



Putnam Deputy Stabbed During Confrontation

By Holly Crocco

A Putnam County sheriff's deputy was stabbed and suffered a severed artery Monday morning while investigating an alleged domestic incident in Putnam Valley.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., the deputy, who was not named, underwent surgery in the afternoon at Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Cortlandt to repair the artery, and may need additional surgeries.

At about 10 a.m. Monday, two deputies

responded to a home at 52 Peekskill Hollow Road. According to news reports, a son who had stabbed his father confronted the deputies with a knife. One of the deputies attempted to subdue the man with a Taser, and during a struggle, the officer was slashed across the arm and suffered extreme blood loss.

The subject was taken into custody, and the officer – identified as a seven-year veteran of the department – was rushed to the hospital by a fellow deputy after attempts

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Approvals Extended for Patterson Crossing

By Holly Crocco

Developers have a little longer to get Patterson Crossing off the ground in Kent.

With the project to bring Costco and other retailers to a complex located at exit 18 off Interstate 84 not taking shape quite as quickly as originally planned, the Kent Planning Board on Jan. 9 voted to extend site plan approval for the project so developer Paul Camarda may continue with plans to construct a 400,000-square-foot retail center

on Route 311.

According to Jeffrey Contelmo, senior principal engineer at Insite Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architects, P.C., in Carmel, who was at the recent Planning Board meeting to represent the applicant, the various approvals granted in the original site plan resolution have been partially addressed "for quite some time."

"We've addressed a majority of conditions of approval," he said, adding that there are some bonds required that would enable the

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How Can Your Community Become 'Climate Smart?'

By Holly Crocco

Becoming "climate smart" is catching on in communities across the globe. Here in New York State, municipalities of all sizes are taking the Climate Smart Communities pledge, and committing to taking steps – no matter how big or small – to reduce their

footprint on the earth.

During the Jan. 15 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting, Europa McGovern, coordinator of the Climate Smart Communities Program of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, described ways the town can join the movement.

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'Mad Science' Delights Inquisitive Minds in Brewster



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Brian Crandall and Mad Science of the Mid-Hudson Valley recently visited Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster to help sixth-graders explore the differences between physical and chemical changes. Project-Based Inquiry Science elective students discussed geodes and got to break their own.



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start of construction.

Therefore, the applicant was seeking a six-month extension on the approved site plan.

Contelmo said stormwater improvements have already been constructed, and a stormwater maintenance agreement is in place. In addition, paperwork has been filed with East of Hudson Watershed Corporation, "so we're in full compliance there."

According to Contelmo, load improvements have been made to the drainage system that services Route 311, in which the Town of Patterson partnered with the applicant and New York State.

Between road and drain improvements, and stormwater improvements, "there's already been substantial efforts made to set the table, so to speak, for the project to move forward," he said. "The plans haven't change, the conditions on site haven't changed. We've addressed 90 percent of the conditions of approval...We only have to deliver bonding to break round."

Contelmo told the Planning Board that the applicant does not yet have a groundbreaking date set.

He said that, throughout the past several years, with retail shrinking due to e-commerce, "that has put a tremendous headwind on finalizing the deals" with businesses who may occupy the retail space.

"We worked diligently starting 18 months

ago to fulfill the conditions of approval... unfortunately the final details didn't come together," said Contelmo. "Some users won't even talk to you unless the approvals are in place. So this is a very important part of keeping the momentum going in an effort to finalize a deal, but unfortunately I can't tell you that will happen soon, or when that will happen."

Liz Axelson, the town's planning consultant, explained that the site plan was approved in November 2017 and had an expiration date of January 2020. She recommended that the board approve the extension, saying that she and the town's environmental specialist and consulting engineer confirmed that nothing has changed from the original plan.

"We went over this in detail to make sure this resolution represents the current status," she said. "With the work that has been done, I don't see any reason why you wouldn't want to go ahead and do the updated approval."

According to the resolution, "Site plan approval shall be void if construction is not started within one year of the date of Planning Board approval and completed within two years of the date of such approval prior to its expiration."

Therefore, "All approvals granted herein shall accordingly expire unless construction is stated no later than Jan. 8 2021, and completed no later than Jan. 8, 2022."

How Can Your Community Become 'Climate Smart?'

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The CSC program, which is sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority, began three years ago. It identifies 10 actions municipalities can commit to, to save money and energy.

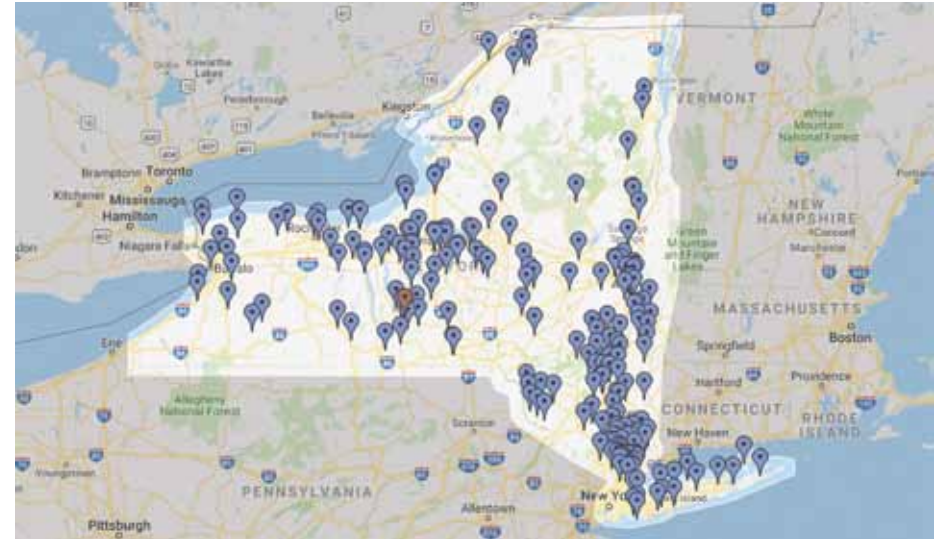
"For bigger cities, maybe LED street light conversion can be beneficial; for smaller communities, maybe getting a fleet electric

vehicle for your code enforcement officers," explained McGovern.

She said there are 290 communities statewide that are participating in the program. "Basically it just starts with you passing the Climate Smart Community pledge," she said. This symbolic gesture allows the municipality to get preferential scoring for grant awards.

"And you can stop there, you don't have

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According to The Journal News, Barile paid full restitution for the damage to Wilson's cell phone.

Smalley's Inn and Restaurant on Route 52/Gleneida Avenue in Carmel is now closed.

In August 2012, Smalley's Inn was featured in an episode of "The Dead Files" on The Travel Channel. In the episode, physic medium Amy Allan said she saw the transparent ghosts of a banshee and a soldier.

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Mahopac Native Secures Headstones for Ancestors' Unmarked Plots

It was a special family reunion of sorts when former Mahopac resident Brad Smith recently visited his ancestor's family plot at the now abandoned Mahopac Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, located off McMahon Place – the site of the original 1826 Methodist Church.

"My great grandparents, Nelson and Johanna Pierson, immigrated around 1880 from Sweden and settled in Mahopac," said Smith. "They were dirt poor but invested in a family plot, but could not afford a headstone."

Until recently, the Pierson family plot, located in the northeast corner of the cemetery, had been simply marked off by iron rods with no family name or headstones to commemorate the lives of Smith's great-grandparents and approximately five other family members buried there.

Smith, now living in Connecticut, reached out to the Putnam County Historian's Office to find out about cemetery records and tips on how to

start arrangements for a family headstone. During this exchange, he noted that two of his great uncles who served in World War I are buried there: Arthur Nelson Pierson served in Battery D, and Charles Oscar – or Oscar Charles, as everyone knew him – served in the 49th infantry in France.

A short time later, Smith arranged for free government-issued granite headstones for both unmarked graves of his great uncles through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Lorraine Hanner from Hillside Memorials then worked with Carmel Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt to secure approvals to set the headstones in the cemetery.

Smith also wanted to see to it that their graves be marked with flags in honor of their service.

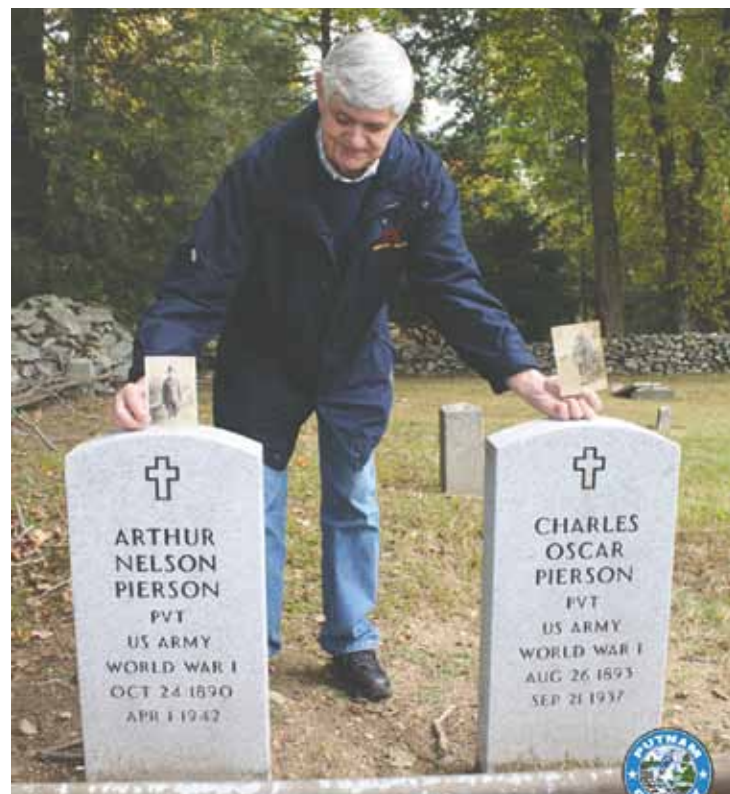
Recently, while attending his Mahopac High School 50th reunion weekend, Smith was joined by Allan Warnecke, former Putnam County historian, and Mike Troy of the Putnam County Cemetery Committee to visit the new stones marking Pierson and

Oscar's graves.

