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Public Hearing Set for Kent Mining Moratorium

By Examiner Media Staff

A measure restricting any form of mining within the Town of Kent could go into effect in the coming months, as lawmakers seek to gain more control over work proposed by future developers.

With public concern igniting the conversation regarding mining work conducted within the town, Kent Town Board members discussed establishing a law

that would place a six-month moratorium prohibiting mining on town property, during a Jan. 21 meeting. Specifically, the law would halt the excavation of sand, gravel, topsoil, rock or other natural material.

"We don't technically have a town code section on mining," said Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming.

Currently, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is the only

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Deputy Stabbed in the Line of Duty On the Mend

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam County sheriff's deputy who was stabbed while responding to a domestic incident in Putnam Valley last week has been discharged from the hospital following two surgeries to repair a severed artery, according to Sheriff Robert Langley Jr.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support of and concern for our deputy who was injured Monday morning (Jan. 20)," said Langley. "Both of his surgeries went well. The damage was more extensive than originally thought, but the skilled surgeons at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital were able to repair the damage. His prognosis for a full recovery is good."

The unnamed deputy was discharged two days later, amongst "great fanfare," with members of his department – and other local law enforcement agencies, first responders and hospital staff – lining the lobby. In addition, the Westchester County Police provided a helicopter fly-over.

According to Langley, at about 10 a.m. two deputies responded to a call for a domestic dispute at 52 Peekskill Hollow Road, where they found that Timothy

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Brewster Students Celebrate MLK's Legacy



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JFK Elementary School in Brewster celebrated the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 21 with an assembly run by second-graders, and music teacher Christine Kayler. There was a student presentation about King's life, songs, and Assistant Principal John Conroy read Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.



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Public Hearing Set for Deputy Stabbed in the Kent Mining Moratorium Line of Duty On the Mend

regulatory agency that can issue mining permits to developers - leaving the town with little control. Additionally, mining isn't a specific use, nor is it prohibited within the town code.

If the proposed moratorium goes into effect, officials believe it would allow them time to either amend a section of the town code to address mining and excavation work, or draft suitable legislation that would adopt additional zoning and land use provisions to regulate mining within the

Any changes would ensure all mining work conducted is in accordance with the terms and goals of the town's Comprehensive Plan, officials said. Furthermore, the proposed law is intended to supersede state law.

"Maybe having a moratorium where we could really step back and consider at a more measured pace with really looking at the Comprehensive Plan, at recommendations from our town planner and engineer, (and) listening to residents might be a better way to go," said Fleming.

The topic of mining has become a hotbutton issue within the town since Kent Country Square LLC proposed building a truck stop on a 137-acre parcel east of the intersection of Ludingtonville Road on Route 52, and 1,500 feet away from Kent Elementary School and Kent Primary

Original plans called for a gas station, a rest stop, truck service and repair shop, two hotels, an indoor waterpark, a restaurant and convention center. Additionally, the plan would have resulted in the developer blasting 54 acres of rock and mining down 180 feet.

While the developer announced in October that the truck stop element of the project has been withdrawn, residents claim the developer still intends to mine the site owned by Kent Country Square LLC. Officials have since examined the town code and discussed not only identifying mining and creating new policies, but also strengthening regulations regarding work related to mining, such as excavation and any type of soil removal.

While the moratorium is proposed for six months with the option to extend, Fleming said it could end sooner if officials create new legislation prior to the deadline.

"We could impose a six-month moratorium and if we get something together in a month and a half, we can come back," she said. "We can really just now concentrate on this, see what we want, listen to what residents want, and then we can cobble together what we feel is best for the town."

The proposed law enacting the moratorium will be subject to a public hearing, scheduled Feb. 18.

continued from page 1 Redmond, 25, had stabbed his father, and was still brandishing a knife. One of the deputies attempted to subdue the man with a Taser, and during a struggle, was slashed across the arm and suffered extreme blood loss.

Redmond 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 to stop the bleeding with a tourniquet were unsuccessful.

Redmond's father allegedly refused medical attention.

According to news reports, this is the

first time in the sheriff's 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



PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PHOTO

Members of law enforcement agencies in Putnam and Westchester counties gather outside New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor to show their support for a deputy sheriff who was stabbed in the line of duty.

> that was done," said the sheriff last week. "They were able to repair the artery and stop the bleeding."

> Redmond has been charged with attempted murder, attempted assault, and assault and aggravated assault of a police



The Most Common Sexually Transmitted Disease: HPV

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Q: What is the human papilloma virus (HPV)?

A: HPV is a sexually transmitted virus. There are approximately 150 strains of the virus and nearly 40 affect the genital area. Most HPV infections are asymptomatic, which means that you may never know you were exposed. The majority of HPV strains do not cause any issues and will eventually go away on their own. Some strains, however, can cause genital warts, cervical cancer, anal cancer and other cancers, including head and neck cancers.

Q: Who is at risk?

A: Studies have shown that almost everyone gets exposed to HPV at some point in their lives. Some studies have shown that up to 90% of college-aged men women have been exposed to HPV. If you're dating someone and they say they've been "tested," please know that men cannot be tested for HPV. The virus hides from our immune systems, so it will not show up on a blood test. Women can be tested for HPV by getting a pap smear, but there's no test for men.

Q: What's the best defense against HPV?

A: Condoms are the best defense against HPV, but even with condom use, the virus can still be transmitted to others. There is no cure for HPV, only prevention.

That's why it's so important for both boys and girls to get vaccinated. Vaccines against HPV have sharply reduced infections in men and women and will likely cause major drops in HPV-related cancers. Parents should discuss the optimal time for the vaccine with their pediatrician. Some may decide to delay the vaccine until the middle teen years.

Men and women, up to age 45, can get the HPV vaccine.

The CDC recommendation now includes men and women up to age 45 – especially if they are dating, widowed or have a new partner. If you're interested in a vaccine, speak with your doctor.

Q: Does my child really need this?

A: The answer is yes. You're providing your children with something that will prevent cancer down the road. So, if anybody has any concerns that they're not doing right by their child, think again. We have to assume that our children will become sexually active as they get older, therefore they need to be vaccinated. The HPV vaccine has already been shown to markedly reduce the incidence of HPV infections in young adults.

Putnam Considers Human Rights Commission to Combat Hate

By Holly Crocco

While there is discrepancy over the frequency of hate crimes occurring in Putnam County, lawmakers seem to agree that the creation of a Human Rights Commission would breed only positive outcomes.

"This was driven by the people of Putnam County, in particular James Hyer," explained Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, during the county's Jan. 23 Rules Committee meeting. Montgomery is leading the charge to have the commission created.

"I've received a lot of emails and phone calls and input from people who are interested in joining the commission," she said

Hyer is an administrative law judge at the Westchester Human Rights Commission. He explained that from Sullivan and Dutchess counties, all the way down to Suffolk, Putnam is the only county that doesn't have a Human Rights Commission.

"They are doing amazing things for their communities, and that's what we should be doing here," he told lawmakers last week.

Hyer, who drafted a lengthy proposal for the Legislature to review, said he was inspired to do so while watching the number of hate incidents happening around the state climb. "It's disgusting," he said. And "not necessarily true" that these acts aren't happening in Putnam County.

"In 2018, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reported 525 incidents of hate crimes throughout the State of New York, and in the report it made it very clear that most incidents of hate are not reported," explained Hyer. "So 525 probably only represents a fraction of what's happening that we need to respond to."

In addition, he said the FBI issued a report in 2018 stating that hate crime occurrences were rising rapidly in the Hudson Valley. And in June 2019, the New York Times reported that hate crimes were up 64 percent in this region.

Earlier this month, a cross in East Fishkill was vandalized, and about a week ago, a menorah was desecrated with a white supremacist sticker.

Hyer said these types of hate crimes don't have just one victim, but attack the whole community. "What we need to do is put something in place to protect all of

our citizens, and creating a Human Rights Commission will do just that," he said.

The commission would focus on education and outreach in all communities across the county, and organize seminars on discrimination and housing, employment, credit and public accommodation said Hyer. It would also arrange panel discussions on addressing hate and intolerance, as well as programs to celebrate diversity.

The commission would bring speakers to schools and community events, create collaborative relationships with houses of worship and governmental agencies, and facilitate resources coming into the county.

He explained that the NYS Division of Human Rights has "a significant budget," and that the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also have resources to tap into.

"Nobody's ever knocked on their door and said 'please come to Putnam," said Hyer.

He recommends that the commission be comprised of 12 volunteer members, including two people from each town in the county. They would be appointed by the county executive and approved by the Legislature.

There would be no budget for the commission, as it would have no staff, and all events could be hosted by community groups such as libraries, synagogues, and other locations. Therefore, there would be no cost to the county or taxpayers.

Legislator Montgomery said a Human Rights Commission would help bring communities across the county together.

"In each little pocket of the county we have organizations that are working on these issues, but what we don't have is the whole county coming together with representative from each town and the conversation happening on a county level," she said. "I just think this county needs more and more of an opportunity for public participation and I think this is the way to do it."

