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Standoff With Mahopac Veteran Ends Peacefully

By Holly Crocco

A several-hour standoff Saturday in Mahopac between an unarmed Afghanistan war veteran and law enforcement that ended peacefully made national news when the suspect began live-streaming updates from social media claiming he was the victim of “Red Flag” laws, and followers from coast to coast began encouraging him to stand his ground.

According to Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazarri, at about 2 p.m. Saturday, an officer went to speak with Alexander Booth, 28, at his Putnam Drive home regarding a prior domestic incident. When the responding officer mistakenly thought he heard gunshots, Booth, a registered gun owner, barricaded himself inside.

It was later assumed that the noise the officer heard was the sound of Booth smashing things inside his garage and home.

Nearby houses were evacuated as the Carmel Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, Putnam County Emergency Response Team and Negotiation Team, and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety’s special response and negotiating team responded to the scene.

The incident escalated when Booth started posting live social media videos in which he could be seen wearing tactical gear and sharing live updates from his point of view inside the home.

In one Instagram post, Booth, using the name “whiskeywarrior556,” is standing on what appears to be his back porch drinking from a thermos and saying: “For the record, I have no firearms on me, whatsoever. Magazine empty...”

In another video post, he is hanging out of a window of his home saying: “So what do you call a cop that enforces gun laws? A Red Coat f---t.”

In yet another post, again drinking from a thermos and doing “cheers” with his camera phone, Booth says: “To the boys in blue, the thin blue line: What’s it like to arrest someone on the grounds of high-capacity magazines – which, 30 rounds is standard capacity, just for the record. What’s it like to know that the founding fathers would s--t on you?”

These posts rallied a response from gun owners and gun enthusiasts nationwide who claimed Booth was the victim of “Red Flag” laws, posting “#supportwhiskeywarrior556.”

“Red Flag” laws are gun control laws that permit law enforcement or family members to petition a court for the temporary removal of firearms from a person who may present a danger to others or themselves. Such a situation is often sparked by a domestic incident.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., throughout the standoff,

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YOUTUBE PHOTO

A screenshot from a video posted by Mahopac resident Alexander Booth, under the name whiskeywarrior556, which he posted during his standoff with police.

Putnam’s Domestic & Sex Violence Task Force Reunites

By Holly Crocco

After a five-year hiatus, the Putnam County Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Task Force is coming back strong – and increasing in ranks.

Members of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center, the county District Attorney’s Office, the sheriff’s department, probation department, and numerous local police departments and law enforcement agencies gathered Nov. 18 at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel to

let the public know that domestic violence, sexual abuse and human trafficking will not be tolerated.

“There is nothing worse than witnessing abuse,” said District Attorney Robert Tendy Jr. “It’s not until you actually live it that you realize something is viscerally wrong.”

After a grant that came through the probation department to fund the task force expired five years ago, the group fizzled out. However, Ann Ellsworth, director of the Women’s Resource Center, recently got the

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HOLLY CROCCO PHOTO

Members of various Putnam County law enforcement and social services agencies, and other advocates, show support for the Putnam County Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Task Force during a press conference Nov. 18 at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

Haldane School Board Hears Update on Coherence Plan

By Holly Crocco

The Haldane School Board heard an update on the development of the district’s Strategic Coherence Plan from Superintendent Dr. Philip Benante during its Nov. 19 meeting.

Benante explained that with a shift in administration over the past few years, as well as the introduction of new families moving into the area, the district hopes to create a core identity and coherent vision.

Benante explained that coherence planning is different than traditional strategic planning in that the process is focused on improvement strategies that have the largest influence on student learning and preparation for life and work success in a digital age.

“We want our students to be graduating high school with a greater sense of who they are, a greater sense of what their values are as individuals, and potentially what they want to become,” he said.

The Strategic Coherence Plan Team hosted a “thought exchange” in September in which 180 community members participated. Together, they identified the top skills and attributes of Haldane graduates: critical thinking/problem solving, personal wellness, empathy/emotional intelligence, communication skills, the mindset of continuous learning, and resilience.

The team is now looking at the

systems within the district to see where improvements can be made to better help students achieve those outcomes. Benante said administrators are considering how to better promote or teach these skills, measure the effectiveness of that teaching, strengthen the support structure for such a learning environment, and determine what outside factors affect student growth.

The team will be meeting again in December to continue working on a draft plan, and in January another thought exchange will be held.

“Everything is still in draft form, and I have to really underscore that,” said Benante. “I wouldn’t be surprised if in providing an update in January there’s been some shifts to the information I’m providing this evening.”

In February, the team expects to present a formal plan to the Board of Education for consideration. “I think we’re on target for that,” said Benante.

School Board Trustee Peggy Clements said she appreciates the goals identified by the team thus far, but mused why academic improvement isn’t a part of the plan.

“I’m always so interested that academic rigor is never a part of it; that hard academic outcomes aren’t a part of it,” she said.

School Board President Jen Daly said academics did come up in discussions, but

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the sheriff's department was inundated with phone calls, emails and social media messages that "overwhelmed our systems and shut down our ability to communicate with our community."

"The incident was widely reported to be a law enforcement effort to seize firearms under 'Red Flag' laws. This information is incorrect," stated the sheriff's department the day after the standoff. "The law enforcement response and subsequent arrest was related to a domestic violence investigation. The citizen involved is safe and in police custody."

Cazarri also expressed frustration over the role social media played in escalating the incident.

"The negotiators were very close a few

times in getting the individual to come out of the residence peacefully and the posts that were on Instagram and on other social media were just inciting him," he said.

After almost seven hours of negotiations, Booth surrendered himself at about 9:30 p.m.

"This is a person in crisis having a mental illness, having issues, and he didn't need people on social media telling him that his rights were being violated," Cazarri said after the standoff.

Booth is facing charges related to the previous domestic incident, including burglary, criminal trespass, criminal contempt, aggravated harassment and petit larceny.

Police did not recover any weapons or ammunition from Booth's home.

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it was decided that academic success is an obvious and constant goal.

"Reading, writing, graduation requirements – these are givens," she said. "What do we want for enhancements – to develop processes to get to those, or beyond those?"

School Board Trustee Margaret Parr highlighted a portion of the superintendent's presentation, in which he explained the

concept that "it's not just what you know, but how you apply that knowledge."

"You can ask Alexa anything," she said, referring to the "smart" device. "These kids are learning something completely different than what we had to learn. So what they do with it is those six (goals), and that's what's going to prepare them for the future."

For information on the Strategic Coherence Plan, visit www.haldaneschool.org.

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gang back together.

"The victims rely on us to work together," she said. "If we don't have access to each other, and victims don't have access, they don't have access to safety."

When Ellsworth reached out to her colleagues, the response was immediate. "It took one meeting for everyone to say 'yes,'" she said.

The purpose of the task force is to empower victims to seek help for themselves, or others who may be in need of assistance. The agencies associated with the task force will share statistics, aggregate data, and perform educational awareness and training in communities that are believed to have residents who need services.

"Whenever one person hurts another, we're here for that victim," said Ellsworth.

Tendy called domestic and sexual abuse a form of slavery that inflicts not only physical, but psychological torture on a victim, as well as "spiritual annihilation."

And it happens more often than most people realize.

According to Tendy, of the nine assistant district attorneys in his office, all are trained in handling domestic violence cases, and three – a third of his office – are highly skilled in that area. In addition, many domestic violence cases are intertwined with drug and alcohol abuse, by both offenders and victims.

"At any point in a day, you're probably sitting next to someone who is touched by

domestic violence," he said. "This task force is a place they can turn to."

Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. said no one is immune to domestic violence and sexual abuse – despite gender, age, race, sexual orientation or socio-economic status. "A lot of victims are 'groomed' and they don't realize they are the victims of a crime," he said.

And for the sheriff, failure is not an option. "If we fail, we are not just failing ourselves, we are failing the victims," he said.

Brewster Police Chief John Del Gardo explained that the Brewster community has a lot of immigrant residents who come from countries that don't have as sophisticated laws as the U.S., and these individuals don't realize that certain behavior that may be acceptable from their country of origin won't fly here.

"They don't know our laws; they don't read our newspapers," he said. "They are doing whatever was OK in their country. What they were doing there, they are doing here."

Del Gardo said many offenders don't even realize they are doing anything illegal. "Fourteen-year-olds are not off-limits in other countries," he said. "We are more refined in our laws."