Warnecke was able to regale the group with a story of the last Pierson family member burial that took place in 1969, when the cemetery had been neglected and became so overgrown that Pierson's casket had to be carried over a stone wall. Since then, the cemetery has been cleared and is maintained by the Town of Carmel with support from Putnam County.

Smith said he hopes to raise funds to set a Pierson family stone to commemorate all of his ancestors buried there. In the meantime, Warnecke, who places an American flag at each Veteran's grave in that cemetery every Memorial Day, said he will add the Pierson brothers to his list.

Smith's new contribution of the Pierson family members buried at the Old Methodist Cemetery will help build on the last listing done in 2002 by Karl H. von Ahn for his Eagle Scout project while in Troop 1, Mahopac, housed in the research library of the historian's office.



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Brad Smith visits the Pierson graves at Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.



Oscar Pierson, WWI.



Arthur Nelson Pierson, WWI.

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Solaris Sports Clubs Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

There is a new place to play soccer and other indoor sports in Yorktown.

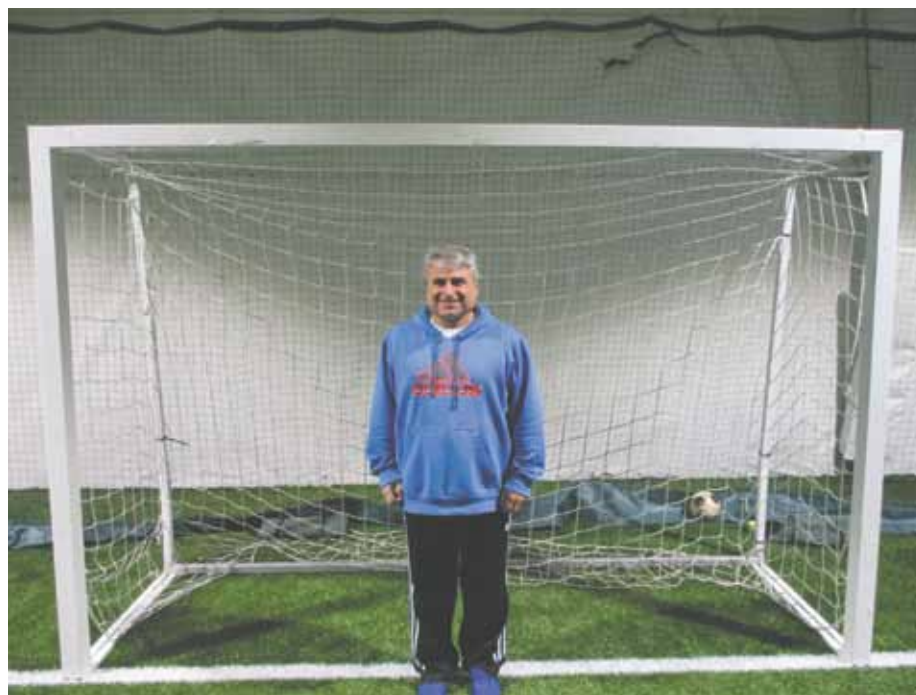
Irvington resident Mike Friedlander opened Solaris Sports Clubs on Veterans Road late last year, along with other partners in the joint ownership.

Friedlander, who was a teaching tennis professional for more than 30 years, is also general manager and one of the partners of Westchester Turf & Tennis in Hawthorne. Influenced by the success of Westchester Turf & Tennis, he decided to open another facility in Yorktown.

Solaris Sports Clubs offers two basketball courts, soccer fields, and space for pickleball, which Friedlander said is a popular participant sport. Pickleball is played on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Participants, whether as singles or doubles players, use a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, according to the USA Pickleball Association Web site.

Pickleball is a "very big popular sport" that is a combination of tennis and ping pong, Friedlander said. "It's a lot of fun and it's very fast paced."

Other sports that will be played at Solaris



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Irvington resident Mike Friedlander is general manager and one of the owners of Solaris Sports Clubs, which opened on Veterans Road in Yorktown late last year.

include volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, flag football, baseball and softball on new indoor fields. The tennis courts have been replaced with two artificial turf fields, Friedlander said. There will be youth programs set up in soccer, lacrosse and basketball.

There are already rentals by many soccer clubs for practices, said Friedlander, who has served as a youth soccer coach. He noted it is not safe to play sports such as soccer outside in the cold weather months.

Friedlander is seeking to encourage adults from the area to use the facilities at night after their working day is over, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. "That's one of the things we really want to stress because this is a place where people can come and socialize, not just playing sports," he said.

Although changes have been made, the new business is also continuing to offer its gym facilities. "Our gym membership is still active and flourishing," said Friedlander.

Solaris Sports Clubs is located at 201 Veterans Road, Yorktown. For more information, call 914-962-4094 or e-mail Mike@Soaris-sports.net. The business also has a Facebook page.

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Swan Cove Project Sparks Renaissance in Mahopac

By Thom Iannicari

It is not often that we get to watch the birth of a renaissance, which is defined as a revival of or renewed interest in something.

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce declares that a revival is occurring with the recently purchased properties of Swan Cove and the Tompkins Mahopac Bank lots – former home of The Chamber. This project is the beginning of a renaissance for the hamlet business center, which will provide a beautiful lakeside park and a 90-space parking lot.

As it was, Swan Cove was the prior site to an eyesore collection of old buildings and an embarrassment to the downtown area. Losing the blight was an instant return on investment. Being the last available lakeside property and conveniently located in the business district, it is an investment that will pay back dividends for decades as a destination site providing convenient parking.

When placed into the puzzle of the forthcoming Comprehensive Master Plan and redevelopment guidelines, this project will reap huge returns.

Redevelopment of our commercial properties will bring such improvements as town water and sewer, and better roads, sidewalks and traffic flow – with more accessible parking in those areas.

Swan Cove and its municipal parking lot is a project that puts “the wind to our backs.” This will make it easier for the



Thom Iannicari

public to visit retail destinations, business offices, restaurants and marinas. In addition to having an unimpeded view of the lake, it will offer a place to relax and enjoy each other's company. Imagine a pleasant spot with seating to watch the lake, have a quick lunch, or for your children to play.

Enhanced traffic flows are being studied at the Routes 6 and 6N intersection, with new crosswalks and sidewalks that connect the pedestrian experience to the businesses around the parking lot. New catch basins and storm drains will redirect all the road water from going onto the new lot, which,

along with the newly installed pump drains, will decrease the flooding the old lot was infamous for.

Including improvements to the neighboring Chamber Park and connecting the two over the water by a foot bridge, it will also allow for the long-awaited completion of the sidewalk improvements on the south side of Route 6N, across from Mahopac Plaza.

New building codes will help the commercial hamlet grow, prosper, and get a much-needed facelift. Property and business owners in the hamlet should start a business development group to represent in solidarity their ongoing visions to town leadership, thus continuing the renaissance. This is a core muscle to this renaissance and business owners and property owners should reach out the chamber's Legislative Advocacy Board to discuss this.

Two years ago, when our co-chairs of the LAB first unveiled the chamber's white paper calling for the town to draft a new Master Plan by 2020, town leaders immediately embraced the idea and started laying the groundwork. In December 2019, a planning consultant firm was hired to conduct studies.

Zoning and building codes will be reviewed and modified to create a new blueprint for Carmel. It won't happen in a year, but you, the citizen and business owner, can make sure it does happen.

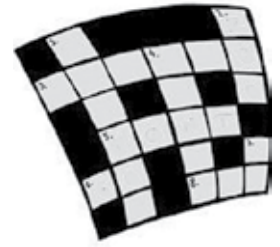
If everyone leaves this to the town void of participation, we lose the “wind in our

sails” and you may not like the results. It is time for the county seat of Putnam to start its transformation and for all to take part in having a say in the development that will build pride and lower taxes.

Gandhi said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Well, you can be the change you want to see in the town. Come to the public hearings that will be scheduled in the New Year, and listen, learn and inquire.

For more information, email the Legislative Advocacy Board for your copy of #CarmelVision2020, at mahopacchamberLAB@gmail.com.

Thom Iannicari is co-chairman of the Legislative Advocacy Board for the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce.



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Carmel Educator Honored by NYS Band Directors Association

Carmel Schools Superintendent Andy Irvin said he was not surprised that the New York State Band Directors Association recently recognized Meghan Cabral, Carmel Schools' district director of music, with the 2019 Outstanding Band Director Award.

"We are so proud of Ms. Cabral and thankful to the association for recognizing her dedication and hard work on behalf of students," said Irvin.

NYSBDA is known as the pre-eminent professional association for band directors in New York State.

