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Third Time Nails It Contentious Carmel School Bond Package Finally Approved

By David Propper

The motto "if at first you don't succeed, try again" took new meaning in the Carmel school district when a bond package put up for the third time was finally approved by voters last Tuesday.

With a huge voter turnout, proposition A was approved easily 2,451-1,570 and proposition B was also approved, but by a paper-thin margin of 42 votes, 2,026-1,984. This is the third time in as many calendar years the district has offered a bond to voters, with the first two failing. In Dec. 2017, a bond package that totaled \$85 million was soundly rejected and then

in Oct. 2018 a bond worth \$25 million was narrowly defeated. Proposition A would cost \$16.6 million and proposition B would cost \$10.9 million, but after state aid the overall burden for taxpayers would be \$14 million, according to the district.

With the approval of the two bonds, the school district can now replace failing roofs, make every building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, improve the George Fischer Middle School library and move a new bus garage from Kent Elementary School to another

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The Carmel school community was hotly divided over a bond package that was offered to voters last week.

Brewster School Board Picks New Superintendent



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Dr. Laurie Bandlow is the next superintendent of schools in Brewster.

By David Propper

The Brewster Board of Education tapped a new superintendent of schools during its meeting last week as the community will welcome an outsider to the role for the first time in several years.

Dr. Laurie Bandlow, who is the superintendent at the Paulsboro school system in New Jersey, will assume the job as Brewster school chief on Aug. 1 after her unanimous appointment to the post during last Tuesday's board meeting. Bandlow will take the reins from Dr. Valerie Henning, who will be moving on to another Hudson Valley school system over the summer.

Bandlow's contract last until July 31, 2022 and she will be paid \$225,000 annually.

"Through my visits and conversations,"
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Barile Fights Back During Fiery Town Board Meeting

By David Propper

Fighting for his political life, Carmel Councilman Michael Barile beat back accusations that he acted unethically around the purchase of Swan Cove and an incomplete disclosure form.

In front of an overflow audience at last Wednesday's town board meeting, Barile rigorously defended himself against accusations that he was not forthcoming to other board members about the Swan Cove property when the town was in negotiations to buy the parcel, pushing back on criticism that he did not properly disclose commercial properties he currently owns in town.

Last month, several lohud articles scrutinized Barile's actions over Swan Cove, a lakeside property in downtown Mahopac the town purchased last year for \$1 million in hopes of turning the parcel into a park and providing more parking for patrons. Barile pushed hard for the deal, but according to lohud, did not disclose to other town board members that the property owner at the time,



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Carmel Councilman Michael Barile at last week's meeting.

Frank Cotaj, did not have certain permits if he wanted to build on the land. By not having those permits, the price tag for the parcel could've been less than what the town paid, lohud reported.

Lohud also reported that Barile wrote on a disclosure form that he was retired and his only income more than \$1,000 in

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parcel in the Town of Kent.

Since the first bond package was put forward 836 days before this most recent vote, turmoil and tension have consumed the Carmel school system with discord between board members and residents on opposite sides of the bond fight.

But through all the battles and bickering, supporters of the bond could breathe a sigh of relief last week.

"I believe the constituents of this school community came out, passed the bond and did 'What's Best for Kids,'"

school board president Greg Riley said in an email.

Riley said more parents and community members were engaged in conversations about the bond and understood the benefits and savings of the bond propositions this time around. New York State aid will cover about 60 percent of the project, which would not be the case if the district needed to include the repairs in the annual budget, Riley said.

But not everyone on the board was thrilled with the final tallies.

School board member John Curzio said he was pleased to see proposition

A passed, which he had always voiced support for. But he was disappointed that the measure that would result in a new bus garage was also signed off, arguing his school board colleagues were insistent on ramming it through after it was rejected three previous times. (Besides the previous two bond votes in 2017 and 2018, there was another vote to move the bus garage several years ago that also went down.)

Because a parcel of land will now be off the tax rolls, Curzio said Kent's tax base will shrink, raising taxes for other residents. The town will also be losing a prime piece of land to develop, Curzio said.

"The Carmel school board just did not want to take no for an answer," Curzio said. "It was disrespectful to the voters."

Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum once again lambasted the school board, stating the board continued to put a referendum forward until they got the result they wanted.

"It's not how this whole thing is supposed to work," Denbaum said. "It feels awfully corrupt. Feels like the will of the voters that came out the last couple times were completely disregarded and that is unfortunate, but that's on the school board who has a record of doing borderline unethical things and generally

incompetent things."

(Denbaum said the targeting of Curzio, who the board tried to remove for speaking out against the bond at videotaped meetings, displayed unethical behavior and the rising taxes every year proved they were incompetent.)

Denbaum said Kent town board members have already reached out to the town attorney to see if a zoning change is necessary in order for the school system to put a bus garage on the proposed parcel in town. Denbaum, who is an attorney, said based on his initial review, a bus garage is not a permitted use on that parcel, which is located in a commercially zoned area.

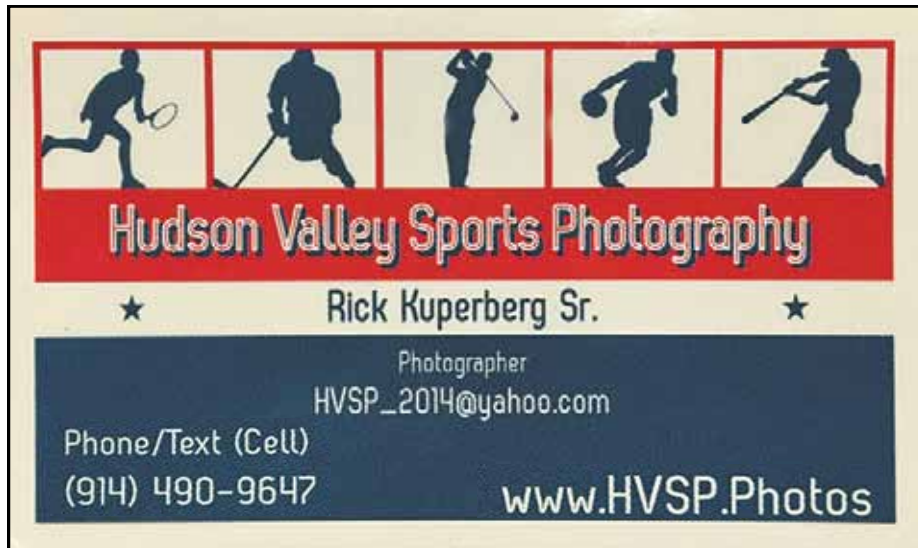
If a zoning change were necessary, it would require an approval from the town board, he said.

"We are going to make sure the Town of Kent's local zoning laws are not violated by the school district," Denbaum said.

But school board vice president Richard Kreps said typically when a school district does any work on a parcel of land, it has to go through the state education department and he isn't so sure that Kent town officials have purview over the school's construction.

Kent town board members and Carmel school board members have very publicly

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Southeast OKs Security IMA; Approves Road Improvement Funds

By Neal Rentz

The Southeast town board voted 4-1 on March 28 to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Brewster to have a uniformed police officer provide security at town events.

The town already has an IMA in place with the village for uniformed officers to serve as court officers in the town's Justice Court.

The new IMA would have a Brewster officer provide security at town meetings including for the planning board and town board. The new security protocols began at a town board meeting earlier in March when residents had to walk through a metal detector to enter the meeting room and there were signs warning no firearms are allowed at the meeting. Two Brewster police officers were at that meeting, but going forward only one will attend.

Supervisor Tony Hay, who was in support of the additional security, said a few weeks ago the measures were simply a precaution and not the result of any specific thing. Southeast is the only town to have security at meetings now, though other towns have explored having special patrol officers work town hall during the day.

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt voted against the resolution. Though she said she was not criticizing the Brewster police, "It just doesn't sit well with me," Eckardt said.

In an interview following last week's meeting Eckardt said having security officers at such gatherings as planning board and town board meetings could have negative impacts. "I think it could



Highway Department Superintendent Michael Bruen addressed the Southeast Town Board at its March 28 meeting.

have a chilling effect" on Southeast residents attending the meetings in person and expressing their opinions during meetings, she said.

Road improvement funding

Also at last week's meeting, the town board voted unanimously to approve \$381,400 for road improvements requested by Highway Department Superintendent Michael Bruen.

The board agreed to take \$175,000 out of the Highway Department's fund balance to help pay for the projects. Bruen and town board members butted heads countless times over the past few months about getting the 284 agreement signed to move forward with road



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The Southeast town board at its March 28 meeting.

work. Hay and Bruen especially showed no favor toward the other during past meetings with Hay supporting Michael Burdick for highway chief over Bruen.

In a related matter, Bruen told the town board he would submit a plan to improve Maple Road in the near future. Bruen said residents of the Maple Road

neighborhood are divided on whether the road should be paved or not.

"I'll present you with the cost of that project," Bruen said.

The issue of whether to mill or pave portions of Maple Road was debated by residents during a January Town Board meeting.



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2017 was from Social Security, but did not list 11 commercial properties he owned that generates him income.

During his lengthy speech, Barile didn't hold back bashing Mahopac resident Robert Buckley, who is active in local GOP politics and was the former recreation committee chairman, and Mahopac resident David McKay Wilson, who is the reporter that wrote the articles about Swan Cove and Barile for *lohud*. He called the reports a "hit job."

He believes because he called on the state comptroller's office and attorney general's office to investigate the town's contract with an engineering firm, J. Robert Folchetti and Associates, that other stakeholders in the town, like Buckley and fellow town board members, are going after him by feeding McKay Wilson damaging information.

Barile has gotten along well with Supervisor Kenny Schmitt, but has had a difficult relationship with town board members John Lupinacci, Jonathan Schneider and Suzi McDonough, a trio Barile took thinly veiled shots at last week.

Barile said the state comptroller's office has started an investigation into the town's hiring of the engineering firm and he spoke with an official from the comptroller's office earlier that day. Barile said that official was in Carmel because of

a letter Barile sent last year questioning town practices and not for a routine audit. Once the state comptroller is done reviewing the town's financial practices, Barile said residents would be "very happy" with the result.

When addressing his incomplete disclosure form, Barile said while it is no excuse, he had never done one before and the process can be confusing. He also insinuated other town board members told him the way he originally filled it out was correct.

Regardless, the disclosure filing would be amended, Barile noted.

"The bottom line is this, it's my fault," Barile said. "I'm an open book."

Barile also stood up to the scrutiny he's faced over Swan Cove.

Barile said the town did not need to do an independent appraisal of the property because Carmel had just gone through an extensive tax reassessment that included multiple appraisers and assessors that looked into every property in town. The Swan Cove parcel is worth \$925,000, according to the assessor's office.

"If we couldn't trust our revaluation number, who are we going to trust," Barile said in an interview.

It also didn't matter that the parcel lacked sewer and water permits because the town doesn't plan to use the land that would require those permits, Barile said. He noted that in order to build and

develop Swan Cove, it was hooked up to water and sewer, but permits were not necessary for Cotaj until construction was imminent. If he decided to build on the property, Cotaj would've been able to obtain the necessary permits, Barile said.

When discussing a *lohud* article that claims Sen. Peter Harkham called for state probe into the Swan Cove, Barile said Harkham said that was not the case and was instead more of a general statement. (Harkham's office has stated he was not calling for an investigation.)

Barile was the biggest advocate to obtain Swan Cove and was unapologetic during the meeting about the town buying the property.

"I knew it was just a perfect piece to tie in downtown," Barile said.

Buckley, when reached for comment, said he has not and would not watch the video of the latest town board meeting, but did challenge Barile to call for an investigation into the Swan Cove deal from the state comptroller and attorney general's office if he was so confident everything was above board. Barile during last week's meeting challenged Buckley to confront him at the meeting this Wednesday.

