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Sheriff's Dept. Holds Ceremony Highlighting Service

By David Propper

Courage and sacrifice, no matter how big or small, keep communities safe. Last week, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office recognized officers and residents that put those qualities on display over the past year.

Inside the TOPS Center in Carmel, Sheriff Robert Langley presented several awards to community members and sheriff department personnel last Friday to highlight some of the positive work the countywide agency has done in Putnam during an hour long ceremony.

Leading off the ceremony, a Putnam Valley family, the Kuttrufs, who were part of an effort to help a man that fell through the ice on Lake Oscawana before he became submerged in the freezing waters, was presented a life saving award. Officer Jonathan Bradley, who threw an extension cord to help reel the man into



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From left to right: Boy Scout leader Frank Cassidy, Bruce Kuttruf, Zachary Kuttruf, Jennifer Kuttruf, legislators Paul Jonke and Ginny Nacerino and Sheriff Robery Langley were all on hand last week, with Zachary being lauded for his quick actions that saved a man from drowning in a frozen lake.

shore, was also awarded for his efforts.

Zachary Kuttruf, who is 14, was particularly lauded for his quick thinking.

"Had it not been for Zachary flagging down deputy Bradley I would shutter to think what would've happened to that man," Langley said.

Zachary, who is also a Boy Scout and sheriff's cadet, was given several proclamations by different branches and levels of government, including the state assembly, county executive and county Legislature.

Deputies Christopher Irwin and Thomas Varbero also earned lifesaving awards when the two saved an unconscious woman with shallow breathing by performing medical aid to her on November 17 of last year.

Deputy Irwin also earned a

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PV School Board Selects Next School Chief

By David Propper

With Dr. Fran Wills stepping down as superintendent of schools in Putnam Valley at the end of the school year, her second-in-command will be appointed to replace her.

Dr. Jeremy Luft, current deputy superintendent and Putnam Valley High School alum, is expected to be unanimously appointed to the superintendent position by the Board of Education at its Feb. 28 meeting, school board members confirmed to the community in an online post last week.

When looking for future leadership in the district, school trustees felt Luft was a "viable" candidate for the position, the board wrote. Tapping into BOCES's consultation services, BOCES officials held informational sessions with staff, administration, and community



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Dr. Jeremy Luft

members to nail down what each of these groups wanted in a next school chief. After the BOCES team conducted an interview with Luft, the team believed he was a "highly qualified individual who possesses the experience and qualifications commensurate with the successful candidates in recent searches."

Luft was also interviewed by the school board, which developed a "strong confidence" he was the right man for the job, the board wrote.

"From the start of his employment with us, Dr. Luft's expertise and leadership abilities were evident," the school board stated.

Luft started at the Putnam Valley school system two years ago when he was named director of curriculum and innovative instruction and then he was late named deputy school chief. Before coming to

Putnam Valley, he was the director of technology and director of curriculum for two Hudson Valley school systems.

Recently, he spearheaded the information flow on a capitol bond project vote that took place in December, which passed and will result in upgrades to the middle school and a new health and wellness center.

"His communication skills and ability to work with diverse groups of people to achieve a district goal were in clear evidence in the past year as he took the lead in developing our facilities improvement plan and in communicating the need of that plan to all Putnam Valley School community members," the school board stated.

Luft declined comment on his future

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PV Grieves Over Loss of Another Young Life

By David Propper

Already burying one young person too soon this month, Putnam Valley is once again in mourning following the sudden death of Zachary Heady last week.

Heady, who was 27, died on Feb. 15 as friends and family remembered him as a genuine and funny person. Services to remember Heady will be this Thursday at Yorktown Funeral Home from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. with a funeral scheduled the next day at St. Columbanus Church in Cortlandt Manor at 10 a.m.

Heady was a 2009 graduate of Putnam Valley High School. In a Facebook post, Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who was a former assistant principal in the school system, recalled Heady as a "ball of fire and true free spirit." Oliverio wrote he's known Heady since he was a toddler and was devastated at the news of his death.

When Heady would come into Oliverio's office in middle school, Oliverio wrote he would always greet him with "whatya now Mr. O." Hiding behind a tough exterior, Heady was a gentle soul, Oliverio wrote, recalling a time when Heady defended a fellow classmate who was being picked on by a couple of bullies.

"Zach, like many of us, had his difficult times and poor choices during his too short life," Oliverio wrote. "Yet, he was always respectful and with such a beautiful contagious smile that when he



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Putnam Valley resident Zachary Heady died suddenly last week, leaving a community reeling.

smiled, it caused you to burst out with a smile as well. He had a sense of humor that could put you in hysterics."

In high school, Heady was lauded for saving a classmate's life after the student

starting choking. According to a BOCES press release from 2009, Heady noticed something was wrong when the classmate put his hands to his throat. Heady sprung into action and performed the Heimlich

maneuver, saving the classmate's life.

The Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES Tech Center principal at the time, Stephen Lowery, called Heady a "lifesaver" in the press release.

An obituary was not posted online yet for Heady before press time Monday.

A GoFundMe page has been started by a former high school girlfriend of Heady to help the family pay for funeral costs. So far, the page has raised \$2,165 with a goal of \$7,500.

"Zachary was a very genuine and funny person," said Francesca Marie, the fundraiser's organizer. "He loved his family, especially his mother, and he adored his pets, from his dogs to his cats over the years. He loved cars and he enjoyed spending time with his friends. This is a huge loss to the community, and I want to give back to the Headys for all they have done for me over the years."

Putnam Valley has already been through a tough stretch of tragedies after Putnam Valley High School senior Elias Knapp died due to an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The community came out in force for the Knapp family, raising more than \$22,000 to help cover funeral costs.

To donate to Heady's gofundme page, please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/zachary-headys-funeral-services>.



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Q: Why is it important to have routine screening mammograms?

A: Early detection with a screening mammogram can catch cancer years before it becomes discernible by touch. It is important to catch cancer earlier, because the size of the tumor and its stage influence treatment and prognosis.

Q: During what ages should I have annual mammograms?

A: Starting at age 40, this screening tool saves the most lives. There is no defined upper age limit to stop mammography. The incidence of breast cancer increases with age: 30 percent of invasive breast cancers occur in women over the age of 70. We recommend that annual screenings continue as long as the patient is in otherwise good health and willing to undertake additional testing if an abnormality is detected.

Q: How do I benefit from advanced breast cancer screening technologies?

A: The latest mammogram screening technology is the **3-D mammogram** (digital mammogram with tomosynthesis), which lets us see through tissue and find more cancers than does a standard digital

mammogram. Another newer technology is the **supplemental screening ultrasound** for dense breasts, which helps us evaluate dense breast tissue and masses seen on the mammogram by letting us distinguish between solid and cystic tissue. The **breast MRI** can be used to screen women at high risk for breast cancer due to genetic factors, family history or previous high-risk findings, or used as an additional tool to look for further abnormalities in women recently diagnosed with cancer. Advanced imaging technologies are offered at Northern Westchester Hospital's women's imaging sites in Mt. Kisco and Yorktown.

Q: Should women with dense breast tissue receive special screenings?

A: About 40 to 50 percent of women have dense breast tissue. There are two components of breast tissue: fatty tissue and fibroglandular tissue. Fibroglandular tissue appears white on a standard mammogram, as do tumors, so tumors can be obscured. If you have dense breasts, ask about supplemental screening with a breast ultrasound. This technology increases detection by a rate of approximately four cancers per 1,000 screenings over that achieved by a standard mammogram.

PV Town Board Turns Down Proposed Library Sign

By David Propper

Putnam Valley town board members butted heads over a sign that the library requested the town purchase with the majority of the board turning it down last week.

The sign, which would cost about \$15,000, would be a digital sign akin to the one in front of the high school/ middle school campus where it would relay messages about library activities and emergency messages from the town. Installation of the sign would be done by the library.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio supported paying for the sign out of the general fund, arguing the one time expense would be more fiscally prudent because it would not raise property taxes.

The sign the library currently has is “not the best” that Oliverio thought at some point could even fall over.

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi was adamantly opposed to expending funds for the sign, stressing the sign was a “want, not a need.” There are more critical projects the town must prioritize before a sign, Annabi said, adding emergency messages would be obsolete because if the town doesn’t have power, the library sign likely would not be able to post anything.

Annabi suggested the library should save money long term to purchase the



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A sign for Putnam Valley library will have to wait after the town board turned down its request.

sign. She did give credit to the library for improving tremendously over the last few years.

Councilman Steve Mackay was also opposed, noting the library is an outside agency of the town. Councilman Louie Luongo also noted other facilities in town need to be upgraded before the library, including town hall. He suggested the town budget for the sign, perhaps over a few years, rather than a one-time purchase.

There are other items, including a new

furnace for the ambulance corp. and a flagpole for the VFW building that need to be addressed, but the town board has turned down funding for those those items too.

Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel sided with Oliverio and said the sign is an “important aspect” for the library. By having the sign, it would better inform residents of activities and programs the library is offering, Whetsel said.

“It’s not just a ‘want,’” she said. “I think it is a ‘need’ and I think spending the

‘We are operating on a shoestring.’ - Library board member Gail Bennett

\$15,000 well worth it.”

Library board member Gail Bennett said the 3 percent increase the town gave the library in the 2019 budget is just enough this year since the library had to pay all its workers the new minimum wage standard. There has been a lot of chatter on social media about the library sign, with many residents slamming the proposal, which Bennett called unfortunate. Oliverio has even commented numerous times on the thread that discussed the merits of the sign. (Mackay argued the town should not conduct business on Facebook, with Oliverio rebutting that by not responding, misinformation then gets out of hand.)

Because the library has a new programs daily, Bennett said a digital sign would make it easier to send information out to residents. But for now, it’ll be on pause.

“We are operating on a shoestring,” Bennett said.

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Sheriff's Dept. and Feds Works Together in Putnam

By David Propper

Putnam might be one of the smallest counties in New York State, but that doesn't mean its law enforcement doesn't work with federal authorities on certain crimes occurring in the community.

Sheriff Robert Langley appeared in front of the county Legislature during a protective services committee meeting last Wednesday to explain the work the sheriff's department does with the federal government.

Langley said one of the most important crimes the sheriff's department works with Homeland Security on are human trafficking and child pornography. Federal law enforcement has more information on those two types of cases



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Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley.

than local authorities, Langley said.

In 2018, there were two confirmed human trafficking cases, Langley said.

"It's not very pretty," he said about these types of crimes. "Working with Homeland Security really opens your eyes to what's going on in your community."

When dealing with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Langley said the agency usually comes into the county "under the cover of darkness."

"And I respect that," Langley, a Democrat, said. "They're coming, they're doing what they have to do. This is their job and I appreciate the services they're providing."

When a person is processed into the

county jail, their information goes into a system that reveals if an immigration detainer is attached to their name, Langley said, and ICE is then notified. The sheriff's department will let ICE know when the person is being released if the agency wants to send personnel to pick him or her up by that date, Langley said. If a person makes bail, it is harder to hold them for federal authorities because a detainer is not the same as a warrant, Langley said.

It is a civil rights violation if a person is simply held on a detainer indefinitely, which could result in a lawsuit against the county, Langley said.

"We do everything we can to cooperate with ICE," Langley said.

Dutchess Man Arrested After Fleeing Police

By David Propper

A roadway chase ended with a crash and subsequent arrest of a Dutchess County man hell bent on evading authorities last week in Putnam Valley.

Jeffrey Kidd, 48, of Wappingers Falls, was hit with a slew of charges including reckless driving, unlawful fleeing of a police officer in the 3rd degree, and resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration in the 2nd

degree, all misdemeanors. Additionally, he is charged with numerous traffic violations, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office said.

On Feb. 11 around 6:30 p.m., two sheriff deputies responded to an accident near 871 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley where they found a driver had crashed into a telephone pole. As one of the deputies approached the vehicle, Kidd backed up and then drove forward

into the pole again, causing more damage to his vehicle. Kidd then backed onto Peekskill Hollow Road and drove off, according to authorities.

The deputy then pursued the driver, urging him to pull over with his emergency lights and sirens blaring, the sheriff's office said, but Kidd refused to pull over and kept driving recklessly down one of the main roads in town, almost colliding with oncoming traffic.

Finally, it appeared Kidd slammed on

the brakes, causing the vehicle to swerve off the road and strike another telephone pole.