Cabral earned this award because of her experience as a school band director and for actively pursuing continued professional growth for both herself and for fellow educators. The recognition comes also because Cabral has maintained and supported an effective band program that has resulted in high-level performances of quality literature.

"Carmel's music program has always been strongly supported by the community and serves as an exemplary program for districts throughout the region," she said. "I would like to continue to focus the department on growing as a kindergarten through grade 12 unit in order to give the best well-rounded music education to our Carmel students."

Cabral came to Carmel Central Schools in 2005 to teach middle school band and general music. Under her tutelage, the schools' bands have received "Gold" and "Gold with Distinction" status at New York State School Musical Association majors festivals. Cabral established the George Fischer Middle School Clarinet Choir, which in its second year was selected to perform at the New Jersey Music Educator's Conference.

Currently, in addition to her duties as district director, Cabral teaches the high school Wind Ensemble and Freshman



Carmel Schools District Director of Music Meghan Cabral

Bands.

During her tenure at Carmel, Cabral has increasingly taken on leadership roles both within the district and within the region. Since 2011, she has served as Carmel's professional growth coordinator. She became the district director of music in the fall of 2019, and also serves as the Zone 10 representative for NYSSMA – for which she organizes regional solo and ensemble festivals, the Area All-State Festival, and majors festivals.

In 2017, Cabral was selected as a Grammy Music Educator semifinalist for making a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and for demonstrating a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in schools.

Philipstown Addiction Resource Coordinator Featured on 'Dear Sandy'

On the latest episode of Assemblywoman Sandy Galef's (D-Ossining) television special "Dear Sandy," airing Wednesday evenings, the lawmaker interviews special guest Danielle Pack McCarthy, the addiction resource coordinator for the Town of Philipstown who is also working in the community to respond to the opioid epidemic.

In this interview, McCarthy discusses her approach to addiction that is based in compassion and public education. She said she sees the best approach to addiction services as one that is multi-pronged, therefore she provides one-on-one confidential consultations to individuals and families that have been impacted by

addiction.

McCarthy also hosts larger community events.

"Today's Approaches to Addiction" airs on Altice (formerly Cablevision) Channel 15 in Garrison and Philipstown South, and Channel 1 in Cold Spring and Philipstown North, on Fridays, Jan. 24 and 3 and Feb. 7, at 8:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at 1 p.m.

It airs Fridays, Jan. 24 and 31, and Feb. 7 on Comcast Channel 2 in Carmel, Kent, Mahopac and Putnam Valley at 7:30 p.m.; as well as Verizon Fios Channel 40 at 7 p.m.

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PV Teen Achieves Eagle Scout



BILL GOULDMAN PHOTO

Eagle Scout Tim Palmo, third from right, with his troop at the Jan. 15 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting.

By Holly Crocco

Eagle Scout Tim Palmo was recognized for his community service during the Jan. 15 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting.

"He was not afraid to step up," said Councilwoman Jackie Annabi of Palmo, who achieved the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America. "He stood up and he became a leader to all the younger troop members and he's teaching them how to be true leaders in our community."

According to Annabi, as part of his required community service project, Palmo undertook the "daunting task" of building boat racks on Lake Peekskill. "So the community there really does appreciate your hard work and

dedication," she said.

Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio applauded Palmo's achievement.

"An Eagle Scout, the acquisition of that rank is so difficult," he said. "One percent of 1 percent of individuals in your age bracket ever achieve that rank...And you did that, Tim, through your perseverance and your tenacity and your ability to get the job done, and it's most appreciated"

County Legislator Bill Gouldman of Putnam Valley said that by achieving the rank of Eagle, Palmo joins an "exclusive club" in which only about two out of every 100 scouts in the nation join.

"I use the word 'achieve' because no one gave Tim his Eagle Award, he earned it," said Gouldman.

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Letters to the Editor

Support for Carmel Coach Cayea

I am writing to you in hopes that you can help us support Carmel Football Coach Todd Cayea. I am not sure if you are aware, but Carmel Superintendent Andy Irvin, along with the Board of Education, are looking to end his contract as head football coach of the Rams due to his having challenged Paul Brennan (former basketball coach) on his ethical approach with a child.

Based on information we've heard from various places in the community, we are certain that the Board of Education and Superintendent Irvin have already mandated the suspension of Coach Cayea as football coach, as a weight room adviser, from manning the shot clock and from other extracurricular/supervisory duties as punishment – all as a result of an arbitrary and capricious investigation based on a personal agenda.

As a taxpayer and member of this community and parent of a future football player and former football players, I would like to know what evidence the district has to support such consequences? This is not the first time this has happened, and most likely, as long as these BOE members are in their positions, it won't be the last. They eliminate coaches on a regular basis, without supporting their growth or mentoring them. Isn't that the job of a solid and competent administrator?

One might argue that a coach or teacher's failure is the failure of the administration and the BOE.

In the past, certain members of the

Carmel Board of Education did not abide by a code of conduct and are in violation of state law themselves, yet they seem to feel like they're above the law as hypocrites, and can abuse their power while furthering their political agendas or their personal vendettas – another thing our community should pay close attention to.

It seems like this is a direct attack on Coach Cayea and his family.

He is the only coach in the district with the legacy and accolades and has directly and positively impacted thousands of students over his 25 years in the district. What will the BOE's legacy be? Leading arbitrary and capricious investigations and using confirmation bias to eliminate some of the very people that have done the most for kids and families in the Carmel school district?

Therefore, as a taxpayer, a former graduate, and a parent of children in this district, I urge you to be vigilant about the way you spend your time and money on arbitrary and capricious investigations of the very folks that do more for our community than you.

Additionally, I wonder how the Board of Education and the administration can justify to the taxpayers that during an investigation such as this, over \$700,000 in salaries were overlooked because the superintendent and the Board of Education president conducted an unethical investigation of our talented, passionate, dedicated and human coach. All because he became frustrated about the way that his son and his children have been

mistreated in the school district because of their last name.

It's time to revisit your frame of reference and how you handle situations that are brought to your desk. A good start would be following the chain of command and using the salaries of the very administrators that taxpayers are paying for. Instead, we have a superintendent that sees himself as a human fire extinguisher with gutless knee-jerk reactions, as he (cowers) to the school board who negotiates his salary and benefit packages as he comes very close to retirement age. Could there be a correlation as to why things are being done in our district the way they are?

We want our coach back and we want our Board of Education to review the code of ethics that school boards are supposed to follow, and we challenge our superintendent to act like a leader and allow the leaders beneath them to do their jobs and mentor them if he has the skillset.

I plead, along with thousands of others within the community, that we get behind our coach at the Jan. 21 Board of Education meeting. Please pack the place and help my family and many others stand up for Coach Cayea.

Vicki Beauchesne
Carmel

Galef Invites Public to Town Meetings

As we all return from our winter holiday and New Year celebrations, I, too, am returning to Albany for the 2020 legislative session. And as is my tradition during these first few weeks of the year, I am holding a series of town meetings throughout my district. I hold these meetings to hear from my constituents about the many bills being considered in Albany, as well as key components of the state budget.

In 2019 we passed a tremendous number of reforms. We cut bureaucratic red tape in order to make it easier to vote, paved the road for New York to become carbon neutral

by 2050, expanded rights to victims of sexual assault, and so much more.

And, yet, there is always more to be done. I expect to continue that momentum in 2020 to make New York a more fair and prosperous home for all its residents.

I plan on discussing changes made in the 2019 session and some of my legislative priorities for the 2020 session at these town meetings. But perhaps more importantly, this gives me a chance to hear your ideas, questions and concerns that you wish to bring to my attention.

Town meeting dates are: Saturday, Jan. 25

from 10 a.m. to noon at Desmond Fish Public Library in Garrison, and 1 to 3 p.m. at The Field Library in Peekskill; Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kent Public Library, and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose; and Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Briarcliff Manor Library.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
Ossining

Answers on the Sheriff's Deputies Contract

Recently I have been questioned regarding the status of the sheriff's department deputies' contract.

In July 2017, the County Legislature voted unanimously not to ratify a contract, as it was deemed financially unsustainable.

The deputies have been without a contract for 1,085 days as of Dec. 20, 2019 – almost three years. I refer to Dec. 20, as that was the first time PBA negotiators, Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. and County Executive MaryEllen Odell, along with her team,

entered into mediation.

I am not privy to what happened at that meeting. Negotiations are ongoing. I can only hope that the parties involved act to do what is best for the deputies and the taxpayers. If and when an agreement is reached, it will be submitted to the Legislature for a vote.

If mediation fails, binding interest arbitration is the next step. If that occurs, the two sides must accept the arbitration panel's decision.

Let's hope an agreement that is acceptable to all concerned is reached soon.

Legislator William Gouldman
Putnam Valley

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Obituaries

David L. Beers

David L. Beers of North Salem died at Westchester Medical Center on Saturday, Jan. 18. He was 63 years old.

He was born July 10, 1956 in Norwalk, Conn., son of the late John L. and Virginia (Thorne) Beers. On Jan. 15, 1979 he married Ann Marie Brink, and together they enjoyed 41 years of marriage.

Dave was a contractor for many years, owning and operating his own business.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; children Mandi Denhardt and her husband Mike of Lee, Mass., Melinda LaPointe and her husband Mark of Carmel, and David L. Beers Jr. and his fiancé Brainne Hopkins of North Salem; grandchildren Adrianna, Alexis, Spencer and David III; and siblings Virginia Bailey, Harry Beers, Susan Sinclair and Betsy Basler.

