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Brewster Teen Remembered for Bravery, Character

By David Propper

Zach Schwartz was the type of teenager you'd want your daughter to bring over one day and introduce him to the family as her new boyfriend.

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That's how a former baseball coach of Schwartz, Jason Mariella, described the young Brewster resident that succumbed to leukemia on Sep. 1 just a few days before he was going to start his freshman year at Brewster High School. His death broke the heart of an entire community that grew to know him as a precocious and caring young man which was evident when about 200 people - students, parents and community members — gathered in the high school parking lot last Tuesday to remember and honor Schwartz who fought cancer courageously until the end.

He was 14 and was affectionately known simply as "Z."

"He carried himself the right way with the highest character," Mariella said.

Mariella, who knows the entire Schwartz family, coached Zach a few summers ago on an 11U baseball team. He also saw Zach play modified baseball with his son this past season and said an observer would've never known Zach was sick.

Zach always gave 100 percent with the right attitude that made him a joy to coach, Mariella said.

Brewster Chamber of Commerce president Rose Aglieco, who is heavily involved in Brewster's Relay For Life, said Zach started a Relay team, ZACC Attack, which raised huge sums of money for childhood cancer research. He was always enthusiastic and courageous, Aglieco said. His team raised \$12,000 this past June.

The news of his death came as a shock to many community members. Aglieco met with Zach earlier this year at one of the first kickoff events for Relay and she recalled his mother mentioning that Zach wasn't feeling well that day with a sore throat and tiredness. Just days later, Aglieco heard his cancer had returned.

"It was devastating," she said. "This



Zach started a Relay For Life team, ZACC Attack, to raise money for childhood cancer research.

young man, he tackled it as best as he could. The inspiration that we got from Zach was just unbelievable."

Zach never wanted people to fuss over him; he simply wanted to be like his peers and live as normal a life as possible, Aglieco said.

"He really didn't want to be Zach with cancer," Aglieco said. "He just wanted to be Zach.'

H.H. Wells Middle School principal John Clark said Zach was respected by all of his teachers and fellow students. Even when he was sick, he always had a positive attitude and exceled in school.

He took both algebra and geometry and passed both regents with flying colors before he finished the 8th grade. (Those courses are usually for 9th and 10th graders.) He continued to participate in sports and was always a good friend, despite whatever health problems plagued him. Clark said.

"Just a kid who was really well loved,"

Clark said.

Parent Joe Parrello, who has a son the same age as Zach, coached Zach when he played for the Brewster youth football league a few years back. Parrello said his heart is bleeding for the Schwartz family.

"For a kid like him to not be here anymore is a loss for the entire community," Parrello said.

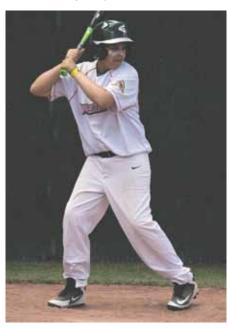
Scott Rhodes, who helps run the Brewster Youth Football League, said helmet stickers have been ordered with Zach's number to honor him all season long. While the past few days have been traumatic, it also shows how strong the Brewster community is and how families support each other in times of despair, Rhodes said.

Schwartz leaves behind his parents, Marc and Joelle, his sister, Sadie, along with two grandfathers, several uncles, aunts and cousins, and a community that spent the night before the first day of school gathering to remember him.



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Zach Schwartz died on Sept. 1 after battling leukemia courageously.



Zach was an impressive athlete, including baseball



County Lawmakers Tweak Disclosure Law

By David Propper

A new set of disclosure rules implemented by the Putnam County Legislature was revised last week just weeks after the confidentiality law faced backlash from scores of residents.

During the legislature's full meeting last Tuesday, lawmakers voted 8-1 to make slight amendments to the confidentiality law, including scrapping a controversial measure where county officials and consultants were allowed to mark materials as confidential. The law still prohibits records created by or sent to the law department, the legislature's legal counsel or outside counsel from becoming public unless all nine lawmakers agree to release the information.

The original law was passed by lawmakers in July in an 7-1 vote, much to the umbrage of residents that felt the proposal would decrease transparency within county government and questioned if it were even legal. County Executive MaryEllen Odell, after hosting two public hearings on the matter that brought out more than a dozen residents, signed the resolution into law, but said at the time she wanted lawmakers to make tweaks to it.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who was the sole no vote, said she still believes the law isn't clear and it would be tough to decipher if a record can become public or not. She said county officials would need to check with the county law department before releasing any document.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislators Ginny Nacerino and Joe Castellano were in support of changes made to a disclosure law last week.

"What if the county attorney is wrong about the applicability of FOIL to a particular document and we disclose that document, what if the county attorney says it's OK and we disclose it and then we've still committed an ethical violation despite asking the county attorney for advice," Montgomery, a

Democrat, said.

Overall, the law puts a gag order on certain lawmakers, Montgomery argued.

"It needs more work," she added.

Her Republican colleagues didn't share her concerns.

Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said

'There's sensitive information that we come across and our employees come across that shouldn't be disclosed.' - Legislator Paul Jonke

issues that were mentioned by residents were being addressed with the amendments and FOIL procedure is still intact. Legislator Ginny Nacerino said the disclosure laws were not meant to reduce open government and were only ensuring that confidential information would not be disseminated.

Legislator Paul Jonke said the law makes legislators and employees accountable if information is shared with the public that shouldn't be.

"There's sensitive information that we come across and our employees come across that shouldn't be disclosed," Jonke said. "This protects this information."

Legislator Neal Sullivan, who is the rules committee chairman that led the charge on the legislation, said in an interview the original law wasn't meant to be so broad, which is why there were tweaks made.

Sullivan said the most important part of the legislation stops county officials from leaking private information to the public.

"We just tried to clean it up, to simplify it, to make it clearer for people to understand what we were trying to do," Sullivan said.

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Focus on County Properties Connected to Tourism Questioned

By David Propper

With a tourism department inside Putnam County government in the nascent stages, questions arose last week whether or not the newly formed office would only cater to county properties.

During a full legislative meeting last week where lawmakers voted to confirm a new tourism department, Legislator Nancy Montgomery scrutinized why three county properties -- Tilly Foster Farm, Putnam County Golf Course and Veteran's Memorial Park-- were explicitly written into a resolution the new tourism department should showcase and not other tourism attractions in the county.

The only tourism attraction named in the resolution that is a private entity was Boscobel, though the resolution did state the goal of the department is to showcase various food and beverage festivals, lecture series and other events occurring in the county.

The tourism department was created after the Visitor's Bureau, an outside agency funded by the county, dissolved after it butted heads with county leadership. Carmel resident Tracey Walsh was named executive director of the department last month and started her first days on the job last week.

She already received letters from the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival in which both stated their hope to work with tourism department to attract and manage



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislator Nancy Montgomery said last week she did not like how county properties were propped up in a resolution connected to the creation of the new tourism department.

visitors in the county.

But HVSF managing director Katie Liberman also said she was wary that the list on the legislative resolution didn't mention the festival that brings in 35,000 visitors annually and a myriad of other attractions on the west side of the county.

"I would hope we could be recognized in this legislation for that work," she wrote. "We are a non-profit that is independent of Boscobel and I would ask that we are recognized as such."

The Cold Spring chamber's president Eliza Starbuck took a softer tone, stating there is potential between the chamber and tourism department to collaborate in a way that would be beneficial to both parties.

"All citizens of Putnam County would benefit if tourism in Philipstown was properly supported by a county tourism department allocating the state funding equitably. That is why the Chamber supports the formation of the new department," Starbuck said. "We expect that the County Executive and the Legislature will instruct the new Director of Tourism to focus on all the county's tourism assets and not to limit the vision of tourism growth."

Montgomery, more bluntly, called it "rude" to leave off many organizations and businesses from the resolution.

"I think it points out a little dissatisfaction why all these organizations are not included," Montgomery said, adding later. "We're bringing focus to some above others."

Other lawmakers didn't seem too concerned, assuring that no organization or business would be left behind.

Legislator Amy Sayegh said there are plenty of recreational opportunities in her district, but none were listed in the resolution. Still, she is confident that Walsh will work with everyone to tout different attractions in Putnam and county properties wouldn't be the sole focus.

Legislator Neal Sullivan said the point of the department is to give tourism a "real shot in the arm" and every corner of the county would be promoted. But he did note the county has a fiduciary responsibility to public properties like the farm and golf course.

"We feel they were underrepresented in the past," Sullivan said. "We would love to list every business in the county, we couldn't here, but we really wanted to promote the county properties."

Walsh said in her first week on the job, she has connected with stakeholders throughout Putnam, including on the west side.

"I'm excited to promote all of the wonderful assets our county has to offer," Walsh said.