Putnam Valley Library Board of Directors President Terry Raskin said she and her board are in full support of the commission.

"Education is key to preventing discrimination of any kind," she said. "I can guarantee you, with the Putnam Valley Library, we are very anxious to continue doing programs that promote understating."

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The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department was called to a rollover car accident early Jan. 26 between the blacktop plant on Route 6 and Drewville Road in Mahopac. No injuries were reported. Skyline Towing was called to the scene for removal of the vehicle.





MSA to Donate Multipurpose **Building at Airport Park in Carmel**

By Holly Crocco

The Carmel Town Board is expected to accept a donation of a "support building" at Airport Park, with costs covered by the Mahopac Sports Association and MSA Soccer, during its Feb. 5 meeting.

'We're very fortunate that we have a real solid group of volunteers in MSA - qualified builders that have a proven record of doing things throughout the town," said Jimmy Gilchrist, director of parks and recreation for the town, during the Jan. 22 Town Board

According to Gilchrist, ever since MSA developed its master plan in 2008, the organization has been dedicated to helping develop Airport Park, and is seeking to have a support building erected. This structure would house bathrooms, a snack area, and a meeting room for teens to congregate, to host parties and other town activities, and to serve as a warming/cooling station for residents when there is a prolonged power outage.

volunteers have worked with community partners to come up with a building design, which has gone before the recreation committee for review and approval. Town leaders even saw a similar building on a private resident's property.

The 3,000-square-foot (50-foot-by-60foot) steel building features a peaked roof and is manufactured by Bison Steel Buildings, Inc., of Minnesota. It will be assembled by Scooter Hatch of New England Carpentry

and Fred Reger of North Lake Carpentry, with assistance from volunteers. Both firms are fully licensed and insured.

"It's a beautiful building," said Gilchrist. "It's a pre-fab; it comes a s kit. We have designed the inside to meet all of our needs... This will be a real high-tech facility we're putting together."

He said the doors will have a swipe pad so the town knows who is accessing the building and when. It will also have a generator and full heating and air-conditioning. "It's going to be a top-notch facility," said Gilchrist.

He said the donation of this building "will save the town a tremendous amount of money on the front end." According to Gilchrist, the Airport Park budget has \$100,000 set aside to put pavers around the whole building, as well as bid out the installation of bathroom fixtures, and install a security system.

In addition, State Sen, Pete Harckham has secured a \$250,000 grant for development of the playground and pavilion at the park. "We've got the main part of the park, everything financially covered at this point," said Gilchrist.

"Final touches" at the park will include soccer goals, insider perimeter fencing, and other items that will be handled though the recreation budget, he said.

Town Councilwoman Suzie McDonough spoke in favor of accepting the donation, which she said will hopefully happen when the board meets next.

"It's a multipurpose building, and I was very impressed with that," she said.



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This year's free clinic will be held Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (rain or shine) at Veterans' Memorial Park on Gipsy Trail Road in Carmel. Participation is free to 150 Putnam youth age 7 to 14; participants from previous 4-H fishing clinics are not eligible to participate again.

All participants will receive a free rod, reel, tackle kit, fishing directory and hat. Check-in will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m.; availability of rod and fishing gear will not be

guaranteed after 10:45a.m.

Registration for non-Putnam County youth will begin May 1.

Space is limited and accepted only through online registration on a first-come, firstserved basis at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu. Walk-ins are not permitted. For additional information, call 845-278-6738.

All registered youth will receive a confirmation/reminder postcard three weeks before the event.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program and the Oasis Sportsmen's Club are sponsoring the 16th annual fishing clinic with support from the Jack Stewart Jr. Memorial Fund. Membership in the 4-H program is not required.



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Participants enjoy a previous 4-H fishing clinic.

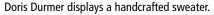
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Southeast Seniors Show Off Hobbies







Bob Lund shares an impressive stamp collection.

Farm and Agribusiness Summit is Jan. 31

Putnam area farmers, agribusinesses, government, and nonprofit support leaders will gather Friday, Jan. 31 from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster for the first Putnam Grows! Farm and Agribusiness Summit.

This event was created to provide information and promote awareness of trends and resources to promote growing business. Featured speakers scheduled to appear include farm industry experts from Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corp, the Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program, Taste of New York Ag, Empire

State Development, and Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Putnam County.

The event will offer education and networking, and opportunities to learn more about new business ideas and agritourism trends.

There is no fee to attend, and lunch will be served. To register, visit www.eventbrite. com and search "Putnam Grows" o! for more information, contact Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels at Kathleen. Abels@putnamcountyny.gov or call 845-808-1021.

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New York State Police

Jan. 5: Manuel Sanango, 37, of Danbury, was arrested by NYSP and charged with felony driving while intoxicated due to a prior conviction within the last 10 years. According to the police report, he was stopped on Danbury Road in Southeast.

Jan. 5: Mario Lucerovergel, 39, was arrested by NYSP and charged with DWI under Leandra's Law, a felony. According to the police report, he was stopped on the Taconic State Parkway with a child under the

age of 16 in the vehicle.

Jan. 8: Brian Connors, 57, of Katonah, and Janice Arndt, 48, of Pawling, were arrested by NYSP in Brewster and charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony; and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanors.

According to the police report, during a traffic stop in the village, the two were found to be in possession of about 0.7 grams of cocaine and about 15.28 grams of heroin. They were released with a future court date.





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At the January meeting of the Southeast Seniors at Lakeview Manor, members took the opportunity to show off their various hobbies. Here, Tracy Griffin displays a blanket she made.

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Secretary Alice Duran shows off member Margaret Prado's photo albums.





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Mahopac Falls 8th-Graders Deliver Pollution Story to Preschoolers

How do you make a class unit on pollution interesting for eighth-graders? By having the students make it interesting for someone else.

That's just what Mahopac Falls Academy teacher Richard Guaragna did with his middle-school class.

Notwithstanding the fact that pollution in general offers a large volume of subject matter, in its various forms, pollution has a significant impact on humans, animals and the environment. According to the World Health Organization, some 4.2 million people die every year as a result of exposure to outdoor air pollution.

Also, 91 percent of the world's population lives in places where air quality exceeds WHO guideline limits.

"I wanted to make sure we weren't just talking about pollution, but also doing something about it," said Guaragna. "That's why I thought a collaborative project might be the best approach."

He and his students deliberated on project ideas, such as creating a public service announcement, but landed on creating a picture book telling the story of how various types of pollution are harmful.

Guaragna's students chose to make their audience a preschool class down the hall, so the teacher spent time discussing with his class the notion of relevancy and making the story meaningful and relatable to this 4-year-old audience.

The students created a picture book



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Students in Richard Guaragna's class present to younger classmates.

called "The Clean Team v. The Garbage Gang" that tells the story of hero character "Paul-ultion" and his crew and their quest for pollution solutions in the air, water and beyond.

Each student had a distinct role in the project execution and worked together to make sure the book was created on time and stayed on point. Students hand-drew

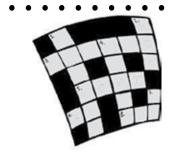
the story's protagonist and antagonist characters, which were then scanned into a Google slide presentation and complemented with digital imagery and effects.

The end result was a dynamic and endearing story of "Paul-ution," who mirrors the stalwart look of "Mr. Clean," and his team as they face acts of pollution

and their repercussions with villainous characters.

The story was presented to the preschoolers Jan. 13.

Each of Guaragna's student played a role in the reading, visual presentation and post-story discussion that focused on what the preschool students can do to help stop pollution. The event concluded with a coloring activity, doughnut holes, and the sweet assurance that these preschoolers now hold a good understanding of what role they can play in preventing pollution.



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Business Jill Ortiz: Driving Force Fitness & Nutrition of the Week Carmel

By Holly Crocco

In order to be successful in achieving any goal, it's important to have a strong support system. And that's just what Carmel resident and personal trainer Jill Ortiz provides for her clients.

Ortiz, who grew up in south Boston, has been an athlete her entire life, having played field hockey, basketball and softball in high school. In college she majored in economics, while playing softball and golf.

After graduating, Ortiz landed a job at Cushman & Wakefield in the marketing department, and her career began to take off.

"I worked my way up the corporate ladder," she said. "They paid for my MBA. I just kept climbing until I hit a six-figure

When the opportunity arose to join a company in Mount Kisco, Ortiz took it, even though it meant a pay cut. However, she again began working her way up the ranks and eventually held a CEO role.

During this time, Ortiz said it was difficult to enjoy her success.

"I was just kind of surviving," she said. "I was also kind of miserable in my own skin, after having two kids."

Ortiz, who has stopped playing sports and was desperate for a change, walked by a spa that was promoting liposuction and was romanced into quickly signing on the dotted

That was a decision she would end up regretting.

"I had an awful liposuction procedure," she said. "I regret every second of that and every dollar of that. It was the only time in my life I took the easy way out.'