He was predeceased by siblings John Gillette, Garry Beers and Shannon Beers.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A service will be held during the visitation, around 2:30 p.m. Interment will be private.

Salvatore A. Della Cava

Salvatore A. Della Cava of Brewster died Jan. 10. Born June 3, 1938 in Bronx, he was the son of the late Dominick and Anna (Foglia) Della Cava.

Salvatore married Carol A. Termini on April 23, 1960 in Bronx. Carol predeceased Salvatore in 2000.

Mr. Della Cava was the principal stationery engineer at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for more than 20 years before his retirement. He enjoyed watching television, drinking coffee and maintaining his yard.

Salvatore is survived by daughters Andrea Markham and husband Joseph of Bernhards Bay, and Jana Rosalino of Brewster; grandchildren Daniel Markham, Adam Markham and Michael Rosalino; brother Michael Della Cava and wife Ann; and sister Jessie Guiliano. He is also survived by longtime companion Dee Seftner.

Salvatore was predeceased by brother Louis Della Cava.

Visitation was Jan. 13 at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Jan. 14 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster, followed by interment at St. Lawrence O' Toole Cemetery.

Raphaela Fattori

Raphaela Fattori passed away Jan. 12 at the age of 105 in Carmel.

Raphaela is survived by children Armand Fattori, Philomena (Sue) Stephens and Theresa Delio; 14 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Raphaela is the 11th child of 12 children to Amato and Teresa Ressa.

She was predeceased by her husband Armando of 70 years, and her grandson Joseph P. Delio Jr.

Ellen Galgano

Ellen Galgano of Mahopac passed away Jan. 10 at the age of 84. She was born Aug. 29, 1935 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Kane) Dillon. On June 23, 1956 she married Theodore "Ted" Galgano at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Vernon.

Although she was a modest woman and didn't mention it often, she was crowned Miss Cherry Blossom Princess in 1954 representing the State of New York.

Ellen worked for IBM in Somers for many years. In 1963, after they moved to Mahopac, she and Ted joined St. John the Evangelist Church and were active members throughout their lives together.

Ellen is survived by daughters Ellen LePere (Lawrence), Linda Whalen (Dennis) and Jill Sheehan (Ed); son Ted Galgano Jr. (Denise); sister Nancy "Ann" Magee; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law; 13 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased her husband Ted in 2012.

Visitation took place Jan. 12 at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 13 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. A private cremation and entombment of cremains followed.

Karen Gard

Karen Lee Gard, 67, of Lake Peekskill, died Jan. 14.

Karen was born Feb. 2, 1952 in Peekskill to George and Hilda Heady. She grew up in Putnam Valley and graduated from Highland Falls High School. She went on to Westchester Community College, where she received an associate's degree. Karen

worked as the secretary of transportation for the Peekskill School District.

She is survived by husband Peter Gard, whom she was married to for 48 years; daughter Stacy Stergio (Michael); sons Marc Gard (Elizabeth) and Christopher Gazzele (Noreen); 11 grandchildren; brother George Heady (Monika); and nieces and nephews Rebecca Wallace (Jerry), Heidi Heady and Tyler Lupoli.

Her sister Holly Lupoli predeceased her.

Visitation was Jan. 16 at Heritage Funeral Home in Putnam Valley. A Funeral Mass was Jan. 17 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shrub Oak.

Frank Hardman

On Jan. 14, Frank J. Hardman died suddenly due to complications from brain tumor surgery at age 60.

Frank was born Oct. 30, 1959 in Yonkers. On June 16, 1991, he married Susan Devlin, and together they raised two daughters, Alicia and Nikki.

Frank was predeceased by his father Warren and mother Lonnie. He is survived by his daughters, sisters, brothers, cousins, nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Jan. 19 at Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., in Carmel. A service to celebrate Frank's life was Jan. 20 at the funeral home, followed by interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley.

Charles Moore

Charles J. Moore, 74, died Jan. 10. Charles was a 45-year resident of Carmel and former resident of Cold Spring.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945 in Queens to Martin J. and Adeline (Morrison) Moore. He married Pauline (Kurtz) on June 1, 1974 in Carmel, where they resided and raised three children.

After high school, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. While serving his county, he was wounded and awarded the honor of becoming a Purple Heart recipient. Later he would move on to protect and serve his community as a deputy sheriff for the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, from which he retired in 1987. He was a member of the Marine Corp League (Putnam), Carmel VFW, American Legion, Driscoll Lodge FOP and Putnam Joint Veteran Counsel.

Charles is survived by his wife Pauline Moore; daughters Amy Daley, Rachel Gassen and husband Charles, and April Chiesa and husband Anthony; grandchildren Victoria Daley, Austin Gassen, Molly Chiesa and Jenna Gassen; sister Barbara Bleakley; and brothers Vernon Moore and George Moore.

He was predeceased by son-in-law Douglas Daley.

A visitation was Jan. 13 at Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., in Carmel. A funeral service was Jan. 14 at the funeral home, after which Charles was brought to his final resting place with Putnam County Sheriff's Department escort leading a convoy to Cold Springs Cemetery. It concluded with military honors.

Police Blotter

New York State Police

Jan. 14: Kenyatta Ingram Jr., 30, of Watervliet, was arrested by NYSP at about 10:50 a.m. during a traffic stop on the Taconic State Parkway in Yorktown. According to the police report, Ingram was pulled over for vehicle and traffic violations and refuse to comply with lawful orders "and a struggle ensued."

A State Police canine was utilized, and a taser was deployed, before Ingram was taken into custody. Both the investigating trooper and Ingram suffered injuries and were treated at New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital.

Further investigation found that Ingram was in possession of approximately 697 grams of MDMA(ecstasy), 75 grams of marijuana, and 34 grams of cocaine. He was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, felonies; obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest, misdemeanors; and disorderly conduct, a violation.

Ingram was arraigned in Yorktown Town Court and released on his own recognizance by Judge Sal Lagonia. He is scheduled to return to court next month.

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My Dry January and a Historic Commemoration



By Nick Antonaccio

At the beginning of the month I vowed to join the Dry January movement, abstaining from alcohol for 31 days. I hope you have considered this challenge, as well.

How have I been persevering? I haven't fallen victim to abstaining from abstaining. I've developed strategies for specific situations. Allow me to share several with those of you who are participating, and those who may consider abstaining in future months.

1. Out at a restaurant, I pour the first glass as a standard amount. I sniff and swirl, not sip. The waiter won't ask if I'd like a refill. My friends don't goad me about abstaining. When someone at the table is ready for a final pour, I offer them my unfinished glass.

2. If my fellow diners order a cocktail before a restaurant meal or a social gathering at a bar, I'll order a mocktail. These non-alcoholic drinks mirror many of the sophisticated new cocktails on beverage lists. I can raise my mocktail glass for a toast, sip it in a bon vivant style while engaged in convivial

conversation and even order a second.

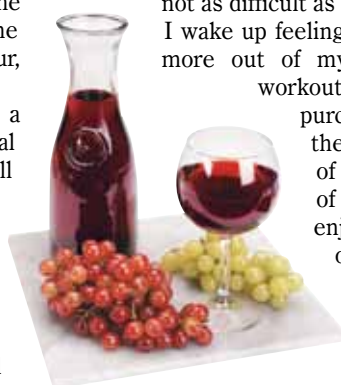
3. Abstaining at home is challenging. Wine enhances so many dishes and influences my palate to appreciate food on a unique plane. I must admit, our longstanding family tradition of Friday night pizza, wine and a movie without a bottle of red is quite unfulfilling. Alas, I have no clever alternative. Reluctantly, tap water it is.

4. For other occasions, mineral water with a squeeze of lemon, or one of the flavored natural seltzers is a reasonably acceptable substitute.

Past the halfway point in my Dry January (or Dryanuary) I'm also finding positive effects. My ability to abstain from alcohol is not as difficult as I had imagined (whew).

I wake up feeling refreshed, I'm getting more out of my early morning gym workout, and saving on wine purchases. But I do miss the ethereal experience of savoring the full cycle of wine appreciation and enjoying the full benefit of pairing wine and food.

But it's only 31 days – less than 10 percent of the year. I can do this.



You Heard It Through the Grapevine

I'd like to think a number of you have taken this challenge. E-mail me with your experiences.

But now I'm beginning to think of the potential momentum created by Dryanuary.

What if the movement started to grow across all drinking-age generations, but especially among the self-declared alcohol abstainers of the Millennial generation?

What if the movement began to spread to organized groups averse to alcohol consumption and who espouse temperance – Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which has spent \$265 million since 2015? Their influence is significant and broad-based.

What if popular support began to grow across local cities and towns and a national march on Washington was held, further creating an awareness of the negative effects of alcohol consumption?

What if legislators in Congress realized the popularity of this national temperance movement and began to consider legislation to address their constituents' concerns?

What if this groundswell gained momentum, resulting in a proposed amendment to the Constitution, brought to

the public for a vote?

What if it passed?

Preposterous, you exclaim. Not in an enlightened society of diverse opinions, practices, preferences and beliefs?

This week we recognized the 100-year anniversary of the effective date of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which made it a federal crime to manufacture, sell, transport, import or export "intoxicating liquors." Wine was included in this ban.

