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Carmel School Board Members Butt Heads Again

By Anna Young

Carmel School Board member John Curzio was harshly criticized last week by residents and board members outraged by the recent failing of a bond referendum that would have provided updates to district facilities.

After the district's \$25.4 million bond was voted down by less than 200 votes on Oct. 2, residents lined up during last Tuesday's Board of Education meeting to place blame on Curzio for the second failed bond in as many years. Curzio was the sole board member to vocally oppose the bond that would've repaired roofs, made each building ADA compliant, enhanced the old George Fischer Middle School library and build a new bus garage in the Town of Kent.

"I don't know you, but I find a lot of resentment toward you for what you've done to this community," Kent resident Dori Burke told Curzio. "You're not much

older than my children. You haven't lived your life yet, you have no children of your own. How can you tell me what I need or what's best for my family or my children?"

Throughout the meeting, residents requested the board put the bond back up for a vote, stating that Curzio issued false information to the community through robo-calls, mailers and fliers to sway people to vote against the bond. While Curzio said he was not responsible for the robo-calls received by Kent residents, he blamed the board for putting up an "all or nothing ultimatum" proposal, issuing deceiving and misleading information and using "scare tactics" to force residents to approve the bond.

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What has become customary at Carmel school board meetings, board members, including Richard Kreps and John Curzio, strongly disagreed about the bond that failed earlier this month.

Fleming and Odell Spar Over Senior Center Spending

By David Propper

With the controversial senior center at the Butterfield redevelopment nearing its opening, candidate for Putnam County executive Maureen Fleming took the MaryEllen Odell administration to task for the amount of money poured into the center last week, calling it a "bit of a boondoggle."

Fleming, a Democrat, started out last Friday's press conference by stressing she supported friendship centers and services for seniors across the county, including on the western side of Putnam. But she noted the senior center soon to be located at Butterfield is costing taxpayers too much.

She said the county coffers have been dumping money into the pockets of a leading Odell campaign donor, Paul Guillaro, who is the principal owner of the Butterfield campus. Since Sep. 1, the



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Maureen Fleming's held a press conference related to the Philipstown Friendship Center last week.



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County Executive MaryEllen Odell looking at the craftsmanship of the archway at the new Friendship Center of Philipstown.

county has paid \$200,250 in rent even though the senior center isn't open yet.

"Not a single senior has crossed the threshold to receive services in the friendship center yet Putnam County taxpayers have been handing the landlord monthly rent since 2017," Fleming said.

Since the lease was signed in December 2016, the county has paid the developer \$227,458 in rent and common area charges, including \$61,000 for additional first year rent. That money was in exchange for a water line, HVAC system, upgraded electrical services and preparation for a propane tank, Fleming said, which are costs typically incurred by the landlord and not the tenant.

Over the 15-year lease, the county will be on the hook for \$2.5 million, Fleming

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said, for rent and other charges.

"It is clear that the public is losing on this lease agreement," Fleming said.

Fleming also slammed Odell, a Republican, for the money poured into the space to get it ready for seniors, which include furniture and other fixtures. The total costs are \$1.5 million, Fleming stressed, for a space the county doesn't even own and could lose once the lease expires.

The same day as Fleming's press conference, Odell sent out a press release about her touring the under construction friendship center in Cold Spring. The press release noted that the new center would be comparable to the senior centers in Mahopac, Carmel, and Putnam Valley. Odell stated, "It is incredible to see how far building's transformation into the senior center has come. The seniors on the western side of the county are finally getting what they have asked for and deserve."

In an interview, Odell stood by the deal the county signed, stressing seniors on the west side need more services and a better facility than their current spot at the American Legion Hall. Having the

space at the Butterfield development was the best option for the county and for seniors going forward, Odell said.

When compared to other senior center costs, Odell said the Butterfield campus is on par with the rest of those centers.

"They have the highest trending senior population, they also have been paying millions in taxes and have been complaining for years that there have been no county services made available to them," Odell said of Philipstown seniors. "They've served their community, they've paid their dues, and they deserve the kind of friendship center that every township has."

Odell said if Fleming doesn't think seniors deserve a quality facility in Philipstown, she questions why she's running for county executive.

Some Philipstown seniors that got wind of the press conference and showed up and spoke directly with Fleming about their desire for the center. One outspoken senior, Donna Anderson, who has been a staunch supporter of the center, said the funding is necessary for older folks on the west side of the county.

When asked if she thought the amount

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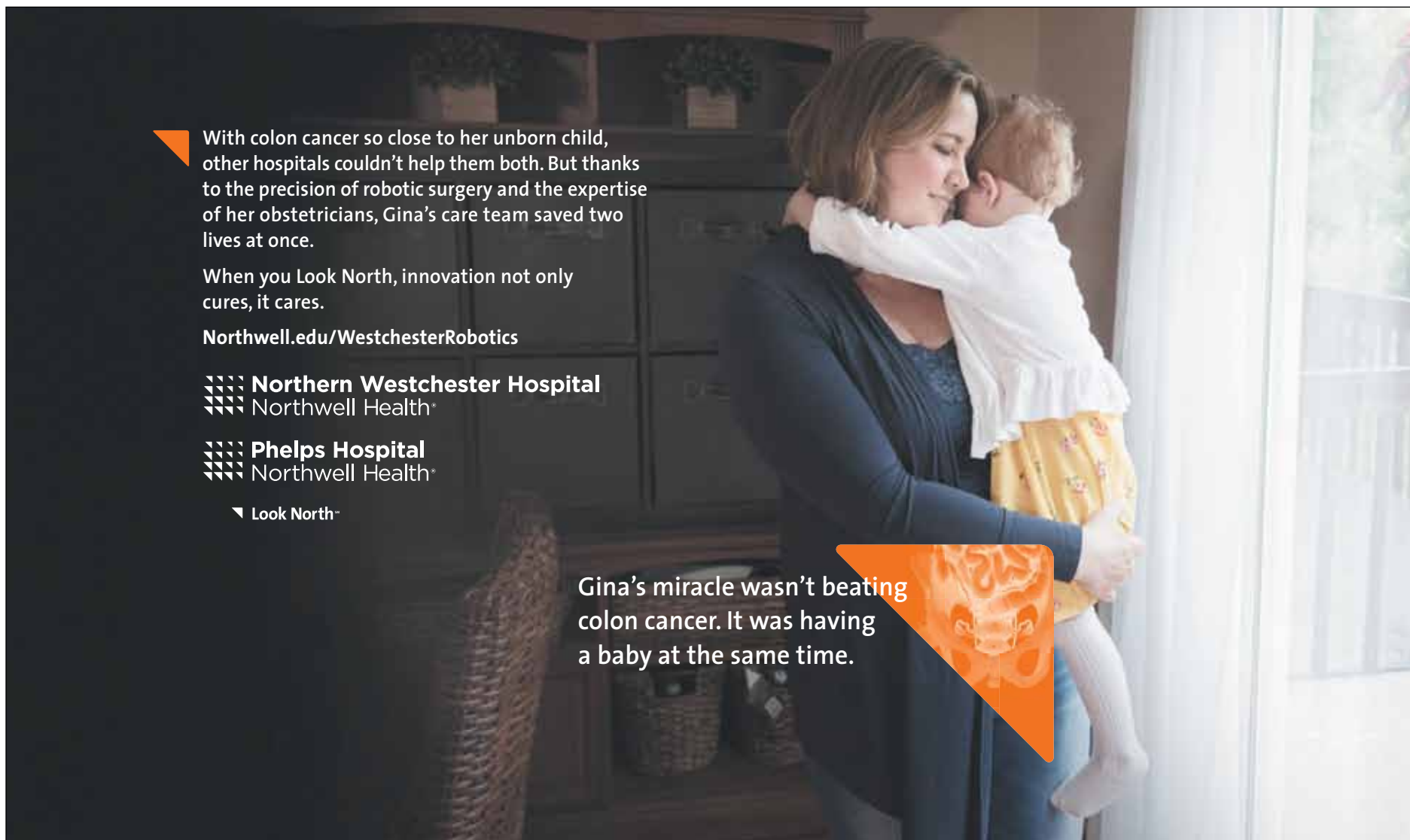
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Coalition Pushes for Southeast Old Town Hall Revival

By David Propper

Remaining empty for dozens of years, the Southeast Old Town Hall could be making a comeback meant to be a center for the performing arts.

Calling it a hidden gem, members of the Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition and other community leaders want to see the Old Town Hall building along Main Street in Brewster once again become a bustling center for the community. Details on what the renovated and revived building would look like were announced during a press conference last week inside the hall's historic theater.

Built in 1896, the building is three stories tall and almost 4,000 square feet. For more than a century, it served as a governmental building and courthouse and then as a theater and community gathering place. In 1979, it was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Right now, it has no use or purpose.

"For too long this (building) has been out of sight and out of mind," CAC vice president Olenka Truskett said, noting the building hasn't been used for 30 years. She said during that stretch, there have been multiple attempts to resurrect the facility, but each attempt failed because there wasn't a clear course forward.

Currently, part of the building headquarters the Southeast Museum and



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CAC vice president Olenka Truskett presented the future for the Southeast Old Town Hall along Main Street in Brewster last week.

the CAC, two non-profit organizations. Going forward, Truskett said the renovations would satisfy the historical aspect of the building while keeping everything within code. The overall purpose is to meet the needs of a self-sustaining theater and arts center, she said.

'Our goal is to use it every night.'
- CAC president
Judy Marano

A wide range of groups would host events with professional and local performers participating in different shows, Truskett said. CAC president Judy Marano said one advantage Brewster has is it's near a train station and the village is situated between New York City and Boston, where professional groups could stop by.

"Our goal is to use it every night," Marano said.

So far, the CAC and town have reached a memorandum of agreement and signed a 30-year lease. Architectural design plans, engineering assessments, and professional cost estimates have all been obtained and the theater level windows have been restored.

The non-profit has also obtained a \$250,000 state senate grant.

"We believe the Old Town Hall theater

is a jewel in the crown of Brewster's Main Street and a keystone in the revitalization," Truskett said.

While progress has been made, there is still heavy lifting ahead for the CAC that will require a major fundraising effort. The façade and roof, the front entrance stairs, interior, and stair tower all need work done on them, in addition to making the building ADA compliant with accessible bathrooms and an elevator. Theater accouterments, like lights, curtain, sound and seating also need to be implemented.