Through a co-worker, Ortiz then discovered Beachbody, and after two months on that program she lost 15 pounds, learned portion control, and found that she could commit to the "do-able" workouts.

"I felt like my face thinned out, my body... I went from a size 12 to a size 6," she said. "And everybody in my office saw and they wanted to join."

So Ortiz became a Beachbody coach and knew right away "this is the lifestyle I want." She said she wanted to run her own business from home and have more time to spend



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Jill Ortiz wants to help you get back in the driver's seat on your health and fitness journey.

with her family, all while doing something she was passionate about.

"I wanted to help people," she said. "I wanted to stop any woman from making the mistake I made with plastic surgery."

Ortiz began utilizing her lunch hour, and her evenings after her kids went to bed, to build her business by making a prominent social media presence and networking with as many people as she could.

"I only lasted at my full-time job one more year," she said.

While Ortiz was enjoying her new career, and all the perks that came with being her own boss - such as being able to put her kids on the bus - she had to figure out how to make up for the income gap. So she decided to become a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor and started teaching classes at gyms in Putnam and northern Westchester counties.

On Feb. 2, Ortiz will celebrate her fiveyear anniversary of becoming a coach.

"Liust want to be known in the community." said Ortiz, who said she would like to get into corporate education and speak about

health and fitness to large groups.

Meanwhile, Ortiz is continuing to coach clients who are giving the Beachbody a try. Her team name is Driving Force Fitness & Nutrition, and her slogan is "Getting you back in the driver's seat."

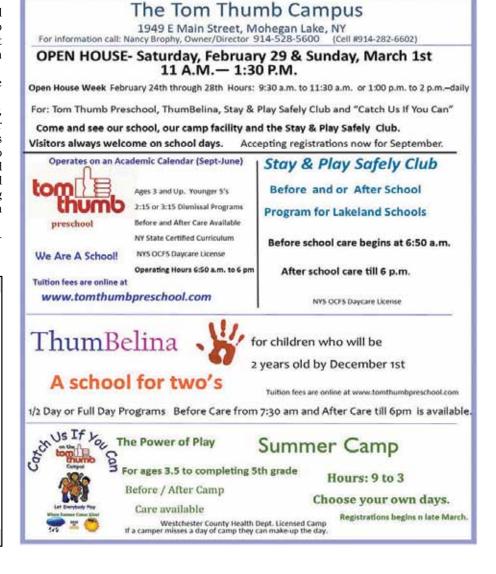
Ortiz said the secret to success is in the group support system she has set up for her team. With Facebook groups and easy-to-use apps, clients can have their choice of daily 20- and 30-minute workouts, swap recipes, and share their triumphs, and struggles which is something Ortiz knows all about.

"I find myself struggling all the time," she said. "I don't restrict anything. I just make it work... I eat chocolate three times a day.'

However, that doesn't mean Ortiz is going to go easy on her clients. "My goal is to push you beyond your perceived limits," she said. "That's what people look to me for - that

And through it all, she will be there to support you. "My business is sharing, and listening, and inviting others to join me," said Ortiz. "Sharing is making yourself vulnerable, and that's how you make change."

Jill Ortiz and Driving Force Fitness & Nutrition can be reached at jillortiz@ westchesternyhealthcoach.com, 914-471-7048, westchesternyhealthcoach.com and on Facebook.





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Obituaries

Helga Eigenrauch

Helga Eigenrauch, 91, of Pawling, passed away at home Jan. 23 surrounded by her family and caregivers.

Born in Germany on June 21, 1928, she was the daughter of Heinrich and Marie (Poos) Soethe. She married Heinz Eigenrauch on June 11, 1950. He predeceased her Feb. 25, 2002.

Helga was a member of the Lutheran Church of Christ the King in Pawling.

She is survived by her son Ralph and his wife Kathi of Trumbull, Conn.; daughter Marion and her husband Jim Hagge of St. Louis, Mo.; and grandchildren Alex and Allison Hagge, and Christopher and Valerie Eigenrauch.

Family and friends may pay their respects at the Horn & Thomes, Inc., Funeral Home, 83 E. Main St., Pawling, on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. A funeral service will follow at the Lutheran Church of Christ the King, 14 Pine Drive, Pawling, at 11 a.m. Burial will be immediately after at Pawling Cemetery, with a reception following at the church

John F. Felton

John F. Felton, 88, of Montrose, formerly of Somers, died Jan. 18 at the NYS Veterans Home at Montrose.

He was born April 17, 1931 in New York City, son of the late Harold and Catherine (O'Brien) Felton. He graduated from Harem High School in the Bronx, went to Bowling Green State University in Ohio on a swimming scholarship, and received his bachelor's degree in 1953. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed throughout Europe. After being discharged he earned a law degree from St. John's University.

On Oct. 10, 1959, he married Betty Ann Gill in Brooklyn. Betty predeceased him Oct. 6, 1988.

John was an attorney with his own practice in Manhattan for many years before retiring.

He is survived by his children Laura Brooks and her husband Tom of Needham, Mass., Brian Felton and his wife Debra of Brewster, Craig Felton and his wife Barbara of Poughkeepsie, and Lisa Walsh and her husband Edward of Mahopac; and grandchildren Tommy and Emily Brooks, Michael and Jessica Felton, and Catherine, Elizabeth, Barbara and Gabrielle Felton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 22 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster, with internment the next day at Calverton National Cemetery. Visitation was Jan. 21 at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster.

Catherine A. Hill

Catherine A. Hill, 81, of Brewster, died Jan. 19 at Westchester Medical Center.

Born Aug. 7, 1938 in Mt. Kisco, daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (Creamer) Gallagher, Catherine graduated from St. Mary's High School in Katonah in 1956. She continued her education at Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing to receive her bachelor's in nursing.

She was a registered nurse with Mt. Kisco Medical group for 45 years before retiring in 2006

Catherine is survived by her children Carl Hill III of Brewster, James Michael Hill and his wife Jayme of Magnolia, Tx., and Kerry Segnit of Fishkill; grandson Brandon Segnit; and sister Mary Van Sant of Evergreen, Colo. She was predeceased by brother James Gallagher.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 27 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster, with interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation was Jan. 26 at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster.

Antoinette Imperato

Antoinette "Ann" Imperato passed away Jan. 18 at The Grand of Pawling. She was 93.

Born in Brooklyn on Sept. 6, 1926, she was the daughter of Joseph and Grace (Valente) Riggio. She married Nicholas Imperato and settled in Pawling. He predeceased her July 12, 1913. She was also predeceased by her nephew Robert Riggio.

Ann was a communicant of St. John's Church in Pawling for many years.

She is survived by her niece Paula Neiman and grand-nephew Jason Riggio, both of whom reside in Florida.

Funeral services and burial will be announced at a future date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Horn & Thomes, Inc., Funeral Home in Pawling.

Janice F. Knox

Janice F. Knox died Jan. 21 surrounded by her family.

Janice was born Oct. 26, 1931 in New York City, to Richard and Frances (Greene) Simpson. On Nov. 22, 1952, she married Andrew Knox in the Bronx. They were married for 61 years and raised three daughters.

Janice was a member of Our Lady of the Lake/Mt. Carmel Church in Lake Carmel.

She is survived by children Carol Baker and husband Robert of Florida, Linda Knox of Patterson, and Susan Zasso and husband Dennis of Carmel; grandchildren Ryan, Timothy, Shaun, Jill, Stephen and Jeffrey; and great-grandchildren Knox, Avery, Hudson and Daphne.

Janice was predeceased by her husband Andrew in 2013.

Visitation was Jan. 25 at Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., in Carmel. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at Our Lady of the Lake/Mt. Carmel Church. Cremation was private. At a later date, Janice will be brought to her final resting place alongside her husband in the Niches, at St. Sebastian's Columbarium, Lake Carmel.

Carol Myers

Carol Myers passed away Jan. 17 after a short battle with lung cancer. She was born June 14, 1931.

Carol worked tirelessly with Amnesty International and the Democratic Party, where she served as a representative for District 3 and as treasurer for the Putnam County Democratic Party. She served as a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Yorktown.

A teacher by profession, Carol earned her master's degree in American Literature from New

Paltz State University in 1970, while teaching full time and raising four children. She was a long-time weekly volunteer at the Brewster Public Library, where she helped initiate the Friends of the Brewster Library and was an officer for many years.

She was a volunteer and supporter of the Taconic Opera from its inception in 1998.

Carol's life will be cherished by her children Peter, Cheryl, Jim (Cristi) and Sue; grandchildren Justin (Jess), Zach (Katie), Whitney (Chad), Mylise (Connor), Annie (Austin), Olivia, Maddie and Jill; and greatgrandchildren Natalie, Lucy, Aspen and Violet

A service and reception to celebrate her life will be held at a date to be determined at the First Presbyterian Church in Yorktown.

Stephen A. Senno

Stephen A. Senno died Jan. 23. He was born May 6, 1964 in Ardsley to the late Helen (Kearns) and Angelo Senno.