Brewster Man Murdered in Danbury; Investigation Underway

By David Propper

A Brewster man was gunned down across the border in Connecticut last week as City of Danbury Police continued to investigate the homicide.

Jason James Lowry Hoffman, 33, was killed as a result of a gunshot wound to the upper torso last Wednesday. The crime occurred at the Sterling Woods Condominium complex in the early morning, according to Danbury Police.

Hoffman was apparently visiting a friend in the complex when the incident occurred, authorities said. A pistol was recovered just feet away from the crime scene, which will be analyzed to determine if it's associated with the shooting, police said.

"At the present time, several people have been interviewed, however, person(s) responsible for the death have yet to be identified or charged," detective Mark Williams said in a press release.

According to Hoffman's obituary, he was a lifelong Brewster resident and graduated

from Brewster High School. He leaves behind his parents, Jeffrey and Helen, and brother Matthew Hoffman.

A service is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Anyone with information related to the crime is asked to call the Danbury Police TIPS line at 203-790-8477 or the detective bureau at 203-797-4662.



Officials, Residents Lambaste NYSEG for Proposed Rate Hike

By Rick Pezzullo

Area elected officials and residents turned up the heat on New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) last week for seeking a proposed rate increase next year that the majority considered unwarranted and unreasonable.

The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), which received NYSEG's proposed new electric and gas tariff schedules on May 20 and will make a ruling on the submission in the near future, held a public hearing at Yorktown Town Hall September 5 to gather comments from customers and representatives in communities served by NYSEG, and they were bombarded with an earful of complaints.

"People get raises when they do good work. You're not doing good work!," asserted longtime Yorktown resident Joan Brodsky. "It is getting worse and worse."

In Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties, NYSEG serves approximately 894,000 electricity and 266,000 natural gas customers. Under its plan, which if approved by the PSC would take effect in April 2020, NYSEG's annual electric delivery rates would increase by 22.7% and gas delivery rates would rise by 4.6%. NYSEG projects the average residential monthly electric bill would increase by \$11.23 (15% on the total bill) and gas bills would jump by \$1.71 (1.9% on the total bill).

According to NYSEG, vegetation management is the biggest reason for the



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Westchester County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz spoke at a NYSEG hearing last week.

requested electric rate increase. The gas delivery rate hike is primarily associated with depreciation, infrastructure investments and increases to operation and maintenance expenses.

Westchester County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers), who noted NYSEG increased rates each year by 4% from 2016 to 2019, told PSC officials based on NYSEG's response to storms in 2018 and 2019, including lackluster customer service, there should be no change in customer's rates next year.

"Service has been nothing short of

abysmal," Kaplowitz remarked. "We have really been tortured for a long time. There should be no increase."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the PSC should give NYSEG 12 months to improve its performance and earn the right to ask for a rate hike.

"NYSEG has failed residents in this section of Westchester County," Latimer said. "No company could get away with charging more for bad service."

Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert, who convinced the PSC to hold an additional forum in northern Westchester, said the proposed

hike would result in 13,000 customers in Yorktown paying approximately \$1 million more to NYSEG.

"Residents have seen a decline in customer service and less reliable service. We are the end of NYSEG's service area and sometimes the service reflects that," Gilbert said. "I find it incredulous that a year and a half later (after the 2018 storm that left customers without power for days) NYSEG would have the audacity to request a rate increase."

Gilbert's remarks were shared by fellow elected officials in Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Somers and Peekskill.

"There's a lack of credibility with this utility and its customer base. There is a big credibility gap," said State Senator Peter Harckham (D/40th District). "This price tag by any measure is too high."

Mark Henbury, a 48-year resident of Yorktown, said NYSEG's frequent power outages and poor services over the years forced him and many of his neighbors to purchase generators.

"We can't depend on you to provide continuous service," he said.

PSC Commissioner Diane Berman, one of the individuals that will vote on NYSEG's request, promised those in attendance their comments would carry weight.

"It is really important for me to hear from you today," she said. "I promise I will take back the information to my fellow commissioners."

County Legislature Remembers 9-11

The Putnam County Legislature remembered 9-11 last week as lawmakers took time to commemorate the victims and also honor the selfless service of thousands during its full meeting. Legislator Carl Albano said while the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in an empty field in Pennsylvania were meant to break the America spirit, instead unity, compassion and determination rose from those ashes. The day of service put in place in 2009, which is also known as Patriots Day, encourages residents to pause for a moment of silence for the fallen, fly the flag at half-staff and volunteer in the community, Albano said. The Putnam Communities That Cares Coalition, the Mental Health Association, the Dwyer Vet-to-Vet program and the Veterans Service Agency are teaming up to help residents write letters of appreciation to first responders, including police officers and firefighters, veterans and active service members. He presented a proclamation to veterans service agency deputy director Art Hanley, social services commissioner Michael Piazza and CoveCare CEO Eric Toth.





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Swan Cove Begins Transformation in Downtown Mahopac

By David Propper

For almost two years, discussions around Swan Cove have centered around its potent potential and possible perils.

But now talk has turned into action with work well underway as it transforms from a vacant lot with unoccupied buildings to a municipal parking lot and lakeside park for residents to enjoy. The town bought Swan Cove more than a year ago for \$1 million and then bought a parcel of land from Tompkins Mahopac Bank for another \$395,000 earlier this year in hopes of adding another dimension to downtown Mahopac.

Last week, the property was being cleared as the former building that housed the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce was knocked down. Bungalows that sat near the lake were already torn down earlier this year.

Councilman Michael Barile, who has been the strongest advocate for the Swan Cove transformation, said volunteers were cleaning up the property as they began to prep it for the new municipal parking lot and waterside park. The entire cleanup would take about a week, Barile said last Tuesday as bulldozers cleared debris from the property.

Now the town board will solicit requests for proposals for the work, including building a bridge to connect Swan Cove to the Chamber Park, building a recreation office and bathrooms and creating a parking lot that would provide 98 spots that officials say are much needed for downtown.

Additionally, the town needs permission

from New York State to dredge silt that the department of transportation allowed to go into the lake, Barile said.

"Now is the hard work," Barile said. "This was the easy work."

Barile said there is consensus on the town board to go full steam ahead with the property that has faced constant scrutiny over the last year. A vote was taken to seek RFPs for the project and going forward, town officials will work with recreation committee members and residents about what they want in the new park.

Only one entrance will exist to enter the parking lot and park and a new traffic configuration is expected to be crafted by the state DOT to make the property accessible from Route 6. Flooding used to be a common occurrence when it rained hard in town, but Barile said it now shouldn't be a problem because the pumps are now hooked correctly. When it poured recently, the property withstood the rain well, he said.

Countless volunteers have been clearing the property, Barile said, including many people that grew up in town. Lynlil Associates (Barile's company) is donating the money to pay the laborers on the property, Barile said.

When asked if any of the criticism or questions about the plans for Swan Cove, the amount spent on the property or rocks and millings that belonged to Barile that laid on the property were ever warranted, the 45-year Mahopac resident was defiant.

"All total bulls---," Barile said. "You can

"All total bulls---," Barile said. "You can quote me."





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School Tax Collection Temporarily Suspended Due to Error

The Putnam County Commissioner of Finance has announced that the 2019-2020 school tax collection process has been temporarily suspended, due to a file control error causing Veterans Exemptions to exceed maximum limits and thereby causing the 2019-2020 school tax bills to be incorrect.

New corrected 2019-2020 School tax bills will be mailed the week of September 16, and will be clearly marked corrected tax bill and be printed in yellow. The vast majority of taxpayers will see a small reduction in their tax bill, while approximately 3,300 people receiving the affected exemptions will receive a corrected tax bill that will be comparable to the school tax bill that they have received in previous years.

Due to this error, the tax collection period will be extended as follows:

First half partial payments will be due

October 7 and full pay payments without interest are due October 21.

Taxpayers wishing to pay in person can contact their local tax collector the week of September 16 for the date that in person payments will resume.

Those taxpayers that have already paid their school taxes will receive a refund if their school taxes were overpaid, or must pay the difference to the local school tax collector if they are underpaid.

The Commissioner of Finance Bill Carlin stated, "We apologize to our School District and Municipal Officials, and most importantly the taxpayers that we all serve, for the inconvenience caused by this error. We will be putting into place procedures to help ensure that this does not happen again."

For further information, please contact the Commissioner of Finance at 845-808-1075.

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Public Library Expansion Groundbreaking Celebrated in Brewster

By Neal Rentz

The Brewster Public Library Board of Trustees, local elected officials and residents came to the library on Sept. 8 to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the facility's expansion project.

In November 2017 residents approved a bond to allow the library to borrow up to nearly \$3 million for the library's expansion

project, which library officials say will double the size of the facility.

The expansion will include creation of a community room to accommodate up to 50 people, private study rooms and an Americans with Disability compliant elevator and restrooms. The project will also include the renovating of the interior and upgrading electrical and HVAC systems.