"My response is I already did and they're doing their job," Barile said in an interview, referring to the comptroller's office already probing town practices.

During the meeting, Barile clashed with Lupinacci and Schneider. (McDonough was not at the meeting.) Lupinacci said he has not been feeding information to Buckley or McKay Wilson and accused Barile of slanting things in the same way Barile claimed *lohud* was slanting him.

"I'm not against Swan Cove," Lupinacci said. "I think it's terrible what they're doing to you."

"We have to work together," Lupinacci went on to say with Barile interjecting, "We haven't worked together since Day 1."

Schneider then battled with Barile, with Schneider arguing he has consistently advocated for more parking downtown. Four years ago, Schneider said Barile, who then owned Swan Cove, never mentioned the possibility of selling the parcel to the town. Barile accused of Schneider of lying and said in an interview the property was listed for everyone to see, including the town.

Schneider also said the comptroller is not launching an investigation into the town, but rather it is a standard audit, which contradicts Barile's claim from earlier in the meeting that it was an investigation.

"This is a standard thing," Schneider said.

The Putnam Examiner reached out to the state comptroller's press office, which could not by press time Monday provide an answer to whether officials from the comptroller's office officials were in Carmel for an investigation or a standard audit.

Barile also brought up a deal between Tompkins Mahopac Bank and the town to buy up parcels of land near Swan Cove was close, but is now delayed after Schneider, Lupinacci and McDonough had a couple problems with the deal before it could be approved.

"We should be starting the construction today," Barile said.

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bickered over the past several months as Kent officials expressed skepticism and downright opposition to the bus garage moving into their town. It led to Kreps, who is running on the Republican line for Kent supervisor, to sharply criticize current Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming last year.

Kreps said he understands Kent officials had to stand up for the residents they represent, but moving forward he hopes the two local governing bodies can start working together.

Riley said the bond was put forward one last time because of the "groundswell" of parents and other residents that came to meetings en masse and urged the board to put the bond up. He beat back Denbaum's heated criticism of the school board.

"The school board that I serve on is made up of a group of honest, hard working, tax paying volunteers who are tasked with providing a safe, educational environment for our students and staff,

while being mindful of the potential tax burden to the communities our school district serves," Riley stated. "As a point of clarification the school board members are property taxpayers as well."

A coalition of residents that wanted the bond passed celebrated last Tuesday as results rolled in. Inside Carmel High School's library, raucous cheers broke out when it was revealed both bonds would pass. A group of parents and community members even sent out their own press release addressing the results they had hoped for.

"I'm very proud to see how engaged and vested voters are in our schools," Lake Carmel resident Matt Vanacoro said in a statement. "From senior citizens, to young families, to new voters, seeing everyone come together and voice what they believe is best for Carmel schools is always a positive outcome. I'm hopeful we will all come together and continue to do whatever is needed to support our community and our students for generations to come."



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Cuomo, State Lawmakers Agree to \$175.5B Budget

By David Proper

Calling it the “broadest, most sweeping” plan during his tenure, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a budget agreement between the three branches of state government over the weekend as lawmakers hit the Apr. 1 deadline for a new fiscal year.

Cuomo, in a press briefing Sunday, said the budget addressed many of New York’s most pressing issues with an overall spending plan of \$175.5 billion. The deal is the ninth straight year a budget has been agreed to by the deadline.

“I think this budget is the strongest, most progressive statement that we’ve made,” Cuomo said.

The final agreement resulted in a permanent 2 percent property tax cap, a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags and publicly financed political campaigns. Additionally, parts of the Affordable Care Act were codified into state law and bail reform was approved, which will eliminate cash bail in 90 percent of cases, according to a press release from Cuomo’s office.

As for education aid, \$27.9 billion was secured for districts across the state, a 3.7 percent increase from last year.

The budget also signed off on lowering the middle-class tax rate by \$300,000 as Cuomo said he is fighting to combat the loss of the state and local tax (SALT)



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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a budget deal last Sunday from Albany.

deduction imposed by the federal government that has hurt high tax states like New York.

On Election Day, every worker will get three hours off, paid leave to vote and \$10 million will go to counties for early voting.

Affecting New York City, congestion pricing was agreed to where vehicles traveling south of 60th Street in

Manhattan would be charged a toll, as revenue would go toward fixing the crumbling subway system. Each vehicle will only be charged once each day and there is no charge for drivers who remain on the West Side Highway or FDR Drive.

This is the first time since 2010 that Democrats controlled the governor’s mansion, Assembly and state Senate during the budget season.

Cuomo said there were several issues that made this budget more strenuous, including the ongoing assault from the federal government, the Amazon deal that fell through resulting in lost revenue and a \$2.3 billion shortfall that was not anticipated.

One reform that didn’t pass was the legalization of recreational marijuana for adults 21 and up. Supporters of legalization said it would bring in revenue to the state and prevent the disproportionate arrests of minorities. Critics have feared it would lead to more drug use by teenagers and claimed marijuana is a gateway to more dangerous drugs.

Cuomo said legislation for that issue would still be discussed going forward this year.

“The political desire is there,” Cuomo said. “I believe we will get it done. It is complicated to come up with a program that does it and protects public safety and does economic empowerment for communities that have paid the price and the best way to do it was not the rush of the budget.”

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it's become very clear to me that Brewster is a very special place," Bandlow said in a press release. "I know that working with the Board of Education, parents, teachers, and administrators, we can make a difference in the lives of children."

In a press release, board president Sonia Mesika said that Bandlow showed strength in working with the community at large and school community. Bandlow's flexibility, vision, and collaborative and caring nature fit Brewster well, Mesika said.

Hiring Bandlow comes after the previous two school chiefs -- Henning and former superintendent Tim Conway -- were hired for the role after already serving in the Brewster administration. Both had been the second in command before getting the top job. (Henning will now become the new school chief for the Hastings school district this summer.)

Bandlow will enter a school district that has had its fair share of tension and downright anger from community members that complained the school board and administrators were lacking in transparency. The discontent was so palpable that the first proposed budget put forth last school year was rejected even though it was below the New York

'Through my visits and conversations, it's become very clear to me that Brewster is a very special place.' - incoming Brewster school chief Dr. Laurie Bandlow

State tax cap.

While Bandlow might be an outsider, she has Hudson Valley roots, growing up in Warwick in Orange County and beginning her teaching career at Warwick Middle School.

Then in New Jersey, Bandlow was also an elementary school and middle school principal for the Howell school system and teacher and assistant principal in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District in Princeton. She has

been a Lead Science Teacher, contributor to a National Science Foundation grant, and Governor's Convocation Teacher of the Year in New Jersey.

Mesika, in an interview, said Bandlow's level of experience helped separate her from the rest of the applicants for the job.

"We just felt that she had a little bit more experience and more well rounded experience," Mesika said. "Our focus in our district is always to think of the education for all students, how can we best balance for all kids."

When asked about selecting someone

from outside the district, Mesika said the board always tries to keep a fair process in place whether it gets applicants from inside or outside the district. Finding an external candidate wasn't the board's target, Mesika said.

"We always try to adhere to a fair and thorough process who the candidates are in the pool," Mesika said. "It was just really looking at the needs of the students, needs of the district and making sure the candidate coming in next could fulfill those needs whoever that candidate would be."

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Letter to the Editor

Local Republicans Mislead Over Abortion Debate

There is a pattern of deception and division at work in Putnam County. Recently, several elected bodies have introduced resolutions in opposition to the Reproductive Health Act, which passed in January 2019. The Carmel town board introduced a resolution in early March and the County Legislature just this week did the same. In both cases, the resolutions contained misleading and factually inaccurate language that is designed to scare Putnam County residents. Also, in both cases, the elected

bodies severely curtailed the time period for public comment and rushed these resolutions through without thoughtful and careful consideration from all viewpoints. The facts are clear - the Reproductive Health Act safeguards patients. It updates New York law regarding abortion, which passed in 1970 a full three years before Roe v. Wade. The law removes criminal penalties for abortion, meaning that a patient or her doctor can no longer be prosecuted for obtaining an abortion.

The RHA enables patients to stay in New York for healthcare treatment due to a devastating issue late in the pregnancy, such as a fetal abnormality or the health of the patient. Finally, the RHA updates the law in line with current medical practice, allowing for physicians and other licensed and certified health care providers to provide abortion healthcare. When I see such falsehoods and inflammatory language, I know the real goal here is to ban safe, legal abortion in our state and country. Both the process

and merits of their arguments in this instance reveal that to be the case. If our legislators are unable to fulfill the duties of their office, governing for all residents – not just those who agree with them – they should be removed and replaced with officials who are up to the task. Jordan Bailey-Hoover Brewster Bailey-Hoover is the interim chairwoman of the Putnam Democratic Committee.

DEP Encourages Anglers To Enjoy Trout Fishing In The Watershed

To mark the start of trout-fishing season on April 1, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection encouraged anglers to enjoy world-class fishing on its upstate reservoirs and dozens of properties through the Catskills and Hudson Valley that include frontage along creeks and streams. Twenty-two reservoirs and lakes, covering more than 35,000 acres, will be open for fishing from shore or boats that have a valid DEP boat tag. Most of these reservoirs and lakes include habitat for coldwater species such as trout and warmwater species such as smallmouth and largemouth bass.

New York's trout season generally runs from April 1 until Oct. 15. However, the trout-fishing season on certain New York City reservoir is open year-round or closes later in the year. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) outlines statewide fishing regulations, including information on licenses, catch limits, and stocking, on its website.

"DEP is proud to invite our watershed neighbors and visitors to enjoy angling on our reservoirs, which offer some of the best trout fishing anywhere in the northeast," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "In recent years, our employees have worked hard to expand fishing access throughout our watershed and share information about outdoor recreation with more people. That effort will continue this year as we plan to host additional fishing events for families, helping this proud tradition continue with the next generation of anglers and environmental stewards."

For 2019, DEP has issued an updated fishing brochure that provides anglers with helpful information about permitting, fishing locations and more. The brochure also features information about the fishing conditions and fish species at each of the reservoirs and lakes.

Anglers can find fishing areas by using the RecMapper, an interactive map created by DEP to help outdoor enthusiasts pinpoint access at more than 400 recreation units across the watershed. Anglers can use the digital map to zoom

TABLE KEY

SPECIES: BT - Brown Trout; RT - Rainbow Trout; LT - Lake Trout; LLS - Landlocked Atlantic Salmon; LMB - Largemouth Bass; SMB - Smallmouth Bass; WAE - Walleye; CP - Chain Pickerel; PF - Panfish; CAR - Carp; TM - Tiger Musky

CONDITIONS: F - Fair; G - Good; E - Excellent; Gray - not present

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Bog Brook	Putnam	401	60	F				E	E	F	F	G	G		
Boyd Corners	Putnam	227	45					G		F	G	G			
Cross River	Westchester	929	110	G				E	E		G	G	G		
Croton Falls	Putnam	1,092	95	E				G	F		F	G	F		
Diverting	Putnam	151	34	F				G	G		F	G	F		
East Branch	Putnam	579	65	F				G	G	G	F	G	F		
Kensico	Westchester	2,235	155	G		E		G	G		F	G	F		
Lake Gilead	Putnam	113	120	G	F	F		E			F	G			
Lake Glencola	Putnam	172	108	G	G	F		E			F	G			
Middle Branch	Putnam	433	62					E	F		F	G	G	G	
Muscoot	Westchester	856	30	F	F			G	F		F	E	G		
New Croton	Westchester	2,153	150	F				E	G		F	G	G		
Titicus	Westchester	684	80	G				E	F		F	G	E		
West Branch	Putnam	1,075	50	G		F	F	F	F	F	F	G	G		
West of Hudson Reservoirs				BT	RT	LT	LLS	LMB	SMB	WAE	CP	PF	CAR	TM	
Ashokan	Ulster	8,219	160	G	G			F	E	F		E	G		
Cannonsville	Delaware	4,741	148	G					G		F	G	E		
Neversink	Sullivan	1,528	160	G			F		G		F	F			
Pepacton	Delaware	5,681	180	E	F				E		F	F	F		
Rondout	Ulster, Sullivan	2,099	190	G		E			G		F	F			
Schoharie	Delaware, Greene, Schoharie	1,128	148	F				F	G	G		G	F		

in to each property, find waterbodies, and print driving directions. Shore fishing and boat-launch areas at each reservoir are clearly labeled on the interactive map, which is also good for finding small lakes, ponds or stream frontage that are suitable for fishing. The RecMapper can be found at www.nyc.gov/dep/recmap.