The police chief said he is hopeful this task force will not only support victims, but educate the community. "This is going to be a great thing," he said.

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NYSEG Vows to Step Up its Disaster Response

By Dave Hoffman

Concerns over New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's response during the Halloween windstorm were front and center at the County Legislature's Nov. 19 Protective Services Committee meeting.

Lawmakers said one of their main concerns was that first responders were not able to reach the NYSEG storm command center throughout the event. As a consequence, these volunteers spent the night without any idea as to when they might be relieved.

A communication breakdown left Putnam Valley firefighters tied up for several hours guarding live wires from a power line that was knocked down on Peekskill Hollow Road, according to the department. While waiting, firefighters had to be dispatched down the road for an identical situation.

Fifty to 100 residences were without electricity during this time, and road closures caused additional problems, with Peekskill Hollow Road being the only east-west thoroughfare in Putnam Valley.

"In Putnam County, a lot of our first responders are volunteers," said Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster. "It's getting more and more difficult for us to get these guys to volunteer when - in the case of a storm like this - if they're babysitting a wire, 2 o'clock in the morning when they may be needed somewhere else, it creates problems for our fire department. The other concern is that we couldn't get anyone to pick up the phone."

About 205,000 customers lost power across New York State during the storm, and NYSEG said it was active with 1,200 employees working to fix the outages - all of which was restored within 72 hours. The company said its initial response was compromised due to changing weather conditions, as the more extreme conditions were originally expected to appear in Western New York.

Charles Eves, vice president of electric operations for Avangrid, the parent company for NYSEG, agreed that lack of communication was a problem.

"There was a breakdown in communication between us and the county," he said. "This is an area that we need to flesh out further in our communication protocols to ensure that we can communicate more effectively during storms to get your priorities known by us so we can respond to those."

NYSEG representatives shared plans for avoiding problems in the future, including looking at staffing numbers, offering crews to assist the highway superintendents, and contracting additional wire guards and

damage assessors.

However, some county officials were concerned that these measures may not be sufficient.

"I'd like to know what you are going to do to be proactive because the winter hasn't really hit yet; the storms haven't really hit yet," said Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson. "The breakdown of communication was horrendous the last time, and many people were without power for many, many days."

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Cold Spring, said her district in Putnam Valley had success with training at the local level,

in order to ensure lines of communication are open.

"Coming from local government, the biggest frustration of these storms is there is no communication with the town supervisors and the town highway departments, and they're the ones responding immediately with the fire department, so we actually ended up creating our own (Emergency Operations Center) to deal with it very successfully during (Superstorm) Sandy after all the mishaps with (Hurricane) Irene," she said.

"We can start there by making sure everybody has that training and that

those levels of communication are open," continued Montgomery. "To me, the problems are solved very locally."

Patricia Nilsen, director of emergency preparedness for Avangrid, suggested NYSEG run a shared preparedness exercise including everyone down to the local level.

"My team in emergency preparedness can facilitate and help with the design of the exercise," she said. "We need the local people talking to each other so we understand exactly what the town is going through, what the highway superintendents are going through, what the first responder firefighters are going through."



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Carmel Passes Budget With Less Than 1% Tax Hike

By Holly Crocco

The Carmel Town Board on Nov. 20 approved a 2020 budget that raises the tax rate less than 1 percent, with three out of five members voting "yes." Councilman John Lupinacci abstained from the vote, and Councilman John Schneider was absent.

The budget increases the tax rate by 0.98 percent and just barely eeks in below the state-mandated property tax cap.

"We are \$876 under the cap," said Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt. "Mary Ann (Maxwell, town comptroller) was very creative when she worked on this budget."

The budget-to-budget increase in spending from 2019 to 2020 is 4.1 percent, or \$1.9 million, including the general fund, highway department and all special districts.

Schmitt said the rising cost of debt payments, as well as salaries, health insurance and pension contributions for town employees are the biggest budget drivers. "If we didn't have those the budget

would be much less," he said.

The supervisor pointed out that salary increases average 2 percent, while the cost of living increase is about 2.5 percent.

In the 2020 budget, one full-time position has been added to the highway department, bringing total highway staff up to 35. According to Schmitt, the highway department used to be more robust, but during the 2008 recession, as people retired, those positions weren't filled in an effort to save money.

The budget also includes funding for comprehensive plan updates and code revisions, and an asset management plan that addresses water and sewer infrastructure needs.

Also included in the budget is \$75,000 to install bathrooms at Baldwin Meadows Park in Mahopac; \$75,000 for a new natural gas standby generator for Town Hall; and \$50,000 to go toward future window replacement at Town Hall, which still has the building's original single-pane windows.

In addition, \$120,000 is set aside for the Swan Cove park project and municipal parking lot improvements in Mahopac.

"Obviously that's not going to pay for the cost of the total buildout of Swan Cove and municipal parking, but there's funding in there for things we may want to purchase without bonding or borrowing for it," said Schmitt.

Moody's Investor Services has maintained the town's Aa1 bond rating, which the supervisor said this will help keep interest rates low when borrowing money.

Councilman Michael Barile noted that the budget also supports the police department, which only two years ago was on the brink of elimination but is now almost fully-staffed. It also provides funding for improvements at Airport Park, and adds an assistant building director and full-time zoning inspector to the town's employees.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is one of the best budgets we've seen in the past 20 years and I just want to thank Mary Ann and

'As far as I'm concerned, this is one of the best budgets we've seen in the past 20 years' - Councilman Michael Barile

Kenny," said Barile. "When you're less than half of CPI (Consumer Price Index), there shouldn't be any complaints - but there probably will be."

Election Results Stand in Southeast

The absentee votes have been counted and Republicans held onto their victory in the Town of Southeast, with incumbent Councilman Edwin Alvarez being re-elected with a total of 1,785 votes, and John O'Connor winning election with a total of

1,770 votes.

Democratic Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt received 1,712 votes, and Democratic candidate Zach Disador received 1,353 votes.

The initial results from the Nov. 5

election had Eckardt trailing by about 60 votes, but with more than 127 absentee ballots mailed into the Board of Elections, the outcome was uncertain until Nov. 20, when they were opened.

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Sheriff's Overtime Spending Criticized by County Legislators

By Neal Rentz

Budget transfer requests made by Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. were criticized by members of the Putnam County Legislature during a Nov. 19 Protective Services Committee meeting.

Langley is asking the Legislature to approve an inter-department transfer of \$121,115 for road patrol overtime.

"It's still going to leave a deficit of over \$100,000 as of today," with three more pay periods left this year, pointed out Committee Chairman Paul Jonke, R-Brewster.

Captain Lisa Ortolano told the committee that to deal with the overtime shortfall, Langley put a temporary freeze on spending and purchases, among other adjustments in the budget.

"Why is overtime out of control?" Jonke asked. "You shouldn't be freezing your purchasing of equipment." He asked, instead, if staffing could be adjusted to reduce overtime costs.

Langley, a Democrat, said the use of staff is for safety, noting that there are restrictions on how staff is utilized as part of the employee contracts. "Public safety takes precedence over personal politics," he said.

"This is not personal politics," replied Jonke, who said the county charter dictates that county departments cannot spend beyond what is provided in the annual budget. "We have a responsibility to protect the taxpayer."

No other department spends beyond its budget lines, said Legislator Neal Sullivan, R-Mahopac. "We need to see things change," he said. "It's unsustainable."

If needed, Langley will need to look at staffing as a way to reduce costs, charged Sullivan. "The budget is the budget – we're not allowed to go over it," he said.

Patrol Captain Harry Tompkins III told the committee that a police agency operates much different than other county departments. While other county departments operate on "bare minimum" staffing, the sheriff's department cannot do that. When municipalities require assistance, "they expect us to show up," he

said.

Tompkins also said when a member of the sheriff's department is in training, that person has to be temporarily replaced.

However, Legislator Carl Albano, R-Carmel, said the sheriff's department needs to better plan coverage when an officer is temporarily out because of training. "If you plan way in advance, that can be addressed," he said.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, said she understands the importance of the sheriff's department staffing, but added, "We can't keep going down this path."

She said duplication of police services is a burden on taxpayers. "It begs a need for improvement," said Nacerino. "There

needs to be an analysis."

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Cold Spring, asked how much of the overtime budget is devoted to county-run events, such as concerts, and suggested those funds could be used elsewhere.