Prohibition was arguably one of the most controversial, and perhaps least enforced, laws in our history. It was repealed by the 21st Amendment – the only amendment to suffer such a fate.

The nation was under the alcohol ban, not for the equivalent of a Dryanuary, not even an entire year, but for 13 long, dark years, straining the very fabric of our society.

Consider all the facts, weighing them carefully as you consume wine and consider its effects on your health and sociopolitical lifestyle.

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A Thank You Message From Community Action



Putnam CAP Director Judy Callahan

By Judy Callahan

They say the holidays are magical. Perfect? Not by a long shot. But magical? Yes – in the most unusual and unexpected ways you could possibly imagine.

It began with the hundreds of people who shopped for gifts for strangers. Then it moved on to the dozens of perhaps unknown but not unappreciated people who picked up these gifts and delivered them to places like Putnam Community Action Partnership so that they would ultimately find a home with a child in need.

Of course, we must gratefully acknowledge the importance of the loan of a physical site to run the program, when the walls of the CAP office are just too tight to accommodate it. Soon, dozens and dozens of volunteers arrived to unpack, set-up shop for last minute needs, and make the toy rooms look beautiful and ready for opening day.

Surprises abounded, particularly when on the two coldest days of the season the volunteers found themselves working in a building without heat. They smiled, they bundled up, they called home for someone to bring them a warmer coat and gloves, and they stayed. Some don't personally celebrate Christmas, but they came for the children, and they stayed.

On the third morning, when that day's volunteers arrived, they stepped into a building with a burst water pipe. They didn't get to experience the excitement and satisfaction of helping families choose gifts for their children as they had expected. But they stayed, sloshing around in water helping to clean up the damage and getting ready to reopen the doors in less than four hours.

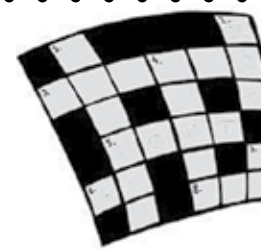
Oh, and let me not forget the volunteers who responded to last-minute calls for help, gladly giving of their time and taking care of whatever was asked of them, with incredible efficiency and always with a

happy heart.

We're happy to report that more than 2,000 gifts found their way into the homes of local children.

Whatever your part was – you know who you are – and to all of you, I say thank you from all of us at Putnam CAP. You made the holidays truly magical!

Judy Callahan is director of Putnam Community Action Partnership, located at 121 Main St., Brewster.



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Putnam Deputy Stabbed During Confrontation

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to stop the bleeding with a tourniquet were unsuccessful.

According to Joe Torres with ABC7NY/Eyewitness News, this is the first time in the department's history that a member has sustained a life threatening injury.

"His injuries they weren't able to stabilize, so he immediately had to be brought into surgery to repair the damage that was done," the sheriff told Torres.

"They were able to repair the artery and stop the bleeding."

Langley also told ABC7/Eyewitness News that the deputies could have used deadly physical force to control the situation.

"But with all the training we provide our officers, they used what means they had necessary," said Langley. "Unfortunately, due to the proximity of the suspect with the knife and the Taser not working, it became a physical struggle."

The suspect was scheduled to be arraigned Monday evening.

Langley thanked the New York State Police, Town of Carmel Police, Westchester County Police and the City of Peekskill Police for their assistance and support.

"We would also like to thank the Hudson Valley Hospital Center for all their support during this time," said Langley. "And thank you to everyone who has sent good wishes his way. It worked."

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Plan a Great Guest Room, But Watch Out for the Smell of Fish

As a realtor, I take care to point out to buyer clients the various possibilities for that “extra” room that might be utilized as a den, office or guest room. If the luxury of a guest room is chosen, there are certain amenities that can make it a more enjoyable experience for overnight guests.

Sleeping overnight in another person’s home or having a guest spend a night with you can be delightful or a real drag, depending on the level of planning that goes into the guest accommodations. I’ve experienced both situations.

The first time I was an overnight guest was as a senior in college when I was invited to join my roommate for a weekend in New York City where we were scheduled to stay with one of his best buddies.

I had never been in a Manhattan apartment, but my expectations ran high because I had just seen a movie that showed the city digs of Doris Day as the very height of sophistication.

What I found instead was a five-story walkup in the East Village, long before it was chic, arriving breathlessly to a cold-water flat, which have since been outlawed. My sleeping arrangements were on the floor where the coffee table stood



By Bill Primavera

but had been pushed away. I had only a blanket under me to prevent my bones from getting bruised on the hard floor.

My buddy was luckier the first night because he got to sleep on the sofa, which our host proudly announced had been retrieved from the sidewalk. The second night, I got the sofa, but it was actually more uncomfortable than the floor.

To bathe, there was no shower, but rather a claw-footed bathtub, elevated on a platform across from a galley kitchen. When it was not in use, the tub was covered with a wooden top that served as the kitchen table. There’s nothing

to compare with my memory of bathing in the tub while our host prepared scrambled eggs 18 inches away from me, and then to eat breakfast on top of the tub where I had just bathed.

I vowed that someday I would have my own place in the city and invite all my out-of-town friends to visit me with a stayover they would remember. After I married, my wife and I couldn’t afford to have an extra bedroom in our first apartment, but at least we were able to offer a comfortable Castro Convertible in the living room.

It wasn’t until we moved to the country that we were able to realize our dream

of having a nice guest room. In fact, we had two. While they were beautifully appointed with comfortable beds and attractive furnishings, they lacked one feature that I think is the most important for a top-notch guest room – a private bathroom. Nobody likes the idea of being caught in his skivvies on the way to a shared bathroom.

One reason I love visiting my brother-and sister-in-law is that in both their homes, one in Florida and the other in North Carolina, there is a separate guest suite. To stay with them is truly like a fabulous vacation.

Not all of us can have a separate suite for guests, but we can compensate for it by providing other amenities that speak of comfort, convenience and luxury. For that, I consult with my wife, Margaret, who’s the ultimate homemaker and hostess. Her advice:

Fluffy new guest towels neatly folded on a corner of the bed or on a chair can make guests forget they don’t have a private bathroom.

It’s nice to have some totally empty drawers in the room, if not an entire chest of drawers. Also, there should be at least half a closet for hanging clothes. My wife likes to put attractive hangers in that space.

A comfortable easy chair with a light positioned for reading is always welcomed, along with an interesting selection of magazines and books. Guests are unlikely

to read an entire novel while staying over, but they might enjoy the coffee table book variety that can be glanced at.

A lighted bedside clock is especially appreciated by guests. Sometimes, you feel that time is altered when you’re not surrounded by the familiar trappings of home.

Like a hotel, you might add a couple of bottles of water and some packaged snacks – healthy and otherwise.

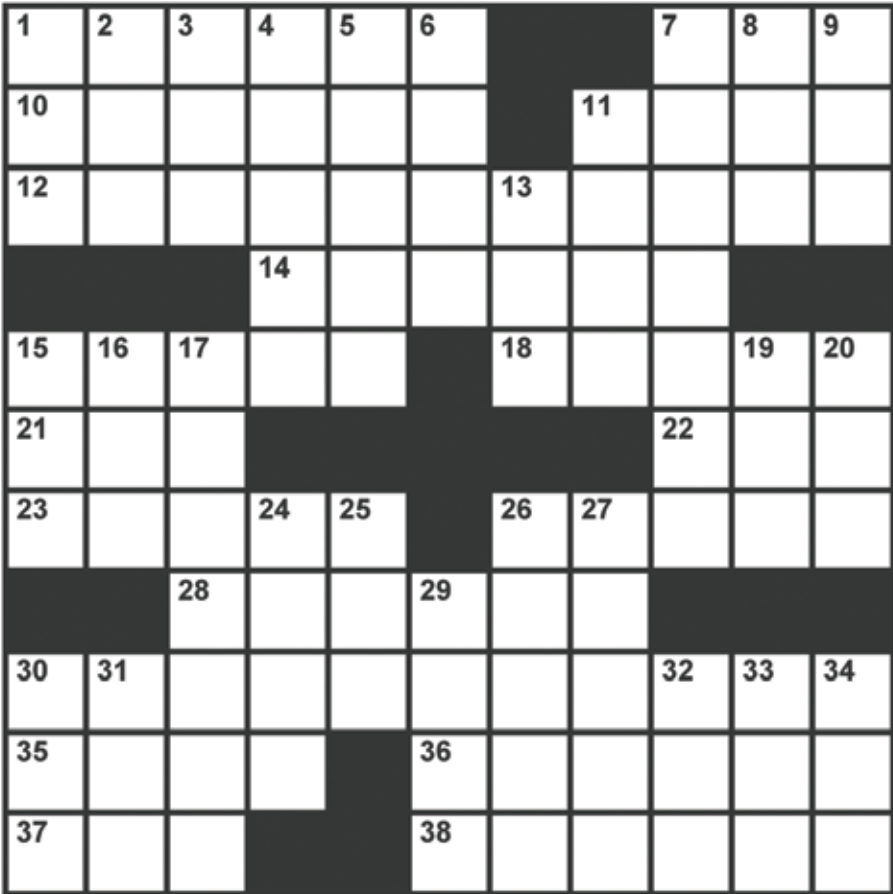
A couple of liqueur bottles with some dessert wine glasses on a side table would be really nifty.

Of course, a television set or even a laptop on a desk is a great way to have your guests entertain themselves at least part of the time they’re with you.

