



Fleming Wins Fourth Term as Kent Supervisor over Kreps McGlasson and Ruthven Re-elected to Town Board

By Abby Luby

Maureen Fleming was re-elected last week as Town of Kent Supervisor, winning a fourth term over challenger Rick Kreps.

According to the Putnam Board of Elections, 1,671 votes were cast for Fleming, while 1,057 went to Kreps.

"I always believe in running a clean campaign based on ideas, based on my record and my plans for the future," said Fleming, who first ran for public office in 2013.

Fleming ran on the Democrat/Conservative, LBT/SAM ticket and Kreps ran as a Republican/Independent.

Kreps sought backing by the Conservative Party, who ultimately supported Fleming. "She was strategic about getting their

endorsement and got on the Conservative line," said Kreps. "I believe I am a true conservative when comes to the issues."

Kreps said Fleming's win was, in part, due to the 352 Conservative Party votes she received. He received votes from 978 Republicans and 79 Independents.

Fleming has always considered herself a fiscal conservative and ran with the promise to keep taxes down while improving the town's infrastructure.

"We haven't raised taxes since I've been in office and Kent residents who came to the polls showed they were satisfied with taxes remaining unchanged," she said, noting it was to her advantage that Kent residents knew her. "I'm involved with the community and people know I treat everyone respectfully

and try to act professionally all the time."

Fleming said although voter turnout was typically low, the library referendum for increased funding (which won overwhelmingly) drew more voters out. "People really cared about that issue and our library board worked hard to build awareness. They were outside the polling place on election day telling people that the referendum was on the back of the ballot."

Kreps said another strike against him was that residents recently received their school tax bill and because he is a school board trustee (he used to be school board president) residents made a negative connection between him and school taxes. "People believe I have all this authority to raise taxes, but I don't. I have over 20 years of volunteer service and it's treated as a negative."



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Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming

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Split Decision: Funds Approved for Kent Library; PV Library Rejected

By Abby Luby and Rick Pezzullo

Voters overwhelmingly passed a referendum on Election Day to substantially boost the Kent Public Library's budget with increased funds from the town.

According to the Putnam Board of Elections, 1,856 voters supported the additional funds, while 850 opposed.

"We are very grateful to many people who supported the library," said Library Director Carol Donick. "We will be using the additional funds to purchase more books and on-line resources. This money will allow us to bring in new technology as it evolves, especially down-loadable e-books that people love."

The library's successful campaign to place the referendum on the ballot garnered some 900 signatures on their petition. This was the first time the library board put a funding proposition on the ballot. As costs rose over the last 13 years and the rate of inflation went up 22%, the town's appropriation to the library increased by 1/2 of 1%, resulting in \$527,150 annually from the town. The newly passed referendum will now provide the library with \$566,686.

Donick said for years they had cut back the number of books ordered when planning their budget. "Now we can go back and spend the amount we used to spend on books," she said.

Libraries have become a more of a neighborhood resource over the years.

"We are certainly looking to create more programs here for people," said Donick, who has been library director for five years. "People have asked for us for more focus groups that support learning. In this day and age, people appreciate a neutral place where they can meet their neighbors and talk about books or learn about history."

Donick also said the library is a technological resource for people who don't have home computers.

Kent households can expect a minimal hike in their taxes of about \$6.01 for an average home value of \$255,000. The amount the average Kent household spends in taxes for the library will increase from \$80.15 up to \$86.16 per year.

The library's new budget goes into effect January 2020.

Meanwhile, in Putnam Valley, voters rejected a Chapter 414 proposal that would have provided more money for the library and its operations by a margin of 1,475 to 1,316.

"The vote was a lot closer than the one that happened in 2016," said Dede Fairbaugh, Putnam Valley Library Director. "We have had so many people come in since the election expressing surprise, dismay, and annoyance that the proposition didn't pass. But in Putnam Valley there is an element that preys on the fear of raising taxes. We're going to continue serving the community as best we can, applying for grants. We're

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Capone Makes History

Putnam Valley Town Justice Gina Capone (center) entered the New York State record books on Election Day when she was the top vote-getter among five candidates vying for four available seats on the New York State Supreme Court 9th Judicial District. With her win, Capone became the first female from Putnam County to serve in the state's Supreme Court. Also elected were Nancy Quinn Koba, Lewis Lubell and Steven Milligram.

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As for future runs, Kreps said he would see what the future brings. "Politically I'm very opinionated. I will stay pretty active and involved to make sure things are done right."

Re-elected for another four-year term on the Kent Town Council was Councilwoman Jaime McGlasson (R,C,I) and Councilman Christopher Ruthven (R,C,I). McGlasson received 1,498 votes and Ruthven 1,529. Attempting to unseat the incumbents were Anne Campbell (D, Common Sense) with 1,189 and Nina Gerosa (D, Common Sense) with 1097.

"We worked hard," said McGlasson. "We went door to door, made phone calls and put out signs. We worked for it. You have to."

McGlasson said the proposed Kent truck stop was a big issue and she clearly did not support it. "It was not the right choice for Kent and people were concerned about that and it showed in how they voted." Topping her list of future projects is fixing the roads. "I get stopped in the supermarket by people asking about signage and when the roads are going to be fixed," she said. "It's a number one concern."

Ruthven has only served on the board for 10 months. He replaced former board member Councilwoman Christine Wooley, who was appointed to fill Scott Chin's vacant seat after Chin resigned. Ruthven's main campaign message was to continue to work

with the Highway Superintendent to obtain \$1.2 million from the Bridge NY program to rebuild the town's 14 small bridges.

Campbell, a political newcomer who ran on the Democratic/Conservative ticket, said the town had a long tradition of not electing Democrats. "I'm pleased that Maureen Fleming, who is a Democrat, has won another term as town supervisor," said Campbell. "Fleming's win means it is possible for Democrats to win in this town."

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going to try again next time to get the library sustainable, dependable funding."

Currently, the library receives its funding from the town board, but library officials believe that amount is unsustainable for the future. Additional funding from the Chapter 414 could have opened up more doors for the library, including keeping the doors open longer and on every day of the week.

One of the major projects the library wanted to pursue was putting up an electronic sign that would be in front of the library for vehicles to see as they pass along Oscawana Lake Road. A community room that the library uses for events and rents out was planned to be upgraded.

When the library offered residents a Chapter 414 three years ago, the proposal was also rejected.



Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Thierry Danvin at Patterson Library

Master Baker Thierry Danvin, owner of Brewster Pastry, delighted a packed audience with his humor, expertise and delicious baked treats at the Patterson Library's Holiday Baking program last Wednesday night. Danvin shared his stories, knowledge and tips to make perfect holiday desserts and demonstrated how to make his amazing French style strawberry shortcake and bestselling chocolate chip cookies. As an added bonus he brought pies, so many pies! Apple, apple rustica, blueberry, pumpkin, cherry, strawberry rhubarb, and even pumpkin cheesecake!