The total costs would be between \$2.9 million and \$4.5 million with funds possibly coming from grants at every governmental level, fundraisers, membership drives, and contributions and sponsorships from organizations and individuals.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and NYS Assemblyman Kevin Byrne voiced support for the revitalization. Odell said the building has a great history and is in a great location. The county is focused on rebooting Main Streets, especially Brewster. She said other communities have relied on a theater to be an anchor for other businesses in the area.

"It really has everything it needs except a couple of bucks," Odell said, adding. "It's critical, it's important."

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Curzio said. "That's just not the case."

Curzio added that he received phone calls from bus drivers who were told they would lose their jobs if the bond failed. Vice president Richard Kreps denied the claims, stressing that no one on the board spoke to any bus drivers or received concerning phone calls from them. Kreps added that he did receive many angry emails about the falsehoods issued by Curzio.

Trustee Tara DeTurrís said that she has been harassed in the grocery store by community members who called her names and accused her of trying run seniors out of the town. She said she had to leave the store twice without her groceries and that she is scared shop in her town.

DeTurrís stressed that she supported the bond because she felt it was the right thing to do for the students and is tired of being called a bully. She said the board needs to be more civil and improve how they work together.

"You don't understand that you're dividing this community," she said to Curzio. "Instead of going to the newspapers, instead of going to social media, we need to work together. We need to do a better job as the seven of us,

'It is a scare tactic to say that that's going to go only in the operating budget, that the only alternative is to lay off staff, that the only alternative is to cut programs.' - Carmel School Board member John Curzio

not six and one. It doesn't work like that."

When a bond last December failed, the board held a removal hearing against Curzio, arguing he violated New York State education law by advocating against it at school board meetings that are videotaped. The removal hearing officer found Curzio committed violations, but the school board opted not to remove

him. As a response, Curzio claimed victory.

Carmel resident Judie Mirra told Curzio he put a lot of effort into opposing the bond but has not provided an alternate solution to reach a common goal. She said the students deserve better.

"You're supposed to be working for our children," Kent resident Amy Conroy added. "You go out and tell people lies. It's quite frankly very disappointing."

Leading up to the vote, Curzio attended Kent board meetings where he shunned the bond proposal and had a booth at Kent Town Day where he dispensed information about it. He stressed the bus garage would have taken a piece of property off Kent's tax rolls.

"If you're truly interested in helping control taxes in Kent, I'd recommend you run for the Kent town board," said Carmel teacher Ryan Dall. "If we continue to cut and continue to lose programs that are very important for our students to have, Carmel is not going to be a place that people seek out. It would be a shame to see that ruined."

Despite opposition, Curzio said he fully supported the items in the bond, including the roof repair and ADA improvements, and would be open to another referendum. But he remained steadfast that the bus garage should have

been a separate proposition on the ballot from the other items put forward to the voters. The board voted 6-1 months ago to bunch every proposal together with Curzio the lone holdout.

"The voters placed their trust in me and I will represent them to the best of my ability," Curzio said.

Board president Greg Riley indicated the board would need to include repairs in the annual budget, which means those repairs no longer qualify for state aid and would affect programs and staffing. Assistant Superintendent for Business Eric Stark said the district lost 60 percent of state aid for the \$12 million repair project and the contract for the proposed property for the bus garage expired when the bond failed.

Kreps said the board would need to discuss what is most financially prudent before any further action is taken to address the needed upgrades. He mentioned putting another bond forward during the annual school budget in May but noted it would not be fiscally responsible to integrate the upgrades into the budget.

"I wouldn't give up yet," Kreps said. "But certainly, we will repair these buildings and I'm sure we will do it in the best fiscal way we know how that's not going to affect the programs or students of this district."



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Fleming Alleges Odell Campaign Misused Email Info

By David Propper

There is less than a month before the election for Putnam County executive, and the two candidates for the position continue to throw jabs at each other.

Kent Supervisor and Democrat Maureen Fleming alleged last week Republican incumbent MaryEllen Odell potentially committed campaign finance violations when she sent out an email soliciting volunteers for a campaign effort in the Town of Kent.

The email, which was sent two weekends ago, was seeking people to “plaster” Kent with “Odell for County Executive” signs, seemingly a direct shot at Fleming who has been the supervisor there for five

years. The problem, Fleming asserted in a statement, is that campaign email was sent to governmental addresses. The example provided by the campaign showed the email was sent from odell4pc@gmail.com to a Town of Southeast governmental address, with the name of the person redacted.

Fleming, offering her strongest words yet against Odell, said the county was being led by “a bully who demands loyalty.”

“Odell has created a hostile work environment for public employees and officials all across this county. The fear of risking their jobs if they don’t support Odell is real among county employees,”

Fleming stated. “Elected officials worry that opposing Odell will mean that their towns and villages will be denied county services. That is plain wrong, and anti-democratic.”

But Odell strongly rejected that notion, expressing disappointment toward Fleming’s strong statement. She said her campaign staff told her that a person keeps signing up for campaign information and updates using a government address. Odell denied that she is using contact information she has as county executive for campaign use.

“We are not soliciting this person, this person is in fact signing on to our campaign emails,” Odell claimed. “It’s really quite the opposite of what she’s alleging.”

Odell also scoffed at the notion that elected officials fear she will deny towns services from the county if officials in those towns speak out against her. She said in Kent whenever the highway department needs assistance, the county

is eager to help.

When asked about Fleming calling her a bully that creates a hostile work environment and is out for retribution, Odell said she thinks “nothing of it.”

“I have no interest in her campaign rhetoric,” Odell said. “Being a leader as a woman in the community sometimes you come off tough, but everyone in this county knows that I’m fair. I lead with compassion and fairness...it’s not easy being a woman and a leader, especially in these times. What I find strikingly disappointing that this is coming from another woman, that another woman is criticizing when a woman is being a strong leader.”

In an interview, when asked if Kent has faced repercussions as a result of her run for the county post, Fleming said she didn’t know if there was any retribution connected to her running. Still, the press release she issued held nothing back against her opponent.

“To county employees and public officials, I say this: if you fear retaliation, it’s time to fire the boss. I pledge to never lead by fear—I lead by respecting my employees and earning their respect in turn,” Fleming state. “Don’t be afraid. Your vote is your private business. Vote for a return to decency and a rejection of fear.”

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of money was being appropriately spent, Anderson said she thought the seniors were worth it.

“This is baloney,” Anderson said of Fleming’s press conference on the costs. “She’s talking about the monetary, it’s just a bunch of baloney. I truly believe the seniors need their center.”

Fleming said if elected, there isn’t

much she could do to control costs with the senior center because of the signed lease. She doesn’t believe the developer, Guillaro, would have any interest in reworking the lease because he has really good terms already.

“This is just emblematic of the kind of rampant spending and bad decision making (of Odell’s administration),” Fleming said. “There are some things you can’t help.”



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Public Hearing Held for PV Bond Vote Next Month

By David Propper

After a controversial bond to build a recreation center was shot down in Putnam Valley last year, residents seemed by and large more supportive of purchasing an existing recreation facility that will go to a vote next month.

The town is holding a referendum on Election Day where voters will decide whether to purchase the John C. Mara campground off Peekskill Hollow Road for about \$2.1 million. This recreational bond comes on the heels of the town board failing to get voter approval last year for a new rec. center that would've been twice the cost. The 161 acres of land is owned by Archdiocese of New York and used by the town every summer for camp.

Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee Phil Keating said taxes would remain the same for town residents following the purchase of the property because the past expenses due to annual rent on that property would be less overall than the bond payments. But Keating noted that one part-time worker might be hired in the spring to maintain the campus. He also pointed out the pool on the property will "never" be used as a municipal pool, but it could be used on evenings in the fall and spring when camp isn't in session.

Keating said the town plans on using the narrow access road how it exists in its

'If we don't buy it, yes there is a chance it could be sold to a developer.' - Parks and Rec. Chairman Phil Keating

current form. There aren't plans to create a road go through Marsh Hill Road or put another town road up toward the camp, he said.

"If we don't buy it, yes there is a chance it could be sold to a developer," Keating said. "Yes, there is a chance it could be put on the market."

Parks and recreation department head Frank DiMarco said it has come to a point where renting the property doesn't make sense anymore. He said that for organized activities, participants could be bused up

to the campgrounds so traffic wouldn't be much heavier than it is now.

"We do just want to maintain the camp," DiMarco said. "People depend on it."

During the hearing, most residents were supportive or neutral toward the bond, with only one real naysayer voicing her opinion.

Resident Kenny Sills, who supported it, noted that if the property is sold to another entity, the town could lose that land as a camp property, leaving officials searching for another facility in town. He also asked about using the pool during the summer on weekends. DiMarco said the town would need a shuttle to bring people up to the pool if enough residents were interested.

While resident Patty Villanova commended town officials for the information they've provided, she still blasted the plan. She said she was originally concerned a developer could build homes there if the town didn't buy the land, but finds that possibility unlikely. Oliverio and Villanova then squabbled over the potential the land could be sold to a developer, with Oliverio believing it could happen if the bond vote failed.

"We don't know which way the wind will blow," Oliverio said.

Villanova feared that more costs associated with the camp, especially to upgrade existing buildings on the

property, would continue to be an expense for taxpayers. Oliverio rebutted that the buildings were in good conditions.

Oliverio has been a champion for the proposed purchase, as has other town board members.

Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel said the town is focused on keeping the land so it can continue to have a camp there every summer. She called the property a "wonderful asset." Whetsel said when the parks and recreation department needs additional funding, DiMarco finds a way to get it to pay for itself.

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi said the property is a good investment.

"There's so much potential in this camp," Annabi said. "What we're buying is potential for our town, we're buying into our town."

"It adds value to our town," Councilman Louie Luongo said

Philipstown Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery, a Democrat who is running for the legislative 1 seat that represents part of Putnam Valley, called buying the property a great opportunity to enhance the recreational amenities in the town. Philipstown took a similar action years ago that proved to be a wise endeavor, Montgomery said.

"It has brought our community together," Montgomery said. "This is what makes communities."

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Sex Abuse Victim Discusses Her Life in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, commercial sexual exploitation of children is “A National Epidemic.”

The Center quoted studies that indicated 100,000 children are used in prostitution annually; 300,000 youths are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation every year and one-third of teens will be approached by an exploiter within two to three days of becoming homeless.

For Jen Spry, sexual exploitation of children if more than just a series of depressing and devastating statistics, it is her life story.

Safe Harbour Putnam County presented “Human Trafficking in America: A Survivor’s Story” on Oct. 10, at the Putnam County Training and Operations Center auditorium in Carmel.

Safe Harbour Putnam County is a program of the county’s Department of Social Services. It provides support and services to youth survivors of human trafficking and those at risk of being trafficked.