As stated on the library's website the

project will be "respecting and retaining the historic façade of the building and the main reading room."

At the Sept. 8 ceremony, library Board of Trustees president Peter Carey, who was accompanied by library director Gina Loprinzo and members of the board, said the expansion project has been in the works for about seven years.

"We finally got all of our approvals in

place," Carey said. "I want to thank the voters, the townspeople of the Town of Southeast. We came to you two years ago. We put a bond proposal up and you overwhelmingly supported the library and we thank you so much for that and we hope to give you a library for the next century."

Jordan Hardy from state Sen. Peter Harckham's office provided the library with a proclamation to honor the library expansion.



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A groundbreaking ceremony for the Brewster Public Library expansion project was held on Sept. 8. Putting the shovel into the ground is library Board of Trustees President Peter Carey.

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In 2017, the Integrative Health program opened offering holistic therapies to breast cancer patients as they undergo surgery, chemotherapy

and radiation. Services include massage therapy, reflexology, Reiki, in addition to yoga classes specifically tailored for patients who have had breast surgery. More than 600 treatments are administered each year. Charitable contributions help to keep the program in operation.

The golf tournament will take place on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Mahopac Golf and Beach Club, 601 N Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Registration opens at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The awards dinner will begin at 5:30



p.m.

Dr. Gil Rojas joined the hospital when it opened its doors in 1964 and remained an active surgeon for 28 years. After his passing in 1992, his wife, Lyda Rojas, devoted her attention to building a chapel in the hospital so visitors could have a place of solace and prayer in their time of need.

Their legacy of medical care and charitable works for the community continue with the golf tournament that began in 1998.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the foundation at 845-230-4763 (TTY: 800-421-1220).

Montrose Dental Associates

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Montrose

By Neal Rentz

Hartsdale resident Dr. Daniel Lyu recalled last week he wanted to be part of a profession that assisted people from the time when he was a boy.

"I always wanted to be in health care," Lyu said. He was also inspired to work in the field by his father, John, who was a lab technician, Lyu said.

Lyu is a dentist who nearly six years ago opened Montrose Dental Associates on Albany Post Road in a building that has housed dental practices since the 1970s, he said. Lyu said he looked for a location for his practice and decided on Montrose. "This opportunity came along, so I decided to go for it," he said.

Lyu said Montrose Dental provides a wide variety of services. The practice offers "pretty much everything" in dental care including cleanings and fillings, he said.

The practice uses implants to deal with individual missing teeth by the installation of artificial tooth roots, Lyu said. Implants have "changed the dental field," he said.

Another service provided is Invisalign, which are clear devices placed on the teeth to straighten teeth that unlike braces are invisible, Lyu said.

Montrose Dental also offers cosmetic dentistry including crowns and caps, as well as tooth whitening, Lyu said. Caps and



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Hartsdale resident Dr. Daniel Lyu is owner of Montrose Dental Associates.

dentures are also provided.

"We've gone away from metal" for fillings, Lyu said. His practice instead uses include porcelain and other materials for fillings and dental restoration to resemble natural teeth. Pediatric dental care is also available at Lyu's practice, as well as tooth extractions and root canals.

The practice provides a variety of periodontal treatments based on the type and severity of the disease. Its treatments include regular cleanings and instructions are for patients on how to improve their daily oral hygiene.

Though most of his patients live in the Cortlandt area, others will drive long distances to come to Montrose Dental, Lyu said.

Lyu explained why his practice has been successful. "We try to do really quality work," he said. "I feel we had pretty good success."

One of the satisfactions in being a dentist is improving a person's life and letting them smile more easily than they did prior to coming to him, Lyu said. "It definitely gives you some gratification," he said.

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Letter to the Editor

Kent Town Budget Could Balloon Under Kreps

As a homeowner in Kent, I was sideswiped by my school tax bill last week – an annual event.

The assessed value of my property at \$329,500 did not change. The Board's budget stated that the 2.6% increase in the total tax levy would result in a \$240 tax increase for a house assessed at \$350,000. They lied!

My taxes went up \$422 from 2018 to \$6,232 for 2019.

Somehow, the 2.6% increase in the tax levy produced a 4.8% increase in the tax per \$1,000 of assessed value (mil. rate) – from \$26.47 per \$1,000 last year to \$27.75 per \$1,000 this year. How do they do that?

With the \$3,819 Town & County taxes paid in January, my total real estate taxes have reached \$10,000 for the first time – 3% of the value of my house. As a senior citizen, I have the benefit of the Enhanced STAR exemption, so a younger owner of my

property would pay even more.

Beware, Kent taxpayers – Mr. Rick Kreps, a long-time Trustee on the School Board has stated his intention of running for election as Kent Town Supervisor. What that will mean for our Town budget and taxes is clear.

Cliff Narbey Kent

Fast Start to Flu Season Predicted; Three Public Fall Clinics Scheduled

Flu season will be here in Putnam County soon. The word from experts who monitor the flu's earlier arrival in other parts of the world is not encouraging. Australia for example had triple the number of influenza cases soon after the start of their season last May. The good news is the Putnam County Department of Health has scheduled its fall flu clinics and residents can mark their calendars to make sure they get their shots on time.

"To protect yourself, your family and your community, get a flu shot," says County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "It is an easy, relatively painless, step you can take, and our health department works to make it convenient for you. Clinics are open to the public at local fire departments, and our nurses travel to senior centers and our schools to immunize these residents."

Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD, Commissioner of Health, also strongly recommends getting a flu shot, saying, "Getting vaccinated is your best option, even if the vaccine is not 100 percent effective. When you get a flu shot and you still get the flu, your chance of serious complications is reduced, along with the length of time you may be sick. People forget how serious the flu can be. Nearly 80,000 people died from it here in the U.S. the season before last," he said, referring to the estimate from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The dates and locations for the three

scheduled fall clinics are: Monday, September 23, at the Carmel Fire Department, 94 Gleneida Avenue (Route 52) and Vink Drive; Thursday, October 10, at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9, and Monday, October 21, at the Carmel Fire Department. Each clinic runs from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Early vaccination is important. The shot only starts to work about two weeks after it is given. Certain people should be extra sure to get vaccinated. They include pregnant women; children 6 months through 18 years of age; people over 50 years of age; those with chronic, or long-lasting, medical conditions, and those who live with or care for them. Health care workers are also required to get the flu vaccine to protect their patients.

Flu shots are important for other reasons too. Medical costs and work absenteeism are reduced. Flu immunization is also the right thing to do for the community. It builds "herd immunity," protecting those who can't be vaccinated because they are too young or have a specific medical condition.

The public flu clinics are open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. Proof of residency is required, along with a signed consent form. Forms will be available at the clinics, but residents are encouraged to download and complete the form ahead of time. Forms are posted on the health department's immunization page on the Putnam County website at www.

putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization. The fee for vaccination is \$25 for residents under 65 years of age. Those 65 years and older, or with a Medicare card, can receive the vaccine free of charge. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors, aged 65 years and older, as studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population. (Pneumonia vaccine will not be offered at the flu clinics.)

Additional public flu clinics may be held later this year. Information on future dates will be posted on the health department's website and on social media, and announced on the department's flu hotline. The number is 808-1390, press option "2." For school clinics check the school calendar or with the school nurse for details.

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 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

Putnam County Passport Saturday Coming Up

The Putnam County Clerk's Office is extremely proud to host the second Putnam County Passport Saturday this coming September; at its office located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York on Saturday September 21, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti is holding this event as a convenience to our customers who need to obtain a passport in time for the busy summer travel season. County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti can be reached at 845-808-1142 X49301 for any questions or concerns regarding obtaining a U.S. Passport or traveling abroad.