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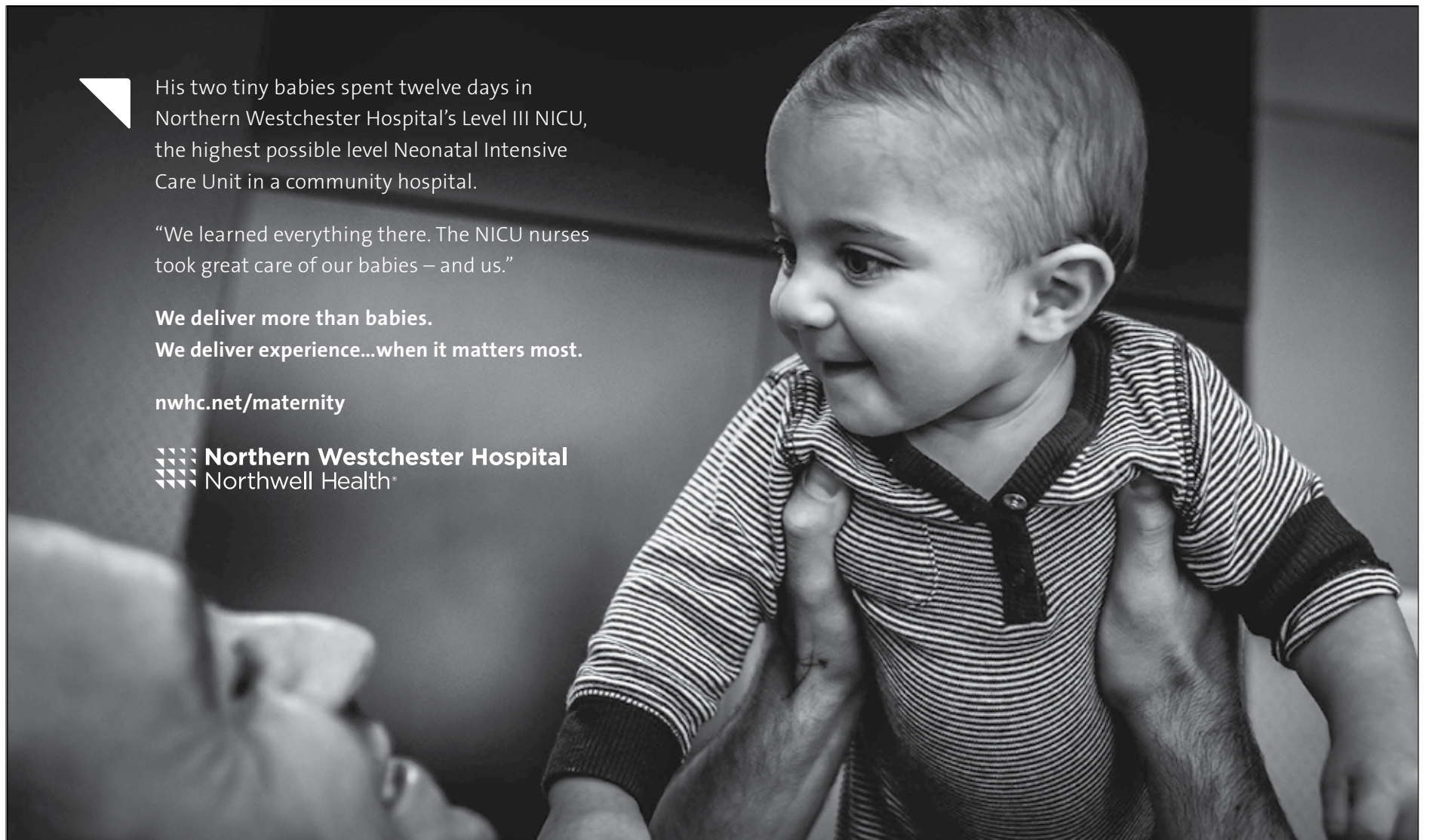
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Luongo, Smith Win Board Seats in PV; Van Ross Elected Town Justice

By Dave Hoffman

Putnam Valley residents went to the polls last Tuesday, resulting in a few changes. Councilman Louis Luongo retained his seat, while Ralph Smith will join the board. Lawrence Cobb retained his position as Highway Superintendent, while Clement Van Ross was newly elected as a Town Justice. Town Supervisor Samuel Oliverio and Town Clerk Sherry Howard retained their positions, having run unopposed.

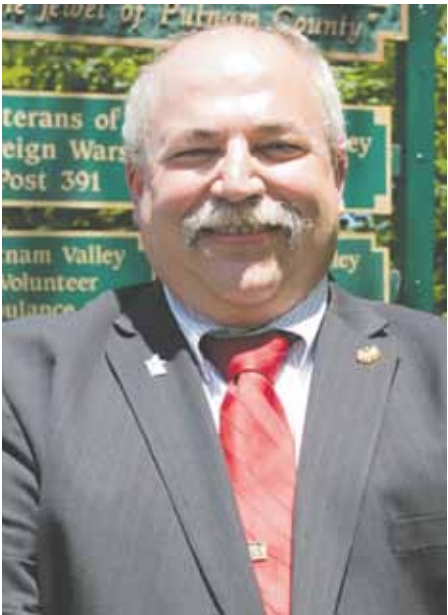
Putnam Valley Town Board

Luongo, who ran on the Republican, Conservative, and Independence Party tickets, and Smith, who represented the Democrat, Conservative, and Working Families Parties, won the two council seats in the five-candidate race.

According to the Board of Elections, Luongo received 1,493 votes and Smith pulled in 1,344. Smith takes the place of Steven Mackay (Republican, Independence), who served as a councilman for eight years and finished fourth with 994 votes.

Also running were Anthony Williams (Democrat, Working Families), a member of the town Planning Board and Library Board of Trustees, who finished third with 1,097 votes. Rounding out the field was Patricia Villanova (Libertarian Party), who received 379 votes.

"I'm very humbled to be reelected," said Luongo, who has served on the council for seven years. "We've taken care



Re-elected Councilman Louis Luongo

of some health and safety issues. We've stopped smoking in the town park and put a moratorium on new vape shops and marijuana dispensaries."

Luongo also referred to new deicing regulations designed to enhance safety around the lake.

Candidates cited maintaining a budget in light of a low tax base as the biggest challenge facing the town.

"The taxes are unsustainable. We don't



Newly elected Councilman Ralph Smith

have a commercial district. Between the school, town, county, and fire district, it never goes down, it always goes up," said Villanova, feeling the pressure of rising expenses as a longtime resident. "We have some big ticket items coming up that will have to be dealt with by the new town board."

Luongo also sees the lack of a commercial tax base as a key issue. "We're looking into the state to find out what can be done.

Unfunded state mandates hurt a small town like us," he said.

Town Justice

While Van Ross won the empty seat for new Town Justice, besting Terry Raskyn 1,429 to 1,224, the election of current Justice Gina Capone to State Supreme Court will leave a second vacancy that will be filled by appointment of the Town Board.

Raskyn hopes to be considered for the vacancy. "Congrats to Clem, and congratulations to Gina. I hope as a lawyer to appear before her some day," said Raskyn. "I love the law, and I've had incredible experience in term of representing some of the most vulnerable in our society. This is where they first encounter the justice system, and it should be done in a meaningful way."

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Republicans Lombardi and Schanil Win Carmel Town Board Seats

By Abby Luby

Carmel residents overwhelmingly voted Frank Lombardi and Robert Schanil to four-year seats on the Carmel Town Board.

Schanil received 3,746 votes and Lombardi 3,654. Jean Hopper, the Democratic candidate who is new to the political arena, trailed with 2,199 votes.

"We had a lot of support from the entire town," said Lombardi. "I feel humbled. When we were elected, I got many calls and texts of congratulations. People want me to bring respect and civility back to the town board."

As Carmel's former deputy supervisor for six years and councilman for two years, Lombardi lost a seat in 2017. In January 2019, Republican Councilmen John Lupinacci and Jonathan Schneider announced they would not seek re-election, prompting Lombardi and Schanil to run. The two had the support of the Putnam County Republican



Frank Lombardi

Committee.

Lombardi said coming back to the Carmel board is familiar territory. "I've had



Robert Schanil

experience on the town board which means there is no learning curve for me. People are comfortable with me and know me," he said.

Schanil is a retired sergeant from the Harrison Police Department. He and Lombardi met at the Knights of Columbus. When both decided to run for the two seats on the Carmel Town Board, they ended up campaigning together. "Bob is great," said Lombardi. "He is very smart and very active in the community. As a team we will work best for the town."

Schanil campaigned for balancing the town budget and addressing environmental issues.

"I'd like to congratulate Frank and Bob and wish them good luck," said Hopper. "There's lots of work to be done in Carmel."

Lombardi said he will push to make Carmel the safest town in the state. "We will focus our energies on fighting such issues as the opioid crisis and protecting kids from drugs," he said. "We want to bring common sense back to governing and have a town board that everyone can be proud of."

Mayor Merandy Elected to Third Term as Mayor in Cold Spring

By Rick Pezzullo

Mayor Dave Merandy was elected to a third term as mayor of Cold Spring on Election Day.

Facing off against Charles Hustis, a former village trustee, Merandy received 421 votes to 286 for Hustis.

Prior to the election, Merandy, 64, said he believes his

management skills, experience in public policy and "genuine" interest in public service made him the best-qualified candidate to lead the village.