When two deputies approached the vehicle, Kidd, who only had minor injuries, refused to follow commands and resisted arrest. Eventually, Kidd was apprehended and brought to Putnam County Correctional Facility for processing. He was let go on a \$250 cash bail and must appear in Putnam Valley justice court at a later date.

New Board of Directors Member For Tompkins Corners

Linda Thornton, of Garrison, has joined Putnam Valley's Tompkins Corners Cultural Center as the newest member of its Board of Directors.

A Garrison resident for 13 years, Linda came to Tompkins Corners as a volunteer with a desire to become involved in the arts and the community. She became Hospitality Coordinator in 2017 and was invited to join the Program Committee in 2018. On being elected to the Board she said, "I am honored to have become a Board Member. I am so impressed by what the organization has accomplished in the past three years, and look forward to contributing to the vision and growth of TCCC in the years to come."

As a business owner, Linda has run Music On Hudson in Croton-on-Hudson for over 25 years, bringing Music Together® and "The Joy of Family Music®" to over 1000 families with young children. As a Music Together Director, she is a founding member of The Director's Leadership Group, represented Music Together at the North American NAEYC Conference in Toronto in 1998, and serves as a



mentor. As a performer, Linda sang professionally on stage, in church choirs, clubs, and Off-Broadway before revisiting her early childhood education background and raising a family.

Linda joins Mark Weiss, President, Dr. Kathleen Hoekstra, Vice President, Mike Doebller, Secretary and Chris Rosen, Treasurer, along

with Board members Judy Allen, Jan Hoekstra and Bill Molloy in maintaining and preserving the nationally recognized historic site, and presenting diverse events from March through December in performing and visual arts.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization located in the historic church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley, NY. Presentations include concerts, play readings, family events, weekly Tai Chi classes, music jams and a local Farmers Market on Friday afternoons all summer long. Check our website at www.tompkinscorners.org or our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/tompkinscorners](https://www.facebook.com/tompkinscorners), or email info@tompkinscorners.org or leave a message at 845 528-7280.



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DEC OKs Millings Near Swan Cove in Mahopac

By David Propper

Controversy over millings at the Swan Cove property in Mahopac died down last week when the New York State Department of Conservation deemed the placement of the material permissible.

Since last summer, the town has stored asphalt millings uncovered near the shore of Lake Mahopac, which was recently the subject of an article in The Journal News leading to the DEC inspection. According

to DEC spokeswoman Wendy Rosebach, the DEC conducted a "thorough" probe of the site near Lake Mahopac that will result in no further action.

"During the site visit, DEC found no violations," Rosebach said in an email. "Materials at the site are stored in accordance with state regulations."

The DEC regulates solid waste management activities. Whether a solid waste management practice is allowed depends on a fact specific review of the activity and the location where it is occurring.

The Swan Cove property has been scrutinized for more than a year now after the town purchased it for \$1 million with the hopes of turning the parcel into a lakeside park. Critics of the purchase, including well-known resident Robert Buckley, argued town officials did not do their homework when buying the property. Recently, the town and Tompkins Mahopac Bank have been in negotiations about the town buying four more parcels of land near Swan Cove to turn into additional municipal parking.

In a voicemail message on Feb. 11

after The Putnam Examiner had already gone to press, Supervisor Kenny Schmitt also reiterated that no violations were found when a representative of the water division and representative of the waste material division went to the Swan Cove property to investigate.

"The material can be used for regrade adjustments and leveling of the property," Schmitt said. "The most important thing is there were no violations found. Asphalt millings are a permitted use in New York State for what we're going to be using it for."



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Millings at the Swan Cove property were deemed appropriate last week by the DEC.

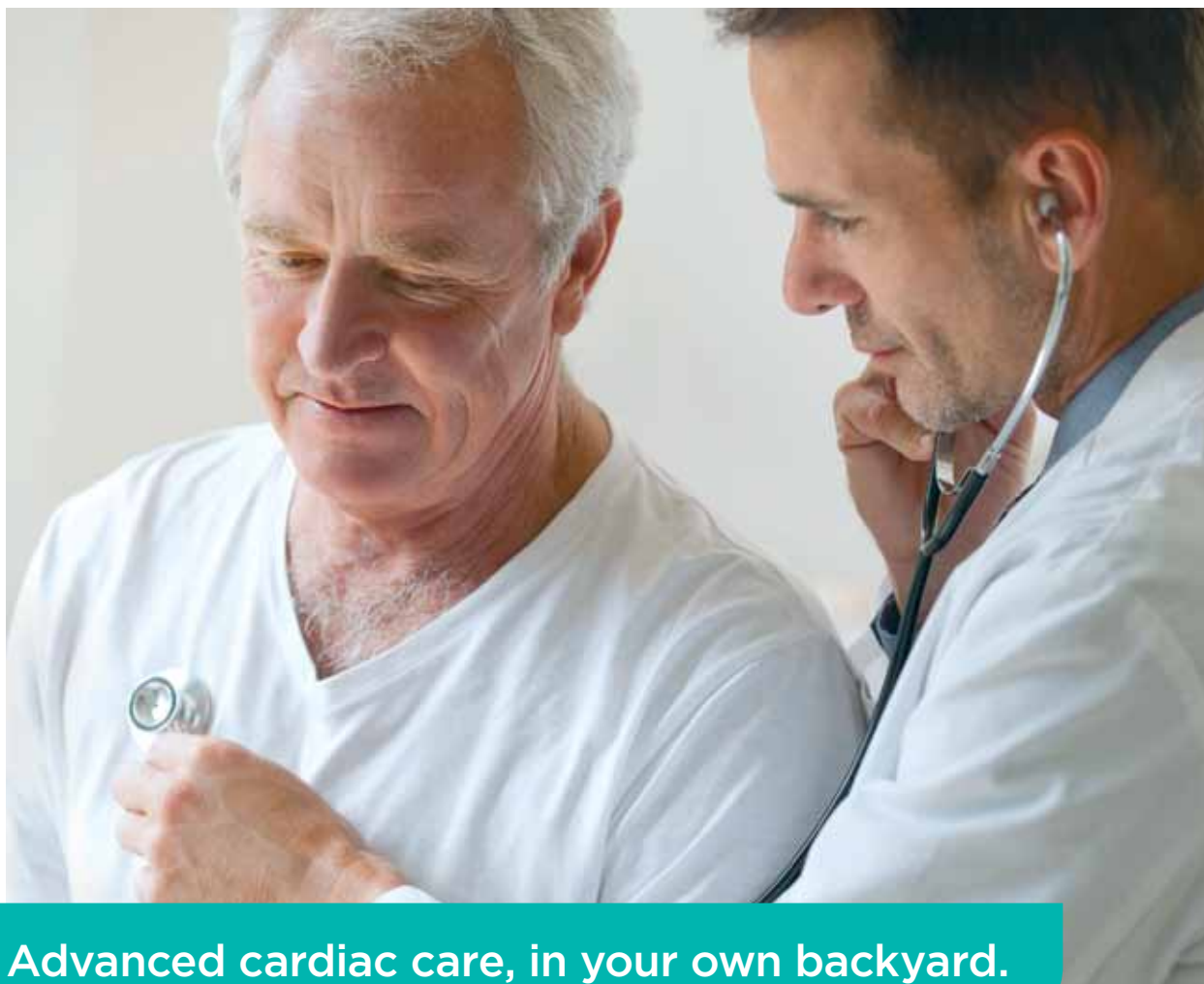
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position within the district until it becomes official at the end of the month.

Wills is leaving the district to retire, with her final day June 30. The school board stated Wills left "an indelible and profound mark" on the school system.

"In developing a dynamic, committed and visionary leadership team that most recently included Dr. Luft, who contributed a strong background in curriculum, innovative instruction, and technology, as well as district leadership experience, Dr. Wills provided a foundation for advancing student opportunities and making strong connections with our dedicated, talented staff and supportive community," the school board stated.



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commendation award for tracking a vehicle while he was off duty after a driver struck a woman in Carmel and then fled the scene. Irwin was able to follow the driver on Dec. 5, 2018, which helped lead to an arrest.

"This is what dedication is," Langley said. "He was on his way to work, he didn't have to stop."

Deputies Shane Rossiter and Brian Neary, earned commendation awards when the two arrested a man that was accused of trying to kidnap a woman in Mount Kisco. The woman was luckily able to get away, but with the "keen eyes" of the two deputies, Langley said they spotted

the vehicle of the suspect in Putnam and made an arrest that included recovering a loaded handgun. Rossiter received another commendation for spotting drugs and unregistered gun during a routine traffic stop.

Dispatchers Barbara Dietz and Donna Doyle were given commendations because on September 15, 2018 they assisted in keeping a distraught female caller calm until she was eventually helped appropriately.

"Your professionalism, quick response contributed to the safety and well-being of the victim," Langley told the two dispatchers.

Appreciation awards were given out to

deputies Vincent Dalo and David Rampola who each helped a driver with a disabled tire on the side of the road. Deputy Bryan Suppa earned an appreciation award for being personable, supportive, and caring toward the community.

Deputy Matthew Boscia and investigator Daniel Hunsberger earned appreciation awards for being deeply involved in the civilian response to an active shooter event (CRASE) program by educating community members if they are ever in an active shooting situations.

Also being recognized were long standing members of the department, including deputy Rampolla, corrections officer Keith Puhekker and worker Sandra Kunak for 20 years of service, deputy Stephen Tricinelli and corrections officer Frank Caruso for 25 years, and Lieutenant James Greenough for 30 years.

"We are public servants," Langley noted.



Deputy Christopher Irwin earned two different certificates last week.



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Corrections Officer Frank Caruso was honored for his 25 years of service to the sheriff's department.



Dispatchers Barbara Dietz and Donna Doyle were recognized for assisting a victim who called in need of help.



Sheriff Robert Langley honored deputies who went above and beyond the call of duty last week in Carmel.



Deputy David Rampolla was earned an appreciation award and was honored for his 20 years of service to the department.



The Pastry Palate Café

Kent

By David Propper

Throughout her adult life, whatever Diane Stimson's career was, it was geared toward making things look good.

First as a graphic designer, and now has a pastry chef with her own business, The Pastry Palate Café, which offers an assortment of French pastries, sandwiches, soups, coffee, salads, quiches, and other baked goods like cookies and cupcakes in the Town of Kent. Customers can also order vegan or gluten free and while the café is geared toward French pastries, Stimson can prepare Italian baked goods by special order.

Stimson was actually a graphic artist designing for the housing market for more than 20 years, but when that market crashed in 2008, she was living in Chicago and trying to figure out her next move.

"I just thought I'd take my graphics and make them dimensional. Turn them into cake," she said. "Instead of drawing, I'm making cake."

As someone who always baked and cooked for her family growing up, Stimson has always been familiar near an oven.

Stimson opened the café in November



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Diane Stimson is the owner of The Pastry Palate Café in the Town of Kent.

2017 a few years after her career change. Her training includes the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City

and even traveling to France where she learned how to perfect flaky pastries. She worked at different restaurants in the city

before opening her own place.

Stimson, a Carmel High School graduate, decided to move back to Kent where she grew up and provide the community with a shop that's a little different. From her days in culinary school, she always wanted to open her own shop at some point.

Each week, she tries to come up with something new to present. While the shop has its staples offered daily (the crack cookie, turtle bars and crumb cakes sell the most), Stimson tries to mix it up and introduce new pastries.

"I thought this community needed something a little more European and some place where people could come, chill out and just relax," Stimson said.

Stimson has gotten to know many new people in the community or acclimated herself with people she knew from growing up. It's become a hangout space, she said. The layout includes some large comfortable chairs and high-top table counters. Additionally, free wi-fi is offered.

"I want it to be a homey feel to it where people can just chill," she said.

The Pastry Palate Café is located at 531 Route 52 in Kent and its phone number is (845) 306-7247.

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New Electronic Cards for WIC Program

Putnam County residents can now shop for WIC food using a new electronic benefit card. The card, which looks like an ordinary debit or credit card, allows a more discreet shopping experience and eliminates delay at check-out. The card also can ease the "roll-over" of unused benefits, so that shoppers can take full advantage of the nutritional benefits the WIC program provides.

"A well-balanced meal of healthy foods is an important part of caring for young children," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "This new technology will make the WIC program more accessible to families in our county

who need extra assistance, without having to endure any stigma. This is a very welcomed change." The first eWIC purchase occurred in Albany last April. The system started in Putnam last December as part of a planned roll-out across New York State.