Stephen was a graduate of Carmel High School and BOCES. He is most known for bicycling for miles and miles all over Putnam County many years ago.

Stephen lived in his home on Drewville Road until his mid-20s. He then lived, and was cared for, as a resident of ARC of Putnam and participated in its various work programs for many years. Later, he moved to Kingston into Palmer House, a residential and assisted living home through ARC of Ulster-Greene, where he spent the last 11 years.

Stephen leaves behind brothers and sisters Michael Senno, Linda McMonagle (Kevin), Lisa Cullen (William), Mark Senno and Sara Kaplan (Michael); nieces and nephews Andrew, Brian (Jean), Kayla, Sean (Michelle), Meghan (Vladimir), Dan, Katie (James), Tim, Billy, Elisa, Mark, James and Julia; and great-nephews Johnny and Leo.

Stephen has now joined in heaven parents Angelo and Helen, uncle Fred, and siblings Angelo and Helen.

Visitation was Jan. 26 at Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., in Carmel. A Mass of Christian Burial was Jan. 27 at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel. Following the Mass, he was brought to his final resting place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Michael W. Stanek

Michael W. Stanek of Mahopac passed away Jan. 18 at the age of 87. He was born in the Bronx on June 21, 1932, the son of Michael and Gladys (Morris) Stanek.

Michael served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and traveled all over the world as a naval seaman before being honorably discharged in 1955. Following active duty, he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves. He worked as a mechanic and driver in the NYC Department of Sanitation, retiring in 1979. Following retirement, he worked at Carmel Town Hall

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Support Swells for Carmel's Coach Cayea

By Holly Crocco

The future is still uncertain for longtime Carmel Varsity Football Coach Todd Cayea, who was allegedly involved in an argument with another coach that took place in a locker room late last year.

Cayea has been relieved of his position as weight room supervisor, and during the Carmel School Board's Jan. 21 meeting, several parents, students and fellow coaches asked the board not terminate his role as a

Assistant Varsity Football Coach James Donahoe spoke of Cayea's impressive vision for the program and his expectations for his players and coaches, which he discovered the first time the two met.

"We discussed the game of football for 5 minutes, yet we discussed life for 55 minutes," said Donahoe. "I quickly realized that Coach Cayea had less interest in what I knew about football and tremendous interest in why I coach and whether or not I would be a positive role model for the student-athletes in the Carmel football program."

He said Cayea's main focus is creating a positive culture for students to thrive in.

'Coach Cayea rarely talks about wins and losses," said Donahoe. "That's because the results on the field are not his top priority."

Lastly, Donahoe said the coach's disagreement with another staff member should not lead to his termination.

'I find it very unfortunate that we are here because of a verbal disagreement between two men," he said. "What kind of example are we setting for our children when we can't resolve an argument by sitting down face to face and figuring it out?"

Carmel Varsity Football Captain Alex Beauchesne said the coach's impact on students goes beyond the field.

"I can't imagine Carmel football without Coach Cayea," he said. "You may be trying to take away his coaching position, but you can't take away the legacy and the impact he has made on many lives here in Carmel."

Rob McNerney of Kent said problems have plagued the Carmel athletics department for a number of years, with unfair and uneven consequences.

"I don't know who's right or who's wrong in this situation," he said. "I know one person to be an iconic coach; I know one person to be an iconic teacher. Regardless, the atrocities in this department go way back... I personally had to witness an abusive coach the last couple years and it took them - I don't know how long - to get rid of this guy... and now we have coaches fighting in the locker room."

Parent Mike Brennock recalled how Cayea helped players organize a fundraiser with the field hockey team for his daughter, Amelia, who has been battling cancer, as well as fundraisers for other community members.

"I bring up these events as it is a clear testament to the impact Coach Cayea has had not only on the boys who play sports for him, but all the students in Carmel," he said. "I personally believe it unfair that a person be judged by a specific event and not their lifetime of work. And when judging character, I asked the board that we judge a person's character not on what they've done to help themselves, but what they have done to help others."

Parent Craig Bumgarner said that in addition to football, the coach has taught his teenagers accountability, teamwork and

"Yes, Coach Cayea likes to win, and he's enjoyed tremendous success as the varsity football coach, but that success is a byproduct of the things which he is teaching our boys both on and off the field," said Bumgarner.

No decision regarding Cayea's coaching position was announced.

Putnam Symphony Orchestra Seeks Musicians

The Putnam Symphony Orchestra is looking for qualified musicians for its spring performance Sunday, April 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Foggintown Road. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school and continue weekly.

The orchestra has openings in all sections, but is especially seeking to add performers on cello, violin, bassoon, bass clarinet, trombone, baritone and percussion.

Musicians who are interested should contact Conductor Christine Smith at 845-228-4167 or putnamsymphony@verizon.

The Putnam Symphony Orchestra performs a broad spectrum of music utilizing various ensembles, as well as the full complement of musicians. Performances have included the classics of Beethoven, Mozart, Handel and Salieri, as well as more contemporary works by composers such as Vaughn Williams and

Repertoire for the April 26 concert will be developed around the theme "The Road to Tokyo - Music of the Olympics,' featuring American and Japanese music. This includes "The Star Spangled Banner," "Anjin: Blue-Eyed Samurai," "Chariots of Fire," "Summon the Heroes," "Japanese Cricket" and "March of the Olympians."

For more information about the Putnam Symphony Orchestra, putnamsymphonyorchestra.weebly.com or Facebook, or contact the conductor at putnamsymphony@verizon.net or 845-228-

Local Artist Designs Limited **Edition Mahopac Library Card**

Carmel resident Jean Tock is a master storyteller. A graphic designer with more than 20 years' experience in the publishing and financial industries, she now concentrates on creating original artworks that express her individual style and views. Tock's work is exhibited nationally and internationally, and is featured in many public and private collections.

And now, you can put one of her artworks in your wallet!

Mahopac Public Library staff members asked Tock to create a limited edition library card that is a colorful alternative to the MPL logo card. She donated her time and design skills to produce a new card featuring an original artwork titled "Traveler," which is an assemblage work that includes pages from a vintage atlas and a bird image from a children's book.

This card is now available at the checkout desk at the library. When community members apply for a new card or renew their cards, they can choose the "Traveler" card or the MPL logo/key fob card. Existing MPL cardholders can pay the card replacement fee of \$2 to get the "Traveler" card.

Tock is artistically inspired by current events, nature and popular culture. In her work, familiar objects are thoughtfully arranged to create a visual pun, poem or metaphor that leaves just enough room for the viewer's interpretation. As she creates, she said she finds it satisfying to take discarded objects, juxtaposing them with



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A limited edition Mahopac Public Library card designed by Jean Tock is now available.

other elements and transforming them into three-dimensional commentary.

To see some of her artwork, visit www. ieantock.com.

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The Unlikely Culinary Competitions for Super Bowl Sunday



By Nick Antonaccio

Once again, we're in the middle of that period of football wasteland, especially with no home team to root for in the post season. Nevertheless, here comes the spectacle of Super Bowl LIV.

Regardless of the long gridiron

tradition, it is as anticipated for its off-field festivities as it is for its on-field combat. The season has come down to a single game and the glory and esteem it will bestow on the San Francisco 49ers or the Kansas City Chiefs

Super Bowl Sunday brings together friends and family to indulge in the

biggest junk food day of the year. Once a year we indulge guilt-free in those waist-widening, artery-clogging foods we try to avoid fastidiously all year. And what better way to wash down those calories and fat than with your favorite beverage.

But what will we be enjoying this Sunday?

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday from the National Restaurant Association:

There will be 48 million

Americans who will order takeout food. What will we be eating? For 69 percent of us, we will be noshing on salsa, chips and dips and 63 percent will be inhaling chicken wings. In fact, according to the National Chicken Council, 1.25 billion

chicken wings will be devoured. They calculate that is enough to put 572 wings on every seat in all 32 NFL stadiums.

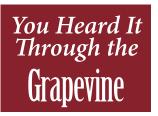
With culinary highlights and lowlights in mind, here is my premise for this week's column: a Super Bowl Challenge for the best food, wine and beer produced in the two rival football regions.

Food

After New York City, San Francisco is the dining capital of the United States. From the eclectic and bountiful waters of the bay, to the culinary heights of haute cuisine in the downtown area, to the ultimate

Italian comfort food in North Beach, diners continually find "one of my favorite meals" in San Francisco. And don't forget the Irish coffee at the Buena Vista Café.

> Kansas City has cultivated a cult following for its pork and beef for over two centuries.



Barbecue restaurants tempt locals and tourists with the wafting aromas of smoldering smoked ribs, chops and brisket. World-acclaimed steakhouses ply high-quality offerings from prized local ranches and butcher houses. Jess &

Jim's, Rye and Plaza III are standouts.

In this category the edge goes to San Francisco. Like the 49ers, it consistently delivers on what it promises, at a level far surpassing the norm.

Wine

This is an easy category. Just 45 minutes north of San Francisco lie two of the most famous and highly revered wine regions in the world, Napa and Sonoma counties.