"I've successfully led our Village Board and village staff expanding existing sources of revenue, creating new sources of revenue, maintaining services thru multiple staff retirements,

and investing in the improvements to village life for all residents and business owners," Merandy said. "I want to continue this work for our village."

Merandy, a general contractor, said he wanted to develop and adopt a fair and enforceable local law that will allow the village to manage short-term rentals, explaining that short-term

rentals have made an impact on the availability of housing for residential use, the villages character, noise and parking.

Merandy also hopes to finalize and adopt an updated Cold Spring Village Code. He said the village's Code Update Committee has spent five years conducting an "exhaustive" review and preparing recommendations for

the board. Once publicly heard and adopted, the updated code will be an essential tool for village departments, board and committees, he said.

Meanwhile, in the trustee race, incumbents Frances Murphy and Marie Early captured the two available seats with 510 and 434 votes respectively. Margaret Parr finished third with 247 votes.

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Mahopac Cyclist to Pedal 520 Miles to Support Women in Kenya

On November 14, Mahopac resident Adam Mitchell will be embarking on a 10-day trek by bicycle across the frigid terrain of northern Newfoundland, Canada to raise awareness and funding for a project led by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Ossining that provides vocational training for women in Elburgon, Kenya.

Mitchell's 520-mile-long, off-road journey will begin with a seven-hour ferry crossing to Channel-Port aux Basques, and finish at "mile zero" of the Trans Canadian Highway in North America's oldest, and easterly most city, Saint John's.

His route will be along the old the old railway corridor built in 1881, that was abandon years ago. While elevation is relatively low, 80% of the trail surface is old, large crushed stone railway track ballast, with overgrown stretches of hunting trails alongside the old tracks and abandon bridges, many in disrepair.

This type of trip does not include Air BnB, or cozy cabins. Mitchell will be completely self-supported, with all food and camping supplies packed on his bicycle. The journey will take him through remote parts of the island, under harsh and highly unpredictable weather conditions.

Mitchell was deeply inspired by his friend and local business owner Mary Courtney, who died suddenly on October 12, 2012 while volunteering in Africa, where she helped women and children build stronger communities.

"Mary was a mentor to me, someone who taught me about the potential of our choices,



Mahopac resident Adam Mitchell will begin his 520-mile trek on November 14.

how they can have profound effects on so many people," he said. "My choice to follow a dream (crossing Newfoundland by bicycle), meanwhile honoring her legacy and the work she was committed to is something I know Mary would appreciate."

Mitchell has partnered with Maryknoll Missioner, Fr. Lance Nadeau who has served the last 20 years as a Catholic missionary

priest in Kenya, much of which has been spent administering to people suffering with AIDS. Currently, Fr. Lance's work is focused on developing career training and independence for women within the parts of Kenya where he serves.

This work is incredibly important for Kenya. According to the UN HD Index 2017, Kenya has an unemployment rate

of 39.1%, one of the highest in the world. The unemployment rate for youth (18-35) stands at about 65%. Most employed youth are engaged in the unregulated informal sector and are subjected to low earnings and long working hours. The dire situation of youth employment is exacerbated by a shrinking economy, political instability, and intensifying income inequality.

Most of women's labor takes place in the home, subsistence agriculture, and informal trading such as selling produce or running small food stands, occupations that are not included in studies of employment. It seems reasonable to conclude that Kenyan women suffer economic marginalization like Kenyan youth.

Through the generosity of his friends and family, Mitchell hopes to support the work of Fr. Lance to improve the quality of life for youth-women as they learn to skills for independence.

Fr. Lance would like to purchase 30 sewing machines for a women employment project in Elburgon, Kenya. It's Mitchell's goal to support this effort by raising money for these machines and resources.

100% of money raised by Mitchell will go toward supporting this project through the purchase of hardware, machinery and resources.

Mitchell will be equipped with lightweight video equipment and will have reasonable access to internet at points. For all of those willing to support his cause, he will be sharing the challenges and beauty of his wilderness trip across Newfoundland.



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Republicans Claim Two Seats on Southeast Town Board

By Rick Pezzullo

Republicans Edwin Alvarez and John O'Connor prevailed in the race for two seats on the Southeast Town Board.

Incumbent Alvarez was the top vote-getter in the four-candidate contest with 1,716 votes, followed closely by O'Connor with 1,694. Incumbent Lynne Eckardt was third with 1,630 votes and Zach Disador was fourth with 1,288. Supervisor Tony Hay was reelected to another two-year term running unopposed.

Alvarez, an Army veteran, currently serves as the Town Council's liaison to the Architectural Review board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. For the last 29 years, he has worked as a hospital administrator and is currently responsible for a \$22 million clinic renovation project.

O'Connor, who holds a Master's of Public Administration degree and a bachelor's degree in emergency and disaster management, is currently the Putnam County Safety Officer. He and his wife moved to Southeast almost six years ago to raise their family.

In the race for highway superintendent, Michael Burdick easily defeated Robert Pigan, 2,040 to 878. Michael Bruenn, the current highway superintendent, opted not to seek reelection.

Philipstown

In the Town of Philipstown, incumbent trustees Robert Flaherty and Judith Farrell



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Southeast Councilman Edwin Alvarez

were reelected to new terms with 2,329 and 1,786 votes respectively. Corey Lyons finished a distant third with 1,117 votes.

Philipstown voters did chose to make a change at town clerk as Democrat Tara Percacciolo unseated Republican Tina Merando, 1,532 to 1,370.



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Putnam County Legislator Carl Albano

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Putnam County Legislator Carl Albano, who represents District 5, captured a fourth three-year term over Democrat Rebecca Swan, receiving 62% of the votes cast, 1,222 to 730.

During the campaign, Albano said he was proud that Moody's Investors Service

upgraded Putnam County's rating to Aa1 from Aa2, citing the county's reserves and liquidity, and its disciplined approach toward budgeting sales tax revenue.

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Editorial

Entrances and an Exit at The Putnam Examiner

This week marks an editorial transition for *The Putnam Examiner*, as Holly Crocco joins our team to serve as editor-in-chief, with next week's Nov. 19 edition set to be the first she shepherds to publication as our captain. Holly is a familiar and friendly face in Putnam County, as a veteran of the *Putnam Press/Times*, where she started more than eight years ago. Our readers will benefit immensely from Holly's institutional knowledge, strong contacts and steady hand.

Holly's entrance also provides a belated opportunity to wish David Propper a fond farewell. David started with us as a high school intern, more than a decade ago, covering sports for *The Examiner*, one of our Westchester County editions. He continued to write for us in college, later joined our staff as a reporter and was eventually promoted about six years ago to editor. It's been a pleasure over the years to watch

David develop as a journalist. His strong reporting skills but moreover his acute sense of right and wrong proved invaluable on countless occasions, helping us navigate decisions large and small. We wish David the very best in his next career chapter at *The Journal News*.

Also, in the frenzy of the transition, we couldn't have kept our heads above water without the tireless efforts of Rick Pezzullo. Way more than busy enough as editor-in-chief of *The Northern Westchester Examiner*, Rick served as interim editor of *The Putnam Examiner* since David's departure, during our most harried time of the year no less. Thanks to Rick, not only were we able to comfortably get the paper out each week, but also produce our annual election preview edition, our most important paper of the year. Thank you, Rick, for getting us through.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank You, Putnam

I'm grateful to the many people from every party who worked so hard to share this campaign's messages in the race for Putnam County Judge. It was my pleasure to meet and form new friendships with so many dedicated people who every day serve others, through their work and in their lives. I was inspired by your generosity, respectfulness, and willingness to genuinely listen and share regardless of political party

affiliation.

I believe that our campaign contributed to countywide conversations about integrity and leadership, and in particular further increased awareness of the devastating impact of the opioid crisis on Putnam County families. We must continue to act together, regardless of party politics, not only to stop the opioid epidemic but to further unify our countywide community.

I will keep working hard with everyone across Putnam to serve those who can use our help. As one of my Treatment Court graduates said to me last night, setbacks happen. We use them to learn and move forward. Thank you, Putnam.

Camille S. Linson
Justice, Town of Philipstown

The Joy – Yes Joy – of Fall Chores in the Garden

As a realtor, I am as interested in the responsibilities of the great outdoors as I am in indoor chores.