Fishing on all city-owned reservoirs and lakes, along with some recreation units along streams and creeks, requires a free DEP Access Permit. An access permit can be obtained through DEP's online permitting system, found at www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit. Those with questions about permitting may also email recreation@dep.nyc.gov or call (800) 575-LAND. Those fishing on streams that run across water supply lands should carefully check signs in those recreation units to determine whether a permit is required.

The breadth of fishing opportunities on City reservoirs and land underscores DEP's effort to support the recreation and tourism economies in the watershed by opening more properties to recreation. There are currently more than 136,000

acres of City property open for recreation in the watersheds, including the reservoirs. DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate

communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$19.7 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter attwitter.com/nycwater.

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**Business
of the Week**

Homestyle Desserts Bakery Peekskill

By Neal Rentz

You encounter the smell of sweetness the moment you walk into Homestyle Desserts Bakery in Peekskill.

Inside is a colorful array of cakes, pies, pastries and cookies with recipes from around the globe.

Homestyle Desserts Bakery has been an institution in northern Westchester for decades. The legacy of the bakery is being continued by co-owners Laura Elias Timmons of Cortlandt and her brother, Jason Elias of Cold Spring.

Timmons said last week her father owned donut shops and personally created donuts, while her mother made cakes. "It took off," Timmons said.

Timmons and her brother began working in the family business as youths. "My brother would fry donuts when he was six," she said, adding part of her work included boxing donuts.

The Elias family business, which originally was known as the Dutch Mill Donuts factory, opened in Buchanan in 1970, with the retail aspect of the business starting in 1982. The bakery moved to its current location on South Water Street in Peekskill in 1984.

One of the reasons she enjoys co-owning a bakery is "I like to create new



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The cannoli chips that are sold at Homestyle Desserts Bakery in Peekskill.

items," Timmons said, adding later, "Every winter I find something new to make."

All the baking is done on site, with the brother and sister duo doing some of the baking, Timmons said.

Timmons said the extensive selection of items sold at the bakery include wedding cakes, cookies, pies, chocolate dipped cheesecake slices on a stick, cupcakes, waffle sandwiches stuffed with one of 20 flavors of cannoli cream, macarons,

pastries and seasonal favorites. Baked goods of many nationalities are available at the bakery, she said.

"We have a German baker, a French baker, an Italian baker, an American baker and an Ecuadorian baker," she said.

Timmons and her brother created cannoli chips and dip, which was featured in a New York Times article. The chips are fried at the bakery and have such toppings as powdered sugar and chocolate. The chips are intended to be dipped into

cannoli cream.

The bakery's clients include New York Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner and the players. The other customers come from "everywhere," Timmons said.

Timmons and her brother also operate another store in Cold Spring, which opened last August.

The duo is not sitting on their laurels. The pair is planning to open an ice cream shop, Homestyle Creamery, next door to their Cold Spring business, with a potential opening day of May 1, which will include donuts stuffed with ice cream, Timmons noted.

A key to the success of the bakery is the loyal staff. Timmons said many employees have been working for the business for decades, as long 40 years in the case of one employee.

Though Timmons enjoys concocting new desserts, she also continues the traditions of the bakery. "We make everything from scratch," she said. "I went to a bakers' convention, it was all premixed stuff. It wasn't always that way."

Homestyle Desserts Bakery is located at 24 S. Water St. in Peekskill. For more information, call 914-737-4659, e-mail hsbakery@gmail.com or visit <http://www.homestyledessertsbakery.com/>.

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Obituaries

William P. Kneuer

William P. Kneuer, age 65, died after a long battle with cancer at home on Thursday March 21st with his loving wife Kim at his side. He spent his last days surrounded by family while listening to his beloved Beatles. Billy was born in Manhattan and raised in Putnam Valley, the town where he spent the remainder of his life with Kim and their children. After retiring from Local 91 Heat & Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, he had several other occupations in his lifetime, some of which included a turkish taffy salesman and a crazy stint as a crypt zoologist. He equally loved the outdoors and animals, some of his hobbies included bird watching and fishing. Billy would often be found on Lake Oscawana enjoying the sunshine with a fishing pole in hand, a joke at the ready, and his canine companion by his side. He had a love for the simple things in life and could bring a smile to everyone's face, he will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. He is survived by his loving wife Kim Nugent Kneuer, sons Max Kneuer and Evan Kneuer, daughters Carly Kneuer and Hannah Kneuer, and his dog Penny Lane. His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his sister Pat Carano and brother-in-law Tom Carano, sister Barbara Scuccimarra and brother-in-law Tom Scuccimarra, sister-in-law Nancy O'Hara and brother-in-law Jim O'Hara, brother-in-law Joseph Nugent and sister-in-law Luisa Nugent, and his many nieces and nephews.

William Chiacchia Jr.

William Chiacchia Jr. age 57, of Mahopac, died with his loving family by his side on March 23. Born on December 8, 1961 to the late Patricia (Daly) and William Chiacchia Sr. William would go on to be blessed with two sons and a daughter, Keith, William III and Nicole. William worked as a custodian for the Somers Central School District until his retirement. He was a loving father, respected brother and adored grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his son Keith Sinistore, his wife Nancy and grandson Kaiden, his son William Chiacchia III and fiancé Kaitlin and his daughter Nicole Chiacchia. and his two loving sisters Donna Aceto and Patricia Chiacchia.

RoseMary E. Rosi

RoseMary E. Rosi, age 71 of Carmel died March 25, at Hudson Valley Hospital Center with her loving family at her side. RoseMary was born on February 24, 1948 to the late Rose and Gaetano Piscitelli in Queens. She would go on to marry the love of her life Joseph and together they would be blessed with both a daughter Jennifer and a son Joseph. Mrs. Rosi

was a kind gentle soul who always gave more than she took. In her earlier years, RoseMary worked as a nurse and a radiologist technologist and later on in her life she volunteered at the Putnam Hospital, which gave her much joy helping others in their time of need. She was a member of the Master Gardener Club, and to say she had a green thumb would be an understatement, she brought beauty and life into everything she was a part of especially her garden. She gave back to both the community and her beloved church parish by teaching CCD in both Queens where she grew up and Carmel where she moved to and raised her family. RoseMary and Joseph had a loving relationship which filled their home, RoseMary was happiest when her home was full of company, laughter and love. She was the glue that held her family together both in good times and in bad and she was a constant presence of support and love. Her heart was made full when she became a grandmother and some of her most treasured moments were spent with her grandchildren, which are also some of the moments that will go on to live in the hearts of her family. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Mrs. Rosi is survived by her loving husband of over 47 years Joseph, as well as being survived by her daughter Jennifer and her son Joseph, she is also survived by Olga the mother of her grandchildren whom she cared deeply for, as well she is survived by her 3 grandchildren Joseph, Julia and Jaclyn who were her little angels on Earth, she is also survived by her sisters Luella, Pamela and Carol and her brother John. RoseMary is predeceased by her brothers Thomas and Michael.

Thomas E. Bromfield

Thomas E. Bromfield, 95, a longtime resident of Carmel died peacefully on Tuesday, March 26, at the NYS Veterans Home where he had been for a short time. He was born Aug. 4, 1923 in the British West Indies to Ellen (Binns) and Stanley Bromfield. Tom spent his school years in

the Panama Canal Zone before moving to New York City where he had family. Mr. Bromfield was a proud and decorated veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Corporal in the 902nd Engineers Aviation Division, in Germany during World War II. His professional life was spent in the field of HVAC; first in the engineering department at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx and then with the Putnam Hospital Center in their Engineering Department, where he eventually became the Department Head. Mr. Bromfield retired from Putnam Hospital after 26 years. As an avid Mets fan, Tom loved watching baseball games from his favorite chair. He loved music and was a beautiful dancer. Tom was always on the move as he was the life of any party or family event. He had the spirit of a man half his age and enjoyed cracking jokes with those around him. He was multi-talented and built a few homes for his family, too. Thomas is survived by his daughter Joan Bromfield of New York City and his son Thomas Bromfield and daughter in law Laura of Carmel. His step daughter Diane and son in law John Ercole of Wingdale, and step son John and daughter in law Gina of Saratoga. As well he is survived by his grandchildren Megan and her fiancé John, granddaughter Amanda, as well as his step grandchildren Michael, Melissa and Jonah. He is also survived by his five step great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Pearl Bromfield (2018). He is also predeceased by his eldest son, Roger Bromfield (2009) and his brother Lloyd Bromfield (1993). He loved his family and friends greatly and he was loved greatly in return. He will be missed by many people and especially missed by his four-legged Grand-dog, Mookie.

Arnfin (Oly) Olsen

It is with broken hearts the family of Arnfin (Oly) Olsen age 66 of Carmel, announces his passing on March 27. Born December 8, 1952 to the late Ellen and Odd Olsen in Brooklyn. Arnfin

(Oly as friends knew him) met his wife ToniAnne July 8, 2008 and were together and inseparable, he would go on to marry the love of his life on July 20, 2018. He married into a large family who he came to know and love. Arnfin was a proud US Navy Veteran and advocated strongly for the fair and just treatment of service men and women. He was proud to have served on the renowned US Navy Enterprise ship and aircraft carrier. He went to William E. Grady vocational High School and studied airframe and powerplants at Everett Community College. Although diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2015 and undergoing open heart surgery in 2017, he tried to live life to the fullest. He and his wife enjoyed doing everything together camping, flea markets and traveling. He had an eye for art and collected many paintings. In his younger years he was a true "Biker Boy" and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. His last job before retirement was a plumber and he worked for Murphy's Plumbing in Kingston. Arnfin is survived by his loving wife ToniAnne and her children Anthony Petrillo, Jason Von Elm, and Kristen Von Elm. ToniAnne's ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Ann Duffy and his niece Heidi Duffy from Lake Luzerne. His sister Eileen Follweiler and her husband Rick from Forest, NC. His niece Melody Benteler and her husband Stefan and his niece Trina Follweiler. His younger brother Gunner Olsen from Saugerties. Arnfin had many relatives in Norway and his wishes were to have his ashes distributed there. He loved Norway where he spent some happy times as a child and as an adult. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday April 13, between the hours of 1pm to 5 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel NY 10512. During visitation a prayer service to celebrate Arnfin's life will take place at 3:30 p.m. This will be accompanied by US Navy Honors. Interment will be private.

