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Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio presented seven-year-old Giovanni Antonio Silvestro with a proclamation on behalf of the town on April 17. Silvestro was surrounded by members of his family and the family of the late Elias Knapp, a 17-year-old Putnam Valley High School student who died in February days after he accidentally shot himself. Gio raised money for the Knapp family by selling handmade potholders and hearts.

Patterson Officials Voice Concern Over Southeast Project

By David Propper

A project already unpopular with many Town of Southeast residents is now facing some critics from a neighboring town as the planning board continues to review a proposal that would bring in a large-scale distribution center.

Town of Patterson officials are expressing concern about how Northeast Logistics, which is now being referred to as the Commercial Campus at Fields Corners, could affect traffic and roads in Patterson if the project is approved. Since Northeast Logistics was introduced it has been reduced in size. Two buildings are now proposed instead of four and the square footage of the project is pegged at 933,100, which is a 17 percent reduction.

While a zoning text change required approval from the town board originally, that is no longer the case because no building will be situated in the Rural Commercial District. The planning board would need to approve the site plan and the town board would only need to sign off on a special permit use for the project and possibly tax abatements.

A recent draft of the Final

Environmental Impact Statement given to the Southeast planning board led Patterson Supervisor Rich Williams to pen a sharply worded letter addressing his concerns with the document.

Williams, in the two-page letter, said he "can't begin to express my disappointment" with the FEIS because it continues to ignore the impacts at Fields Corners Road and surrounding road network from the "substantial increase in traffic" generated from the proposed project.

The FEIS fails to acknowledge or address commuters and smaller trucks that would use Fields Corners Road and Fair Street in Patterson as an alternate route in Patterson, Williams said, adding the draft FEIS assumes commuters would follow existing patterns of travel and not use Fields Corners as an alternate once the project and heavier traffic come to the area.

"For the FEIS to suggest that there will be no increase at the intersection of Fields Corner Road and Fair Street is wrong,"

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By Neal Rentz

The Town of Putnam Valley experienced an awful tragedy in February when Elias Knapp, a 17-year-old Putnam Valley High School student, died days after he accidentally shot himself.

Out of the sadness, seven-year-old Giovanni Antonio Silvestro emerged by raising money for the Knapp family by selling handmade potholders and plastic hearts of love.

Surrounded by members of his family and the Knapp family, Gio's efforts were recognized on April 17 with a proclamation from the town board. Gio and his family looked for potential purchasers of the hearts and potholders through Facebook and other means,

Supervisor Sam Oliverio said last week. Gio told his mother he wanted to give the money to the Knapp family so they could use it to create something in his memory, Oliverio said.

"I was extremely touched by that and I still am," he said. "It's what Putnam Valley is all about."

"We have all these people here tonight because they are so impressed with what you did," Oliverio told Gio.

An emotional Oliverio read the town proclamation to honor Gio and his family and friends that stated, in part, "Gio demonstrated a sense of community and love for his neighbors that is both truly

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Brewster High's Dinner Raises Money for Italy Trip



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Last month Brewster High School's Italy travelers hosted an International Dinner for the community in order to offset the costs of their upcoming trip this summer. "The International Dinner was planned by students who are attending the Italy trip in order to raise money for it," teacher Antonio Franzè said. "It's quite expensive, costing about \$4,000 per student. So we try to cushion the cost." Students reached out to some of the best restaurants across Putnam County and were able to get trays of food donated from some of their favorite places including: La Strada, Pagoda Kitchen, Gaetano's, Fiesta Mexicana/ Las Mañanitas, Sinapi's, Cameron's Deli, Southeast Grill, Il Forno, The Carriage House, 121, and Prato Trattoria. They also secured some pretty incredible raffle prizes. Prizes included two airplane vouchers for the 48 states, a \$500 gift basket, a \$300 gift basket and two Michael Kors watches. Donations from local business included: Jina's Nails, Kobackers, 31 Gifts, Arbonne, Carmel Movie Theatre, Empire Movie Theatre, and Suburban Propane. "We're really proud because it shows how great the community is. We all come together to help the students," Franzè said. More than 220 people passed through the Brewster High School cafeteria for the event, helping to raise more than \$8,000 for students.

Mahopac JV Lax Team Accused of Racist Actions

By David Proper

The Mahopac school district is facing charges of racism following a junior varsity lacrosse game between Mahopac and New Rochelle earlier this month.

Parents from New Rochelle accused Mahopac students-athletes of racist behavior during the game, which included claims of calling opposing players “(expletive) Mexicans” and not shaking hands with African-American players after the game, according to a News 12 report.

The apparent incident occurred on April 11, the Thursday before students and most staff were off for spring break so the investigation is still ongoing with students returning to school Tuesday, Superintendent of Schools Anthony DiCarlo said in an interview. DiCarlo has been in constant contact with New Rochelle school officials, including their superintendent, athletic director and high school principal. He called New Rochelle officials the night after the game and apologized to them for what happened earlier that day.

“We are very much upset about the incident and what happened,” DiCarlo said. “It’s something that has no place in Mahopac.”

Once the investigation is complete, the school district will follow its code of contact when determining punishment



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Mahopac school chief Anthony DiCarlo said an investigation into a JV lacrosse game between Mahopac and New Rochelle should be complete by the end of the week.

for the student or students involved, DiCarlo said. He hopes to have more information for the public at Thursday’s school board meeting.

This isn’t the first time the Mahopac school system has been accused of racist actions and behavior. In 2014, during a varsity basketball at the Westchester County Center, Mahopac students that attended the game sent out racist tweets directed at Mount Vernon High School, which is a predominately black school. Eight students were suspended as a result. During the game, Mahopac players were accused of hurling racist slurs at Mount Vernon players, but those accusations

were not confirmed and no punishment was dealt out as a result.

The following season, one Mahopac basketball player was suspended for a good portion of the season after he was accused of calling an African-American player on Carmel’s basketball team the n-word. While the player maintained his innocence and his family hired famed civil rights attorney Michael Sussman, the punishment remained.

Since 2015, there have been no recorded incidents of racially charged actions or words from Mahopac athletes though according to News 12, New Rochelle parents alleged there have been other instances of inappropriate behavior in the past.

DiCarlo said this is the first time he has had to investigate a claim of racially charged actions from Mahopac students-athletes since he became school chief last year. Before the school year began, DiCarlo said he went over what conduct he expects from the athletes and the student section, the Mahopac Maniacs that attend many sporting events.

The school board and administrators have been “extremely proactive” when pushing for sportsmanship and appropriate behavior at athletic contests, he said.

“I would love to tell you that I can

control what 4,200 kids say or don’t-- I can’t, but it’s something we won’t tolerate in Mahopac,” DiCarlo said. “There is zero tolerance for derogatory comments at other players.”

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Putnam DA's Office Convicts Dutchess Woman of Murder

By David Proper

A trial handled by the Putnam County District Attorney's Office that garnered national attention ended with a guilty verdict last week when a Dutchess County woman was convicted of killing her longtime boyfriend.

After three days of deliberations, a jury found Nicole Addimando guilty of 2nd degree murder in the slaying of Christopher Grover in September 2017 as the 30-year-old mother of two awaits sentencing that is scheduled for June where she could face 25 years to life

proved Grover was shot in the head at point blank while he was sleeping on his couch. A deputy medical examiner testified the gunshot wound to Grover's temple was a hard, tight, contact wound caused by the muzzle of the gun pressed directly against his temple as he slept on his couch. Prior to the shooting, evidence was presented that indicated Addimando searched on a computer "what would happen if someone was asleep and then someone shot them in head. Will they wake up or die instantly?"

The defense attempted to prove that

Addimando was actually the victim.

One of Addimando's defense attorneys, John Ingrassia, said during the trial "we marched witness after witness after witness to attest to the abuse" and the abuse by Grover was "evil, sadistic torture," according to The Poughkeepsie Journal. Ingrassia detailed various injuries to his client as a result of Grover, including rapes, being choked with a bathrobe belt, and using a hot spoon to burn various parts of her body, according to The Poughkeepsie Journal. Ingrassia did not return a call seeking

comment.

Grover was shot within 24 hours of Child Protective Services visiting the couple's home after the agency received an anonymous complaint reported that Addimando had bruises on her. Since the couple had two small children, the agency said it was going to begin a probe.

The defense claimed once CPS informed the couple they were beginning an investigation, Grover knew his "dark secret was about to be

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Dutchess County resident Nicole Addimando was convicted of 2nd degree murder

in prison. Though the crime occurred in Dutchess, the Putnam DA's office investigated and tried the case because of a possible conflict of interest with the Dutchess DA's office.

Addimando's defense team claimed that Grover had abused her physically and sexually for years, while Putnam prosecutors Chana Krauss and Larry Glasser painted her as a killer who committed her crime in cold blood.

On Sep. 28, 2017, Addimando was sitting in her car alone at 2 a.m. sometime after she shot Grover. When she didn't move her car despite the light changing, a Town of Poughkeepsie police officer approached her car and Addimando got out saying that she had just killed her boyfriend in self-defense following years of abuse, according to the DA's office. After being brought in for questioning, she was eventually arrested.

A six-month investigation that included phone records, internet searches, computer forensics, and dozens of interviews revealed inconsistencies in Addimando's alleged history of abuse and her claim of self-defense and instead showed overwhelming evidence of intentional murder, the DA's office stated.

When presenting the case, Krauss

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heartwarming and inspiring.”

“The Town of Putnam Valley herby recognizes, praises and applauds this young man’s caring, love and devotion to the community and to the Knapp family,” the proclamation stated.

“What you’ve done is just so inspirational and so amazing,” Oliverio

told Gio. “It’s things like this that makes Putnam Valley the great place that it is.”

Gio’s mother, Nicole, said following the proclamation presentation, she was “very proud of him.”

While Gio enjoyed receiving the proclamation, “I just want to make sure that he knows that every time he does a good deed” he will be not be honored the way he was by the town, Gio’s mother

said. She added that she wanted her son “to continue to try to help.”

