoffs against No.13 Port Chester. Mia Klammer added two goals for the Indians.



Mahopac's Hailey Pereira (L) scored once in 5-1 win over Brewster and Gabriela Jakobsen Saturday as the state-ranked (No.20) Indians, who crushed Carmel 8-0 behind a hat trick by Grace DiVincenzo, will have to go through 13th-seeded Port Chester and 5th-seeded Greeley in the hopes of facing three-time Section 1 defending champion Arlington in the Class AA semis.



Brewster's Liliana Verrastro tries to fend off Mahopac's Meghan Cichon in Bears' 5-1 loss to visiting Indians Saturday. The Bears (7-8-1) have secured the No.16 and will open against No.1 Rye in the opening round of the Class A playoffs.



Somers M Dahlia Pepe and Yorktown's Lindsay Boyle get after it in Tuskers' 2-0 win over Huskers Sunday when Somers (13-2-1) put the clamps on the No.4 seed and will potentially open the Class A playoffs against No.13 Hen Hud (9-6-1), with the TZ vs. Lourdes winner on deck.



Somers' Megan Dineen (24) and Meghan Blanch (6) mix it up with Yorktown's Samantha Paglino in the state-ranked (No.16) Tuskers' 2-0 win over Huskers Sunday when Jessica Rodriguez and Ella Kittredge scored for Somers off assists from Alexis Atkinson and Angelina Hurtado. Somers G Rachel Ross needed just four saves to notch the Tuskers' 12th shutout of the year.



The Ossining Pride celebrated their League I-B title last Saturday after a 6-1 win over Fox Lane, getting two more goals from All-Section striker Nolan Lenaghan while locking up the No.1 seed in the Class AA playoffs, which puts the pride directly in the path of No.8 White Plains and No.4 Horace Greeley.



Yorktown F Mikey O'Connor (12) scored both goals in host Huskers' 2-0 win over D Nicolas Desantis' (25) Lakeland Hornets. Yorktown (12-4), winners of five in a row, locked up the No.5 seed and will open up against No.12 Lakeland (8-7-1).



Yorktown M Zakary Stanik pushes up field in Huskers' 2-0 win over visiting Lakeland, which worked over Panas, 4-1, behind goals from Nicolas DeSantis, Bryan Jaramillo, Jason San Lucas and Austin Bergen.



Somers M Joe Grippo had three goals and one assist in the Tuskers' 7-1 win over Brewster Saturday when the Tuskers finished the regular season on an 11-game winning streak. Somers went 10-0 in league play to win the league title. Drew Lasher and Evan Mazzola each added one goal and two assists for the state-ranked (No.20) Tuskers (14-1), who earned the No.3 seed and will open the Class A playoffs against Lourdes/Saunders winner with an eye on No.6 Nyack.

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Field Hockey Notebook

Mahopac Returns to Form, Lakeland Earns No.1 Seed

By Tony Pinciario

Even though the **MAHOPAC** varsity field hockey team had a difficult 2018 season, it did not ruin the players' passion and commitment to the sport. In fact, it made them stronger.

"Going through a winless season was very tough," said senior and three-year varsity starter Caitlyn Reilly. "In order to succeed this season we really worked on bonding as a team. After practice, we would go out to eat and just have fun. That chemistry transfers onto the field and allows for great plays to happen."

It has been a 180-degree turn for Mahopac this season as the Indians concluded the regular season with an 8-5-3 record and a second-place finish in the league to R.C. Ketcham.

As a result, Mahopac has qualified for the Section 1 Class A Field Hockey Championship, which will commence this week. Mahopac has put itself in position for a top-eight seed and first-round home game.

Mahopac capped the regular season with a 3-2 victory over John Jay-East Fishkill, but Ketcham spoiled Senior Day for the 13 seniors with a victory.

Reilly and her classmates -- Sarah Velez, Willow Marshall, Liz Careaga, Kate Kasparian, Mary Ramada, Mary McDermott, Ashley Leftwich, Natalie Roasales, April Heady, Alex Baranowski, Caitlin Duffy and Daniella DeMealo began preparations for their senior season during the summer.

"Some of the girls play for a club team, however, most of us started preparing over the past summer by holding senior practices about a week before tryouts in order for



Mahopac Captain Caitlyn Reilly and the Indian seniors will pass torch to solid group of underclassmen after getting program back on track in 2019.

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everyone to get reconnected," said Reilly, who is a midfielder. "When tryouts officially began, you could really tell who was putting the work in during the year. We were all in shape and ready to go from the start."

After two games, Reilly and her teammates knew it was going to be successful.

"We defeated Pawling, 9-0, in our second game," said Reilly, who will attend Assumption College next September and play lacrosse. "It was really rewarding

because our previous game we were defeated by Scarsdale, 9-0. To make that much of a turnaround in such a short period of time showed the determination of all of the players."

Mahopac was even with John Jay-East Fishkill for second place in the league, but the 3-2 victory gave the Indians sole possession.

Junior sniper Krista Dietz, the team's leading scorer, Carly Ravoli (1st goal) and McDermott scored for Mahopac, which has a slew of competent underclassmen ready to take the torch.