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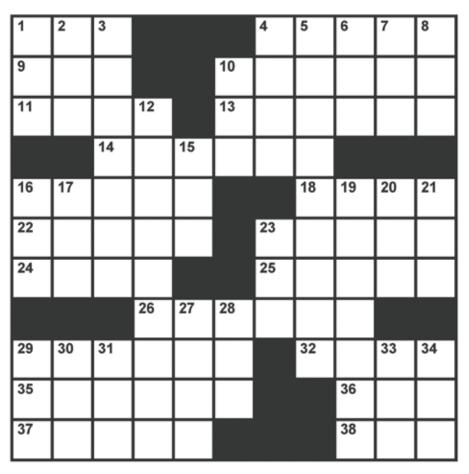
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 18

Across

- 1. Up to, old way
- 4. Some double reed instruments
- 9. Type of truck
- 10. Traffic jams
- 11. Florida city, informally
- 13. Helping the planet to see in Bedford

Hills, _

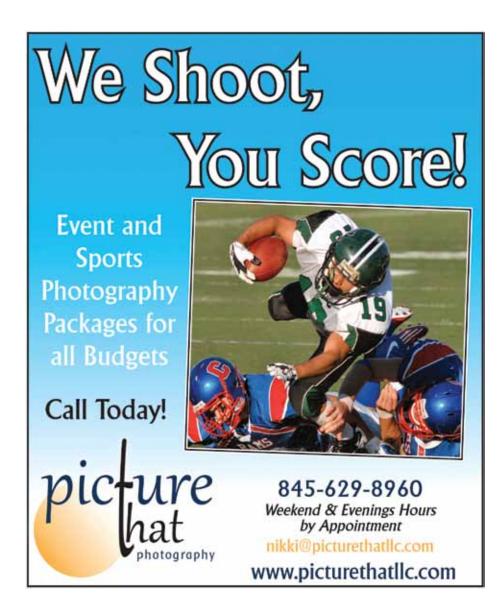
- World
- 14. Keen16. Fishes
- 10. Pishes
- 18. ___ in America
- 22. Junkyard junk
- 23. Brewster contracting company
- 24. Hit man
- 25. Preserved
- 26. Feelings of dread
- 29. Slow movement
- 32. Coded message
- 35. "The Little Mermaid" role
- 36. San Francisco hill
- 37. Children's doctor?
- 38. Student score

Down

- 1. Bath receptacle
- 2. Helped draft 1889 Japanese constitution
- 3. Spy novelist
- 4. "Don't bet ___!"
- 5. Underground structures
- 6. " ___ quit!"
- 7. "All over the world" singers, for short
- 8. Tax form ID

- 10. Law and Order
- 12. Spears on the table
- 15. Measuring term
- 16. Evidence collectors
- 17. N.C.State is in it
- 19. Cropping up
- 20. A dwarf
- 21. Compass direction
- 23. Shipwreck signal
- 27. Lofgren of Springsteen's E Street Band
- 28. Region of India
- 29. Hung. neighbor
- 30. Rap doctor?
- 31. Sun Devils' sch.
- 33. Republicans, for short
- 34. Basketball org.





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Obituaries

Frank Caliendo

Frank Caliendo peacefully entered into the Kingdom of Our Lord on August, 25, at Hudson Valley Hospital. Frank was born November 10, 1945 in Naples, Italy to the late Salvatore and Lena Caliendo. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (née Nussbaum), his children, daughters Anne (Michael) Drew, Karen (Richard) Kavy, and son, Christopher (Den) Caliendo, his beloved grandchildren, Lily and Charlotte Drew, Jackson and Sydney Caliendo and Chelsea and Kyle Kavy, his sister Barbara Cozza, his brother Gary (Marilyn) Caliendo, his sister Sally (Robert) Maher, sisters-in-law Janice Browning and Cathy (Pat) Fabiano, brotherin-law Robert (Cheryl) Nussbaum, and many nieces and nephews. Frank graduated from Peekskill HS where he was a member of the Cross Country and Wrestling teams and the National Honor Society. He received his Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 1969. After graduating from college, Frank served in the military - U.S. Army serving with Distinction – and completed two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star. After returning home from the war, Frank began his professional career in the electrical division of what is now Metro North Railroad. Frank recently retired after 44 years of service. Frank was an avid runner and reader and enjoyed reading all types of science fiction, mysteries, and other genre. As part of his daily routine to work, he enjoyed walking the streets of Cold Spring, making various stops along the way, as he made his way to the train station. He also enjoyed all the local farmer's markets and fruit stands, book sales at the local libraries, and getting coffee from the local deli. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and his family those were the special moments that gave meaning to his life.

Timothy John Lusk

Timothy John Lusk, a longtime resident of Cold Spring, died peacefully on August 25, his 46th wedding anniversary, at home surrounded by his wife and son. For the last two months of his 74 years of life, he had been battling metastatic melanoma. Tim was born on March 29, 1945 in Schenectady, New York to the late Harold Mark Lusk and Dorothy Billingham. For many years, he was a salesman with NCR and other companies. During the Vietnam era, Tim served as a 1st lieutenant in the Artillery in Germany. On

Bastille Day, July 14, 1972, he met his future wife, Barbara Harry, who at the time worked for the Hudson River Sloop, Clearwater, in the Cold Spring office on Main Street. They were married on August 25, 1973 in New Canaan, CT. He built his house learning many skills which later proved helpful in assisting many friends and neighbors. While on the Vestry at the Episcopal Church of St. Mary-in-the-Highlands, several of these talents helped keep things functioning at the church. He was well known as "Mr. Fixit". At one point, the church organ electrical circuitry blew. Tim replaced the collection of several boards and tackled the soldering wire situation for about the next 18 months volunteering his time. Periodically, his son, Rob, assisted with his electrical knowhow and test equipment. With Tim's efforts and John Drew's splendid musical talents, the notes poured forth from the organ just in time for a Christmas service. Perhaps this was the first successful organ transplant done in a church. Tim tinkered with Amateur Radios and achieved the highest FCC rating, the Extra license. He enjoyed building and experimenting with antennas as well as the inner sanctums of said radios. He also loved history and never ceased to read and study it. He graduated from Union College with a B.A. in history, but he learned much more with his own persistent perusing. He developed a deep appreciation of the founding fathers of our country and the brilliant beginnings of their writings that formed our freedoms. Tim is survived by his wife, Barbara and son, Robert of Cold Spring; his sister, Joan E. Lusk, of Providence RI; sisters-in-law Diane Weeghman of Sarasota, FL; Susan Jennings of Sarasota, FL; brother-in-law, William Searson of South Hamilton, MA; and several nieces and nephews.

Sally Dwyer

On Tuesday, August 27, Sally Dwyer of Victor, died at the age of 89. Sally was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, John J. Dwyer, Jr. She is survived by sons James (Milena) – Pittsburgh, PA, Thomas (Eliana) Glen Allen, VA, and Robert (Mary) Cold Spring. Grandchildren Nicole Dwyer Caya (Ryan), Mary-Margaret, Catherine, John, Patrick and Yana Dwyer. Greatgrandsons Andrew and Lucas Caya, sisterin-law Kathleen Probst and many nephews and nieces. Sally was born in Springville, NY and a proud lifelong New Yorker. She was a graduate of Cortland State Teachers College and longtime educator. She retired in 2000

after serving for 19 years as the Ontario County Republican Election Commissioner. She was an avid reader and supporter of the Victor Free Library, member of the Victor First Presbyterian Church, bridge player and golfer.

Samuel Blanchard Newton

Samuel Tyler Blanchard Newton died on

August 29, in his apartment in New York

City. His death, which was announced by his parents, Belle Blanchard Newton and Blake Newton of Garrison, is believed to be the result of a drug overdose. Mr. Newton had attributed his addiction to drugs as having stemmed from the use of pain killers prescribed for him following the removal of his wisdom teeth while a teenager. He was actively involved in his recovery at the time of his death through meetings sponsored by The Greater New York Region of Narcotics Anonymous and several allied programs. Mr. Newton was born on September 25, 1987 in New York City where he lived until moving to Garrison with his parents in 1996. He graduated in the class of 2006 from Salisbury School in Salisbury, Connecticut and from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio in 2010 where he earned a B.A. in Fine Arts with a concentration in sculpture. After moving back to New York City following college, he worked for Swann Auction Galleries before joining Turner Construction Company in New York in its Building Information Modeling Department. He later worked in the sales department of Brazill Brothers & Associates, Inc., a manufacturer's representative in the electrical industry. He is survived by his parents: his girlfriend. Elizabeth Rusnock: his sponsor, Chris McDonnell; his mentors, James Sheehan and Jesse Harlan; and by numerous family members and friends. His long term avocation as a deejay began when he entered high school and continued until his death. He also enjoyed hiking, hunting, fishing, drawing, sculpture, and playing lacrosse, both on school teams and in amateur leagues thereafter. His warm manner and quick sense of humor as well as an ongoing sense of adventure were an infectious combination that made longtime friends of nearly everyone he met and allowed him to be recognized as a leader and mentor among his many friends in the New York recovery community. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 11 a.m. at the Parish House of St Philip's Church in the Highlands, 1101 Rte 9D, Garrison, NY with interment in the St Philip's churchyard immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to St Philip's Church, PO Box 158, Garrison, NY 10524; to the Garrison Art Center, 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524 or to the Caron Foundation, Attn: Development Office, 243 N. Galen Hall Rd., Wernersville, PA 19565.

