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Mahopac Native Dies in Coast Guard Accident

By David Propper

A Mahopac native and dedicated service member is dead after he suffered fatal injuries on assignment with the United States Coast Guard that has left a community in mourning.

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski, 35, was killed when he sustained injuries while working in the bouy yard in Homer, Alaska on Jan. 31 after a crane accident occurred. Local emergency medical services personnel performed CPR and transported him to the South Peninsula Hospital where he was pronounced dead, according to a Coast Guard press release. He was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Hickory.

"It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of a devoted shipmate, husband and father following this tragic accident," said Rear Adm. Matthew T. Bell Jr., Coast Guard 17th District commander.



Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski will be remembered for his lifetime of service to the Coast Guard and country. He was a Mahopac native.

"Chief Warrant Officer Kozloski faithfully served his country for over 17 years and we are forever grateful for his steadfast devotion to duty and sacrifices."

The Coast Guard is still investigating the incident.

Kozloski is a 2001 graduate of Mahopac High School and leaves behind a wife and four children.

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents all of Putnam, said in

a statement that his heart goes out to Kozloski's family, other Guardsmen and the Mahopac community.

"Michael dedicated his entire adult life to protecting our country as a member of the Coast Guard, and his service will not be forgotten," Maloney said in a statement. "I ask the Hudson Valley to join me in praying for Officer Kozloski's

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Southeast GOP Committee Supports Newcomer for Highway Superintendent

By David Propper

In a strong rebuke of the current handling of the Highway Department in the Town of Southeast, the local GOP committee denied incumbent highway Superintendent Michael Bruen the Republican nomination last week.

Republican challenger Michael Burdick easily clinched the GOP committee's nod last week when the committee met to hand out endorsements as political season gets started earlier thanks to the primary election date being moved up to June. Burdick was endorsed 31-10 over Bruen, who has been leading

the department since 2013. Burdick has worked for the Southeast highway department for 23 years and recently moved back to Brewster after living nearby for many years.

Adding insult to injury, Bruen is on the Southeast GOP committee while Burdick is not.

When reached for comment, Burdick said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the outcome considering this was his first time in front of a political committee and did not know what to expect.

"I was confident I was prepared but

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Mahopac Still Going Strong, Beats Brew/Town, 8-5



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Mahopac D Chris Stiller works along the boards to clear his zone against pressure from Brew/Town F Ryan Sullivan in the Indians' 8-5 win last Friday at the Brewster Ice Arena where Mahopac improved to 15-2 and stopped the combined Brewster/Yorktown team by taking a 4-0 first-period lead... see Hockey Notebook

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family and offering support during this difficult time.”

Maloney, who is the chairman of the subcommittee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation said he would continue to monitor the situation as additional details come forward and stands ready to provide support for the Guard as they seek answers and works to prevent future accidents from happening.

State Sen. Peter Harckham said his deepest condolences are with the family of Kozloski, who served the country admirably for 17 years.

“His devotion to duty and public service defending our nation will never be forgotten. His family, friends and members of his unit will be in our thoughts and prayers,” Harckham said in a statement. “Let us never forget the sacrifices the members of the military make defending our freedom.”

Putnam Veterans Affairs director Karl Rohde also offered his sympathies to the family and friends of Kozloski.

“Survivor Outreach from West Point has been in touch with the Putnam

‘Michael dedicated his entire adult life to protecting our country as a member of the Coast Guard, and his service will not be forgotten.’ - Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

County Veterans Service Agency trying to establish contact with family members,” Rohde said in an email. “As with any Veteran or Service member who passes we offer our condolences and assistance we may be able to provide.”

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State Legislature Pushes Through More Gun Laws

By David Propper

Already boasting some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, the New York State Legislature passed a series of bills that made gun laws even tougher, but left a sharp divide among political parties.

With a Democratic majority in the state senate and assembly leading the way, new gun control legislation passed easily last week as Albany continues to move forward with a progressive agenda promised by Gov. Andrew Cuomo during his State of State address last month.

The legislation included the “red flag” bill that allows law enforcement, school staff and family members to request a judge stop a person they believe is a threat to themselves or others from temporarily owning or buying a gun until a hearing is held. Other measures banned teachers from carrying a firearm on school grounds, extended the waiting period for someone to purchase a gun if they don’t pass an instant background check and banned bump stocks being sold or manufactured, which can increase the rate of fire in a semi-automatic weapon.

“We take a big step forward today,” Cuomo said during a gun safety forum last week. “No one wants to take guns from legal gun owners who are mentally healthy. We don’t want people who are mentally ill or are past felons to have



GOP Sen. Sue Serino opposed the “red flag” bill, but the Democratic majority in the chamber was still able to approve its passage.

gun. That’s all this is.”

This is the second time during Cuomo’s tenure in office that sweeping reforms aimed at gun control have been passed. The first time was in 2013--the SAFE Act--in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shooting that killed 27 people.

Putnam state representatives were split over the new set of bills. Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Sen. Peter Harckham, Democrats, voted in favor of the complete package of bills while Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and Sen. Sue Serino, Republicans, did not.

‘Without this added attention, there is a very legitimate concern that this law could unintentionally escalate a situation and further endanger public safety.’ - Assemblyman Kevin Byrne

The most controversial piece of the package was the “red flag” bill.

Serino, who lost a brother to suicide, said while she understands the intent behind the “red flag” law, the bill is too broad and fails to get to the heart of the issue when it comes to mental health and gun violence. She added the Democratic majority played politics and rushed the legislation through without getting input from appropriate stakeholders.

“I could not in good conscious support legislation that allows ordinary citizens, with no mental health training or background, to single out others as harmful while then failing to provide any mental health services, support, or legal assistance to the accused,” Serino said in a statement. “That’s a recipe for disaster.”

She pushed for legislation that would’ve put more mental health professionals in schools, but it was rejected by leadership within the state legislature.

Byrne voted against the “red flag” law because of numerous flaws, including opportunities for exploitation and abuse, lack of timely due process and that it provides no additional attention, services, or supervision for those individuals flagged for mental health help. Once a person is flagged as a possible danger, no action is required after confiscation until a hearing is held to determine whether or not that person should have their gun back, Byrne said.

“If these people are such a danger, we should not be leaving them in society where they may have access to alternative methods to harm themselves or others; they should receive an immediate mental health evaluation and the state should be providing assistance and support,”

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Byrne said in a statement. "Without this added attention, there is a very legitimate concern that this law could unintentionally escalate a situation and further endanger public safety."

Byrne did vote to ban bump stocks, a piece of legislation he has consistently supported. Byrne said he has also advocated for more mental health services and measures to better protect schools, but assembly leadership has not put the legislation forward.

Supporting the set of gun laws, Sen. Peter Harckham said the "red flag" bill was a "common sense gun safety" measure. He added that there needs to be a "high level of proof" that could result in a firearm being taken away.

County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, a Democrat, said she was heartened that state lawmakers have responded to the pleas from responsible gun owners and gun safety advocates. Families, mental health providers, medical professionals and law enforcement have the tools they need to identify people that might hurt

themselves or others, she said.

"That will enable us all to proactively assist those who need intervention, and keep our communities safe. At the same time, we have protected the Second Amendment rights of law abiding gun owners," Montgomery, a Philipstown resident, said in an email. "I hope that New York State's achievement will be a model for similar legislation across the country."

Patterson resident Andrew Falk, a former state assembly candidate and current Working Families Party state

committee member, said not taking action to curtail gun violence would be "immoral."

"We need to stop sacrificing our children on the alter of the Second Amendment," Falk said in an email. "To have a mechanism for reporting a person for additional scrutiny before a tragedy occurs is a safeguard that should be welcomed by everyone and one of the reasons many of us have worked so hard to make a Democratic State Senate a reality."

But Putnam GOP committee chairman Tony Scannapieco said now "some jerk in the street" can call authorities and assert a person shouldn't have a firearm because he or she is mentally unwell. He called the legislation "insane."

"Every time there's a mass shooting, they're always complaining we need to talk about reforms," Scannapieco said. "When a guy takes a truck and drives down a park in Manhattan and kills a bunch of people, they don't say anything about trucks."

The Putnam County Firearm Owners Association (PCFOA) slammed the new set of gun laws rolled out and accused Cuomo of pandering for political reasons all while depriving residents in the state of their right to bear arms. The PCFOA said the state assembly and senate attacked several different amendments in the Constitution and the new legislation "has no basis in law and no basis in fact."

"And such actions have been undertaken with the primary goal of promoting an anti-American political agenda," the PCFOA stated. "The members of PCFOA oppose the enactment of any legislation that infringes upon any Rights especially the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and considers such laws to be politically motivated, unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority."

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Assemblywoman Galef Discusses State Issues in Kent

By Neal Rentz

The property tax cap, abortion and a plan for the legalization of recreational marijuana were among the issues Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) discussed with residents during a meeting held at the Kent Public Library on Feb. 2.

About a dozen residents came to the meeting to discuss, and sometime debate in a civil manner, state issues.

One of the issues that dominated the meeting was the 2-percent property tax cap on municipal governments and school districts. The state Senate has passed legislation to make the tax cap permanent but the Assembly has not acted on the proposed law this year, Galef said.

A resident, who declined to provide his name, said there should be consolidation of local governments as a way to hold down taxes.

“We don’t have too much government. We have too many governments,” he said.

Galef said she favored the consolidation of town and village courts as a cost-cutting measure. The courts in the Village and Town of Ossining have been successfully combined, she noted.

Galef said unlike other states, New York requires counties to pick up a portion of the cost of Medicaid, noting it “has a big



Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) discussed a variety of state issues with residents at the Kent Public Library on Feb. 2

impact on the counties.”

Other unfunded state mandates, such as special education programs, are expensive for local governments, Galef said. In the past when there have been discussions in New York about changing state-mandated special education there have been protests from parents concerned about the quality of special education if the mandates were

eliminated, she said.

Another source of potential savings would be the consolidation of school districts, Galef said. She formerly taught in Virginia where there were not individual districts as there are in New York, she said. In Virginia there was “a great education for our kids,” she said.