Langley replied that such events are not planned for and not included in the annual budget, and therefore he does not have a dollar figure for that coverage.

The sheriff agreed to provide the committee with a road patrol map, which would include how his department's personnel is used on the roads.

The committee voted 2-1 to approve the transfer and send the request to the full Legislature, with Nacerino voting "no."



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CAP Collects Coats & Toys

As volunteers with the Putnam Community Action Partnership spend this Thanksgiving week handing out baskets full of ingredients to make a complete turkey dinner to area residents in need, the organization is only just gearing up for its slate of holiday services.

The CAP annual winter coat drive begins Dec. 2, when gently used winter-weight coats and jackets will be accepted at the CAP office, located at 121 Main St., Brewster. Coats should be clean and on a hanger.

In addition, holiday toys will be accepted Dec. 2 through 18 at the CAP office. Items should be new and in their original packaging. On Dec. 19, 20 and 23, parents are invited to select gifts for their children (CAP clients must register in advance).

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Anne Koplik Designs:

Vintage Jewelry to Modern Gems

By Abby Luby

Sparkling rhinestones and shimmering crystals on necklaces, bracelets and earrings give the showroom at Anne Koplik Designs in Brewster a special glow.

Koplik, 82, sits at a small table arranging earrings and necklaces, her forest green nail polish catches the light. She and her daughters, Kara Garecht and Jill Koplik-Tellerman, who run the business with her, are getting ready for their holiday showroom sale on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30 – the day after Black Friday.

The showroom has become popular, especially since AKD jewelry has been seen on such popular shows as “Dancing With the Stars,” “The View,” “The Wendy Williams Show,” “America’s Got Talent,” “The Insider” and “Entertainment Tonight.”

Koplik’s foray into the business is a story of a true entrepreneur. As a young woman, she helped her grandmother – who was a millinery designer on Long Island during the 1920s – by shopping on 37th Street in Manhattan for jewelry supplies.

Years later, as a single parent with two teen daughters to support, Koplik created her very first vintage pieces of jewelry and sold them in a store she and her sister owned on Long Island. The jewelry sold out in a few days, and soon she was creating collections



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From left are Anne Koplik and daughters Kara Garecht and Jill Koplik-Tellerman at the Anne Koplik Designs showroom in Brewster.

of earrings and matching necklaces.

Fast forward and Anne Koplik Designs has grown exponentially. Small work stations in basements graduated to studio spaces with hired assistants and artisans. By 1991, both Garecht and Koplik-Tellerman had become an integral part of their mother’s business, with Garecht in charge of finances and Koplik-Tellerman co-designing the jewelry.

Garecht, who had been a financial analyst

on Wall Street, said at that point her expertise was clearly needed. “Her business resonated with me and she was getting to the point where she really needed a financial plan,” Garecht said of her mother.

Koplik moved to South Salem and rented a studio in Radio Circle in Mount Kisco in 1995. Finally, in 2002, they purchased the building in Brewster that was big enough for their production space and showroom. By

then, Koplik’s two daughters had families of their own and were living in Westchester.

Today, the 14 employees that make up the staff at AKD include sales people out in the field, a marketing director, designers, crafts-persons and artisans.

“We provide training to do the special work we do,” said Garecht. “By and large we look for people with some artistic background who can work with our materials and can replicate the designs.”

Popular lines over the years have included such collections as Butterfly, Dragonfly, and Freshwater Pearl Wraps along with Anne’s Vault, As Seen on #DWTS, bangle bracelets, and many others.

The many materials used in the jewelry range from rhinestones, beads, and Austrian crystals made by Swarovski. Vintage stones are true antique glass stones made in Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany prior to the 1960s, and reproduced antique stones are made from original tools and dies.

Pearls are either Swarovski crystal pearls or fresh water pearls.

“We can have anywhere from 400 to 500 new styles a year,” said Garecht. “One year a popular theme was a paw print and another was ‘over the rainbow,’ so just last spring we designed a paw print with a rainbow.”

Twice a year AKD introduces a new

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Turkey, Football & Estate Planning

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is the holiday when the entire family – for better or worse – comes together. After the melatonin calms everyone's nerves, this is a great opportunity for families to discuss sensitive topics that are often set aside for "some other time."

In some instances, the discussion might be driven by children encouraging family members to get the ball rolling on their planning. In others, it might be a recognition by the family that a loved one needs assistance due to the onset or progression of a cognitive impairment necessitating family involvement.

Finally, parents who are actively engaged in their planning should use this as an opportunity to bring their children into the "loop."

Often, children are concerned that their parents have no plan in place, but to their surprise, they learn that their parents have already met with an attorney and have attended to their affairs. I find that many people prepare their estate planning documents only to keep it a secret from their children and family.

If you are a parent of adult children, it is a good idea to let them in on the secret. The administration of an estate becomes very difficult when those persons involved have no knowledge of the affairs prior to death.



Sal DiCostanzo

If no planning has been done, you might suggest to your loved one that they should schedule a consultation with an elder law attorney to talk about preparing a Last Will and Testament, Medicaid Trust or

Revocable Trust. Too often, people are focused on the details of the specific planning techniques, rather than the goal of actual planning.

For instance, do not try to explain the difference between a Revocable Trust and Medicaid Trust to your family member. Rather, explain to them the importance of memorializing their wishes upon death so their family can carry out their plan, or protect their assets if they become sick and require long-term care. This will make it easier for them to take the next step and schedule a consultation.

If they continue to be reluctant, suggest they begin with smaller items such as preparing a power of attorney. In my experience, this is a good way for them to dip their toes into the water.

In that same fashion, you might ask them about their feelings if they one day need long-term care and must spend a significant portion of their assets on it. After all, the cost of such care would

reduce the inheritance passing to their children. If this topic provokes any negative feelings, you might suggest they meet with an elder law attorney to discuss asset protection strategies, such as a Medicaid Trust.

Finally, where it is evident that someone needs assistance due to cognitive impairments, you need to be proactive and perhaps meet with an elder law attorney on your own for guidance and insight on potential solutions to ensure the well-being and safety of your loved one.

Remember, the goal is not to educate your loved ones, but to move the needle in the right direction by fostering an atmosphere conducive to these sensitive conversations. Avoid telling them what to do. Rather, use real life examples of other family members and friends. Show your genuine concern for their well-being to guide them in the right direction.

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Obituaries

Thomas Muhlfeld

Thomas G. Muhlfeld of Brewster died Monday, Nov. 18. He was 71 years old.

Tom was born April 14, 1948 in the Bronx, son of the late George and Angelina (Sacca) Muhlfeld.

On Oct. 19, 1974 he married the love of his life, Joann M. Greco. In 1976 they moved to Brewster to raise their family.

Tom was a New York City police officer for 15 years before retiring in 1987. After his retirement from the department he began working as a signalman for Metro-North Railroad until his retirement in 2009.

Tom was a coach and board member with the Brewster Little League for 10 years thru 1997. He was a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

Tom is not only survived by his loving wife of 45 years, but also his two sons: Thomas J. and his wife Eve of Cornwall, and Brian J. and his wife Lauren of Hopewell Junction; and his six grandchildren: Natalia, T.J., Samantha, Jackson, Mackenzie and Olivia. He was predeceased by his sister June Dobry.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Nov. 22 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Interment was at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel.

George Love

George G. Love, affectionately known as "Diddy," passed away Nov. 19 at the age of 83. He was born in Mt. Kisco on Nov. 17, 1936, the son of George and Sarah (Stevenson) Love.

George grew up in Thornwood where

he graduated from Westlake High School. In 1962, he and his wife, Nancy, moved to Mahopac, and then to Carmel in 2001. He was a retired carpenter with RWI in White Plains.

On May 8, 1956 he married Nancy Kuehn in New York City. Nancy passed away May 23, 2014 after 58 years of marriage.

He is survived by his sons, William (Sara) of Penfield, Robert of Bedford, Gary (Jessica) of Holmes, and Jeffrey (Jacqueline) of Bedford Hills; his daughters Polly-Anne Malsbury of Pawling and Jennifer LaSala and her husband Andrew of Yorktown Heights; 14 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 23 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac with interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley.

Gerhard Bauerlein

Gerhard Hermann Georg Bauerlein, 86, of Mahopac, passed away Nov. 18 after a short journey with ALS. He was born in Bad Mergentheim, Germany, to Anna and Hermann Bauerlein.