Madeline DelMastro

Madeline DelMastro, 97, an area resident for more than 17 years and previously of Spring Hill, FL and Brooklyn, died on August 30, in Carmel. Born on April 6, 1922 in Brooklyn, Madeline was the daughter of Margherita and Michael Florentino. On April 23, 1949 in Brooklyn, Madeline married the love of her life, Frank DelMastro, who predeceased her in March 2001. Madeline worked at the Independence Savings Bank in Brooklyn. While a resident of Carmel, she volunteered at Putnam Hospital for over 14 years and at Putnam County Housing Corp. for four years. Madeline always displayed a positive attitude about life, family and those whom she had the pleasure of serving with. She was a great traditionalist of her Italian heritage and loved dancing. Her passion for reading was known amongst all, especially within her family. She is survived by her sister Mary Bello of Weston, FL, her children, Connie Isaacson and husband David of Apollo Beach, FL, Thomas DelMastro and wife Linda of Staten Island, NY and Margherita Diaz and husband Orlando of Carmel; grandchildren Nicole, Tara, Christine, Thomas, Orlando, Matthew, Andrew, Sabrina, Dana, Jessica; greatgrandchildren Tyler, Jackson, Julia, Madison, Isabella, Alexander, Nicolette, Thomas, Maxwell Matteo and Lincoln

Erwin Windischmann

Erwin Windischmann of Mahopac, died on Wednesday, September 4, at the age of 92. He was born in Yugoslavia on February 6, 1927, the son of Mathias and Iosefa (Koenig) Windischmann. Erwin emigrated to the United States on January 26, 1955 from Austria. He was employed as a ham curer with Boar's Head Provisions in Brooklyn until his retirement. On April 7, 1951 he married Theresia Freist in Bruck An Der Mur, Austria. Theresia passed away on April 28, 2014. He is survived by his daughters, Elfriede Schober and her husband, Erwin of Mahopac and Margit Jury and her husband, Michael of Summerfield, Florida, his brother. Henry of Charlotte, NC, his sisters, Erna Weber of Warwick, NY and Marie Gessler of West Milford, NJ and his grandsons, Dr. Andrew Schober of Mill Valley, CA and Matthew Schober of Mahopac.

Madeline Savoy

Madeline Savoy of Mahopac, died on Thursday, September 5, at the age of 96. She was born on October 16, 1922 in Harriman, to Charles and Addie Jones. Madeline was a homemaker and she loved to garden. She was excellent at weeding so her gardens always looked beautiful. Madeline was also a big fan of going to the casino with her neighbors. She had been to most every casino in the area. While Madeline enjoyed gardening and the casino, her true love was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as they were always on her mind. Madeline is survived by her daughter Rosemarie, her grandchildren Ricky and Nick, and her great-grandchildren Alina, Justin and Kiely. She was predeceased by her first husband, Donald Blissard, her second husband Richard Heightman, and her third husband Charles Savoy, as well as her beloved grandson Anthony Sarli. Following a private cremation, there will be a burial of ashes held on Friday, September 13, at 11 a.m. at Ballard Barrett Cemetery. Donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society. https://www.cancer.org/



PNW BOCES Board Member Retires After Stellar Service

At opening day at Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES, retiring board member Anita Feldman was recognized with an award for her 38 years of board service, which includes 25 years on the BOCES board as well as service to the Mahopac Board of Education.

"Anita is the lifeblood of our BOCES, and nothing keeps her back," said BOCES District Superintendent Dr. James Ryan, who presented Feldman the award along with BOCES Board President Richard Kreps.

Feldman, a longtime Mahopac resident, began her service as a trustee for the Mahopac Board of Education in 1981. There she served as the chair of the district's Legislative Action Committee and member of the Buildings and Grounds/Transportation, Finance/Technology, Community Relations and Special Education committees among others

At PNW BOCES, Feldman most recently served as trustee. She has also served as board president and member of the Center for Educational Leadership Future School Leaders Academy Advisory Board as well as the PNW BOCES liaison to the New York State School Boards Association.

During her service, Feldman received countless awards and recognition on the state and federal level. She has presented at numerous School Boards conventions and served as the State School Boards Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee chairperson.

Feldman is an inspiration to her PNW



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PNW BOCES Board Vice President Catherine Liburne, District Superintendent Dr. James Ryan, Board Member Anita Feldman, Board President Richard Kreps, and board members Tina Mackay, Mary Cay Nilsen, and Michael Simpkins

BOCES board members and colleagues, not just because of her countless hours of service, but because of her passion for the work BOCES does.

During an interview a few years ago,

Feldman was asked to describe what is special about serving on the BOCES board. "Do you have an hour?" she responded. "There are so many ways that BOCES serves the community, with GED programs,



English Language programs, Career and Technical offerings and Special Education. The people who work at BOCES love being there as much as I love being on the board."

Upon receiving the award at Opening Day, Feldman was visibly moved, as were the audience of BOCES staff. "It has been wonderful working with all of you, and knowing what an important role we play in our school districts," she said. "I have enjoyed it so very much."

Fall Storytimes Back at Kent Library



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A new 8-week session of fall storytimes with Miss Pauline will start in the third week of September. Our popular storytimes include books, rhymes, songs, movement, and activities to encourage language development. For babies 3-12 months old, Tuesday mornings at 11:15; for 13-23 months, Thursday mornings at 10:30; for 2-year-olds, Wednesday mornings at 10:30 or Thursday mornings at 11:15; and for ages 3-5, Wednesdays at 11:30 or Thursdays at 12:15. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www. kentlibrary.org.



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About That Most Practical Room - the Kitchen Pantry

As a realtor, I always look for special features a home might offer in attracting a buyer and I'm sure to include them in the listing's descriptive remarks.

As I opened the door to my kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack, I was reminded how a food pantry can enhance a kitchen and a home overall. The thought occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and I wondered what my wife and I ever did without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a butler's pantry, which we hadn't had before. To

me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home would have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It is where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appliances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under





By Bill Primavera

wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on through the ages socially, economically and, architecturally. The word pantry comes from

naturally

about the origin of things, I also

the French word "paneterie," derived from "pain," the French word for bread. In medieval times, food and supplies were stored in a number of specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder, alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was stored in the pantry.

traditionally. In Europe, the butler's pantry was used

to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen-related items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

In America, pantries evolved from early American "butteries," built in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in self-sufficient farmsteads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be kept refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheesecakes, pastries, eggs

and butter were common foods kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Before World War II, America's smaller homes did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage. To fill the need for kitchen storage, in the early 1900s, the Hoosier Cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Company in Indiana, was created to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home. Most Hoosier Cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with built-in storage bins and containers for everyday items such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier Cabinets today are found mostly on eBay, but for those that don't have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from the floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store numerous items, particularly if they are equipped with pullout can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. Lazy Susans help with access to items that would normally be stored in the back of

a shelf. Pull-out shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items together and organized.

Because some things stored in pantries can be quite small, a pantry can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places to store bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

In today's homes, a butler's pantry can serve as an "in between room" located between the kitchen and formal dining room. Typically, you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the heart of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.

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Suggestions for Those Contemplating Pairing Wine With Sushi



By Nick Antonaccio

The ever-growing popularity of sushi can be a challenge for wine lovers. Each sushi offering has its own unique characteristics,

which differently with

alcoholic beverages. Matching

with sushi is becoming more common with the proliferation of sushi bars and restaurants. It seems to me that in a number of neighborhoods in New York City. there are as many sushi establishments as there are pizzerias or Asian-themed take-

Add to this the growing number of traditional (non-sushi) restaurants that now offer sushi as a separate section of their menu and the number of food halls springing up all over the New York metropolitan area and it's clear that sushi as a cuisine is now mainstream.

traditional beverage match-ups still hold up well, but, true to the goal of this column, let's explore alternatives that you might not otherwise consider.

the traditional First, match-ups, beer Rieslings. I must admit that a glass of Sapporo other Japanese imported beers seem to be the perfect foil to nearly all types of sushi. The frothy, slightly bitter

taste of these beers offsets the oiliness of fish, the tanginess of pickled ginger, the saltiness of soy and the heat of wasabi.

Riesling, on the other hand, has a balance of sweetness and acidity that matches well with

the fatty flavor of fish and the saltiness of soy. Keeping these complementary combinations in mind, let's consider alternatives.

First, and foremost in my mind, is sparkling wine. It is perfect for cutting the oiliness of certain raw fish and complementing the salt and fire of a number of dishes. The bubbles seem to wash away the aftertastes, clear the palate and set it up for the next bite. The steely, veasty notes contrast with the textures and flavors of sushi. In today's market there is a proliferation of fine sparklers under \$25.

Specific types of sushi have distinct tastes and characteristics that pair better with specific wines. For example, let's examine the two major categories of tuna.

First, maguro, the bluefin variety, which in appearance (red) and texture is very similar to raw beef. As with

beef, a pinot noir's versatile combination of soft texture, low tannin, zest and complex flavors is a nice match.

The medium-bodied fruit components complement but don't compete with oiliness of the while the subtle



structure and flavor profile tame the wasabi and pickled ginger. Oregon pinot noirs offer a nice cross between French Burgundies and those from the northern California coast.