Also keep in mind that too special a guest room may encourage guests to stay longer than you want. Remember Benjamin Franklin’s advice: “Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days.”

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Chaperone
- 7. Chest part
- 10. Thirsty cat or dog
- 11. Microscopic amount
- 12. Frankie Valli would get his clothes cleaned here in Cortlandt, ____ Or-ganic Cleaners
- 14. Elite groups
- 15. Bad, with crystal
- 18. Houston player
- 21. Prefix with center
- 22. Big part of an elephant
- 23. African art gallery in White Plains
- 26. Courtyards
- 28. Breakfast cereal
- 30. Minty cocktail
- 35. Arkansas state tree
- 36. “The ____ File” spy thriller
- 37. “Tinker, tailor,soldier, ____” movie
- 38. “__ the thought!”

Down

- 1. Christmas worker
- 2. ____ Paulo
- 3. PC “brain”
- 4. Longtime talk-show legend
- 5. Lies
- 6. Forest unit
- 7. Natural alarm clock
- 8. BBC rival
- 9. Some degs.
- 11. Philosophical subjects

- 13. Car club
- 15. Kind of student, abbr.
- 16. Environmental controllers, abbr.
- 17. Jewelry guru
- 19. Aishwarya of Bollywood
- 20. Time, in Torino
- 24. Beer buy
- 25. Surgery ctrs.
- 26. Part of an X-ray machine
- 27. Become narrower
- 29. Pancake maker
- 30. Location device
- 31. Tear (away)
- 32. Tire gauge meas.
- 33. Curving shape
- 34. Stadium sound



Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

The Friends of Kent Library are not able to accept book donations in February. The Friends will be holding a Book Celler sale Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on the second Saturdays of the month throughout the year. Most books cost \$1 to \$2. The Friends will begin receiving donated books again in March.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Books & Bites: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Children in second and third grade are invited to this monthly book club to read and discuss a book together while having a snack and then completing an activity. Register at brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Library Meeting: 7 p.m. at Kent Public Library. The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular board meeting following its organizational meeting. Regular meetings will be held on third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.: Feb. 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Library Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. The Patterson Library Board of Trustees meet the third Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 845-878-6121.

Friday, Jan. 24

Mahjong: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. This drop-in program will run Fridays. Participants split themselves into tables of new players and experienced players. The library has two sets of Mahjong tiles and asks any participant with tiles to bring them in case there are more than two tables ready to play. To register, call 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Spirit Communication: 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Putnam Valley Library. Admission is \$40 and registration is required at <https://bookwhen.com/putnamvalleylibrary#focus=ev-s20b-20200125190000>.

Town Meeting: 10 a.m. to noon at Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison. Assemblywoman Sandy Galef invites constituents to attend this public meeting to hear about her legislative priorities for the 2020 session, and offer ideas, comments and suggestions. In case of inclement weather, call 914-941-1111 or the library for an update on whether the meeting will proceed.

Monday, Jan. 27

Adult Trivia: 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Create a group or attend on your own. Register at brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Musical Theater Workshop: 4:15 p.m. at Patterson Library. Learn acting, singing, dancing and how to do all three at the same time. This six-week series will end with a performance in front of family and friends. Participants must be available March 5 and 6. If it snows Monday, class will be Thursday. For kids in grades four through eight. To register, call 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

PFLAG Meeting: 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a national not-for-profit organization that began in 1973. Its mission is to support and educate families, friends, and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ. For information, call 914-962-7888, email westput@pflagwestchester.org or visit www.pflagwestchester.org.

Like Sports? 7 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Gill Schor, editor in chief of Sports History Magazine, will

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Thursday, Jan. 30

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Open Mic: 7:30 p.m. at 79 Main St., Brewster. Read your own work or listen to the works of other writers. This is a joint program of the Southeast Museum and Brewster Public Library, open to all adults. To share your work, call 845-279-6421.

How Can Your Community Become 'Climate Smart?'

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to do anything else," explained McGovern. "But of course, what's the benefit of that? That's just a tiny step, just a drop in the bucket for hopefully what's an infinite process."

A community may take the commitment a step further and choose to submit actions and become certified "Climate Smart," which will open up the door to even more grant opportunities. However, this is not such an easy task, as only 34 communities in New York State have achieved certification.

"That's really hard word," said McGovern.

Almost 90 communities in the mid-Hudson region have taken the pledge, including Putnam County and the Town of Philipstown, as well as the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville. In Dutchess County, the City of Beacon has applied for certification, as has the Town of Dover, which has gotten "a few pretty big grants" to complete greenhouse gas omissions inventory and other action plans over the past couple of years, said McGovern.

"There's a lot of funding opportunities, a lot of resources," she said.

Putnam Valley is already making "climate smart" steps, as the town recently completed a natural resources inventory, and converted all its street lights to LED. "There you go – you already have a major action done," said McGovern.

"When you start looking through the

actions, for communities that haven't even adopted the pledge, you'll actually find that you've probably completed five or 10 actions right off the bat because you found the cost benefits and the energy saving benefits that had nothing to do with this, but now they fit in under it," she said.

Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio said the board will review the information McGovern presented and likely act quickly to adopt a resolution and pledge to officially become "climate smart."

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**Haldane, Beacon Kick
off 9D Tunnel Tussle
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Haldane senior F Mame Diba gets some serious hang time while knocking off a Pawling defender en route to two f his 14 points in the visiting Blue Devils’ 73-40 League III-E victory last Tuesday, which the Class C Blue Devils (8-3) followed up with a 61-57 non-league loss to visiting Class A Beacon in the inaugural “9D Battle of the Tunnel” last Friday. Diba dropped a game-high 27 in the loss as the two Route 9D rivals -- separated along the Hudson River by eight country miles and the picturesque Breakneck Ridge -- hooked up for just the second time in 80 years and posed together for the first time ever (inset)... see Boys’ Hoops Notebook

AMY KUBIK PHOTO

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Boys' Hoops Notebook

Ossining is Served Wake-Up Call in Loss to Fox Lane

Lakeland Rolls on; Haldane Starts New Tradition; Somers Stuns Panas

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

Things are starting to get interesting on the League II-A basketball front, not to mention the League III-E battles on tap.

Let's start there for a change, as Coach Joe Virgadamo's **HALDANE** Blue Devils (8-3) are ramping things up on the Class C circuit and League III-E set.

You know what, no; let's get back to Haldane after we get something off our chest first, so we'll start over at **OSSINING** (4-8) where Coach Mike Casey's Pride laid an inexplicable egg in a 58-40 League I-D loss to Fox Lane last Friday night; this after a 51-46 win at Peekskill last Monday. It's not like losing to Fox Lane is a poor loss, because the Foxes are a solid, well-respected program, but when you represent the school that spawned the likes of Dayton University stud and soon-to-be NBA draft pick Obi Toppin, you don't get to take nights off. Like Peekskill did when repping Elton Brand, Hilton Armstrong and Mookie Jones, Ossining -- night in and night out -- needs to represent the legacy of Obi Toppin, who has gone from diamond-in-the-rough to polished NBA-bound gemstone.

"That's a real bad loss, we did not show up, obviously," Coach Casey said. "They wanted it more than we did. We were down two starters but that's no excuse! Coming off a good win at Peekskill, which is always tough to win there, and to have a letdown like we did, it's tough, to say the least."

It's even tougher to swallow when you're a coach trying to foster a culture that day in and day out is compared to Coach Dan Ricci's Ossining girls' program, the nine-time reigning Section 1 champs and defend-



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Haldane swingman Matt Champlin readies to blow past his man in Blue Devils' win over Pawling last week.



Lakeland G Rob Nardelli gets a step on Brewster F Joe Girard in Hornets' 75-34 win over Bears last Wednesday.



Haldane senior G Alex Kubik (3) leads a menacing Blue Devil defense in recent win over Pawling.

ing NYS titlist. Casey is getting it done at Ossining, and one can only imagine how good his Pride program could have been if the Griffin boys -- Univ. of Illinois Alan and Stepinac transfer and Duke-bound Adrian -- and the Toppin bros. had been there from start to finish.

The point is this; there's been an insane amount of talent to roam the halls of Ossining the last four/five years, so you don't get to take a playdate with Fox Lane like it's a stroll in the park. #ShowUpBros! Each and every night or the culture never grows beyond mediocre...

That said, Ossining did show up strong in the win over Peekskill earlier in the week, doing so behind Khy'leil Hawkins (22 points, 7 rebs, 3 assists), Zaysean Goodson (15 points, 12 boards, 3 blocks) and Jordan Smith (7 points, 5 boards)...

Back to **HALDANE**, the Blue Devils and neighboring Beacon began a new tradition last Friday night when the two programs -- separated by just eight Rt. 9D miles -- lit the torch of history on the inaugural 'Battle of the Tunnel'. The Class A Bulldogs and Class C Blue Devils had, purportedly, played for just the second time in history with the Bulldogs pulling out the 60-57 win in an electric atmosphere. More importantly, a new tradition was born; and Blue Devil F Mame Diba was most impactful with 27 points while senior G Alex Kubik (8 points), senior wingman Matt Champlin (8 points) and Soren Holmbo (6 points) paced Haldane.

"We were down as many as 14 in the third took the lead by two near the end of fourth and then had a shot at the buzzer to tie," Coach Virgadamo said. "It was an amazing game. It was the first time ever playing Beacon in our gym and we called it the 'Battle of the Tunnel'. We hope this will be a fun, friendly rivalry game and we hope to compete with them for years to come."