Steven Knapp, the father of Elias Knapp, praised the efforts made on behalf of his family, saying he was “just touched very deeply,” he said.

“He’s quite an outstanding young man. He’s set an example that many people should follow,” Knapp said.

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unveiled for the world to see,” Ingrassia said, according to The Poughkeepsie Journal. But prosecutors countered by arguing Addimando was afraid of the CPS investigation because she thought the agency would reach the truth about prior abuse allegations she shared with therapists and medical professionals and she could lose her children, according to The Poughkeepsie Journal.

Putnam District Attorney Robert Tandy, in a statement, said the investigation and prosecution was “one of the most painstaking and professional” he’s ever seen.

“This case was tragic,” Tandy stated. “Christopher Grover was a loving father, son, brother and nephew. I just hope the guilty verdict can bring some relief to his family and friends.”


In an interview, Tandy said there was no indication that Addimando was abused by Grover even though she had made claims in the past. People had also seen her with bruises over the years, Tandy said, but there was no proof that Grover was the cause.

“She made claims over the years that other people had abused her,” Tandy said. “But there was no evidence that he abused her and there is no evidence that anybody abused her.”

Instead, she would tell other people what a loving man he was and his actions showed he was invested in her as a mother and companion, Tandy said.

Still, there were supporters of Addimando, who believed she had been abused and the killing was justified. A fundraising page for Addimando has raised more than \$90,000 for her with donations still pouring in as of Monday. The page states that Addimando survived years of “severe domestic violence” and was “unjustly convicted” of murder. During the trial, there were extensive documented instances where she was abused, the fundraising page stated, but the judicial system refused to acknowledge “the dynamics of abuse and why women often can’t leave.”

“Instead of offering protection, compassion, and healing, our criminal justice system becomes a continuation of abuse... already suffered,” the page stated.



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Horses Could Be Back At Tilly Foster Farm

By David Propper

Horses could be making a return to Tilly Foster Farm after Putnam County originally decided against putting the large animals on the property when it reinvested in the farm several years ago.

Two Percheron horses could start galloping around the property later this year after the county Legislature's physical services committee passed a resolution to the full meeting next month to expend funds for the horses.

Deputy highway commissioner John Tully said the two Percheron horses would present a unique opportunity for the farm, though the first year cost for the two horses would be close to \$38,000 with the second year cost and every year after about half that total. The two horses would cost \$5,000, according to a memo Tully sent the legislature prior to last week's meeting.

Tully said the horses would be another way to draw more people to the farm.

"The horses will be an attraction that would really set us apart from some of the other farms," Tully said. "They're beautiful, majestic animals."

Lou Albano, who is the caretaker on the farm and brother of Legislator Carl Albano, said the county would get a deal if the horses were purchased because the actual value of the two animals together



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Tilly Foster Farm could welcome two horses later this year if county lawmakers are willing to use \$38,000 in taxpayer funds to make it happen.

is more than \$14,000. Both horses are 10-years-old with a life expectancy around 25-30 years, Lou Albano said.

One reason the owner is willing to sell the horses is because his property where

the horses currently reside is up for sale, Albano said.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino asked how these horses would be used by the general public. Albano replied, even though they

are big, by nature Percheron horses have a calm demeanor and would do well around people. Many people don't know about the different animals on the farm, but with the addition of the horses, more residents would notice the animals as they drive along Route 312.

The other animals on the farm currently are alpacas, chickens, pigs, mini horses and goats.

Hayrides for children and including the horses in other events like weddings are possibilities, Albano said.

"I think it would be a good thing for the community," Albano said.

When asked by Legislator Nancy Montgomery what experience farm volunteer Lisa Walker and Albano have taking care of horses, Walker said her sister owns several horses that she is used to taking care of and Albano said his neighbors growing up had horses that he helped watch over.

Tully said county highway department and parks and recreation department officials are comfortable with the experience Walker and Albano have. The owner of the horses would also continue to support and train the horses for 18 months at the farm, Albano said.

When asked by Montgomery about a

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Entergy Reaches Deal to Sell Indian Pt. for Decommissioning

By Rick Pezzullo

Entergy announced last week it had reached a deal to sell the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan to a privately held energy technology company for decommissioning after the facility stops operating in 2021.

The sale includes the transfer of the licenses, spent fuel, decommissioning liabilities and Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts for Indian Point Units 1, 2 and 3 and is expected to speed up the decommissioning process.

In addition, Holtec International has agreed to hire many of the more than 1,000 employees currently working at Indian Point "whose services are required for that phase of decommissioning."

"The sale of Indian Point to Holtec is expected to result in the completion of decommissioning decades sooner than if the site were to remain under Entergy's ownership," said Entergy Chairman and Chief Executive Leo Denault. "With its deep experience and technological innovations, Holtec's ability to decommission Indian Point will benefit stakeholders in the surrounding community."

On January 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Riverkeeper was revealed.



Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy. Entergy officials have said that scenario is unlikely.

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

power used in the region.

Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. Cortlandt will lose \$800,000 annually, which represents two percent of its budget. In addition, the Verplanck Fire Department will lose 64% of its budget and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

Deb Milone, president of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, said Entergy's announcement was welcomed news.

"The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce shares the community's concern about the economic void and uncertainty the shutdown of Indian Point will bring. This step by Entergy to engage Holtec International will bring a measure of certainty and hasten the reuse of the Indian Point site which is vital to stabilizing the local tax base," she stated. "It

is welcome news that Holtec has pledged to hire as many current Entergy employees as possible for the decommissioning. HVGCC looks forward to working with Entergy, Holtec, Buchanan and the Hendrick Hudson School District on the decommissioning plan and promoting a redevelopment plan for the site."

The transaction closing between Entergy and Holtec, which must be approved by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), is targeted for the third quarter of 2021. Holtec is expected to submit its Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report and Site-Specific Decommissioning Cost

Estimate to the NRC in the fourth quarter of this year.

With the acquisition of Indian Point, Holtec's fleet will grow to six reactors at four nuclear facilities and an independent spent fuel storage installation, located in New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Massachusetts.

"Holtec will execute the decommissioning of Indian Point with the same culture of excellence that has undergirded our company's ascent to a first-tier nuclear technology firm," said Dr. Kris Singh, President & CEO of Holtec International. "Our industry leading expertise and deep experience permit us to complete decommissioning at Indian Point decades sooner than if Entergy remained the owner and performed decommissioning itself. The potential for the site to be released decades sooner for redevelopment could deliver significant benefits to local community stakeholders and the local economy."

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Williams wrote. "... Fields Corners Road is ill-suited to handle the increased traffic in its current condition."

Williams argued a 12-foot clearance barrier currently proposed is "not a workable solution" because 40 percent of truck traffic and all car traffic would still be able to travel in that direction. If the project goes forward and Fields Corners remains open, "substantial and costly safety improvements" to address the increased traffic would be needed, Williams said, with both Patterson's and Southeast's highway departments completing the work.

In the FEIS, it states Pugsley Road in Southeast would be improved by the applicant up to Barrett Road, but north of Barrett Road, Fields Corners Road, would not be improved and it would remain closed and not maintained during winter months.

Williams, who in an interview acknowledged he wishes the project was in Patterson, said he doesn't believe the assertion that no traffic will flow into

Patterson, contrary to what the FEIS states. Southeast will need to either improve the road or close it completely, Williams said.

The Patterson town board will explore hiring a traffic consultant so the town can do its own traffic analysis and the town attorney has been instructed to craft legal strategies to protect the town's interests.

"The town board appears at this point ready to do whatever we need to do to protect the interest of the residents of the Town of Patterson and minimize the impacts to our residents," Williams said.

Southeast officials didn't offer much of a contrast to Williams' comments. Planning board chairman Tom LaPerch declined comment because the planning board is still in the midst of the review process. Supervisor Tony Hay said he was aware of and understands Williams' concerns, but the issues Williams has involves the planning board, not the town board.

The Patterson town board will discuss hiring a traffic consultant at this Wednesday's meeting.

Horses Could Be Back At Tilly Foster Farm

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Master Plan for the farm, Tully said there isn't a formal plan, but rather a vision statement compiled as a result of different forums and public input.

"Tilly Foster since the county acquired it has been through several different concept plans," Tully said. "Nothing has been as successful as what has happened over the last several years, improving the infrastructure has really allowed us to start doing these things."

Legislators overall seemed receptive to the idea of putting the money up for the two horses, though there was some skepticism.

Legislator Amy Sayegh said she believes the county could be taking on much more

insurance liability with the addition of the horses and Legislator Joe Castellano asked if the horses on the farm don't work, there is a contingency plan to remove the animals. Albano said the owner would be willing to take the horses back, but would not refund the money the county pays him. The horses could also be sold to someone else, Walker said.

Legislator Toni Addonizio said when there were public meetings about the future of the farm a few years ago, residents voiced they wanted to see horses on the farm.

"It's a good time to go to the next step," Carl Albano said.

"I think it'd be a huge draw," Castellano said.

Clean Up Days Coming Up Across Putnam

By David Propper

As warmer weather has finally sprung and the snow has melted away, litter across Putnam County has become more evident. But now, like every past year, volunteers from every corner of the county are ready to graciously pick up other people's trash.

Clean up days are scheduled for this upcoming weekend and in May as mountains of garbage are expected to be picked up along roadways just in time for nicer weather. In the Town of Southeast and Town of Kent, clean up days will be Saturday, April 27 with a rain date Sunday, April 28. Southeast residents can pick up supplies at Old Town Hall at 67 Main Street 8 a.m.-noon and in Kent, residents will be picking up garbage from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with several designated locations residents can travel to.

In Carmel, residents can pick up garbage from April 22 to April 28 and grab free orange bags at the highway department. Putnam Valley will host its clean up days on May 4 and May 11, both Saturdays.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt is helping lead effort in her town

and emphasized any help residents can offer would be appreciated.