The second category of tuna is ahi, the yellowfin

variety, which is white and milder in flavor than the maguro. It calls for a lighter style of wine. A perfect match is a wellbalanced chardonnay. The natural fruit and minerality of the chardonnay complement the oil in the tuna and the crispness offsets the zest of the wasabi. Try a Chablis version from Burgundy.

What works with the most popular types of handrolls such as salmon, eel, octopus, crab and/or avocado, cucumber or seaweed? Try a Beaujolais or a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. The earthy, fruity characteristics of Beaujolais pair well with the mildness of handrolls. In particular, a Moulin-a-Vent from Burgundy is light and crisp and brings out the subtleties in most hand or maki rolls.

Conversely, a crisp Sauvignon Blanc with a hint of melon or lemon grass will also pair well; the minerality offsets the oiliness of the milder fish and the slight fruitiness or grassiness brings out the subtle flavors in the rolls.

If you are a sushi purist, you likely enjoy one type of sushi at a sitting. You can easily pair a specific wine with your meal. If you are like me, the most enjoyable aspect of ordering sushi is mixing and matching. This makes wine pairing a bit more challenging, but, in my opinion, sparkling

'if you are like me, the most enjoyable aspect of ordering sushi is mixing and matching'

wine bridges these profiles best.

In the end, it's all about experimenting and departing from the norm. I'm sure you're up for the challenge.

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Town of Putnam Valley Work Session September 11, 2019 5 P.M. 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Set public hearing for bubbler law 3. Set public hearing for extension of septic pump-out area in the Lake Oscawana District 4. Authorize supervisor to sign broker service agreement with Spain Agency. 5. Resolved, that Fred Finger has completed the requirements of a Basic Code Enforcement Training Program and is now qualified as a Code Enforcement Official.

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Drawing Texture: Fruits & Vegetables, Tuesdays through October 15, 10 am to 12 noon at Reed Library. Registration is required and preference given to residents of the Reed Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, September 11

Candlelight Vigil: Putnam Heroes Memorial located at Corner Stone Park, 1 Fair Street, Carmel at 8:00 p.m.,

Poetry Writing Workshop @ Mahopac Library. 6:30 p.m., In this workshop, participants will create new poems to share and receive feedback from other participants. Each monthly session will feature poetry readings and discussion in a format that is aimed to be helpful to each poet in honing his/her craft. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, September 12

Tickets on Sale for the Italian American Club of Mahopac Gala Celebration Putnam County Columbus Dinner Dance on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor Route 6 in Mahopac. Cocktail Hour and Open Bar start at 1:30 p.m., More information can be found visiting our website: ItalianAmericanClubofMahopac.org

Chinese Brush Meets Watercolor Thursdays through October 31, 10 am to 12 noon at Reed Library. Registration is required and preference given to residents of the Reed Library District. Please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

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Coloring for Adults: Re-connect with your inner child. Also 9/26 @ 7:00 pm Join us for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided. Drop-in group; no registration needed. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Crochet Away! 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Creative kids will love this beginner crochet class. This 4-week series will teach your kids the basics of this art form and at the end they will have a completed project! For ages 10 and up. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar

Friday, September 13

Free event! If you like gardening, if you like flowers, if you like designing with plant material, this is for you. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and

Saturday September 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Brewster Carmel Garden Club will be hosting a flower show at Trinity Lutheran Church 2103 route 6 in Brewster. There will be flower designs, horticulture specimens and educational exhibits for the public to enjoy. We will also have homemade and plant related items to raffle.

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Saturday, September 14

7th Annual TYathlon: 1 Marina Drive Mahopac, NY 10541 If you haven't registered already, you can do so online until 9pm on Friday 9/13, or walk-ons are welcome before 8:45 a.m. (be there at 5:30 a.m. if you decide at the last-minute to participate in the sprint triathlon!) The triathlon starts at 7 a.m. and the 100-yard kids dash starts at 9:30AM immediately before the 5K. Remember, the 5K is open to all ages, you can run, sprint, jog or walk and strollers are welcome on the course. Be sure to check our Facebook Page for updates and race guidelines.

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Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Service: New Rabbi, New Year, New Beginnings! Please join us for a Shabbat service at 9:30am, followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis. Kiddush luncheon will be served. The service will be led by Rabbi Leis and Cantor Ruth Ossher. 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.

PV Defensive Driving course: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. PV Town Hall Court room, 265 Oscawana Lake Rd, PV.

Oil Painting with Fast Drying Mediums also 9/21, October 5 and 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Reed Library. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Sunday, September 15

Cleanup Day at Lake Gleneida Reservoir - Noon - 3 p.m. Near Sybil Ludington Statue Gleneida Avenue (Rt 6) Contact: NYC Department of Environmental Protection - Watershed Events 845-340-7812 watershedevents@dep.nyc.gov

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble duo of flute and harp. 4 p.m. at St. Mary in the Highlands Episcopal Church at 1 Chestnut Street at the intersection of Routes 9D and 301 in Cold Spring, and on Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 2103 Route 6, just west of Brewster. The Ensemble will feature flutist Christine Smith and harpist Joy Plaisted. Tickets for the concert are available at the door at \$10 for general admission and \$9 for seniors and students. For further concert information, or to order advance tickets, please call 845- 228-4167.

Tuesday, September 17

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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Carmel senior WR Colby Opromolla gives it his best but can't haul in this red zone look last Friday night in the host Rams' 14-9 season-opening loss to Class AA heavyweight John Jay East Fishkill, which held on for the League I-A victory with a Hail Mary interception in the waning seconds of the game. The Rams, who shot themselves in the foot time and time again but still had a shot to win, hope to rebound in Week 2 against host Port Chester Saturday.. see Grid Notebook

Grid Notebook

Class AA Carmel Falls Short, Class A Somers Blows Up

By Ray Gallagher **Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays**

Football junkies across the land finally got their fix last week, including a near-epic upset of Michigan from our loveable ARMY Black Knights in Ann Arbor, MI. Though Army lost in OT, 24-21, fans of the Cadets across the country loved the spunk and spirit they showed last Saturday during a terrific weekend of football action. Week 1 of Friday Night Lights in Section 1 was pretty special,

CARMEL will have to batten down the hatches if Coach Todd Cayea's 25th season on the Class AA Rams' sideline is going to be a productive one. The Rams took one step forward and two steps back last Friday night in their pivotal 14-9 League I-AA loss to visiting John Jay EF last Friday. There were plenty of bright spots for the Rams, but costly mistakes took the wind from their sails and as a result they find themselves in an early hole as the favored Patriots get a leg up on their primary competition.

Jay RB/DB Luke Mahon rushed for two touchdowns and had a pair of late fourthquarter interceptions in the end zone to seal the deal. Carmel struggled offensively and had four turnovers, two of which were fumbles to go along with the two picks. Carmel fumbled the ball five times in all, something they will need to clean up immediately if the Rams are going to reach their grand goal of reaching the Class AA finals; what looked like a pipe dream with the amount of mistakes the Rams made throughout the game.

However, when Carmel QB Andrew Nunez went deep for 27 yards to WR Alex Beauchesne to the Patriot 5, converting a third and 3 with 2:42 remaining, the Rams were just five yards away from the tying score. But Nunez tried to force the next play into double coverage and was picked. The Rams forced an intentional safety four plays later and got as close the 31-vard line before Mahon struck again in the right corner of the end zone.

Still, Carmel, which scored its lone TD on



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Carmel DE Matt Murphy records sack in Rams' 14-9 loss to JJEF Friday.

a two-yard reverse from senior Beauchesne, has plenty of time to right the ship.

"We had way too many turnovers," Beauchesne admitted, "but that game is in the past now and we are just going to work harder and focus on us as a team getting better every day."

MAHOPAC which went 3-6 last year, began its ascension, what will be a work in progress behind a grandiose sophomore class. RB Matt Courtney rushed for three touchdowns and 121 yards, including long scampers of 35 and 20 yards. Fellow sophomore RB Mike Harney added 26 yards on two rushes, one which went to the house, so the rookie backfield lit things up during a triumphant debut that concluded in a 34-0 rout of the Yonkers Brave last Friday.

Yet another sophomore, sure-handed 5'10" WR Ryan Rondeau, added another



Carmel senior RB James Cox churns for tough yards in Rams' 14-9 loss

touchdown. a 60-yard scoring strike from senior QB Jack

Carey, who hit on 5-of-7 passes for 94 yards. Senior OL/DL captains Billy Reilly and John Ryan were stout up front on both sides of the ball, according to veteran Coach Dominick DeMatteo.

"We took a significant step in the right direction tonight," DeMatteo said. "I'm very pleased with the way we played as a team."