Alas, while I no longer am responsible for my garden since moving into my condominium, where a great team of gardeners keep the outdoor property shipshape, I remember with fondness my garden chores, which had always been particularly enjoyable in autumn, even more so than spring planting.

Autumn gardening can be very gratifying as deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It all tells homeowners that they can rest for a few short months of shorter days, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing the snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, I

always liked fall for the finiteness of garden chores. When I pulled a weed, it stayed pulled and didn't replace itself with double the aggression. When I deadheaded perennials, I knew that I could take a furlough from assuring that they were properly fed and watered, but would welcome them back in spring after we had both rested.

The proportions of my garden would change as I whacked back the perennial and annual growth, which made the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminated many of my planning mistakes from one season to the next, as I abandoned errant plans and moved bulbs and perennial roots to other locations.

My more creative joy came from choosing which mums I'd feature as the color transition from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palate, I stuck to one color, two at the most.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can

cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, was building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended, as well as to keep the perennial roots from heaving. I would always ask my tree service to send me a truckload of wood chips if they were very clean (no leaves) and process them into smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as expensive mulch. In fact, I like it better because it offers more texture and looks more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year:

- Harvest any vegetables left on plants. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear the next spring.
- This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil, which allows plenty of time for it to break down.
- For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to lower light conditions.
- Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to

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By Bill Primavera



Dogtopia Cortlandt

By Neal Rentz

Putnam Valley resident Susan Misuraca said last week she is “an avid dog advocate and avid dog lover.”

“My love is dogs. My life is dogs,” Misuraca said.

Her job fits in with Misuraca’s passion for canines. She is general manager of Dogtopia in Cortlandt. “I’m a people person and I’m a dog person. So, I’m getting the best of both worlds,” she said. “I’ve had dogs all my life. I love dogs. I would do anything I can for them.”

The Cortlandt Dogtopia franchise opened in July in the Crompond Road building that formerly housed Canine Kindergarten.

Misuraca said Dogtopia is a day care center for dogs which also serves as a spa and overnight boarding facility for canines. “It’s kind of like a regular day care that you would send your children to,” she said. “We have open play all day for dogs and they come and just learn how to be a dog, they learn how to socialize with other dogs.”

Dogs are separated by size and temperament, Misuraca said. Prior to accepting dogs for their day care services, they do “a meet and greet,” when they



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Putnam Valley resident Susan Misuraca is general manager of Dogtopia in Cortlandt, which opened in July.

are evaluated, she said. Prospective dog clients “meet the pack and see how they

like it” during the free play day, she said.

“Nap time” is held from noon to 2 p.m.

and dogs eat food in a crate, which is called a house, Misuraca said.

“We do all positive reinforcements,” Misuraca said. “We do group sits. We teach dogs what is good behavior and what is bad behavior. All of our canine coaches have well over 100 hours of training.”

Dogtopia is staffed day and night, seven days a week, Misuraca said. “Our main priorities are the safety of our pets and employees and the cleanliness,” she said. “We’re the most exciting day every for dogs.”

Dogtopia’s playrooms are regularly fully cleaned and the facility is regularly sanitized, Misuraca said.

The play areas have several cameras and customers can download an app to watch their pooches at Dogtopia, Misuraca said.

The spa services include baths, nail trimming and teeth brushing, Misuraca noted. Overnight boarding is also offered, including on weekends.

Dogtopia, which began in 2002, has more than 100 franchises throughout the United States and some in Canada and is “growing every day,” Misuraca said.

Dogtopia is located at 3655 Crompond Rd. (Route 202) in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-930-8131 or send an e-mail to susanmisuraca@dogtopia.com.

Obituaries

Edwin Hazzard

Edwin Wilkinson Hazzard, a resident of Charleston, SC, formerly of Brewster, died peacefully October 28 surrounded by his family. He was 83.

Ned, as he was known to his family and friends in the greater Brewster area, was born February 23, 1936 in Brewster, to Herbert Edwin and Marjorie Hall (Wilkinson) Hazzard. He was a 1952 graduate of Brewster High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

On August 29, 1959, Ned married the love of his life, Joan Schoenfelder at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Brewster, NY. After 60

years married, Joan preceded Ned in death on Mother’s Day, May 12, 2019.

Ed, as he was known to his many friends, was a devoted husband and father. He was an Electrical Engineer with IBM for many years until his retirement. During those years with IBM, Ed had first lived in Wappingers Falls, NY followed by many years in Longmont, CO then finally Rochester, MN before his retirement. He was dedicated to his family, his church and was a generous man, always willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed golf, football and he loved his Italian food!

He is survived by his son, Edwin Hazzard, Jr. and wife Lorrie of Charleston, SC; his daughter, Jacqueline Holmes and husband Ron of Greeley, CO; two brothers, David

R. Hazzard and his wife Louise of LeHigh Acres, FL and Richard T. Hazzard and his wife Donna of Patterson, NY; six grandchildren: Stephanie, Dana, Anthony, Heather, Tiffany, Ryan; and one great-granddaughter, Audrey. Also, six nephews, two nieces and several great nephews and nieces.

William Nichols

William C. Nichols, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and family patriarch, died November 5 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family in Carmel. He was 95.

He was married to Mary Jenkins Nichols for 62 years and was a 95-year resident of Carmel. He was born on September 7, 1924 in the Town of Kent, a descendant of the founding fathers of Carmel.

Mr. Nichols was a proud veteran of WWII, a business owner and leader both in local government and the community, and an ardent conservationist. He was a lifetime resident of the Town of Kent, growing up on a dairy farm and later establishing his business, Nichols Radio & TV Sales and Service, and family in Carmel. In his youth, hunting and fishing were a way of life. At 95 years old, he still avidly enjoyed telling stories of his deer hunting and saltwater fishing in the Long Island Sound and Florida Keys. He has shared and instilled within his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren the enjoyment of the outdoors and giving back to your community and Country.

He is survived by his loving children: Marjorie Nichols Keith (David) of Carmel;

William J. Nichols (Nancy) of Seattle, WA; and Neta Nichols Sacks (Robert) of Pound Ridge, NY; his grandchildren: David W. Keith (Nicole Keith), Alana N. Keith (Joe Spost), Dr. Ryan F. Nichols (Dr. Catherine Suppan), Renee E. Nichols, Christopher R. Sacks, Drew L. Nichols (Lisa Lehmann), and Sean N. Sacks; and his great-grandchildren: Emmitt, Warren, Charlotte and Henry Keith.

Filomena Ciliano

Filomena Ciliano, a resident of Carmel, died peacefully on her 95th birthday, November 5.

She was born in Manhattan, to Frank and Frances (néé Ferro) Lupinacci. On October 30, 1949, she married Dominick Ciliano. They were married for 58 years before his passing in 2008.

She was a talented dress maker and had a keen eye for style and fashion. She was witty and her children and grandchildren would often hear her lessons of life through a cliché such as “it is what it is” or “make the most of a bad situation.” To encourage her grandchildren to finish their dinner, she founded the “Clean Plate Club,” admission would only be granted on her playful watch.

She is survived by her daughters Bernadette Ciliano and Donna (Mark) Tanzi; grandchildren Adina (Luis), Kimberly (Robert), Christina, Michael (Lauren), Anthony (Diane), and Michele (Brian); great-grandchildren Mia, Ella, Jordana, Nicholas, Vincent, Landon, Ella, Hadley, and Vivian; and her sister Sadie Belfari.

Home Guru continued...

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- subdivide. You’ll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.
- Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocuses in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather “broadcast” them in drifts on the surface, and plant them where they land for a more natural look.
- For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For

even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

- Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

Note that my advice from personal experience is in the past tense now that I live in a condo. Oh, how I miss my garden, but giving advice is good therapy for me.

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Putnam Hospital Center Gets an A in New Hospital Safety Grades

Putnam Hospital Center earned the distinction of an 'A' grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit focused on improving healthcare quality, safety and transparency.

"This is a nationally recognized score indicating the efforts a hospital puts forth to keep patients safe each and every day," hospital President Peter Kelly said. "This is a true validation of the many efforts made by all the staff at Putnam Hospital in the pursuit of a high degree of patient safety."