"The importance of good nutrition for proper childhood development and overall good health cannot be emphasized enough," said interim Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD, who encouraged residents who think they may qualify for the program to get more information. For example, a family of four earning \$46,000 a year can qualify for

WIC benefits.

Residents can learn more about qualifying for WIC by going online at www.health.ny.gov/wic, or by calling or visiting one of the two Putnam County WIC offices. One is located at the main office of the health department at 1 Geneva Road. The second is at 121 Main Street in the Village of Brewster. Appointments are preferred, but not required. Call 845-808-1337 for the main office, or 845-808-1416 for the village location.

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), is to

improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our County website at www.putnamcountyny.com; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

St. Pat's Parade Committee Host Grand Marshal Installation Dinner



On Friday, February 1, the Northern-Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee had their Grand Marshal Installation Dinner where they inducted Carmel resident Bill Dowling to be the Grand Marshal for the 43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Endowed with a natural love and respect for his Irish heritage, Bill was an active member of the Emerald Association of Putnam County and the West-Put Gaels, where he was selected Gael of the Year in 1995. He also served on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee for several years.

Bill has been an active member of Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus 6318 since 1975, where he served as Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Lector and Sergeant-at-Arms; he also served on the Board of Directors for many years. He has devoted many years to the Schmidt-Tangredi Squires, our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus youth

group, involving boys 13 to 17 years of age.

Bill is looking forward to marching down Route 6 with his family on parade day.

Please come out and celebrate Irish

heritage and being an American at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 10 in Mahopac. For more information and to register to march in the parade visit our website at www.saintpatricksdaysparade.net.

Mahopac Football Player Signs on with Pace University

Reahl Allen, Mahopac High School senior, signed his letter of intent today to play football for Pace University as a student athlete for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Some of Allen's athletic achievements include,

- Junior Season: All-League; Putnam County All-County
- Senior Season: Player of the Year – Receiver for Section One Class AA North; All League; All Section; Section One Exceptional Senior Game Participant

"I'm most proud of Reahl's development as a student athlete and as a young man over the last year in particular. He has

really shown that he's ready for the next step in his college career," said Dominick DeMatteo, Mahopac Football Coach.

Allen's parents, friends, teachers, counselors and team mates were in attendance of his letter signing, as well as Coach and Superintendent of Schools Anthony DiCarlo.

"On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire District, we congratulate Reahl and his parents. He really embraces what it means to be a student-athlete and he's nothing but class on the field and in the classroom. He really exemplifies what it means to be the 'Mahopac Way,'" said DiCarlo.



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Mahopac Students Go to 'War' to Help Local Charities

It's amazing what happens with a little competition. This was the case for Mahopac Middle School students, from January 7-18, who raised \$3,382 in a "Penny War." The money collected was given to JennaJackPack, an organization that provides comfort to children who have recently lost a sibling with a backpack of treats to help brighten spirits.

JennaJackPack came to be from the tragic loss of Jenna Nolan, a Mahopac Middle school student who passed in 2014. During the difficult time of her passing, a student gave Jenna's younger brother, Jack, a backpack filled with treats to help boost his spirits. This one kind act made such a positive impact that the Nolan family created an organization to help other children who have lost a sibling or parent by giving them a backpack of treats.

Organized by one of the middle school's seventh grade teams, along with the middle school's Wingmen, a group of students committed to serve their student body with acts of inclusion, empathy and connectedness, the Penny War consisted of each class team filling a large water jug with money.



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However, the initiative was more than dropping pennies into a jug. Collaborative strategic thinking was required as winning was determined by points. Each

penny counts as one positive point for a class team classroom. Each silver coin counts as negative points for another class team. For example, dropping a quarter

in another class team's bucket takes 25 points from their total.

Mahopac Middle School teachers and Wingmen leaders, Jenifer Maloney and Christine McNeill, said the penny war really brought the students together in a spirited and positive way. "It was great to see the students working together and in such a generous way. One student gave \$100 of her own money. We were truly taken back with the student's generosity and participation," said Maloney.

In the end, the winning team was decided by a difference of \$1.80. The Wingmen personally provided Cathy Nolan, JennaJackPack founder and mother to Jenna and Jack Nolan, with the raised funds.

"Seeing the students come together to help JennaJackPack is a testament of the 'Mahopac Way.' The Wingmen, along with Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. McNeill and team 7A, did a tremendous job," said Tom Cozzocrea, Mahopac Middle School principal.

For more information about JennaJackPack or to donate, please visit jennajackpack.org.

Students Create Functional Games for Caine's Arcade at CV Starr

A hum of animated chatter and laughter filled Frank LaMorte's classroom last Friday as students excitedly bounced from station to station playing homemade, arcade-style games designed by their peers.

For the sixth consecutive year, LaMorte, along with Michelle Marzziotti and Kathryn Marchionno, hosted Caine's Arcade: an event that requires their students to create games from recyclable materials found around their homes. Then, the entire school is invited to come and test out the student-made games.

According to LaMorte, the event started after teachers throughout Brewster Central School District received an email from then-Superintendent Jane Sandbank. The email contained a video called Caine's Arcade, which was about a nine-year-old California boy who spent a summer making a cardboard arcade in his dad's used auto parts store. LaMorte was inspired by what he saw and CV Starr's Caine's Arcade event was started.

"This event aims to teach students innovation, critical thinking, and the use of engineering or technology in creating imaginative, fully functional, arcade-style games," LaMorte explained. "They're using perseverance, communication skills, science, math, art, everything we want them to learn skills-wise. Different core subjects are melded together in this event."

LaMorte's enthusiasm for the event is contagious, as is evident by the excitement students displayed as they explained their games to their peers or played game after game made by other students.



There was a game called Hungry, Hungry Kitty, which was like Skee Ball but required players to throw a fish into a cardboard cat's mouth. There was Doro Cat, an elaborately decorated ring toss game named after its creators' special nicknames. The girls who created it even wore special Doro Cat t-shirts with "STAFF" printed on the back. There were basketball games, a ball drop game, a game that involved throwing balls into a remote-controlled car, and even a claw game.

"It's great," LaMorte said, noting all of the ways the district's SCP skills come into play. Aside from critical thinking and collaborating, there's also perseverance included in each piece of the event from designing the games to playing them. Communication is another big part of it. "The kids are meeting and communicating

with kids they may have never met before or they might have walked right past on the bus or in the hallway."

Interaction with their peers definitely seemed to be one of the highlights for students.

"My favorite part is that a third grader made all three balls go in," said Jeremy Boteo, who created Zoom Zoom Throw, the game with the remote-controlled car. "He came up again and got four in. And fifth graders are getting none or one! Most kids are finding it hard. I'm so happy that they keep trying."

Ella Zambraski, who created a claw game with a few of her friends really enjoyed herself too. "My favorite part is seeing kids with smiles on their faces after they win," Zambraski said.



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Obituaries

Peter A. Fiotti

It is with great sadness the family of Peter A. Fiotti age 82, of Mahopac, announces his passing on February 7. Peter was born on November 24, 1936 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, it was there he met and married the love of his life Regina. Together they were blessed with over 42 years of loving marriage and 4 adoring children Peter, Charlotte, Edward and Joan. Peter was a man of principals, honor and love. He was a veteran, loving family man and a faithful Catholic. He served God, Family and Country in many difficult and trying circumstances over his many years with admirable grace and fortitude. Originally trained as an engineer and software developer Pop put his sharp mind to further his professional opportunities by returning to school ultimately earning a Cum Laude Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Delaware Valley College. He worked for many years as Manager of Quality Assurance Defense Communications division of ITT. Pop kept his mind sharp long into retirement remaining an avid reader of science, medicine, and politics. In addition to his natural talent and interest in science and math, it was his culinary skills that he loved to treat everyone with. He learned how to cook dishes from all over the world and was happiest when his table was full of good food, family, friends and laughter. Peter and Regina loved hosting family holidays and everyone was always welcome. When Regina passed in 2003 family and friends saw the continued dedication and love Peter had for her, he honored her memory by making sure to keep his family close. He was always an amazing father but his heart was made full when he became a grandfather. He loved and inspired those around him from the time he was a boy and is greatly missed by so many. Even acquaintances describe him as a genuinely good man with a wonderful personality and a generous heart. He was a rare light in this world and someone who leaves a legacy truly worthy of being aspired to. Peter is survived by his adoring children, his son

Peter of Mahopac, his daughter Charlotte and son in law Robert of Mahwah, NJ, his son Edward and daughter in law Susan of Bloomgrove, and his daughter Joan and son in law Daniel of Brookfield, CT and his 5 precious grandchildren Nicolas, Emily, Samuel, Aaron and Christopher. He is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews. He is loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was predeceased by his mother Teresa, his father Peter, and the love of his life his wife Regina as well as his siblings Corina, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Rocco.

Janice A. Head

Janice A. Head of Carmel, died after a brief illness on February 10; she was 72 years old. She was born in Carmel on July 27, 1946, the daughter of Robert and May Head. On May 30, 1965 she married James Head, Jr. and they were blessed with 3 children Christopher, Denise, and Patricia. Janice had a passion for sewing and worked as a seamstress at Lake Mahopac Taylor for 43 years. She loved the outdoors, gardening, flowers, and watching beautiful birds. Janice loved her family, truly the most important part of her life. Janice is survived by husband of 53 years, James; her children Christopher Head, Denise Head-Iamiceli, and Patricia Spock (Sean, Sr.); her grandchildren Stephanie, Shawn JR, Timothy, Karlie, Chris Jr., and Destiny; brothers Bobby, Mike, and Duane Head; and sisters Linda Welch, Pam Burke, and Barbara Blenis.

Robert J. Clark

Robert J. Clark, age 81, of Brewster, formerly of the Bronx died peacefully at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home on February 10. Robert was born on March 20, 1937 in the Bronx to John and Margaret Clark. He grew up there and completed high school. He learned to become a truck driver and later retired from United Parcel Service in New York City. While still living in The Bronx, he married the love of his life Diana Horn on May 24, 1958. Together they moved to Brewster in 1975 to raise their family. Diana predeceased him. Robert is survived by his only Son; Steven Clark and his wife Cathy of Brewster, NY, his 3 grandchildren; John (Monica), Stephanie (Arthur) and Julia.

Richard L. Palmer

Richard L. Palmer, a lifelong resident of Brewster, died peacefully at his home on February 12 with his family by his side. He was 90 years old. Born on July 3, 1928 in Brewster, son of the late Henry S. and Catherine (Cunningham) Palmer. Richard graduated from Brewster High School in 1946 and honorably served in the US Army during the Korean War. On October 20, 1960 he married the love of his life Alice Cummins in the Bronx. Alice predeceased Richard after 39 years of wedded bliss. Mr. Palmer

was a superintendent with the Town of Southeast Highway Department for 36 years before retiring in 1995. Prior to his career with the Town of Southeast he was a fireman for NY central railroad, a mechanic with Southeast Buick in Brewster, and a mechanic with HO Penn caterpillar in Poughkeepsie. Richard was an active parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Brewster. He was a lifelong provider and family man. Mr. Palmer is survived by his loving sons; Thomas Palmer and his wife Laurie of Brewster, NY and Paul Palmer and his wife Renee of Wingdale, NY, his 5 grandchildren; Kayleigh, Zachary, Alison, Lauren, Collin, his great granddaughter Violet. He was predeceased by his 3 siblings; Francis, Margaret and Joseph.