"Clean-up weekend is a wonderful way to celebrate spring and our community," Eckardt said. "Giving even an hour of your time will help make Southeast shine."

In Kent, resident Erika Nitz is organizing the clean up day with the help of 15 community and group leaders running teams of volunteers all over town. Last year, more than 200 volunteers pitched in and this year Nitz expects to double that.

"Neighbors enjoy the camaraderie while feeling good about making a difference in their community. Local businesses have signed on to offer exciting promotions to volunteers that present their Kent Cleanup Day sticker," Nitz said. "We're looking forward to a successful clean up day this year, and many more in the future."

Legislator Bill Gouldman is coordinating the effort in Putnam Valley. In past years, more than 100 residents have participated and Gouldman expects the same number of people this year. The litter picked up varies, including bottles, bottle caps, plastic bags, wrappers, straws,



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Clean up day is a time when elected officials, leaders of different organizations and residents simply looking to make a difference come together to make their town look cleaner. Southeast residents (above) will get their hands dirty this weekend.

cigarette butts and even a plastic Santa Clause once, Gouldman noted.

"The cleanliness of our community speaks to how residents and visitors view us. With this clean up day, we are encouraging residents and volunteers to

get involved and make Putnam Valley a cleaner, greener place to call home," Gouldman said.

More information about each pick up day can be obtained by contacting your town's town hall.



From left to right: Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt, Carmel resident Norma Pereira and Brewster Trustee Christine Piccini at last year's clean up day in the Village of Brewster.



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Lakeland High Alumni Excels in Special Olympics World Games

By Tim Bradbury

Alyse Mackey, a 27-year-old Lakeland High School Alumni, has dreamed of competing in the Special Olympics World Games for years. She has been participating in sports for nearly her whole life and is said by her peers to be one of the most perseverant and hard-working athletes they know.

In March, Mackey made her dreams come true. She flew to Dubai to compete in the 2019 Special Olympics World Games for the United States team, placing second in the pentathlon. She was recognized for her achievement at Lakeland High School April 9 before the Pioneers' game.

Mackey graduated from Lakeland High School in 2013 where she was involved with the Special Olympics team, The Pioneers. She competed with the Pioneers for several years, and also ran on the track team. When she was 18 years old, she went to her first Special Olympics. After graduating, Mackey trained hard in order to compete in the Special Olympics World Games.

Teresa Doebbler, coach of the Lakeland High School Pioneers, was eager to spread the word of Mackey's accomplishment. Doebbler has known Mackey since she began working at Lakeland High School.

"It's an amazing accomplishment for somebody to go to any Olympics,



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Lakeland High School Alumni Alyse Mackey

let alone the Special Olympics World Games," Doebbler said. "It's amazing just to have gone, and for Alyse to have placed second, that is just incredible."

Doebbler emphasized the kind of

extraordinary skills Mackey displays both on and off the field. "I always thought she was just an amazing athlete. She is the epitome of sportsmanship. She goes in there and really tries her best, but she also understands that you are there as a team," she said.

Doebbler noticed many times when Mackey could have scored a point in a game, but instead stopped to pass the ball to her younger team mates to give them a chance. "She is amazing, she's just that type of person," said Doebbler.

Mackey has faced many hardships in her career as an athlete but has never let them hinder her progress. Before competing in the Special Olympics World Games this year, she was dealing with an injury she had received in November.

"I went to the hospital and I found out I had a torn ACL and meniscus," she said. Despite her injured knee, she did not let it stand in the way of her goal. "I did PT for four months before I went away and I still competed. I also twisted my ankle three times while I was away, and I still competed no matter what happened."

Although attending her first Special Olympics World Games is one of her most proud achievements so far, Mackey is not finished striving for success. "I want to go to another World Games in four years and compete with a better

knee," she said. For right now she is focusing on her upcoming field hockey season.

Mackey has gone above and beyond in proving her skills as an athlete both physically and mentally. She is an inspiration to anyone trying to pursue their dreams. She offered advice to any athletes trying to do what she has done, saying, "No matter what you do, just keep going for it. One of these days your dreams will come true, you just have to keep looking forward and power through it all no matter what you do."

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Letter to the Editor

Candidate for Kent Supervisor Sets Record Straight

My name is Richard Kreps. Recently, in a letter to the editor that was signed by Dennis Illuminate some slanderous statements were noted. Upon my inquiry, it turns out that Mr. Illuminate did not send this letter, nor has he sent other letters bearing his name. First to the coward who uses Mr. Illuminate's name I think it's despicable not to sign your own name. I also feel you need to get your facts straight.

According to School Law and previous legal precedent, school districts receive their building permits from the State Education Department. The Carmel Central School district vetted the Bond before putting it before the voters. As for

the submittal of the referendums, each one was different. The first one was done several years ago and did not pass. This property was adjacent to the Kent Centre.

The next series of votes were as follows:

An \$85 million bond was put up as one vote which was recommended by a committee made up of district constituents. This vote failed, the next vote was resubmitted in a slightly different form and also failed. A group of constituents came to the Board and asked to have another vote. This time a vote was put up as two propositions with some changes and passed. Unlike other governing bodies, the propositions were put up multiple times because all

budgetary or building propositions must be approved by the voters.

I am currently running for Supervisor of the Town of Kent. I have lived in this community since 1983. My wife Janna and I have raised our 2 grown sons here and I have been volunteering since moving here. I have volunteered in Rebel Babe Ruth Baseball, Carmel United Soccer, CYO Basketball and was voted onto the Carmel School Board in 1999. I am still serving on the school board.

I retired as a Detective in the NYPD and am a proud member of The Sean Driscoll F.O.P. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

I respect the Town Board's position

on the recent bond referendum, but as a School Board member my responsibility is to inform the District voters and give them the opportunity to vote on this referendum.

If I am elected Supervisor my priority would be to serve in the best interest of the Town of Kent.

I would like to finish by saying I have known Mr. Dennis Illuminate for over 30 years and consider him an honorable man and a friend.

Richard Kreps
Lake Carmel Resident

Putnam Early Education Partnership to Host Training Conference

The Putnam Early Education Partnership will host the "Spring into Learning" conference on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at George Fischer Middle School, 281 Fair Street in Carmel. The partnership, known as PEEP, is a collaborative group made up of representatives from schools and human service agencies in Putnam

County, including the Putnam County Department of Health.

The event is a training conference for staff working in typical early childhood settings with children ages birth to five. Participants in this event can earn Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) training hours.

The training consists of two workshops.

"Jump, Jive, and Wail! Music for All Kids" will demonstrate and teach songs and movement games to use with children of all ages and abilities. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring a creative mind to apply the songs and games they will learn to their own programs. The second workshop, "Understanding the Early Intervention and CPSE Referral Process," will cover these processes and also include discussion of developmental milestones and age appropriate expectations, and tips for communicating with families about their children.

For more information and to register, please call the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam at 845-473-4141, ext. 210. The fee to register is \$15 per participant. Light refreshments will be served. Credit card payments for registration are accepted. Deadline for registration is April 26.

The Putnam Early Education Partnership (PEEP) is composed of individuals from the Arc Putnam NY Preschool, Putnam County Early Intervention and Preschool Programs, the Child Care Council of Dutchess

and Putnam, the Lower Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center, Putnam Independent Living Services, and the Carmel, Garrison, and Lakeland School Districts. The Partnership is committed to enhancing the knowledge and tools of early education providers to assist in the daily management of typical child development, while better understanding the referral process to the Child Find System.

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our County website at www.putnamcountyny.com; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

Sheriff's Office Launches New Mobile App

Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr. announced the release of the new Putnam County Sheriff's Office iPhone and Android mobile app as a service to the community. The app is available for download free of charge from the app stores for your phone or tablet. Search: "Putnam County Sheriff NY"

The new app is an innovative approach to help Putnam County citizens, businesses, and visitors stay tuned to important news and resources from the Sheriff's Office. After downloading the app onto your smartphone or tablet, you can receive important and timely alerts and notifications from the Sheriff's Office.

One of the app's key features is Submit a Tip, which enables users to submit anonymous tips about narcotics, underage drinking, human trafficking and other incidents via email and texts or with their contact information. The tip lines also allow users to submit a photo with the tip.

Additional important features include:

- Inmate Information
- Warrants, Sex Offenders & Victim Notification
- Programs (Child Safety Seat, Drug Hotline, Project Lifesaver, plus many more)
- Pistol Permits & Handgun Safety
- Sheriff's Office social media feeds (web, facebook, twitter and instagram)

"The new mobile app will help enable the public to be our community partners in public safety with critical news and alerts," said L. Langley, Jr. "The community will be able to submit confidential tips and photographs to us right through the app. The mission of Putnam County Sheriff's Office is to protect and serve our community. Therefore, our new app will help us to be even more effective in that mission."

To engage the community in public safety, anyone with the app can use the "Share our App" feature to forward alerts and download links to friends, family, and neighbors.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office mobile app was created by TheSheriffApp.com, a division of OCV, LLC, which specializes in mobile app development for Sheriff's offices and public safety. With more 200 apps in the app stores, OCV designs and develops custom apps for state, county, and local government agencies.

Seized asset funds were used to fund the development of the app. No tax dollars were used.

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Crossword Puzzle




Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 18

- Across**
- Hit the slopes
 - Novelist John __ Passos
 - “__ thought”
 - Urge
 - Sign, a contract
 - Citrus seed, e.g.
 - Haberdashery item
 - “Gimme __!” (Alabama cheer-leader’s cry)
 - Pleasantville full service camera shop
 - Harry Potter’s best friend
 - Avails oneself of
 - Pub offering
 - Guitarist Nugent
 - Perplexed
 - Gift topper
 - Chappaqua children fitness center, World Cup ____
 - “Evil Woman” group, for short
 - Simple songs
 - Religious order of women
 - Gator or lemon?
 - Kind of party
 - Trademarks, abbr.
 - “So’s __ old man!”
 - Actors Harris and Norton
- Down**
- Dict. offering
 - Stronghold
 - Move slowly
 - “Likewise”
 - Whopper topper
 - Throw off
 - In short supply
 - Grunted
 - Bridge declaration
 - People of an Asian country
 - Stump
 - Political shelter
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Green Chimneys Co-Founder Myra Mattes Ross Passes At 88

The Green Chimneys community has lost another of its most admired members. Myra Mattes Ross, co-founder and beloved matriarch of Green Chimneys, died peacefully at the home of her daughter in Las Vegas, NV at the age 88.