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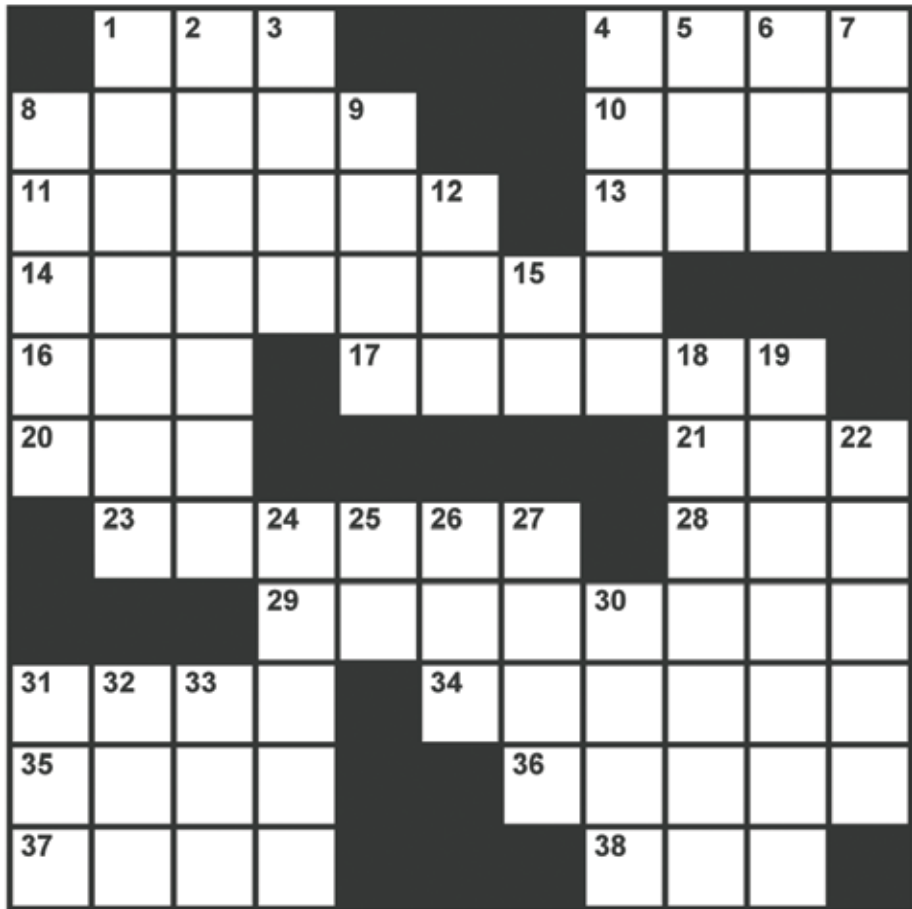
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1. Brouhaha

4. Managed care grps.

8. Mennonite

10. Expressions of relief

11. NYT best selling author Christine, or Brewster insurance agency

13. Aware of

14. Like a perfect shot

16. Vitamin bottle info

17. Aspect of a crime investigation

20. One engaged in, suffix

21. "From Russia with Love" writer, Fleming

23. Real go-getter

28. The Tigers, for short

29. Aggressive one

31. Fighting

34. Precious strings

35. Strip

36. Transition

37. Fund-raising grps.

38. Third qtr. ender
- Down

1. Fixed up

2. Kind of supplement

3. Workplace safety org.

4. Port-au-Prince is its capital

5. Chess piece, in a way

6. "Look here!"

7. Tax form ID

8. Earlier

9. Moral injury

12. International Committee of the Red Cross, e.g.

15. Gentle alien invader

18. Clinton tome "It takes a ____" or Pleasantville book store

19. Relaxed

22. Nightingale, for one

24. Symbols of hardness

25. Oakland team

26. Submissions to eds.

27. Edible grains

30. Burns up

31. Software program, briefly

32. "The ____" starring Sandra Bullock (computer thriller)

33. A drink with jam and bread....

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Brewster Students Donate to Library in Honor of Local Piano Teacher

Last month, Brewster Students Against Cancer (BSAC) presented the Brewster Public Library with a check for \$400 in memory of Stefani Gosselink who lost her battle with ovarian cancer last November.

Gosselink was a piano teacher in the Brewster community for more than 40 years. She also created the children's room at the Brewster Public library, a project that was very near and dear to her heart. Isabella Ostojic, a member of BSAC and a student of Gosselink's, asked the club to consider making a donation to the library in her name.

In an article for Bear Facts, Ostojic wrote that "Stefani Gosselink was an extraordinary human being. She saw the world in a way that no one else did. If you gave her a problem and told her she had the week to figure it out, she would come back to you in two days with the correct answer. She was diligent, organized, and persistent. Once she set her mind to something, there was no way to deter her."

BSAC thought it would be fitting to demonstrate their civic responsibility in alignment with the district's Strategic Coherence Plan by donating funds in honor of someone who was an example of civic responsibility and perseverance to everyone who knew her.



In attendance at the check presentation were Gosselink's husband Robert, her son Peter, daughter-in-law Kyle, and Brewster Public Library Director Gina Lorezno. Ostojic along with another former student of Gosselink's, RJ Frankenberry, and club advisor Michelle Villano also attended.

Robert told everyone about his wife's dedication to Brewster Public Library for the last 30 years and how she converted a Daughters of the American Revolution meeting room into the children's room, even working with a local artist on the furniture. The library, along with teaching, was incredibly important to Gosselink. In fact, when Robert retired, his wife convinced him to join the library board. Kyle and Peter are the President and Vice President of Friends of Brewster Library respectively.

"When Stef passed away, we asked that

in lieu of flowers, donations be given to the Friends of Brewster Library," Robert explained. "There's more to come as we expand the library and these donations will be very, very much appreciated and well used. And once again, Stef's got an impact on the community."

"We're going to start using those funds to beef up the children's room, to do a lot more programs for them, figure out how best to work with the library to get kids more involved, and have more things for them to use," Peter added. "It's a little bit of a work in progress right now."

The group also discussed how Gosselink's passion for teaching touched the community.

"It was her life," Peter explained.

"She was my mentor," Frankenberry said. "She taught me so much." He and Ostojic reminisced about recitals and how Gosselink had made them ornaments each year with a photo of them playing the piano. Gosselink also recorded her students' performances each year so that they could hear themselves improve over time.

"She was a mom to everybody," Kyle explained. "She taught and had all of this creative energy; she just wanted to make sure that everybody succeeded."

Dozens of Girl Scouts Earn Gold Award

Eighty-five Girl Scouts in the Hudson Valley earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest national award a Girl Scout can earn.

"I am honored to congratulate these outstanding Girl Scouts," said Marie Reger, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson. "Gold Award Girl Scouts are young women of extraordinary achievement and demonstrated outstanding leadership, organizational and networking skills. They are well-prepared to become our community, business, and civic leaders one day."

According to the Girl Scout Research Institute's (GSRI) report, The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients receive greater lifetime benefits than their peers with regard to positive sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership, life success, community service and civic engagement thanks to their experience in Girl Scouting.

When compared to non-Girl Scout alumnae, over ninety percent of Girl Scouts not only attributed their success in life to Girl Scouts, but they also said they could not have had access to the same experiences anywhere else.

At a special ceremony held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, keynote speaker Amy Frisbie (Montgomery, Orange County, NY), described herself as a wife, a mother, a sister, a daughter, a dedicated employee working for cancer patients, a volunteer, a friend, a board member, and an athlete.

During her keynote, Amy said, "You ladies have set quite a bar through your Gold award projects. But trust in yourselves, trust me. You can push that bar higher, higher than you ever imagined. Your strength will surprise you. Your abilities are limitless. The opportunity you all have to continue to raise the bar for future generations, for yourself it is imperative to our success."

Putnam County Gold Award Girl Scouts

Brianna Cardillo, Troop #2577, Hometown: Garrison

Project Name: Healthy Hand

Project Description: She helped the people who frequent the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in being able to create healthy meals and snacks. She believes that no matter what your socioeconomic status is, you have a right to good nutrition. She created cookbooks and set up demos to teach them how to cook these meals using things from the food pantry or their own homes. Then, she created a blog to document her progress. Finally, she did workshops with younger girls in hopes of educating them about the topic of hunger.

Alexandria Conclin, Troop #1117, Hometown: Mahopac

Project Name: Be Distraction Free (Behind The Wheel)

Project Description: An awareness campaign developed to target distracted driving. Everyone needs to keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. A program was created to reach teens, but parents and seniors as well. Driver's Ed programs and libraries have agreed to use the pledge cards, brochures, and surveys.

Kiarra Condon, Troop #1110, Hometown: Mahopac

Project Name: Vegetable Garden

Project Description: Kiarra's project was making a vegetable garden at her church that was used by the food pantry over the summer. She added five raised vegetable garden beds that grew fresh vegetables and herbs such as lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, and basil.

Colleen Curtin, Troop #1117, Hometown: Putnam Valley

Project Name: Remember When

Project Description: The project was a board of biographies of residents in a local nursing home. They included things about their lives such as their job, children, grandchildren, and other stories. Many of the residents thought it was a great idea to write about their past so everyone could get to know them better.

Theresa Ettere, Troop #2275, Hometown: Mahopac

Project Name: "I AM WORTH IT!"

Project Description: Theresa Ettere, now a senior, ran a workshop called "I AM WORTH IT!" in her school, which included some of the Life Skills students and mainstream students of Lakeland Senior High School. The 5-week-workshop was run to build self-confidence and promote self-love. She said by teaching these kids about confidence- it helped build hers as well.

Jacey Ferraro, Troop #2272, Hometown: Putnam Valley

Project Name: Robin's Nest

Project Description: Jacey's Gold Award Project focused on underage drug use. She created a screenplay which was played at a premiere at the Paramount Theater and parts of it are online along with an informative interview with the CDC discussing the problems the film addresses.

Maura Kane-Seitz, Independent Member, Hometown: Cold Spring

Project Name: Topsfield Equestrian Horse Management Graphs

Project Description: Maura's project helped a local equestrian center to



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Pictured from left to right: Emily Myra Lavelle, Troop #2424, Gabrielle Lama, Troop #2021
Not pictured: Brianna Cardillo, Troop #2577, Alexandria Conclin, Troop #1117, Kiarra Condon, Troop #1110, Colleen Curtin, Troop #1117, Theresa Ettere, Troop #2275, Jacey Ferraro, Troop #2272, Maura Kane-Seitz, Independent Member, Jessica Caitlin O'Hare, Troop #2173

become more organized and run more efficiently. The center helps people in the community with disabilities and the children of Medicaid families. She was able to address the issue of Topfield not being able to interpret the data that they were collecting. Through the spreadsheet template she made, the center was able to run more efficiently, and they were able to use the data shown in the pie charts to write grant proposals. This project benefits not only Topfield Equestrian Center but the community that relies on the center to continue to work.

Gabrielle Lama, Troop #2021, Hometown: Mahopac

Project Name: Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary Butterfly Garden

Project Description: Gabrielle's project was the design and planting of a butterfly garden in the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary. The Sanctuary was created in memory of Catherine, a child who died in the Sandy Hook shooting, who loved butterflies and was kind to all living things. This garden keeps alive her legacy of kindness in the face of tragedy.

Emily Myra Lavelle, Troop #2424, Hometown: Mahopac

Project Name: Soup Kitchen Renovation

Project Description: Emily replaced the appliances at her local soup kitchen with a much larger, commercial-grade refrigerator and a 6-burner commercial stove. The original appliances were small, residential-style appliances which were not appropriate for serving large groups of people. The new kitchen will better help the hungry in the community.

Jessica Caitlin O'Hare, Troop #2173, Hometown: Putnam Valley

Project Name: A Someone Not a Something

Project Description: Jessica O'Hare used her passion for veganism to create a website that helps people learn more about cruelty-free products. She also wanted to have a direct impact on animals. After meeting a rambunctious goat named Cesar at Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, she decided to build a goat playground to give him and the other goats a safe place to play.

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Hudson Valley Vietnam Veterans Honored on the NYS Senate Floor

Senator Pete Harkham, along with Senator John Brooks, co-sponsored Senate Resolution J783 recognizing March 29, as Vietnam Veterans Day last week. The Resolution, which thanked "our brave Vietnam veterans for their honorable service to their country," was read on the New York State Senate floor and the Vietnam veterans in the chamber were personally thanked in floor speeches by numerous Senators.