Spry discussed her two-and-a-half years of abuse as a child at the hands of a neighbor growing up in Pennsylvania and how she was able to survive and become a registered nurse, an entrepreneur, author, and international speaker.

Despite the large number of young victims of human trafficking there are

in the United States, “Many of us don’t know it exists,” Spry said.

Spry vividly recalled how she became trapped into prostitution. “I was only eight-years-old when a stranger moved next door,” she said.

Spry said her neighbor, who lived four doors away from her house, lured her to come to his house by treating her to a snack and later enticed her by giving her money, despite her initial apprehension about going to her neighbor’s home.

“My mom had no idea” about what was going on, Spry said.

Spry would go to the neighbor’s house everyday after the school day ended at 3 p.m. She was forced into prostitution along with other children who were raped at the home. While being exploited Spry said she was “scared to death,” afraid of what the neighbor would do to her if she reported him.

“Everywhere I went I looked over my shoulder,” Spry said.

The exploitation of Spry and other children by her neighbor ended when she was 10 because the neighbor moved away and never had another encounter with Spry.



Jen Spry

Spry said she eventually found out what ultimately happened to her former neighbor but declined last week to say it during last week’s program.

There were many signs of abuse on her, including bite marks and scratches from the men who raped her, but no one, including her mother, knew what had happened to her, Spry said.

While her exploitation ended after two-and-a-half years, her trauma impacted her life for many years, Spry said. Though she never encountered her neighbor after he left the area, Spry said she for years feared he would come back to get her. “I felt so damaged by what had happened,” Spry said.

“People knew something was wrong,” but did not know what exactly had happened, Spry said.

Spry said she grew up she engaged in “at risk” behavior including working in a message parlor and having sex in exchange for beer for her friends.

In 2009 Spry said she decided “to face my childhood” and went to a private hospital for help. The following year she joined an anti-trafficking coalition in Arizona to begin her advocacy.

Spry said she never told her late mother about being exploited because she did not want to break her heart.

Spry went to college to prepare to become a nurse and made the Dean’s List. She won a “Nurse of the Year” award in 2014. She also began her public speaking about what she had experienced.

“I got to be a voice for those children who cry in silence,” she said.

Spry works with advocates for children, social workers, medical professionals, and law enforcement with the tools needed to foster the trust of vulnerable victims in order to provide medical care, interventions, safety, and restoration, according to her Web site.

Spry said in 2017 she spoke at the United Nations in her capacity as international adviser on the child sex trafficking in America.

Spry is also successful business woman who owns three US patents with a Registered Trademark and Design Logo. She is combining her business experiences and personal passion to create opportunities for survivors to be successful, as stated on Spry’s Web site.

Spry told those in attendance that if they suspect a child is being exploited Spry tells those whom she addresses during her lectures, “You are my hope. You are the voice for these children” she said.

Spry’s Web site is JenSpry.com.



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Coalition Submits Letter to IRS to Fight SALT Deduction Cap

By Anna Young

A growing coalition of municipalities and school districts partnered to challenge proposed regulations created by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that would prevent residents from deducting state and local taxes (SALT) on their federal tax returns.

The Coalition for the Charitable Contribution Deduction, comprised of close to three dozen Westchester municipalities and school districts, submitted a letter to the IRS before the deadline for comments requesting the proposed regulations be withdrawn. The regulations would deny a full charitable deduction for donations to the charitable funds.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who spearheads the coalition, said it was necessary to protest the IRS' actions with the potential threat to taxpayers struggling to remain in their communities.

"Charitable reserve funds serving a public mission and encouraged by tax credits have proven to be a critical tool for taxpayers and local governments alike," Paulin said. "These proposed regulations break IRS precedent and undermine the effectiveness of the new charitable fund established."

The coalition is comprised of

Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties and 34 Westchester school districts and municipalities, including New Castle, Bedford, Ossining, North Salem, Lewisboro and White Plains. Local school districts include, the Pleasantville School District, White Plains, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor and Bryam Hills.

The Brewster Central School District in Putnam County has also joined the coalition.

The submitted letter takes aim at the legal reasoning and abandonment of past IRS precedent that underpins the proposed regulations. The group hopes to persuade the Treasury Department and the IRS to withdraw the regulations and preserve full deductibility for voluntary contributions.

"This letter reminds the IRS that they do not have the authority from Congress to upend longstanding principles of tax law and, in the process, harm so many New Yorkers and the local governments and school districts that serve them," Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said.

If the proposed regulations become final, the coalition, which is currently working with the law firm of Baker McKenzie, is threatening to file a federal lawsuit.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the proposed regulations will significantly harm county residents. Roughly 38 percent of taxpayers would be negatively affected by the SALT proposal and could see an estimated 25 percent increase on their federal taxes.

"While the federal government claims only 5 percent of the nation will be impacted by the new limits on charitable deductions, we know here in Westchester that is not the case," Latimer said. "These regulations will hurt our working families, our property values and our way of life."

The new federal tax code signed into law last year by President Donald Trump puts a \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions. State lawmakers passed legislation in March that was designed to help residents who were disadvantaged by the new federal tax law. This allowed municipalities and school districts to set up charitable reserve gift funds to which taxpayers would contribute to government or school districts instead of paying their property taxes.

In return, they would receive tax deductible credits equal to 95 percent of their donations.

But the IRS issued proposed regulations in August that would

severely restrict homeowners from taking advantage of the deduction. Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer who makes payments or transfers property to an entity eligible to receive tax deductible contributions must reduce their charitable deduction by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive.

Pleasantville Superintendent Mary Fox-Alter said the proposed regulations are illogical, place an undue burden on the states' ability to provide public education and public services and greatly diminish the federal government's fiscal responsibility. She said officials have a fiduciary responsibility to families and taxpayers to explore a voluntary contribution system.

While White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick are hopeful the coalition's concerns will prompt the IRS to withdraw the proposed regulations. North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas stressed that the law needs to allow full deductions for all individual taxpayers.

"This is double taxation at its worst," Lucas said. "Taxing people on money they already paid in taxes with no income thresholds protecting those who are vulnerable is bad government."

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Business of the Week **Westchester Putnam Pottery**

Jefferson Valley

By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident Debbie Albanese recalled last week, "I've always loved doing pottery. I used to do pottery at home."

Since there were no other pottery businesses operating in the local area, Albanese said she opened Westchester Putnam Pottery in Mahopac in 2014. She decided to move the business to Jefferson Valley in June because she felt it was a better location with "a lot more activity here." Her former location was in a spot that was difficult to be seen by the public, Albanese said.

Albanese named her business Westchester Putnam Pottery because her customer base is from both counties and because her former Mahopac location was near the Somers border.

Albanese said her business, located just off the Taconic State Parkway, is centrally located and her customers generally live in northern Westchester and Putnam County.

Previously, Albanese owned a pet day care center.

Westchester Putnam Pottery is a pottery and glass fusion studio. The glass fusion process uses pieces of



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mahopac resident Debbie Albanese moved Westchester Putnam Pottery to Jefferson Valley in June.

glass that are fired, melted into each other and made into shapes, Albanese explained.

Non-toxic glaze paints are used to color the pottery pieces, so people

will be able to drink eat or off them. Following the painting Albanese fires the pottery for 24 hours at nearly 2,000 degrees. The molds, which Albanese makes herself or purchases from other

artists, are created with liquid clay called slip, she noted.

Albanese said she typically creates 50 pottery molds in a day and it takes two to three days to dry them. The molds are then cleaned, fired and a put on a shelf, she said, adding, "It's a lot of work."

Customers can paint already formed pottery pieces on their own or take classes, Albanese said.

Patrons can also make scented candles with soy wax. "You make your own scent. We have 25 scents and you put your own scent in when you make the candle." Albanese said.

The business also offers canvas painting programs, a variety of birthday parties and programs for Boy and Girl Scout troops.

The pottery business does fundraising for the SPCA in Mahopac.

Albanese said she enjoys her work, which she described as upbeat. "I never get bored of it," she said. "I always have something to do."

Westchester Putnam Pottery is located at 3685 Hill Blvd. in Jefferson Valley. For more information call 845-628-2127 or visit <http://westchesterputnampottery.com>.



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Letters to the Editor

Montanaro Won't Rubber Stamp Developments in Southeast

Liz Hudak's resignation was so exciting because I knew that Melinda Montanaro would be running for her seat.

Melinda brings us a bright, intelligent new face on the Southeast Town Board with another characteristic: she is ready to work hard. Putting an end to rubber-stamping development that prioritizes

developers over our residents' concerns and the interests of our town is an urgent need.

This particularly important this year when the Interstate Logistics project is up for a vote by the Planning Board and the Town Board (which must approve the zoning). With all of the public outcry

expressed verbally at the Planning Board meetings and in the hundreds of letters of opposition sent to the Planning Board and the Town Board, it is imperative that we get a fresh perspective on this project.

Melinda is not in support of this project as it is currently configured. She only lost the election by 57 votes last time.

This project could change the quality of life that we enjoy in Putnam County forever. Please vote for her on November 6th.

Challen Armstrong
Brewster

Byrne Gets Nod From Boilermakers for Reelection

The Boilermakers of Local Lodge No. 5 are proud to endorse Kevin Byrne for the 94th District of the New York State Assembly. He has proven his friendship to labor with his support of the Public Works Bill this year, that would guarantee a just wage and benefits to the hard working middle class, and a Worker

Protection Bill that would keep the skilled workforce gainfully employed at Indian Point through its decommissioning.

Today, more than ever, we need a man of character to represent our families and protect our livelihoods. Boilermakers desire an assembly member on the labor committee that they can count on to

provide energy jobs for New Yorkers. They need someone who believes New Yorkers should generate their own electrical power, and not import it from another state or country.

Assemblyman Byrne understands how important it is to keep electrical power generation in the Lower Hudson Valley

for our community's economic security and vitality.

Tom Ryan President
Boilermakers Local 5

Putnam Sheriff's PBA Backs Byrne for Reelection

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association is proud to announce its strong endorsement of Assemblyman Kevin Byrne as he seeks re-election to serve the people of New York's 94th Assembly District.

Kevin has proven to be an effective

and outspoken advocate for all first responders, including our brave men and women in law enforcement. He was one of the first sponsors of the Community Heroes Protection Act in the Assembly, which would elevate punishments for those who assault first responders. He has also been a loud critic against the

misguided decisions by the Governor's parole board to grant early parole to cop-killers and other violent criminals.