Based in Washington, D.C., Leapfrog provided Hospital Safety Grades to more than 2,600 general hospitals with the goal to help consumers make smarter choices in their personal healthcare.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses national performance measures from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and other supplemental data sources. Taken together, those performance measures produce a single letter grade representing a hospital's overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors. The Safety Grade includes 28 measures, all currently in use by national measurement and reporting programs.

Of the 2,633 graded, Putnam Hospital Center was among 878 hospitals in the nation that earned an 'A' rating. Leapfrog assigned A to F grades to acute-care hospitals based on their ability to prevent errors, accidents, injuries, infections and other harm to patients. Patient safety is a process, not a singular event. At Putnam Hospital Center, an important practice implemented is a daily safety huddle involving departments across the facility to ensure safety issues are identified and addressed in real time.

"A hospitals show us their leadership is protecting patients from preventable medical harm and error," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "It takes genuine commitment at every level - from clinicians to administrators to the board of directors - and we congratulate the teams who have worked so hard to earn this 'A.'"

Leapfrog's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public at hospitalsafetygrade.org

For more about Putnam Hospital, visit www.healthquest.org/phc or call 845-279-5711 (TTY 1-800-421-1220).

Byrne Holds Food & Toy Drives throughout 94th District

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R,C,Ref-Mahopac) will be holding toy and food drives throughout the district to support those who are going through financial hardships this holiday season. Byrne will be partnering with the Brewster Community Food Pantry & First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Food Pantry for the food drives, and Love Holds Life Children's Cancer Foundation for the toy drive.

"The holidays are a wonderful time we spend with family and friends and appreciate all the blessings we have received during the year. We can also celebrate the season by giving to others and helping those in need. By participating in our toy and food drives, you can help local families in need this holiday season," said Byrne.

The food drives will be held in Patterson, Somers, Putnam Valley, Yorktown, Carmel, and Southeast at local landmarks in each town. Any resident wishing to donate to this drive can bring non-perishable foods to any of the locations mentioned below between November 18 and December 18.

The toy drive drop-off will be held between November 4 and December 13 and will be located at Assemblyman Byrne's District Office. Any residents wishing

to donate to this drive can bring new, unwrapped toys to his office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

When/Where: Food Drives (Drop-off between November 18th and December 18th, any time)

Patterson: Patterson Town Hall (1142 NY-311, Patterson, NY 12563)

Putnam Valley: Putnam Valley Town Hall (265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579)

Southeast: Southeast Town Hall (1360 NY-22, Brewster, NY 10509)

Somers: Somers Town Hall (335 US-202, Somers, NY 10589)

Yorktown: John C. Hart Memorial Library (1130 E Main St., Shrub Oak, NY 10588)

Carmel: Mahopac Library (668 US-6, Mahopac, NY 10541)

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne's District Office: (3 Starr Ridge Road, Suite 204, Brewster, NY 10509)

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Tuesday, November 12

Genesis Jewelers Hosts Fourth Annual Diaper Drive to Support the Westchester County Diaper Bank: Runs through December 13. Genesis Jewelers – 32 Triangle Center, Yorktown Heights. Please bring any size, type or brand of disposable baby diapers or wipes. Anyone who brings a donation will be put in a raffle to win a ladies' Versus by Versace watch! Raffle to take place on Saturday, December 14. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Barre Basics: 11:00 a.m. Follow Iryna Stanisc of The Exercise Barre Studios as she leads participants through a fun, energizing low impact workout class. The class combines elements of barre, dance, and yoga choreographed to fun and motivating music for all fitness levels. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for floor exercises. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Wednesday, November 13

Movie Matinee: Can You Ever Forgive Me? 1 p.m., Patterson. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

The Eight-Week Freedom From Smoking (FFS) Program: Every Wednesday, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the health department's main office at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster. The last class is on December 18. Pre-registration is required, as group size is limited. More information on the program can be found online at www.freedomfromsmoking.org. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390, ext. 43155.

Thursday, November 14

Food Safety 101: 7 p.m. The food safety experts at the Putnam County Department of Health will give you the information you need to keep your kitchen and your cooking safe. Learn about proper techniques, food temperatures, storage and more. 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, November 15

The Reel Life Film Club for Middle School-Aged Kids: A group of parents, librarians, and filmmakers have arranged for

a fun season of monthly Friday night fun for local tweens. Award-winning documentaries will be screened and discussed with someone having a connection with the film. Students can come to one or all of the screenings that will rotate between the Libraries in Beacon, Cold Spring, and Garrison. The first of the monthly film screenings will be Knock Down the House, 6 p.m., at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Local Cinematographer, David Sampliner worked on the film and will be the guest speaker at this event to share some of his insights and experiences. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to 845-424-3020 or email karen@desmondfishlibrary.org.

Tastes of Somers & Beyond: The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 39 Granite Springs Rd, Granite Springs. Annual fundraiser, Tastes of Somers & Beyond, 7 p.m. Join us for a night of fun and festivities including delicious food and drink from local establishments, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and drawings for gift certificates from area businesses. Tickets are \$30 per person at the door; for more information and advance ticket sales, see our Facebook page: <https://tinyurl.com/cogs-ny>.

Saturday, November 16

Holiday Craft Fair: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Brewster VFW Post 672 Auxiliary 262 Peaceable Hill Road Brewster.

Holiday Market at Trinity Lutheran Church: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, homemade baked goods, Treasure Chest Room and

vendors on both floors.

Bags & Bucks Bingo: The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Bags & Bucks Bingo at The Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair Street in Carmel. Cost of admission is \$50 - Win Designer Bags or money. Also available raffles for bags, mystery bag game and 50/50 game. Doors open 6 p.m. and calling @ 7 p.m. Proceeds to Local Charities & PUTNAM SPCA. Questions email Ladieskofc@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 17

Desmond-Fish Public Library invites you to join Vincent O'Reilly (aka: Paul Kastenellos) author of Byzantium In Bits And Pieces, Antonina (a Byzantine protofeminist), and Count No Man Happy (an historical fantasy based on the sad life of Constantine VI) for a discussion of the Later Roman Empire of the East. Byzantine cake and wine will be served. 2 p.m. Free event and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

Conquer the Forest Trail Run: 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. race times Green Chimneys: Clearpool Campus 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel, 10512. www.greenchimneys.org/trailrun. Questions? Contact Meg Slavin events@greenchimneys.org or 845.279.2995 x108.

Theme Suggestions for Your Holiday Dinner Parties



By Nick Antonaccio

It's that time of year again. Festive times with family and friends are on the horizon and we're ready to party.

One way to create a unique festive atmosphere is a variation on the traditional holiday

dinner party. Consider a wine and food gourmet gathering.

Let me preface this by stating up front that we've all suffered through a friend's idea of a "gourmet" dinner group, where everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite homemade food dish to "share good food and fun times." Unfortunately, one person's gourmet meal can be another person's gulag labor camp mystery meal.

Here's the antidote: introduce wine as a focal point of the gathering. When planning, base the food on a wine theme. The theme may be a particular varietal (Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon), a particular region (Tuscany, Napa/Sonoma), a combination of the two (Cabernets from

different regions around the globe) or any other unique theme someone conjures up. (Grapes you've never heard of?)

The point is to have an underlying wine theme which your group can then build a food menu around. This is also a proven way to hone your skills of matching food and wine.

Here's an example of a tried and proven approach.

A group of our friends has participated in many variations of gourmet gatherings over the years. We decided on the wine-themed approach a number of years ago and have been able to sustain a successful, convivial and educational experience. For each gathering, one couple in the group is responsible for setting the theme. One of them selects (and controls) the food menu and another is responsible for the wine selections. Other members of the group then receive their assignments: individual

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for food preparation and, the twist, a committee approach to selecting the wines. (Increasingly these sub groups are mixed sexes.)

The wine committee meets as a group on the day of the gathering and ventures to a local wine

merchant's shop to select the wines while the other members are toiling at home preparing the food dishes. One guideline: set a budget for the average price of a bottle, then select wines at the average price and, most importantly, at the opposite ends of the price spectrum. This will result in a broad range of tasting experiences. It also allows the spendthrift and the connoisseur in the group to coexist peacefully.