But don't sell Kanas City short. The foundation of the American wine industry must pay tribute to the Norton grape variety, first cultivated in Missouri in the early 19th century. In one year, 1880, production reached two million gallons, the highest in the United States.

Raise your glasses of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon as you salute the underdog 49ers, facing the powerhouse offense of a Chiefs team akin to the powerful history of the Norton grape.

Beer

Craft beers are growing in popularity, a

testament to the new generation of talented brew masters. Both Jimmy Garoppolo and Patrick Mahomes are stars this season.

San Francisco craft beermakers like Anchor, 21st Amendment, Barrel Head and Cellarmaker have been rising in esteem since the last century.

But don't count out Kansas City. Its highpowered football team is a reflection of the influence and might of the state's beer success. Yes, I know, Anheuser Busch is a juggernaut, but is it the posterchild for the shifting state of the beer industry to craft beer? Kansas City has its share of popular craft brewers, including Boulevard Brewing, Bier Station and Torn Label.

However, San Francisco easily overpowers Kansas City in this category, even if more Bud and Bud Light will be consumed this Sunday than any other beer.

Super (Snack) Bowl Sunday is nirvana for football enthusiasts and junk food aficionados alike. Whichever camp you fall into, just kick back and enjoy the game and the camaraderie.

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Putnam Considers Human Rights Commission to Combat Hate

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Masha Waldman of Mahopac said acts of intolerance and hate are more prevalent in Putnam County than others may think.

"My big concern is that it's very easy to live in this bubble and not realize what's going on if you are white, straight and financially secure," she said. "We have incidents now and then where there's a flair up of boys behaving badly at a sports event and we say, 'Oh, it's a few bad apples.' I'm sorry to tell you the truth – it's pervasive and it's insidious."

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, acknowledged that prejudice and bullying happens everywhere – including Putnam – but said, overall, she thinks the schools and community do a good job at promoting

respect and kindness.

"I think our kids are pretty great," she said of the local school districts.

Legislator Neal Sullivan, R-Mahopac, said the Legislature will work with the law department to craft bylaws and begin the necessary steps to begin creation of the Putnam County Human Rights Commission, which he said will likely take a few months.

Hyer said he's excited to see the vision come to fruition.

"Every community does things differently and I think the magic will happen when you folks appoint people to this commission and they decide what they need in Carmel, or what they need in Patterson, or Philipstown, and they work together to make these things happen," he said.



OMG! A Crazy World of Real Estate Shorthand from AO to ZB

Editor's note: This week's Home Guru is an updated column from several years ago.

You don't have to be a realtor, as am I, to appreciate – or be perplexed by – a whole world of activities and terms in real estate that can be abbreviated to a few letters.

We've all grown up with abbreviations and acronyms that probably originated at sea, such as SOS (save our ship) to POSH (port out, starboard home) and many others for everyday living that nearly everyone is familiar with. There's VIP, RSVP and ASAP, and the important one I learned attending college in a dry state, BYOL (bring your own liquor).

Not all of us studied Gregg or Pitman, but a new shorthand developed, then exploded, with the invention of the personal computer, then the Internet. Who ever heard of LOL (laughing out loud), IMHO (in my humble opinion) and the ubiquitous OMG! (oh, my God!) before we logged on? And now that we've learned to text, much of what we send and receive makes it look as though we're all secret agents.

But in RE (real estate), the world of abbreviations and acronyms frequently draws questions about meanings among realtors and blank looks from buyers and sellers as we start to automatically

The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera

reference letters from the alphabet, from AO (acceptable offer) to ZB (zoning board), CMA (comparative market analysis) and CO (certificate of occupancy).

Keeping up with these abbreviations is a continuing learning process that can lead to misunderstanding, double interpretations and silly sounds. My favorite is FISBO, for sale by owner, which when I first heard it sounded to me like a digestive remedy.

This subject came to mind recently when I was having a rather uncomfortable conversation with a service provider. This provider, who installed tiling, refused to give

me a solid estimate of what it would cost to have some tiles repaired and replaced at the water line of my pool.

When I shared with him that I was hoping it might be about \$500, he retorted, "No way! It's going to be a lot more than that!" When I asked how much more, he said, "I won't know until I actually do the work and then it will all be 'TM."

The only TM I knew was transcendental meditation, which I thought I would surely need when our conversation was over. When I summoned my courage to ask what TM was, he was happy to educate me: time and materials. I added this abbreviation to

my shorthand list to be ITK (in the know).

Why everything in the real estate business must be abbreviated, I can't say for sure, but I suspect it originated as a way to save space in listings and ads.

Read any ad about a house and it seems there are more abbreviations than complete words. Some of the abbreviations are more difficult to guess than others. Consider this house description: EF (entry foyer); LR (living room); DR (dining room); EIK (eat-in kitchen); FR (family room); BD or BR (bedroom); BA (bath); SGD (sliding glass doors); WIC (walk-in closet); WDSTV (wood burning stove); BSMT (basement); GAR (garage); and DK (deck). The ad might also state that it needs TLC (tender loving care) and offer the possibility of a M/D (mother/daughter).

Styles of homes also have their own codes: COL (colonial), CONT (contemporary), RR (raised ranch), SL (split level) and CC (Cape Cod).

Not to be overlooked for confusion are those abbreviations with double meanings such as AC (air conditioning, but it can also mean acre) and FHA, which can mean either Federal Housing Authority or forced hot air.

Some sound either funny or crude, such as PUD (planned unit development), HOA (homeowners association), HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) and NOO (nonowner occupied).

Then there are all the financial terms

to keep straight, such as APR (annual percentage rate) and ARM (adjustable rate mortgage).

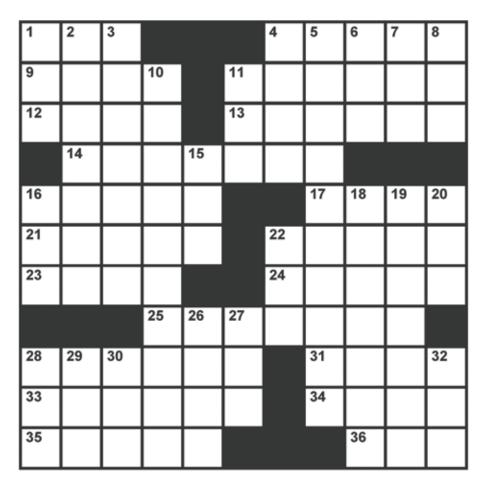
Those that definitely need explanation the first time around may be DVAC (central vacuum), HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), and the one I'll never remember if I live to be 100 years old, GFI or GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter), a special electrical receptacle that protects us from electrocution in high-risk areas such as bathrooms and kitchens.

Before I'm ready to draw a conclusion, I'll relate an incident in which I was convinced that abbreviations, while convenient, may be taken too far.

I was in a back-and-forth e-mail conversation with a seller's agent concerning an offer I was trying to make on behalf of my buyer client. She said she would be sure to "follow up" with the response of the seller by e-mail. Granted, it was a somewhat lowball offer, but I was initially startled when the return e-mail's subject line said simply, "FU."

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Dr. Frankenstein's workplace
- 4. Primate native to Madagascar or Somers insurance agency
- 9. Stretches
- 11. Dwarf tree
- 12. Relinquish legally
- 13. Smoothed
- 14. Formal withdrawer
- 16. Enjoy something to the fullest, or new
- Mahopac restaurant
- 17. Vamooses
- 21. Winery process
- 22. Memory parts
- 23. Klondike strike
- 24. Bothered
- 25. Closet assortment
- 28. Senescence
- 31. Sounds of relief
- 33. Oil source
- 34. "Quit it!"
- 35. A Spanish n has it sometimes
- 36. Environmental watchdogs, for short

Down

- 1. Resinous deposit
- 2. Way back when
- 3. Plague
- 4. Hendrix song, "Bold as
- 5. Drinks to bring more stamina perhaps
- 6. Bill Gates' portal
- 7. Emirates, for short

8. Free from, with "of"

10. Used

11. Greenhouse plot

- 15. Work unit, in physics
- 16. Lose resilience
- 18. Go over again
- 19. Place to get a cuppa
- 20. Concorde or Tupolev, abbr.
- 22. Tool holder
- 26. Fit of fever
- 27. What a goalie guards
- 28. Be decisive
- 29. Bouquet in Hawaii
- 30. The Cowboys, on scoreboards
- 32. Hot springs facility



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Happenin8s

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

Brewster School District Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2033 takes place the week of March 2, 2020 - March 6, 2020. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2020, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 279-2087 x 4111 for registration information.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Registration open: Softball for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U levels. Runs from March/April through mid-June. Questions, email softball@csany.org Register online at www.csany.org

Drug Crisis In Our Backyard: A guided recurring support group for family and friends suffering the effect of a loved one's struggle with addiction. At the Mahopac Library, 3rd Floor, 668 Rt. 6 Mahopac. Every other Tuesday from 6:45-8:00 p.m., ssal@drugcrisisinourbackyard.com or call 845 842-1212. Open to the public. No registration required.