Gary was pre-deceased by his brother Henry Bauerlein, and his children Herman Paul Bauerlein and Elizabeth Bauerlein. Gary is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Milka Bauerlein; and daughters Carol Stefunek (John), Katrina Bauerlein, Erica Blouch (Drew) and Gerri Hutson; and niece Marta Miller (Steven). He will be missed by his grandchildren Austin, Devo, Harrison, Isaac, Lucas, Martin, Matthew, Natalia, Timothy and Zach.

A funeral service was Nov. 23 at Grace Lutheran Church in Yorktown Heights.

Daniel DeGuzman

Daniel Mark DeGuzman of Garrison passed away Nov. 20 at Danbury Hospital surrounded by his loved ones. He was 30 years old.

Born May 20, 1989 in Danbury to Deborah DeGuzman and the late Gary Pagano, Daniel grew up in Garrison and graduated from Haldane Schools in 2007.

Daniel is survived by his mother Deborah Champi and her husband Thomas of Garrison; brothers Anthony and Joseph Pagano of Danbury and Derek Champi of Garrison; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, Conn. Interment will follow in St. Rose Cemetery.

William Gillespie

William "Liam" Gillespie, son of Edna Mundy and Anthony Gillespie, died peacefully Nov. 18 at his home in Cold Spring with his wife at his side.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his two children Conor and Margaret Mary; his brothers Eamonn(Lena) and Frank; his sister Rose Lanzisera(Vito); and a large and loving extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Liam was born Dec. 12, 1946 in Donegal Town, County Donegal, Ireland. At the age of 13 he emigrated with his family to New York City. In 1987, he and his wife and two children moved to Cold Spring and, shortly after, he joined a running group called the Hash House Harriers, running with them for two decades.

In 2016 he received his certificate of membership in the 3500 Club, having climbed all 35 of the Catskill peaks over 3,500 feet, in both summer and winter.

Eileen Heubel

Eileen Heubel, 60, a 21-year resident of Pawling, passed away Sunday, Nov. 17 at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel.

Born in the Bronx on March 23, 1959, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence Heubel and Mary (Schrade) Heubel of Pawling, and wife of Timothy King of Pawling.

Eileen was a trained accountant and the assistant to the facility manager at Trinity-Pawling School. She was also a member of the Pawling Tiger Club and the Pawling Parent-Teacher Association.

In addition to her husband and mother, Eileen is survived by her two sons Evan and Aiden King; her three brothers Michael Heubel (Mary) of Marietta, Ga., James Heubel (Janet) of Pawling, and Joseph Heubel of Carmel; her two sisters Marie Boalt (Jefferson) of Stormville and Loraine Olson (Scott) of Hagerstown, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity-Pawling School Chapel on Jan. 4 at 11 a.m., and a reception will follow in the Trinity-Pawling dining hall.

Police Blotter

Julian Chulo, 50, of Carmel, was arrested Oct. 31 by Putnam County sheriff's deputies and charged with driving while intoxicated after his alleged involvement in a two-car crash on Route 6 in Southeast near Bridge Lane.

Amanda Ribeiro, 27, of Southeast, was arrested Nov. 11 by New York State Police from Brewster and charged with DWI after being stopped on Sodom Road in Southeast.

Brendan O'Brien, 30, of Putnam Valley, was arrested Nov. 16 by NYSP from Somers and charged with DWI after he was allegedly found on Tomahawk Street in Somers

sleeping behind the wheel of his vehicle while it was still in gear.

Dare Studevant, 57, of Putnam Valley, was arrested Nov. 17 by NYSP from Dover Plains and charged with felony DWI with a previous conviction within the last 10 years, after being stopped on Route 22 in Pawling.

Katherine Weaver, 37, of Carmel, was arrested Nov. 17 by NYSP from Somers and charged with DWI. According to police, she was driving on Interstate 684 in Bedford when her car became disabled due to a flat tire, and she was determined to be under the influence of alcohol.



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The Internet's Impact on Our Lifestyles – and Wine-Buying Practices



By Nick Antonaccio

Remember when the internet was a novelty? That new site, Amazon, had just gained widespread popularity for selling and shipping books to your doorstep, at a 30 percent discount. Now, Amazon has embedded itself in the very psyche of

conducting our lives.

If I think back to the “good old days,” before there was Amazon Prime and others of its ilk, before Apple became the ultimate enabler in 2007 of managing our lives according to their business model, I remember the tactile nature of a shopping experience, when we wore out our shoe leather – not our keyboard or keypad buttons.

At the breakneck speed with which the internet has consumed our lives, who can predict what lies ahead? A short 12 years after the introduction of the iPhone, a Yogi Berra quote seems prescient: “The future ain’t what it used to be.”

When I apply this smartphone phenomenon to my personal life, I reminisce of the meaning of commerce before the ubiquitous and all-consuming stranglehold of today’s

technology.

Here’s my singular perspective:

1. Shop local? The plaintive call to support our neighborhood establishments becomes more difficult each year. Increasingly, we have no reasonable choice but to use our keypads, rather than our shoe leather, to wend our way through our shopping chores.

2. Use of our smartphones has been evolving. How many of us use the telephone feature as our primary contact with the outside world? Our “smart” devices have created new alternatives to communicate with each other. While I’ve evolved from telephone to e-mail to texting as my primary mode of communication, today’s young generation has leapfrogged past me, relying more and more on Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, and several select platforms I’ve never heard of.

3. Dine at your favorite restaurant with friends and family? No need to do so in 2019. The online prepared food industry penetration into our lives is rising at an astonishing rate. In the past, it was simple: pull that dog-eared menu from the kitchen drawer, call your local eatery, wait 20 minutes, then drive to pick up your order.

Here’s today’s gamechanger:

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bookmark your list of favorite restaurants on your device, order directly from their clickable menu, and then select a home delivery app option. A few clicks and your favorite food is digitally processed and delivered to your door.

4. It wasn’t so long ago that our primary source for purchasing wines was our local retail shop. More and more I see this buying pattern transitioning to a virtual experience. A few of the numerous alternative resources available include:

a) Wine apps that offer you curated offerings available with a simple “purchase” click.

b) A plethora of online wine clubs offering their suggested selections, delivered to your door automatically every month or quarter. Just provide your credit card and you will be constantly stocked with the club’s favorite wines.

c) Flash sale sites continue to proliferate. How can you turn down an offer to order a highly-rated wine (typically, the site’s unilateral rating) at a significant reduction in price (according to the site’s unconfirmed statistics)?

In case you forget to check in daily on the site’s offerings, they e-mail you a friendly reminder of their daily specials. If you are judicious, these sites can be a fine source of worthy wines. If you are able to be judicious.

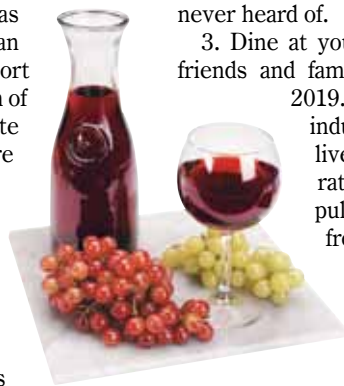
d) Direct-to-consumer sales are on the rise, as are the offerings. In the old days, the only outlet for many small producers was direct sales to consumers. The rub was the high cost of shipping. Today, that barrier has been significantly reduced.

“Continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior.”

Consumers have the opportunity to enjoy a fine Napa Cabernet Sauvignon from a small producer of less than 100 cases at a price, including shipping, that allows the producer to compete with wines available in other consumer channels. And that’s outside of the Amazon Prime network.

I’m still a holdout for the physical interaction of securing my purchase, when possible. I prefer shoe heel clicks rather than mouse clicks. Join me in stemming the tide of digital dominance.

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How to Go About the Business of Decluttering

As a realtor, I find that one of the more difficult subjects to discuss with a listing client is clutter – or rather, decluttering.

Outside of my real estate business, I have only occasionally dipped into the world of decluttering because I have relied on my wife, Margaret, a natural neatnik and a supremely organized person, to keep our home in order.

Still, that doesn't mean I shouldn't lend assistance to her, or at least learn how to not get in the way. Over the years, some of the advice to the organizationally-challenged has changed, and some has reappeared in a new form many times over.