This approach exposes the overall group, at table, to a broad education in wine, including opportunities such as matching food and wine, how one varietal planted in different regions has unique characteristics in each locale or how to appreciate similar wines across a broad price spectrum. The process also functions as a venue for group dynamics: conflict resolution, ego sublimation and negotiating skills.

In anticipation of the gourmet gathering, one member of the wine committee is responsible for memorializing the wine selections by presenting a wine listing for

each member. Use this as a guide to rate the wines, identify those you wish to purchase on your own and as a way to be able to wake up the next morning to refresh your memory of what was actually served the night before.

During the meal, members of the committee present a wine, describing its attributes, why the particular wine has been chosen for the particular food course and soliciting opinions from the rest of the group.

What better way to expand your knowledge of wine than to meet with friends, enjoy good food and wine and engage in conversation? Speaking of conversation, it never ceases to amaze me how different the group dynamics function when wine is introduced into the mix. Unusual topics arise, hidden personality traits surface and long-withheld inner personal secrets are freely shared.

Bon appetite! May your holiday gatherings be joyful and convivial. Send me an e-mail seeking further planning advice or describing your gourmet experiences.

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



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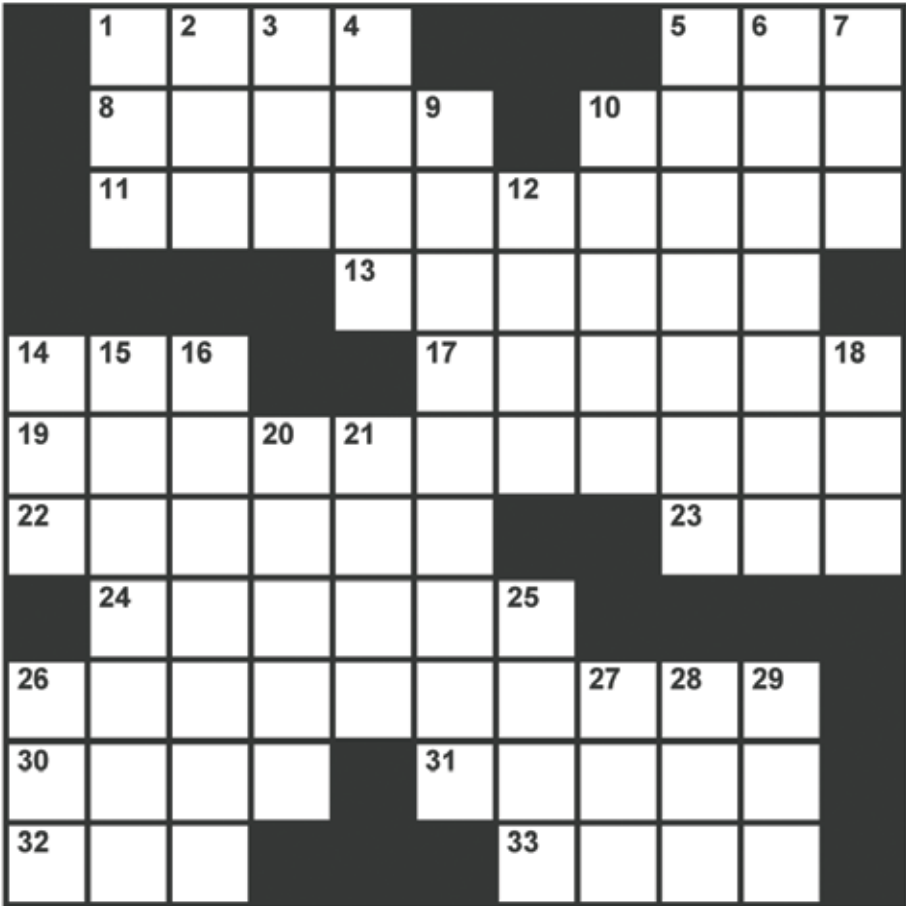
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 15

Across

- 1. Table extender
- 5. Communication authorities, for short
- 8. Bow partner
- 10. Swing around
- 11. Chicken _____ or Mahopac Pizzeria
- 13. Set fire to
- 14. Car club
- 17. Attacks
- 19. Honest Abe would bring his pet here, _____
- 22. High-pH substance
- 23. 1060 to a Roman
- 24. Sidestepped
- 26. Men's formal attire
- 30. Pigeon's home
- 31. Accounts
- 32. And outs
- 33. "Check this out!"

Down

- 1. Wisconsin's Fond du ____
- 2. Time piece
- 3. Sweep
- 4. Central points
- 5. Refuse at sea
- 6. Panacea
- 7. Hook shape
- 9. Most sinuous

- 10. Enclosed, for a pig
- 12. Auth. unknown
- 14. Setting of Auburn U.
- 15. Airplane flap
- 16. Low socks
- 18. Okla. neighbor
- 20. Make happen
- 21. Reo maker
- 25. Indian lentil sauce
- 26. Inspector in Brit. TV show
- 27. UN working conditions agcy.
- 28. Classic Olds
- 29. "That wasn't nice!"



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LEGALS

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday November 18, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm **AGENDA SKETCH 1. Perez, Octavio, Ridgcrest Road (TM# 83.56-1-5, 6 & 7/File: 2018-0187)** The subject property consists of ±2.72 acres of land and is located on Ridgcrest Road and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family residence. **2. Maiuzzo Residence, - 351 Wood Street (TM# 63.-4-12/File: 2019-0205)** The subject property consists of + 1.5 acres of land and is located on 351 Wood Street and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence, driveway, well and septic system. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. **3. Fields, Harrison-15 Locust Glen Road (TM#73.-1-44/File 2019-0202)** The subjects property is comprised of +/- 1.99 acres and is located on 15 Locust Glen Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a log cabin home on existing foundation. **4. Cooper/Bier-23 Twin Pines Road (TM#74.-1-5/File 2019-0201)** The applicant is proposing to demolish and reconstruct a single-family residence. The subject property is located in the Three Arrow Co-op and within the R-3 Zoning District. **5. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.-1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of +

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73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2019 7. Approval Planning Board 2020 calendar**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE; at 5:00 PM on November 13th the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their regular work session meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 11-06-2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Work Session November 13, 2019 5 PM 1. Pledge of Allegiance **2.** Public Hearing on Local Law #2 to Override the Tax Levy **3.** Adopt the Town Budget **4.** Adopt the Fire District Budget **5.** Set public hearing on the de-icer law **6.** Discussion regarding Horton Hollow Road.

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Defendant(s).
Index #: 501484/2019
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SBL #: 91.34 - 1 - 1

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Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises.

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**Carmel Burned by
New Ro's Parson in
42-14 Section 1
Class AA Title Loss**

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Carmel DB Andrew Bumgarner (R) and LB Michael Storen (L) gives chase to New Rochelle's record-setting senior RB Jessie Parson, the world class speedster who rushed for a school-record 327 yards and five touchdowns in the Huguenots' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title triumph of the Rams last Saturday at Mahopac High School... see Grid Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

No.5 Yorktown Stumbles in Class A Title Loss to No.3 Rye

No.2 Carmel Denied Class AA Crown, Falls to No.1 New Ro' Juggernaut

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

And just like that, the curtain has closed on a banner local football circuit for teams in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam County regions after both Class A Yorktown and Class AA Carmel were eliminated in their respective championships.

CLASS A

The sledding was tough and the creases were thin-to-nonexistent for **YORKTOWN** senior RB Dylan Smith, Section 1's leading rusher through nine games, including six regular season games and three playoffs he had dominated during the fifth-seeded Huskers' run to the finals.

However, third-seeded Rye (9-1) made it their business to contain Smith -- to let anyone else but Smith beat them -- and that strategy paid huge dividends in the form of a 41-7 Garnet triumph in the Section 1 Class A championship at Mahopac High School last



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS
Yorktown RB Dylan Smith fights for some tough yards in Huskers' 41-7 Section 1 Class A title loss to Rye Friday at Mahopac.



Yorktown RB Dean Patierno breaks tackle in Huskers' 41-7 Section 1 Class A title loss to Rye Friday at Mahopac.



Carmel Coach Todd Cayea barks instructions in Rams' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title loss to New Rochelle Saturday at Mahopac.

Friday night.