Parks & Rec: The Town of Carmel Recreation and Parks Department's Winter class registration is now open. Many classes to choose from. New classes the Winter include Challenge Island-Where Engineering Meets Imagination, Wedo Robotics, Robotics Engineering, and Dog Obedience. For more information on classes and see the complete brochure, visit www.carmelny.org/recreation or follow on Facebook @CarmelRecreation

PFLAG: (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a national, not-for-profit organization that began in 1973. Its primary mission is to support and educate families, friends, and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ. PFLAG also advocates on their behalf. Group meets: 6:45 p.m., - 8:45 p.m., Mahopac LIBRARY 668 ROUTE 6, MAHOPAC, CALL: 914-962-7888 EMAIL: WESTPUT@ PFLAGWESTCHESTER.ORG WEBSITE: WWW.PFLAGWESTCHESTER.ORG.

Sports History: Reed Memorial Library presents Gill Schor, editor in chief of Sports History Magazine. 7pm. Like sports? Ever dream of starting your own publication? This presentation by entrepreneur Gill Schor is for you. Register online at www.carmellibrary.org/calendar

Little Artists: 1:30 p.m., Calling all artists! This arts and crafts class will introduce your child to all types of art styles and allow them to work in different mediums to engage their creative side. For ages 4 – 5 years. This is a drop-off program. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Read It & Eat: Repeats weekly: 4:30 p.m., The perfect past time with an added delight! This weekly book club will engage kids in fun, fantastical fiction while we munch on some tasty snacks and do awesome projects and activities. *There is no at home reading required in this tasty book club. For grades K - 2. *Caregivers must remain in the program. 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, Jan. 31

Open Mic: Read your own work or listen to the works of your fellow writers. 7:30 p.m., This is a joint program of the Southeast Museum and Brewster Public Library held at 79 Main Street Brewster. Open to all adults. If you would like to come and share please call us at 845-279-6421 hquest.org/heartlunch or by calling 845-230-4773.

Mahjong: 10:30 a.m., A Mahjong Drop-In program will run on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Participants will split themselves into tables of new players and experienced players. We hope that the more experienced players will continue to help beginners as they wait their turn to rotate into a game with other experienced players. The library

has two sets of Mahjong tiles. We ask that any participant with tiles bring them in case there are more than 2 tables ready to play. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, Feb. 1

United for the Troops: Comfort Items Collection: Held during the month until 2/23: - Library Lovers Month. Pick up a copy of the list of comfort items requested by the troops and drop off your items during regular Mahopac Library hours. Visit https://unitedforthetroops.org/ for more information.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: February 1st, but Brewster Public Library will be hosting a special Take Your Child to the Library program during the Brewster School District's winter recess on Thursday, February 20th. We will be opening up the library early that day for families to come in and see all the changes that are happening here. Special guests will talk about the process involved in getting the library construction started, as well as what the next steps are. Afterwards, there will be a special Storytime and fun activities and giveaways for children.

Adults & Crafts: 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m.,

Adults come and get your craft on! In this monthly craft class, make a different themed craft every month. All supplies will be provided, registration is required. Register online at: brewsterlibrary.org or 845- 279-6421

Assemblywoman Galef: Throughout Her District in Westchester and Putnam Counties If a town meeting is cancelled in one municipality due to weather, constituents are encouraged to attend another town meeting on a different date. In case of inclement weather, call Galef's district office at (914) 941-1111 or the local library for an update on whether the meeting will proceed as scheduled. The meetings are free of charge and no RSVP is required. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Desmond Fish Library 472 NY-403 Garrison also: Saturday, February 1st 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Kent Public Library 17 Sybil's Crossing Kent Lakes.

Sunday, Feb. 5

Sensory Playtime: 10:00 a.m., Curious toddlers and their caregivers play together with a variety of sensory manipulatives to enrich language and learning. For ages 9 months through 2 ½ years of age; registration required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Obituaries

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He was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac.

On May 3, 1958, he married Mary Klotz at St. Simon Stock Church in the Bronx.

In addition to Mary, he is survived by children Ann Marie (Lou) of Carmel, Michael (Patricia) of Hopewell Junction, John of San Diego, Calif., and Jeannine (Antwyn) Draffin of Mahopac; brother Calvin of Mountain Home, Idaho; sister Gladys Rattigan of Pawling; and grandchildren Jessica, Jada, Emily, Michael and Devin. He is also survived by his canine pal, Zoev.

Visiting hours were Jan. 21 at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was Jan. 22 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac, with interment at Rose

Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley.

Karen A. (Sasko) Viilu

Karen A. (Sasko) Viilu, 73, of Cold Spring, passed away Jan. 17 at Waterview Hills in Purdys.

Born April 26, 1946 in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Margaret (Smolko) Sasko. She was a stock trader on Wall Street for many years.

Karen was predeceased by her husband, Enn Viilu. She is survived by her sister Judith Sasko and cousin Peter Tarulli.

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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel senior F Steven Mount continued his recent tear for the surging Rams last Thursday at the Brewster Ice Arena where he and his teammates celebrated one of two goals he would score in Carmel's 2-0 win over Brewster/Yorktown/Somers/North Salem (4-11). The Penn State-bound Mount, who will attend college as part of Reserve Officers' Training Corps, has now notched four goals and six assists while winning nearly 85% of his faceoffs over the last three games in this, his fifth season, with the Rams, second as captain. Carmel G Nico Positano stopped all 15 shots he faced to record his first shutout for the red-hot Rams (11-4), who hold the No.4 seed in D-I after winning their eight in a row in overtime Sunday night against Monroe-Woodbury, 7-6. Luke Golisano (2G, 2A), Brendan Murphy (2G, 3A & GWG in OT), Graham Ludwig (game-tying with :08 left), A. Cieciura (G, 2A), Noah Richardson (A), Mount (G) and Jack Lagan (2A) were in on the scoring.

Girls' Hoops Notebook

Ossining Rounding into Form, Knocks of Somers, 59-49

Put Valley, Hen Hud Post Big Wins, Remain High Seeds for Playoffs

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

The nine-time defending Section 1 Class AA champion **OSSINING** Pride and the 2019 Class A runner-up **SOMERS** Tuskers met up last Thursday in a clash between two of Section 1's premier programs in Somers where the Pride outlasted the Tuskers, 59-49.

The 2020 campaign has not been what either of the two perennial powers are used to, as both clubs are currently at or below .500, but both the Pride and Tuskers have faced a tough slate of games and sit atop their respective leagues.

The Pride (6-7, 3-0 in I-D) were led by senior G Adrianna McFadden's 16 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and five steals while Somers (6-6, 3-0 in II-C) saw a breakout game from F Jordan May, who scored 19 points. The game was a good test for two clubs with league title aspirations and legitimate County Center Final 4 hopes despite anyone counting them out.

The Pride had nine different scorers, including senior G Brooke Weeks, who was all over the place (12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists), while Katie Marx added nine boards and five points.

Senior co-captain Pooja Rao hit three 3's en route to an impressive double-double (13 points,10 rebounds).

"The Ossining game was a bizarre one," Somers Coach Marc Hattem said. "We had eight points one half and 41 in another. I think we were nervous early. They are quick and physical team, and I tried to prepare them and probably ended up giving them too much. I was really happy with a few things; how we were able to make adjustments at



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers G Dani DiCintio looks to evade Ossining defender Tamia Dimmie in Tuskers' 59-49 loss to Pride Wednesday.



Somers F Poojah Rao gets up to defend Ossining G Adrianna McFadden in Tuskers' 59-49 loss to Pride Wednesday.

the half and the defensive performance. We rebounded and defended very well, especially on the perimeter. That's a real good Ossining team that's deep and we didn't stop till the end."

Somers senior G Dani DiCintio had 20 points and 4 steals in Friday's 61-36 win over Nanuet. Freshman Lauren McCartin added a career-high six points.

The Tuskers finished out a stretch of three games in three days Saturday morning at YOR-**KTOWN** (6-6, 1-2 II-C) where Somers posted a 55-54 nailbiting win in overtime. Husker Ashley Zeolla dropped 20 of her 26 points in the second half, including a go-ahead layup with 15 seconds left in OT for a 54-53 lead. However, as has been the case throughout her sterling four-year career, DiCintio hit the last of her 18 points with 2.8 seconds left to seal the deal. Di-Cintio is now two points shy of

1,000 for her career. Her first bucket against Lakeland this Wednesday will be a milestone hoop

May scored a team-high 21 points to pace the Tuskers.

"Jordan May playing at a high level," Hattem said. "Having her takes so much pressure off Dani. She is really making a difference in the post. Pooja Rao also has started to make shots, hitting 11 3s in her last five games, which is big for us. This was a great game on the part of both teams. I'm still catching my breath."

Husker Melissa Severino added a dozen pints, including three-straight free throws with 2.3 seconds left in regulation to force OT.