"There was another Great Generation from places like Peekskill, Mt. Kisco and Carmel that hasn't gotten the recognition it deserves - our Vietnam veterans," said Harkham, 40th Senate District. "When they were called to service, they brought honor to themselves and their country. Today, we are showing our Vietnam veterans the respect they are owed for their sacrifices, that they didn't always get when they returned home in turbulent times."

The resolution noted that the U.S. carried out its first combat mission against the Viet Cong on January 12, 1962 and the last American troops left Vietnam on March 29, 1973. During the 11 year war, more than three million Americans



Left to right: Frank Goderre (Vietnam veteran), Jim Martin (Vietnam veteran), Senator David Carlucci, Harry Sherblom (Vietnam veteran), Arthur Hanley (Vietnam veteran), Senator Shelley Mayer, Senator Sue Serino, Salvatore Bellanconi (Vietnam veteran), Senator John Brooks, Karl Rhode (Vietnam veteran), Senator Pete Harkham, John Mastromarino (Vietnam veteran), Joseph P. Reynolds (Vietnam veteran), James McCarthy (Vietnam veteran).

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served their country and over 58,000 sacrificed their lives.

Harkham brought Vietnam veterans from SD40 towns including Brewster, Peekskill, Shrub Oak, Patterson and beyond, to Albany, so they could be honored by the Senate for Vietnam Veterans Day.

The following veterans were in attendance:

Arthur Hanley Specialist 4
Karl Rhode Specialist 4
Joseph P. Reynolds SP/5 Specialist, Army
Frank Goderre Staff Sergeant, Air Force
Jim Martin E5 Specialist 5th Class
Salvatore Bellanconi Specialist 5
John Mastromarino E4 Specialist Infantry (Corporal), Army
James McCarthy SP/5 (Specialist 5th Class), Army
Harry Sherblom Corporal E4

Karl Rhode is the Director of the Putnam County Veteran Services Agency. Arthur Hanley is the Deputy Director of Putnam County Veteran Affairs.

Tompkins Mahopac Bank To Hold Homebuyers Seminar

In an effort to help first-timers navigate the homeownership process from consideration to contract, Tompkins Mahopac Bank (TMB) has teamed up with the Putnam County Housing Corporation to host a First-time Homebuyers Seminar. The free workshop will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac, and will cover the available programs and services geared toward homeownership.

Tompkins Mahopac Bank's Mortgage Loan Originator Glenn Wu and Vice

President of Residential Lending David Carey, along with a representative from Putnam County Housing Corporation, will be on-hand to review the homebuying process from start to finish. The experts will also discuss special first-time homebuyer products and services, and answer attendees' questions. Refreshments will be served and attendees will receive a complimentary item and can also enter to win a package featuring first-time homeowner essentials, including a tool kit, picture hangers, gift cards, and

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Nine Hudson Valley Vietnam veterans listen to Senator Pete Harkham's remarks on Friday in the New York State Senate Chamber, after the reading of his resolution making March 29, Vietnam Veterans Day.



Vice President of Residential Lending David Carey



Mortgage Loan Originator Glenn Wu



NYS Senator Pete Harkham

Jean Tock Exhibits Art from Everyday Objects

If every picture tells a story, Jean Tock is a master storyteller. Her witty and insightful artwork combines precise craftsmanship with found objects such as cigar boxes, chicken wire, toy cars, yardsticks, upcycled components from musical instruments, and much more. Tock's exhibit, entitled "Hello Again: art from the discards of everyday life" will be on display in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from April 3-May 5; a public reception will be held on Thursday, April 4, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

In Tock's work, familiar objects are thoughtfully arranged to create a visual pun, poem, or metaphor that leaves

just enough room for the viewer's interpretation. There is an underlying strength in her ability to portray meaning with a few simple elements, or with a repetition of objects that resonate like the chorus of a song – particularly in her pieces entitled "Admit One" and "Wildlife Lotto".

On her website Tock states, "I am artistically inspired by the possibilities of found objects and recycled materials. There is something very satisfying about taking a discarded object, juxtaposing it with other elements and transforming it into a three-dimensional commentary." Her works entitled "Lost in America",



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Wildlife Lotto by Jean Tock

Uncommon Ground: Bluegrass & More at Mahopac Library

Uncommon Ground is a band that makes its home in the space in and around the great American roots styles of bluegrass, blues, jazz, and old-time music. Their music is delivered in performances that are as warm and inviting as they are polished, and always in a way that directly involves the audience in the thrill of musical discovery. Mahopac Public Library welcomes Uncommon Ground in concert on Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m.; registration is requested. To register visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Some of the Hudson Valley's finest musicians are part of this talented group; they include Rachel Handman on violin, Mike Kobetish on guitar, Wayne Fugate on mandolin, and Phil Helm on double bass. The band has been performing together for years now; their musical landscape shifts from the Beatles to Bartok, from Latin to Jazz, and from Celtic to Swedish music. With thoughtful arrangements that reimagine tunes in exciting ways, they truly define their own musical territory.

2019 Bamm Concert Series at Mahopac Public Library is made possible, in part, through the Putnam Arts Council's Arts Link Grant Program, with public fund provided through the New York State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the NYS Legislature, and with public funds from Putnam County. Additional funding is provided 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 further information about the Bamm concert series, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



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"Restricted Zone", "Aviary", and "Aloha" are among the successful examples of this concept.

Tock has exhibited her artwork at the First Street Gallery (New York City), Abecedarian Gallery (Denver, CO), Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory (Alexandria, VA), Ridgefield Guild of Artists (Ridgefield, CT), Front Street Gallery (Patterson), Putnam Arts Council (Mahopac), Garrison Art Center (Garrison), Mahopac Public Library

(Mahopac), The Hat Factory (Peekskill, NY), Katonah Village Library (Katonah), Webster Arts Center (St. Louis, MO), East Hawaii Cultural Center (Hilo, HI) and Mills Pond House Gallery (Smithtown).

To learn more about Jean Tock and her artwork, visit www.jeantock.com. For more information about the Third Floor Gallery exhibits, visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 108.

Tompkins Mahopac Bank To Hold Homebuyers Seminar

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more.

"Buying a home is one of the largest investments any person can make and, while that can be exciting, it can also be complex and confusing," said Carey. "We look forward to sharing insights, tips and tools to help first-time buyers realize the dream of homeownership and to go into that process more educated than they were before."

For more information, contact Glenn Wu at (845) 278-1068, or GWu@tompkinsfinancial.com.

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Stairs a Necessary Part of Many Homes – But Watch Your Step

Sometimes people do a disservice when they provide helpful information. I rue the day when a friend pointed out to me that I could be informed of my daily physical activity by hitting the heart on my iPhone.

As far as flights of stairs go, I'm hopeless. When I lived in a two-story house, I bounded up the stairs and descended countless times during the day and night. Now that I live in a one-floor condo, I have taken no flights of stairs, even though I live on the fifth floor.

As a realtor in northern Westchester and Putnam County, I am always sure to point out the issue of stairs to senior buyers who should be thinking about the years ahead when they buy a home or condo. There comes a point in all our lives where one-level living becomes an advantage.

While stairs provide a very practical function as a means of ascending or descending from one level to another, they can be dramatic architectural statements in a home, from soaring, floating staircases in a central hall to modern circular stairs, winding around a column to a higher floor. Did you ever



By Bill Primavera

wonder why circular stairs wind counterclockwise when all of us tend to do things in a clock-wise pattern? Read on to find out.

From castles to humble cottages, stairways have allowed more living space under the same roof by providing a means to get to another floor. Unless you live in a ranch-style home or a one-level apartment or condo, you climb stairs.

Some of us love the transition from one living space to another ("I can't sleep on the same floor where I eat," one buyer client told

me), while others, especially our more mature citizens, seek senior community living that boasts "no steps."

Besides their architectural and practical contributions to a home, stairs also add to incidents of accidents, and even death, in the home.

All too often, many of us take a dive down a stairway. Maybe it's because we're in a different mode of balance when we are shifting our weight up or down. Actually, if you've noticed, it's easier to climb steps than to go down them, even if the physical effort is greater when

we climb. My theory is that we achieve better balance on the balls of our feet when climbing. We seem to be uncertain about which part of our foot to place on the step going down, especially for people with feet that are larger.

I'm personally very conscious of the possibility of accidents on the stairs, perhaps because of an imprinted memory. When I was less than two, my mother tells me that I opened a door to the basement and plunged down the steep staircase, hitting my head on the concrete floor at the bottom. When I behaved oddly as a teenager, my mother had an excellent excuse to say, "That fall on your head when you were a baby must have caused some damage!"

When my daughter was at a play date with other girls at a neighbor's home, I remember the panic and fear when I received that call saying that she too had fallen down a flight of basement steps. She too is all right. Maybe it's a generational thing.

Tragically enough, more than 15,000 people die each year as a result of falls, and as many as 1,300 of those take place by falling down steps. Additionally, many people suffer injuries on stairs that frequently go unreported, making injury statistics harder to pin down.

Interestingly, many accidents happen

when there is an uneven step. Actually, this had been done intentionally in the distant past as a security measure to trip up thieves when entering or leaving a home.

Now here's the reason that circular or curved staircases are designed in a counterclockwise pattern. As we know from old Errol Flynn movies, in the Middle Ages it was critically important to safeguard the castle. With stairs intentionally designed counterclockwise, the defender of the castle, on a higher level of the stairs, could swing his sword freely in the open space to his right, but his enemy below would keep hitting the wall to his right with the same action.

The subject of stairs is very broad. I'd like to narrow down a bit with a resolution that, starting tomorrow, I'll climb the steps to my condo, rather than taking the elevator. Note that I've put it off until tomorrow.

Bill Primavera is a publicist, journalist and realtor associated with William Raveis Real Estate and founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). You can engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale by calling 914-522-2076.*

In the Footsteps of History, Through an Ancestral Wine Region



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week, I focused on Campania, one of the many Italian wine regions with a storied history, born of ancient times, and yet mired in the vagaries and tribulations of

economic eras.

The denizens of this region have a long history of unabashed glory and abject poverty. First came the glory days of the area's dominance in the 15th century to its decline in the 19th century. This decline devastated the economy of the Campanian outlying farmlands, contributing to the mass exodus of millions to the fabled "streets paved with gold in America" in the late 19th and early 20th century, as they fled economic and political tumult.

I am certain this history is shared by many readers with a European lineage (and many other countries) who emigrated to the United States, leaving behind a legacy of poverty, political suppression and cultural enmity.

Fast forward to the 21st

century. Many of my Italian-born relatives are deceased, leaving me with a dwindling memory of their personal history, most notably in the "old country."

I grew up with this saga of my ancestors, from 15th century prominence as architects in the courts of barons in the north of Italy to 20th century poverty and political turbulence in a village in the Apennine Mountains, east of Naples.

I am certain many readers share this loss of cultural heritage. Has your research through Ancestry.com and/or 23andMe.com still left you bereft of a personal attachment to the land and family life of your ancestors?

A few months ago, an opportunity arose that promised to reconnect me to the land and history of my family's heritage. And, true to the theme of this column, it has a wine connection.

First, the backdrop.

Wines from Campania, and in particular, from the subregion of Irpinia, have been in and out of favor for centuries. The grapes in this region were first planted and enjoyed by the ancient Greeks

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

and Romans. From the height of their popularity in ancient times, these grapes eventually fell from favor and into oblivion outside of the region. I'm pleased to report that a few thousand years later these wines are on the map again.

My paternal grandfather, before he immigrated to the United States, worked for a time as a horticulturist in his hometown, Buonalbergo, in the province of Benevento, 40 miles east of Naples. Family lore informed me for years that he was responsible for grafting Aglianico vines in vineyards throughout the surrounding hills.

I have sampled several superb red wines produced from the Aglianico grape produced in this precise area. Perhaps this is why I fell in love with these wines at first sip – they're in my family tree (grapevine).