Resident Nick Trillo asked why state legislators are getting raises. Galef said

a state commission came up with the recommendations for the raises for the legislators for the first time in several years. The raises are being challenged in courts, she noted. Galef said it is difficult for some legislators financially because outside income is limited for the part-time legislators, she said.

Though New York State legislators are scheduled to work six months a year in Albany, when the Legislature is not in session Galef said she works on such tasks like drafting legislation for the following year and meeting with constituents. Members of the New York City Council earn \$140,000 annually, while state legislators are slated to receive \$110,000 this year and \$120,000 next year, Galef said. Adequate pay is needed to attract good people to run for the Legislature, she said.

Resident Joe Babnik expressed concern about abortion legislation recently approved by the state. One of his criticisms of the new law was that it would allow individuals other than doctors to perform abortions, Babnik said.

Galef said under the new law a licensed practitioner, such as a doctor’s assistant, can perform an abortion if the procedure is supervised by a doctor and medical services for an abortion can be

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provided by nurses and midwives if they are covered by their scope of practice. The other provisions of the law include continuing to permit abortions for the first 24 weeks of pregnancy, making abortions legal after 24 weeks if there is an absence of viability for the fetus or if an abortion is necessary to protect a woman's life or health, Galef said.

Babnik said women have choices to not become pregnant by using contraception.

However, another resident, Eileen Reilly said women should have the right to choose and wondered if Babnik was telling women to abstain from sex.

Another concern expressed by Babnik was the advocacy by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. Babnik, who was a New York City police officer, said in his experience in law enforcement, marijuana was a gateway drug.

Trillo asked why Cuomo was rushing to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

Galef said she wanted more information on the ramifications of legalization, but Reilly said she supported the governor's effort to decriminalize marijuana use.

Trillo asked why the Legislature recently OK'd a plan to provide money for undocumented immigrants to go to college. Galef said years ago she opposed providing college aid to undocumented immigrants, but she changed her opinion when she learned about a Ossining High School valedictorian that was undocumented because he was brought

to the United States by his parents who are not legal immigrants. The student would not be able to afford college on his own, she said. For an undocumented immigrant to receive college aid from the state that person would need to seek other forms of aid, she said.

Kent Library Director Carol Donick expressed concern about cuts in library funding being proposed by Cuomo. Galef said she was confident that the Legislature would restore the library funding the governor wanted to cut.

SE GOP Comm. Supports Newcomer for Highway Superintendent

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unsure of what the outcome would be," Burdick said in an email. "I conveyed to the committee in what direction I would like to see the Highway Dept. go now and where I see it in the future. With the vote being 31 to 10 the committee must feel that I am the most qualified candidate."

An email to Bruen was not returned by press time on Monday and calls to the highway department on Monday were not picked up.

In an interview last month, Bruen said he was the most qualified to run

the department because he has been the leader of it the past several years. He was originally appointed to the position in 2013 and then earned a full term in 2015. He said the department has implemented practices that maintain safety, efficiency and cost effectiveness since he took over.

Other Republicans earning the GOP committee's support included town board candidates Edwin Alvarez, an incumbent, and John O'Conner, Supervisor Tony Hay who is seeking reelection, Michele Stancati for town clerk, and Paul Jonke for his county legislative seat.

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State Legislature Signs off on Child Victims Act

By David Propper

What oddly took years to pass was finally--and overwhelmingly approved last week when the New York State Legislature voted through the Child Victims Act.

The legislation, which had been on the table for years before a new Democratic majority in the state senate took charge this year, was passed unanimously by the senate and by a wide margin in the assembly as lawmakers from across the political spectrum lauded the new law. All state representatives that cover parts of Putnam County approved the measure.

The law will increase the statute of limitations for cases of child sexual abuse. Child victims can seek prosecution against their abuser until the age of 55 in civil cases, which is a sharp increase from the previous age limit of 23. As for criminal prosecution, the age limit would be until they turn 28. The bill also allows a one-year window where victims of any age limit or time limit can pursue a prosecution.

"The only sin, I believe, greater than abusing a child would be protecting those who abuse a child," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said during a forum in Albany last week.

GOP Sen. Sue Serino voted for the bill, stating for every victim that speaks out, it gets more abusers off the streets. But she would have liked to see the legislation



PROVIDED PHOTO
New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo at a forum last week concerning the Child Victims Act that was passed by the state Legislature overwhelmingly.

do more to hold perpetrators criminally responsible.

"I have met with countless survivors and it has become abundantly clear that there are far, far too many children being victimized and scared into silence," Serino said in a statement. "Enough is enough,

we need to do more to better protect New York's children."

GOP Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who voted for the act, said everyone deserves the opportunity to seek justice against his or her abuser.

"I've supported this legislation in

the past and believe the passage of this new law was a great example of how the legislature can work together across the aisle and be a voice for voiceless," Byrne said in a statement.

Prior to the vote, Sen. Peter Harckham said on the senate chamber floor the bill would go a long way in giving victims the justice they deserve. He said it would be an honor to vote for the bill and was gratified to see the bipartisan support for the measure.

"Everyone of us in this room knows somebody who was abused as a child," he said. "We may not know it, but everyone of us knows someone."

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Communities Continue to Plan for Loss of Indian Point Revenue

By Rick Pezzullo

Two years after local officials were blindsided by the announcement that the Indian Point nuclear power plants in the Village of Buchanan would be shutting down in 2021, communities continue to plan for ways to replace \$32 million in collective revenue that will be lost annually.

"It is looming. It is coming up very soon," Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi remarked at a Cortlandt Community Indian Point Task Force meeting last month at Cortlandt Town Hall. "We

have to be realistic. We will never be able to accrue that \$32 million. We are never going to cross that line to become a distressed community. That will never happen."

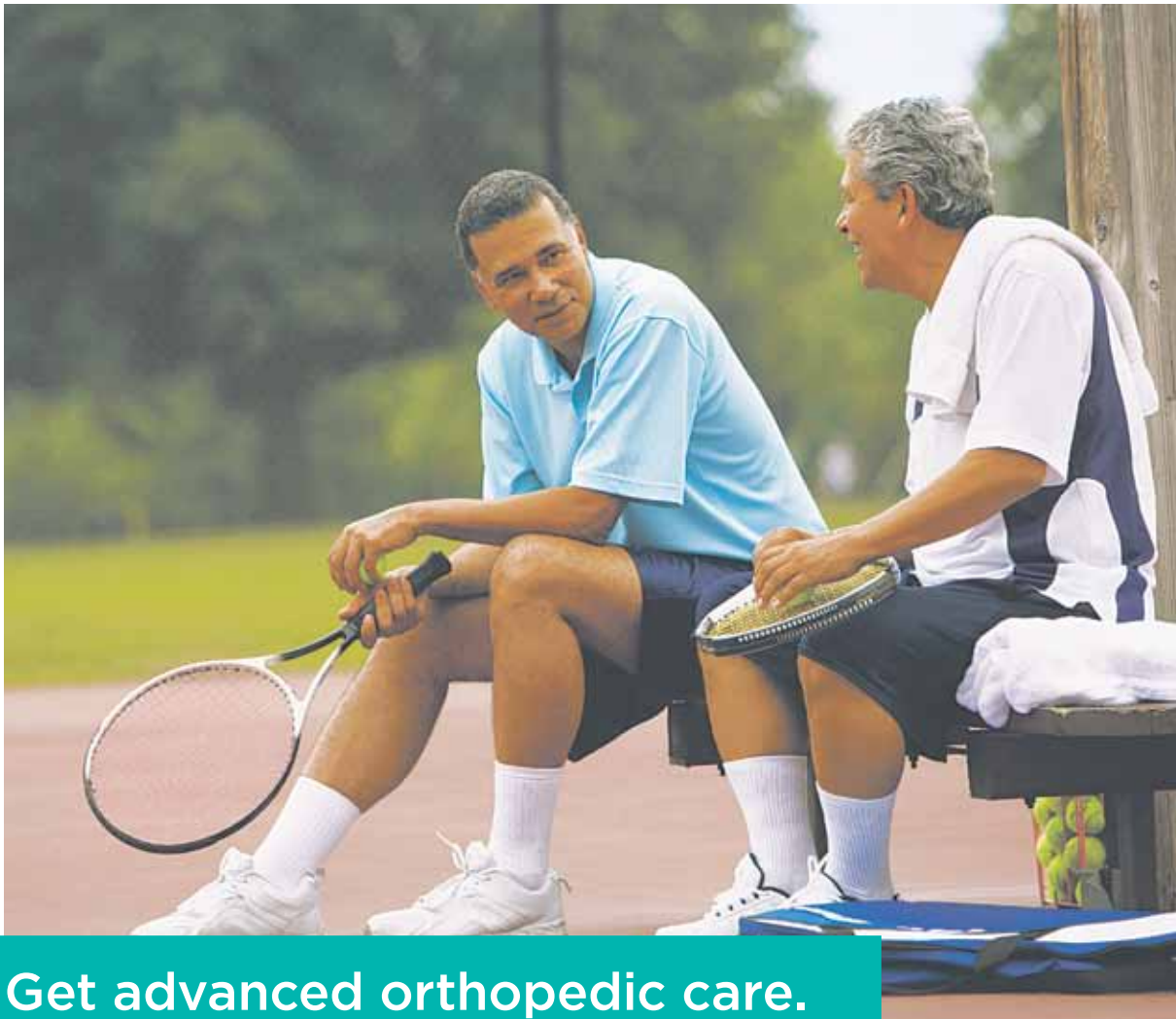
On January 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, owners of the plants, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Riverkeeper was revealed. Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in

the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy. Entergy officials have said that scenario is unlikely.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County. This represents approximately 25 percent of the electric power used in the region.

Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will

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be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. Cortlandt will lose \$800,000 annually, which represents two percent of its budget. In addition, the Verplanck Fire Department will lose 64% of its budget and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said village officials were exploring cost-saving measures within village government and mentioned a company had shown interest in moving to Buchanan.

However, she also expressed disappointment with the recent failure of a bill in Albany called "The Stranded Act" that would have provided compensation for communities forced to store spent fuel rods as Buchanan has at Indian Point.

Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter said Cuomo had included \$10 million in his 2019 Executive Budget for a state cessation fund that currently has approximately \$70 million. Those funds cannot be tapped in for several years after the plants shut down.