Mrs. Ross led the renowned education and human services organization with husband Dr. Samuel B. Ross, Jr., who passed in 2018. Following their marriage in 1954, she joined, and helped to grow, the vision for a unique school in a farm setting. Together they developed a most innovative model for providing education, residential treatment, and animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs for children with special needs.

Born in the Bronx in 1930 to a hatter and his wife, young Myra moved to Danbury at the age of 6, where she attended local public schools. She was later admitted to Danbury State College (now Western Connecticut State University) where she earned a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education. She continued her studies in 1968 when she returned to WCSU and



Myra Mattes Ross

graduated with an M.S. in Education with a concentration in Psychology. She became a school teacher and taught in Norwalk and Danbury.

For six decades Ross served as Clinical

Coordinator and Director of Admissions at Green Chimneys School and Children's Services. Her extensive experience working within residential treatment, group homes, special education, and other child and youth services became invaluable and she worked tirelessly alongside her husband to improve the lives of hundreds of children and families.

In addition to her work at Green Chimneys, Ross was a member of the Putnam Community Service Network and a charter member of the Rotary Club of Patterson, NY. She belonged to many professional organizations and spoke extensively at conferences on childcare, education, assessment and documentation as well as on the interaction of humans and animals. She also served as Chair of the Temple Beth Elohim Board of Education for many years.

Together, the Rosses received numerous honors and awards for their work: the Delta Society Distinguished Service Award for exceptionally significant contributors to our understanding of

the relationships between people and animals; the International Association of Human/Animal Interaction Organization Lifetime Achievement Award; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and the American Humane Education Society George T. Angell Humanitarian Award. She was also the recipient of a Centennial Award for Excellence at Western Connecticut State University.

Myra Ross proudly raised her family on the grounds of Green Chimneys with her children attending the school and working side by side with their parents. She was the mother of David (deceased 1986), Donald, and Lisa who both live in Nevada; mother-in-law to Mary; and the proud grandmother of Samantha Julia and Sara Adele.

Memorial Details:

A Celebration of Life will take place on Wednesday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m. on the main campus of Green Chimneys Children's Services at 400 Doansburg Road, Brewster.

Obituaries

John A. Mylenski

John A. Mylenski, age 68, formerly of Brewster, died Sunday, April 7, surrounded by his family. John was born July 19, 1950 in Bronxville, to Albin and Harriet (Hoey) Myslenski. A graduate of Salesian High School he attended Iona College in New Rochelle. John married the love of his life, Katharine Konrath on May 27, 1972 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tuckahoe, NY. John was a Network Engineer working with IBM and AT&T for 40 years, retiring in 2014. As a youth, John had lived in the Eastchester/Tuckahoe, area. He later lived with his family in Brewster, followed by the Carolina's. John and Katharine made St. Augustine their home these past 10 years. Through the years, John enjoyed the camaraderie of his bowling league, the patience and concentration found during many golfing opportunities with friends and colleagues and quiet moments at the beach stretched out with a good book. John enjoyed creating the occasional culinary delight. Besides his wife Katharine of 46 years, John is survived by his daughters, Tara Mylenski Zantow (Keith), Danielle Mylenski-Graves (Robin); a sister, Margaret Jarosch (Reiner); a brother, Stephen Mylenski (Carolyn) and a sister-in-law, Carol Konrath Burnett. Grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

Darlene M. Platania

It is with great sadness the family of Darlene M. Platania, age 63, of Mahopac, announces her passing on April 16. Darlene was born February 4, 1956 to Shirley (Marles) Anderson and the late

Henry Anderson, in New Jersey. She would be blessed with two sons Clinton and Jerry and her happily ever after with her husband George whom she married in 2009. Darlene worked for the Mahopac School district until her retirement and was loved equally by students and staff. She was a loving wife, dedicated mother and adoring grandmother. Her greatest gift in this life was becoming a grandmother to her three precious grandchildren. Although her family and friends wish they could have had more time with Darlene the memories and love she gifted them all with, will continue to grow in their hearts. She will be remembered fondly for her inner strength, her warm spirit and her beautiful smile. Mrs. Platania is survived by her loving husband George, she is also survived by her two adoring sons Clinton Ford and Jerry Ford. She is also survived by her precious grandchildren and her respected siblings, her brother Burt Holman, her sister Debbie Nixon and her sister Bonnie. As well she is survived by her beloved mother Shirley Anderson.

Betty Jean Vanzo

Betty Jean Vanzo of Cold Spring passed away peacefully at home on April 16. She was 92. Born on November 6, 1926 in Paducah, Kentucky to the late John and Ethel Rawlings Woeltz. Betty loved crafting, she excelled at crossword puzzles and was loved by all. She was always smiling and had a way of making everyone feel special. She was a member and former president of the Cold Spring Senior Citizens. Betty is survived by her loving children, Victor

Vanzo and his wife Francine, Kenneth Vanzo, Christopher Vanzo and his wife Marylou, Becky Maffucci and her husband Andrew, her daughter-in-law Lena Vanzo, 12 cherished grandchildren and ten loving great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Virginio Vanzo, her son John Vanzo, her granddaughter Danielle Vanzo, siblings Eloise Kaler, JoAnn Hayden and John Woeltz. She is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Mary M. Accetta

The loving family of Mary M. Accetta, of Carmel, announces she was called home to the Lord in the early morning of April 20. Mary was born on March 11, 1928 to the late Marguerite (Maddock) and Stanley Miller in Stamford, Connecticut. She would go on to marry the love of her life, Nicholas, and together they would be blessed with two beautiful daughters, Debbie and Donna. Mary had both the talents and spirit of a true artist, bringing beauty and creating beauty with everything she did in life. She was such an incredible, funny, and kind woman with a warm and loving nature about her. After the passing of her beloved husband Nicholas in 2003, she kept his memory alive and honored him always. She remained active and involved with her friends at the Southeast Seniors, who were like a second family to her. Although into her 90's, Mary was always busy. This kept her mind as young as her spirit. Mary always was busy doing something, but she would drop everything for the chance to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She thought

the greatest blessing in life was to be a grandmother, although her family would argue they were the ones that were truly blessed. A loyal wife, a kind mother, and an always loving grandmother, she will be missed and loved this day and always. Mary is survived by her adored daughters Debbie Croak and son-in-law Dan and her daughter Donna Anderson and son-in-law Don. She is also survived by her precious five grandchildren Andrea, Brian, Sarah, David and Ian and her three great grandchildren Brayden, Olivia and Chelsea who were her little angels on Earth. As well, Mary is predeceased by her husband Nicholas and her brothers Jere and Warren. A visitation will be held on Tuesday April 23, between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 10 Fowler Ave. Carmel, www.cargainfuneralhomes.com. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday April 24, at St. James the Apostle Church at 10:30 a.m. Following Mass Mary will be brought to her final resting place at the St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery in Mt. Kisco. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Mary's honor to the Putnam Humane Society or Hospice of Dutchess County.



Key Facts That Everyone Should Know About the Measles

From Jan. 1 to Apr. 11 of this year, there were 555 cases of measles confirmed in 20 U.S. states, representing the second largest number of reported cases in the nation since the measles was eliminated in 2000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many of these cases have been reported in the Hudson Valley, primarily in Rockland County. Below is a Q&A with Dr. Valerie Cluzet, an infectious disease specialist with Health Quest Medical Practice, on this recent outbreak and how best to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Q: What is the measles and how serious are they?

Dr. Cluzet: The measles is an infection caused by a virus and is spread through infectious droplets when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. It is highly contagious and can be spread by just being in the same room as someone who is infected, even if they are no longer in the room. (Measles droplets can float around in the air for up to two hours.) If you are exposed to measles and are susceptible – meaning you have not been fully vaccinated or infected in the past – you are 90 percent likely to get infected.

A measles infection can be serious. Up to one in 20 can get pneumonia. A more rare but serious complication is a brain infection called encephalitis. About one to two out of 1,000 children who get the measles will die. There is also a very rare but fatal, long-term nervous system complication called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) that can develop seven to 10 years after the illness. Those at highest risk for complications are children under 5, adults older than 20,

people with weakened immune systems (from leukemia, HIV, chemotherapy, etc.) and pregnant women.

Q: What are the symptoms of measles and how soon do they appear after exposure?

Dr. Cluzet: The measles virus typically causes fever, malaise, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis, followed by a typical rash, which starts at the head and/or face and moves down the body. Symptoms usually start about 10 to 12 days after exposure, with a rash developing about 14 days after exposure. Infected individuals are contagious for about four days before the rash appears and before any symptoms start and for four days after.

Q: How are measles treated?

Dr. Cluzet: Unfortunately, there is no treatment for measles. Patients receive supportive care until they recover on their own. They should be monitored for complications, such as pneumonia or brain infection.

Q: How are measles prevented?

Dr. Cluzet: We have a very effective vaccine that provides about 97 percent protection against the measles after two doses. The measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, or MMR, is typically given at 12 to 15 months of age and at 4 to 6 years of age. One dose is about 93 percent effective at preventing the measles. In the U.S., introduction of the measles vaccine resulted in a decrease of measles by 99 percent. It is critical to maintain high rates of vaccination (90 to 95 percent) so those who cannot get the vaccine (infants) or who have weak immune systems will also be protected. This is what is known as

herd immunity.

Q: I've been exposed to someone who has measles. What should I do?

Dr. Cluzet: Call your doctor. If you have had measles in the past or are fully vaccinated and have a normal immune system, you are very unlikely to develop it. If you are unsure about your vaccine or infection history, then your doctor can check for protective antibodies.