Furthermore, we appreciate Kevin's long history of serving as a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician throughout the Hudson Valley. We look forward to continuing our work together

during Kevin's next term in the New York State Assembly.

Dan Hunsberger
President, Putnam County Sheriff's
Dept. PBA

Murphy Smearing Harckham, Not Focusing on Issues

State Senator Terrence Murphy's Trump-like lies and baseless smears have begun.

While his opponent, Democrat Pete Harckham, is campaigning on important issues like access to affordable healthcare, infrastructure improvements, codifying

women's reproductive rights into New York State Law, holding the line on taxes, protecting the environment, passing the Child Victim's Act and keeping citizens safe from gun violence, Murphy has resorted to mudslinging to distract from his own miserable record.

When you have few accomplishments other than helping to hold up important legislation — legislation that would improve the lives of your constituents and every New Yorker — it's easy to resort to attacking your opponent, even if you have to lob slanderous lies to do so.

Pete Harckham is an honorable candidate with a long history of legislative achievement and integrity. The Hudson Valley needs an experienced State Senator to pass important legislation rather than

oppose it; who puts the citizens of his district first, rather than himself; and, who can be trusted to tell the truth.

On November 6, let's elect Pete Harckham to the State Senate, and send our current Senator, who spews lies and slurs, packing.

Nancy Fink Huehnergath
Chappaqua

Obituaries

Jean A. DeCesare

Jean A. DeCesare of Mahopac, died on October 7, at the age of 73. She was born in the Bronx on July 3, 1945, the daughter of the late Anthony and Angelina (Giordano) Migliore. Jean

worked for Putnam County Social Services as a Patient Transport Specialist of over 30 years. She loved to shop either in the mall or at home with QVC, and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City with her sister in law Julie to try her luck on the shore. Most of all she loved her children and grandchildren. Jean is survived by her daughter Annmarie Durmer and her husband George, her son Ralph DeCesare and his wife Debbie, her brother John Migliore and his wife Irene, her brother Fred Migliore and his wife Julie, and her grandchildren Valerie, Angela, Kevin, and Nicholas and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her grandsons Anthony in 2017 and Baby George in 1993.

Teresa Young

Teresa Young of Mahopac, died on October 7, at the age of 85. She was born in Cloonbeg Castlegregory, County Kerry, Ireland on July 18, 1933, the daughter

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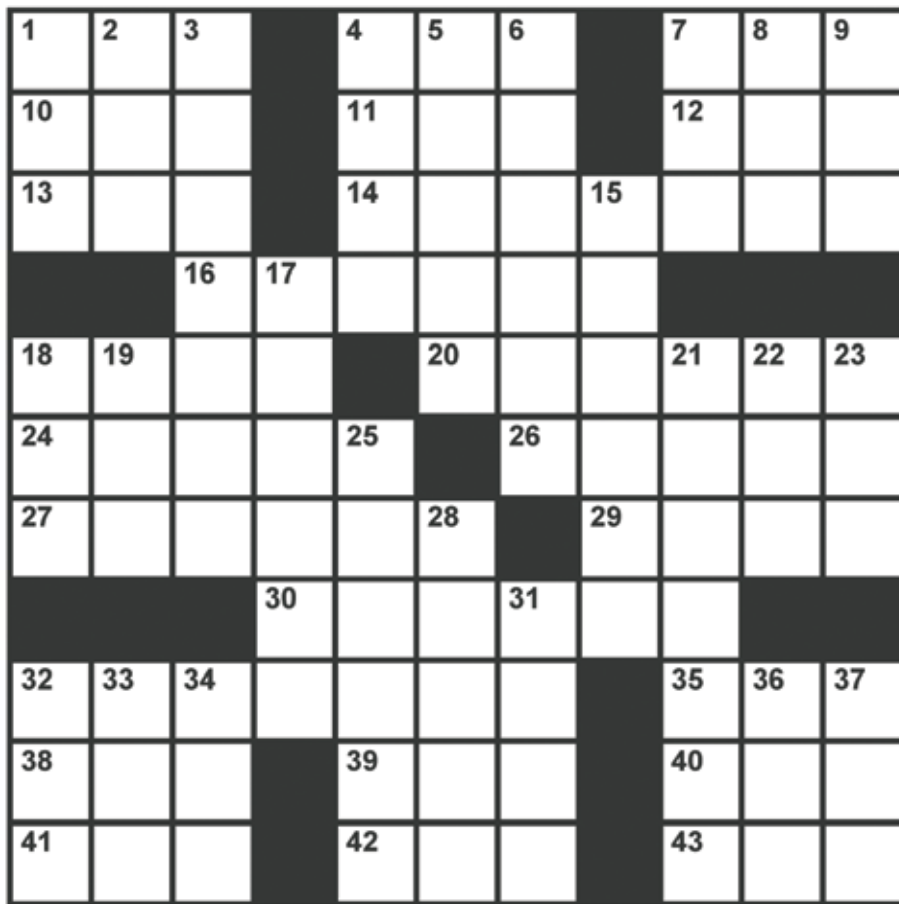
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. Had an edge
 4. Berliner's "Alas!"
 7. "2 Fast 2 Furious" actress Mendes
 10. Spelling test
 11. Comptroller General's agcy.
 12. "Ad" or "women's" follower
 13. Son with the same name, abbr.
 14. Wearing
 16. First name in Indian politics
 18. A rubdown will leave you coveting more, Massage ____
 20. Enter into conflict
 24. Christmas carols
 26. New Yorktown home of the "Wacky" sandwich, ____ Bear Deli
 27. Funds
 29. Great Lake
 30. Swimming in water
 32. "Friends" Emmy winner
 35. Farewell
 38. Ob-____
 39. Vacuum tube (abbreviation)
 40. Place for med. researchers
 41. Sweet potato cousin
 42. Snicker syllable
 43. Palindromic airline
- Down**
1. "War on Poverty" pres.
 2. Poetic dusk
 3. Stemmed from
 4. Got mellow
 5. West Indies native
 6. "Way to go!"
 7. The NY Manning

8. Successor to Siri
9. Homer Simpson's father
15. Shiny fabric
17. Hose
18. NYC-to-the-Hamptons dir.
19. ____- negotiable
21. Highland plaids
22. Year in Nero's reign
23. Winker
25. Cloth sample
28. Cache
31. Pay to hold a hand
32. Back then
33. Home of the UN
34. ____ hurry
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A Comfortable Mattress is Critical to Happy, Healthy Living

As a thankfully busy realtor, I operate best with a good night's sleep. Sometimes that can be elusive.

Some years ago, there was a television commercial for Sealy, the world's largest mattress manufacturer that made me smile each time it ran. Its slogan was "No Matter What You Do in Bed, Sealy Supports It."

It reminded me of the first story I heard about mattresses – "Princess and the Pea." Even as a naïve child, I thought, "Yeah, right, she could feel that pea under 20 mattresses!"

But during my lifelong experimentation with mattresses, some delightfully comfortable and others deplorably torturous, I fashion myself somewhat an expert on them. Today, I might run a close second to the princess about being finicky.

And why not?

Our relationships with our mattresses vie with any kind of personal liaisons we might ever have, considering that if you survive the average life expectancy, you will spend 36,000 nights with your body snuggled up to your most supportive companion.

When it came time for me to buy my first mattress, however, I found that, as a college student, I was far from sensitive



By Bill Primavera

about comfort. To create a modern sofa and a bed, I bought a six-foot-long piece of foam rubber and laid it over a hollow door, supported by four cinder blocks. To keep my handyman special from looking completely primitive, I attached a pleated skirt to hide the cinder blocks. As a bed, it was indeed torturous.

For my first apartment in New York City, I bought an inexpensive mattress from Macy's and, as I recall, it was the superstore's own brand. Although inexpensive, it was dreamily comfortable. When my future wife came to my

apartment for the first time, I showed her my antique sleigh bed, bragging that I probably had the most comfortable mattress ever.

"Why don't you give it a try?" I asked. She refused. Things were different back then.

There is evidence that people have been seeking softer sleeping surfaces for more than 10,000 years. Since the Egyptian Pharaohs had beds of ebony and gold, it is assumed that they devised something soft to place in them, but common people simply slept on palm bows heaped in a corner.

By Roman times, mattresses were stuffed with reeds, hay, wool or feathers.

During the Renaissance, they were made of pea shucks or straw and covered with sumptuous velvets, brocades and silks. Their filling, however, became a banquet for bugs.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the term "sleep tight" was coined when mattresses were placed on a web of ropes that needed regular tightening to prevent sagging. The second part of that saying, "don't let the bedbugs bite," expressed a condition that was common then and seems to have recently resurfaced with a vengeance. By the late 19th century, cotton mattresses that were less attractive to vermin dominated.

In 1900, James Marshall invented and patented the "pocket coil." A coil was placed inside a pocket made of cotton and individually suspended, with materials placed on top that provided comfort. By the 1930s, innerspring mattresses with upholstered foundations gained the prominent position they still enjoy.

Futons were introduced in the 1940s, foam rubber mattresses appeared in the 1950s, followed by waterbeds in the '60s and airbeds in the '80s. But most of us still rely on innerspring mattresses.

In selecting a mattress, you might consider the suggestion of the International Sleep Products Association that you spend at least 15 minutes lying on it. Then again, you might not. The last time I bought a mattress, I tried six different models and can't imagine that

I would have spent an hour-and-half dozing off at Sleepy's.

The primary choices in selecting a mattress are the degrees of firmness and the size. Much of the firmness debate is solved by the new options for adjustability, even for each side of the bed.

Then there is the question of how big the mattress should be. Widths range from 39 inches for a twin to 76 inches for a king. Lengths range from 75 to 84 inches.

While the square footage of homes and the size of bedrooms are shrinking, anyone sharing a bed may think twice about diminishing the size of the bed proportionately. If you share a simple double bed with a partner, you have as much personal sleeping space as a baby in a crib.

Then there's this story from when my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress. The salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee.

"At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee," my mother-in-law replied. "Can I get a better price for that?"

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Be Vigilant and Always Make an Revocable Trust Flexible

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

Change is inevitable and it comes in many shapes and sizes. Death, disability and divorce are three of the most common changes in life that can wreak havoc on an estate plan. If your estate plan is not flexible, there could be unintended consequences.

With the increasing popularity of revocable trusts, whether drafted by attorneys or available for purchase online, too many trusts on the market are poorly drafted and fail to provide mechanisms for dealing with changed circumstances.