"This season has been extremely rewarding," Reilly said. "As a team in 2018 we had a lot of fun and put up a great fight in every game. This year, we still have fun but winning just makes everyone even more excited to play. We still have to fix some little things, but as long as we keep our momentum I believe we can go pretty far."

LAKELAND closed out the regular season with a pair of 9-0 wins -- over Panas and Rye -- and a 3-3 draw with unbeaten Horace Greeley. Lakeland rallied from a two-goal deficit in the second half to earn the tie.

The Hornets are 14-1-1 and will be the No.1 seed in the Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championships, which begins this week. Lakeland is aiming for its unprecedented 11th consecutive sectional

title.

The Section 1 Field Hockey finals will be held at Nyack High School.

Lakeland faced its first two-goal hole of the season as Greeley led, 3-1, at halftime. Despite the differential, the girls embraced the adjustments Coach Sharon Sarsen made.

"Being down two goals at halftime was definitely a wake-up call for us," senior and captain Jenna McCrudden said. "Coach Sarsen made multiple positive changes in the lineup that really helped us get the ball dangerous and give us opportunities to finish."

Emma Fon and McCrudden scored in the second half. Lauren Salazer had Lakeland's goal in the first half and later added an assist.

"Going into sectionals, the Greeley game was a positive for us because it shows how mentally tough our team is and how capable we are of fighting back after a two-goal deficit," McCrudden said. "Our ability to fight back and never-give-up mentality is something that will get us far in sectionals."

In Lakeland's victory over its district rival, Panas, Erin Daly, Fon and McCrudden each had two goals. Keirra Ettere, Emma Halderman and Sara Costa also tallied goals.

While the majority of Section 1 had Columbus Day off, Lakeland celebrated with a win over Rye as Salazar led the way with four goals.

McCrudden added two scores and Emma Ryan, Daly and Ettere each added one goal. Emma Halderman collected two assists.

YORKTOWN finished the regular season with wins over Edgemont, 3-2, and Panas 1-0, giving the Cornhuskers a 6-7-3 record.

The Cornhuskers will await their seed in the Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championships.

Kelsey McDonnell had a hand in all Yorktown's goals against Edgemont. She opened the scoring in the first half, assisted by Alyssa Albano.

In the second half, McDonnell assisted on goals by Ellie O'Donnell and Jessica Devlin.

McDonnell supplied the goal in the victory over Panas, scoring in the first half with the assist to Julia Ferone. Addy Araneo made it stand up with four saves.

Panas goalie Kathryn Asbab finished with three saves.

PUTNAM VALLEY received a confidence boost heading into the Section 1 Class C Field Hockey Championships.

The Tigers registered their best win of the season -- 1-0 over Pleasantville -- as Colleen Cassidy scored on a stroke.

Isabel Healy handled six shots for the shutout.



Mahopac junior Krista Dietz and sophomore Gabby Gonzalez provide a nice nucleus of underclassmen for Indians' future.

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Lane last Friday at The Hive, no less. Fox RB Michael Washington broke the game open in the second half, rushing for two scores and snapping a scoreless halftime game. Lakeland had three fruitless trips to the red zone, including a fumble at the Fox Lane one.

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 SOMERS -- Class A state-ranked (No.15) Tuskers (6-1) can't look past Clarkstown North but we can't envision a

scenario where the Tuskers aren't squaring off against state-ranked (No.18) Rye in Week 9.

No.1A CARMEL -- Class AA Rams (6-1) are on the road to Mahopac -- host of the sectional finals -- in the hopes of reaching their first sectional final since 2008 with No.7 RCK and potentially No.3 Spring Valley serving as road blocks to a blockbuster run at No.1 New Rochelle, ranked No.3 in NYS.

No.1B YORKTOWN -- State-ranked

(No.16) Class A Huskers (6-1) are fully expecting to roll up on Brewster and leave that place wrecked.

No.4 BREWSTER -- Class A Bears' (6-1) will have a chance to silence those that have doubted them all season with what would be a shocking win over Yorktown.

HM LAKELAND -- Class A Hornets (4-3) disappointed in playoff qualifying setback to Fox Lane. Nary a point!

HM HEN HUD -- As smallest school in

Class A the last decade, the Sailors have been relevant in the past 6-7 years, so this mention is like a lifetime achievement honor as they head down to Class B next year where we suspect they are impactful.

HM MAHOPAC -- A shout-out to the Class AA Indians' sophomore class for stepping up and taking on roles sooner than expected. Big things on horizon.





**Carmel RB Clubs Mahopac,
52-14, Rams Retains Higgins
Trophy for 5th-Straight Year;
Coach Cayea Notches 150th W**



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Carmel senior RB James Cox (R) knocked host Mahopac to the mat when he rushed for 159 yards and four touchdowns on just 16 carries, including a 56-yarder scoring scamper in the Rams' 52-14 victory over Zach Esteves (L) and the host Indians, who were forced to surrender the rights to the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy (inset) for a fifth-straight year last Friday. The Rams scored 39 first-half points and produced Carmel's largest margin of victory in Coach Todd Cayea's 27 career games against the crosstown rivals, who were on the losing end of Cayea's 150th career victory... see Grid Notebook