Freshman State Senator Peter Harckham (D) offered his assistance to the local municipalities and said he would investigate if the state played any role in taxing the spent fuel rods.

"This is certainly the largest single issue in my district," Harckham said. "It will get the lion's share of my time. I understand what a serious issue this is."

In the meantime, the Cortlandt Town Board, which has agreed to set aside \$100,000 annually in a special fund to prepare for the end of Entergy's financial contributions, is interviewing for an economic development coordinator whose job will be to attract corporate park, industry and commercial entities to the town.

Entergy officials said \$1.8 billion has been set aside for the decommissioning of Indian Point, a process the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has given a maximum of 60 years to complete, although it has been estimated it will only take about 15 years to finish.

**Business
of the Week**

Lynne's Sweet Treats and More

Mahopac

By David Propper

When Lynne Mongon's children were growing up, one activity they'd all do together is bake different treats and pastries in the kitchen. She would use it as her "stress reliever."

What started out as a hobby to alleviate stress eventually turned into a business that Mongon runs out of her home. Lynne's Sweet Treats and More has been serving the Mahopac and surrounding communities for the past six years with great success as Mongon offers a wide range of baked goods and desserts for every occasion.

She used to bring her baked goods to work and coworkers would ask her how they could buy her tasty products for whatever occasion they had coming up.

"So I decided to take it to the next level," Mongon said. "I tried to make other people happy with the stuff that I baked and it seemed to work because everybody likes my baked things."

Mongon bakes muffins, scones, cupcakes, specialty cakes, cookies and more. She can also offer vegan and gluten free products. She'll get a lot of requests for younger children's birthdays, wedding showers, baby showers and other family events.

"You name it, I can pretty much do it,"



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Just a few instances of the desserts that Lynne Mongon can whip up for customers interested in having a specialty cake for a birthday or event.

she said. "If I don't have an idea, you want to throw something at me, I can pretty much recreate what you're looking to do."

Growing up, Mongon honed her craft when she spent time baking with her mother and learning to use all different kinds of ingredients and experimenting with different flavors. Her mother would tell her the first time you bake something to follow the exact recipe and after that, it's OK to take more liberties.

"I just developed a passion for it,"

Mongon said.

Mongon said she's always willing to try out different methods and ingredients. When she's able to put something delicious together that no one would ever think to create, it's gratifying and fun.

For instance, Mongon will make a chocolate covered strawberry cupcake where she'll put the covered strawberry in the center of it or a pie cupcake with apple pie in the middle of it. Mongon will even do alcohol infused cupcakes like an Irish

car bomb which are particularly popular for young adults turning 21-years-old.

When Mongon is experimenting, her husband and sons are her taste testers, or as she calls them, "my quality control."

"I'm not afraid to put two different flavors together," she said. "If it works, it works; if it doesn't, it doesn't. You're not going to know unless you try."

Lynne's Sweet Treats and More can be reached at 845-222-3681 and <https://www.sweettreatsandmore.org>

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Hudson Valley Honor Flight Seeks Vets for 2 Spring Flights

Hudson Valley Honor Flight is seeking veterans for its spring flights taking place on Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, May 11.

The April flight will depart from New York Stewart International Airport in New Windsor and the May flight will depart from Westchester County Airport in White Plains. Flights will take veterans on an all-expense paid trip to visit our nation's war memorials. Veterans will travel by a police escorted bus convoy while in D.C. for the daylong trip and return to New York that evening.

All area World War II and Korean War veterans from the following counties who have not previously taken part in a Hudson Valley Honor Flight are eligible to participate: Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, Putnam, Pike (Pa.), Bergen (N.J.), and Fairfield

(Conn.). In addition, veterans who served in the time between World War II and the Korean War are eligible to participate. Applications can be found online at www.hvhonorflight.com.

"Flight season is upon us and we are anxious to fill our two spring flights to D.C.," said Chairman Frank Kimler. "We are currently making arrangements for Missions 22 and 23. We are seeking veterans to join us for these two unforgettable days of honor, thanks and maybe a few surprises. We know they're out there! We are so grateful to ShopRite for their continued generosity and support of all of our missions. It's such an honor for us and our volunteers to escort our heroes on this trip to our nation's capitol."

Hudson Valley Honor Flight (HVHF) is a local nonprofit based in Walden which

honors Hudson Valley area veterans for all their sacrifices by bringing them to Washington, D.C. to visit their respective war memorials at no cost to them. HVHF is also the local hub of the National Honor Flight Network, which has more than 100 independent non-profit "hubs" nationwide.

HVHF is currently seeking sponsorship for future missions, as there are many worthy and eligible veterans and HVHF wants to continue honoring them. To learn more, call 845-391-0076 or visit: <http://hvhonorflight.com>.

About Hudson Valley Honor Flight

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local hub of the National Honor Flight Network (which consists of more than 100 independent non-profit "hubs" across America). HVHF flies multiple times a year out of Stewart International Airport and Westchester County Airport. It serves veterans from the following counties: Orange (N.Y.), Ulster (N.Y.), Dutchess (N.Y.), Westchester (N.Y.), Rockland (N.Y.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Putnam (N.Y.), Pike (Pa.), Bergen (N.J.), and Fairfield (Conn.). Veterans from other surrounding counties are considered as well. Top priority is given to those of the Greatest Generation, that of World War II, and terminally ill veterans from other wars. HVHF plans to take ALL veterans from other wars on future flights. Applications are kept on file. For more information, visit <http://hvhonorflight.com>.

Town of Kent Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed! Would you like to share your talents and energy with a group of like-minded people and have fun too? Would you like to experience pride in your accomplishments and your hometown?

Several committees in Kent are recruiting volunteers: the Conservation Advisory group needs members to help with the Mt. Nimham Fire Tower, Hawk Rock, and other nature activities. The Kent Beautification Committee needs gardeners for maintaining plantings

and help with Kent Cleanup Day. The Kent Lakes Association is looking for volunteers to join the effort keep the town waters sparkling and clear. And the Kent Conservation Foundation, a new not-for-profit, needs board members to guide projects such as repainting the fire tower, sponsoring civic forums, creating walking guides.

If you want to get involved and make a difference in your own backyard, let's talk: 845-228-5638.

Southeast Democrats Interviewing Candidates

Interested in making a difference? The Southeast Democratic Committee is looking for experienced, hard working, community-minded people to run for town and county offices in November 2019.

There are six seats up for election this year: Southeast Supervisor, Town Clerk, two Town Council positions and Highway Superintendent. Each of these positions has a four-year term. In

addition, Putnam County Legislative District 6 seat, which encompasses nine election districts in Southeast, is up for election and has a three-year term.

Southeast Democrats are actively recruiting candidates to run for these seats. Interested Brewster/Southeast residents may contact Democratic Chairperson Cathy Croft at info@southeastdemocrats.org or 914-826-0180.

Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County offer Putnam County's 2019 Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale. This program has a long-standing tradition of promoting the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcovers. "I know it's the middle of winter," said Lauri Taylor, District Manager, "but why not get

excited about what you can plant when spring arrives!"

This year, with every order placed, we are offering a free Common Milkweed seed packet. Our plant selection and the Milkweed seed packet will help the Monarch Butterfly survive. The Monarch Butterfly is one of the most recognizable species in North America and it's in trouble. Their population has been

declining for the past decade. While you can't single-handedly bring the Monarch Butterfly back, you can make a difference by making your landscape Monarch Butterfly friendly.

When communities plant trees they can help reduce the impacts of climate change. One shade tree can reduce air conditioning bills by 10% and can intercept 760-4000 gallons of rainfall annually, depending on the species and size of the tree. Trees reduce the amount of storm-water runoff which reduces erosion and water pollution while reducing the effects of flooding. Trees also help reduce the need for new power plants.

With all of this in mind, "Putnam County is excited to offer a great selection of plantings in our 2019 Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale," said Lauri Taylor. All of the selections are offered at reasonable

prices to ensure every landowner can afford to support this worthwhile conservation program. We are once again offering fruit trees in addition to apple and cherry trees. However, there is a very limited supply so order soon.

Please visit: www.putnamcountyny.com/keepputnamgreen to see all that is available this year and consider making a contribution to a healthier planet by planting a tree. Orders for the Seedling Sale must be received by Wednesday March 27th and will be available for pick-up on Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th. Details found on website. For additional information please contact: Lauri Taylor, Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District

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2nd Grade Kindness Rocks Project Spreads Into the Brewster Community

This year, the goal for second graders at John F. Kennedy Elementary School is to take the kindness rocks project that started at JFK and spread it into the larger community.

"Mrs. Olsen's and Mrs. Gorey's classes made kindness rocks and we're looking for places to send them," explained Brady, a student in Lynn Olsen's class.

"We're trying to get as many kindness rocks into the community as possible," added his classmate, Sawyer. "We wrote letters to people who own places and we're asking if they want a bowl of kindness rocks."

One of the places students were eager to reach out to was Trader Joe's in Danbury, Connecticut. Jack and Hunter wrote a letter to Karl Lueder, the manager of the store, and followed up with a phone call.

"We were thrilled to be involved," Lueder told students during a visit to their classroom. He was accompanied by his daughter Megan, a 2014 Brewster graduate who put together a slideshow presentation for the class. "It takes a lot of courage, but that's what you have to do," he added, speaking directly to the two



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boys who reached out to him.

Students were bubbling with excitement about the visit and the fact that Lueder had their rocks displayed at his store. "We love them," Lueder said. "All the people at work love the rocks. You did a great job. We wanted to come over and

personally thank you and give you a little bit of insight into what Trader Joe's does and what we hope to do when you come shopping with us."

Lueder talked about the store, which many of the students were familiar with, explaining a little bit about how it works

and how it's laid out before talking about how Trader Joe's takes civic responsibility seriously — just like the students do. Right now, he explained, they're focusing on reducing their use of plastic.

The next thing students are working on is collaborating on a slideshow presentation about their project and presenting it to spread awareness about the work they have been doing. The kindness rocks project is just one example of how Brewster students are learning from the earliest grades to demonstrate civic responsibility in keeping with the district's strategic coherence plan.