Back in the 1980s, cleaning expert Don Aslett published "Clutter's Last Stand," one of the most popular of his many titles. Aslett's claim to fame was to communicate the techniques and tools of a professional cleaner to the average homemaker so that she (or – shocking for the time – he!) could clean faster and more economically.

His advice on clutter is to toss it, and his book is filled with inspiration on overcoming the internal resistance to doing so.

In the 1990s, organization expert Julie Morgenstern took a gentler approach in



By Bill Primavera

her book "Organizing from the Inside Out." Much of the basic advice is the same, but she advises that once the clutter-clearing dust has settled, you examine your life and interests when deciding where the things in your life should go.

Starting as a web forum participant in the early 2000s, Marla Cilley grew an immense and loyal internet following through her system of changing habits via "baby steps," cleaning by zones a little bit each day, and lovingly accepting one's own organizational imperfections.

According to Cilley, "clutter cannot be organized" and it is important to tackle even a bit of it regularly each day.

A later organizing guru is Marie Kondo, whose 2014 book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" was a worldwide bestseller, and whose next book, "Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up," was equally successful.

If you take only a superficial glance at her KonMari Method, it seems to be about folding and arranging clothing and other items into mesmerizingly neat and tiny arrangements. Kondo is featured in many hypnotic YouTube videos demonstrating

this aspect of her method, and you will probably learn a tidier way to fold shirts from her, if nothing else.

Her system goes well beyond that, however, ultimately focusing not as much on what to discard, but on choosing what to keep based on how much joy it brings you. It even gets downright mystical.

For example, in Kondo's second book, to determine whether a series of books gives you joy, you may want to arrange them in a stack and hug it to see how it makes you feel. That's a little far out, even for me, but her passion certainly has had an effect on people.

Among her more pragmatic pieces of advice, she advises the opposite of Cilley's "FlyLady" approach of baby steps: When decluttering, pick one category, scour your entire home for items in that category, and sort through them all at once. Seeing all 12 similar shirts, for example, will make

it easier to know which are your favorites, and the lift from completing the task will be a reward in itself.

The recurring thread in all this advice seems to be that clutter will not make you happy, and whatever does make you really happy is not clutter. I may not reach my wife's levels of neatness, but I have certainly felt the pleasant effects of letting go of old things as my life and my interests change.

Now is as good a time as any to begin the process again.

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Tuesday, Nov. 26

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. A special evening of worship and thanksgiving. Bring nonperishable food items for Putnam CAP, as well as financial offerings for the Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership.

Friday, Nov. 29

Jazz at the Chapel Features guitarist Sara LAbriola and Friends at 7 p.m. at The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring as part of the Jazz at the Chapel series. Tickets are \$10 and available at jatc-sara.eventbrite.com.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Holiday Bazaar Vendor Fair: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. More than 50 local vendors, artists and bakers featuring hand-crafted gifts, jewelry, confections and more. Breakfast, lunch and massages available. Free Admission. For information visit www.pattersonrec.org or call 845-878-7200.

Art Barn Holiday Sale: 2 to 5:30 p.m. at 155 Ice pond Road, Brewster. Also Dec. 1 and 7. Paintings by Rebecca Rabinowitz and Emily Mallon from Brewster and Patterson. Also, Vintage women's clothes from the 1950s to 80s, size petite. Live music by folk artist Brandi Miller from Hawaii. Contact rebecca@icepond.com.

Holiday Boutique: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison. Also Dec. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m., and Thursdays through Sundays, Dec. 5 to 8 and 12 to 15. www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

Yule Ball Harry Potter Christmas Party: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Wizarding snacks, a magical ornament craft and an extreme Harry Potter holiday trivia challenge. Robes and Weasley sweaters encouraged. Registration is required for most events, at kentlibrary.org or 845 225-8585.

Sunday, Dec. 1

"Downtown Abbey" the movie: 2 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Followed by afternoon tea. Tea attire encouraged. The cost is \$10 and payable upon registration, which is required, at 845-225-2439.

Last Chance Flu Clinic: 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road. Brewster. Also Dec. 7. No appointment necessary. Any Putnam resident 18 years and older is eligible. Vaccine is \$25 or free for those older than 65 with a Medicare card. For information call 845-808-1390.

Cash Bingo: Doors open 1 p.m., calling begins at 2 p.m., at Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair St., Carmel. Admission is \$30, jackpot is \$500. Proceeds will be donated to

Putnam County Children's Committee. For questions, email Ladieskofc@gmail.com.

Monday, Dec. 2

Audition: Shakespeare opens the Brewster Theater Company's 2020 season with "Much Ado About Nothing." Auditions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Also 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4. Visit brewstertheater.org for specific audition requirements. For questions, email BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Santa Visit: 6 to 7 p.m. at the Kent Public Library. Take pictures with Santa and make a craft (as supplies last) while snacking on cookies and hot chocolate. For ages 10 and younger. Registration is required for most events at kentlibrary.org or 845 225-8585.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

A Conversation with Sheriff Robert Langley Jr.: 7 p.m. at Patterson Library. What are you concerned about in your community? Bring your questions, concerns and feedback. For more information or to register, call 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Christmas Traditions: 11 a.m. at Reed

Memorial Library in Carmel. Register at www.carmellibrary.org or call 845-225-2439.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Watercolor Still Life: 10 a.m. to noon at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Also Dec. 12 and 19. Register at www.carmellibrary.org or call 845-225-2439.

Friday, Dec. 6

Tri-State IBM Retirees: Holiday luncheon at 12:20 p.m. at Frankie & Augie'Z, 3673 Hill Blvd., Jefferson Valley. Individual lunch choice and checks. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 30. For more information, call Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Breakfast with Santa: 9 to 11 a.m. at Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Pancakes, crafts and a photo-op with Santa. Make reservations by Dec. 3 by calling 845-878-7200. Admission is \$3 for children 9 and younger, or \$6 for 10 and older. For information, visit www.pattersonrec.org.

Cancer Support: A breast and ovarian cancer support group meets Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. Advance registration is required by calling 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290, or at www.supportconnection.org.

Crossword Puzzle

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 16

- Across**
- Gorgon slain by Perseus
 - "Criminal Minds" network
 - Its scale uses no black keys
 - Weeder's tool
 - Russian dynasty
 - Ore. neighbor
 - "What Kind of Fool ____"
 - "Losing My Religion" rock band
 - Where to find the art of Israeli self defense in Putnam, ____ Mahopac
 - Accessory for Sherlock Holmes
 - Volunteer's words
 - Pilgrim's destination
 - Dedicated lines
 - Tuna type
 - Rule out
 - You won't get "stung" at this Armonk restaurant
 - Web site address ending
 - Sharper
 - From, in France
 - Carolina river

- Down**
- Imperfection
 - Rock music style
 - Not bright
 - Italian article
 - Submarine detector
 - Oenophile's concern
 - Former French president

- Spanish grocery
- Jack-tar
- Ms. Vance, to Lucy
- Lock opener
- Halfway
- Used a cell
- Chemical salt
- Solar ____
- Experimental area
- Tons
- One who cries "Uncle"
- Clamor
- ____ be good if
- Certain neckline
- Before, to Keats





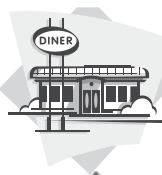
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Carmel Students Collect Food for Families in Need

Spearheaded by the George Fischer Middle School Student Organization (G.O.), students and staff recently collected 3,470 food items that will be donated to local families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Cindy Tully, one of three faculty advisors for the group, said she always looks forward to the annual food drive.

"We have teachers

showing creativity and communication by creating homeroom competitions to motivate students to bring in food items," she said. "Students, staff and families showing compassion in understanding that others are in need – we truly are wonderful citizens when we help our community. We all collaborate and work together to make this event a success."

Every year, the school population fills close to 100 boxes of food for this annual drive, and the school recognizes the homeroom from each grade level that brings in the most food items.

Rick Bishop's fifth-grade homeroom collected a record-breaking 558 items, Donna

Ryan's sixth-grade homeroom collected 114 items, Mallory Gray's seventh-grade homeroom collected 220 items, and Felicia DiLeo's eighth-grade homeroom collected 75 items.

In addition, the G.O. purchased turkeys to distribute along with the donated items to local families through the Putnam Community Action Partnership.