If you do not have protection against measles or are unsure, then you should receive the vaccine within three days of exposure to try to prevent infection. Individuals at risk for serious complications, such as infants under 12 months, pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems, can receive protective antibodies (within six days) to try to prevent measles infection after exposure. You should stay home from work, school or day care for two weeks to ensure you have not developed the infection.

Q: If I've been vaccinated, am I fully protected? Should I get a booster?

Dr. Cluzet: The vaccine is about 97 percent effective at preventing infection after exposure. Those who do develop infection (three in 100) usually have a milder illness. If you have had two doses of the MMR, there is no need to get a booster. If you are unsure of your vaccine history, you can either get a dose of the MMR or your doctor can check your blood to see if you have protective antibodies.

Q: Why has there been an increase in measles cases in the U.S. and in this region recently?

Dr. Cluzet: In general, measles vaccine coverage rates in the U.S. have been over 90 percent. However, in many of the cases seen, there are pockets of unvaccinated people. The infection spreads quickly in those communities. Typically, outbreaks occur when someone gets infected after traveling abroad to a country that is experiencing a measles outbreak.

Q: With this recent outbreak, how can I protect myself and my children?

Dr. Cluzet: The most important thing you can do is make sure you and your children are fully vaccinated. In outbreak settings, it is recommended to give the measles vaccine to infants as young as six months. (They will still need to get it again at 12 to 15 months and between 4 and 6 years old). You can also help educate others on the importance of vaccination to prevent these outbreaks and complications. If you are pregnant, have a weakened immune system are an unvaccinated or under-vaccinated (only one dose) child and live in an area where there are outbreaks, try to avoid public spaces where there will potentially be a lot of people.

Q: Where can I find more information about the measles?

Dr. Cluzet: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a lot of useful information about the measles. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.

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Local Students to Perform Shrek Jr.

On May 10 and 11, students of Seven Star School of Performing Arts will perform Shrek JR. at Brewster High School Performing Arts Center in Brewster.

Shrek the Musical is a one-of-a-kind, hilarious fairy tale in which curses are reversed, monsters get the girls, donkeys and dragons find love, and princesses are beautiful in all shapes and sizes.

Members of the cast include Chloe Adams, Ashley Barron, Collette Bergstrom, Avery Bersak, Jillian Bieber, Faith Brainard, Wyatt Bryan, Jacob Caraballo, Massimo Cartategui, Mason Cipriani, Sadie Cipriani, Jordan Coates, Sean Condon, Shane Condon, Siobon Condon, Johnna Corrao, Angelina Curtin, Michael Curtin, Marianna Deciccio, Gabriella Devanny, Gabrielle Dimas, Hayden DiTomaso, Emiko Dunn, TJ Fink, JJ Grill, Rebecca Grill, Carter Hamboussi, Davis Hamboussi, Jemma Hollander, Macey Hollander, Sarah Kelley, Addison Larios, Olivia Leo, Amelia Logue, Oliver Logue, Stevie Nadig, Megan Pawlowski, Addison Risely, Emma Rollins, Sophia Santacrocce, Olivia Santiago, Alexandra Schajer, Abigail Simone, Cadance Siriani, Andrew Smith, Ava Stano, Liliana Tamaro, Dylan Tavelinsky, Sydney Vanzo, Julianne Vesseliza, Brianna Viceroy, Hailey Viera, Anastasia Villani

The production is co-directed and choreographed by Nicole Aravena & Williams Coates with Stephanie Talarico as musical director and Donna Aravena as Producer.

Tickets to Shrek Jr. are \$15 prior to May 10 and \$17 at the door. To purchase tickets to Shrek Jr., email info@sevenstarschool.com or call 845-278-0728.

Mahopac MS Students Visit Local Grocery Store

Acme In Mahopac hosted a class trip for students attending Ms. Lavery's class in Mahopac Middle School recently. The students toured the store and learned the importance of recycling and how to exchange their coins for paper money. They visited the produce department and were given the opportunity to taste different fruits and vegetables. They learned about lobsters from Jimmy the Seafood Captain and each student learned how to decorate cupcakes from Debbie the Bakery Manager. Each student was given a \$5 Acme gift card and were able to shop for themselves and learn how to budget their money. It was a great learning experience all around.



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Putnam Goes Blue for Child Abuse Prevention

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month the Putnam County Courthouse will be lit with blue light, one of several initiatives designed to raise awareness that child abuse is preventable, said County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

"All kids deserves a great childhood that's carefree and full of promise," said Odell. "Putnam County values its children and when people see the light we hope it will remind them that together as a community we can stop child abuse."

In addition to the courthouse, the Child Advocacy Center and Prevent Child Abuse New York's "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign are also using pinwheels to raise awareness. "Pinwheels are meant to convey that every child deserves the chance to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment," said CAC Program Coordinator Marla Behler.

The pinwheel garden is located in front of the Sibyl Ludington Statue at Lake Gleneida on Route 6 in Carmel, across from St. James Church.

On April 3, foster parents Dale and Dolores Bettcher, who opened their home to more than 60 children, were recognized at the third annual Champions for Children Breakfast sponsored by the Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc. and



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NYS Assemblyman Kevin Byrne placed blue pinwheels along the shore of Lake Gleneida earlier this month to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention.

the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County.

The breakfast gathering at the Putnam National Golf Club in Mahopac Falls

featured as its guest speaker Mark Yarbrough, whose story of burnout became the basis for his presentation, "Give 'em the F.I.N.G.E.R!" He addresses

the struggle of burnout offering powerful, practical and hilarious insights to help people understand and re-engage in their lives.

"The CAC has long advocated that education is imperative to preventing child abuse and continues to partner with local agencies to implement innovative programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing of the children of Putnam County," said Behler. "As more awareness and education programs become available, it is clear that people understand the importance of early and comprehensive prevention of abuse, not just responding to it after it occurs."

Among the tips provided by Prevent Child Abuse New York are acknowledging that parenting is a tough job. Reassure a parent coping with a difficult situation in public. Help amuse a restless child. For your own kids, be patient and really listen when they speak to you, and make it a priority to spend time with them, undistracted by work and the other demands on your time.

For more information on child abuse prevention programs call the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County at (845) 808-1400.

The Dichotomy Within the Wine Industry Unfolds Across the Front Page



By Nick Antonaccio

I've often written of the vast disparity of wealth in the wine industry. While it's likely a microcosm of society in general, it constantly amazes me as I report statistics that the aggregate of small winery owners control an infinitesimal percent of wine sales. For example, 2% of all winemakers in the United States control 84% of all wine produced.

There are many winemakers, essentially farmers, who struggle to survive. For them it is a labor of love each year. These include the small family wineries focused on sustaining the natural order in their vineyards in the United States and the fifth generation family plots throughout Western Europe.

At the opposite end of the economic spectrum are those enjoying the riches of their vast wine empires. These are the behemoth corporations focused on sustaining their bottom line profits.

The small winemakers work their land, enduring dirt under their fingernails. The wealthy corporate

owners wield their marketing and financial prowess, managing their wealth at their keyboards with manicured fingernails.

This dichotomy came to the forefront of world events last week. We all read and watched the sad details and analyses of the Notre-Dame fire. In the immediate aftermath of the fire it became quite clear to me that the French revered Notre-Dame as an historic treasure, but moreso as a cultural and spiritual symbol of the French people.

And they responded. It seemed that within 24 hours of the devastating fire, close to one billion dollars was pledged to restore the cathedral. It is heartening to see such an outpouring. French President Macron has set an aggressive goal of five years for the full project. Others have estimated a timeline between ten and thirty years at a cost of \$1 to \$3 billion.

Allow me to return to my theme.

The generosity that has raised such a lofty sum for the restoration has come in large part from two of the largest conglomerates in France, both with significant interests in the wine industry.

First, Francois-Henri Pinault, head of Kering,

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

S.A. the largest luxury goods producer in France, personally pledged 100 million Euros (\$112 million). The Kering group includes the fashion houses of Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent; it also includes a

number of a number of prestigious, and profitable, wineries, notably Chateau Latour in Bordeaux, Clos de Tart and Domaine Eugénie in Burgundy, Château Grillet in the Rhône Valley and Eisele Vineyard Estate in Napa Valley.

\$112 million is a mind-boggling sum to the other 99.99% of winery owners across the globe. Not to be outdone, another head of a French global luxury goods house announced his donation.

Bernard Arnault, head of LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy), and the wealthiest man in France (third wealthiest in the world) has donated 100 million Euros from each of his corporation and his family. \$248 million is likely greater than the aggregate wealth of the majority of winemakers across the globe.

LVMH includes the eponymous fashion house and winery. Moët Hennessy, the famous Champagne company (Moët Chandon and Dom Pérignon brands), owns 25 additional wine brands. These include Veuve Clicquot and Krug in Champagne, Chateau Cheval Blanc and

Chateau d'Yquem in Bordeaux, Clos des Lambrays in Burgundy, Cape Mentelle in Australia, Cloudy Bay in New Zealand, Bodega Numanthia in Spain, Terrazas de los Andes in Argentina and a majority ownership of Napa Valley cult winery Colgin Cellars.

As you might imagine, in the cauldron of current French politics, many French citizens, including the Yellow Vest movement, are up in arms over this ostentatious display of wealth. In the face of the economic stress facing many French, they believe these corporations and individuals should consider aiding the needy as well as their national treasure.

Je salue the French elite for their financial support to restore Notre-Dame. The economic dichotomy amongst winemakers will persist, but we have witnessed the beneficence the powerful can offer for the common good of all French citizens.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



Ways to Avoid the Sale of a House Going to the Dogs

My wife Margaret is a practically perfect woman with only one discernable flaw: she dislikes dogs.

Hence, I have lived a happy marriage with only that one major difference between us. I love dogs and have always longed for one. But alas, I have had to settle for a couple of cats to share our home, a species I don't particularly relate to.