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(To be clear, ranking the top 5 among this group of competitors is anything but easy, beyond Lakeland)

No.1 LAKELAND -- Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (9-3) would/could be a legit Class A title threat if they had a post presence. That said, they still have the ability to outrun and outscore most Class A teams and should eventually roll up on a League II-C title and could find their way to the Westchester County Center Final 4 if all goes well. Augie Karaqi (50 points in wins over Hen Hud and Brewster), Jack Kruse, Rob Nardelli, Jeffrey Owusu and others can all score the ball in transition and half-court sets.

No.2 MAHOPAC -- Coach McMahon's Class AA Indians (5-5) had the wins over Somers and Carmel, previously, and then tacked on Friday night's 67-51 win over John Jay EF behind junior swingman Vincent Bastone's career-high 20 points and another 19 from senior G Matthew McMa-

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Brewster senior G Paul Catalano tries to cut off Lakeland G/F Jack Kruse in Bears' 75-34 loss to Hornets last Wednesday.



Hen Hud F Tommy Fuchek is doubled by Lakeland's Jack Kruse and Michael Arcure in Sailors' 70-58 loss to Hornets Saturday.



Hen Hud's Nick Hiltzley, who dropped 26, is tripled by Lakeland's Jack Kruse, Michael Arcure and 'Jazzy' Jeff Owusu in Sailors' 70-58 loss to Hornets Saturday.

hon. I'm not running for office but I approve of this message the youthful, culture-building Indians are sending.

No.3 SOMERS -- We assured you previously that Coach DiCintio's Class A Tuskers (3-7) were far better than their record would indicate, and when Somers forces 26 turnovers like they did in a 59-51 win over

sign, too, for a team that has struggled to put up points. Somers has played a tough schedule (opponents are a 61-46), so don't sleep on these cats, including double-digit scorers Drew Lasher (12 points), Bennet Leitner (11), Joe Grippo (11) and Dylan Berliner (10).

No.4 PANAS -- Man, Coach Auerbach's Class A Panthers (6-6) a tough act to figure. Certainly, they have missed senior sniper Lorenzo Santucci, who hasn't played for two weeks now, but the loss to Somers at home is an indication that there's plenty of work to be done. Rob Ennis (16), Tom Palmaffy (12) and Alex Taverz (11) each went for double figures. "We ran out of steam in the fourth," Auerbach admitted. "Without Santucci in the lineup, we have a lot of trouble scoring, so if we're not 100% locked in we're in trouble."

No.5 HALDANE -- We're excited to see the old League III-E rivalry renewed when Coach Virgadamo's Blue Devils (8-3) host Put Valley on Jan. 30th in a game that could be closer than some would think. That said,

Haldane should build upon its league record and begin to sew up the title. Previously, Haldane crushed Pawling, 73-40 when Soren Holmbo (22 points), Mame Diba (14) and Matteo Cervone (11) paced the Blue Devils.

HM PEEKSKILL -- Swingman Brennan Heaven (22 points) kept Coach Turner's Class A Red Devs (6-5) in the game against RCK in the finals of the Coach Lou Panzaro Tournament Sunday. RCK, which pulled out the 58-55, benefitted from some key unforced errors. Red Devil Laquan Jenkins tied it with a runner at 1:36 of the fourth at 54-all but Peekskill gave up an unforgivable easy layup to RCK for a 56-54 lead. That is not "Peekskill Basketball", which was built on frenetic defense.

HM OSSINING -- As previously mentioned, Coach Casey's Pride (4-8) are on the verge of becoming a team to be reckoned with, but with Hen Hud, White Plains and Greeley on the horizon this could go south in a hurry.

HM HEN HUD -- Man, this Nick Hiltzley kid can score buckets in bushells, as evidenced by the 26 he put up in Coach Hirsch's Sailors' 70-58 loss to Lakeland. His kid brother, Dean, went for eight, but the Sailors (3-7), who have recent Dutchess County setbacks to Lourdes, Beacon and Poughkeepsie, just can't get over the hump, though a win over Ossining Wednesday would help.

"We gave a great effort and we're just trying to keep getting better as a team," Hen Hud Coach Hirsch said. "Lakeland is very tough. Five guys can score on the floor for them at all times. Coach Fallo has them playing really well."

Defending NYS champ Poughkeepsie was far too much in a 69-41 beatdown, though Nick Hiltzley (17 points) and Dean Hiltzley (10) did what they could.

HM YORKTOWN -- Coach Pavella's Class A Huskers (4-8) were on verge of major upset in 62-51 loss to Lakeland when the Brucaj Bros. played their tails off: Eddie Brucaj (22 points, 8 boards) and Roni Brucaj (10 points, 7 rebs, 4 assists and 5 charges taken).

HM CARMEL -- Arlington's 77-65 win over Coach Ross' Rams (7-6) was a moral victory for Carmel last Wednesday when Drew Fiore paced them with 15 points against the League I-A front-running Admirals. Tough sledding from here on out, including RCK, Mahopac, Jay EF and Ossining next week.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY -- Coach Morales's Tigers (1-9) may not look good on the surface of their record, but the fact that the Tigers drew serious blood on a solid Westalke club in Saturday's 63-60 loss is a major step in the right direction. PV soph Arthur Holzman gave us a glimpse of what's to come when he drained seven 3's and dropped a career-high 24. "Great team effort and we continue to grow," Morales said. PV also gave a good Palisades Prep club fits in a 53-51 loss. Cole Durocher (13 points), Ethan Mounier (12) and Holzman (11) were big contributors for the Tigers, who have faced teams with a combined 75-35 record.



Haldane freshman Matteo Cervone gets up for hoop in Blue Devils' win over Pawling last week.

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Girls' Hoops Notebook

Surging Somers Gets Back in Stride, Beats Panas, 56-44 Hen Hud

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

SOMERS literally limped through December.

Coach Marc Hattem was dealt a series of injuries, which left the Tuskers shorthanded. As a result, Somers, the 2019 Class A runner-up, suffered four losses in its first five games.

However, once Somers registered its first win, over Pelham, and its injured players returned to the lineup, the Tuskers have returned to some form of prior normalcy.

Somers has won four consecutive games, including Friday's 56-44 League II-C triumph of a Panas team that had been on a winning streak, to reach .500 (5-5).

Even with the injuries, Hattem said his team stayed positive and worked hard. Also, the experience factor enabled Somers to persevere.

"We had four of our top seven in our rotation recovering from soccer season, concussions and an ACL injury last year," Hattem said. "A lot of core group has been on the team since freshman year. They know the game and know what it takes to win."

The Tuskers closed 2019 with a trip to Albany to play in a tournament. Even though they lost to Class AA power Shenendehowa, Hattem was pleased with his team.

"I was proud of the great effort against Shenendehowa, which I was told had eighth Division 1 players on their roster," Hattem said. "Then we came back and beat Curtis of the PSAL the next day. Since then, we've been kind of rolling."

Hattem credited his team with playing



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Putnam Valley freshman Eva DeChent and the Class B Tigers have got it going on now with five-straight wins and a 10-2 record.

excellent role basketball.

"When you have a kid like Danielle (DiCintio), you know you have a player the team can hang its hat on," Hattem said. "Everybody knows their role off of Danielle and they're good at it."

Panas entered the Somers' game riding a three-game winning streak. Somers grabbed a big lead (17-5), then fended off Panas runs for the win. DiCintio finished with 23 points and Jordan May added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"We played really well," Hattem said. "Matt is a great coach and they have great players, especially two who can score the ball. Panas made a couple of runs, as I expected, but we made a couple of stops and made some free throws. This was a big win against the best team in our league."

HEN HUD continued its strong season with a perfect week – 3-0 – as it improved to 10-1 this season and maintained the potential top seed in the Class A playoffs as the Sailors seek their first Final 4 appearance this winter for the first time since 2006.

"This is the first time our team has ever been 10-1 for all of Coach Sherman's years at Hen

Hud," senior Caitlin Weimar said. "It's a huge accomplishment, especially winning the league games. We worked very strong preparing for the games, so it is such a satisfying feeling. Now our goal is to keep the winning going, especially against tougher teams."

The Sailors, winners of six in a row, defeated Yorktown (41-30), then opened league play with victories over Poughkeepsie (55-27) and Beacon (43-22).

Hen Hud led Yorktown by two after the first quarter but went into halftime with a nine-point lead.

Weimar had a team-leading 16 points, 10 rebounds and five steals. Grace Moretti added 11 points, five rebounds and four assists and Mylene Smith chipped in eight points.

Weimar finished with a game-high 23 points and 22 rebounds against Poughkeepsie. Moretti contributed 16 points and five rebounds. Colleen Ryan led Hen Hud with five assists and Kira Varada collected eight steals.

Weimar had another double-double, against Beacon, with 17 points and 15 re-



Panas G Kristen Cinquina is doubled by Somers guards Dani DiCintio and Taylor Penzo in Panthers' 56-44 League II-C loss to Tuskers Saturday.

bounds. Moretti added 10 points and Varada had eight points, six rebounds and eight steals.

After losing three of its last five games, **BREWSTER** rebounded with a 3-0 week and is now 10-3 this season.

The Bears defeated Roosevelt (53-19), overcame LAKELAND (42-41) and bested John Jay-Cross River (50-43).

Alexis Mark led Brewster with 11 points against Roosevelt and Sam Ferrara and Grace Galgano each had 10 points.