State-ranked (No.13) Rye QB Declan Lavelle and WR Matt Tepedino played pitch and catch with the vaunted Yorktown (8-2) defense, hooking up for three scores. Tepedino, who earned MVP added a 55-yard pick six, leading to two scores in a game-changing 23-second span and a 28-0 halftime lead.

Tepedino torched the state-ranked (No.11) Huskers, who reached the state finals in 2017 and were making their third championship appearance in four years, for nine catches and 120 yards and three scores while Lavelle hit on 15 of 23 for 188 yards and four touchdowns.

Rye, which won its second Class A title since 2014 and ninth sectional title since 1993 (6 Class B, 1 Class C), will next play a NYSPHSAA wild card, Section 3 runner-up

Auburn, in the state regional final. 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mahopac High School.

Smith finished with 66 yards and the Huskers' lone score, much of his yards coming in the second half with the Garnets in cruise control. Smith finished his football season with approximately 1,534 yards and cemented his legacy among the former Cornhusker greats.

Despite the loss, classy, 15-year Yorktown Coach Mike Rescigno was able to take away many positives. He didn't get the 151st win of his Husker career, but he got something more from a band of student athletes he'll never forget.

"Yorktown is such a special place," the coach said. "Losing is never fun, but I have to tell you that I learned something from my team at the end of this game. The leadership from my kids will resonate with me forever

because they were outwardly reminding each other of how special their experience was. They were gracious to each other and their staff, selfless even in defeat. We have had some big wins in recent history, but somehow last night, in the midst of defeat, this group of kids raised me up as if we had won simply because they responded and reflected like men."

A few weeks now, after the loss has sunk in, players, parents and coaches will be proud of those facts...

CLASS AA

Speed kills: We've heard it a million times. **CARMEL** (8-2) gave it all the second-seeded state-ranked (No.20) Rams had, but it wasn't enough against top-seeded, state-ranked (No.3) New Rochelle (10-0). Huguenot two-sport standout Jessie Parson track outraced

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Yorktown QB Trevvon Johnson drops back to pass in Huskers' 41-7 Class A title loss to Garnets Friday at Mahopac.



Yorktown DB Evan Makar (2) breaks up a Rye shot at end zone in Huskers' 41-7 Class A title loss to Garnets Friday at Mahopac.



Carmel QB Andrew Nunez pushes ahead for some tough yards in Rams' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title loss to New Rochelle Saturday at Mahopac..

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Carmel TE Will Boalt breaks big gain in Rams' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title loss to New Rochelle Saturday at Mahopac.

the Rams for a school-record 327 yards and scored five touchdowns as the Huguenots wrapped up their fifth-straight Section 1 Class AA title by a 42-14 count at Mahopac High School.

Carmel had kept the speedster bottled up for a half, even taking a 14-7 lead on an Alex Beauchesne TD pass from QB Andrew Nunez at 4:29 of the third, but it was like Usain Bolt had charged into the Huguenot huddle after the break. Parson, the game's MVP, ripped off scoring jaunts of 14, 25, 77, 60 and 50 yards — all after the halftime intermission.

"We knew coming in that they were a team

that relied upon explosive plays," Carmel senior DE/TE Will Boalt said. "We were able to shut those plays down within the first half, but after that we got worn down, sweep after sweep. I feel as if the score doesn't represent the game, because it wasn't that far off until the fourth quarter."

The Rams had allowed just 53 points through the first nine games, and Parson put up 30 points in just one half. Clearly, his speed and athleticism was something the Rams could not simulate to prepare for.

New Rochelle will play Section 3 runner-up Utica Proctor in the state regional final Saturday (5 p.m.) at Mahopac in the NYSPHSAA tournament. Utica Proctor is the wild card team in the state's newly minted playoff format.

Beauchesne copped Most Outstanding Back honors, and caught two touchdown passes from Nunez, who hit on 9 of 21 for 117 yards.

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea admitted that the Rams, who were making their first sectional championship appearance since 2008, took their best shot but imploded in the fourth.

"I thought we kind of caved the last 10



Carmel WR-RB Alex Beauchesne (2) scored both Rams TDs in Rams' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title loss to New Rochelle Saturday at Mahopac.

minutes," said Cayea, the 25-year veteran, who last won it all in 1998. "It is what it is. This loss does not define our season, that's for sure. These are great kids and they showed that from day one."

This Carmel team will be remembered for quite some time, and in two years, when the Rams are purportedly dropping down to Class A, this program will challenge again.



Carmel RB James Cox looks for crease in Rams' 42-14 Section 1 Class AA title loss to New Rochelle Saturday at Mahopac.



Haldane RB Darrin Santos carries in Blue Devils' 28-6 loss to Tuckahoe in Class D finals Friday night at Mahopac. Santos, just a junior, scored Haldane's lone TD in the season-ending loss.

SHRUB OAK ATHLETIC CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING

The Shrub Oak Athletic Club will hold its annual open meeting on **Tuesday November 19, 2019** at 7:30 p.m. at the Copper Beach Middle School Library. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Questions and suggestions about programs are welcome.

Sports

Soccer Notebook

Ossining Tops Defending NYS Champ Monroe-Woodbury, 1-0 *Pride Wins 1st Regional Title, Head to NYS Final 4 for 1st Time*

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

For the Ossining boys' soccer team, the expression 'Never Say Die' means more than the eighth studio album released by Black Sabbath in 1978, more than the 1954 Kentucky Derby-winning colt. Never giving up hope is what fueled the Pride to their first NYSPHSAA tournament victory last Wednesday, a 4-3 overtime triumph over Corning Painted-Post in the Class AA regional semifinal at the Wright National Soccer Campus in Oneonta.

Hope was all they had until Section 1 championship-hero Kevon Evans scored the tying goal off a corner kick with 31 seconds left in regulation. When hope turned to belief, Juan Pablo Estupinan hit the golden goal 4:52 into the first sudden-victory overtime to advance to Saturday's Region 1 championship at Pace University where the Pride saw Estupinan head home the game's lone goal. The goal put Ossining in its first



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS
Ossining senior striker Nolan Lenaghan beats Monroe-Woodbury defender in Pride's 1-0 NYS Class AA Region 1 title victory last Saturday at Pace University.



Ossining's Andrick Palma (17) works his wing during Pride's 1-0 win vs. Monroe-Woodbury in NYSPHSAA Class AA regional finals at Pace Univ. Saturday.



Ossining's Jose Pidalla works midfield in Pride's 1-0 NYS Region 1 Class AA title win over Monroe-Woodbury Saturday at Pace.

NYSPHSAA semifinal behind a 1-0 win over defending state champion Monroe-Woodbury last Saturday.

Ossining plays Long Island champion - Brentwood - at 12:30 p.m. next Saturday in the NYS Final 4 at Twin Towers Middle School in Middletown.

Against Section 9's Monroe-Woodbury, Estupinan charged the cage and deftly found Eric Monges' perfectly-placed corner kick. Ossining (19-2-1) G Carlos Zubarburu made eight saves to notch the shutout behind an airtight defense.

It wasn't all good news for the Pride, however, as Estupinan was awarded a second yellow card late in the game, thus disqualifying him from the state semis, which means Pride Captain Nolan Lenaghan and Evans will have to find another gear up top, and the entire unit will



Ossining's Malcolm Phillips charges cage in Pride's 1-0 NYS Region 1 Class AA title win over Monroe-Woodbury Saturday at Pace.

need to fill the midfield void. The duo of Evans and Lenaghan have been among the most explosive in Pride history.



Ossining players pose with Pride's first NYSPHSAA Region 1 title plaque after 1-0 win over Monroe-Woodbury.

Somers Boys Place 2nd at Section 1 NYS Quals

Behind an impressive sixth-place performance from Somers sophomore Colin Brooks (who clocked in at 17:24) the Tusker boys' cross country team placed second overall in the Section 1 Class B NYS Qualifier meet last Saturday at Bowdoin Park where Brooks became just the fourth Somers sophomore in history to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships Saturday at SUNY Plattsburgh. He and Coach Mike Lacko will head north to represent Section 1. Lacko praised the efforts of Head Coach Mike Lacko, Connor Fucci, Joe Torre, Luke Phlaen, Cole Willimen, Matt Reiman, Colin Brooks, Nico DeMarinis, Tommy Spencer, Thomas Parisi, Peter MacNeil, Assistant Coach Jesse Arnett and volunteer assistant coach Nico Ferro for their runner-up effort.