For example, there is a possibility that we may fall ill and require care at home or in a nursing home. To avoid exhausting all your assets, it might be prudent to apply for Medicaid. To create Medicaid eligibility, the assets in your revocable trust may need to be transferred to another individual, such as a spouse, or to a trust.

Other may not fall ill but lose their capacity. I have reviewed many trusts where upon the creator's incapacity the assets of the revocable trust can no longer be distributed from the trust. In essence, the assets are frozen and no Medicaid planning can be implemented. To avoid this situation, your revocable trust should include language allowing the successor trustee, upon your incapacity, to transfer



Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

the trust assets to your children, a spouse or to a trust. By allowing for these transfers, Medicaid eligibility can be achieved.

Another situation that cannot be reasonably foreseen at the time of drafting is the ability or willingness of a successor trustee to act. When drafting, it is wise to appoint multiple successor trustees. What if the trustees you have selected years earlier, however, have no desire to serve

as trustee? Your revocable trust must have proper language allowing for the resignation and appointment of successor trustees.

Often, little time is spent on crafting this type of language. Most trusts simply name the successor trustees with nothing more. If a trustee does not want to serve and there is no mechanism to appoint a successor trustee, court involvement is inevitable.

It's curious that most estate plans do not contemplate the possibility of a beneficiary becoming disabled. I am often consulted by families of beneficiaries who stand to inherit assets from an estate while these beneficiaries are also receiving Medicaid benefits. A Medicaid recipient will likely become ineligible if he or she receives an inheritance. A simple solution is to include a supplemental needs trust in your estate plan. The assets within the supplemental needs trust are protected for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

Commonly referred to as a trigger supplemental needs trust, its provisions would go into effect if a beneficiary is

disabled at the time they are to inherit from an estate. Since we have no idea whether a beneficiary will become disabled, I include trigger supplemental needs trusts in all my estate planning documents, including revocable trusts.

Finally, with the divorce rate so high, it may be prudent for your revocable trust to state that upon your death the trust's assets are to be distributed to lifetime trusts for the benefit of your children. If the assets are distributed to your children outright and your children divorce after your death, it is possible that the inherited assets could be considered marital assets subject to equitable distribution. This could be avoided by using a trust.

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of the late Michael and Johanna (Dowd) O'Connor. On September 16, 1961 she married James Young at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Manorhaven; they were married for over 57 years and blessed with four children. In addition to her husband James, Teresa is survived by her children Michael, John(Michele), Maureen Launzinger(Ken), and Shamus(Michele); her grandchildren Laura, Nicholas, Marissa, Benjamin, William, Kerry, James, and Kennan; and her siblings Bridie Gray and Julia Foley. She was predeceased by her siblings Timothy, Sean, Michael, Jeremiah, Patrick, Catherine, Mary Ann, Ellie, and Hannah.

Elizabeth Downey Garrett

Elizabeth (Betty) Downey Garrett, a Somers resident died October 9, at Putnam Hospital Center, of respiratory failure, surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was born to William and Elizabeth Gaynor Downey on May 8, 1930 in Danbury, Ct. She was raised and educated in Ossining. After raising 6 children, Betty returned to school and received a BSN from Pace University School of Nursing in 1974. She was a nurse at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veteran's Hospital, in Montrose, for 22 years. In 1985 she moved to Somers. She attended St Joseph's Catholic Church where she was

a Eucharistic Minister. Betty served as a volunteer at the Putnam Hospital Center in the gift shop and was involved in many activities at Heritage Hills, as well as a member of the Somers Seniors. She was a very active participant and, later, leader in The Beginning Experience of Westchester. Betty is survived by three daughters: Diane Dwyer of Syracuse, NY; Eileen LeRoy, her husband Howard, of Fishkill; Mary Lehtonen, her husband David of Brewster; as well as three sons: William, his wife Susan, of Atlanta, Ga.; Michael, his wife Joan of, Hopewell Junction, NY; and Thomas Jr; his wife Peggy, of Lake Carmel. Betty also had 12 loving grandchildren: David, Sean, Christine, Sarah and Emily Garrett, Michelle Hayes, Matthew and Nicholas LeRoy, Greg Bellamy, Kimberly, Jessica and Robert Lehtonen, 7 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The arrangements for the celebration of Betty's life are being handled through Cargain Funeral Home, 418 Route 6, Mahopac. Visitation hours are Friday October 19, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. A Christian funeral mass will be held at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 95 Plum Brook Road, Somers, on Saturday October 20, at 11:30 a.m. Betty wishes that all attending the wake and/or funeral to please wear bright colored clothing. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for Rosary Hill Home, 600 Lina Avenue, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

Celestina Viggiano

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Celestina "Sally" Viggiano announces her passing on October 12, at 100 years young. She was one of six children born to Domenick and Domenica Mandile on August 27, 1918 in Manhattan. In 1944 she married the love of her life Frank Viggiano at Our Lady of Grace Church in the Bronx and together they were blessed with their loving daughter Lucille.

During her time in the Bronx, Sally held various career positions with Bronx County Refrigeration, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Burns Security. In addition to her employment Sally was a very active

volunteer at Our Lady of Grace Church, an officer of the Mother's Guild and did volunteer work for Catholic Charities.

For over 25 years she volunteered for the Retired Seniors Program in Mahopac, The Carmel Recreation and the Mahopac Senior Drop-in. Sally had a love for gardening, cooking, sewing and she was an avid reader. Sally is survived by her loving daughter Lucille and son-in-law Phil DiRuocco and grandchildren Celeste (Steve) DiDona, Marciene (Charles) Kehoe and Marco DiRuocco and five wonderful great-grandchildren. Sally will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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Evolution or Revolution? When the World of Beverages Converges



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the past few weeks we've explored the science of winemaking. In one column I delved into the evolving creation of four new grape varieties in a French laboratory.

Last week I presented the natural science – the evolution of a bottle of wine from the vineyard through fermentation and aging in barrels.

I'm beginning to notice the manipulation of natural science and laboratory natural science more and more, including crossover products in wineries and breweries.

There is a natural relationship between the production of wine and that of beer. Both products are dependent in their aroma and flavor on the agricultural profile of the grapes and barley/hops grown for specific traits and characteristics. Both products are crafted in a winery/brewery utilizing various strains of yeast; these will affect the fermentation intensity and duration of the finished product. Both products can be manipulated by the use of the numerous options available for storing and aging the end product, be

it stainless steel or wood barrels.

I'm noticing more breweries adopting and adapting winemaking techniques and recently I've noticed wineries combining the raw ingredients of the two core components. Much of this is the creativity of young entrepreneurs appealing to a changing demographic desire for new products.

Today's young adult alcohol consumers are enamored with products that veer from the tried and true of previous generations and are willing to spend their disposable income accordingly. Producers are carefully treading into new territories to satiate this burgeoning predilection.

The crossover of brewing into the arena of wine techniques and production has been on the fringes of the craft beer world for several years. A number of brewers are aging select beers in neutral oak barrels (not possessing any distinct aromas or tannins). Exposure to a wood vessel rather than one of stainless steel allows oxygen and the fleeting aromas of oak staves to impart a unique profile to a craft beer. And they have been very popular, although quite limited in production.

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However, several craft brewmasters have advanced this crossover. I read of a beer stored and aged in wood wine barrels fresh from this year's winemaking. The barrels were still moist with grape juice absorbed by the wood staves, thereby imparting a unique style during beer fermentation. A stout ale with hints of Sauvignon Blanc? Perhaps. Check with your local craft beer reseller.

Another crossover beer product is one in which fermenting barley (or other grain) is mixed in vats with fermenting grape juice, again blurring the lines between the two products. Sold as a beer, this hybrid product is still seeking a core market. A stout ale with clear and perhaps competing characteristics of Sauvignon Blanc? I'm not sure in which type of retail shop it would be sold.

The crossover of winemaking into the previously exclusive domain of beer making is quite recent. Taking a page from craft brewers' production trends, several wineries are mixing grapes and grain. Hops used in beer production are fermented and then added to fermenting grapes at the winery, resulting in a wine with unique floral aromas and a bit of hoppy bitterness. A Sauvignon Blanc with

hints of stout ale? Sounds refreshing.

And crossover hybrids don't seem isolated to beer and wine. How enticing is the latest offering from Hangar 1: rosé wine-flavored vodka? I'll never know.

Now that my head is swirling from the hybridization and competing aromas and flavors of this emerging beer-wine, wine-beer sub market, I feel compelled to embark on a round of market research to ferret out the crafted, refined products from the lesser, market-hyped offerings. Wish me luck.

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little-known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at 914-741-0740 or at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org.

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PC Veterans of World War I: 7 p.m. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the armistice of November 11, 1918 ending WWI, Roderick Cassidy, author of Putnam County Veterans of World War I, will discuss our local residents who served in the "War to End All Wars." The Patterson Historical Society will hold its annual meeting prior to the presentation at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Medicare 101: 6:30 p.m., This is a basic Medicare overview for those individuals who: are turning 65, are losing group/ employer health coverage and who need to enroll in Medicare for the first time, need/want to change their current plan, or are receiving Extra Help (Part D) or would like to learn about Extra Help (Part D) and the Medicare Savings Program (Part B). This free program is presented by Jackie Gallagher. Registration requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Wednesday, October 17

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Thursday, October 18

Desmond-Fish Library 3rd Observe the Moon Night: Young and old alike are invited to take a moment to observe the moon on the Library lawn. Jack Chastain and other volunteers from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will be here to help us get to know the moon better. A talk about the moon and what you might see through the telescopes will start at 5:30 p.m. and then everyone will head outside where two great big telescopes will be set up on the library lawn until about 7:30 p.m. Rain/ cloud cover date is October 25. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

The PCDOH & Putnam Hospital Center invite you to attend the eighth Annual Public Health Summit: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The PHC brings together local organizations and residents to strategize and plan how to best address

local public health concerns. Come share your views and learn more about the health challenges the county faces now and in the coming years. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. Lite refreshments will be served. For more information or to register visit www.putnamcountyny.com. Public Information Officer Barbara Iardi with any questions at 845-808-1390.

Food and Wine Pairings at Reed Library: 6:30 p.m. An educational and tasting event that will simplify pairing the right foods with a variety of wines. You will learn to see the possibilities in every bottle! Registration required and preference given to residents of the Reed Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Putnam County Sheriff's Office Town Hall: 6 p.m., -7 p.m., at the Bureau of Emergency Services Auditorium, 112 Old Rt. 6, Carmel. Informal evening of questions and discussion. For questions or more info call 845 225-4300, ext. 42203 or visit www.putnamsheriff.com

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Desmond-Fish Library Hosts Children's Book Talkfest: All lovers of children's literature are invited to the Library. 10 a.m. to noon. This program is open to all ages, and adults are encouraged to bring children along to share their own recommendations. Light refreshments will be served, including sparkling wine courtesy of local parents and book lovers Eric and Carly Arnold.