The GFMS G.O. comprises student representatives from every grade and homeroom in the school. Members attend bimonthly meetings, report news to their homerooms, and help plan and run events for the school year, including dances, Toys for

Tots collection, spirit week, field day and more.

This year, the G.O. student officers are eighth-graders Catherine Tonchuck (president), Ava Florez (vice president), Taylor Finney (treasurer) and Breleigh Cayea (secretary); seventh-grader Claire Deans (treasurer); and sixth-grader Hannah Martin (secretary). Faculty advisors are Cindy Tully, Felicia DiLeo and Dan Drebycz.



CINDY TULLY PHOTO

Students Taylor Finney, Claire Deans and Ria Chopra show off some of the donations that were collected.

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Putnam Participates in STOP-DWI Thanksgiving Crackdown

If you plan on enjoying some cocktails this holiday make sure you have a designated driver, because local law enforcement agencies are heading out in force to keep drunk drivers off the road over Thanksgiving weekend.

Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari and Kent Police Chief Kevin Owens have announced that their departments will participate in a special enforcement effort to crackdown on impaired driving.

This Thanksgiving weekend, millions will hit the road eager to spend time with family and friends. It's one of the busiest travel times of the year – and unfortunately, more people on the roadways means the potential for more vehicle crashes.

In a combined effort to stop impaired driving, law enforcement officers across New York State will take to the roads during a statewide STOP-DWI crackdown effort that runs from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1.

Research shows that high-visibility enforcement can reduce impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent, and that sobriety checkpoints play a key part in raising awareness about the problem, therefore, New York State Police, county sheriff's deputies and municipal law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers, according to police. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving.

Need a safe ride home? Download the mobile app "Have a Plan" at www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp – and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

BOW: Anne Koplik Designs

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collection; its bigger collection is introduced in the spring, and the other at the end of the year.

AKD has a giveback initiative called "You Shop, We Give," in which customers are offered a choice to donate 20 percent of their purchase to an organization such as the American Lung Association, The Pink Chair Project, Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, Support Connection, and American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

"We've been in this business for 38

Holiday Sale at Putnam Arts Council

Putnam Arts Council will once again transform its gallery space in the Belle Levine Arts Center at 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, into a winter wonderland for its holiday art sale.

The event features the work of more than 40 regional artisans and includes traditional gifts as well as unique ones – from the functional to the fantastic. Items include pottery, glass, soaps and lotions, birdhouses,

ornaments, scarves, home décor and more.

A member preview is scheduled Friday, Dec. 6 from 3 to 8 p.m. Non-members may sign up during the preview sale and save 10 percent on their purchases.

The sale will then be open to the public Dec. 7 through 20, from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, or by appointment. Admission is free.

For more information, call 845-803-8622.

years and we've been very fortunate," said Garecht. "Our families are healthy, our business is thriving, and this is our way of giving back."

AKD has always tried to spread the company's name and get exposure. "Certainly DTWS gave us credibility," said Garecht. "People saw our jewelry as a glittery part of the fun and the panache."

Garecht said that over the years their marketing has evolved. "Even though we are in the wholesale marketplace and frequent the trade shows, the times have changed and we have really expanded through the internet," she said.

New trends have, in part, dictated new designs. "If coral is the color of the year, we take that into consideration," said Garecht. "But we stay true to who we are: a vintage inspired company. The marriage between the old themes and the current trends really works."

Anne Koplik Designs, located at 173 Main St., Brewster, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 30 for Small Business Saturday. Additional holiday showroom sale dates are Dec. 13, 14 and 15. For more information, call 800-542-3134 or visit www.annekoplik.com.

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Send a Holiday Package to Overseas Troops

The Defend the Holiday program, a joint effort between Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and United For the Troops, is once again up and running, and residents are asked for assistance in supplying comfort packages to those serving overseas in the U.S. Armed Forces.

For every \$15 donation, a care package will be sent to a soldier overseas, with a card sent to the person whose name the donation is made in.

United For the Troops was founded by Jim and Patty Rathschmidt of Mahopac with the help of friends and families whose sons and daughters are serving overseas. Its sole purpose is to make life while away from home a little better for those brave men and women.

Following numerous conversations with service men and women, the group found out that the military provides soldiers with the essentials for day-to-day life, but many miss the extra amenities they enjoy while at home. Therefore, some of the items included in these comfort packages include cookies, DVDs, CDs, snacks and T-shirts.

Cards can be reserved at www.putnamcountyny.com/carepackage through Dec. 21.

Payment for the cards must be sent or brought to Terry Oliver, County Executive's Office, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512.

For more information, call Oliver at 845-808-1001.

Holiday Boutique Returns to Desmond-Fish Library

The Program Room of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison is being transformed for the return of the annual holiday boutique, which begins this weekend and continues into the month of December.

The grand opening weekend hours of the boutique are Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. The sale will then continue for another two long weekends, Thursdays through Sundays,

Dec. 5 through 8 and 12 through 15.

Shoppers may peruse the arts and crafts of 73 artisans from throughout the Hudson Valley, including fresh balsam wreaths, baked goods, quilts, pottery, jewelry, origami, knit items, photo cards, bath and body care items, fine paper creations, canine treats and more.

As usual, the boutique will also be selling gently-used books at reduced prices.

Twenty-five percent of each purchase will go to the library, toward the purchase of books and library programs.

While this is the 27th year the library has hosted the boutique, Lucille Merry noted that this is the 20th year that she, along with Polly Townsend and Karen Thompson, have been running the show.

"It is so nice to see so many of our favorite crafters returning, but we are delighted with all the new artisans that we have joining us this year," said Merry. "They all hope you will stop and say 'Hello' – you won't be disappointed."

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Plaintiff, vs Dawn Ann Strand As Heir To The Estate Of William F. Strand, Unknown Heirs Of William F. Strand If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated,Are Unknown To Plaintiff,

People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.)

Defendant(s).
Index #: 501484/2019
Mortgaged Premises:
104 Hollowbrook Road
Lake Peekskill, NY 10537
SBL #: 91.34 - 1 - 1

To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie.

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

TO Unknown Heirs Of William F. Strand Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Victor G. Grossman of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Thirty-First day of October, 2019 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated December 14, 2006, executed by William F. Strand (who died on July 1, 2016, a resident of the county of Putnam, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$191,900.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 5023, Page 417 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on February 1, 2007. The property in question is described as follows:

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

DATED: November 1, 2019
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s)
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$304,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of PUTNAM on January 02, 2007, in Book 5004, Page 0105, covering premises known as 13 Sylvan Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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Dated: Bayshore, New York, November 15, 2019 **By:** Linda P. Manfredi, Esq.
Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #2-2019 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley duly adopted Local Law #2-2019 on November 13, 2019, a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law 3-c for the fiscal year of 2020. **Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 11-20-19**

NOTICE FOR BIDS The Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will receive bids for the following: ASPHALT LAID IN PLACE; HOT ASPHALT; COLD PATCH; BASINS; GRATES; FRAMES WITH LIDS AND RISERS; CRUSHED ITEM 4; WASHED CONCRETE SAND; BANK RUN; TOP SOIL; CRUSHED STONE; LIGHT STONE; GUIDE RAIL; LIQUID MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE; PIPE It is mandatory that all bidders complete the form referring to Sections 103a and 103d of the General Municipal law. Specifications, forms and other information available from the Superintendent of Highways. Bids will be received until **DECEMBER 10, 2019 at 02:00 PM**. All bids are returnable to the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. Please put "HIGHWAY BID" on your bid envelope. The Town reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in or reject any or all bids. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD Sherry Howard Town Clerk Town of Putnam Valley Dated: November 21, 2019**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF 2020 PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN/DISTRICT AND HIGHWAY BUDGET PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the 2020 Preliminary Town/District and Highway Budget was adopted as the final budget on November 13, 2019, as per Town Law Section 109. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the salaries adopted of the Town Officials are hereby specified as follows: Town Supervisor \$ 75,366.20 Councilpersons, four @ \$15,000.00 each Town Clerk