While "woof, woof" can be music to a dog lover's ears, there is sad news for those of you who plan to sell your home someday – your dog can hinder the sale.

Truth is that some prospective buyers will not share the affection you have for your dog. Any feeling they might have is usually disinterest at best and naked fear at worst.

Real estate agents like me tend to moan when they book a showing for a buyer client and the listing instructions include comments such as "dog's name is Killer, but he's really very gentle." Or better yet, "it's best not to enter the garage where two large dogs will be in crates. If your buyer insists on entering the garage, do NOT try to pet the dogs."

Showings should be as convenient as



By Bill Primavera

possible and the dog issue is be taken seriously and accommodated creatively, even if it puts a genuine hardship on the owner. Buyers are more likely to make an offer on a house they like if they get to spend more time in it. If there is persistent barking while they're viewing the house, they might want to leave as soon as possible.

A while back good friends of ours, two gentlemen who were great dog lovers, acquired three medium-sized dogs over a couple of years. The dogs were all the same breed of English bulldog, a truly hyper variety with faces only a mother could love. They were the most ill-behaved dogs I've ever encountered. When my wife and I would visit our friends for dinner, the canine trio would jump on us until our legs would ache. My wife began to wear jeans for our visits, instead of her usual skirt and stockings, in order to brave the dogs' manic behavior.

While the dogs were mauling us, their incessant barking was accompanied by yelling from their owners demanding that they calm down. My wife finally insisted that she could visit our friends' home only

if the dogs were secured in another room while we were there.

When our friends moved to North Carolina, I was delighted to list their exceptional arts and crafts-style home. However, I insisted they take the dogs out of the house when it was to be shown. The owners agreed.

When we were looking for our own home, my wife and I booked a showing where, as soon as we got out of our car, we were greeted by a chorus of loud barking. When we entered the center hall of the house, a closed door to the right was literally being strained from its hinges

by two large dogs hurling their bodies against our only defense against them. Even though we liked the overall look of the house, it was difficult to concentrate with such a distraction. We just wanted to leave.

More laid-back dogs that remain in a house when it is being shown might be found in crates. My heart goes out to them. Although we're told that dogs accept this kind of restriction, I have a hard time believing that and always feel guilty about their containment because of my visit.

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The Tri-State IBM Retirees Meeting: United Methodist Church Conference Room, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Jillian Schwartz, of Clearview Acupuncture, PC, will discuss comprehensive acupuncture. Set up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments at 1pm; meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916.

Friday, April 26

Paint Party at Reed Library: 7 p.m. Help support the library's art classes while having fun creating a painting from start to finish, enjoying refreshments and sipping something delicious! Registration is required and seating is limited. Minimum donations \$25. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

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Essential Oils Make & Take at the Reed Library: 11 a.m. Learn how to use essential oils to create products to care for yourself and your home. Participants will make and bring home three items. Registration is required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

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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: Putnam County's premier vocal ensemble 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. A Complimentary reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$20. (\$15 for seniors 65 and over and students), available at the door. See [www. PutnamChorale.org](http://www.PutnamChorale.org) for advance ticket purchase information.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Service: Please join us for a Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion. Kiddush luncheon will be served. Hebrew Congregation of Somers is a small, informal and friendly synagogue affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. Email info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

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

Relay-American Cancer Society. For questions email Ladieskofc@gmail.com

Monday, April 29

The Reed Memorial Registering for the Spring Children's Programs. Programs run from April 29th - June 6th. 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 to register.

The Saga of the USS Indianapolis: 6:30 p.m. at the Mahopac Public Library

Tuesday, April 30

Mindfulness Meditation and Book Group: 6 p.m. Reed Library. Learn tools to strengthen mindful awareness, compassion and intentional living. Please call the library to register.

Thursday, May 2

Community Cares Annual Little Black Dress Party: 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course 187 Hill Street Mahopac. For more info: communitycares.org or call 845-621-2273

The Beatles - 50 Years Later at Reed Library. 11 a.m. Explore the phenomenon that was The Beatles their growth, originality, musical innovations and lyric depth. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Thursday May 2

Putnam County Retired Teachers Association is holding their spring meeting and fund raiser for BOCES awards at Four Brothers Restaurant, Route 6, Mahopac. 11:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. All retired teachers from any of the Putnam Schools plus any retired teacher that would like are invited. Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor of Hudson Valley district 105 was a Poughkeepsie HS teacher, Marine Cor[s]vet from Operation Iraqi Freedom and frequent Fox News guest will be the main speaker at the event. Contact Nancy Keller 845-661-3750 for info and reservations.

Friday, May 3

Teen Play Auditions: Cinderella: 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We are looking for teens to participate in this year's summer production. The teen theater is directed, choreographed, and performed by teens. Come enjoy every aspect of theater in this fun stage performance. 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.

The Putnam County Health Department will be hosting its 5th Annual Teen Health Day. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Carmel Fire Department, Carmel, NY. This event will be free and open to anyone 13 yrs. and older. Many community organizations will be on-site to answer questions on Teen Health issues. No question is off-limits. There will be free food and refreshments as well as raffles for movie tickets, mini golf and many more prizes.

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Sometimes there is a residual dog smell in a house of which the owners may be unaware. This can be an issue with cats, too, perhaps even more so because of the litter box.

One of the most distressing sights involving dogs is when hardwood floors are stained by urine and/or the surface is severely damaged by their claws. It's nearly impossible to correct that situation unless the floors are completely replaced.

I also sometimes receive sad calls from dog owners who have great difficulty in finding a landlord who will let them have

a dog; some condos and co-ops restrict their presence as well.

Real estate buying and selling is fraught with challenging issues. But a realtor's job is to market a seller's home and his or her responsibility is to take all reasonable measures to ensure that the process doesn't go to the dogs because of dogs.

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Enter SandMan!

Carmel Shutout by Panas, Rams Bounce Back vs. Somers



Carmel sophomore Sandor Kozma is nabbed at 2B by Panas SS Lucas Feliciano in Rams' 3-0 extra-inning loss to the visiting Panthers last Wednesday at Peckham Park in Patterson where the Rams were held in check by a pair of Panas pitchers -- Aidan Cohall and Don Hopper -- who outlasted a sterling effort from Carmel ace Jack Sullivan (7 IP, no runs). The Rams recovered the next day to defeat Somers, 10-2... see Baseball Notebook

Sports

Girls' LAX Notebook

Hen Hud's Got Some Mojo; Yorktown Clips Lakeland/Panas

By Tony Pinciario

Preseason can sometimes be a tedious, everlasting time for teams in preparation for the new spring sports' season. Depending on the unpredictable weather in the northeast and field conditions, pre-season practice for spring sports often lead to numerous indoor practices where only so much can be accomplished. The **HEN HUD** varsity girls' lacrosse team embraced preseason because the Sailors were welcoming many new players to the 2018 Section 1 Class C finalist team.

"Preseason was a time for the new players to become acquainted with the returning team and for everyone to become familiar with each other and bond," said Captain Haley Merchant. "With so many new players being brought up, it was a chance for everyone to learn about each other and become closer. We had a long preseason in order to have a solid team already going into the season and the buildup was more than enough to get everyone excited for the season to start."

Hen Hud came into the season ready to go and have been playing excellent lacrosse. The Sailors are currently 6-2, after sweeping Briarcliff, Pearl River and Mount de Sales Academy (Maryland). Hen Hud also owns a win over perennial Section 1 Class A power and numerous sectional champion, Suffern.

While Hen Hud took full advantage of preseason, the returning veterans viewed the loss in the 2018 Section 1 final as a building block

"For the returning players, the disappointing end to the 2018 season was a learning experience that exposed us to the aspects of the game we had to work on," Merchant said. "We've learned to take our faults and turn them into strengths through hard work, dedication and development as a team. I know all the returning players were psyched to start the new season and work to make I the



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland-Panas' Emily Kness tries to split the defense of Yorktown's Jessie Barer and Sophia Spallone in Rebels' 15-4 loss to Huskers.

best one yet."

Hen Hud came into the 2019 season having to replace veteran goalie Mackenzie Porter, a four-year starter and current college freshman playing at Rutgers. Hen Hud also was unveiling a younger defense, anchored by captain Erin Clark. Merchant and her fellow veteran teammates realized early that the youngsters were going to be good.

"The defense is young this year, but they are all incredible athletes and eager to learn," Merchant said. "Their energy and excitement for lacrosse made them mature quickly and become very savvy towards the game. Since we are a relatively young team we have open minds about the game and are able to adopt new tactics quickly and easily. The defense and goalies have been working incredibly hard to use these new ideas to our advantage creating a strong and flexible defensive line."

Clark is joined in the starting backline by classmate Brooke Montgomery and sophomores Maddy O'Hara and Gianna Deak. The goalies are junior Courtney Gallagher and eighth-grader Madison Porter, Mackenzie's younger sister. Even though Hen Hud lost to Yorktown and Pelham, the Sailors rebounded with this current three-game winning streak. Prior to this, the victory over Suffern, 10-9, made Hen Hud realize its hard work yielded results.

"Suffern is an exceptional program and the victory was a humbling experience for our team," Merchant said. "It gave us confidence in ourselves and each other, and showed the result of all our hard work."

Hen Hud Coach Rob

Molfetta tested his team with a recent trip to Maryland to play Mount de Sales Academy. Merchant said every girl rose to the occasion in a 13-12 victory.

"The key to any team win lies within the team and the energy we bring to the game," Merchant said. "This win was critical for our team, possibly more so than Suffern, and we have become more assured in our skill and what we are about to accomplish when we work together."

As Hen Hud prepares for the second half of the season, the Sailors continue to progress individually and as a team since they convened on the first day of practice. This is exactly what the players and coach strive for.

"I am so impressed with the way the team has grown together," Merchant said. "I have seen everyone develop their skills and athleticism ten-fold in the span of a few weeks, and it's truly inspiring to see the difference in play from the start of the season to now. We rise to a new level of play with every game and practice, and the more opportunities to learn, the more we will improve. I'm excited to see where the rest of the season takes us."