Many of the district's Strategic Coherence Plan skills are in play with this project. The most obvious is civic responsibility. Students are working really hard to make the community a better place by spreading kindness near and far. But the other four skills are at play as well. Students are collaborating and using critical thinking to figure out the best places to reach out to, communicating with the businesses, adapting to any issues that come up, and persevering until their goals are accomplished.

Take a Hike on Field Farmstead Preserve

A woodland walk on the Field Farmstead Preserve to celebrate Valentine's Day will take place on Sunday, February 10 at 1 p.m. The Preserve is at 62 Fields Lane in Brewster and features a newly improved entrance and parking area.

The Field Farmstead Preserve was donated by Helen Field Gatling in 1971. This 21-acre parcel was once part of the farm belonging to her ancestor Samuel Field who was the first settler of record in the Town of Southeast.

Years of farming provide the opportunity to observe the process of natural succession from field to mature beech-maple woodland habitat. The wooded trail leads to great hog-back ridges. These outcroppings were formed millions of years ago by the earth's cooling crust being thrust upward. Erosion has collapsed the domes, forming a natural amphitheater.

Dominated by White and Black Oaks, the preserve

includes other mature hardwoods including Beech, Red Oak, Black Birch, and Sugar Maple. Witch Hazel shrubs are found here along with ground cover which includes Partridgeberry, Pipsissewa, Christmas Fern, and Club moss.

As Putnam County Land Trust celebrates its 50th year, events are planned throughout the year to mark this special occasion. This walk is the first. If there is snow, snow shoes or cross country skis are suggested.

No snow? No worries! Warm boots/shoes are suggested!

After the walk, we will retire to the warm and cozy Players Bar and Grill at the Ice Arena for refreshments planned especially for us (optional). For more information or to register for the walk (suggested), contact Polly Delafield at 845 661 4490



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Library Concert Series Begins with Music from the Andes

Mahopac Public Library's 12th Annual Bamm Concert series kicks off with a performance by Andinay, a group of musicians with roots in Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru. Their music fuses contemporary melodies with traditional Andean instruments and rhythms. Bamboo pan pipes, quena flutes, charango, ronroco, and guitar blend this music into a unique sonic experience. This family-friendly concert will take place at the Library on Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.; registration is recommended. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Andinay's music evokes the passion, beauty and the timeless wonder of the Andean region. While their music is completely original and fresh, Andinay radiates a strikingly familiar airiness and melancholy. Maybe it's because most of the instruments they play have been around for thousands of years. Or maybe it's their global message of unity and recurrent themes of freedom that resonate within ourselves. To learn more about this band, listen to the songs from their CD entitled *Soñemos otra vez* at <https://soundcloud.com/andinay/albums>.

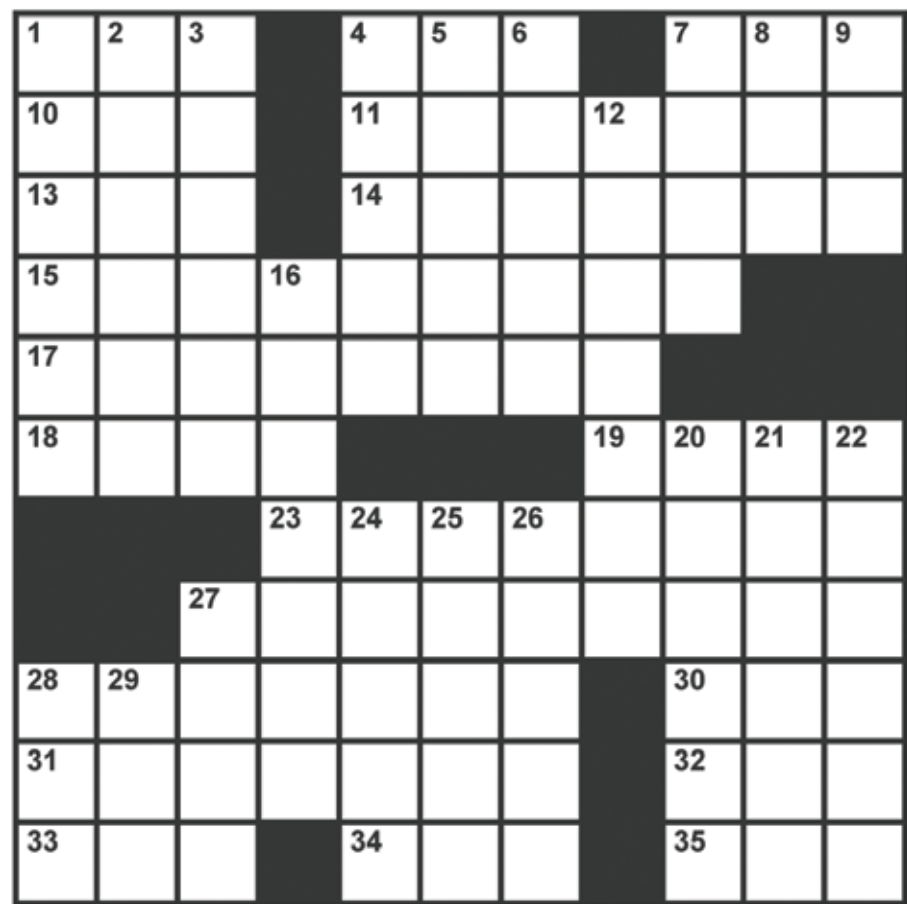
Andinay's concert, performed in Spanish and English, is part of the 2019 Bamm Concert Series which is funded by Tompkins Mahopac Bank, PCSB Bank, and the Sylvia B. Henschel Fund, a bequest to Mahopac Public Library. Public and local business support enables the Library to present the Bamm concerts with no admission charge. Instead, concert attendees are invited to participate in the Bamm Lends a Hand Project by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to a local food pantry to help our community members in need.

For more information about the 2019 Bamm concert series, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 17

- Across
1. ____ George

4. Victoria's Secret purchase

7. "ER" extras

10. Get the job done

11. Physical problem

13. A Cadillac model

14. Served, as soup

15. Cortlandt Manor furniture, lighting and decorating store

17. Job opportunities

18. Contact someone electronically

19. " ____ cost you!"

23. War of 1812 locale

27. Group of densely growing conifer trees or Mahopac Country Day School

28. Another name for starfish

30. Mal de ____

31. Artsy one

32. ____payment penalty

33. Dusty grey

34. Mach 1 breaker, abbr.

35. Charlie Chaplin's brother
2. Many-armed organisms

3. Toadies

4. Choristers

5. Mature

6. Lengthwise

7. Russo of "Get Shorty"

8. Compass point

9. Regular, abbr.

12. More outdated

16. College major

20. Walks noisily

21. Uniform

22. Looked with desire

24. Pays to play

25. "Endymion" author

26. Florida marsh bird

27. Way to go


28. Caribbean, e.g.

29. Curve-shaped letter

Down

1. Chess piece





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Obituaries

Editor's note: Due to a production error, two obituaries were mixed together and as a result the first two obituaries are being reprinted this week. The Putnam Examiner regrets the error.

Lorraine F. Langley

Lorraine F. Langley, a longtime resident of Carmel, died on Friday, January 18. She was born in the Bronx on September 22, 1936, the daughter of William B. and Anna N. (Marshall) Sorg. Lorraine was a retired Customer Service Representative with Guidepost in Carmel. She loved animals and throughout her life, supported many animal rescue causes. She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Langley Sr., whom she married in 1957; her son, Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley Jr. and his wife, Lydia, her grandchildren Christopher and Robert III and her brothers, William and Ronald Sorg.

Gloria Esposito

Gloria Esposito of Port St. Lucie, FL and formerly of Carmel, died on Saturday, January 19, at the age of 92. She was born in Manhattan on October 8, 1926, the daughter of Nick and Deolinda (Traffi) Domacety. Gloria was a retired seamstress who had worked for various firms in the Bronx. While living in Carmel, she was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where she sung in the choir. She is survived by her daughter, Linda and her husband Gary Flanz of Port St. Lucie, her foster son Norris of the Bronx, her grandchildren, Peter, Nicole, Danny and Rhianna, her son-in-law, David Rappaport, her niece, Roseann Harris and nephews, John Lizardi and George Domacety. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony, her son, Anthony Jr. and her daughter, Phyllis Rappaport. Cryptside Services will be held on Tuesday, January 29 at 11 a.m. at the Shrine of Memories Building of Ferncliff Cemetery, 280 Secor Rd., Hartsdale, NY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Gloria may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Angela Gartlan

Angela "Pansy" Gartlan (nee McGovern) of Hyde Park, died peacefully with her family by her side on January 25. She was 77-years-old. She was born in Dunboyne, County Meath, Ireland on February 18, 1941, the daughter of John and Angela (nee Byrne) McGovern. She

emigrated to the United States when she was 17 years old. She began her life in America in New York City until she moved to the Hudson Valley, with 25 very happy years spent in Pine Plains. Throughout her life, Angela was a consistently loving, fearless, and devoted mother and grandmother. She had a passion for the outdoors, spending hours planting, gardening, bird watching, caring for family pets, and saving wildlife. She was a true plant enthusiast and artist who could rival any florist. Most importantly, she was the family problem-solver. As the second oldest of nine children, Angela kept in close contact with her many siblings, nieces, and nephews overseas, whom continue to carry out her memory in their hometown. They include her sisters Patricia McGovern, Kitty and Eddie Behan and family, Olive and Martin Heffernan and family, Carmel and Martin Daly and family, Anne and Martin Connolly and family, her brother Sean and Terri McGovern and family, and many other devoted relatives. She held her family to the highest regard, always maintaining strong family ties regardless of the miles between them. Angela is survived by her son Sean Gartlan and his wife Christine, her daughter Laura Kepler and her husband Ken, her daughter Deborah Kivel and her husband Michael, and her loving grandchildren: Cara Kepler and her husband Alan Veach, Samantha and Dylan Kivel, Mallaidh Gartlan, Tara Vicaro and family, and John Marchioni and family. She is predeceased by her cherished parents, oldest sister Laura McGovern, and youngest brother Stephen McGovern. Ms. Gartlan will be transferred back to her beloved Ireland for funeral services and interment. Memorial services in the United States will be scheduled at a later date. She will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Mary Jane Fowler

Mary Jane Fowler of Brewster, died Saturday January 26, at Westchester Medical Center with her family at her side at the age of 95. She was born October 25, 1923 in South Bend, IN, daughter of the late Walter and Blanch (Napieralski) Wegenka. Mary Jane graduated from St. Stanislaus High School in South Bend in 1942. She served with the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946. After her discharge from the Marines she married Irving E. Fowler of Carmel, NY at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in New York City. In 1964 they moved to Brewster. Mary Jane worked as a teacher's

aide for WARC in Katonah for 22 years before she retired. She was a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster, a volunteer for Putnam Hospital Center for 30 years, spending most of her time at the Eagle Eye Thrift Shop in Brewster. She volunteered at the office of the aging and was a life member of the Putnam Marine Corp. League. Her husband Irving predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her son Kenneth Fowler and his wife Amy of Brewster, NY, daughters, Barbara Hoeper and her husband Paul of Arlington, VA and Patricia Fowler of Summit, NY and two grandchildren, Jeffrey Lawrence and Patrick Hoeper. Mary Jane was predeceased by her siblings Rita Csenar, Pat Laskowski, Chester Wegenka, Bob Wegenka, Daniel Wegenka, Walter Wegenka and Frank Wegenka.