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Please be advised that the next
meeting of the Planning Board will be
held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake
Road on Monday December 2, 2019 for
the purpose of considering the following
applications: Regular Meeting Start Time:
6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING
The following public hearings have been
scheduled for December 2, 2019 at 6:00PM
(or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions
permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall,
265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley,
New York, 10579. All interested parties are
invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of
the application materials and plans may be
inspected during normal business hours at
the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town
of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. **Filho
Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road (TM#
51.1-4/File: 2019-0190)** The subject
property consists of + 19.2 acres of land
and is located on 135 Bell Hollow Road and
within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant
is proposing to construct a swimming pool
and terrace. A Site Development Plan, Major
Grading and Wetland Permit and Wetland
Mitigation is required. 2. **Perez, Octavio,
Ridgecrest 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 Ridgecrest Road and within the R-1
Zoning District. The applicant is proposing
to construct a single-family residence.
REVIEW 3. **Gan, Roy, - 560 Oscawana
Lake Road (TM# 62.-1-37&38/File:
2019-0206)** The subject property consists
of + 3.58 acres of land and is located on 560
Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-3
Zoning District. The applicant is proposing
to construct a single family residence on an
existing parcel where a dilapidated residence
will be removed. A Site Development Plan

and Major Grading permit is required. 4. **Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana
Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12/File2019-
0196)** The property consist of +/- 10.3 acres
of land and is located on Oscawana Lake
Road and within the R-2 Zoning District.
The applicant is proposing to construct a
Fire Station building +/-30,000 sq.ft. in size,
with well and septic system, 127 parking
spaces, stormwater management facilities
and related site improvements. 5. **Putnam
Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
(TM# 72.20-1-7.11/File2019-0204)** The
applicant is proposing an amended site plan
for improvements to allow shared access
and parking with proposed fire station on
adjacent property. The Planning Board will
consider adopting a resolution declaring
intent for lead agency for the Fire House and
Ambulance Corp. project. EXTENSION
5. **Juliano, Sam, -50 West Shore Drive
(TM: 62.13-2-18 / File:2010-0073)
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6. Approve
Minutes of November 4 & 18, 2019**

Notice is hereby given to interested
parties that a Public Hearing will be held
by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of
Appeals on Thursday December 5, 2019
at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana
Lake Road for the purpose of considering
the following petitions and requests
together with all other matters that may
properly come before the Board at this time.
AGENDA New Application 1. **Putnam
Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps., 218
Oscawana Lk. Rd, 72.20-1-7.11; R-2
Request lot coverage variance, and variance
for additional road frontage. 2. Putnam
Valley Fire Department, Oscawana
Lake Rd., 72.20-1-7.12; R-2 Request
variance for fire station cupola height,
building and retaining wall side setback and
sign size and illumination. An interpretation
of the Zoning Code to determine whether
variances are needed for stormwater outlet
structure, refuse enclosure, sign setback
and retaining wall heights. Request variances
that are required from interpretation. 3.
Krugman, Samuel, 22 Twilight Lane,
62.11-1-44; R-3 Request front yard setback
variance for construction of new screened
porch. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF
PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL
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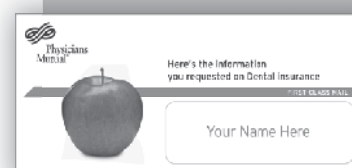
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Carmel High junior Katie Turk didn't disappoint a faithful Rams' cheering section full of the fabled "Carmel Crazies", which included six shirtless lads -- who braved the sub-40-degree temps and painted K-A-T-I-E-I on their stomachs -- who witnessed a ninth-place finish in 18:55.4, the second fastest time by a Carmel runner in school history, at the NYS Federation Cross-Country Championships at Bowdoin Park in Poughkeepsie. The Federation meet brings together New York's finest public, private and parochial high school runners, which included one of the nation's finest, North Rockland's Katelyn Tuohy, who won her second State Federation title (she would have three-peated the event if not for last year's snow cancellation). Tuohy set the pace and logged a blazing 17:02.5 over the 3.1-mile course to easily outdistance the 249-runner field, which included Brewster's Elsa Neubauer (inset with Turk), who placed 74th at 20:18.9

Sports

Volleyball Notebook

Ossining, Hen Hed, Haldane Spill at Glens Falls, Final 4

By Tony Pinciario

The seeds for the emergence of **OSSINING** volleyball becoming a Section 1 power began to grow in 2016 when the Pride won the Section 1 Class AA title, Ossining's first volleyball championship since 1994. The Pride were upset in the 2017 Section 1 Class AA final by New Rochelle, but it was only an aberration.

Ossining regained the Section 1 Class AA championship in 2018 and this year, made it two consecutive and three in the last four years.

The Pride won its first regional title and advanced to the NYSPHSAA Final 4 for the first time in program history last Saturday at Glens Falls. Even though Ossining lost its pool-play matches at the state final four, the Pride have established itself as a pre-eminent Section 1 power under the guidance of Coach Lauren Riccardi.

"The past two years have been really memorable for the girls, as well as myself," Riccardi said. "Winning the section championship is really amazing because all of our family, community and fans were able to be there to see it. It's also exciting because Ossining volleyball has done it four times, including three times in the past four years. It



Members of the Ossining volleyball team experienced unprecedented success in 2019 despite its Class AA Final 4 setback at Glens Falls.

shows the growth that our program is making and the direction that we are heading. This season was a dream come true. The girls had

so much fun and gave it their all."

Ossining rallied from two sets down to North Rockland, in the Section 1 final, to win, eliminated Section 9 champion Pine Bush, which had beaten Ossining in a 2018 regional, and rallied from 2-1 down to beat Section 4 titlist, Horseheads, in a regional final.

Along with a first regional title and state final-four trip, Ossining had an undefeated regular season, 24-0, and Oregon State-bound senior Mychael Vernon was selected an Under Armour All-American.

Vernon, along with classmates Cassandra Rodriguez and Brianna Culcay have left their mark on the program.

"Cassandra has been a role player who has had a great impact in accepting her role and adding positive energy and leadership to the team," Riccardi said. "She served 100 percent at the state tournament, which is something that was difficult for most players due to pressure and nerves.

"Brianna reached the amazing milestone of 1,000 assists in just two years as the starting setter," she added. "Brianna won the award at the state tournament for sportsmanship. She is a great player and will be missed. Mychael's first year on varsity was in seventh grade. Mychael has earned the All-NYS award since her sophomore and this year made first-team all-state. She hit both milestones of 1,000 digs and 2,000 kills in December. She is an amazing athlete and a phenomenal young lady. I can't begin to share the impact she has had on this team."

Riccardi, who is anxiously awaiting 2020, summed up the season as exciting and rewarding.

"It was full of ups and downs and a strong family-like closeness," she said. "We did more than play together, but also grew stronger and wise from the experience. It was one for the books with a happy ending!"

HALDANE is used to Glens Falls, its home away from home prior to 2013. In her fourth year coaching her alma mater, Kelsey Flaherty guided the Blue Devils back to a familiar place – the state final four.

Haldane won the Section 1 Class D title and overcame a two-set deficit to beat Section 9 titlist Mount Academy, returning to the state final four for the first time since 2013.

Haldane finished pool play with a 3-3 record, as did Panama (Section 6), forcing a tie-breaking set. Panama defeated Haldane to play in the state-title match.

"It was definitely nerve-wracking, but we battled back very hard to get to that point," said Flaherty, an impact player on Haldane's 2011 state-title team. "To be given the opportunity to go to a tie-breaker was a rush. Even though we did not make it to the finals, the girls are winners in my eyes. When they look back on this weekend, they will always remember the roaring fans, the grit it took to get there and the heart and hard work they put in all season. Coming in third place in New York is something to be proud of."

Flaherty, a 2012 Haldane graduate and coach since 2016, will miss her super six seniors –Olivia Monteleone, Grace Tomann (who will be playing at New Hampshire), Melissa Rodino, Sofia Viggiano and Sophia Immorlica and Taylor Farrell.

"Olivia has been on varsity since my first season here," Flaherty said. "Her leadership and poise on the court is outstanding.

"Grace has been a huge asset to the volleyball program. She is a great all-around player who fights for every point. Melissa has some of the best hands as a setter I've ever seen in this sport.

"Sofia has always had a positive attitude and can make just about anyone laugh. During some of our toughest games this season, she was able to make sure the team was up and smiling.

"Sophia has overcome some tough injuries and always kept the team's spirits up. Taylor was new to volleyball last year. She was able to pick up volleyball fast and learn the game. All six seniors will be missed and are leaving big shoes to fill."