Indeed, the youthful Indians did just that, and while we don't fully expect them to regain the coveted Higgins trophy from Carmel this year, this Higgins game is gonna be lit the next three years. There's a good chance Mahopac ends Carmel's win streak in 2020, though -- what would be five-straight Ram wins over the Indians; if things play out

as expected in pivotal Week 7 of 2019. Either way, we're all down with the sickness.

CLASS A

SOMERS, as expected, went off on host Horace Greeley, 55-0. Tusker senior RB Charlie Balancia went for 121 yards on two carries, TD jaunts of 59 and 62 yards to help build a 28-0 first-quarter lead.

"I basically went untouched," Balancia said. "It was a foot race to the end zone because our new O-line is really coming together."

Somers RB Jack Kaiser rolled for two more scores. DB T.J. Deagan and DE Charlie Grinrod each had a pair of sacks on the other side of the ball.

BREWSTER controlled the trenches in its 18-0 win over visiting LAKELAND last Friday, opening holes for shifty HB Tommy

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Mahopac RB Mike Harney breaks a TD run in the Indians 34-0 win over visiting Yonkers Brave Friday.



Mahopac RB Vin Bastone scoots for big gain in Indians' 34-0 win over visiting Yonkers Brave Friday.

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Carmel LB Andrew Bumgarner forces INT with 4th-quarter sack in 14-9 loss to JJEF last Friday.



Brewster RB Justin Niles is hunted by Lakeland's Robert Nardelli and Jake DiFede.



Lakeland RB Matt Makar is turned back into traffic by Brewster DB Thomas Consolato in Hornets' 18-0 loss to Bears Friday.

Consolato, who had two rushing touchdowns and 81 yards on 10 carries and added three catches for 45 yards. The Bears held Lakeland RB Matt Makar to just 20 yards rushing on 17 carries, limiting his ability to get into the creases and getting a head of steam forward. Bear Paul Catalano recovered a Justin Niles

fumble at the goal line for a score in the Lakeland end zone.

Danny Libretti led Lakeland's defense with nine tackles while Jason Green added seven.

"Always good to win the opener," Bears Coach Ed Mulvihill said. "The crowd was great. Lakeland is going to win their share of games. They were tough kids and well coached. I thought our defense rose to the occasion and played well together. We shut down the running lanes for Makar. He had nowhere to go. Consolato is a tough runner with a great burst in traffic."

Brewster sophomore QB Chris Donohue was sharp for his first game under center, hitting on 9-of-14 passes for 121 yards.

"My QB was great for a soph is his first game," Mulvihill said. "He didn't seem rattled. We have plenty of pieces we want to fix but we're happy with the start."

HEN HUD won the battle of new coaches, dishing out a 25-7 league setback to host WALTER PANAS last Friday. First-year Sailor skipper John Catano, a veteran along the Section 1 scene as both a player and former Croton-Harmon coach, won in his debut as head coach at his alma mater, defeating first-year Panther Coach Paul Ronga.

Sailor RB Braden Ellis rushed for scores of 29 and 27 yards as Hen Hud took a commanding 25-0 lead into the break.

"I'm very happy that we won, but we continued on next page



Carmel senior QB Andrew Nunez chugs toward sideline before being slammed into a table in Rams' 14-9 loss to JJEF last Friday.



Brewster LB Jason Cardona sacks Lakeland QB Tyler Santucci in Bears' 18-0 win over visiting Hornets last Friday.



Hen Hud RB Ryan Travis tries to get around end with Panas' Robert Ennis in pursuit in Sailors win over Panthers Friday.

Sports

Soccer Notebook

Defending Section 1 Champ Somers Picks Right Up

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

'The Crop', Yorktown's fabled student fan section, was at the top of its game last Tuesday at the Yorktown Soccer Tournament, kicking off the 2019 boys' campaign in fancy fashion. Dressed in white-out garb, twirling American flags and running full speed ahead, 'The Crop' stampeded toward Charlie Murphy Field, setting the tone for what they hoped would be a sensational start to the season against defending Section 1 Class A champion Somers.

However, the NYS runner-up Tuskers had other ideas, snapping a 1-1 tie behind a fancy, game-winning, three-fake, free-kick goal by Evan Mazzola early in the second half.

The Crop, undaunted, pushed the Huskers into a frenzied finish, but it was the Tuskers who drew first blood in a 2-1 season-opening win. Somers G Declan Foley made eight saves and the Tuskers advanced to the championship game of the Huskers' tournament where they knocked off Arlington B, 6-0, for the Husker tourney title.

Against Yorktown, Tusker Bennett Leitner provided Somers a 1-0 lead, though Husker Michael O'Connor scored the equalizer before the half.

Somers continued its hot start with a 4-1 win over host Tappan Zee last Thursday, going across the river to establish further dominance when 'No Way' Jose Giron finished with one goal and one assist. Giron sent a 30-yard laser into the top left corner, a stunning shot.

"Jose is killing it right now," Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta said.

Derek Marques (from Leitner), Mazzola and Ethan Cukaj had one goal apiece. Senior maestro Drew Lasher added an assist for the Tuskers.

In the win over Arlington B, Cukaj put two between the pipes. Leitner, Giron (1A) and Freddy Gonzalez all tickled twine for the Tuskers (3-0).

The Somers girls' team kicked things off with an 8-0 win over Gorton. Tusker goals were scored Noelle DeMarini, Alexa Vanga, Noelle DeMarini, Jessica Rodriguez, Ilaria Adornetto (twice), Victoria Righetti and Ella Kittredge. Assists went to Rodriguez,

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did not play to our potential," Catano said. "We are playing the defending sectional champions (John Jay) next and will not win if we don't step up our offensive game."

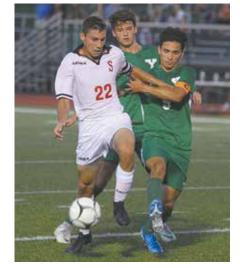
Panas has some work to do. Senior QB Mark Perez and senior WR Robert Ennis did hook up with an electrifying 64-yard jumpball bomb to the red zone.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY got smoked, 28-0, in a tough season-opener against host Byram Hills at Fox Lane High School. The Bobcats figure to be one of the top teams in Class B this year, so the Tigers have some work to do in order to stand tall among the rank and file.

CLASS D

HALDANE found the going rough in a 44-16 loss to Rye Neck, despite some solid



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Somers' Drew Lasher gets tangled up with Yorktown's Zakary StaniK IN Tuskers' 2-1 win over Huskers.

DeMarini, Dahlia Pep, Megan Dineen, Righetti and Megan Blanch.

"At this point we are still feeling our way, trying to fit the pieces together," Somers Coach Paul Saia said. "We have a solid core of returning starters and got back a very fine goalie from academy. Our objectives are to never underestimate any opponent, always to play to the best of our ability, always give 110% and strive to get back to the sectional title game. Class A is always tough and this year will be no different, so we have our work cut out for us if we want to get back there."

Somers also defeated Harrison, 3-0, in the season opener. The Tuskers hit three second-half goals from Pepe, Dineen and Kittredge to support goalie Rachel Ross (2 shutouts).

LAKELAND is building for the future and doing so with a 3-0 mark to open the season. In a 5-0 win over Saunders, Bryan Jaramillo, Sonny Karaqi and Austin Bergen each scored and set up another while Augie Karaqi and Nicholas DeSantis also scored for a balanced attack in front of a stout defense that saw G Nick Bassini notch the shutout with just three saves.

The Hornets added another win in a 4-1 triumph of Putnam Valley, taking a 2-1 halftime edge before blowing it open in



Yorktown's Mikey O'Connor takes a run at Somers' Joe Grippo in Huskers' 2-1 loss to Tuskers in opening round of Yorktown tourney.

the second. Lakeland goals were scored by Bergen, Jaramillo, Karaqi, plus an own-goal by PV. Lakeland's assists went to Jaramillo, Karaqi and Nicolas DeSantis. Lakeland G Nick Bassani notched five saves but was beaten by Tiger Phillip Zallinger for a goal.

The deal for Lakeland is pretty straightforward; to build for the future, and the fact that both freshmen Jaramillo and Karaqi scored for the third straight game is pretty legit. Lakeland has outscored its opponents 11-1, though the competition has been light by former Hornets standards.

"We are building toward the future and this is a great start," Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan admitted.

Don't sleep on **BREWSTER**. The Bears (1-1) posted a 2-1 win over Riverside last Thursday behind tallies from senior Daniel Giron and junior Kevin Sagastume.

"Our young players are gaining valuable experience this season, positioning us to be a strong

team going forward," Coach Jerry Frieri said of the Bears, who return just one starter from last year and show eight players that are either sophomores or freshmen. "We expect to be competitive in every game. We play high pressure on the ball, and want to

force mistakes."

PANAS saw Tristian Phillips bag a hat trick in a 7-1 win over Lincoln.