Michael P. Donovan Jr.

Michael P. Donovan Jr. of Cobleskill, formerly of Somers died unexpectedly on Saturday January 26, at the age of 23. He was born in Carmel, on May 31, 1995, the son of Michael Sr. and Sherri See Donovan. Michael was a 2013 graduate of Somers High School. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at SUNY Cobleskill. Michael loved the outdoors, camping, riding his quad and spending time with his family on the weekends. He loved playing video games, building computers and helping others. He was employed at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown as an IT specialist. He is survived by his loving parents, Michael and Sherri of Somers, his beloved sister, Kathleen of Somers, his maternal grandparents, David and Joan See of Ossining, his paternal grandparents, Donald and Jill Donovan of Rye, his uncle and aunt, David and Michelle See and their children, Olivia and Aidan, his aunt and uncle, Dawn and Rich Gargan and their daughter, Shannon, many aunts, uncles and cousins and his longtime girlfriend, Cassie Adams.

Ursula D Hair

Ursula D Hair died peacefully on January 27, 2019. She was born March 22, 1922 in Germany, came to the United States when she was 5 and has been a resident of the Town of Kent for 63 years. She was a member of Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel, NY and Tompkins Corner Methodist Church in Putnam Valley. She was instrumental in having her beloved church in Tompkins Corner being declared a historical landmark. Ursula is predeceased by her husband, Douglas Hair, her parents, Karl

and Charlotte Schoettker, and her siblings, Ingeborg Hair and Gunther Schoettker. She is survived by her 5 children, Barbara Hair of Holmes, Douglas Hair of Carmel, NY, Jeffrey Hair (Patrice Spallone) of Amherst, Carolyn Hair (Bil Tulipane) of Carmel, NY and Sandra Hair (William Burkhardt) Delanson as well as 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was loved by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and all those who knew her simply as Gramma Hair. Ursula was very involved in her community in the PTA and as one of the founders of the first Kent Public Library. A Memorial Service will be held in the spring at Drew United Methodist Church, Carmel through Joseph J Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to causes near and dear to Ursula's heart. Manasota Buds (Bringing Up Downs Syndrome) 8374 Market St., Box 113, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202; BDSRA (Batten Disease Support and Research Association) 2780 Airport Drive, Suite 342, Columbus, OH 43219 or Putnam County Humane Society, P.O. Box 297, Carmel, NY 10512. Ursula will be missed by many.

Dorothy Ann Sonnberger

It is with heavy hearts the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Ann Sonnberger, age 73, of Carmel announces her passing on January 27. Dorothy was born on March 12, 1945, to the late Rose (King) and Robert Meyer. She would go on to marry the love of her life; Albert and together they would be blessed with their greatest joy, a daughter Kimberly. Dorothy or "Dottie" to those who knew and loved her was a bright, beautiful and loving spirit. She always gave more to people than she ever took. Her kindness radiated both at work as Nurse in private home care and in her own home, as a wife and mother. Both Albert and Dottie loved being a part of their local Carmel Volunteer Fire Department, Dottie with the Ladies Auxiliary, was a longtime member. She also brought her nursing skills to the Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps where she volunteered for over twenty years. There was not a single day of her life that passed, that she not give back in some way. She loved in her spare time, to knit or crochet; she was a master of so many things and a woman of so many talents. Above all family and friends will miss her warm smile, her giving nature and the love she gave to everyone around her. Mrs. Sonnberger is survived by her loving husband of over 48 years Albert. She is also survived by her greatest blessing her daughter Kimberly. As well as being survived by her extended family at the Carmel Fire Department, the ladies auxiliary and members of her treasured Knights of Columbus. She will be greatly missed by all.



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A Winter Garden: Mind, Body and a Pile of Wood Chips

Before I moved to a maintenance-free condominium complex, my favorite duty as a homeowner was my garden work. Now, the staff plants and prunes my building's surrounding flora impeccably. Sometimes I have to restrain myself from asking the outside staff to let me help out.

When I did my own gardening, my wife loved to tell friends that all I needed to be happy was a big pile of wood chips. It's true. And what really made me happy, besides all the benefits wood chips bring to the garden, was the built-in physical fitness program it guaranteed by doing something practical, as opposed to 30 minutes of monotony on the NordicTrack.

As I tackled a truckload of wood chips, I was benefitting from both aerobic and anaerobic exercise. While the activity was not calculated on my diet and exercise iPhone app, I figured that it was at least as demanding as carrying wood or shoveling snow, which would burn about 350 calories for 30 minutes of activity. But I frequently lasted for a full hour of steady work, until I was sweating

and feeling the burn.

And it was a total body workout. There was stretching when spearing my pitchfork into the pile, bending my knees to take the pressure of the weight off my back, lifting with my arms to transfer the chips to my wheelbarrow, heavy duty weight pushing when I wended my way to the spot where the chips were to be deposited and more stretching and pulling as I adjusted the surface of the chips with a rake at their final destination.

What's great about this exercise plan was that there were no club fees involved. The chips are free, either from your municipality's environmental or recycling department or from a tree service provider with whom you're friendly.

Chips should be dumped where the pile won't be an eyesore to your neighbors. For many years I had dropped them between the far side of my garage and a tall stockade fence at my property line, but I always tried to spread them as quickly as I could to make sure it's not a blight on the property.

Once delivered, some people get

alarmed when the chip pile starts to smoke a bit from the heat generated by decomposition, but it will never get hot enough for combustion. Another fear is that a layer of chips depletes the soil below of nitrogen, but that applies only to the uppermost layer, which actually helps retard weed growth. It's not enough to harm the plantings it surrounds.

Through the years, I found a number of uses for chips, but primarily they are for creating an insulating layer of natural material three to six inches deep around ornamental trees and, with less thickness, over my perennials and where I did my summer annual plantings. I should note that one year I was too generous with the chips and my perennials, the Black-eyed Susan, couldn't make it through the thick layer to bloom for a full summer. However, they came back the next summer when I reduced the thickness of chips.

Hostas and daylilies can leave rather ugly remains when they die down. I cut those to the ground, covered the clipped leaves and stems with chips and smoothed out the surface with a metal rake, which I always used rather than plastic because of its greater flexibility.

Besides the joy that a good pile of wood chips can provide for mind and body, there are so many aesthetic and practical

benefits to using them for mulch. They include:

- Less labor in terms of weeding and time spent watering;
- Reduced need for chemical weed killers or herbicides;
- Stimulated growth in that mulched trees grow faster;
- Reduced soil compaction;
- Nourishment of soil by adding nutrients through decomposition; and
- Increased earthworm population, which allows for better aeration.

Simply in terms of aesthetics, the annual use of chips helped me to sculpt my planting groupings at a high elevation, and the color of the chips blended more naturally into the informal garden.

My mind and body would always feel in full harmony with my garden's good looks by the time frost set in. Then, I returned to my NordicTrack until spring beckoned me to my planting schedule, my real outside workout. I miss it.

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By Bill Primavera

A Panoply of Wine Consumer Preferences and Profiles



By Nick Antonaccio

As I pen this column each week, I frequently come across surveys that attempt to capture a plethora of wine-related data and statistics. Given my career background in finance, I tend to pause, review, assess and draw an inference (rarely a conclusion) on the underlying trends and influences in this wine-centric research.

When I accumulate this data, themes for wine columns bubble into my consciousness. Recent columns that have germinated from this scouring of the internet have focused on millennials' drinking preferences, the standard deviation of the effectiveness of various corks as bottle closure and comparative grape harvest statistics.

As you may imagine, there are countless surveys and studies for which there is either a lack of space in this column or are so focused that they do not merit significant coverage. This week I've decided to regale you with several statistics on the drinking and buying habits of American wine consumers. In no particular

order and without any overwhelming central theme, I present a subjective snapshot of the state of the American wine market.

An excellent source of wine consumer data comes from Dr. Liz Thach, Master of Wine, and Dr. Angelo Camillo, of the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University. Each year they poll a hand-selected group to assess the mood and habits of American wine consumers. Herein, a selection of data culled from their most recent report, some verbatim:

1. What is the level of oenological knowledge of Americans? Fifty percent of the survey group profess intermediate knowledge, 15 percent as advanced and 3 percent as connoisseurs. The other 32 percent? They confess to knowing very little about wine. The United States is the largest consumer of wine in the world, yet nearly a third of the wine consumers in the study don't have a basic knowledge of wine. But maybe these are the abstainers among us.

2. So, how much do Americans consume? The FDA has set a safe guideline at two glasses each day for men, one for women. Fifty percent in the survey drink

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several days a week, 17 percent once a week and the remaining 33 percent less. Perhaps there is no statistical correlation between frequency and consumption. (The FDA specifies daily intake, not cumulative. Abstaining for several days and then binge drinking is not within the guidelines.)