Hen Hud is hoping its final Section 1 destination is the championship game, but this time with a positive result.

Reigning Class C champion **BREWSTER** came away with two wins, 15-8 over Kingston and 13-12 over Horace Greeley, improving to 6-4 this season.

Meagan Beal finished with a game-high seven goals against Kingston. Marina Souza added a hat trick and four assists and Danielle Regan had two goals and

four assists. Souza led Brewster with five goals against Greeley. Beal collected four goals, Olivia Meola chipped in with two and Regan registered six assists.

"We played a solid game against Kingston," Brewster Coach Sara DiDio said. "All of our players contributed to the win. The girls stayed composed throughout the game and helped to control the tempo of play. Danielle Heintz had some great saves and our offense worked well together to find the back of the net. We came out strong against Greeley, then it started to make a comeback, but we were able to hold them off. Our defense came up with some big stops to secure the win."

MAHOPAC overcame the cold and rain and a second-half surge by White Plains in an 11-8 victory. Katie McDonough, seemingly back to full health, led Mahopac with four goals, Nicole Panny added three and Sophia DeFrancesco finished with two goals and an assist.

"White Plains is a strong Class A team that we could see again in sectionals," Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto said. "They didn't back down, at all, and I am glad we could withstand their run."

Mahopac will play archrival Carmel, Wednesday, April 24.

YORKTOWN saw its potent duo of Jesse Barer and Kelsey McDonnell light up host **LAKELAND/PANAS** four goals and a 10-save performance by goalie Sophia Altimari, Yorktown won in what evolved into a 15-4 romp. Lindsay Boyle added a hat trick for the Huskers and Ellie O'Donnell and Alexa Borges both had two goals for Yorktown. Emily Kness scored twice for the Rebels.



Yorktown's Alexa Borges makes a move on Lake-Panas' Staffu in Huskers' 15-4 win over Rebels.



Yorktown's Jenna McPherson tries to contain Lake-Panas' Megan Mucci in Huskers' win over Rebels.

Reaching Final 4's Not So Easy Anymore

By Ray Gallagher
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Since 1987, there have been only three Section 1 Class A championship games when the old guard—either Lakeland/Panas Rebels (plus the former Lakeland Hornets) and/or the Mahopac Indians -- were not representing the region with a title berth on the line. Three times: 1988 Yorktown beat Mamaroneck, 8-1; 2006 when John Jay stunned Yorktown, 10-9, in a rare year when both Class B juggernauts were in Class A; and 2013 when Mamo' defeated North Rockland, 7-4.

And depending upon whether last week was an aberration or sign of the times, we could be staring down the barrel of a fourth such occurrence if the old guard can't clean things up by mid-May. Mahopac, winners in six of the last seven, suffered a head-scratching loss in an 11-10 setback to Class D Westlake, the current No.8 seed in its class. Coach Joe Bucello's Indians – the current No.4 seed in Class A—were also in a one-goal dogfight with Horace Greeley, the current No.5 seed in Class B.

Lakeland/Panas, the current No.9 seed in Class A, has undergone a very rough stretch against some top-tier competition, but the recent 5-4 loss to current No.4 Wappingers and the one-goal loss to No.3 Scarsdale on April 11, while certainly not insurmountable, expounds the notion that even a Final 4 appearance will be a tough challenge for both L/P and Mahopac. There was once a time when that statement would be considered outlandish. The Rebels did right the ship some in a dominant 12-4 win over host Somers Saturday.

"That was the closest thing to a complete



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Lakeland-Panas Reed Thompson watches one of his 2 goals in Rebels' 12-4 win over Somers.



Lakeland-Panas' Mikey Walsh, who has had a big year, has control in 12-4 win over host Somers Saturday.

game we've played all year," L/P boss Jim Lindsay said. "I'm proud of the kids for responding like they did after a bunch of tough losses. I thought we learned a lot from that tough stretch and started to grow up a bit, still a long way to and a lot to improve on."

Yes, programs around the section are closing the gap; in fact, the gap is essentially a pin hole this season, with only 40-time Section 1 champion Yorktown separating itself from all comers. When Byram Hills and Westlake defeat Mahopac, when Wappingers knocks off Lakeland/Panas, when state-ranked (No.7) Mamaroneck wins four of the last eight Class A crowns... these are all things that are

alarming for the to the old guard but certainly good for the high school game, which is growing nationwide at a rate that surpasses all sports. If the sport can ever grab hold in the inner-cities across the country, there's no stopping it...

NWE/Putnam Feb 5 LAX Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN –Class B state-ranked (No.4) Huskers (6-3 overall, 4-0 Section 1) are fairly young and have to trust the process and when junior Alex DeBenedictis pumps home four goals in a 15-7 loss to Class A state-ranked (No.4)



Lakeland-Panas M Sean Laukaitis celebrates 1 of 2 goals he would tally in 12-4 win over host Somers Saturday.

St. Anthony's, you get the feeling the Huskers will be fine in late May. The 4-2 win over Bridgewater-Raritan – in which Shane Dahlke, DeBenedictis and Tim O'Callaghan had one goal and one assist apiece, is just another step in the process for a Yorktown program that never seems to have a down year, unless you consider four runner-ups since 1997 a down year, which only they do.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Class A Rebels (3-5, 3-3) fell 4-3 to Section 2 power Shenendehowa and had lost three

of their last four games by one goal despite a pair of tallies from Mike Walsh. The Rebels then went out and put it on Somers in a 12-4 victory behind Reed Thompson (2G, 3A), Mason Nocito (1G, 2A) and Sean Laukaitis (2G), not to mention the faceoff dominance of TJ Bryan and a solid defensive effort. More important than the much-needed win was the sense of unity and the energized L/P sideline, which leads one to believe the Rebels are in it to win it and will figure out a way to meet Mamaroneck in the title tilt. With 3 titles in the last 5 seasons, don't put it past them. Now watch, all this love and the sub-.500 Rebs will go out and loss to state-ranked (No.4) Class D Briarcliff, who just rocked Scarsdale, this week #DontYouDare.

No.3 MAHOPAC – Class A Indians (6-3) won by a

thread, 10-9, over Greeley in OT when senior Anthony Corrado found the back of the net for his second goal of the game. Junior M Tom Elliott scored four goals and senior QB Drew Riolo finished with one goal and four assists for the Indians, who only face one non-Section 1 opponent this year.

No.4 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (4-5) got a much-needed 14-9 triumph of Hen Hud when senior Brandon LaSpina went off with six goals, the vast majority

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Lakeland-Panas long pole Ryan Brannigan cranks goal in 12-4 win over host Somers Saturday.

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Baseball Notebook

Yorktown's Kennedy Has Left a Mark, No Matter What Future Holds

By Ray Gallagher
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It would be hard to go against Class A **YORKTOWN** for the win of the week, a gallant 6-3 triumph last Friday over visiting Class **AA MAHOPAC**, which came courtesy of a three-run walk-off home run off the bat of senior Anthony Fusco, the heart and soul of Coach Sean Kennedy's Huskers (6-3).

And it's just as hard to root against the Cornhusker coach, who has been a true battler throughout his career. Against all odds in a district that lives and breeds lacrosse players, Kennedy has built a blue-collar baseball program that may play second fiddle to lax but never gets short-changed when it comes to respect on Section 1 baseball circuit.

Here's the thing about respect: It starts at the top of any organization. Kennedy demands it and mutually affords it. He's the kind of coach any parent would want their kid to play for.

"Many people measure coaches through wins and losses, I measure coaches on the depth of character they have and the leadership of the head coach during tough times," said John Jay EF Coach Eric Frink, who teaches at Carmel and has competed against Kennedy for two decades. "Sean became a great friend through baseball. We not only share teaching US History and coaching baseball, we've leaned on each other during tough family times. Sean runs a good program for the kids in Yorktown. His kids have class and play the game the right way."

When the leader of a unit oozes class, it's got a trickle-down effect... from the lead dog to the last in line, according to



RAY GALLAGHER/DAVID ZAZLAW PHOTOS

Yorktown's Anthony Fusco reacts to his walk-off home run in Huskers' 6-3 win over visiting Mahopac.

Yorktown AD Rob Barrett.

"Sean is such a good guy, a good coach," Barrett said. "He puts in a ton of time. His athletes love him and he is well respected throughout the section. I've been lucky to inherit a handful of seasoned coaches that understand students and the expectations in Yorktown. Some shy away from it, but Sean clearly has embraced it and brings a very professional approach. He has done a lot to enhance the program."

Kennedy has been around Yorktown baseball and Section 1 long enough to have been an assistant under former Coach Bob Sarro, who led the Huskers to their second sectional title in 1995, and long enough to see former Section 1



Lakeland Hornets pose off at historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida, last week.

greats reemerge as coaches, including Mahopac Coach Myckie Lugbauer, who slugged his way to the University of Maine before returning to his alma mater; only to suffer a tough loss last Friday.

"I have had the pleasure to not only coach against Coach Kennedy but also play against teams he has coached as a high school athlete," Lugbauer noted. "Coach Kennedy is one of the good guys in high school baseball. His teams are always well prepared. I always enjoy having the opportunity to play his teams because I know we will be in for a good game."

Coach Kennedy has young, growing kids, who need his attention more than ever, so the end of the line is likely near, and when and if he does decide to call it a career, replacing him will be a tall order.

"I'm trying to convince him to think about things," Barrett said...

Yorktown also swept a home-and-home series with Horace Greeley to win three-straight games. Mahopac (5-3) also had a 7-6 win visiting Clarkstown North when pitchers Joe Lacoparra (6) and Mike Mammola (7) combined for 13 strikeouts. Rookie Brendan McCrosson (2 for 4, double, two runs, RBI) had the biggest day of his Mahopac career. Veteran Mike Musantry continued his tear by going 2 for 4 with two walks, two steals and an RBI.