Tying it all together in real time: Recently, I was offered the opportunity to walk in my grandfather's footsteps in similar vineyards in the area in which he toiled.

A centuries-old winery has been laboring under the impact of the youngest generation's decision to abandon the difficult tradition of sustaining a livelihood in the agricultural lands of Irpinia. Siblings have left to pursue

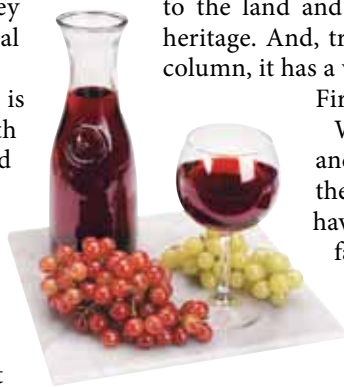
careers in law and architecture, leaving only one behind to carry on the burden of the family heritage. Enter a group of enterprising American investors. With the necessary capital resources, this group is investing in modernizing the winery and initiating a marketing program to export the wines to the United States.

Being offered the opportunity to be a (small) part of this venture, I eagerly jumped in.

My family history has now come full circle. From ancestors in the ancient cultural circles of the north to those toiling in the agrarian hills of the poverty-stricken south, a first generation Italian-American is now a financial investor in this tradition-rich region.

And yes, I plan to walk the vineyards and get dirt under my fingernails, perpetuating my heritage. Stay tuned for my report this summer on the celebration of the opening of the modernized winery.

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Happenings

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Lenten Season Services at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac: Palm Sunday- 4/14- 10 a.m. service Maundy Thursday- 4/18- 7 p.m. service Good Friday- 4/19/19- 7:30pm service Easter Sunday- 4/21/19- 10 a.m. services First Presbyterian Church is located at 411 Rt 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac. For more information: presby411@verizon.net or 845-628-2365.

A Look Ahead: Saturday, April 13

Enjoy a great night out to support the Veteran's Benefit Dinner & Spring Dance, Sat April 13th, 5-9pm at the German American Club, in Putnam Valley. This year's net proceeds will be donated to PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program of Putnam County. Come and enjoy a tasty, elegant Bavarian pork schnitzel dinner with all the trimmings and live entertainment by Joe Unger. Plus a full cash bar. Tickets must be

purchased in advance \$50/person email: Germanamericansocialclub@gmail.com or call Anna at (845)224-5855 after 4 p.m. The Club is located at 11 Kramers Pond Rd, Putnam Valley. Plenty of parking. www.gac1936.com

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center presents Aaron Jonah Lewis and Jake Sanders in Concert: 7:30 p.m., They will perform as soloists and also will play together. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, is located at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, in Putnam Valley. Suggested donation is \$20. Discounted \$15 tickets can be purchased in advance at brownpapertickets.com. Reservations can be made on the TCCC website at www.tompkinscorners.org/reservations.html or by phone at (845) 528-7280. For further information, email info@tompkinscorners.org.

Tuesday, April 16

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Saturday, April 20

Military Collectables, Knife Show: Patterson, Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson. Historical items for sale will include Insignia, Medals, Uniforms, Equipment, Swords, Knives, Headgear, Books, Artwork, Antique Muzzle Loaders, etc. The material will cover the years from the American Revolution to the present day. There will also be several uniformed "Living Historians" who are ready to answer questions about the eras they represent. Vendors come from all over the Northeast. This family friendly show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5... Children under 12 Free with an adult. Part of the proceeds of this event goes to Patterson Recreation Center & The American Veterans Historical Museum. or additional information on this event, see: <https://www.thedufflebaginc.com/tdb1/militaria3.htm> or contact The Patterson Recreation Center, 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag, 845-878-7106.

Tuesday, April 23

The Putnam County Department of Health is hosting its 13th annual Food Operators Expo. 9 a.m., - 2 p.m. Meet other chefs, restaurant owners and managers in the area; attend educational sessions and check out our vendor fair with food distributors and services your

establishment needs to succeed. For more information, visit www.putnamcountyny.com/foodopsexpo

Saturday April 27

The Mahopac High school Baseball Booster club and coaching staff are hosting the Inaugural Alumni Day The day consists of Freshman, JV & Varsity teams playing games, followed by an Alumni game. The Alumni will be gathering at Patrick's Pub after. (Rain date April 28):

Sunday April 28

The Putnam Chorale presents the Putnam County's premier vocal ensemble will perform its annual spring concert 3 p.m. at First Unites Methodist Church, 83 Main Street Brewster. "Polyphonic Masterpieces" features the work of Josquin Des Prez, Renaissance composer and music history's first "rock star". Widely followed in his day the master of polyphony laid the groundwork for music as we know it today. Tickets are \$20. (\$15 for seniors 65 and over and students), available at the door. See www.PutnamChorale.org for advance ticket purchase information.

This Week: Tuesday, April 2

Pre-K Movie Day: 10 a.m., - 11:30 a.m. Want to take your little ones to a movie? Come out for our movie day and enjoy a fun experience for the whole family! For ages up to 5 years. For more

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The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m., to discuss the book "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, April 3

The Art of Dressing 7 p.m., A closet full of clothes and nothing to wear? Tonia Tagliaferro of the Art of Dressing will share tips on how to select the perfect wardrobe for everybody type, lifestyle, and occasion. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

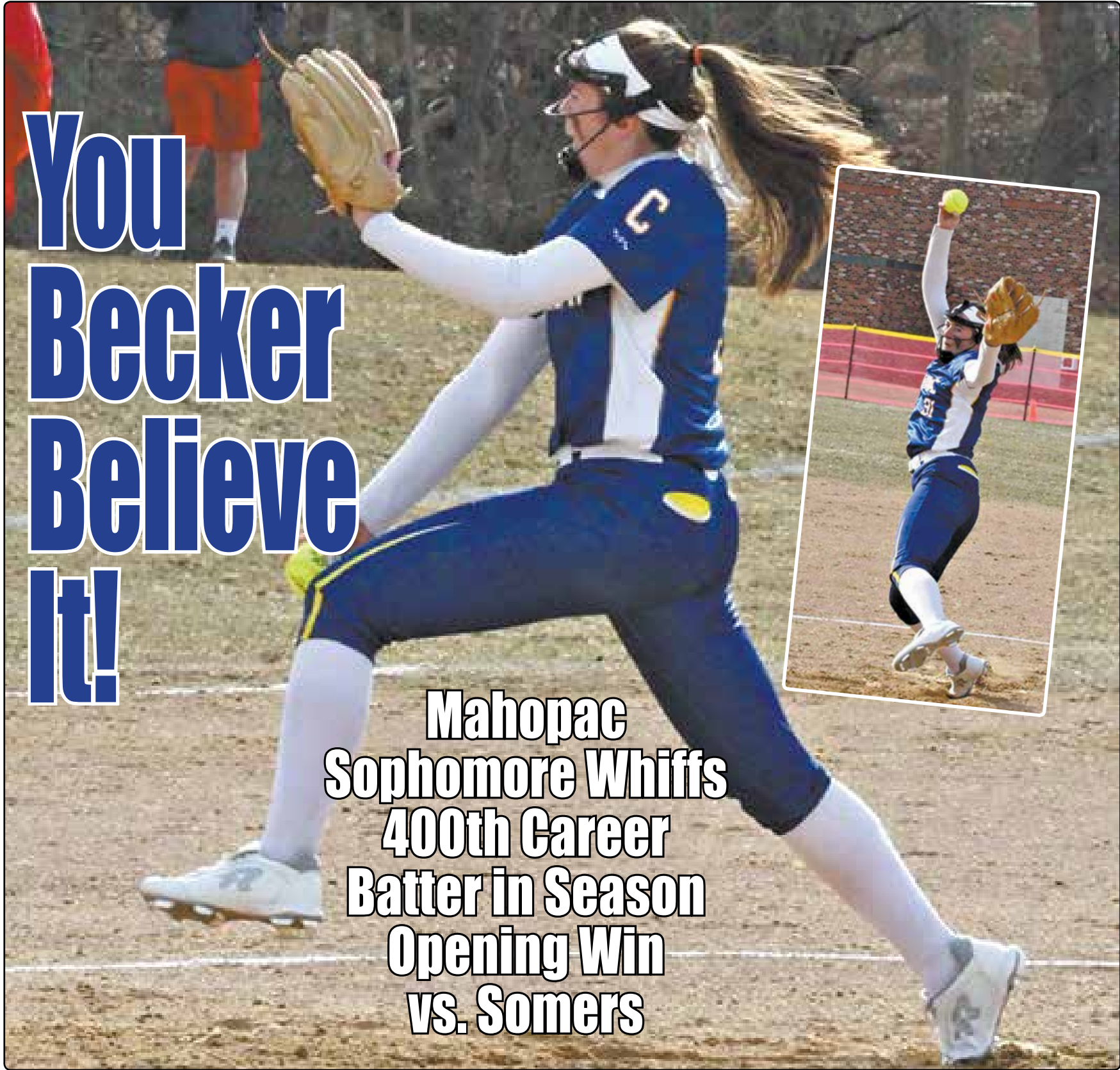
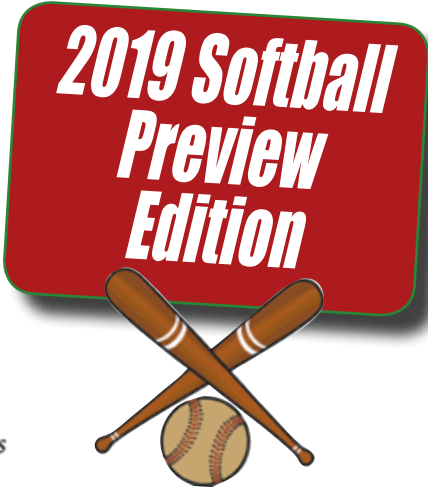
Friday, April 5

Murder Mystery Night: 6:30 p.m. Spring Halloween celebration! There has been a murder in the library! Using short cue cards, teens will act their way through this night of rumors, bribes and accusations to determine who murdered one of their fellow guests! *Due to the nature of this program individual registration is required. For ages 13 to 17. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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Mahopac sophomore P Shannon Becker continued to marvel D-I softball scouts across the country as she fanned 17 batters in the Indians' 6-0 season-opening win over host Somers last Thursday when she notched the 400th strikeout of an already sterling career. The sling-shooting RHP then fired a one-hitter and added 19 more whiffs in Friday's 12-0 win over Fox Lane... see Softball Previews inside

Sports

Softball Notebook

New-Look Yorktown Hopes to Sustain Past Greatness

Host of Teams from Class AA to Class B Hoping to Contend for Section 1 Titles

By Tony Pinciario

The past two varsity softball seasons, **YORKTOWN** has been the elite in Section 1 Class AA. The Cornhuskers have won consecutive Section 1 Class AA championships under former Coach Ryan Iamurri, who stepped down is now an assistant coach at Florida Southwestern.

Yorktown also won back-to-back sectional titles in 2007-08, led by Cassie Reilly-Boccia, who started four years at Alabama, so it's been a sustained period of greatness for the program.

Coach Samantha Fernandez inherits a quality team even with the graduation of five seniors, four of whom are playing in college: pitcher Erica Salveggi, Reilly Koch (College of St Rose), Brianna Buck (Iona), Courtney Cardea (Hamilton) and Angie Serrano (Molloy).

Fernandez will rely on her three captains – Sam Riccardulli (OF), an all-section pick last year, Kaitlyn Bennett (OF) and Juliana Piehler (IF).