Class AA sectional runner-up OSSINING is stomping on traditional Dutchess County powers to open the year. The Pride's 3-2 season-opening win over Arlington was a great boost for the Pride last Tuesday, but they took it one step further in Thursday's 3-1 win over highly-regarded John Jay EF.

Against Arlington, Jose Padilla and Nolan Lenaghan each scored in the blink of an eye for the Pride, providing a 2-1 lead before the half. Kevon Evans, off an assist from Juan Pablo Estupinan, provided the necessary insurance marker for the Pride.

In the win over Jay, Lenaghan, among the best in the section, struck again for the Pride, and then broke a 1-1 tie in the opening minutes of the second half. Eric Monges assisted both Lenaghan goals before finishing with a tally of his own in the game's final minute.

Could be another big year for the Pride.

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Brewster RB Thomas Consolato reverses field before scoring TD in Bears' 18-0 win over visiting Lakeland Friday.



Yorktown RB Dylan Smith rushed for 66 yards on three carries, two of which went for TDs in Huskers' 47-6 win over host Peekskill Saturday at Depew Park.

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Volleyball Notebook

Hendrick Hudson Seeking 15th Section 1 Title in 19 Years

By Tony Pinciard

Once the high school volleyball season begins there is one annual constant that always occurs: **HENDRICK HUDSON** will be among the Section 1 elite.

Hen Hud, winners of 14 sectional titles the last 18 years, will either be playing for a title or winning one and moving on to state play.

The 2019 season will not be any different as veteran Coach Diane Swertfager, considered one of the state's best volleyball coaches, returns for her 31st year guiding Hen

There's a Ford in Brewster's Future



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Brewster freshman Patrick Ford placed first in the Division 2 race at the Big Red Invitational at Somers High School last Saturday morning. As a most gracious host of the event, Somers won the overall boys' title.

Hud. And, this year, her daughter, Theresa Swertfager, a former John Jay-Cross River standout and recent University of Florida graduate, is her assistant. Swertfager played softball for the Gators.

"I am enjoying having Theresa as my

assistant coach this year," Swertfager said.

Hen Hud went 23-1 in 2018, but five seniors graduated. Despite the graduation losses, Hen Hud returns a veteran core, highlighted by seniors Callie Pidoriano (setter/libero), Caitlin Weimar (middle), Ashanti Davis (middle) and Madisen Lupica (outside hitter).

The trio of Pidoriano, Weimar and Davis were All-League selections. Pidoriano and Weimar were named all-conference and All-Section and Pidoriano was selected All-NYS (fourth team).

The senior veterans are joined by sophomore MacKenzie Calhoun (setter), an All-Section performer.

Senior defensive specialist Natalie Urra and freshman Amaya Davis are new to the big club.

Swertfager pointed out that Lupica has added blocking and hitting to an already strong offense. Even though Swertfager said she is tweaking new lineups as because of some injuries this season, Hen Hud has adjusted to them with victories over Valhalla, 25-16, 25-12, 25-15, and John Jay-Cross River. Hen Hud rallied from 2-1 down

collected 21 assists. Calhoun had a matchleading 40 assists, along with 14 digs and nine blocks against John Jay. Weimar added 12 kills, five aces and 16 blocks. Pidoriano had 26 digs and three kills and Lupica had a personal-best 15 kills, five aces, seven digs and six blocks.

MAHOPAC had one of the most successful seasons in program history, going 17-2, including a perfect 8-0 in league, in 2018. The Indians were upset in the Section 1 Class AA quarterfinals, but return with renewed determination for coach Jay Melville. The returning nucleus is led by Bella Marinelli (middle), a 2018 All-County selection. Libero Gabby Rocchio, defensive specialist Jenna Palmiero, outside hitter Leah Vitiello and middle Caroline Feely complete the returnees. Setter Colleen Kelly and defensive specialist Caroline Link are joining varsity.

"The team will be very strong defensively," said Melville, in his 16th year. "We are returning a large group of players with a lot of experience. Carah Vitkus led the team in kills last year and is a major loss on the offensive side, but we have a

two victories. Coach Nicole Turner has an experienced quartet to lead the Tigers in Kristina Turner (setter), a 2018 All-Section choice, Mya Bert (outside hitter), Genesis Cruz (outside hitter/middle blocker) and Jennifer Olsen (libero). Turner pointed to junior Catherine O'Sullivan (defensive specialist) and sophomore Nia Givan (middle blocker) as two important varsity newcomers.

"After having the same starting line for two years (2017, 2018), we knew this year would have some obstacles," Coach Turner said. "Despite some key players switching positions, our team chemistry and advanced skill level will give us the ability to compete throughout the season with top-ranked teams."

Putnam Valley swept Hastings, 25-6, 25-16, 25-20, and Tuckahoe, 25-18, 25-12 25-18.

Olsen led the Tigers against Hastings with 13 digs and eight aces while Turner collected 19 assists, six aces and five kills. Bert added six aces and seven kills and Cruz had a team-leading 11 kills.

Bert filled out the stat sheet against Tuckahoe with 16 digs, eight kills and six aces. Turner contributed 14 assists, seven kills and five aces and Olsen had a team-high 22 digs, and also added four aces.

Turner is closing in on 1,000 career assists, according to Coach Turner.

YORKTOWN Coach Gigi Kemp could not have asked for a better start for her young team as the Cornhuskers opened with consecutive victories on back-to-back days.

The Cornhuskers defeated 2018 Section 1 Class B champion Ardsley, 21-25, 25-17, 25-15, 25-17. The following day, Yorktown swept Clarkstown South, 25-19, 25-15, 25-22

"We played a tough first match against last year's sectional champs, Ardsley, and won," Kemp said. "We always have a good match with them so we look forward to playing them each year.

"The next day we had Clarkstown South, who was a respectable team and was scrappy and skilled."

Kemp will rely on the returning core group of Jackie Cane, a 2018 All-Conference selection, Jackie Knoesel, Allie Silverman, Olivia Waschenko and Allison Torres.

"Our goal is to keep building our skills in each match," Kemp said. "We have a young group of volleyball players who love the sport and want to play hard each time they touch the ball.

They have put in many hours to prepare for this season, including attending Penn State team camp and Pelham Summer league."

Let it Bri! Lakeland Clips RCK, 3-1, Wins Yorktown Tourney





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Lakeland's Brianna Mulliqi stops at nothing for a what was a 3-1 Hornet win over RCK last Saturday as the Hornets notched a first-place finish in the Yorktown Tournament. Nicole Haughney, Francesca Gerbasi and Allison Sabatino all scored goals for the Hornets while Linda Daly added two assists. Tourney MVP Nadia Parisi assist while HaiLian Rowan earned an all-tourney nod.

to win the last two sets, 25-18, 25-22. In the Valhalla match, Pidoriano regi

In the Valhalla match, Pidoriano registered 19 digs and five ace serves. In her varsity debut, Amaya Davis finished with seven kills and four digs, Lupica rang up nine ace serves, nine digs and four kills and Calhoun strong core returning there also. I have high expectations for this team. If we play up to our potential, I feel that we can win another league title and make a deep sectional run."

PUTNAM VALLEY will turn to its seniors as it opened the 2019 season with

Class AA Carmel Falls Short, Class A Somers Blows Up

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numbers from Blue Devil QB Daniel Santos (24 rushes, 154 yards and a score to go with 122 yards and two scores through the air).

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 SOMERS – Tuskers (1-0) rushing attack should be too much for visiting Yorktown to handle this Friday night, but the place should be pretty lit as the neighboring rivals rekindle their no love-lost affair.

No.2 CARMEL – Week 1 loss to Jay EF should have little effect on the Rams (0-1) going 5-1 by the time they see Mahopac in Week 7, unless RCK is as good as its 28-0 win over Ossining suggests (doubt it, though), or a string of injuries derail them, or the Rams can't figure out this turnover bugaboo.

No.3 YORKTOWN – Admired this program since the '93-'94 state title teams

and the run to the state finals in 2017, but 2019 looks like a Somers vs. Rye deal, unless reigning champion John Jay CR can reload and take aim at back-to-back crowns. Huskers will need #TheCrop to travel well Friday. Blowout of Peekskill was a tune-up, the real deal starts Friday vs. Somers.

No.4 MAHOPAC – Three sophomores combined for 5 TDs in a 34-0 win over Yonkers

Brave. Now, we get that it was only the Y.O. but that's still a pretty big deal for a program looking to hang its hat on this ballyhooed group of greenhorns that has already had a ton of success at the youth levels.

No.5 BREWSTER-Man, we can only hope his classmates are as smooth as sophomore QB Chris Donohue was last Friday in 18-0 win over Lakeland #DudeShowedPoise.





Hornets Blanked by Brewster, 18-0, in Season Opener

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