Alfred J. Del Bianco

Alfred J. Del Bianco, age 68, of Ponce Inlet Florida, formerly Mahopac, died on February 13, with his loving family at his side. Alfred was born on May 30, 1950 to the late Josephine (Cappelli) and Fortunato Del Bianco in Harlem. He would go on to marry the love of his life Patricia "Pat" Baliga, in a beautiful spring wedding on April 22, 1989, that was a day to be remembered and bringing them over 29 years of wedded happiness. Together they were blessed with their greatest joy in life their son Michael. Mr. Del Bianco was a decorated and proud United States Veteran and Marine. Alfred was a self-made man who worked hard for God, his Country and his family. He ran a successful Home Improvement Company called the Elliot Company, for over 33 years based in Mahopac, servicing Westchester and Putnam Counties. Just as hard as he worked for his business, he worked for his family. Alfred was a dependable loving family man, who was a loving husband, always present and kind father, respected brother and beloved uncle. He was so many wonderful things to so many people who cherished and loved him. You can measure the strength of a man by the smiles he gave to those around him and there was not a single person in the presence of Alfred who wasn't smiling. Alfred and Pat moved to Florida, while they might not have been blessed with all the time they had hoped for, they were blessed with great happiness and love during the time in Florida that they had. Alfred although living in Florida was always a New Yorker at heart cheering for his beloved Yankees from his favorite chair, continuing to collect his baseball memorabilia. Always staying in touch with his family in New York, his sister Donna who was a best friend to him, his nieces and nephews, whom he loved as if they were his own children and his many cousins. Alfred was the glue that kept his family together and in his memory and honor his family will continue to keep his legacy of love and devotion to

one another. Alfred is survived by his loving wife of over 29 years Pat, their son Michael who was Alfred's joy in this world. He is also survived by his sister Donna and his brother-in-law Paul, their two daughters Joanna and Paula who both, were Alfred's God Children. As well as being survived by his beloved beagle Chloe. He is also survived by an extended family and many cousins who will dearly miss him. He is predeceased by his adoring parents his mother Josephine in 2016 and his father Fortunato in 2008. A visitation will be held on Friday February 22, 2019 between the hours 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 418 Route 6 (GPS 418 US 6) Mahopac 10541. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday February 23, at 11:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church 221 E. Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY 10541. Following Mass interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in Mr. Del Bianco's name to either: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, POB 75816, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Mary E. Wool

Mary E. Wool, a 40-year-resident of Brewster, died peacefully at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, on February 12. She was 77 years old. Born on August 2, 1941 in Manhattan, daughter of the late Norman and Mary (Hall) Oakley. Mary was an interior decorator and owner of MW Decors in Brewster, NY. She was a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Brewster. Mary is survived by her loving children; Walter (Jeannine) Wool of Dover Plains, and Daniel (Brooke) Wool of Bethel, CT, her 4 grandchildren; Michelle, Stephen, Joseph & Jenny and her 4 siblings; Norman Oakley, Joseph Oakley, Robert Wilhelm and Helene Oakley.

Rose Galise Fahey

Rose Galise Fahey of Somers, formerly of Mahopac, died peacefully on February 12, at the age of 81. She was born in Torre del Greco, Italy on November 2, 1937, the daughter of Carmine and Vincenzia (nee Duilio) Galise. On May 18, 1963 she married Gerald Fahey and they were blessed with four sons. Rose was an outstanding teacher for many years in the New York City and local school system, and she was an active member of the St. John The Evangelist parish in Mahopac and of the Heritage Hills community in Somers. Rose is survived by her sons Robert Fahey and his wife Beth, Thomas Fahey, and Christopher Fahey and his wife Jennifer; her grandchildren Erin, Brendan, and Jillian; and her brother Edward Galise. She was predeceased by her husband Gerald in 2015 and her son Matthew in 1987.



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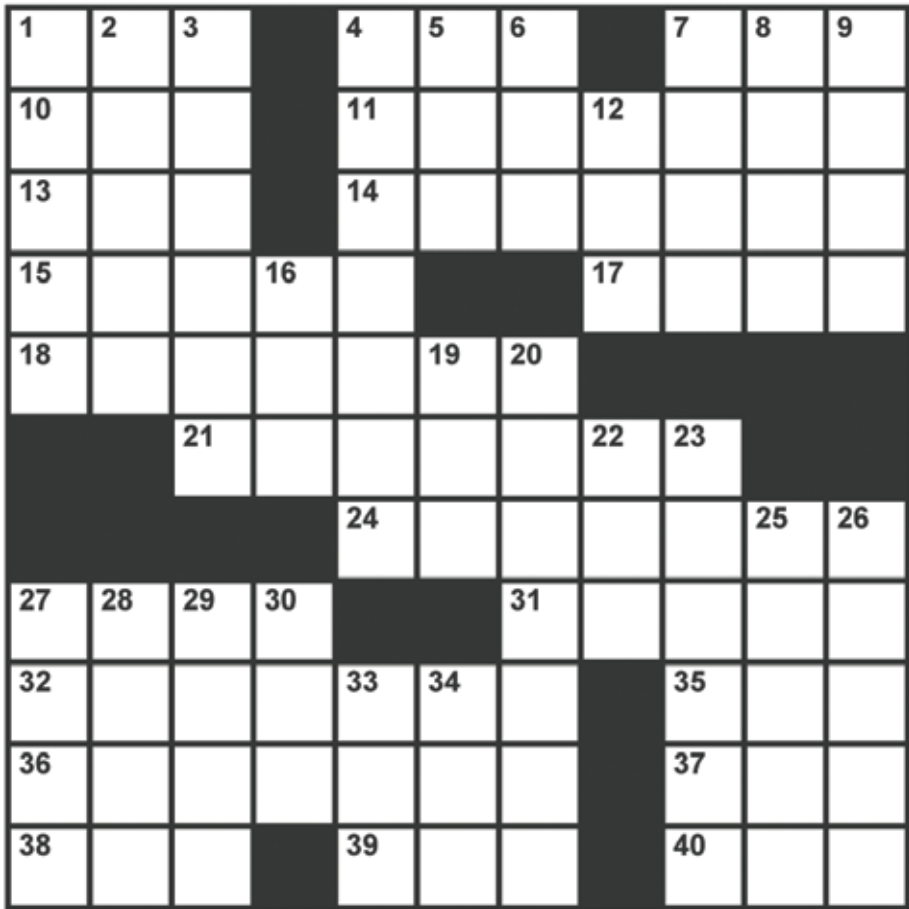
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 17

- Across
1. Right away

4. Cheat

7. Triangle part, for short

10. Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"

11. Harsh and loud sounding

13. Emirates, for short

14. Strollers

15. Three-time Masters champ

17. Condense

18. Preoccupations

21. Starfish

24. Dismissed

27. Part of a nuclear arsenal, for short

31. Dale Earnhart Jr. e.g.

32. Kermit's favorite deli in Somers

35. Man-mouse link

36. Transparent, modern-style

37. Reciprocal piece in a machine

38. Over, poetically

39. Internet provider, for short

40. Bullfighter's cry
4. Developing little by little

5. Orange tuber

6. Suds source

7. Worked the soil

8. Cosmonaut Gagarin

9. Hey! Over here!

12. Largest OH airport

16. Youthfulness!

19. Good works ad

20. Disturbs

22. Org. for fillers and drillers

23. Elaborate architectural style

25. Born in the wild

26. Set up

27. In that case

28. Manitoba native

29. Dutch colonist in S. Africa

30. Corp. leadership

33. Phone trio

34. Tree-ring meas.

- Down
1. Luxurious

2. British princess

3. New Peekskill daycare center, Little Kings and



Brewster Middle Schoolers Work to Eliminate Plastic Waste

Eighth-graders Moe Poley, Justine Wald and Alescia Nitti made a passionate plea to the Wellness Team and Brewster schools Director of Child Nutrition Services Cathy Hancock last month. The students were not asking for their favorite snacks or for more pizza. Instead, they campaigned to get rid of plastic straws in the Henry H. Wells Middle School cafeteria.

The students began their presentation and discussion by arguing to replace plastic straws with paper straws, providing a projected budget. Hancock explained that a price difference of just a few cents more per straw could cost the district thousands of dollars. By the end of the discussion, the students were advocating for eliminating straws as a whole.

"When we were thinking about it more, we felt like it isn't really necessary to have a budget for straws at all. We should just eliminate them all together," said Poley.

After taking a Marine Biology elective with Katie Allen last year, the girls have become passionate about eliminating plastic waste.

"We begin the course discussing currents and tides and how single-use plastics have entered our oceans and are now stuck in the five great ocean gyres including the Great Pacific Garbage Patch," explained Allen. "These young ladies were disturbed by the impact plastics are having on our planet and



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asked me if they could collect plastic bottles in the school, recycle them and collect the money for various causes."

With help from custodians, teachers, school administration, and their parents, the girls set up recycling containers in the cafeteria and at the front of the building and collected and deposited bottles. They even created a presentation for grade level meetings and put up posters explaining the problem with plastics and encouraging fellow students to recycle.

When the girls saw the difference they were making by collecting plastic

bottles, they couldn't help but think about additional ways to tackle the plastic problem. Plastic straws seemed like a good next step.

"Plastic straws are so small that people use them, throw them out, and they end up in the Pacific Garbage Patch where the current brings all the garbage to one place," Wald explained. "It's killing all the animals."

"They're really what's killing our environment because small pieces of plastic are ending up in birds and fish and other animals," Poley added.

In addition, plastic straws struck the girls as unnecessary.

"We have cartons of straws in the cafeteria and no one really even uses them — and if they do, they're just playing with them," Nitti explained. "We brought our idea to a few teachers who encouraged it and looked it over like Mr. Beall, Mr. Forte, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Koestner, Mr. Mulvihill and others."

So what is their end goal? The girls hope to both reduce plastic waste and inspire others to do the same.

"If we can eliminate straws, other schools can also start eliminating straws. Our school alone can make a difference, but making it happen at a lot of schools can make an even bigger difference," said Poley. "We just want to start eliminating plastic as a whole, slowly."

According to Hancock, changes have been made since the girls' presentation. Before, cartons of straws were available out in the cafeteria where anyone could grab as many as they wanted. Now, straws are kept in a controlled environment at the registers.

Allen is delighted by the girls' efforts.


"I couldn't be prouder that they are trying to remove unnecessary plastic straws from our building," she said. "I look forward to seeing what other changes these remarkable young ladies will make to improve not only our school but our planet as well!"

Winter Fest Heats Up Town of Kent

The Town of Kent held its 5th annual Winter Festival on February 2 and it was a rousing success. The weather was perfect for outdoor activities - there was sledding, ice skating, a bonfire, the wonderful playground, animals, hikes, and hot beverages, snacks and soup. Inside town hall there were games and Native American music and the library had activities and glitter tattoos. Supervisor Maureen Fleming would like to thank all those who pulled together to make this event possible: the town's terrific Director of Recreation and Parks Jared Kuczenski and his crew of employees and volunteers including Nikki Santos, Michael DeMarco, Chris Kehoe, Ryan Anderes, Jim Fatone, Brian Mirchin, Christopher Heller, Gabby Parker, Kelly Griffin, Nate Wolfe and Steve Wolfe; the Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce; the Lake Carmel Fire Department; the Center for Environmental Education at BOCES; the Kent Library staff; the Putnam County Land Trust; the Nimham Mountain Singers; Sgt. Alex VanderWoude and Canine Sgt. Radar and Town Clerk Lana Cappelli.

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Summer Camp Guide

The Ultimate Packing List for Summer Camp

Preparing a packing list for when you send your child off to summer camp is an extremely important part of going to camp. For parents who are sending their child to summer camp for the first time, it can even be a little overwhelming. The last thing a parent wants is to send their child to camp and worry about if they forgot to pack something important.

Fortunately, preparing a packing list is a great way to give you peace of mind. The best way to organize your packing list is to break it up into six different sections: headgear, clothing, bedding, footwear, toiletries and miscellaneous items.

Headgear

Headbands, bandannas and hair ties are all good items to pack because they will keep your child's hair and sweat out of their face. Hats should be packed because they will keep sun out of your child's face as well as protect their skin from UV rays. Naturally, packing their prescription glasses or contact lenses is a given. Other headgear items include sunglasses, swimming goggles and headlamps for nighttime activities.

Clothing

The clothing you should pack should include a jacket, jeans, sweatshirt, sweatpants, raincoat, a swim suit,



t-shirts, tank tops and underwear. Pack for comfort and the climate of the camp. Remember, camp can be a grungy place, so things that don't show dirt/stains are a good choice.

Bedding

You are going to want to read the information packet about in order to learn what kind of bedding items you should pack for your child. This could include a bedroll, blanket, mattress pad, pillows, pillow cases, sheets and/or a

sleeping bag. The packet from your camp should tell you what your child needs and what they do not need.

Footwear

The footwear you pack may include boots, water shoes, crocs, sandals (or flip-flops) sneakers and socks. Make sure you pack a few extra socks. It is better for your child to have too many than to run out.

Toiletries

It is important to make sure you pack plenty of towels as well as plenty

of insect repellent. Other toiletry items include baby powder, a comb (or brush), deodorant, feminine hygiene items, lip balm, shampoo, body wash and lots of sunscreen. Check your camp checklist for recommendations.