In Yorktown's 7-4 win over Horace Greeley, P Joe Lombardo allowed one run, scattering five hits over six innings with five strikeouts for the win. Fusco and Tyler Pugliese each had an RBI...

And speaking of impactful coaches, **HEN HUD** has had the fortune of having Assistant Coach Dutch Pritts in its dugout for over 30 years, and the Sailors relayed

their gratitude last Thursday night at Peekskill Stadium when they honored the great Dutchman. Former players and dignitaries lined up to thank Coach Pritts, who remains a part of Coach Van Vourliotis' program long after serving as former Coach Paul Natale's right-hand man for over 20 years, including a 2000 Section 1 championship season, in which his son Mike was an absolute stud. Hen Hud is off to an impressive 8-2 start, and it would sure be sweet to send Coach Pritts off on a high note...

CARMEL had an up and down week, but the youthful Rams (3-5-1) are starting to figure it out. Coach Joe Hackert has, through no choice of his own, thrown that Rams to the wolves. With very few impactful upper classmen, Carmel's young-uns are being baptized under fire.

In Carmel 10-2 win over host Somers, P Joe Christiana gave the Rams a second quality start in a row, flowing Jack Sullivan's seven shutout innings against **WALTER PANAS**. Christiana did not allow an earned run while allowing two hits with six strikeouts over five innings for the win. Carmel C Anthony Febo, another in a long line of sophomores, went 2 for 5 with a double and three runs scored.

In the 3-0 loss to Panas (4-4), Sullivan was sensational before being lifted in the seventh. Panther freshman P Aidan Cohall matched Sullivan for 6-2/3rds innings before yielding to reliever Don Hopper, who earned the win when Cohall stroked a three-run homer in the top of the eighth. Hopper pitched 2-2/3rds for the win while providing the senior leadership this young team needs. If the versatile Cohall isn't on your radar, then you're not paying enough attention. This is a kid you'll be hearing about.

"Keep an eye on him," Panas Coach Anthony Fata said. "He's special. He hits the ball and plays the game."

Carmel was admittedly frustrated by

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Panas SS Lucas Feliciano can't handle errant throw as Carmel pinch-runner Ryan McCarthy swipes 2B in Panthers' 3-0 win over Rams.



Carmel sophomore P Jack Sullivan worked six scoreless innings in a 3-0 extra-inning Rams' loss to Walter Panas last Wednesday at Peckham Park.

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Yorktown's Kennedy Has Left a Mark, No Matter What Future Holds

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Panas reliever Don Hopper gets some love from C Anthony Caputo and 1B Steven Gerrish (L) after earning 3-0 win over Carmel Wednesday.

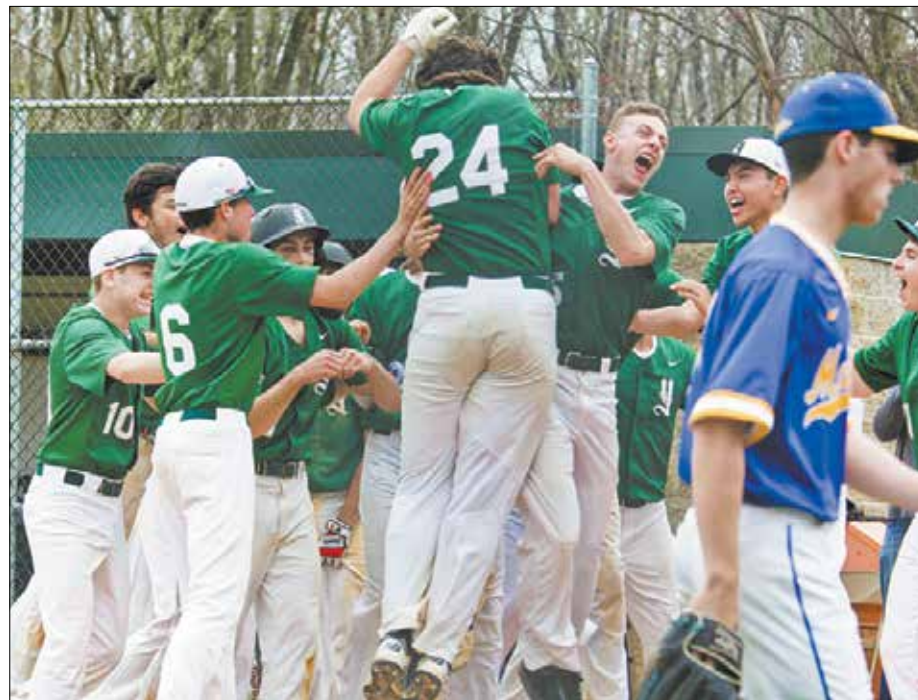
both Cohall and Hopper, but the Rams put the time in to correct things and worked a 10-2 victory over SOMERS the next day when P Joe Christiana allowed two hits over five scoreless innings, fanning six Tuskers for the win. Carmel C Anthony Febo went 2 for 5 with a double and three runs scored.

"We were so frustrated after that Panas loss that we took BP at 5:00 p.m. that night and ended just before dark," Hackert said. "The good thing is that while we may be going through some growing pains, these kids love the game of baseball."

In OSSINING's 6-5 win over Scarsdale, Nick Cascione stroked a two-run, walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh

while the Bossinas boys did their part: Peter Bossinas (2 for 4 with an RBI) and Joey Bossinas (2 for 3 with an RBI).

However, the Pride (6-3) could not solve PUTNAM VALLEY P Matt Carlsen the day before in a 3-2 Tiger win over the Pride. Carlsen fired a tidy two-hitter with seven strikeouts and no earned runs. PV 1B Matt Carravone went 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI and John Millicker homered for the second time in as many days, also doing so in Putnam Valley's 11-0 win over Keio who was mastered by PV chucker T.J. Brescia, who threw a one-hitter with six strikeouts. He also tripled and homered with four RBI. Millicker went 2 for 3 with two runs scored, a home



Yorktown players mob Anthony Fusco (24) after his three-run walk-off homer in 6-3 win over Mahopac.

run and two RBI for the Tigers (5-4).

Peter Bossinas allowed one run over five innings with six strikeouts and went 2 for 3 with an RBI for the Pride in the PV loss, from which the Price responded with a 6-5 win over Scarsdale, who took the early 4-0 lead. Ossining stormed back with two runs in the third and two more in the fourth. The game was tied going into the top of the seventh when Scarsdale scored a run to take a short-lived lead. In the bottom of the seventh, Ossining roared back and scored two runs in the bottom half on a walk-off single by Nick Cascione. Pinch runner Jose Reyes scored

the winning run.

"Kudos goes to Nick Cascione for getting the big hit in the seventh," Ossining Assistant Coach Joe Hazen said. "Joe Bossinas, the starter who gathered himself after the first inning, pitched three scoreless innings and hit a huge double in the bottom of the seventh to put the potential winning runs in scoring position. Nick Constantino came on in relief for three innings and kept the game close to earn the win. And Jose Reyes is always ready to come in the game and score the winning. It was a great way to finish off the week."

Reaching Final 4's Not So Easy Anymore

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of those feeds coming from Nick Rossi (1G, 5A). Lorenzo Sessa has really come on of late, providing two goals and three assists. Conor Jaykus added a hat trick for

the Tuskers.

No.5 HEN HUD – Class C state-ranked (No.11) Sailors (5-3) saw Connor Gallagher (6G, 1A) go goal-for-goal with LaSpina in 14-9 loss to Somers while Max "Pop" Popolizio added two goals and four assists, but the Sailors needed a third triggerman who never showed up.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Class D Tigers (5-4, 6-4) did not play well in the second half of a 10-9 loss to Haldane, losing to the Blue Devils for the first time ever. They played

undisciplined in all areas of the game and need to take a long, hard collective look in the mirror if they intend to make the Class D Final 4, which won't be easy as the current No.7 seed.

HM CARMEL – Class A Rams (4-3) have a chance to be above .500 when they face Mahopac: Does May 3rd mean anything to anyone? Can Aidan Babnick's Rams make a game of it?

HM BREWSTER – Class B Bears (4-5, 3-5) are the current No.8 seed, which puts them on course for Yorktown in the quarters... need the No.7.

HM HALDANE – Class D Blue Devils (7-2, 6-2) are having their most impressive season in recent memory, but reigning NYS Class D champ Pleasantville is a tall order for anyone in the section these days, and will be so again in 2019.



Somers junior A Nick Rossi turns corner to set up his goal in 12-4 loss to visiting Lakeland-Panas Saturday.



AMY KUBIK PHOTO

Haldane's Mame Diba recently joined Jaeger Beachak and Sam Giachinta as 100-point career scorers as the Blue Devils improved to 7-2.

Half Way to A Grand!



Mahopac's Becker Cranking Out Milestones, Indians Win DawgFest Tourney, Improve to 8-0



Mahopac sophomore P Shannon Becker is well on her way to setting Section 1 and New York State records on the softball diamond, leading the undefeated Indians to a 8-0 start with an unblemished 0.00 ERA with 139 strikeouts in 58 innings pitched. "I've never seen a pitcher like her in my 29 years of play," Mahopac Coach Christina Giansante said. "Most impressive is how humble she is. She doesn't get frustrated or rattled, and our catcher Michelle DellaMura doesn't get enough credit behind the plate. She calls all the games herself, every now and then I'll throw in a call or discuss with her during the game, but most games she does on her own. She's really quite brilliant." The Indians were quite brilliant over the break, taking home top honors in Beacon's DawgFest Tournament, shutting out Arlington B, 21-0, behind Becker's 2nd no-hitter of the season and 16 K's over five innings. Each Indian had at least one RBI, including Lauren Zecca (dinger), DellaMura (All-Tourney) and MVP Becker, who now has 516 career K's. The Indians also defeated Brewster, 16-0, in the opening round and were due to square off twice this coming week with perennial powerhouse John Jay EF and will have to do so without injured SS Danielle Sabia (broken hand), who hopes to return in early May.