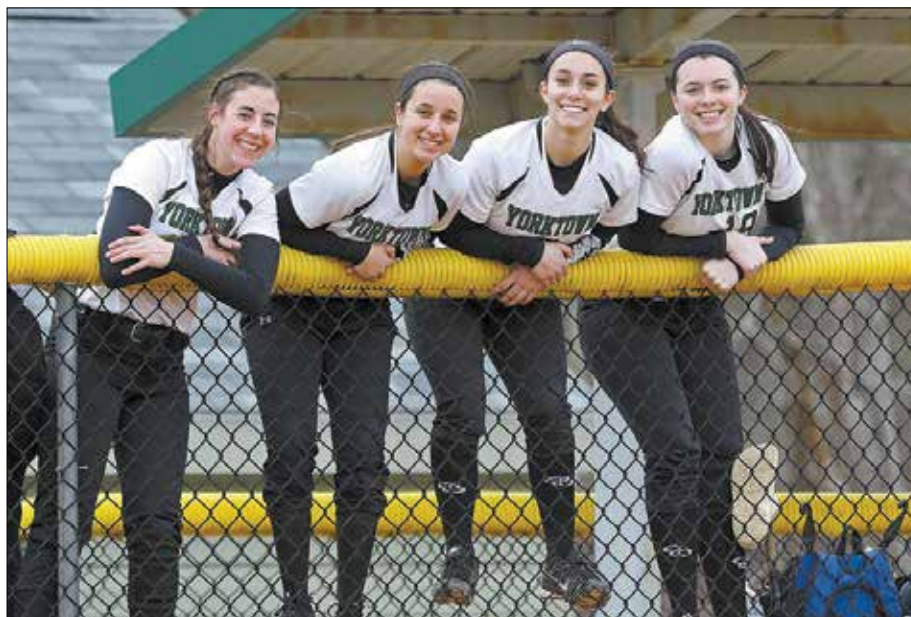
"Sam led the team last year in hitting with 27 hits, batting .475 and only is only a couple hits away from getting her 100th hit," Fernandez said. "Sam is also an incredible defensive player and has committed zero errors in the outfield. Kaitlyn and her outstanding speed is another great outfielder and hitter. Juliana closes out the captain titles supporting this team with her encouragement and her power at the plate."

Bella Vano (IF) and Lainie Ornstein (C) complete the returning nucleus.

"Bella, being one of our middle infielders, has great hands and speed. Ornstein is a wall behind the plate as well as a phenomenal hitter with speed."



Versatile Lakeland P-1B Claire Fon will be a major factor on the Section 1 softball circuit this season.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Yorktown players hope to reestablish the form that has made the defending Class A champion Huskers one of the most dominant programs of the last decade.

Yorktown welcomes five promising newcomers that Fernandez is excited about in junior Bria Moran (C), sophomore Alyssa Buck (P), Olivia Fasce (IF) and Marlaina Cirone (utility), plus freshman Olivia Salveggi (1B).

While Fernandez is optimistic, she also realizes the Cornhuskers will miss the impactful 2018 senior class. Yorktown will also receive every opponent's best game.

"We graduated some really great talent and leaders and have some big shoes to fill," Fernandez said. "We will also be dealing with some pressure from being back-to-back section champions. The group of girls we have this year is a special group. Not only is the talent exceptional, the team chemistry is astounding, as well. Our upperclassmen are really great leaders on this team and I am very excited to get games going as we expect another very successful season."

LAKELAND opened the 2019 preseason without long-time veteran co-coach Joe Chiara, who retired in December. Chiara and fellow co-coach Steve Fallo had guided Lakeland varsity softball for the past 25-plus years.

In 2017, Lakeland reached the top of the mountain, winning the Section 1 Class A title. Last year, the Hornets rebounded from an 0-4 start and reached the sectional semifinals, where they lost to eventual champion, Ardsley, which is now in Class B this season.

Lakeland will be strong in the circle with senior Claire Fon and junior Krystal Badillo, both all-section choices last year, back. Fon will attend Adelphi in the fall and continue playing softball.

"Both bring a great deal of experience

and leadership to our team," Fallo said. "Both played for us as eighth-graders."

Fallo said Lakeland returns nine of the 10 players who contributed to the success of last year's team. Senior C Amber Lopez



Somers C Gabby Mazzotta is among the region's top backstops and one of seven returning starters in 2019.

will form the other half of the battery and classmate Emily McGrath will roam the outfield. Junior Amanda DiClerico, who missed last year with an injury, will return to first base. Classmates Hannah Matusiak (OF), Sophia Portante (3B), Emma Walsh (OF), Sabrina Reichelt (OF) and Selina

Bernat (OF) also return.

"Our expectations are high," Fallo said. "We feel we have a team that can compete for the Section 1 title. Our experience and remembering the poor start we had last year will help us be ready."

Lakeland mercied Peekskill, in five innings, to open the season.

Badillo had five hits, including a home run, and drove in seven runs. Bernat also crushed a home run and finished with four RBI. Ava Knopf and Fon each drove in three runs.

SOMERS is quietly becoming a rising power in Section 1. The last two years, the Tuskers, who went 13-7 in 2018, have qualified for sectionals boasting a high-powered offense. Third-year Coach Dave Scagnelli will miss graduated seniors Jill Carlisto and Kelsey Lavin, but Somers does return one of Section 1's elite players in senior and C Gabby Mazzotta. She is twice an all-section selection and will attend Manhattan College this fall and play softball.

Mazzotta is not the only senior returning. She is joined by talented classmates Karly Moscarello (SS), Jazmyn Colon (OF), Nikki Fiorino (3B), Tori Pagliaro (1B/OF), Amanda Polito (OF) and Sabrina Balfe (OF). Juniors Sarah Murphy (P) and Vicky McEvoy (2B) and sophomore Hannah Recine (OF) also comprise the returnees.

With a deep, talented nucleus back, there were not many spots remaining but two juniors and two freshmen join varsity.

Lauren Canavan (2B) and Jessica McSweeney (C/1B) are the juniors and Juliana Bockhaus (1B/OF) and Emily Stavola (P) are the freshmen.

"We have seven returning starters, all with at least three years playing on the varsity," Scagnelli said. "We want to improve upon last year's success, and be competitive against the top teams in our league."

Since Rena Finsmith became the **PUTNAM VALLEY** coach, the Tigers progressively have become a sectional contender.

What makes this incredible is Putnam Valley has accomplished this without a Junior Varsity team. Even though the Tigers are without a JV team, once again, they will be among the top teams in Class B, once again.

Putnam Valley, which went 15-6 and

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Mahopac is expecting big things from sophomore C Michelle DellaMura.

won a first-round sectional game, has nine returning players, led by the senior trio of Sophia Lord (3B), Gianna D'Addona (OF) and Sonya Garcia (OF).

The Waters' sisters, Keiko (OF) and Alex (C), are back as is classmate Sabrina Cross (1B). Sophomore windmill Emily McKenna, an All-Section choice and the league pitcher of the year, is back in the circle. She is joined by fellow sophomores Frankie Reyes (SS) and Kathleen Gallelo.

Lord, Keiko Waters, McKenna and Reyes were All-League selections. Sophomore Abby Lowder (IF) joins varsity this season.

"Returning all of our starters and their experience playing together will be our strength," said Finsmith. "I am excited to see what we can accomplish this year. Our schedule is going to challenge us, but I am looking forward to seeing the girls step up their game and compete at the highest level they can."

Finsmith pointed out Putnam Valley will be playing in the annual James "Ace" Morabito Tournament in Herkimer (NY), May 3-5. The Morabito draws many of New York's elite teams. Putnam Valley will be joined by annual Class A power Pearl River, 2018 Section 1 Class A champion Ardsley (which is competing in Class B this season) and Hastings. Putnam Valley will play Ardsley and 2018 Section 1 Class B champion Westlake this season.

Playing in a league with Brewster, Yorktown and Lakeland, it's easy to understand how WALTER PANAS is often overlooked. That might change in 2019 as the Panthers return 11 players,



Fordham-committed Panas SS Julia Petrovich has a big bat and flashes nasty leather up the middle of the IF.

including eight starters for Coach Dale Chappelle. Panas finished 12-9 last year and lost in the sectional section round to eventual Class A champion Ardsley.

Seven of the 11 returnees are seniors, led by Bella Feraca (2B). Chosen All-Section HM last year, Feraca will attend the University of Rochester in the fall and play softball.

The super-seven senior group also includes Gianna Servedio (1B), Jenna Guevarez (OF), Brianna Viola (OF), Tahari Williams (OF), Lexi Lorino (OF) and Sam Mills (utility). Servedio will attend Hunter College in the fall and play softball.

Junior and 2018 All-Section pick Julia Petrovich (SS) has verbally committed to attend Fordham and play softball. Classmate Kat Reynoso (C) is fresh off a successful girls' basketball season as the Panthers advanced to the sectional final four. Rae Valt (3B) is back as is sophomore Olivia Bordenaro (P).

"The 2019 Panthers are battle-tested and experienced," Chappelle said. "After winning 12 games last year against a very tough schedule, they are poised to take the next step as a formidable opponent in Section 1. Loaded with seniors and excellent talent all over the field, this team has high aspirations for this season."

Along with what Chappelle termed a 'brutally-tough' league schedule, Panas will also play perennial powers Mahopac, led by pitcher Shannon Becker, Harrison and Our Lady of Lourdes.

The 2018 season was an aberration for **BREWSTER.**

A perennial Section 1 Class A power, sectional semifinalist and/or finalist, the Bears finished below .500 and had only eight wins, both firsts in Coach Lisa Delzio's 10 years. Delzio, who is 165-56 in her career, has six returnees highlighted by senior Caroline Cherubini (CF) and junior Madison Chiudina (3B/LF).

"Caroline has incredible range and one of the best arms in the section," Delzio said. "She is a competitor and extremely talented softball player who leads by example every day at practice. Madison is a three-year varsity player who I expect a breakout year from. Madison has worked extremely hard since last year, improving both her offense and defense. She has incredible power at the plate and is one of the hardest-working athletes I've had the pleasure of coaching. Madison is our vocal leader and understands what it takes to win."

Senior Elly Keefe and juniors Gabbi Dovi, Angie Gasparre and Michelle Marotta also return to the

starting lineup.

"The varsity experience of Caroline and Madison is one of our strengths," Delzio said. "They understand what needs to be done in order to win in our league. Our overall team speed is very good -- one of the best we've had since 2012 -- and our defense will be solid. The team has a great attitude and a never give up mentality."

Pitching has long been a Brewster tradition. However, this year, Delzio said the Bears will be going with a pitching committee until their No. 1 windmill returns from a minor injury. Even though the Bears did not have a typical Brewster season, Delzio witnessed a rebirth the last few weeks.

"The team got stronger and stronger as the season went on and we finished with three wins against three excellent teams -- Mahopac, Somers and John Jay Cross River," Delzio said. "This year that 'never quit' mentality has gotten even stronger and I'm looking forward to the start of the season. I am confident that their efforts will result in a winning season. We have five freshman that are eager and hungry to play and win, which along with our seasoned upperclassmen will make for an exciting year."

Brandon Johanson did not get much of a break between seasons.

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Boys' LAX Notebook

Mahopac Practices Brinksmanship, Survives 6-4 Win over Put Valley

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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If moral victories were worth anything, they'd come with a coveted participation trophy and everybody would get one. But that's not what Class D **PUTNAM VALLEY** was playing for in last Saturday's 6-4 loss to Class A host **MAHOPAC**. Putnam Valley not only led for the three-plus quarters, opening up a 4-2 lead early in the fourth, but, truth be told, Coach

"In the beginning it was really tough, but at halftime we made some adjustments," said Mahopac senior A Anthony Corrado (1G, 1A), who essentially milked the final two minutes off the clock with a splendid blend of power and speed. "We just needed to relax. We moved the ball, forced slides to come and made the shots in the fourth. We didn't know what to expect from them, but as soon as the whistle blew we knew they were serious. As we face more teams, I'm ready to step up and go to the goal more often."