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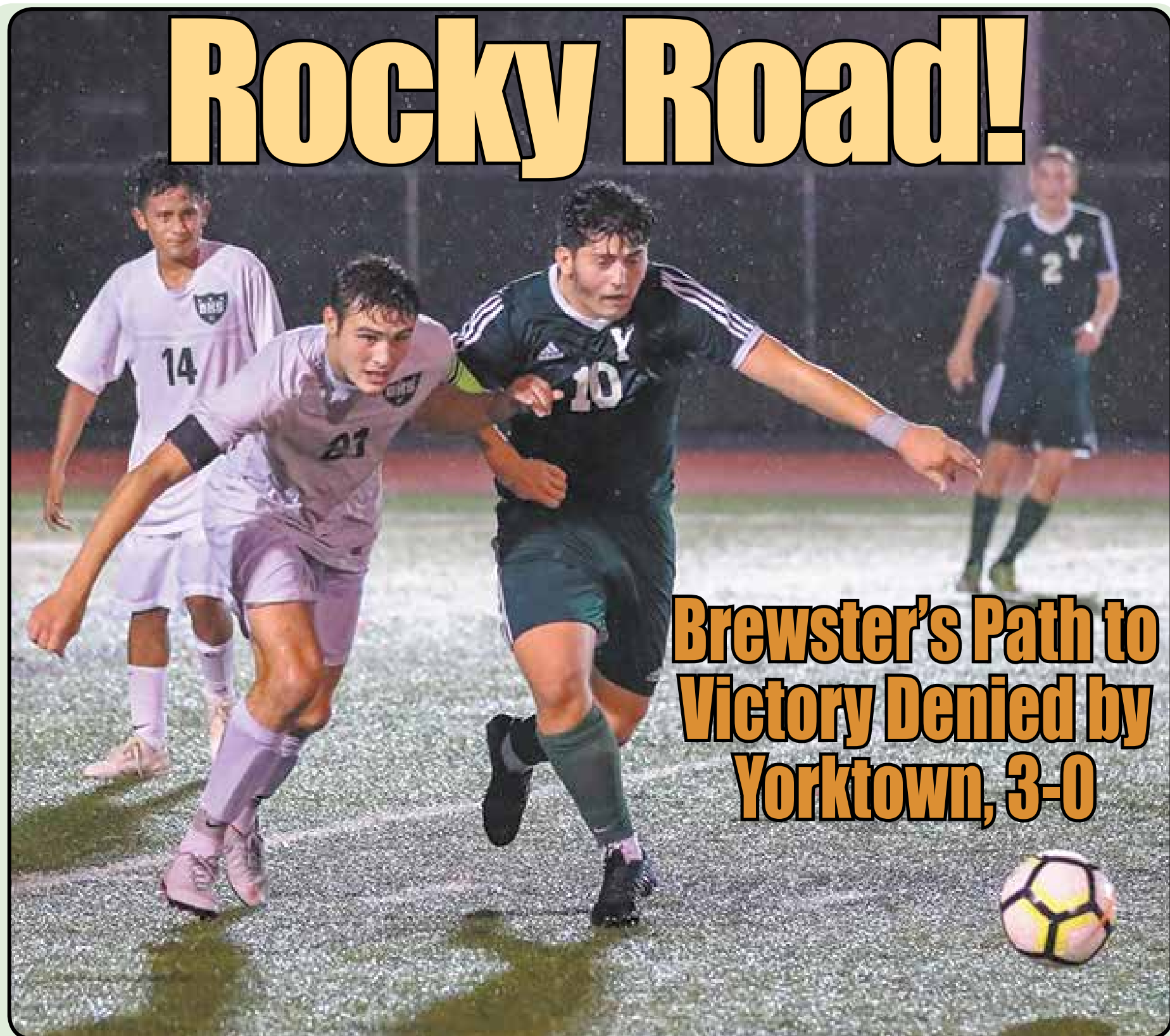
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**Brewster's Path to
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Yorktown senior M Rocky Bujaj (R) was a constant thorn in the side of Brewster senior D Anthony Ferrandino and the visiting Bears on a rainy Thursday night when the Bears failed to get any traction in a pivotal league loss that capped off a week of wild inconsistency for the streaky Bears, who had upended state-ranked Somers, 1-0, earlier in the week, suffered a 3-1 setback at the hands of sub-par Carmel and topped the week off with a 3-2 OT triumph of John Jay--CR last Saturday when they honored the memory of the departed teammate Oscar Gonzalez... see Soccer Notebook

Sports

Grid Notebook

Class A Somers, AA Carmel Advance; Yorktown, Mahopac Eliminated

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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It's win or go home, from this point on. A win means you live to play another meaningful week. A loss means your playoff hopes are dashed, like it was for Class A Yorktown and Class AA Mahopac, who's Week 7 losses signaled the beginning of the end. Class AA Carmel and Class A Somers were the only two large school grid teams to survive and advance into the post season. Haldane and Tuckahoe, the only competitors in Class D, will square off in the finals while Putnam Valley is one of seven Class B teams to automatically qualify.

CLASS A

YORKTOWN QB Tommy Weaver did his best scrambling Russell Wilson impersonation last Friday night. Under intense pressure from a formidable SOMERS front seven, Weaver displayed the heart of the champion he is, dodging a slew of Tuskers who would not be denied their pound of flesh in their 26-7 Section 1 Class A opening-round victory over the 2017 NYS runner-up Huskers (3-4).

Behind another staggering performance from Somers FB Jack Kaiser, the seventh-seeded Tuskers (5-2) advanced to the



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel Rams pose with the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy for 4th-straight year after 34-21 win over Mahopac Friday.

Friday's quarterfinals where they will face No.3 Our Lady of Lourdes, ranked No.28 in NYS.

Kaiser, the burly sophomore sensation, ran for three more touchdowns, giving him 22 for the season, eight off the school record set by All-NYS HB Messiah Horne in 2016, one off the 23 recorded by HB

Stefano Bicknese in 2013.

"Our offensive and defensive fronts were just being beasts," Kaiser said.

While Kaiser did the heavy lifting between the tackles (136 yards on 21 carries, 113 yards and 16 carries in the first half), junior HB Charlie Balancia provided the shake and bake outside

the tackles (111 yards on 20 carries), providing a one-two punch the Huskers could not contain. Somers' defense did its part, holding limited the 10th-seeded Huskers to just 45 rushing yards. Yorktown's lone score at the end of the third quarter fueled hope for a comeback and cut the deficit to 20-7, but Balancia picked up a Somers fumble and scooted 41 yards for a touchdown with 5:48 left in the fourth.

"Sometimes, it's better to be lucky than good," Balancia cracked.

The Tuskers crushed the ground game again, and the unit looks like it's just starting to scratch the surface of how good it can be as the playoffs take flight for the 2017 runner-ups.

"Yorktown showed us a lot of different looks this time around to try and stop our ground and pound," Balancia said. "Every single yard was hard fought and our line blocked the way they always do. It was business as usual and we just kept pounding the rock. It took our entire team to pull away, especially our defensive line



Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver is pursued by Somers DE Logan D'Anna in Huskers' 27-6 Class A playoff lost to Tuskers last Friday.



Somers FB Jack Kaiser is congratulated by teammate TJ Deegan (29) after scoring TD in playoff win over Yorktown last Friday.



Carmel QB Peyton Cayea is dragged down inches short of TD by Mahopac DB Drew Riolo in Rams' 34-21 win over Indians Friday.



Somers FB Jack Kaiser is chased by Yorktown's Reese Andrews but rips off a chunk of his 136 yards in Tuskers' 26-7 win over Huskers last Friday.



Mahopac WR Luis Rossi hauls in 40-yard TD strike QB Anthony Corrado in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel.

who are unstoppable with Matt Soden finally healthy."

Weaver found his mark on nine of 23 passes for 180 yards, including a 13-yard TD strike to TE Naim Sinanaj.

No.10 Yorktown will face Byram Hills in an attempt to qualify for a bowl game in Week 9.

No.11 HEN HUD (3-4) had its post-season hopes dashed in a 25-12 loss at No.6 Nyack. The Sailors will take on Clarkstown North, looking to move on in the non-playoff bowl series.

CLASS AA

CARMEL (5-2) posed with the hardware for a fourth-straight year after defeating visiting MAHOPAC (2-5), 34-21, to hoist the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy for the 16th time in 25 years under Coach Todd Cayea, who watched proudly as his son, QB Peyton

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Carmel's Andy Parisi (77), wide-eyed Joey Pelligrino (1), Jason Rahming (32) and Gianluca Piccolino are set to celebrate their 34-21 win over Mahopac.

Cayea, was a major contributor for a third time.

"Yeah the kids played very, very well and Peyton had a pretty good game," Coach Cayea said of Peyton, who rushed for 127 yards on 15 carries and completed 6 of 13 passes for 85 yards, including a 35-yard TD strike to TE Brian McCabe. "I made

Mahopac has gotten much better. I was really impressed with how well they played against Arlington (the week before) and I told Coach DeMatteo that they continue to play hard even though they've struggled to win some games. It never gets old winning these Higgins games."

But it did get dicey when Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado drilled a pinpoint pass to WR Luis Rossi for a 40-yard TD pass to get the Indians within six at 27-2, but the Rams methodically worked into the Indians' zone before Cayea hit McCabe in stride for the final measure.

Carmel HB Same Duke ran for 182 yards on 24 carries, including a 45-yard scoring jaunt on the Rams' first play from scrimmage. Versatile Joe Mascetta added two rushing touchdowns for the Rams.

"Every time I give Sam the ball I know we have a chance for it to pop," Cayea said. "To have a running back like that just opens things up in the passing game and makes my life so much easier because they can't just key on me. I just want to give a

one of the worst calls of my career at the end of the first half and kind of gave them that touchdown, and that was my fault. I told the kids to rally behind me and I'll make up for it.

"Our defense allowed a fourth down touchdown but really stepped up after their long punt return had put them in good field position," Cayea added. "Offensively, we played one of our best games, but we still shot ourselves in the foot. Going into the playoffs, we've got to keep grinding and clean that up.