Brewster Coach Mike Castaldo his team had difficulty taking care of the ball against Lakeland, but Sophia Alzugaray's big fourth quarter bailed out the Bears.

"Whenever we play Lakeland it's always a tight game, start to finish," Castaldo said. "It was frustrating that we kept throwing the ball away and giving them extra possessions. Carly was tremendous, offensively, hitting big shots from everywhere and Sophia had all nine of her points in the fourth quarter which was huge because nobody else scored. Luckily, we were able to hold on and escape with a win."



Somers F Emily Arena make her move on post in Somers' 56-44 League II-C win over visiting Panas Saturday.



Somers freshman Ava Giudice drives lane on Panas' Kelsey Cregan in host Tuskers' 56-44 League II-C win over Panthers Friday.

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Girls' Hoops Notebook



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO

Hen Hud senior F Caitlin Weimar has led the Sailors to a historic 10-1 start.



BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

Mahopac sophomore Melanie DeMeo and Indians are improving day by day and could be tough Class AA out in playoffs.

Mark finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds against John Jay. Galgano had 11 points and 15 rebounds and DeLanoy and Alzugaray had eight points apiece.

"This was another tight game and we definitely played with more urgency," Castaldo said. "Any road win is a great win. I'm very proud of the girls in how they responded after losing three in a row. They work hard and play well together. They deserve this."

MAHOPAC is quietly having an excellent season as the Indians won twice in three games last week, improving to 8-4 this season and 3-2 in league play.

The Class AA Indians beat John Jay-East Fishkill (63-46) and Port Chester (75-34) but lost a close game to perennial Class AA power Our Lady of Lourdes (67-65).

Sophomore Melanie DeMeo led Mahopac with 15 points against John Jay and Mia Klammer and Caitlyn O'Boyle each had 14 points.

"Lauren Beberman had a good game both offensively, scoring 10 points, and defensively," Mahopac Coach Chuck Scozzafava said.

Freshman Kristina Rush poured in a team-high 22 points against Port Chester. O'Boyle had 14 points and sophomore Julie DeBrocky added 12 points.

O'Boyle, Klammer and DeMeo had 15 points apiece against Lourdes, ranked No.11 in NYS.

"The Lourdes game I was really proud of our play," Scozzafava said. "We played hard for a full 32 minutes. I'm hoping we

can build off that game and continue to play well. Overall, I'm very happy with how the team is playing together and looking for each other. Also, I'm pleased with how our defense is improving and how my younger players have improved on that side of the ball. Offensively, I feel the girls are starting to gel."

PANAS went 2-1 last week, improving to 8-4 this season as the Panthers beat Haldane (60-56) and John Jay-Cross River (62-44).

Kristen Cinquina rang up a game-high 24 points against Haldane. Cailean Nolan added 15 points and Kristen Scrobola contributed 11 points.

"We got out to an early lead and then responded to John Jay's comeback with a great last quarter and a half to finish the game," Panas Coach Matt Evangelista said.

Cinquina and Nolan had 21 points apiece and Kristen Scrobola added 11 points.

"After Somers got out to a big lead, we made a great comeback, but it fell short as Somers made timely plays down the stretch," Evangelista said.

Cinquina led Panas with 16 points, Scrobola had 10 points and Kelsey Cregan finished with eight points.

PUTNAM VALLEY cruised to a 72-29 over North Salem when junior F Arianna Stockinger recorded 23 points and freshman F Eva DeChent had 21 points and 19 rebounds.

Putnam Valley, the current No.2 seed in Class B, improved to 10-2 overall and 7-0

in league action. Tiger Coach Kristi Dini will put her team to the test this week with game's against Class AA favorite Ursuline – ranked No.4 in NYS -- and Class AA Arlington, the current No.1 and No.4 seeds, respectively.

OSSINING had its three-game winning halted by Ursuline (79-54), but the Pride bounced back with an 81-35 win over Fox Lane.

The nine-time defending Section 1 Class AA champion Pride are now 5-7 this season and play Somers, today (Wednesday).

Ashley McFadden scored a team-leading 27 points against Ursuline and also collected five steals.

Brooke Weeks added 11 points and seven steals and Julia Iorio had 11 points and six rebounds.

Iorio registered 28 points and McFadden added 20 against Fox Lane.

LAKELAND played well in two losses last week – 40-37 to John Jay-Cross River and 42-41 to Brewster.

Amanda Cole finished with 15 points against John Jay. Hannah Devane scored 13 points and Cole added 12 points and nine rebounds against Brewster.

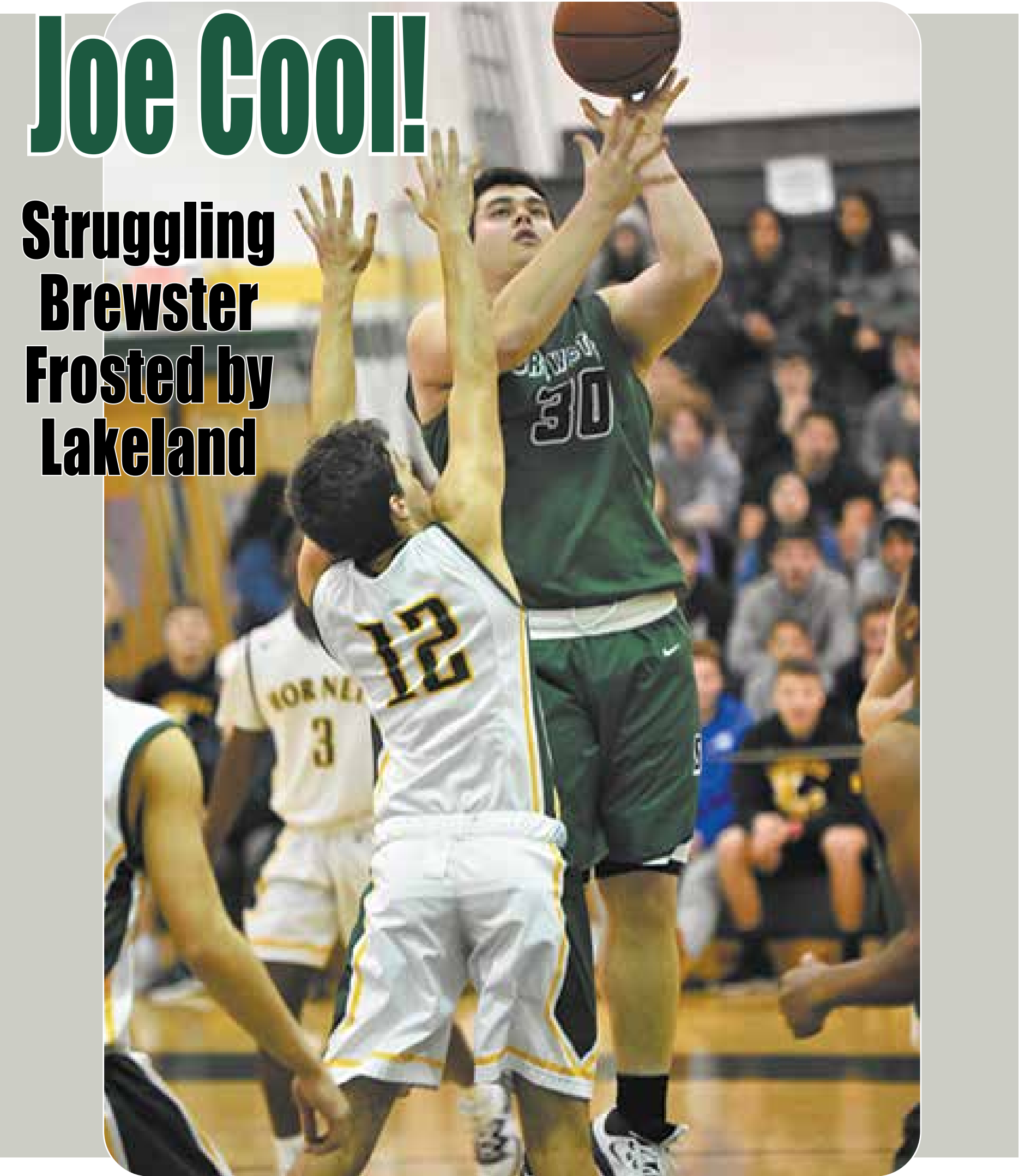
PEEKSKILL had a hard-fought win in Friday's opening round of the Lou Panzanaro Tournament against Ramapo, 47-41, behind a balanced scoring attack by Takyla Cowan-Hongach (11 points), Afua Yeboa (9 points), Bethani Overby (8) and Kiki Mercado (8). The Red Devils lost to White Plains in the finals.

Matty Nets a Hatty! Mahopac Ices L/P, 5-1



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Mahopac chalked up a much-needed 5-1 win over Lakeland/Panas Sunday at the Brewster Ice Arena where sophomore Matt Luczkowski bagged his first career hat trick. Teammates Jonny Martirano and Nick Biagini also scored for the Indians. G Mike Horan had eight saves for the victory.



Joe Cool!

Struggling Brewster Frosted by Lakeland

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Despite the workmanlike efforts of Brewster senior F Joe Girard (30), the Bears (1-7) have found it tough to notch victories this winter, including last Wednesday's 75-34 loss to Rob Nardelli (12) and host Lakeland (9-3), which remained unbeaten in League II-C action... see Boys Hoops Notebook