Miscellaneous Items

Items that do not really fit in a category but should also be packed for your child include books, magazines, a camera (disposable ones are the best option), a fishing pole, a flashlight with extra batteries, a laundry bag, playing cards, a water canteen and writing paper (with envelopes and stamps). If your camp allows electronic devices like phones or digital cameras, be sure to pack the charging cable and maybe extra SD cards to save more pictures.

Most parents are a little overwhelmed by the number of items that should be packed when their child goes away to summer camp. This leads them to wonder if they are packing too much. Generally, the camping information packet from your camp will make suggestions regarding what your child needs. However, it is always better for your child to have too much than for them to discover they need something that you did not pack.

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Doc's Note: Dos and Don'ts if the Flu Hits Your House

By Dr. Debra Spicehandler, Co-Chief of Infectious Diseases at Northern Westchester Hospital

Fever. Body aches. Chills. When the flu hits, it zaps you of energy. Flu season starts as early as October and runs as late as April; the virus thrives in cold, dry weather. To minimize your exposure, follow these dos and don'ts:

DO:

Take positive precautions. The best way to prevent the flu? "Wash your hands with soap and water! Start washing from your wrist down and sing the 'Happy Birthday' song in your head three times," said Dr. Spicehandler. The second best way is to get the seasonal flu vaccine. "Washing hands prevents all infections from spreading. But if someone who has the flu sneezes in your face, there's not a lot you can do. That's why the vaccine is

important."

Get a flu shot. During 2016–2017, flu vaccination prevented an estimated 5.3 million flu illnesses and 85,000 flu-associated hospitalizations. "It's never too late to get the vaccine. If you don't get your flu shot, there's a possibility that you'll spread the flu to others, including those who are at high risk for complications, such as grandma and grandpa, your baby nephew, your pregnant sister, and those with chronic health conditions."

Disinfect your home. "Influenza can be transmitted when someone sneezes, coughs, or even talks; or if you touch an object that someone with the virus has just handled—a computer mouse or doorknob, for example." Wear disposable gloves when cleaning surfaces, throwing away used tissues, or handling other items, such as laundry, that a sick person

has touched or worn.

DON'T:

Go to work or school with the flu. Even if you think the flu has come and gone, play it safe. "Stay home for 48 hours after you stop sneezing and coughing and only return to work or school when you've been fever-free for 24 hours."

Rush to the hospital. Call your doctor before heading to the emergency room. "Hospitals get overwhelmed during flu season and in most cases they can't eliminate your flu," said Dr. Spicehandler. "However, seek immediate medical attention if you have severe symptoms such as a fever that won't break with medicine or an inability to hold down fluids—or if you have an underlying condition such as cancer or an autoimmune disease."

Drink alcohol. While your grandmother may have sworn by the hot toddy, alcohol may cause dehydration that can worsen flu symptoms.

For more information about the flu, visit the CDC at cdc.gov/flu



Dr. Debra Spicehandler

Longview Studio Art Students Display Work at Mahopac Library

The Portfolio Art Class at Longview School in Brewster was created at the request of those students who wished to heighten their skills either overall or in particular areas of art. These are serious students for whom art is more than a class - it is a path and a practice. The work created by these talented individuals is now on view in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library; the show will remain on display through February 28 and can be visited during regular Library hours.

Under the guidance of their art teacher, Sharon Nakazato, the Longview Portfolio Art students keep sketchbooks and draw both in and out of class. They are asked to research the works of artists from many historical periods and styles, and to find ones they feel an affinity with in order to identify techniques, colors, moods, materials, and "a look" that they want to incorporate into their own work.

The seven students participating in the Young Arts Gallery show are: Harry Howell, Himuka Goto, Henry Bailey, Alyse Santella, Rio Vieira, Viola Velonis, and Simonne-Anais Clark. Their artwork, created with pencil, pen and ink, and watercolor, is a beautiful mix of illustration, fantasy, and imagination.

The emphasis in the Portfolio Art class is on gaining skills—of observation, dexterity, curiosity in action, creative mental processes, image-making and the psychological implications of image manipulation, peculiarities of image vs text, and many more—that will hold them in very good stead no matter what vocation they end up taking up later on. And finally, they are gaining an ability that will provide them with a lifetime of pleasure.

For further information about exhibits at Mahopac Library, please visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



Drawing by Viola Velonis

Community Basketball Challenge Fundraising Opportunity

Don't miss a great opportunity to raise money for your favorite nonprofit organization or charity, school club, youth group, or community project at the annual "Community Basketball Challenge" on Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. to Noon, at Carmel High School, sponsored by the Carmel Rotary Club and Carmel High School Interact Club. It's a fun and easy fundraiser for community organizations to raise money for their programs, services, and activities. You don't have to be a basketball star or even know how to play the game to participate. More than \$20,000 has already been raised in participant pledges and business sponsorships towards this year's \$55,000 goal. Last year's Basketball Challenge raised over \$50,000 benefitting 45 organizations and groups. For



information on how to participate in the Community Basketball Challenge call the Carmel Rotary Club at 845-225-2122 or Sal Gambino at 845-228-9115, or visit the Carmel Rotary Club website: www.carmelrotary.org.

North, South, East, West, Which is the Best Way to Face?

The orientation of a home – which way it faces – is something to be considered when house hunting. My home-buying history involves three purchases. The first was a wonderful townhome in historic Brooklyn Heights. The second was a large historic home in upper Westchester and the third, most recently, a condominium.

In my first two purchases, I confess that I never considered the orientation of the front of the house. In my case, I just fell in love with both homes and wanted them, no matter which way they faced.

As I think about it, both my home in Brooklyn Heights and my first purchase in Westchester faced south, while my current residence faces east. In my last purchase, I considered orientation, and being in a large building, I had only two choices – east or west. I chose east, preferring to have the morning sun and the afternoon shade. More importantly, I liked the views of the woods offered by windows facing east.

The orientation of a home may not necessarily register with buyers as something of importance when buying or building a home; however, it is important



By Bill Primavera

to maximizing energy efficiency. As a realtor, I've learned that it can be much more than that.

My very first buyer client insisted that I show him only homes that faced east. That involved some extra research on my part. I just did as requested but never considered the reasons why until recently. My research identified the pros and cons of facing east.

Pros: Beautiful sunrises, lots of morning and early afternoon sunshine, rooms facing east in the winter mornings will be warmer and windows facing west in the evening will have beautiful sunsets.

Cons: Waking up early to sunlight if your bedroom faces that way, a lot of heat in summertime, rooms facing east will be darker in the late afternoon and evening so there would be a greater use of electricity.

If I were house shopping today, I would look for a home with a lot of windows in all directions, so I would be guaranteed good light and excellent cross circulation when windows are open.

As I think about it now, when I was searching for a property in the country, I saw some homes that seemed dark inside, even with the lights on. Probably

subconsciously, I automatically rejected those homes. Now I know that orientation can impact energy use and heating and electric bills.

As a realtor, I understand that a poorly designed and orientated house will have key living areas shrouded in darkness, increasing the cost of running the place with lights having to stay on longer during the day and it will cost more to keep it warm in cold weather.

At the same time, a well-designed home will have lower energy costs by using as much natural light as possible. In other words, using Mother Nature to her full advantage.

You can utilize the amount of natural light which comes into your property through skylights and windows. All of which makes it is a very good idea to have double-glazed windows to help reduce heat loss.

Something else to consider if designing a two-story house is to have the stairs located on the northern side and large windows on the other sides of the house to capture as much of the sun's natural heat.

When buying or designing a new home, always consider orientation and you will save on energy bills, increase lifestyle comfort and add value to your property.

Here are some other considerations.

--Some people prefer front doors that face east or west so the north wind doesn't

directly hit the front or back door.

--If you want to wake up with the sunrise, you'd want your bedroom window facing east.

--If you sleep in (because you can or because you work nights), you'll want your bedroom windows facing west or you'll want to install blackout curtains.

--Some people prefer homes that face east so their backyard faces west and can be used later into the evening.

--Others prefer the opposite, having the house face west so the backyard is facing east and benefits from the shade on a hot summer afternoon.

--You might prefer a house that faces an ordinal direction (northeast, southeast, northwest or southwest) to avoid direct sunshine onto the front or back of the home.

--A tree line or berm can help relieve the effects of direct sun or wind.

There are pros and cons about any direction a house may face but each can be enjoyed or mitigated.

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To take advantage of these dual areas of expertise, you can engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale. Just call 914-522-2076.

Comparing Best Picture Nominees to Representative Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

The 91st Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my 12th year of presenting the Best Picture nominees, suggesting wine pairings with the top contenders.

Due to space constraints, I've distilled my list to four of the eight nominees.

Roma. I appreciate artistic movies as a counterpoint to all of the titillating action movies that dominate the landscape these days. But I just don't get this movie – or the hype surrounding it. It presents a storyline that portrays the youth of its director, Alfonso Cuarón, in 1971 in the Mexican city of Roma, through the life of Cleo, a local family's maid. The film's primary focus is the end of innocence, adorned with cinematic imagery, as experienced by young and old alike.

I sometimes find myself in a similar quandary with obscure wines I encounter. Although well-made, they don't appeal to my personal sensibility of a balanced wine that lives up to

the hype and accolades of the self-proclaimed cognoscenti. I've sampled orange wines, young Tannat and a number of Central European wines. But appreciate them as alternatives to other expressive fine wines? Not for me.

Bohemian Rhapsody. Another biopic of the behind-the-scenes life of the famous, but with a vitality and insight I haven't experienced often. This Hollywood version of the band Queen's ebb and flow of family ties, sexual orientation and conflicting egos was compelling. Freddie Mercury is the natural center of attention but is loyal to his bandmates, until he succumbs to the lure of solo fame and fortune. In the end he is conflicted over his loyalties and sexuality, yet finds comfort in the broader relationship with his bandmates.

I find Zinfandel to have a similar arc over the last three decades. At its height of popularity, it was appreciated alternatively as an in-your-face fruit bomb and a sophisticated, thought-provoking star. At times misunderstood, at other times irrepressible but always enticing and never disappointing. And then it changed its

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

role. It subsumed itself as a blending grape, bolstering the popular red blends coming out of California.

Green Book. What do a white New York racist Goomba and a classically trained, world acclaimed black pianist have in common? Very little, at the outset of this "buddy road trip" movie.

It's 1962 and Dr. Don Shirley has decided to pursue his own brand of improving race relations in the Deep South. Ever the pragmatist, he hires Tony "Lip" Vallelonga as his driver-bodyguard on a concert tour of wealthy Southern enclaves. Based on a true story, it caroms from situations of expected racism to unexpected friendship building. Each of them is impacted by the other's morals and foibles.

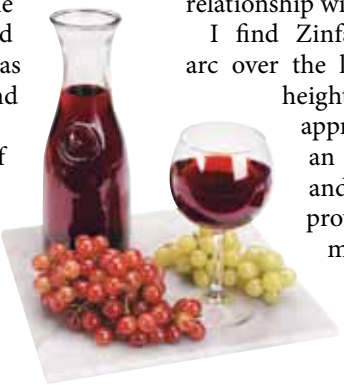
Is there a wine that finds itself conflicted and the object of derision? In my opinion, Rieslings fit this profile. Although having similar DNA, each bottle is a unique expression of its environment; each is influenced by its surroundings. Rieslings can be simple or sophisticated, obliging to the palate or replete with conflicting aromas and flavors. One may be more acidic than sweet, another completely opposite – and each may change over time, revealing nuances we hadn't foreseen.

BlacKkKlansman. Only Spike Lee could create a story of overt racism in early 1970s Middle America and present it through such a unique prism of entanglement and violence. A black police officer undertakes an undercover investigation of the local Ku Klux Klan chapter, enlisting a white Jewish detective as his "black" foil. Lee uses this movie about racism to shine bright lights on what we already know in 2019: racism continues to be a divisive social issue.

Which wine is emblematic of the twists and turns in life that result in an outcome that reconfirms the worst and best of 21st century America? California Pinot Noir. In the last quarter-century it has gone through numerous transformations, from insipid and backward to bold and fruit-forward to sophisticated and complex, and all the way back again in the hands of those seeking its true expression.