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Field Hockey Notebook

Lakeland Tops Rondout Valley, Advances to NYS Final 4

By Tony Pinciario

Current University of New Hampshire field hockey assistant coach and former Lakeland great Megan Bozek remembers it like it was yesterday: The 2008 Section 1 Class B final at Lakeland, in which Putnam Valley completed an amazing sectional run with a 3-2 upset of the 2007 NYS Class A finalist Hornets.

"Shannon Scavelli, who was a sophomore or freshman at that time, hit the post off of a penalty corner, which would have given us the chance to win the game," Bozek recalled.

That would be the last time Lakeland lost to a Section 1 opponent. Beginning in October 2009, Lakeland has been the most dominant team in New York State field hockey history.

Lakeland has won 11 consecutive Section 1 Class B titles since, and had a nine-year state-title streak, 2009-2017.

During legendary Coach Sharon Sarsen's 37-year career, Lakeland has won 20 sectional titles and 12 state championships. Lakeland's first came in 1990 followed in 2003. The 2003 team was led by just two seniors – Danielle Fiore and Andi Coiro, who are currently the Lakeland JV and Copper Beach Modified field hockey coaches. The 2003 club featured four freshmen -- Melissa Gonzalez, Kara Connolly, Amy Voelkel and Rebecca DiSisto. This quartet led Lakeland to the 2006 state title. The first Lakeland state championships were in Class A.

Along with the 12 state championships, Lakeland has 19 trips to the state final four, including 17 title-game appearances.

Lakeland (18-1-1) advanced to its 19th state final four with a 3-0 win over Section 9 champion Rondout Valley. Lakeland will play Section 5 titlist Mendon in one semifinal, Saturday, 3 p.m. at Williamsville North High School (Section 6). The other semifinal has Vestal (Section 4) facing 2018 state champ Garden City (Section 11), also at 3 p.m. The semi-final winners meet for the title, Sunday, 3 p.m. Last year, Garden City scored in the second half to upset Lakeland, 1-0.

Nancy Pagliaroli, Jenna McCrudden and Mia Smith each scored for the Hornets.



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Lakeland players celebrate the Hornets' 3-0 NYS Region 1 title win over Rondout Valley Saturday.

That loss in 2008 led Lakeland to become even more determined to raise its collective level of play.

"I think that losing on our home turf and ending our season, we realized that we didn't want anyone else to end our season," said Bozek, who played at New Hampshire. "We wanted to be the reason why our season was over and that was making it all the way and winning the state title. So I do think that loss was an important motivator for the 2009 state title."

Lakeland players, as well as all of Section 1, benefitted from the Empire State Games for decades before the ESG's were cancelled. The Hudson Valley scholastic field hockey team was coached by Sarsen and it owned the most gold scholastic field hockey gold medals in the Games' history. Each year, the team was selected in May and practiced daily in preparation for the largest amateur sporting event in the United States, outside of the Olympics. Many Lakeland players were members of the Hudson Valley teams throughout the years.

Once the ESGs were cancelled, Sarsen pointed out the Hudson Valley Field Hockey

Club evolved from the Hudson Valley Region. As a result, Lakeland players from modified through varsity are playing together, for Sarsen, the majority of a calendar year.

"The Empire State Games afforded athletes training and opportunities unparalleled," said Sarsen, owner of a state-record 678 wins. "When the Empire State Games ended, I took many of the remaining girls to different events. As time has gone on, we have added many more camps, clinics, tournaments, showcases and qualifiers. We have U12 groups, U14 groups, U16 groups and U19 groups. As an event becomes available, we enter different numbers of teams based on our situation. We try to get as many kids who want to play as many of these opportunities as can be handled."

Current Lakeland senior Jenna McCrudden began playing, in third grade, for Sarsen in the Shrub Oak Athletic Club. After watching older sisters, Erin, Meaghan and Kelsey, dedicate themselves to the sport, Jenna kept the family tradition going.

"Being able to see how dedicated Lakeland field hockey players are, through my sister, really fueled me and my desire to

be a part of that program," McCrudden said. "I saw everything they got to do, how much fun they had, and everywhere they got to go with their team and I knew I wanted to be a part of that. I didn't know at the time that I would be the captain of this hardworking and dedicated team, all I knew was I wanted to be a part of it. I think playing all year with our club team keeps us learning consistently and keeps our skills strong."

Bozek watcher her sisters, Emma, who played at North Carolina, and Dana, currently playing at Albany, play with Hudson Valley and she sees why Lakeland has supreme talent.

"I think the Hudson Valley club growing in strength in numbers and opportunities has had an immense impact on the current success of Lakeland," Bozek said. "I think having extra opportunities to train and be able to keep core groups of players together throughout the year makes a very big difference come fall. I think a lot of Lakeland players are able to experience high level of play at various tournament that the Hudson Valley field club attends and I think having that experience allows them to play a level up at the high school division."

While the players change annually with graduation, one constant is Sarsen, widely-considered the best field hockey coach in New York. Sarsen puts in as much time, if not more, than her players and she continues to exude energy and enthusiasm which filters down to the girls. And, one thing that has not changed is Sarsen's humbleness.

"I think we've had a group of very dedicated Lakeland players set the stage for our latest 10-12 years of Lakeland hockey," Sarsen said. "We play not only year round, but we play a lot year round. So many players and parents have bought into the tradition and commitment. Everyone is all in, all the time."

"This run has been amazing and we are enjoying every minute of it."

The Lakeland field hockey tradition fuels the current players on a daily basis, especially this year and now that the Hornets are back in the state final four.

"Seeing how successful our program has been in the past really pushes us to want everything they've accomplished," McCrudden said. "Although we have the 'new year, new team' mindset every year, there's this huge part of every Lakeland player that wants to be like Melissa (Gonzalez) and all the talented players before us. Especially having a coach, Shannon Scavelli, who was a part of this program really shows us what it's all about. Shannon was recently inducted into the Lakeland hall of fame. Seeing how successful she is and was allows us all to see what we have to do get there."

"There are eight players on the team who know what it feels like to bring home that state champ plaque. Now every single player on the team knows what it's like to bring home a section and a regional plaque and I really believe that every one of them deserves it. We are all so hungry, especially after last year's loss in the final."



Lakeland's Erin Daly sets up her move in Hornets' 3-0 NYS Region 1 title win over Rondout Valley Saturday.



Lakeland's Jenna McCrudden set up a rip in Hornets' 3-0 NYS Region 1 title win over Rondout Valley Saturday.

Over the River, Through the Woods, To Plattsburgh We Go!



Brewster's Elsa Neubauer ran a personal best 19:41.6 at Bowdoin Park to place 3rd overall at the Section 1 State Qualifier Championships, thus qualifying for the New York State Cross Country State Championships Saturday at SUNY Plattsburgh. The Bears finished fourth as a team.



Putnam Valley sophomore Bronagh Cassidy became the first Tiger in school history to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Meet when she finished sixth in Class C and clocked in at 21:04.0 during the Section 1 Qualifier last Saturday at Bowdoin Park. Cassidy earned a trip to SUNY Plattsburgh this Saturday.



Haldane junior Shannon Ferri ran a first-place time of 21:20.5 to lead the Blue Devils to a first-place Class D finish at the Section 1 qualifier at Bowdoin Park while teammate Eloise Pearsol clocked in at 23:33.9 for second place. Both qualified for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship at Plattsburgh Saturday.



Carmel junior Katie Turk continued to astound during her fabulous career as a distance runner, logging a time of 19:22.8 to place fourth in the Class A Section 1 qualifier, enabling her to run at SUNY Plattsburgh this Saturday at the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship meet. Turk's time, which was 5th overall in the section, at Bowdoin Park led Carmel to a fourth-place finish.



Brewster junior Finn Ratajack (17:15.7) and freshman Patrick Ford (17:21.0) placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, Saturday at Section 1 NYS Qualifier meet. Both qualified to run at NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships Saturday at SUNY Plattsburgh, accompanied by Coach Joe Scelia. The duo led the Bears to a third-place finish at Bowdoin Park.

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