3. Do consumers favor sweet or dry wines? I was surprised by the responses. The survey questions were presented as a check-all-that-apply mishmash from which it is difficult to draw any objective conclusions. The responses: Those who prefer dry wines, 36 percent; sweet, 38 percent; and semi-sweet, 45 percent. Those red blends that are popular in wine shops are satiating America's sweet tooth.

4. When asked the factors considered when deciding which wine to purchase (check all that apply), here are the top five responses from survey participants. How do your decisions compare? Price: 80 percent; brand: 69 percent; varietal: 33 percent; country of origin: 33 percent; and rating score: 23 percent.

5. How much is spent on a bottle of wine? For home consumption, the sweet spot is \$11 to \$15, but for a special occasion it's \$50 to \$99. At a restaurant, the average is \$31 to \$45, although 31 percent order wine by the glass. Where do

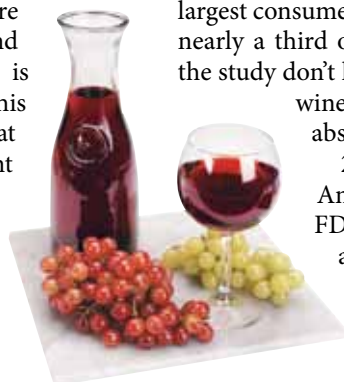
you fall on this spectrum?

6. When do consumers typically consume a bottle of wine after purchase? Within 24 hours: 20 percent; within two to three days: 31 percent; and within one to two weeks: 39 percent. Another surprise for me. I assumed most consumers purchased wine for immediate consumption. Not so.

7. So what wines are Americans drinking these days? The 10 most popular wine varietals sold in wine shops last year (in order, by sales volume) were Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris, Red Blends, Merlot, Moscato, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel and Rosé Blends. Quite diverse, I must say, with a few eye-openers for me. How do your preferences compare?

In our 21st century web-centric world, data gathering and usage influence our decision-making and opinion-setting. Why should our wine-centric choices and preferences be different?

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NOTICE 2/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday February 11, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting **Start Time: 6:00pm** **AGENDA SKETCH 1.Homeland Towers, LLC-** 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 72.16-1-23/File: 2018-0186) The

subject property consists of + 12.1 acres of land and is located on 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road and within the CN Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to lease an area of the parcel in order to construct a 160 foot monopole with antennas, together with related equipment within a fenced compound. **2. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.-1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of + 73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2019**

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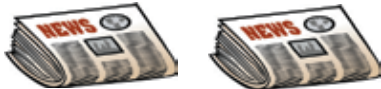
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Interested applicants can also contact immediately their local Rotary Club representative or

District Chairperson: William J. Bassett, Email: wbassett@hvc.rr.com, Number: 845-361-4732, 845- 800- 3532 cell

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Happenings

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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 for Seniors: Registration is the FIRST Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Registration is held at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac. In all, we offer 13 different computer classes. A free drop in session is offered every Friday afternoon from 12:30 – 2:30PM for help with phones and tablets. 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, - March 8. 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 Mondays:

Chair Yoga: Reed Library: Until Feb. 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Ongoing Thursdays:

Watercolor Goache: Reed Library. Until Feb 14th at 10 a.m: Goache is a painting technique in which an opaque white pigment is added to watercolors to produce opacity. Registration required.

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.

Ongoing Saturdays:

Story Time: First Saturday of the month 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Birth to 5 years old. We will read stories, sing songs, play with shaker eggs, and more! *Caregivers must remain in program. Older siblings are welcome. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tickets on Sale Now: Murder Mystery Dinner. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, March 9th 2019 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

Tuesday, February 5

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m. to discuss the book "The Accidental Tourist" by Anne Tyler. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, February 6

Design a Smartphone Stand for 3D Printing: 3:30 p.m. Use TinkerCad to create a personalized smartphone stand that will be printed right here in the library. For grades 6 and up; registration

is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100

Reed Memorial Library Board Meeting: 5 p.m. Public invited.

Thursday, February 7

Teen Balloon Club: 3:30 p.m. Learn how to make balloon animals, then go out into the community to make balloon animals at special local events. This is an opportunity to earn community service credit; pick up a Teen Volunteer application at the Library or download one from the Library website. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 136.

Monthly Community ADHD Support Group Meets in Brewster:

Connecting with others who understand and have experienced the same challenges can help. The support group meetings include a 30-minute social time with refreshments followed by an hour-long presentation by a speaker or panel of ADHD experts. The meeting will conclude with a 30 minute of question and answer period. Meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. -8 p.m. monthly at the Studio Around the Corner located at 67 Main Street, Suite 101 in Brewster. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked to cover costs. For further information email at adhdmomcoach@gmail.com, call 914-282-1884, or visit Positive ADHD Parenting on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/positiveadhdparenting.

Friday, February 8

The Reel Life Film Club: For tweens. 6 p.m. the Desmond-Fish Public Library will be screening the film, Chasing Coral, a documentary about how coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and then revealed the underwater

mystery to the world. This event is free and all middle school age kids are invited to the screening. Pizza will be served at the event and registration is encouraged to ensure there is enough pizza for everyone. To register to attend the February 8th screening of Chasing Coral email staff@desmondfishlibrary.org or call the Desmond-Fish Public library at 845-424-3020.

Saturday, February 9

"Rapunzel": Presented at Yorktown Stage. Performances at 11 a.m., & 2 p.m. Yorktown Stage is located in the Yorktown Community Cultural Center, at 1974 Commerce Street (off Veterans Road) in Yorktown Heights, NY. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$14 for seniors and \$12 for children. All tickets are reserved. Tickets may be purchased online (www.yorktownstage.org) or by calling 962-0606.

Sunday, February 10th

Heart Failure: Medications and Challenges of Multiple Medications: Mended Hearts Putnam County Chapter No. 361 cardiac support group program at 1 p.m. at VNS of Westchester & Putnam, 979 Route 22, Brewster. Guest speaker: Catherine A. Galvin, R.N., A.N.P.-BC., B.S.N., M.S.N., M.P.A., CHF.N. This presentation will provide an in-depth discussion of the medications used to treat heart failure. No registration required.

BAMM presents ANDINAY, music of the Andes: 2 p.m. Andinay features five musicians who fuse contemporary melodies with traditional Andean instruments and rhythms. Bamboo pan pipes, quena flutes, charango, ronroco, and guitar blend this music into a unique sonic experience. Registration for this concert is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Boscobel Viewing Site for Teatown EagleFest

Boscobel is honored to be, once again this year, a viewing site for Teatown Hudson River EagleFest.

Each winter, between December and March, bald eagles from Canada, northern New York, and New England fly south to the Hudson Valley. Biologists estimate that approximately 150 bald eagles overwinter in the lower Hudson Valley, which affirms the continued health of this habitat. (In 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species.)

During EagleFest, naturalists from Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary and the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will be on site at Boscobel with binoculars and scopes to help visitors spot bald eagles as they feed on fish and waterfowl in the Hudson River's unfrozen waters.

Teatown Hudson River EagleFest is headquartered at Croton Point Park in Westchester County. Tickets to EagleFest in Croton are available at Teatown.org. There is no charge to visit EagleFest at Boscobel, and registration is not necessary.

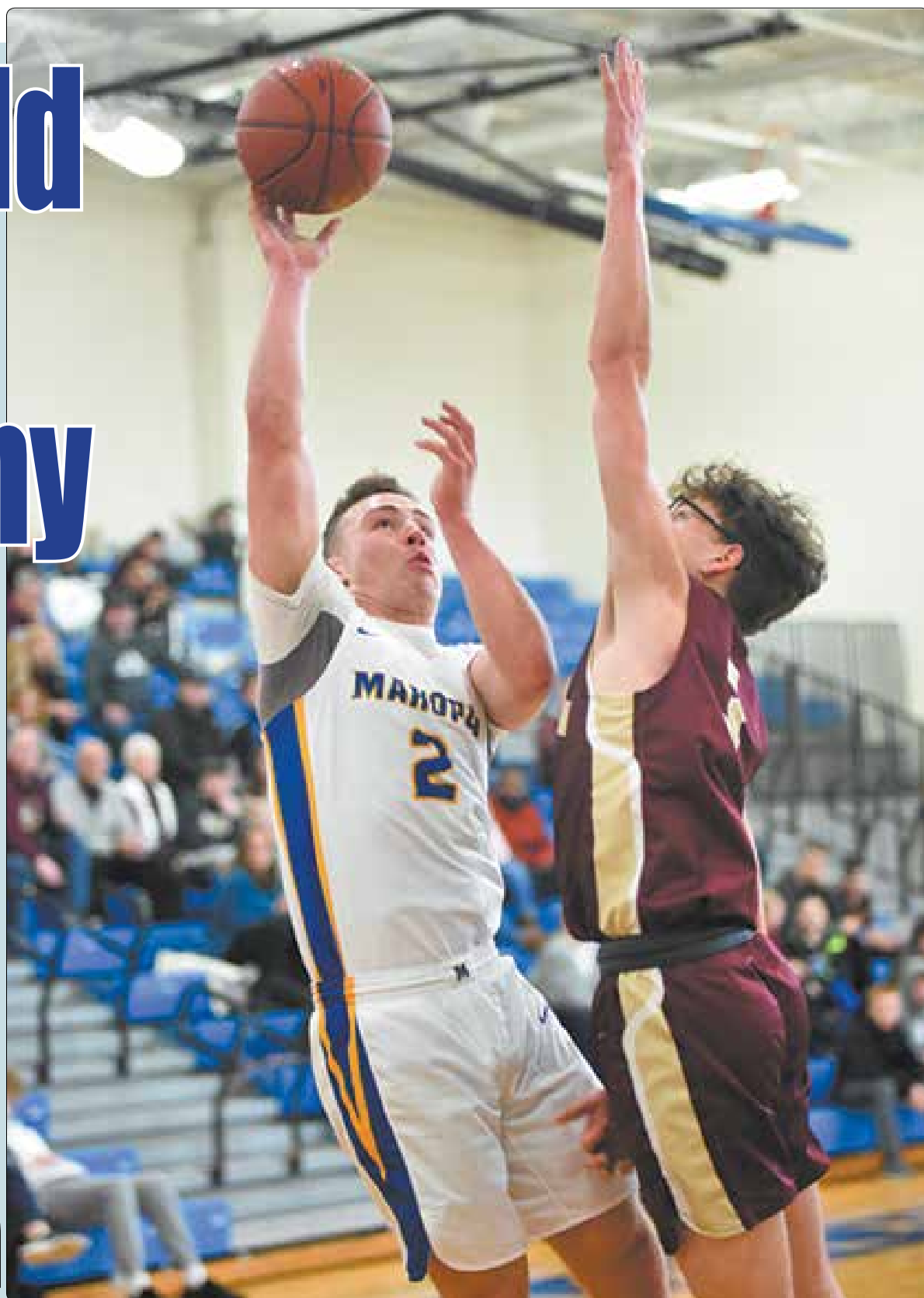
Details: Saturday, February 9 (Snowdate Sunday, February 10), 9 a.m.-4: p.m. Free, no registration required. Visitors may walk directly from Boscobel's parking lot to the Belvedere, which is the scenic overlook.