Which film will win the coveted Oscar? Tune in with a glass of your favorite wine and watch the drama unfold.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 25, 2019, 8:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York to hear comments as it pertains to Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2019 to amend Chapter 185 Article I, Section 3, Subsection B and create Chapter 185, Article IX, Section 45 of the Code of the Village of Pleasantville prohibiting the retail sale of marijuana in the Village of Pleasantville. *Eric Morrissey, Administrator/Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 25, 2019 at 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, NY, at 8:00pm to accept comments on the Manville Road Corridor Improvement Project and Memorial Plaza Civic Space Project. Information about the projects is available on the Village's website www.pleasantville-ny.gov. *Noreen Regan, Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville*

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Invitation for Bids for supplying Open Top Containers for the disposal of Bulk Items, White Goods, and Metals for The Town of Putnam Valley. The Town of Putnam Valley will be accepting sealed proposals for performing the work and furnishing the equipment required for the disposal of Bulk Items, White Goods and Metals for The Town of Putnam Valley in accordance with the specifications and related documents which may be examined. Copies of the Bid Proposal can be obtained at the Office of The Town Clerk, Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. The Bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Sherry Howard until March 11, 2019 at 2 P.M., at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. At this time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on March 11, 2019.

NOTICE 2a/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday **February 25, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA REVIEW1.**

Filho Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road(TM# 51.-1-4/File: 2019-0190)
The subject property consists of + 19.2acres 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, terrace and outdoor kitchen. A Site Development Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit is required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2.Approve Minutes of February 11, 2019**

TOWN BOARD MEETING TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY FEBRUARY 20, 2019 6 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Opening Comments
4. Three proclamations: Zach Kuttruff, a resident, and a fire fighter.
5. Legislators' Report
6. School Report
7. Approve minutes
8. Discussion re: live streaming
9. Discussion: Appointment of Assessor
10. Approve NYSEG replacement of all Town-owned street lights with LED bulbs.
11. Continued discussion of de-icers.
12. Continued discussion of Airbnb Districts
13. District property grass cutting bid.
- 13A. Move to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Watershed and CSLAP Proposal contract for Roaring Brook Lake.
14. Highway snow plow riders.
15. Building Department
16. Daily fee report for January, 2019.
17. Parks and Recreation
18. Refunds
19. Budget Transfers
20. Public Comment
21. Audit of Monthly Bills


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm. to hear comments on a proposed local law to adopt the Natural Resources Inventory thereby enabling management and use of natural resources for present and future residents. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be conducting the regular work session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 02-14-2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday February 28, 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 Held Over**

1. **Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48;** CD Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. New Application
2. **Lash, Alan, 33 Chip-pewa Road- 51.73-1-7;** R-3 Request side yard and rear lakefront variance for steps, retaining wall and air conditioning unit.
3. **Bracken, William, 75 Floradan Road, - 84.9-1-28;** R-1 Request side, rear and lot coverage variance for proposed shed.
4. **Spinola, Anthony, 16 Hanson Street,**

91.26-1-40; LP Request variance under Section 165-27 I 2 of the Zoning Code for fence. **5. Levy, Noah, 280 West Shore Drive- 62.6-1-3;** R-3 Request front yard variance for proposed generator and propane tank. **6. Dosreis, John, 7 Geenhaven Road,-84.19-1-7;** R-1 Request side yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. **7. Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23;** CNRequest variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

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Montessori Students Picks up Some Nifty Dance Moves

Leo Smith of Putnam Valley (center, red hair) was one of 40 students in the Nursery/Kindergarten program at Our Montessori School who learned some nifty moves from Latin dancer Ruby Espinosa of Yorktown (seen left in photo). Ms. Espinosa, whose own son, Maximiliano Cordova, is in the class, was a special guest for the school's Valentine's Day activities. The former owner of a dance school in Queens taught the children basic steps that they picked up with gusto and smiling faces. She has been dancing professionally and teaching in the U.S. and abroad for 25 years. The special day for the kids was arranged by Montessori head teacher Sylvia Stiehl of Mahopac. It included wearing a piece of red or pink clothing, creating Valentine's cards for their parents, and snacking on nutritious red treats such as grapes and tomatoes. Said Ms. Stiehl: "This is a lot of fun for the kids and burns up energy too. If there's a parent with a special talent, I try to make use of it. Last time, we had a yoga lesson."



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The Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education will hold the following upcoming meetings: February 28—Business Meeting (This meeting is the rescheduled date for the February 12, meeting that was canceled due to weather conditions.) March 7—Work Session/Business Meeting March 21—Business Meeting. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the High School library located at 146 Peekskill Hollow Road. The full 2018-19 meeting list and the proposed meeting agendas can be found on the district website at: www.pvcsd.org prior to each meeting.

Putnam Valley Monthly Commission Meeting: Monday February 28th at 7 p.m. Parks and rec office 265 Oscawana Lake Road FMI: 845-526-3292.

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Annual Seedling Sale: Annual sale of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, ferns, flowers, grasses and more. Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District. Order online at www.putnamcountyny.com/keepputnamgreen Selections must be ordered by Wednesday, March 27. Pick-up is scheduled for Friday, April 26 and/or Saturday, April 27 at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park. For info call 845 878-7918.

Tickets on Sale Now: Murder Mystery Dinner: The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, March 9 at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair Street, Carmel. Cost of admission is \$50 - Includes Show - Buffet Dinner & 1 drink. This is a prepaid event (due by 3/1). Tables of 8 \$5 discount per person. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds to local charities. Questions & Payment Info ladieskofc@gmail.com

Seeking Gardens: Brewster-Carmel Garden Club Seeks Gardens Our Club is seeking fine gardens for our first showcase tour scheduled Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are willing to share your fine garden with the public for a worthy cause, please contact our Brewster-Carmel Garden Club Fine Gardening Tour Chair, Mary Bomba at 845-363-1796, or email at mbomba111@gmail.com. We would love to include your fine garden on our exclusive tour.

The Putnam County Computer Learning Center Class Registration: The first Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., A description of the classes can be found at: www.putnamrsvp.com/clc/ Registration must be in person. FMI,

call Judy Kolt (845)-277-5422

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

Ongoing Fridays:

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

Wednesday February 20

Digital De-Cluttering: Reed Library. 10:30 a.m. Are you inundated with emails and overwhelmed by apps? Join us to learn clutter-reducing techniques for your virtual world. Please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

Thursday, February 21

Painting without Pape: Reed Library: 10 a.m., - Noon. Explore painting techniques on non-paper surfaces. Registration is required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

Carmel Cubs 2019 Cooperstonw Team Comedy & Dinner: 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel VFW, 32 Route 52, Carmel. Includes beer, wine and soda. Raffles and auction items. Tickets are \$50/

pp and can be reserved by emailing carmelcubsbaseball@gmail.com by February 15

Saturday, February 23

Guided Winter Tree Hike: Green Chimneys, Clearpool Campus 33 Clearpool Road Carmel, 10 a.m. - Noon Snow date Sunday, Feb 24 Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers on a winter tree hike through the Clearpool Model Forest! On this hike, we will be learning techniques to distinguish between trees during the winter while exploring a beautiful forested landscape. All ages welcome—keep in mind the terrain and pace will be moderately difficult at times. The hike is free and open to the public; Advance Registration is required. www.greenchimneys.org/hike0219

Sunday February 24

Whodunnit: An afternoon of script readings by the Brewster Theater Company's Armchair Actors. Join us for this delightful reading of short one act plays including radio broadcasts of Scrap of Lace, and The Thin Man Episode: Case of the All-American Menace. 2 p.m. Registration is requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

February: February 28

The Tri-State IBM Retirees Meeting: United Methodist Church Hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak, Bob McNamara, an AARP Tax Advisor, will discuss the changes in the tax law for 2018 filing. Set up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments at 1pm; meeting begins at 1:30pm. Info: Peg Ryan at (914) 528-5916.

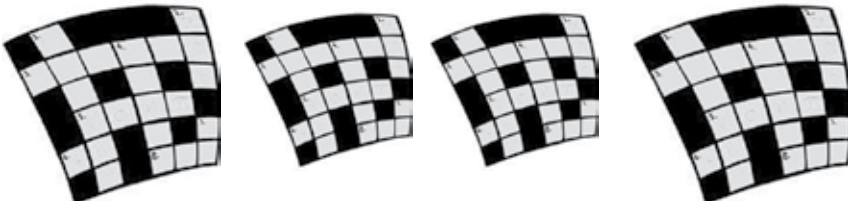


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Hang on to Your Hat Trick!

O'Shea Nets 3, No.5 Mahopac Rolls to Quarters in 4-2 win over No.12 Cortlandt

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSPHOTOS.COM FOR MORE)

Mahopac F Brian O'Shea (L) notched a hat trick when he found the back of the net three times and slipped the game-winning goal past Cortlandt Rebels goalie Jakob Banko, who stopped 36 of 40 Indian shots on goal in No.5 Mahopac's 4-2 win over the 12th-seeded Rebels last Friday at the Brewster Ice Arena where the Indians advanced to face No.4 Rye Town/Harrison in last night's quarterfinals. The winner gets No.1 Suffern, who has outscored its Section I opponents by a 75-15 margin... see Ice Hockey Notebook

Sports

Girls' Hoops Notebook

Ossining, Panas, Put Valley Secure High Tourney Seeds in Class AA, A, B

By Tony Pinciario

OSSINING finds itself in an unfamiliar position as it begins the Section 1 Class AA Girls' Basketball Championship.

The eight-time reigning Section 1 champion Pride (14-6) are the second seed, behind top-seeded Ursuline, which beat visiting Ossining, 66-59, in the teams' regular-season finale. Ossining has historically entered the tournament as the top seed.

Ossining senior Aubrey Griffin said the Pride will improve off the loss and is prepared for the tournament.

"Our defensive effort was poor and we just couldn't get the ball in the basket," the UConn-bound Griffin said of the Ursuline game, "We took this game and learned from it and we won't let it happen again."

If the seeds hold true, Ossining and Ursuline will play a third time, in the Class AA championship game, Saturday, March 2, at Pace University's Goldstein Center. The Class A final is also slated for Saturday, March 2, also at Pace.

The Class AA and Class A semifinals are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 25.

Ossining opens defense of its title, hosting No.18 New Rochelle, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. in a first-round game. A victory moves Ossining into the quarterfinal round where it will host the winner of No.10 Clarkstown South-No.7 Arlington, Friday. The Pride would then be on course to face No.3 Albertus Magnus



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

The Yorktown basketball family gathers around senior captain Kat Severino after she scored her 1,000th career point in a 53-35 loss to Somers last Monday.

in a semifinal, should each team remain victorious.

"It's always good to play these kinds of teams," said Griffin of Albertus Magnus and Ursuline. "It always makes us better and pushes us a little harder every day in practice."

Ursuline did force the Pride into foul trouble during its most recent game. As a result, Kailah Harris and Griffin were held to season-lows with 14 and eight points, respectively.

"Yes, we were in foul trouble, but that just means we need to play smarter," Griffin said. "I think it will come down to us and Ursuline again. And, if we do what we are told and execute our game plan, we have a chance to win."

PANAS enters the Section 1 Class A tournament off one of the most successful regular seasons in program history.

The Panthers went 17-3 and earned the second seed, behind Tappan Zee. Panas will host No.15 Nanuet, Wednesday, 5 p.m., in a first-round game. Panas beat Nanuet in December. A victory would advance Panas into the quarterfinal round where it would host the No.10 Pelham-No.7 Yorktown winner, Friday.

Even though Panas finished the season with a loss to No.5 John Jay-Cross River, the Panthers know they are ready for the postseason.

"We definitely didn't have our best

game," senior Julia Araujo said. "We played well, but we missed multiple easy shots and didn't have our best day from the three-point line."

Panas did not worry about its seed, but Araujo and her teammates were pleased with being No.2.

"We were all thrilled and we're happy that all of our hard work this season paid off as we earned the No.2 seed," Araujo said. "We feel pretty good right now. Having a couple of days off and being able to practice and review everything is preparing us to hopefully play at our best during this postseason."

Panas began preseason with only one senior, Araujo, who noted this team has matured

"Everyone contributes in their own way to help our team work the way it works," Araujo said. "Throughout the season we have all grown and shaped the team into what it is today. We are a lot stronger mentally than we were in the beginning of the season, and we're ready to compete during the season."

Panas owns a 37-35 win over Pelham, the last week of the regular season, and two victories over Yorktown, 41-30 and 62-58.

"Before we get to Pelham or Yorktown, we're going to focus on the game vs. Nanuet," Araujo said. "Assuming we advance, it's a good feeling going into the game knowing that we are able to beat both Pelham and Yorktown. This being

said, it will be anyone's game. Both of these teams are talented and hardworking, and will most definitely not go down without a fight."