Mahopac's Drew Riolo (8) leaves a wake of Rams in his dust in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel last Friday.

shout out to my teammates and my line. The line is the only reason why I'm able to continue to run, and I have great people to throw to like Brian McCabe who is just a straight beast. Playing for my dad is just great and winning the Higgins trophy again for a fourth-straight year is just great. We played good tonight, but we still haven't reached our potential, and we'll need to reach our potential against the John Jays and New Rochelles."

Carmel's defensive unit was stout, limiting Mahopac RB Tim Cegielski to just 15 yards and a short TD burst (his 7th of the year) on 11 carries and held the team to just 27 yards on the ground and 103 yards passing.

"The defense has been our strength all season," Cayea said.

The Rams secured the No.6 seed in the playoffs and will visit No.3 Mamaroneck (tentatively set for Friday 7 p.m.). The 13th-seeded Indians, who competed hard to the final whistle, will face No.13 North Rockland in a non-playoff bowl series game.

Higgins Notes: Without the internet to provide reliable info before the turn of the century, the following nuggets are fairly accurate but not 100% guaranteed: Carmel now holds a 26-20 edge over Mahopac since 1974; Carmel won 10 of 11 Higgins games from 1997-2008; the first Higgins trophy game was 1988, won by Mahopac with a 9-0 regular season; since 1988 Carmel now holds a 20-11 edge for Higgins trophy rights; Carmel has now gone 16-8 in Higgins games since Coach Cayea took over in 1995 and 17-8 overall against the Indians.



Somers DL's Matt Soden (41) and Charlie Grindrod harass Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver in Tuskers' 26-7 win over Huskers Friday.



Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado unleashes pass in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel Friday.



Mahopac's Drew Riolo hops aboard Carmel's Andrew Bumgarner in Indians' 34-21 loss to Rams.

Championship Schedule: All five Section 1 championship games will be played at Mahopac High School. The Class B and A games are slated for 4:30 and 7:30, respectively, on Nov. 2. The Class D, AA and C games will follow at 11, 2 and 5, respectively, on Nov. 3.

CLASS B

After a 28-6 loss at Nanuet in Week 5, No.6 **PUTNAM VALLEY** (1-5) will head right back this Saturday for a 6:00 p.m. against the third-seeded Golden Knights in the opening round of the playoffs in Week 7. In Week 6, the Tigers fell 30-12 at Class C Woodlands, which wasn't a good sign for their playoff aspirations.

CLASS D

HALDANE improved to 5-1 after the Blue Devils saw four different ball carriers reach paydirt in a 42-16 rout of Rye Neck, including a masterful effort by senior RB Sam Giachinta (2 TDs, 214 yards, 24 carries). Daniel Santos, Thomas Percacciolo and sophomore Darrin Santos (2TDs) all scored. Brad Dowd had seven tackles for the Blue Devils, who visit Valhalla Friday (7 p.m.).

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Soccer Notebook

Ossining on Class AA Prowl; Mahopac Gals Survive John Jay EF

By Ray Gallagher
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When you boil it down to the bare bones, we're looking at three legit boys' soccer title contenders from this Northern Westchester/Putnam County neck of the

Section 1 woods.

OSSINING is a truly legitimate Class AA title contender for the first time since 2002. With Mateo Marra (21G, 6A) and Nolan Lenaghan (13G, 10A) working in tandem this season, the state-ranked (No.9) Pride (12-1-2) are thinking one thing: Hoist the Section 1 title plaque for the first time ever. And when you throw in playmaker Alessio Hernandez (4G, 11A) it's hard to lock off all three.

They take their soccer pretty serious over there in O-Town and are certainly mindful of last year's opening-round elimination at the hands of Mamaroneck, but hopes are higher than they've been in some 15 years.

Coach Joe Scamarone's club is far better suited to deal with the rigors of post-season play this year, though, and the Pride are looking at a top 1-2 seed, along with sole ownership of the league title for the first time since 2010 after a 3-1 win over Port Chester Friday.

Against White Plains, Marra gave the Pride a 3-2 lead with nine minutes remaining in last Wednesday's 3-3 tie with the Tigers, but darkness set in and overtime could not be played.

season, indeed, but the Pride are about to enter the win or go home stage of life against the likes of foes like Arlington and No.11 North Rockland; something that has been cruel in recent years...

CLASS A

SOMERS (9-3), ranked No.20 in NYS, and **YORKTOWN** (10-4, unranked), remain legit contenders from this neck of the woods, and **BREWSTER** (8-7), despite its inconsistency, cannot be overlooked when healthy, though the recent 3-1 loss to **CARMEL** was a head-scratcher.

Across the river, state-ranked (No.12) Tappan Zee was sent for a loop in a 2-1 loss to Pearl River, leaving state-ranked (No.4) Horace Greeley (12-0-1) as the lone undefeated team in Class A, the two likely snagging the top seeds in the upcoming playoffs. We're still looking at as many as 5-6 legit title contenders at the time of this writing, including Byram Hills (10-2-1), Nyack, and now Pearl River.

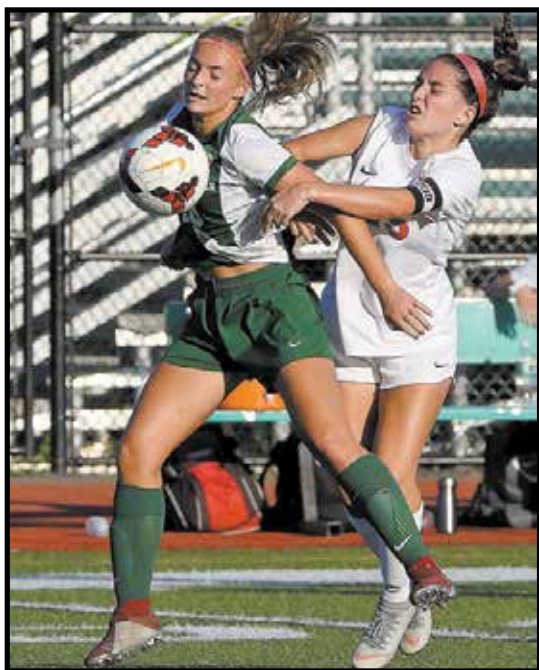
Somers extracted a tad of revenge for last year's stunning playoff loss to Nyack with a 2-1 overtime win last Wednesday when Tusker striker Lucas Fecci assisted middle Jon Riina for the tie, then scored the golden goal of a feed from Max Grell.

The Tuskers followed up that win with 4-1 win over rebuilding Lakeland Friday. Max Grell, Alex Maher, Ethan Cukaj and Diego Giron scored for the Tuskers with assists going to Drew Lasher, Fecci and Riina.

Despite a losing season, Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan is still a tremendous ambassador of the game as the Hornets hosted the Section 9 vs. Section 1 Challenge on Columbus Day (Section 1 took 3 of 5 matches) and raised nearly \$3,000 for cancer.

Timmy O'Callaghan scored for the Huskers, the feed coming from Rocky Bujaj in a 1-0 win over John Jay last Wednesday. Husker G James D'Alessio (5 saves) to earn his seventh shutout of the season and added his eighth on Thursday when the Huskers followed that up with a 3-0 win over visiting Brewster on Thursday. Shane Dahlke, Jorge Torres-Solari and Michael O'Connor scored for the surging defending Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers, winners of five-straight.

Carmel's Jaiah Gottor, J.D. Vargas and



RICK KUPERBERG/BOB KASTNER/RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS
Yorktown's Chayce Buono (L) and Somers' Mia Klayman get after it in Huskers' 1-0 loss to Tuskers.



Brewster's Ryan Cabiati takes a flying leap at Yorktown's Rocky Bujaj in Bears' 3-0 loss to Huskers last Thursday.



Mahopac junior Carly Steinberg notched hat trick in 4-3 win over John Jay EF Saturday.



Yorktown's Chayce Buono looks on as Somers' Alix Goldman heads one forward in Huskers' 1-0 loss to Tuskers.

Lenaghan scored twice.

Against Port Chester, Marra inched closer to making his 2018 season historical, in fact: With 16 goals over his last eight matches, Marra is poised to break the single season school record set by Alex Tejera (22). Marra's second goal against the PC Rams was his 21st of the season. He could/should abolish that record in the season finale against John Jay CR.

It's been a special regular



Ossining players celebrate their league championship win over Port Chester Friday.

Ryan Taormina were trailing Brewster 1-0 at the half when each tickled twine to counter Brewster's initial tally from Patrick Feehan for a stunning defeat of the Bears, who capped off the week with a 3-2 overtime triumph of John Jay - CR. The Bears were triumphant behind two more



Somers' Jessica Rodriguez heads ball into zone despite the denial by Yorktown's Hailey Soliz in Tuskers' 1-0 win over Huskers.

from Feehan and the game winner from Valentin Markaj, who sent an emotional crowd home with tears of joy after the initial tears of sadness during a poignant pre-game ceremony to honor the passing of fallen teammate Oscar Gonzalez, the welcoming, wide-eyed teen who passed in a tragic drowning incident at the start of the season.

LAKELAND (3-11-1) is currently the No.24 seed in Class A, which is only worth mentioning because the Hornets, a perennial contender, haven't been in this position in years.

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Hen Hud Looking to Recapture Championship Glory

By Tony Pinciario

Through the first six weeks of the high school volleyball season there has been one dominant constant in Class A – **HENDRICK HUDSON**.

This should come as no surprise considering the tradition three-time NYS champion Coach Diane Swertfager and her players have established. Swertfager, who recently became a grandmother, welcoming a grandson, has her team at the forefront of Class A with one week remaining in the regular.

The undefeated Sailors completed a 3-0 week with a sweep, 26-24, 25-13, 25-22, of previously perfect Nyack. This followed up sweeps of Beacon and Fox Lane.

Hen Hud is 14-0 and on course to earn the top seed in the Section 1 Class A Volleyball Championships. The Sailors are also determined to regain the sectional title which they last won in 2015. **WALTER PANAS** has captured the last two sectional and state Class A titles.

Senior and captain, Ashely Perez, felt optimistic coming into the 2018 season, especially with fellow returning seniors Pam Loh, Supriya Baskaran, Thalia Oliveira and Lara Castaneda forming the veteran nucleus.

“Coming back, we had the base team and same team dynamic,” said Perez, a four-year varsity player. “We knew that we worked well together and we have great teamwork. We have that mentality that we can always do better and strive for greatness.”

Along with being undefeated, Hen Hud has not lost a set this season. Even with this tremendous play, the Sailors prepare for every match with one thing in mind.

“We never underestimate an opponent,” Perez said. “We look at everything they are good at and successful at and prepare for it.”