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Fairly Odd Ending for Timmy & Co. Mahopac Blows Late Lead in 60-53 Loss to Arlington



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac senior G Tim Cegielski -- a three-sport dynamo -- takes a run at Arlington's Avery Wirsch for two of his 11 points in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday afternoon when Mahopac blew a 10-point fourth-quarter lead and sole possession of first place in the league by allowing the Admirals to close the game on a fate-sealing 22-5 run... see Boys' Hoops Notebook

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Wild Week Culminates in Panas Upset of Lakeland

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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What a wild week on the local hardwood. You got a 5-10 Walter Panas outfit shocking an 8-7 Lakeland team, 73-64, last Saturday night with a parent ultimately eluding security and storming the court in protest for the first time in the history of the prestigious 29th annual Giglio Games #OhMy. You've got fourth-quarter collapses with Somers losing, 61-53, to John Jay CR; Mahopac going into a #PreventOffense in the fourth quarter of a 60-53 loss to Arlington, and we got Peekskill tossing monkey wrenches at everyone in the section after a shocking 68-56 triumph of previously undefeated Class AA Suffern.

So here's what we learned. In this neck of the woods, anyone can pretty much beat anyone... but we're still a notch below the big dogs in Class AA and A.

That said, Class B is there for the taking, and state-ranked (No.8) Putnam Valley is a prime contender, yet again, for the first gold ball in school history. And if I'm Putnam Valley Athletic Director Brian Burrow and PV Coach Mike McDonnell, I'm not going anywhere near the County Center if I'm the No.1 seed and can determine where the sectional semis are played. Right or wrong: The section has left it in the hands of the higher seed to determine whether or not the sectional



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS
Lakeland junior F Joe Vetrano is doubled by Panas' Jason O'Keefe and Steve Stafura (24) in Hornets' 73-64 loss to Panthers in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Panas F Jason O'Keefe was tough for Lakeland to contain in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Mahopac senior G Drew Riolo splits three defenders in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

'Deal' Allen notch another double-double (17 points, 10 boards) while guards Drew Riolo and Mike Argila added 11 points apiece in a 51-40 win over RCK. #1stRoundEliminationIsUnacceptable

No.4 PEEKSKILL – Coach Turner's Red Devils (6-9, 2-3) have been creeping up on folks like a pack of stalkers and when



Panas' Robert Ennis and Lakeland's JP Walsh collide in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

semifinals will be played at the Westchester County Center or at the home gymnasium of the higher seed.

PV's history at the County Center is quite distinguished, having been there five of the last six years without a single title to show, so another County Center setback will only add to the depression of long-suffering Tiger fans, so if it's up to me I'm playing the semis on my home court, hoping for the best against whatever semifinal opponent I get and reaching for gold at Pace University a few days later. Here's a hashtag view of our meaningless poll...

NWE/Putnam SUPER 7 HOOPS Poll

No.1 PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach McDonnell's Class B state-ranked (No.8) Tigers (14-2) have now won 11 in a row, including a 55-44 win over Class AA Ossining, in which Ivan Caposito (12 points) lit things up from behind the arc (hitting 4-of-5). Tigers will host Class A Magnus and Class AA Carmel this week

in the hopes of locking down the No.1 playoff seed. Strong chance they do so with an 18-2 record, 17-3 at worst, going in. #GoldBallorBust

No.2 SOMERS – Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (13-3, 6-2) are essentially playing for 2nd place in League II-C after their loss to John Jay CR, which, though somewhat surprising, wasn't totally unexpected. At this point, anything less than an opening-round playoff win and a valiant Final 4 effort would be completely dissatisfying. #Final4orBust.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Coach Simone's Class AA Indians (10-7, 5-1) came unglued in the 4th quarter of their loss to Arlington, allowing for a decisive 22-5 Admirals' run in a puzzling 4th quarter.

This is what we'll say, having witnessed it first hand: 1. Mahopac played not to lose, which is never a way to win; 2. Work on press break or pack it in; 3. Refs are tough on Mahopac C Rheal Allen, who went for 13 points and 11 boards in loss to Admirals. Indians also saw Reahl



Mahopac senior G Mike Argila gets hammered by pair of Admirals in the Indians' 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

Shion Darby dropped 25 and Antonio Taylor went for 22 in their stunning 68-56 upset of previously undefeated Suffern, dudes were ducking wrenches on account of their new-found fear of Peekskill. That might be the Red Devs' biggest win

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Lakeland wing Jack Kruse fires jumper in Hornets' 73-64 loss to visiting Panas in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

in the last five years, but remember one thing: Beating Suffern is nothing – flat-out nothing – in the scheme of Peekskill



Walter Panas G Derek Pisani takes a run at Lakeland's Augie Karaqi in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.



Mahopac senior F Rheel Allen went for 11 points and 13 rebounds in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

hoops. Go win a playoff game or two and restore some order, Shion! #YourLegacy #PleaseDon'tLetThisBeAMirage

No.5 PANAS – Moving past “the incident” that blighted the Giglio Games, Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (5-10, 4-5) – with their biggest win of the year -- have now put themselves in a position to do exactly what the coach had hoped after Lorenzo Santucci (21 points), Steven Stafura (19 points) and Jason Keefe (12) did significant damage in the Panthers' 73-64 upset of rival Lakeland. #FindaWaytoGetToQuarterfinals

No.6 LAKELAND – Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (8-7, 3-5) discovered they have a tough time covering ‘bigs’, which will be a major issue going forward, after their 73-64 loss to rival Panas in the 29th annual Giglio Games. My man Jack Kruse was firing on all cylinders with 23 points and Joe Vetrano dropped another 16, but this was a bad loss for a team that thinks it can pronounce itself in the post season. #QuarterfinalsOrBust.

No.7 YORKTOWN – Coach Pavella's Huskers (6-10, 2-7) posted wins over Clarkstown North and Brewster that cannot go ignored. As a result, Huskers copped the championship trophy of Yorktown's George Budries tournament when senior F Joe Sgobbo went



Mahopac senior F Simon Shkoza gains lane in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.



Walter Panas' Lucas Feliciano gets an easy layup in Panthers' 73-64 win over host Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games Challenge.

off for 19 points and was named MVP. Huskers Tommy Weaver (10 points) and surging Ben Schumer (13 points) were named to the All-Tournament team. #WinOutbracketGame #GetToFieldof16

HM HEN HUD – Coach Hirsch's Sailors (3-13) gave Somers fits before falling 46-40 with Nick Carusa and Nick Hilstley each going for 10 points and 13

rebounds for the Sailors. Caruso also had seven blocks. #QualifyForPlayoffs

HM CROTON – Coach Martucci's Class B Tigers (11-5, 3-2) have two huge tests forthcoming against Briarcliff and Valhalla, so we'll know if they are real contenders or real pretenders in the days ahead as the current No.9 seed #MustWinOpeningRoundorBust



Mahopac senior F Zach Puckhaber goes hard to hole in the Indians' stunning 60-53 League I-A loss to the visiting Admirals last Saturday.

HM HALDANE – Coach V's Class C Blue Devils (13-5) have left me in a state of disbelief. They go out and beat North Salem, 50-39, when Kyle Sussmeier dazzles with 17 points and F Matt Champlin added 13, and then, really, they go out and lose to Pawling, 43-41! How are we supposed to take y'all serious after that? #RegroupDudes #ClassCFinalsAwait

HM OSSINING – Coach Casey's Pride (4-14) gets a shoutout after they defeated Croton-Harmon, 59-49 behind big man Maurice Walker's 25 points and 10 rebounds. Pride G Jaeden Carr (13 points, 7 assists) was dishing and swishing while Nico Levin (14 points) went off in the second half (11) #QualifyForPlayoffs

HM CARMEL – Coach Brennan's Class AA Rams (5-9, 0-5) saw swingman Peyton Cayea go for a career-high 28 points while Shane McNerney added 12 in a 68-61 loss to John Jay-East Fishkill. Having allowed for John Jay EF's only two wins this year, the Rams (1-5 in the last 6) are making this pre-season prognosticator -- who touted Carmel as a club to watch -- look the fool since knocking off Somers in early Jan. #WinALeagueGame #GetToFieldof16

Panas, Ossining Cruising as We Head Down Stretch

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

Even though PANAS is at a height disadvantage against some teams, the Panthers are ferocious when it comes to rebounding. This was instrumental, along with the team's offensive execution, as the Panthers overcame the YORKTOWN's height for a 62-58 victory. Panas followed that up with a 52-40 victory over arch-rival Lakeland in the Giglio Games.

"We are a pretty small team and Yorktown isn't the first team we have played that is bigger than us," Panas senior Julia Araujo said. "We did what we always do and made sure we boxed out hard and pursued the ball even harder."

The Panthers (14-2) are having one of the finest seasons in recent memory, currently locked in to the No.2 seed in Class A.

"This has been a true team effort," said Panas Coach Matt Evangelista. "Even though we were undersized, we were able to execute offensively."

Kristen Cinquina paced Panas with 23 points against Yorktown, including four triples. Cailean Nolan had four 3-pointers among her 16 points and Araujo added 14 points.

"Offensively, we are a great shooting team so it's very important that we drive into the paint to draw the defenders so that we can kick it out to our shooters," Araujo said. "We knocked down our shots and toward the end made our free throws when it counted."