For three quarters, Mahopac didn't get more than a couple of sniffs at PV junior G Dan Clements' crease, but Indian sophomores Zach Esteves (2G) and Tommy Elliott (2G), plus senior Drew Riolo (1G, 3A) got hot when it counted against a worn-down PV defense to beat Clements (9 saves) for four fourth-quarter tallies.

"We knew going in that offense was going to be a struggle this season," Bucello said. "We were hoping that once it popped we could score in bunches and that's what happened in the fourth. Being a bigger school, we have some depth on them, and

we have some lines, and we can just run people and run people and that's what we did. I think we found the goal a little today and that's going to give us some confidence going forward. Once we find our rhythm, watch out for us."

Putnam Valley was dictating tempo behind the play of senior M Joey van de Veerdonk, who scored twice and had the look of a player who might dominate the Class D post season.

"We made a lot of key mistakes there in the fourth," Weir admitted. "That really cost us the game. For three-and-a-half quarters, we were playing well and good things were happening. Over the last seven minutes it just broke down. The game is 48 minutes and we played 41. We've grown up a lot since last year, but we sort of gave this one away."

Charlie Broas and long pole Sam Montaldo each scored for the Tigers.

NEW/Putnam Feb 5 LAX Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Class B Huskers (2-1) saw Blake Borges score two goals and dish one



Putnam Valley A Jack Longden is checked by Mahopac's Drew Riolo in Tigers' 6-4 loss to Indians.

Tim Weir's Tigers (2-2) were having their way with Coach Joe Bucello's Indians (1-2).

However, Mahopac's depth wore Put Valley down. Mistake-prone for the first 41 minutes, Mahopac's athleticism was evident down the stretch, and the Tigers made key mistake after key mistake over the final seven minutes.



Mahopac M Zach Esteves gets some love from Anthony Corrado & teammates after nailing GWG in 6-4 win over Put Valley.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Put Valley M Joey van de Veerdonk cranks goal as Mahopac's Andrew Dazi arrives in Tigers' 6-4 loss to Indians Saturday.



Carmel junior A Aidan Babnick cranks 1 of 10 goals he would score last week in a win over Croton and loss to N. Rockland.



Mahopac's Tommy O'Brien dishes pass while taking a shot from Put Valley's Alex Alex Sirico in Indians' 6-4 win over Tigers Saturday.

assist in 11-7 loss to CT powerhouse Darien.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Class A Rebels (1-0) had four dudes with two or more goals in a 12-4 season-opening win at Suffern, including Mikey Walsh (3G, 2A), Matt Makar (2G, 3A), Sean Laukaitis (2G, 1A) and Alex Davoli (2G). April 25th vs. Mahopac can't come quick enough.

No.3 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (1-0) welcomed back Iona Prep transfer Nick Rossi with open arms and he responded with 5G and 4A in a 15-7 win over reigning Section 1 Class C champion Pelham. Brandon LaSpina finished with three goals and one assist. Conor Jaykus had three goals. T.J. Deagan got one goal and three assists. April 27th at home vs. Yorktown... anybody up for that?

No.4 MAHOPAC – Class A Indians (1-2) were on the brink of going 0-3 with losses to Mam'nek and Byram Hills (#ItHappened), but survived this round of brinksmanship when ripening sophomore M Zach Esteves took over.

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Baseball LAX Notebook

No-Hitters Abound at Panas, Somers, Ossining, Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher
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At least the weather is not as bad as last year, or the year before. That's what local baseball coaches, players and fans alike have to say after Week 1 of the 2019 Section 1 baseball season is in the books. It's been chilly, it's been slightly uncomfortable, but the fields have held up for the most part as the teeming rains have held off and snow appears to be behind us.

April can be tricky but March, though chilly, was better than we've had in recent years, so let's have a look around the local diamonds, which saw four no-hitters last week...

CLASS A

Rookie Matty Calise had a sweet varsity debut for **PANAS** (2-0) in last Thursday's 13-0 victory over visiting Roosevelt and followed that up with a no-hitter in a 10-0 win over Peekskill Saturday (see back page sports). Against Roosevelt, Calise had two hits, including a well-ripped double, three RBI, two steals and a run in the season opener at Union Field in Putnam Valley. Panas P Steven Gerrish fired a shutout and Don Hooper went 2 for 3 with three RBI for Panas, which has much bigger tests forthcoming, including a pair of League II-C encounters with host **YORKTOWN** (1-0) this Wednesday and Friday at home. Panas Coach Anthony Fata will likely hand the ball to Calise and Gerrish, and the Panthers will need to salvage a split against a Yorktown team that has some solid hurlers of its own.

The Huskers worked a 7-1 win over Eastchester behind ace Anthony Fusco, who went six sterling, no-hit innings with eight K's and combined with reliever Vinny Ciateli for a no-hitter. Luan



Panas hurler Matt Calise delivers pitch during his no-hitter in 10-0 win over Peekskill Saturday.

Biberaj and Kyle Zaslav each drove home a pair for the Huskers.

Host Nanuet showed that on any given day in baseball any team can win, when the Golden Knights defeated reigning Section 1 Class A champion **LAKELAND**, 8-6, doing most of the damage in a four-run sixth. Lakeland's Joe Vetrano (2 for 3) cracked a triple, walked, scored twice and knocked in a pair, and Hornet OF Andrew Croce was 2 for 4 with a double and two RBI, but the Hornets (1-1) failed to hold the lead.

In the season-opening 7-5 win over

host John Jay, Vetrano, fresh off a bout with strep throat, threw five innings and struck out six to earn the win. Reliever Jason Green tossed two innings of relief and struck out two. The big guy also doubled home a run.

SOMERS (1-0) P Liam Kaseta, a senior lefty, fired a no-hitter in a 7-0 victory over visiting Lincoln, whiffing a career-high 11 and walking two. Logan Carriero (2 for 3, run), Thomas Parisi (1 for 3, 2 RBI, run) and Nate Schwartz (2 for 2, run, RBI double, 2 BB) provided the punch at the plate. Thomas Parisi had a hit and two RBI for the Tuskers, who had a nice bounce-back win after a 3-1 opening-day loss to Byram Hills, in which Jackson Kossow had the lone Somers RBI.

Bobby McBride led a 15-hit **BREWSTER** (1-0) attack in as 12-10 win over host Pearl River last Saturday. McBride crushed it, going 3 for 4 with a career-best seven RBI. Paul Catalano (2 for 3, 4 runs) and Ryan Gergley (3 for 3) all came through for P Dean Johnson, who earned the win in relief.

HEN HUD (2-1) is off to a solid start, including a 12-0 win over Tappan Zee. RHP Mike Greiner fired five scoreless frames to earn his second win of the season. Nick Hiltzley, John Glashoff and Jordan Grullon each had multiple hits for the Sailors.

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC (1-1) came out swinging in a 12-4 win over host Clarkstown North. Indian 1B Kyle Brandstetter doubled, walked twice and drove home three in support of winning hurler Casey Tewey (two runs on four hits in five innings). Chris Walpole was the sparkplug, going 3 for 5 with an RBI and three runs. That was a lot of pop for a Mahopac offense

and Coach Myk Lugbauer can only hope it continues.

CARMEL (1-0) took it to visiting Port Chester in a 12-0 thumping last Friday. Carmel sophomore Jack Sullivan fired five frames of one-hit ball, sending eight down K-way. He didn't walk a batter and added two hits and scored twice and fed off the support of Kevin Dall (2 hits, 2B, SB, RBI, 2 runs), Sador Kozma (2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs) and Jon McIntyre (2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs).

OSSINING (1-0) smoked Mount Vernon, 18-0, last Friday when senior RHP Peter Bossinas fired the first no-hitter the Pride have seen in quite some time. He whiffed 12 in a dominant opening-day performance. Nick Constantino (2 for 4, 4 RBI) and Peter's brother, Joey Bossinas (2 for 4, 2 RBI), did the bulk of the offensive damage.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY (1-1) posted a 4-2 opening-day win over visiting Albertus Magnus behind RHP John Millicker, who lasted five innings, allowing just a solo homer while fanning six. Senior reliever Alex O'Brien went 2 for 3 with a run and an RBI before closing out the game with two frames of relief for the save.

CROTON (1-0) turned PV's victory face into frowns the next day, serving the visiting Tigers a 3-2 setback after a walk-off hit by Evan Hunter (2 for 4 RBI), David Jackson (2 for 3, 2B RBI), John Casieri (2 for 4 2 runs). Max Luke fired three scoreless innings with six K's while winning pitcher Toby Murphy pitched the final four inning, allowing two earned runs with three K's.

Put Valley senior TJ Brescia went four frames, whiffing eight and allowing one earned run.

New-Look Yorktown Hopes to Sustain Past Greatness

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Following his first year as the **CARMEL** varsity girls' basketball coach, Johanson has moved up to the varsity softball top job.

Johanson inherits a team that went 8-14 in 2018 and graduated five starters. Despite the graduation departures, the cupboard is not bare and Johanson is familiar with the players being the former Junior Varsity coach.

Ten players are back led by seven seniors – Juliana Nacinovich (first base),

Kayla Maguire (outfield), Libby Corry (outfield), Alyssa Fregosi (second base), Amanda Long (second base/third base), Annalena Fusco (catcher) and Erin Rangel (shortstop/first base).

Juniors Kaitlyn Belmont (second base) and Kaitlyn Dean (pitcher) and sophomore Meaghan Connors (catcher/outfield) complete the core 10.

"I am very pleased, so far, with the progress of this team," Johanson said. "They come to work everyday, and have

a strong desire to succeed. I think our program is headed in the right direction, and we are working to improve everyday."

Carmel is in a league with archrival Mahopac as well as perennial Dutchess County powers, Arlington, John Jay-East Fishkill and R.C. Ketcham.

MAHOPAC boasts one of the region's top batteries in All-NYS ace Shannon Becker and C Michelle DellaMura. Becker, a sophomore who has amassed 419 strikeouts in a shade over two seasons,

can be unhittable at times. Former Coach Amanda Gambacorta has turned the reins over to Christina Giansante, but the transition should be smooth as she was with the program the past several years as an assistant. The Indians are 2-0 currently with shutouts wins over Somers and Fox Lane.

Softball coaches are encouraged to contact beat writer Tony Pinciario at tfinch23@optonline.net for inclusion in our Softball Notebook.

Mahopac Practices Brinksmanship, Survives 6-4 Win over Put Valley

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Six winnable games going in to P'Ville, L/P stretch; nothing less than 4-2 will do, preferably 5-1.

No.5 PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (2-2) took the tough losses to Class A Greeley and Class A Mahopac in stride

and are better off than we figured for a Class D Final 4 run and maybe even a sniff of their first title appearance since 2010. PV can also end this Bronxville bugaboo on April 9th and reel off 6-straight wins heading in to Briarcliff scrum on April

25th should they play their cards right.

HM HEN HUD – Class C Sailors (1-1) saw Max Popolizio rip a hat trick and dish four assists while Bryce Caffrey and Jack Kapfer collected hats as well with Ryan Pritchard and Brian Gallagher scoring

two each in a 14-6 win over Tappan Zee. Pelham, John Jay & Briarcliff on deck #WhatYouMadeOf

HM BREWSTER – Class B Bears (2-1) saw Bob Conklin go for five goals and an assist in a 7-2 win over Pine Bush.

Mahopac Drops Mike on Put Valley



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Indians Express Joy, Relief in 6-4 Win over Tigers

Mahopac G Mike Argila (8 saves) and D John Dundon (27) celebrate the host Class A Indians' 6-4 triumph of neighboring Class D Putnam Valley, which gave Mahopac fits for three-plus quarters last Saturday in an epic battle for Putnam County lax bragging rights... see Boys' Lax Notebook