Hen Hud was prepared for everything Nyack brought and neutralized the Indians at the net, led by Caitlin Weimar, who had a team-high 11 blocks and also 11 kills. Perez added a match-leading

19 service points, 10 blocks, eight digs and seven kills. Ashanti Davis registered nine blocks. Callie Pidorianio collected 12 assists and Pam Loh rang up 12 digs.

“We knew how much this match meant and how important it was for both teams,” Perez said. “Nyack is a very good team and it was a pleasure to play them. It took us to another level of confidence.”

The first game, 26-24, was a nail-biter, but a veteran Hen Hud team maintained its composure and would not be rattled.

“The win will help us going into sectionals when we are playing harder teams, like Nyack,” Perez said. “We rose to the occasion, but we think we can always do better. There are always things we can fix and improve on for our next match.”

Hen Hud also handled Beacon in three games, spearheaded by Madison Lupica’s career-best 11 kills. Baskaran rang up a match-high 23 service points and Loh added 12 service points. Pidorianio finished with 20 assists and Mackensie Calhoun contributed 13 assists.

In the sweep of Fox Lane, Davis had a career-high 11 kills and Weimar chipped in 10. Perez collected 10 service points and 12 digs, Pidorianio had eight service points, 17 assists and seven digs, Weimar registered 10 blocks and Loh had nine digs and six service points.

Hen Hud has a very busy final week of the regular season. The Sailors played John Jay-East Fishkill, Monday, and will play Horace Greeley, Peekskill and Poughkeepsie.

Following consecutive New York State Class A championships, the 2018 season did not start ideally for Walter Panas with three losses in its first five matches.

The Panthers had to adjust to graduating six seniors, including five starters, from the 2017 state-title team. Three of the graduates are currently playing collegiately, highlighted by Yvette Burescu at Tulane. Panas also welcomed a new coach in Ashley Murphy, who was the assistant last year to former coach, Joe Felipe.

Even with a rough start, Panas has regained its mojo, winning six consecutive matches, improving to 8-3.

“It was really difficult, at first,” said senior and captain Alexis Diaz. “The six seniors brought a lot to our team, but we wanted to focus on the upcoming season and not dwell on the past. Coach Murphy was our assistant coach last year so the transition was definitely easier. She and Coach Felipe have similar coaching styles. If we had a completely new coach with a new coaching style it might have affected the team. We also have Coach (Kurt) Pelaccio back. In him and Coach Murphy we have two coaches who we are comfortable with and know the team dynamic.”

John Jay-Cross River, Nyack and Pelham defeated Panas when the Panthers were going through the transition stage. It was difficult for Diaz and fellow senior Jenna Braun to encounter, but the Panthers were determined to prove a point.

“In preseason and the early part of the season, it was kind of hard not having those six seniors, who were probably the starters all through their high school years,” Diaz said. “We had to figure out a whole new system of how to do things. The beginning of October is when we

started to put everything together.”

The progress Panas has made from the first day of practice, when it was practically a new team, to now has been tremendous.

“It’s an amazing feeling,” said Diaz of Panas’ resurgence. “As a senior, you always want your last season to end on a positive note. From how things were going in the beginning of the season, when it was kind of tough, to how things have been improving, it’s a really great feeling. We’re coming together and things are starting to click.”

LAKELAND continued rolling with sweeps of Yorktown and Brewster, improving to 9-2 on the season, including 5-1 in league play.

Emily Kubisko led the way in the 25-11, 25-9, 25-14 triumph of Yorktown. Kubisko finished with seven aces, eight kills and 13 digs. Victoria Tsui collected 10 assists and five aces, Caitlin Wisker had four aces and five kills and Anna Tomasini added six kills and three blocks.

In the 25-23, 25-10, 25-11 victory over Brewster, Kubisko registered seven aces, 10 kills and 10 digs. Tsui registered 13 assists and four aces and

Christina Kubisko had a match-leading 15 digs.

SHRUB OAK ATHLETIC CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING

The Shrub Oak Athletic Club will hold its annual open meeting on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

at the Copper Beach Middle School Cafeteria.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Questions and suggestions about programs are welcome.

Nominations for the following positions

will be accepted only at this meeting:

President, Executive Vice President, 2 Vice Presidents,

Secretary and Treasurer

For more information call 962-7099

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GIRLS NOTES:

MAHOPAC's Carly Steinberg went off for a hat trick in the Indians' 4-3 win over John Jay EF on Saturday when the program raised a ton of awareness for breast cancer. Katrina Klammer added a goal for the regrouped Indians (9-4), who are still hoping to secure a top 4 seed in Class AA.

“We have to increase our speed of play,” Mahopac boss Ross Fumusa said. “We are still very optimistic about making a deep run in sectionals.”

SOMERS is coming on strong at

the right time after a 1-0 win over **YORKTOWN** (6-8) and another 1-0 win over Bronxville in double OT when Jessica Rodriguez dropped a penalty kick with just over three minutes left in the second OT for the win. Emily Heese made nine saves for the shutout.

Somers (11-3) also posted a 5-1 win over Carmel when Ella Kittredge had two goals and one assist in the win. Sarah DiRubbo added one goal and one assist. Angelina Hurtado and Jordan May also scored for the surging Tuskers, who have won 11 of the last 12, the lone loss being a

2-0 setback to undefeated John Jay -- CR.

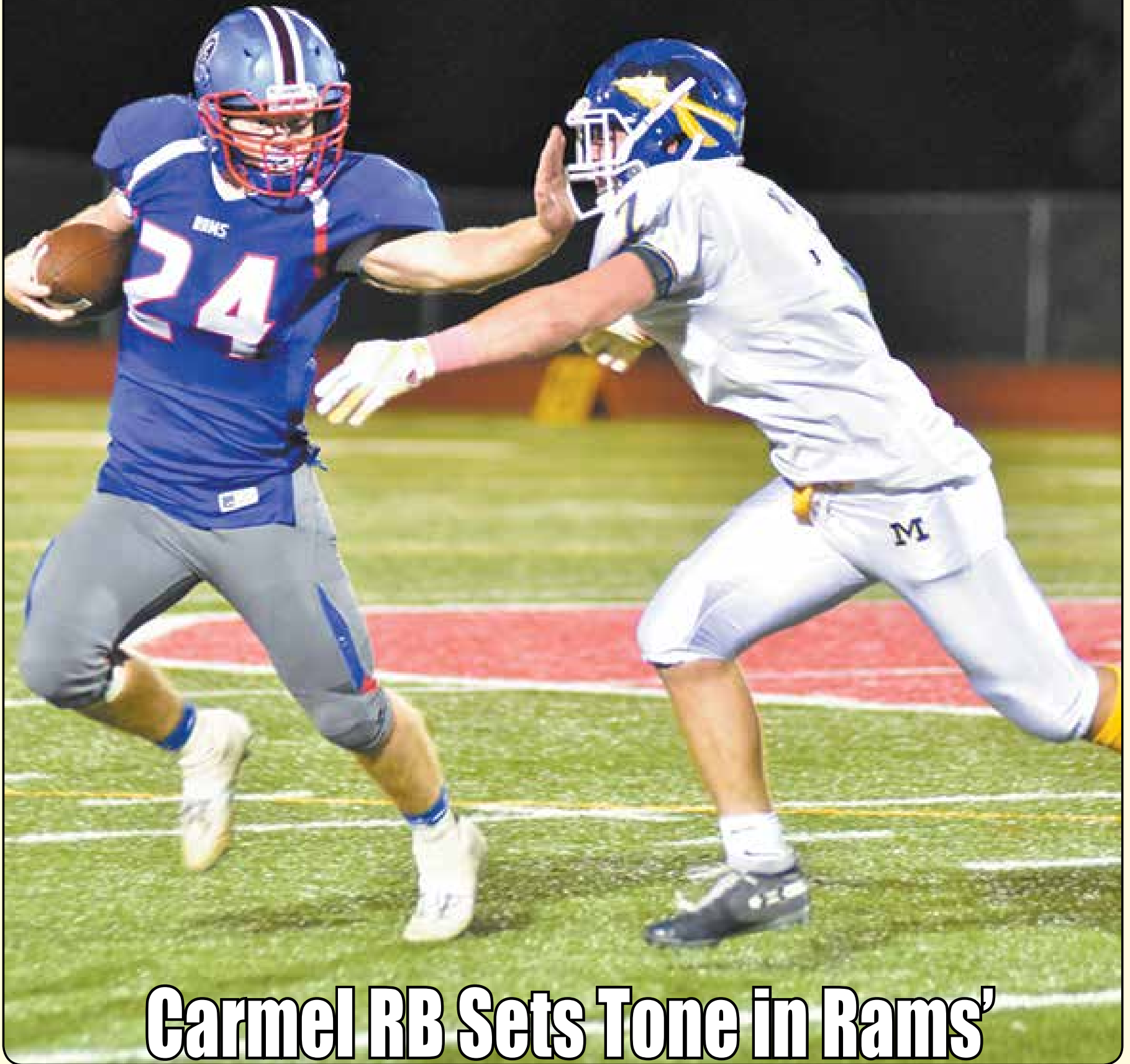
“We are doing our best to prepare our team,” Somers Coach Paul Saia said of his Tuskers, who look like a No.5 seed for now. “We always have high expectations, but certainly take nothing for granted. There are some fine teams out there in class A, so I expect it to be a tough go for everyone. By design, our approach is to take one game at a time, and so far that seems to be working, as we have won 10 of 11. We are 11-3 as of today. Our team is truly that – a team. We have no superstars and rely on everyone to work together

and do their jobs so we can function as a unit.”

LAKELAND (9-5) and **WALTER PANAS** (8-5-1) should also be among the top 10 seeds when the playoffs begin this week. Both are having solid seasons. Panas lost 2-1 in OT to John Jay – CR, which could secure the No.2 seed in the playoffs, so the Panthers discovered something about themselves in the loss.

Jay is a really good team,” Panas Coach Kyle Pierce said. “Our girls showed they can play tough, hard soccer against one of the best teams in Class A.”

Duke of Hazzard!



Carmel RB Sets Tone in Rams' Higgins Trophy Win over Mahopac

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Shifty Carmel senior RB Sam Duke serves a stiff arm to rugged Mahopac senior DB Tim Cegielski (7) for part of his 182 yards on 24 carries, including a 45-yard TD jaunt on the Rams' first play from scrimmage in their 34-21 win over the visiting Indians last Friday when Carmel retained the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy for the fourth-straight year and secured the No.6 seed in the Class AA playoffs Friday against No.3 host Mamaroneck (7 p.m.)...see Grid Notebook