"It's tough to be too down for too long when the girls give an effort like that," Yorktown Coach Brian Mundy said.

CLASS A

It's anyone's guess when it comes to the Class A lady's circuit in 2020. There are 14 teams with a current winning record and nearly all within the top 10 seeds looks like a potential Final 4 team should they reach their capabilities in the playoffs.



Ossining captain Adriana McFadden takes run at Somers G Ava Giudice in Pride's 59-49 win over host Tuskers Wednesday.

HEN HUD is looking more and more like a team that might make its first Final 4 appearance since 2006 behind the trio of Alysha Fanning, Jess Harris and Jen Catano. The 2020 Sailors (11-1, 2-0 in II-E) have star-power in Marist-bound F Caitlin Weimar, who had a monster double-double (24 points, 17 rebounds, 5 blocks) in their 57-41 win over Lakeland last Thursday.

Grace Moretti added 16 for the Sailors while teammates Mylene Smith and Kira Varada were, "simply awesome on the defensive end," according to Hen Hud Coach Ken Sherman. "Lakeland did not play like their record," he added. "I tried to warn our girls of that, but Lakeland came out of the gates tough. We are battling thru some sicknesses right now, so hopefully we can rest up before we play a tough Ketcham team."

Lakeland was led by Tyler Hormazabal (18 points), Amanda Cole (9 rebounds) and Bri Monte (4 blocks).

On the heels of a sub-par performance against host Somers a week prior, **WALTER PANAS** may have put its best foot forward in last Tuesday's 67-62 non-league win over Tappan Zee, ranked No.8 in NYS. Cailean Nolan had 19 points and six rebounds and continued on next page

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the Panthers (9-5, 3-1 II-C) erased a 23-point halftime deficit to upend the reigning Section 1 Class A champion Dutchmen (10-3) in a game that featured two teams with County Center dreams. Panas G Kristen Cinquina chipped in with 17 points, five boards and five assists for Panas, which has won six of the last eight and is starting to look more and more like the team that reached the Final 4 a year ago. So, we asked Panas boss Matt Evangelista how does his team go from the team that scored just five points in the first quarter against Somers last week, to a team that erased a 23-point deficit to beat an above-average TZ team? And will the real Panthers please stand up... in time for the Class A sectionals?

"I have no idea," the coach said. "I told the girls they are the most wildly inconsistent team I have coached in 20 years of coaching basketball, but when we are playing hard and rolling this is the best team I've had at Panas."

Panas started out slow against Tappan Zee, just like they did against runner-up Somers. Panas was down 23 with 1:05 left in the second quarter but then scored the last

seven points of the quarter to get a little momentum. Panas then put up 26 points in the third quarter to cut the TZ lead to six. Panas then ratcheted up the defense holding TZ to four points (zero field goals) in the fourth quarter. Panas finally took the lead with 3:30 left in the fourth, then executed and made free throws down the stretch to hang on for the victory.

Erijona Rraci scored 11 points. Kristen Scrobola contributed eight points and eight rebounds. Kat Reynoso played her typical great defense and chipped in six points. Alex Sudol had five steals and six rebounds as well as knocked down important free throws down the stretch. Faith Cesarini, Emma Anderson, and Kelsey Cregan battled on defense and on the boards off the bench.

Panas lost to host Pearl River Friday night, 57-50. After a strong start Panas went cold in the third quarter despite Cinquina's 22 points, including 6 3's. Scrobola added 13 points and Rraci added six.

BREWSTER suffered a -sub par effort in a 39-38 loss to Class B Edgemont where the Bears (10-4, 2-2 II-C) had a three-game win streak snapped last Thursday. After big



Ossining F Lily Barossi takes aim at hoop as Somers F Pooja Rao defends in Pride's 59-49 win over host Tuskers Wednesday.



Ossining C Katie Marx tries to snag rebound from Somers F Pooja Rao in Pride's 59-49 win over host Tuskers Wednesday.

wins over Lakeland and John Jay CR, a loss to Edgemont (6-8) was unexpected.

CLASS AA

In MAHOPAC's 65-40 win over host YORKTOWN, Indian sophomore Melanie DeMeo continued her emergence with a game-high 19 points. Mahopac (9-4, 3-2 I-A) cruised to a 33-16 halftime lead and never looked back. Indian sophomore Julie DeBrocky added 11 points while Yorktown was led by Zeolla (eight points). The Indians are currently holding the No.7 seed in Class AA, and have a very tough week ahead with No.5 New Rochelle and No.6 Arlington on the docket.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY had a foundation-building triumph in a complete team win over Class AA host Arlington, 57-44, last Thursday. With their sights set on winning the first sectional title in program history in early March, the Tigers' road win over the Admirals was sure to fuel the fire. PV, ranked No.15 in NYS, was led by junior F Arianna Stockinger's 18 points and in-your-face defense. Tiger freshman swingman Eva DeChent (15 points) and senior G Kelli Venezia

(14 points) were key contributors on both ends of the court as the Lady Tigers improved to 11-2 before today's monster test with Class AA state-ranked (No.4) Ursuline. PV is currently the No.2 seed in Class B, behind state-ranked (No.1) Briarcliff.

Girls' Hoops Notebook

CROTON-HARMON is not going to go quietly this winter, so long as the Tigers (10-4) continue to get 75 points like they did in a 22-point win over Bronxville Saturday's annual Hoops for Heroes event where All-Section junior Anna Eng led the Tigers with 33 points and Grace Reyer added 23. The Tigers are the current No.5 seed in Class B.

HALDANE gave Briarcliff (13-0) a run for its money in a 55-39 loss. The six-time reigning Section 1 champion Blue Devils (7-7) remain the team to beat in Class C. Haldane will visit Putnam Valley Thursday for the first of two key League III-E tip-offs against the reigning league champs.







Grappling Notebook

Put Valley, Mahopac, Carmel Shine at Caruso Memorial

By Tony Pinciaro

Hunter Lundberg had the Peter Caruso Memorial Mahopac Wrestling Tournament circled on his 2019-20 season. The PUTNAM VALLEY standout did not place in the tournament last year and took third his freshman year.

"Because of my results in previous years it really motivated me to train harder and perform this year," Lundberg said.

Lundberg performed at the highest level, registering four pins to win the 126-pound weight class. Teammates Will Carano (160) and Shane Appell (145) won their weight classes, leading Putnam Valley to a fifth-place finish. The Tigers accomplished this despite not bringing a full lineup

The Tigers had four other top-six placefinishers – Dave Maloney (fourth-220 pounds), Michael Yurcho (106) and Jacob Cassidy (195) were both fifth and Esuar Ordonez (113) finished sixth.

The only other area champion was **CAR-MEL** seventh-grader P.J. Duke, who rang up three pins to win the 99-pund title and improve to 34-0 this season.

The MAHOPAC 'A' squad finished fourth and had seven placefinishers, highlighted by runners-up Larry Nardecchia (145) and Tyler Roa (152).

Carmel had six other top-six finishers and were sixth. **SOMERS** finished 11th on the strength of five placefinishers.

Lundberg was seeded first, but he didn't allow it to affect him. He had two pins in under one minute. His finisher in the semifinal round came 33 seconds into the second period. Only Smithtown East's Connor Malley lasted until the third period, but Lundberg closed it out with one minute and 11 seconds remaining in the match.

"I was proud of the way I wrestled," Lundberg said. "The momentum and adrenaline leading up to the finals definitely helped."

Appell pinned his first two opponents, had a major decision in the semis and decisioned Nardecchia, 7-4 in the final. Nardecchia beat top-seeded Dylan Burgos (Pine Bush), 9-7 in a semi.

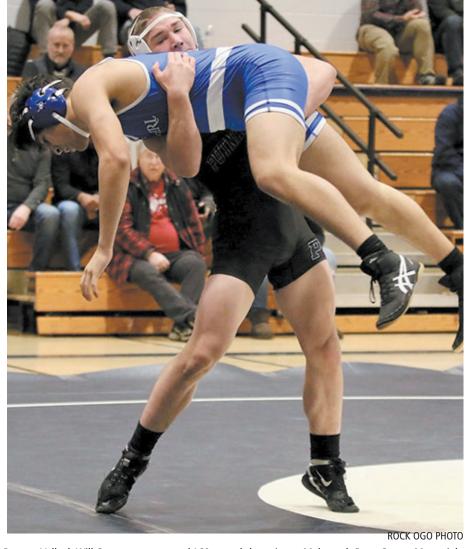
Carano won his second consecutive Caruso title with two pins and a technical fall.

"Winning with Shane and Will felt really good, knowing how much we grind at practice with both the school and at Empire Wrestling Academy," Lundberg said. "Placing fifth is pretty big and we didn't even have the full line up so I think this proves that Putnam Valley shouldn't be slept on at sectionals. We had a lot of momentum that brought us here and placing first, along with my teammates, felt so good."