PUTNAM VALLEY showed its youth was not a hindrance as the Tigers concluded the best regular season in program history -18-1. The loss was to Irvington, 42-34, Jan. 7. Since then, Putnam Valley has won 10 consecutive, and under Coach Kristi Dini has now gone 51-10 with three-straight league titles the last three years.

Even with an outstanding record, the Tigers are seeded third, behind No. 2 Irvington and No. 1 Briarcliff, in the Section 1 Class B tournament, with perhaps the toughest road to hoe: Woodlands, Irvington and Briarcliff could be the path to a potential title.

"All of our hard work from the beginning to the end of the year really paid off and shows that through every game, no matter who we're playing, we never give up," PV sophomore Arianna Stockinger said. "We play with confidence all the time and never take anything for granted. We always strive to be at the top and the best we can be."

Putnam Valley hosts No.14 Bronxville (today) in a first-round game. The Tigers, with a win, would face the winner of No. 11 North Salem-No. 6 Woodlands, Thursday in a quarterfinal.

The semifinals are on tap for Monday, Feb. 25, at the final will be played Friday, March 1, at Pace University.

A trip to the semifinals would ensure Putnam Valley a rematch with Irvington.

"Irvington is a great team with an excellent coach, but we didn't play to our full potential (in the loss to them)," Stockinger said. "We know now how they play and with our momentum going into sectionals we are confident that we can play better."

Putnam Valley punctuated its regular season with a 71-33 triumph of Haldane.

YORKTOWN closed out the regular season with a loss to SOMERS (53-35), then defeated BREWSTER (56-47).

In the loss to Somers, senior Kat Severino finished with 17 points, including her 1,000 varsity point. Amber Bodden had 11 points.

"Despite the loss, it was great to see Kat get her 1,000th point," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said. "Something like that doesn't happen often and when it does, it's very special. Kat is such a driven competitor with a great head on her shoulders. She's top-10 percent in her class academically and is going to Michigan State in the fall. It has been such a joy to coach her. Kat is the definition of a true leader. She has meant so much to this program over the years and she has put so

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Panas senior Julia Araujo will lead No.2 Panthers into Class A tourney.

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Put Valley, Somers Are Best Bets to Survive, Advance

By RAY GALLAGHER
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And just like that, the field of 16 is complete in all classifications. Basketball season is just a few weeks away from its conclusion, perhaps a day or two for some, as the 2019 campaign unfolds at a gymnasium near you this week. Meanwhile, dudes are dusting off lax sticks and baseball gloves as we speak, but before we move on let's take a deep, speculative dive into what might or might not happen in the tournaments.

It's been a few years since any program from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region hoisted a large-school championship, Walter Panas having done so when the Class A Panthers snagged just the second sectional title in school history back in 2014.

Class C Haldane three-peated in 2016, ending a 12-year small-school drought. Outside of that, you got to go all the way back to 2009 to conjure up the glory years; when Peekskill was Peekskill, winning five consecutive titles from 2005-09, and Kennedy Catholic – now competing in the CHSAA -- was a mainstay on the Section 1 circuit, winning three in a row between 2004-06.

History lesson aside, those were the glory days in this neck of the woods, and we're hoping like heck that one of the local



RAY GALLAGHER/TONY HUMBERTO/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Putnam Valley senior F Darnel Shillingford will be driving force in top-seeded Class B Tigers' potential post-season success.

programs can make good on a gold ball, but the challenges before them are vast and difficult...

Here's what we know going in. **PUTNAM VALLEY**, ranked No.11 in NYS, secured the No.1 seed in Class B and remains the region's best chance to hoist the coveted gold ball on March 1st at the Goldstein Center on the campus of Pace University.

No.6 **SOMERS** leads the parade of three local Class A teams to reach the field of 16 after **WALTER PANAS**, **BREWSTER**, **HEN HUD** were all eliminated in Saturday's outbracket round. No.15 **LAKELAND** reached the field of 16 after its 75-64 win over No.18 Lincoln and advanced to face undefeated, state-ranked (No.2) Tappan Zee in Wednesday's opening round. No.14 **PEEKSKILL** continued its ascent with a 67-47 shellacking on No.19 Yonkers and hopes to pull off the mother of all upsets in Wednesday's opening round against state-ranked (No.14) Horace Greeley, the No.3 seed.

Haldane, seeded No.2 in Class C, will face No.3 Hamilton on Feb. 21st in the Final 4 where top-seeded Tuckahoe will likely lie in wait for the finals.

CLASS B

Putnam Valley's route to the finals, when you consider the tradition of their opponents, couldn't be much tougher. After a likely opening-round walkthrough with No.16 Palisades Prep today, Coach Mike McDonnell's Tigers (17-3) will likely see No.8 Woodlands (12-8) – should the chalk prevail -- in the quarters. The Falcons



Hen Hud F Nick Hiltzley drives baseline for two of 30 points scored in Sailors' 64-45 outbracket loss to John Jay-Cross River Saturday.

are known beasts come tournament time and their style of play poses fits for most. A move past Woodlands would likely set the Tigers up with No.4 Dobbs Ferry (16-4), the same Eagles team that most pre-season pundits predicted the Tigers would see in the finals. Dobbs, ranked No.13 in NYS, is nobody's slouch and, perhaps the toughest semifinal foe PV could encounter. The Tigers defeated both Woodlands and Dobbs in the regular season, but that was months ago.

Beyond that, the Tigers might see the survivor of No.2 Valhalla or No.3 Blind Brook, which eliminated PV in last year's semifinals, the fifth time in six years that the Tigers reached the Final 4 but failed to hoist a gold ball.

It's pretty much now or never for Putnam Valley, which has stamped itself as a prime-time Class B player over the course of the last six years, but hasn't got a thing to show for it. There will likely be a gap between 2019 and the next time the Tigers see a Final 4, considering all they graduate and the incoming class, so it's go-time, boys... time for All-Section seniors Darnel Shillingford, TJ Brescia and company to hoist the hardware and represent in the state tournament for the first time in program history...

CLASS A

SOMERS is the best hope from this coverage region, having put up 16 wins, just two short of the program record. Tusker Coach Chris DiCintio has turned Somers into a legit program, but we measure "legit" by Final 4's, championship appearances and titles around here, and Somers hasn't hoisted a gold ball since 1992. State-ranked Tappan Zee, (No.8) Poughkeepsie, Greeley and (No.19) Byram Hills are the chalk picks to advance. Does Somers have an eraser?



Hen Hud G Rafael Fasolino makes his move in Sailors' outbracket loss to host John Jay -- CR Saturday.

NWE/Putnam County Super 7 Hoops Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.7) Tigers (17-3) are built for now and it's going to take an X-factor like Brandon Guerra or Ryan Soto to step up and provide the ultimate complement to Shillingford and Brescia.

No.1A SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's sixth-seeded Class A Tuskers (16-4) should be able to figure out a way past No.11 Beacon in the opening round, but it's going to take a full return to health from senior Max Germaine (mono) and a polished effort from senior Charlie Weissman for the Tuskers to match up against Greeley superb bigs in the quarters.

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Lakeland junior G Jack Kruse and No.15 Hornets will have to perform at other-worldly levels to win in No.2 Tappan Zee's hostile environment.



Tenacious guard play from Tusker guards Andrew Lasher (15) and Lucas Fecci will likely trigger any possible Class A post-season success for No.6 Somers.

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much time and effort into the game, she really deserves it. We are all so proud of her."

Severino finished with a game-best 24 points against Brewster and Melissa Severino added 12 points.

"It was nice to bounce back with a win after a senior night home loss," Mundy said, "Jesse Barer and Amber Bodden did a tremendous job defensively, keeping their shooters in check. That was an imperative win to lock in our spot in the sectional seedings."

The Cornhuskers finished with a 13-7 record and received the seventh seed for the Section 1 Class A Championship. Yorktown will host No. 10 Pelham in a first-round game, Wednesday. The winner moves on to play the No. 15 Nanuet-No. 2 Panas winner.

BREWSTER began the Section 1 Class A tournament with a 73-43 triumph over Riverside in an out-bracket game. The 12th-seeded Bears travel to Rockland County to play at No.5 Pearl River in a first-round game, Wednesday. The winner will meet the No.13 Harrison/No.5 John Jay-Cross River victor, Wednesday, 6 p.m., in the quarters.

Maggie DePaoli scored 18 points and had 11 assists in her final home game. Alexis Mark added 17 points and eight rebounds and Meagan Beal contributed



Sixth-seeded Somers G Dani DiCintio and Tuskers better have an answer for No.11 Hen Hud's Caitlyn

14 points and 11 rebounds.

"The girls played great and were very unselfish," Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo said. "The game plan was to get stops and just run and that's what we did."

"Meagan Beal and Alexis Mark did a tremendous job of running the floor and rebounding. Maggie DePaoli and Kristen Stefanick got the ball ahead and hit the open man all game. It was a great team win with all 12 girls contributing."

LAKELAND closed out the regular season with a 54-40 victory over Horace Greeley as Alexa Cole surpassed 1,000

career points, pouring in a game-best 31.

"We are so proud of Alexa," Lakeland Coach Miranda Lustig said. "It's such a significant accomplishment. She has worked so hard and deserves every ounce of her success. We are lucky to have her in our program. Alexa is an inspiration for all the future Hornet basketball players to come."

Lakeland, seeded 14th, crushed Saunders, in an out-bracket game and will play at No.3 Byram Hills in a Section 1 Class A first-round game, Wednesday. The victor moves onto the quarterfinal round to meet the winner of No.11 Hen Hud/No.6 Somers.

The Hornets, now 10-11 this season, played without Alexa Cole, who was out sick, according to Lustig. Tyler Hormazabal led Lakeland with 12 points six rebounds and five steals, Sofia Portante added 11 points and Amanda Cole contributed nine points and seven rebounds.

"It was a fantastic team win vs. Saunders," Lustig said.

SOMERS, the 2017 Section 1 Class A champion, drew the sixth seed and will host No. 11 Hen Hud in a Section 1 Class A first-round matchup. A victory would send the Tuskers to the quarterfinal round where they would play the No. 14 Lakeland-No. 3 Byram Hills winner.

"It won't be an easy road from game one, but I like where we are though, as a team," Somers Coach Marc Hattem said.

The Tuskers, who have two of Section 1's finest players in guards Hannah Angelini and Dani DiCintio, completed the regular season with a win over Yorktown.

"I thought we really played well against a very good team," said Hattem of Yorktown. "We shot the ball well and we defended well. It was nice to put the two together."

HEN HUD finished out the regular season on a five-game winning streak, including a league title, and is the 11th seed in Class A.

The Sailors were scheduled to play Sleepy Hollow in an out-bracket game, but the Headless Horsemen forfeited the game. As a result, Hen Hud will play at No.6 Somers in a first-round game, Wednesday.

MAHOPAC drew the 14th seed and plays at No. 3 Albertus Magnus, Wednesday, in a Section 1 Class AA first-round game.

Defending champion **HALDANE** is seeded third in Class C and will play No.2 Hamilton in a semifinal, Thursday. The winner faces the No. 1 Solomon Schechter-No. 4 Keio victor in the championship game, Saturday, Feb. 23, at Pace University.

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No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (12-8) have truly put the program back on the map no matter what happens between the 7th-seeded Indians and No.10 Spring Valley in Wednesday's opening round tip-off (5:00 p.m.). That said, it's quarterfinals or bust for the Indians, who best be prepped for an up-tempo, high-pressure affair if they are going to advance and see state-ranked (No.17), second-seeded Suffern (19-1) in the quarters and Clarkstown South in the semis. The Indians have the athletes to survive Spring Valley and evoking a tight, low-scoring affair against Suffern might be their only hope to reach the first Final 4 since 2014.

No.4 PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils (10-11), seeded No.14, do not have the interior presence to slow down No.3 Greeley, but if Shion can go off, I mean completely off the hook, perhaps the Red Devs can hang around and make a game of it in Chappaqua this Wednesday (5:00 p.m.). Darby had 23 points, six rebounds and eight assists while Brennan Heaven had 20 points and Antonio Taylor added 13 points and 18 rebounds in Red Devils' 67-47 out-bracket stomp-down on No.19 Yonkers. Either way, this season is a step in the right direction for the former 17-time Section 1 champs. Section 1 hoops

just ain't Section 1 hoops when Peekskill is down for so long.