Not many coaches have the opportunity to coach at their alma mater, but Flaherty



JOSUE ACEVEDO PHOTOS

Hen Hud senior Callie Pidoriano knocks down point in Sailors' Class A setback at NYSPHSAA Final 4 match Saturday at Glens Falls.

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Sports

Local Ladies Lead Way in Fall of 2019



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor @Directrays

And just like that the fall of 2019 is over for the local student athletes in and around the Northern Westchester/Putnam County regions, concluding with just one state title to our credit; that coming from the usual suspect, the incomparable Lakeland High field hockey program. While Lakeland won its 10th NYSPHSAA title in the last 11 years with a 20-1-1 mark under distinguished 13-time NYS champion Coach Sharon Sarsen, there was plenty of other fine efforts for local coaches, parents and fans to be proud, especially along the volleyball circuit where Class AA Ossining, Class A Hen Hud and Class D Haldane all procured regional titles and reached the NYS Final 4 before being eliminated at Glens Falls. The trio of locals were part of a historical Section 1

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has made her presence felt. She had a good feeling that this team was Glens Falls-bound.

"The girls were driven, from the start of the season back in August," Flaherty said. "Being up at the state tournament, again, but now as a coach, was truly magical. Seeing it from the other side was humbling and I was and will always be proud to wear my Haldane blue."

Flaherty is already looking forward to 2020.

"I know what we are capable of competing against tough teams," she said. "I am excited for what next season's young talent will bring."

HEN HUD came into the 2019 season with one goal in mind, win another Section 1 Class A title, earn a berth in the state final four and then win the fourth state title in program history.

quintet sent to the Final 4 for the first time ever, joining Class C state champ Valhalla and Class B runner-up Ardsley. The Pride, Sailors and Blue Devils have built dynasty-like volleyball programs through dedicated coaches and driven student athletes worthy of major props, congrats to all...

Additionally, Carmel junior Katie Turk placed 8th overall in the NYS Cross Country championships on Nov. 16th and ninth in the NYS Federations last Saturday, running the second fastest time in school history...

Yeah, the ladies led the way this fall, and now we bring it all indoors where the hardwoods will shine bright at places like Ossining, where girls' hoops Coach Dan Ricci's nine-time defending Section 1 Class AA champion Pride will prance about the section with a bulls-eye bigger than the sun. As the Pride defend their fifth NYS title overall without three graduated D-I players – UConn's Aubrey Griffin, Seton Hall's Kailah Harris and Army's Jaida Strippoli –

Direct Rays

they will be sought out by programs they have destroyed for much of the past decade. Sharp-shooting senior Julia Iorio is the lone returning starter for a Pride team that will take everybody's best shot this winter, and we'll be on top of it all beginning next week with our annual basketball preview edition for both boys' and girls' hoops...

Ossining is not alone, though, as many of the locals will need to reload, which means we could be taking some lumps this winter. We do like the Putnam Valley girls quite a bit this season, though a serious lack of depth and numbers in general could be a deal-breaker come playoffs...

Giants GM Dave Gettleman's gotta go, and he can take Coach Pat Schurmer with him. The Giants (2-9) are now 7-18 with this pair calling the shots, and 10-31 over the last three seasons, and they're every bit as bad as Dolan's Knicks. To boot, they've turned one of the best running backs

in the game – Saquon Barkley -- into a very ordinary player in what should be the prime of his career. The play calling lacks creativity, the O-line is a \$h!+\$how, the light at the end of the tunnel is dim at best, and I can't even clutch a moral victory from any of what I've seen other than the unsteady development of rookies QB Daniel Jones and WR Darius Slayton...

In conclusion, I used the phrase "Calls it Quits" in a Direct Rays headline last week regarding the resignation of Yorktown football Coach Mike Rescigno. It's a saying that oftentimes is used regarding a "settlement" or a "release from obligation". Rescigno, who resigned so he can spend more time with his family and to watch -- and maybe even coach -- his own kids down the road, would never quit on Yorktown. I certainly regret the headline if anyone took it wrong...

And now we patiently await Rescigno's replacement (there are several worthy candidates, we're told) in what could be a defining moment of Yorktown A.D. Rob Barrett's career. Good luck, my friend!

The Sailors went 2 for 3, winning a 15th sectional title since 2000, a ninth regional championship and returning to the NYS Final 4. On their way to Glens Falls, Hen Hud returned the favor in ending Cornwall's (Section 9) season in a regional semifinal. Last year, Cornwall upset Hen Hud in regional play.

Even though Hen Hud fell one step short of its third goal, the Sailors had a memorable season, highlighted by legendary Coach Diane Swertfager winning her 600th varsity match.

"Although it didn't end as we would have wished, this season meant the world to us, especially our seniors," said senior Captain Callie Pidioriano, who will continue playing volleyball in college. "We had great success this year despite losing a lot of talented girls last year who graduated. Being the team to

give Coach Swertfager her 600th win feels amazing. We were all so happy to share in that experience with her and make her proud just as she makes us proud."

Pidioriano will cherish the memories of her Hen Hud career, especially those shared with her classmates.

"Our seniors this year, Madisen Lupica, Caitlin Weimar, Natalie Urra, Julieta Antman, Ashanti Davis, Brunella Tissoni and myself have all grown so close over the years and being able to finish on such a successful note is a great thing for us," Pidioriano said.

"Thanks to Hen Hud volleyball, we have all made lifelong friends that we will always remember and cherish the memories,"

The seniors will be in the midst of their college careers next year when Hen Hud Volleyball begins 2020, but Pidioriano is excited for the future.

"I know they will pull through and work hard just as we did this year, and hopefully will be as successful, if not more, than we were," Pidioriano said.

With history on their side, the Sailors will give it a go, that's a given.



Classy Sailors concede match in Hen Hud's Class A Final 4 setback at NYSPHSAA championships in Glens Falls Saturday.



Hen Hud's Caitlin Weimar slams home point in Sailors' Class A setback at NYSPHSAA Final 4 match Saturday at Glens Falls.



Record Five Volleyball Teams Challenge at NYSPHSAA Final 4's; Locals Fall Short of Title Dreams



Section 'One'derful!



DINA BERTOLINE/JOSUE ACEVEDO PHOTOS

For the first time in history, five Section 1 volleyball champions – Class AA Ossining, Class A Hen Hud, Class B Ardsley, Class C Valhalla and Class D Haldane -- advanced to the NYSPHSAA Final 4 at historic Glens Falls, where only Valhalla and Ardsley advanced out of Saturday's round-robin pool play to earn a spot in Sunday's state championships where the first-time NYS champion Vikings were the lone Section 1 titlists. Among the locals, Caitlin Weimar was named to Class A All-Tournament team for the Sailors (inset photos), who came in unbeaten but met their match against eventual Class A state finalists Burnt Hills and West Irondequoit. Meanwhile, previously undefeated Ossining's finest season in school history concluded after getting swept by Baldwinsville, Connetquot and Mercy in pool play. Haldane lost a crucial tie-breaker to Section 6's Panama in its final match... see Volleyball Notebook



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Upon entering, you'll be wowed by the spacious entryway with high ceilings and an open floor plan. This light and bright home boasts a formal dining room, living room, and large dine-in kitchen with a center island, quartz counter tops, and walk-in pantry. A true move-in ready home perfectly sited in the cul-de-sac with many recent updates.

Carmel | WEB# PEI587123 | \$519,000

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BEDROOMS	BATHROOMS	SQUARE FEET	ACRES



29 Settlers Hill Road

4 BEDS • 2.1 BATHS • 2,140 SF • 1.79 ACRES
Brewster | WEB# PEI568139 | \$655,000



40 Ridge View Drive

4 BEDS • 2.1 BATHS • 3,002 SF • 2.33 ACRES
Carmel | WEB# PEI586823 | \$525,000



112 Cross Road

3 BEDS • 2.1 BATHS • 2,784 SF • 1.05 ACRES
Patterson | WEB# PEI586490 | \$500,000



130 Bullet Hole Road

3 BEDS • 3.1 BATHS • 2,312 SF • 2.65 ACRES
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7 York Road

2 BEDS • 1 BATHS • 886 SF • 0.34 ACRE
Brewster | WEB# PEI576922 | \$335,000



50 Princeton Road

3 BEDS • 2 BATHS • 1,278 SF • 0.23 ACRE
Carmel | WEB# PEI587000 | \$275,000