The victory over Lakeland (8-7) made

Everyone on our team from our starters to our subs made a contribution to our win."

Panther G/F Kristen Scrobola led a balanced Panas offense with 12 points. Cinquina and Nolan had 11 points apiece and Araujo finished with seven. She was also assigned to match up against Lakeland's offensive force, Alexa Cole, who finished with 16 points.

Araujo said she has played with Cole for 'essentially our entire lives.' She felt this helped her in her approach.

"While guarding Alexa my main goal was to keep her from getting the ball," Araujo said. "Alexa is a great player. When she did get the ball, I tried to make it as hard as I could for her to go to the left and keep her away from the baseline. I was locked in while playing defense. I was focused only on Alexa and where she was going."

MAHOPAC took a pair last week, including Mamaroneck, 52-35, and league-rival R.C. Ketcham, 55-38. The Indians swept two league games from Ketcham.

Sophomore G Mia Klammer led Mahopac with 15 points against Ketcham and sophomore F Caitlyn O'Boyle added 13 points as the Indians led by 12 at halftime.

Klammer also had 15 points in the victory over Mamaroneck as Mahopac scored 19 points in the second quarter to forge a double-digit lead.

Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said

his team's 6-11 record is not indicative of how his team has played this year.

"We only had two games where we got beat handily," Scozzafava said. "We have been competitive in all our other games. We lost at the buzzer to Putnam Valley and John Jay-East Fishkill. Beating RCK twice this year were great wins and a boost to our confidence. Our defense continues to get better and we are coming together offensively. We are a young team and I'm pleased with our progress. I'm also proud of the way the girls have continued to work hard and support each other."

OSSINING is healthy and rolling as seniors and starters Aubrey Griffin and Jaida Strippoli returned to the lineup from lengthy injuries.

The eight-time reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Pride cruised by Our Lady of Lourdes, 78-49, and Monroe-Woodbury (Section 9), 77-45. Ossining's win over Lourdes avenged a 55-41 loss last month and sent a strong signal throughout the section.

In addition to returning, Griffin was selected the Con-Ed Scholar-Athlete award winner and is a finalist for the coveted Miss New York State Basketball Player of the Year.

"It's special to win an award like this because a lot of great players have won it before, too, and it shows that hard work pays off in the classroom as well as on the court," said Griffin of the Con Ed award.

Griffin scored 28 points, added eight rebounds and five steals in her return to the court.

"I was anxious to get back and I'm glad I am," Griffin said.

Kailah Harris, who carried Ossining while Griffin and Strippoli were out, added 27 points, 16 rebounds and six steals. Strippoli, in her first game back from an injury, chipped in with six assists and three steals.

Griffin had high praise for Harris.

"Kailah did a really good job of holding the team together," Griffin said. "Kailah is a really great player and she knows how to dominate in the post. Kailah put the team on her back and I give her a lot of credit for that."

Griffin scored a game-high 23 points and Harris added 17 against Monroe-Woodbury. Strippoli contributed nine points and six assists and Camara Morgan and Julie Iorio each had six points.

State-ranked (No.5) Ossining (11-5) finishes out the regular season with Scarsdale, Albertus Magnus, Ursuline and Kennedy Catholic (Somers).

HEN HUD (8-9) snapped a five-game losing streak with victories over Poughkeepsie, 48-36, and Haldane, 45-14.

The Sailors trailed Poughkeepsie, 24-21, at halftime, before dialing up the defensive intensity and limiting the Pioneers to 12 second-half points.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Panas' Julia Araujo and Lakeland's Alexa Cole reach stalemate in Panthers' 53-40 win over Hornets in 29th annual Giglio Games.

Caitlin Weimar scored a game-high 29 points, had a season-high 26 rebounds and added four assists and four steals in one of the most dominant efforts in program history. Aniyah Thomas and Grace Moretti each had eight points and five rebounds.

"The thing that pleased me was at Poughkeepsie, we were down by three, on the road, and the girls showed the grit we need to win the league title," Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman said. "We scored the first 13 points of the second half after making a switch defensively to put them away. If we beat Beacon on February 12, we will be league champs."

PUTNAM VALLEY improved to 15-1 this season with convincing wins over Saunders, 54-22, and Haldane, 55-19.

Kelli Venezia led the state-ranked (No.15) Class B Tigers with 13 points and Amanda Orlando added 10 points against Saunders.

Venezia scored 19 points and 8th-grader Eva DeChent added 16 points against Haldane.

The 22 points and 19 points were the fewest points an opponent has scored against Putnam Valley this season. Earlier this season, Putnam Valley held Dobbs Ferry to 24 points. PV is clinging to the No.2 seed for playoffs.

YORKTOWN senior Kat Severino scored a game-high 27 points. Including five threes, and added six assists in a well-

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Lakeland's Amanda Cole takes on Panas' Katherine Reynoso in Hornets' 52-40 loss to Panthers in 29th annual Giglio Games.



Walter Panas F Kristen Scrobola goes for two of her team-high 13 points against Lakeland's Hayley Flanagan in Panthers' 53-40 win over Hornets in Giglio Games.

up for the Hornets dealing the Panthers their first loss of the season in the teams' first meeting.

"This time around we really came to play," Araujo said. "We played a lot harder and with way more heart and energy."

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Hockey Notebook

Mahopac Improves to 16-2, Sets up for Big Finish

By Alex Wendling & Ray Gallagher

Mahopac's meteoric rise in Section 1 D-1 this season has been largely on the backs of the Indians' two record-setting seniors who set the table and walked off with an 8-5 victory over Brewster/Yorktown last Friday afternoon at the Brewster Ice Arena.

Brew/Town had its seven-game win streak snapped by the Indians as Mahopac senior captains T.J. McKee and Brian O'Shea padded their record-setting stats as the No.1 and No.2 all-time scorers, respectively.

McKee had three goals and three assists while O'Shea had two goals and set up three more. After the game, Mahopac Coach Tim Donaghy talked about how vital McKee and O'Shea have been to the Indians this season and throughout their careers.

"They are our captains, they're our leaders and they're great hockey players in games and practice," the coach said. "They're the ones in front of the drills,



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac captain Brian O'Shea and TJ McKee share a moment they've posed for more than any duo in Indians' hockey history during 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.



Yorktown's Justin Groux goes coast to coast for goal in Brew-Town's 8-5 loss to Mahopac Friday at BIA.

they're the ones working and they're setting an example for the whole entire team. A lot of our younger guys have filled in for roles that we weren't sure if they could but based on their leadership and what they have done throughout the season, those younger guys have followed their example."

On the flip side, Brewster/Yorktown senior captain Justin Groux had two

fell out of the state rankings last week, improved 16-2 on the season after Saturday's 8-2 win over Mount Pleasant when O'Shea scored once and set up two more goals. For the second

goals and an assist as his squad tried in vain to overcome an early 4-0 deficit, which helped Indian sophomore netminder Mike Horan (23 saves) settle in to his new role as the starting goalie for Logan MacDougall (a healthy scratch the past two games).

Mahopac, which



Mahopac players have had plenty to celebrate during sensational 16-2 campaign, including an 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.



Mahopac senior TJ McKee is pursued by Connor Brooks in Indians' 8-5 win over Brew-Town.

time in two games, Danny Schum scored twice for the Indians while Nick Bricker added a goal and two assists. Aidan Martin (1G, 1A) added two points for the Indians, who have two huge test this week against state-ranked D-II teams, including Wednesday's (5 PM) game against No.4 John Jay CR, plus No.11 Horace Greeley Saturday, February 9th at the Brewster Ice Arena at 6:30. Brewster/Yorktown's next game will be against the Monroe/Woodbury on Friday, February 8th at the Brewster Ice Arena at 8:30...

Side notes: Rink managers at Icetime Sports Complex in Newburgh pulled the players off the ice with just over seven minutes left in Carmel's 5-2 loss to Monroe-Woodbury. What kind of trash decision-making is this? How can rink managers determine in good faith that a competitive 5-2 game should not reach a natural conclusion?

Shooing teams from the ice midway through the third period of a competitive game is pure B.S., considering Carmel's jaunt across the bridge and the bill school districts have to foot just get ice time, busses and personnel. Maybe they should just schedule the game on Lake Carmel next season over a rink operated by inflexible management...

Suffern is the only D-I team from Section 1 in the state ranks (No.2) and remains the model program, the team to beat in Section 1 and quite possibly all of NYS this winter...

Sadly, we wonder just how



Mahopac's Jordan Donatone and Danny Schum (R) celebrate Schum's goal in Indians' 8-5 win over Brew-Town last Friday at BIA.

much longer ice hockey will survive in Section 1, what with the number of districts combining programs, the number of programs calling it quits and the general costs of ice time, equipment, off-site security and travel. We're hearing it's becoming quite burdensome to school administrators to justify, just saying...

Former Carmel Assistant Coach James Tietz recently returned home from his second tour of duty in the Middle East. We cannot thank that man enough for his service to this great nation.

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played, 62-58 loss to Panas.

Amber Bodden added 14 points, Ashley Zeolla finished with eight points and eight rebounds and Jesse Barer collected nine rebounds for the 10-5 Cornhuskers.

"I thought we were real active defensively guarding against the ball screens, but their shooters needed very little separation to get their shots off and

they were just spot on all night," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said. "I was proud of the way our girls didn't give up when we were down we in the third quarter and battled back to take the lead inside of the last 90 seconds. But our coverage broke down on their go-ahead three with just over a minute left and we were unable to recover."

LAKELAND only had one game last week, a 52-40 loss to Panas - 52-40. Lakeland had beaten Panas in the teams' first game. Alexa Cole led the Hornets with 16 points and Amanda Cole had 11 points and eight rebounds.

"We just didn't play our best game and you can't beat a good team without playing your best," Lakeland coach

Miranda Lustig said.

State-ranked (No.20) SOMERS (10-5) had a week it would like to forget, losing a pair - 45-30 to John Jay-Cross River and 46-41 to Briarcliff.

Tusker G Hannah Angelini finished with a team-high 15 points against John Jay and G Dani DiCintio had 19 points against Briarcliff.



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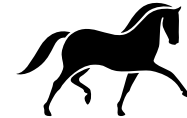
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