The tournament is named in honor of Peter Caruso, a former Mahopac wrestler, who lost his life in a tragic car accident. Putnam Valley is an annual participant as Coach Will Carano is a Mahopac graduate and Section 1 wrestling champion (senior year).

"Coach Carano went to high school at Mahopac so I feel like I have to show up and win," Lundberg said. "It's a true testament to how he developed me as an athlete, leading up to that tournament."

Carano was proud of his team especially



Putnam Valley's Will Carano was crowned 160-pound champion at Mahopac's Peter Caruso Memorial Tournament Saturday.

his three champs.

"That's the performance we want and need from those three, and it certainly generated the team points we needed to sneak into the top five," Carano said.

Duke continued his outstanding debut varsity season. Duke also won the prestigious Eastern States 99-pound title earlier this month.

"As a seventh-grader, P.J. has the focus and ability level that like his accomplishments this season is beyond his age," said Carmel Coach Seth Harrison, a Section 1 wrestling champion for the Rams. "He instantly raises the level of any room in which he trains or competes, and Carmel is proud to call him one of our own.

"What makes his 34-0 record so significant is the caliber of competition within those wins. He actively looks for the toughest opponents. In addition to being the youngest wrestler in New York and Section 1 to win an Eastern States, he's beaten section champs, state-ranked wrestlers and nationally-recruited kids along the way."

Harrison feels his team is peaking at the right time with divisionals and sectionals in a few weeks.

"With the end of the season approaching, it's great to have a tournament, basically in our back yard, but also provides varied com-

petition from programs and wrestlers outside our area that we don't get a chance to see," Harrison said.

Mahopac's Xander Smith (106) and Londrim Hasanramaj (220) each finished third, Aidan Muldoon (120) and James Russo (132) were fourth and Brock Fitzpatrick (160) was fifth

Carmel's Leo (113) and Joel Venables (195) each finished third, Joe Clement (138) and Jay Boscia (152) were fourth and Noah Orser (126) and Jackson Reyes (132) sixth.

Somers' coach Ron DiSanto, Jr., had his five wrestlers place – Thomas Gall (second-220), Peter Kim (160) and Dominic Barrella (99) were fourth and Zachary Lupinacci (145) and Michael Rivera (220) placed fifth.

"It's a very competitive tournament so it was a nice accomplishment for all five of our wrestlers that entered to finish as top-six placefinishers," DiSanto said. "Many of our losses were competitive so that's a good sign, too. It was a good learning experience for them all as we reach the home stretch to divisionals.

"Thomas wrestled really tough and smart. He managed his matches well and is confident in his technique."

Yorktown's Robert Cermele (195) and Peeksill's Kendall Cousins (285) each placed sixth

Carmel Girls, Boys to Represent at New Balance Nationals





HAROLD TURK PHOTOS

At Saturday's Dr. Sander Invitational Columbia Challenge in NYC, the Carmel girls' 4x800 relay team of Erin Lee, Emily Alps, Rebecca Monge and Katie Turk ran a time of 9:31.668 while the boys' 4x800 team of Ryan Doherty, Zach Martin, Josh Goldberg and Braeden Voyticky clocked in at 759.696, both qualifying both for New Balance Nationals Indoor Championships in March 13-15 at the NYC Armory. Both races were massive improvements over the previous season's best (14 seconds for the girls and 12 seconds for the boys). Neither team really expected to hit the standards for nationals going into the race. In addition, the boys were extended an invitation to compete in the 4x800m Relay at the Millrose Games (Feb.8), since they broke eight minutes. The girls are on the bubble and will find out shortly if they qualify.

Boys' Hoops Notebook

Lakeland, Somers Vie for League II-A Title; Haldane Seeks III-E

Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

In an otherwise light week of action due to midterms, the week finished strong on Friday and Saturday at places like CROTON-HARMON where the Tigers hosted their annual Hoops for Heroes event, which annually pays homage to local veterans... something we should never get enough of.

HALDANE kicked off the day with a 51-39 win over Bronxville Matt Champlin (14 points), Mame Diba (13), Darrin Santos (8) and Matteo Cervone (7) paced the attack. The host Tigers followed up with a 55-42 win over Westlake when Braden Burke went off with an impressive double-double (20 points, 10 rebounds). Jack Connolley and Owen Marcus both added 10 points for the Tigers (7-8, 4-3 III-A).

There are league titles on the line this week, so we'll take a deep dive below, but not before we salute Lakers legend Kobe Bryant for a polarizing, transcendent, top 10 all-time NBA career. His philanthropy and promotion of the WNBA was equally impressive, #RIP...

NWE/PUTNAM HIGH FIVE HOOPS POLL

No.1 LAKELAND -- Coach Fallo's Class A Hornets (10-3, 4-0 II-C) remain the team to beat in League II-C and three rough-and-



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Panas F Caleb Evans goes for two points in Panthers' win over Fox Lane.



Mahopac F Luke Syku drives lane in Indians' 60-51 loss to Harrison Friday.

tumble games before Feb.4th with Somers.

Panas and John Jay will determine local brag-

ging rights. A sweep would be sweet, but

we'll settle for 2 out of 3... nah, who we kid-

ding: Go get 'em all, run the table and secure

No.2 SOMERS -- Coach DiCintio's Class

A Tuskers (5-7, 3-1 II-C) are 3-1 since the

call-up of freshman Matt Fitzsimmons, who

has been a shot in the arm with 40 points

in four games. With six league games left,

will Somers be challengers or play spoilers?

Dylan Berliner had 22 points in 60-44 win

A Panthers (8-6, 2-2 II-C) got a big boost

with the return of senior sparkplug Lo-

renzo Santucci, who went for 19 points in

a 59-45 win over Fox Lane. Panas F Caleb

Evans added 12. "To say the least, we miss

Lorenzo's scoring," the coach said. Santucci

continued his seamless return to the lineup

with 25 points, including 7 3's, in Saturday's

65-43 win over Hen Hud. Stay with us, bro,

No.4 MAHOPAC -- Coach McMahon's

Class AA Indians (5-6, 2-2 I-A) wilted down

stretch of Friday's 60-51 home loss to Class

A Harrison, allowing 11 3's (overall) and

squandering a 41-39 lead. Ryan Reilly (12

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No.3 PANAS -- Coach Auerbach's Class

a top 3-4 seed in playoffs.

over Brewster.

points), Vin Bastone (11 points, 4 rebs., 4 asst.), Patrick McMahon (10 points, 7 rebs.) and Luke Syku (8 points, 13 rebounds) put

No.5 HALDANE -- Coach Virgadamo's Class C Blue Devils (10-3, 2-0 III-E) host Put Valley on Jan. 30th as they take yet another step toward the League III-E crown. Haldane bum-rushed Yonkers Montessori, 72-47 when Champlin went off for 24 points

HM PEEKSKILL -- Coach Turner's Class A Red Devs (8-5, 3-0 II-E) saw Antonio Taylor go off for 26 points and Jayson Tinsley for another 16 in the 62-40 win over Class B Putnam Valley 40, but with non-league foe Pearl River, and league heavyweights Poughkeepsie and Lourdes on deck, we're about to find out if the Red Devs are contenders or pretenders in the II-E title chase.

HM OSSINING -- Coach Casey's Class AA Pride (5-8, 1-2 I-D) got back to work in a 53-47 win over Hen Hud when Khy'Leil Hawkins (17 points, 5 assists) and Griffin Dahle (11 points, game-high 12 rebounds) were a formidable 1-2 punch.

Class A Huskers (5-8, 1-3 II-C) saw senior G Roni Brucaj ring up 18 points and do his usu-



of everything in 60-51 loss to Harrison Friday.

Tuckahoe. Huskers are 4-2 in the last six, but they don't have many easy games left with the league slate heating up in earnest. We'll see what they're made of for sure.

HM HEN HUD -- Coach Hirsch's Class A Sailors (3-10, 0-4 II-E) have dropped six in a row, four by double digits. Nick Hiltsley (18 points) and Jack Kapfer (10) went for double figures in loss to Panas.

HM CARMEL -- Coach Ross' Class AA Rams (7-8, 1-4 I-D) are impressed with sophomores Nick DiLeo and Andrew Fiore, who paced the Rams in a 79-57 loss to RCK with 17 and 16 points, respectively. Senior G Jarid Garcia had 16 points in an 84-59 loss to

HM PUTNAM VALLEY -- Coach Morales' Class B Tigers (2-10, 1-1 III-E) had a highlight-reel slam dunk from F Anthony Williams off a Matt Aviles alley-oop feed in 83-41 over Hawthorne, but it's been tough sledding for the former Class B power.

HM BREWSTER - Coach Nelligan's Bears (2-9, 0-4 II-C) ended a three-game skid in a 61-50 win over Riverside, who had no answers for Kobey Hart (25 points) and big Nick Girard (15).

up some nice numbers in the loss.

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HM YORKTOWN - Coach Pavella's al yeoman's work in 69-57 win over Class C

HISTES Indians.

Harrison Feasts on Mahopac in 4th, 'Pac Falls, 60-51