No.5 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (11-10), the No. 15 seed, saw Augie Karaqi drop 22 points while Jack Kruse and Rob Nardelli added 21 and 16, respectively. Lakeland, which will visit bloodthirsty No. 2 Tappan Zee at 7 p.m. in Wednesday's first round, will have to find another gear to hang with the Dutchmen in one of the more hostile environments around.

No.6 PANAS – Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (5-16), seeded No.21, gave No.12 Nyack all they could handle for three+ quarters, but a rare down year ends in disappointment when the Panthers couldn't hold up down the stretch.

No.7 YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Huskers (7-14), the No.22 seed, saw 11 guys score points in a 62-47 loss to No.11 Beacon, but Husker senior F Joe Sgobbo (13 points) was the lone consistent force. Sgobbo will take the mound as a co-ace this spring and lax season ensures that all will be fine in Yorktown.

HM BREWSTER – Coach Nelligan's Class A Bears (6-15) saw Harrison Dignan lead the 23rd-seeded Bears with 22 points, but they were apparently no match for No.10 Roosevelt in a season-ending 71-53 setback.



No.14 Peekskill's best shot at scoring a Class A upset of No.3 Greeley is for senior G Shion Darby (No.3) to go off and Red Devs to play defense like 2009 and before.

HM CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (6-14) were the first of the two Putnam County teams set to try and knock off No.2 Suffern and this might be a nice draw any other year, but the Mounties, ranked No.17 in NYS, are legit. Though don't be shocked if this bracket gets busted up by either Carmel or Mahopac, who have enough athleticism to pose serious problems should their A-game travel across the river.

HM CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (12-8), seeded No.10, draw a No.7 Briarcliff team today (6 p.m.) that has had their number in recent seasons, including a pair of wins this year.

HM HALDANE – In order to get back on top for the first time since 2016, Coach Virgadamo's Class C Blue Devils' (14-6) have to go through defending champion Hamilton, ranked No.7 in NYS, and arch-rival Tuckahoe; doesn't get much tougher than that. Solid season for a program that seemingly keeps on winning, nonetheless.

HM OSSINING – Coach Casey's 13th-seeded Class AA Pride (5-15) are quite familiar with No.4 White Plains, their opening round foe who defeated Ossining twice this season, including an 84-38 thumping. Will the third time be a charm for the O?

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Ice Hockey Notebook

O'Shea's Hat Trick Propels Mahopac; Yorktown Upsets White Plains

By Alex Wendling

MAHOPAC's solid campaign in Section 1 D-1 continued last Friday night in the first round of the Section 1 playoffs when fifth-seeded Mahopac came away with a 4-2 win over the No.12 Cortlandt Rebels

there. It's amazing to watch."

Donaghy is confident in his team going into the next round of the playoffs. He noted that he felt good about the team advancing to the second-round after its big first-round win.

"At this point, it's just surviving and advancing," he said. "It wasn't the prettiest win, we didn't play our best, but the idea is to advance to the next round and that's what we did tonight."

Donaghy went on to talk about the quarterfinal round against the fourth-seeded Rye Town/Harrison (last night). "We split with them on the season," he said. "We beat them earlier in the year and then they beat us later in the year. It's going to be a tough battle, but as long as we play disciplined and set the pace and play at our level of speed I think we have a good shot of winning, but this game can go either way."

Mahopac senior TJ McKee also scored a goal for his 100th point on the season. He currently has 47 goals and 54 assists (program records) and now sits well atop the all-time Mahopac scoring list with 198 career points.

"TJ's had an amazing career," Donaghy said. "The best ever at Mahopac."

On the other side, the Rebels were led by senior Jack Tuite who had the opening goal of the game and senior P.J. Kowal also had a goal at the 6:48 mark of the second period. It got tough for the Rebels to score later on as Mahopac G Logan MacDougall had 20 saves and was a big factor in the Indians hard-fought playoff win.

No.9 **BREWSTER/YORKTOWN** (8-11-1) also advanced to the second round after posting a 4-1 upset over No.8 White Plains in the opening round at Brewster Ice Arena. Yorktown senior D Thomas Mark scored the game's first goal off a shot from the blue line with 3:21 to go in the second period, part of an overall sensational effort by Mark.

Connor Brooks scored the game-winning goal with 9:25 to play and



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Cortlandt's Frankie Kowal (8) and Mahopac's Nick Biagini combine to take out ref in Rebels' 4-2 D-I playoff loss to Indians last Friday at BIA.

at the Brewster Ice Arena. Leading the way for the Indians was senior Captain Brian O'Shea who had another three-goal night and added an assist to his stat line, which featured the game-winning goal. When asked about his star player, O'Shea, who is No.2 on the school's all-time scoring list, Mahopac Coach Tim Donaghy said, "Brian O'Shea has the nose for the net, he finds every little hole to put the puck right



Cortlandt's Joe Fareed and Mahopac's Ryan Caraher tangle in Rebels' 4-2 D-I playoff loss to Indians last Friday at BIA.



Mahopac F Nick Bricker (6) tries to slip one past Cortlandt G Jakob Banko, who stopped 36 of 40 shots on goal in Mahopac's 4-2 win over Quinton Evangelou and Rebels.

teammate Sava Makarenko made it a 3-0 lead when he scored with 8:07 remaining. Justin Groux added an empty-netter in the waning minutes.

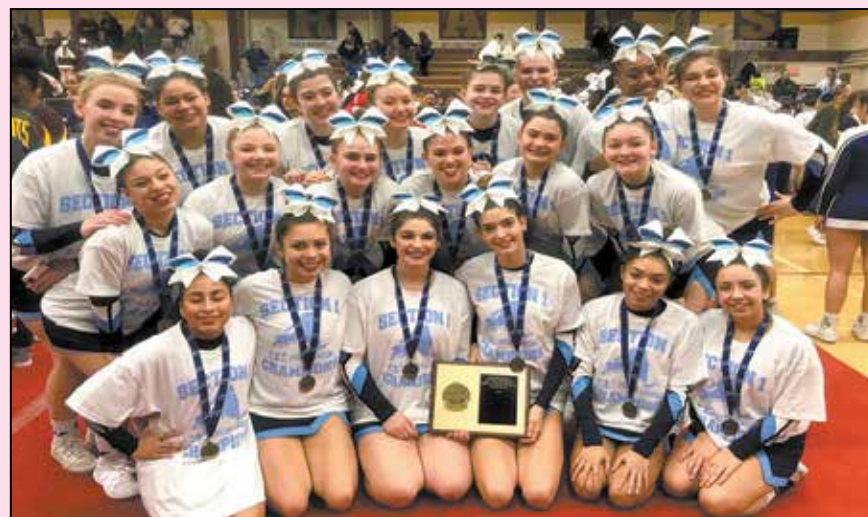
Next up was last night's quarterfinal against Suffern, the No. 1 seed in Division I, and, perhaps, the most consistent

program in NYS. Not too shabby for a Brew/Town team that opened the season up at 0-9-1.

No.11 **CARMEL** was eliminated from the playoffs after a 5-0 loss to No.6 North Rockland.

Ray Gallagher contributed to this story.

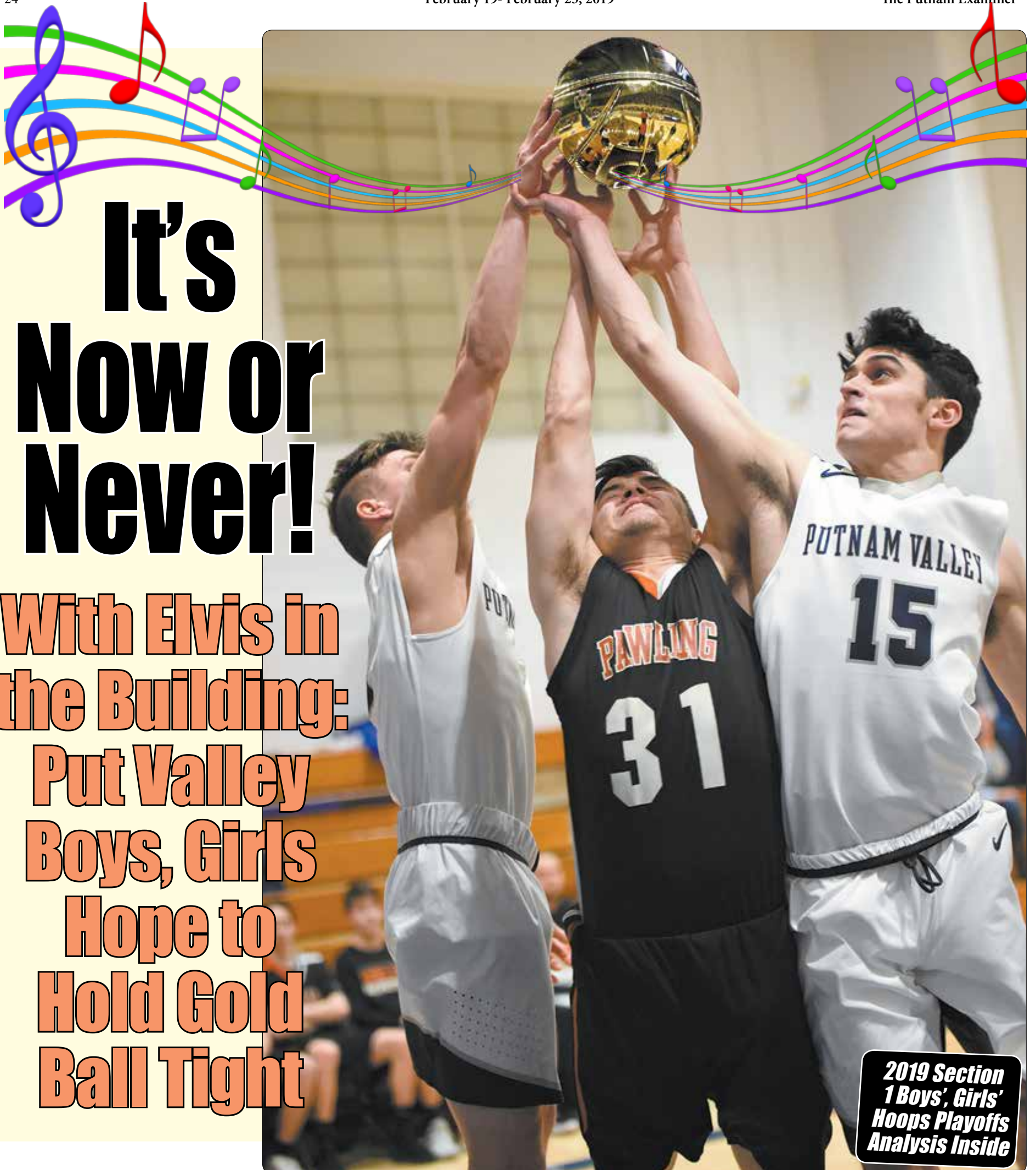
Four on the Floor! Putnam Valley Scores 4th-Straight Section 1 Cheer Title



In Saturday's Small School/Large Team Section 1 Cheerleading championships, Putnam Valley High was crowned the victors for a fourth consecutive year at Arlington High School where the team of Gabby Alvarez, Darianna Daley, All-Section Nia Givan, Rose Gencarelli, Alexandra Jacobs, Laura Jones, Shannon Lee, Leah Lundberg, Jianna Melikian, Daniella Milano, Angelica Ordenez, Makenzie Quick, All-Section Adriana Raus, Francesca Reyes, Jillian Rodriguez, Teresa Sigmund, Megan Stephens, Ashley Stockinger, Cassandra Tenesaca and Keiko Waters were all the rave. Stockinger and Gencarelli (inset) have been huge factors in the 4-peat at PV.

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State-ranked Putnam Valley hoopers -- between its boys' and girls' programs -- combined for 35 victories this winter, 17 for the top-seeded Class B boys, including Austin Fabio (L) and Reilly Nolan (No.15, above), and 18 for the 3rd-seeded ladies, but both have tough roads to hoe in the post-season days ahead. Their respective paths to the coveted gold ball and first Section 1 hoops championships in school history couldn't be much tougher than the path laid out before them, but the road to the Westchester County Center Final 4 and Pace University (for the finals) was set to be paved in today's opening round of the Class B tournament... see Boys' & Girls' Hoops Notebook