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Carmel Cable TV Advisory Committee to meet Feb. 12

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

TOWN OF CARMEL — Residents concerned about service being provided by Carmel's new cable television provider are being encouraged to attend a meeting next month of the town's Cable TV

Advisory Committee. The committee that meets periodically throughout the year has scheduled a meeting for Feb. 12 at Carmel Town Hall in Mahopac. Jerry Ravnitzky, a member of the board, reports that Andrew McCarthy, general manager of the Comcast Cable Television franchise in the

area, will attend the informational session.

Also attending will be members of his administrative team to discuss concerns and issues facing local residents since the company took control as the cable television provider from SUSCOM last fall.

The meeting gets under way at 7:30 p.m.

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... Beavers

the beavers.

Instead, a specialist from the Humane Society of the U.S. installed pipes to drain the water under the surface where the beavers couldn't see their dam was leaking.

James Utter, president of FROGS or Friends of the Great Swamp, and Edie Keasbey, a member of the FROGS' Board of Directors, agreed that a humane way must be found to solve the problem.

Utter has suggested undertaking a study to determine where the problem lies.

"Beaver can become an annoyance. During recent canoe trips down the Great Swamp, nature lovers have been forced to get out of their boats and carry them over the dams. If it's only one or two, that's no big deal, but when 15 or so are found, then we have a problem," he said.

Utter suggested an inventory

to determine where the dams are located. "We have to pinpoint the dams. Are they on the main stem or major tributaries? Where are the dams affecting the Haviland Hollow Brook? Once the dams are located, a systematic method of removing them and the beaver is next," said Utter.

Friends of the Great Swamp will be discussing the beaver issue at its next meeting in two weeks.



Gerald Ford shakes hands with the Courier's Eric Gross at a dinner honoring Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. in 1974, days before he became America's 38th President. (Photo courtesy Eric Gross)

... Ford

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wounds."

The Vietnam War had just ended in defeat for the U.S. and Ford called on Americans to "regain a sense of pride that existed before Vietnam."

The affair at the country club was a total disaster for members of the local media.

Since Ford was about to become America's 38th and only non-elected president, the national press corps consisting in those days of Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings, attended the dinner

that automatically placed reporters from the local press on the back burner.

While the big three dined on pheasant under glass with the guests who paid \$2,000 a ticket to rub elbows with the vice president, the local media was asked to stand in the rear of the dining room and was given a plate of rolls, a dish of olives and a pitcher of water.

Realizing the shoddy treatment local media representatives were receiving, Ford, accompanied by the late Ham

Fish, walked to the rear of the dining room and greeted each of us with a hearty handshake.

"Thanks for attending," he said. Days later, a photograph taken of the handshaking session was sent by Fish to the White House where Gerald Ford penned his signature.

Fish recalled in his later life, "Gerry Ford was a likeable guy who deserved much credit for accomplishing the reuniting of our nation following the trauma of Watergate. Gerry Ford gave America a breathing spell."

... Hall

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animosity toward Putnam County, which not only backed Kelly in the general election but also failed to endorse the new congressman as the Democratic candidate for the 19th C.D. throwing its support behind Darren Rigger.

"I admit that I am not that well known in Putnam County but I love the county and its people and hope to represent them with distinction.

"One of my goals is to spend time in Putnam meeting with both elected officials as well as the man on the street to learn about local concerns and offer my help with them.

"I intend to set up a constituent service system staffed by trained personnel who will be able to channel questions and concerns to the proper party for resolution. When I reflect on Putnam, I say to myself, 'John, you have somewhere to go.' If I won by a landslide everywhere, I'd already be complacent. I must prove myself to the people of Putnam County and I am determined to do so."

Hall said he had already had phone conversations with the executive branch of county government.

"Both Bob Bondi and I have agreed to meet and work as closely as possible. Similarly, I have contacted other county executives in my district and all of us are on the same page," he said.

One of Hall's initial concerns is to establish a constituent office within each of the counties he represents. The congressman's first office is located at the Orange County Governmental Complex in Goshen.

"I wanted to hit the ground running and since Orange County Executive Edward Diana offered me space, I eagerly accepted it," said Hall. Federal elected officials are allowed to take a rent break from municipalities although they are not permitted to do so from corporations or private individuals.

"It's a gift-in-kind," said Hall who added, "I can't ask the rental agent of a corporate park for a reduction in my rent. This really makes a difference because the more money we

spend on rent, the less money we have to spend on case workers who solve problems every day," he said.

Hall is hopeful that Beacon officials will have space in one of their municipal buildings for his Dutchess County office along with the City of Peekskill to handle inquiries from Westchester.

Executive Bondi told the Courier last weekend that he, too, would offer space to the new representative for an office where constituents concerns could be addressed.

The last member of Congress who manned a local office in Putnam was the late Hamilton Fish Jr. who visited his office on Gleneida Avenue in downtown Carmel once or twice a month for more than two decades to hear from his constituents.

While Congresswoman Kelly didn't have a formal office in Putnam, her physical presence was regularly widespread.

Hall's orientation advisors in Washington suggested that he not try and open all of the offices at once.

"You don't want to open them in a half backed way. My D.C. office must be open and the Goshen office will allow residents of the Hudson Valley to contact me if need be.

"It's silly to open a facility if computers and phones aren't up and running and staff is unfamiliar with the area.

"I don't want my constituents to perceive that disorganization is anywhere on my team," he said.

Hall reiterated a theme echoed across America following the Democratic landslide on Election Day that a four-letter word "Bush" - as well as GOP complacency turned the results in favor of the Democratic Party.

"Sue was there for 12 years and that was a healthy time for anyone to hold office. The year 2006 was a bad year to run as an incumbent Republican.

"Only Christopher Shays in Connecticut held onto his house seat and he succeeded by conducting a positive campaign. He refused to run negative ads against his opponent Diane Farrell and he won a narrow victory.

"I hope that both parties take a lesson from that because people are sick and tired of negative campaigning. Charges that I was an oil profiteer were ridiculous. I made an \$11 profit on my retirement account that I was unaware of.

"Ninety million Americans own mutual funds and the overwhelming majority don't know where the money is," he said.

Hall also admitted that he was "in the right place at the right time. We ran a great campaign with incredibly enthusiastic volunteers. Labor support was crucial.

"The sentiment against the war in Iraq crested at the opportune moment since every day we hear more and more tragedy unfolding in that troubled land. This has become a real hot potato," he said.

Hall said he initially threw his hat into the ring last summer because "someone had to win this seat for the Democratic Party. This was the only way to achieve checks and balances back in Congress.

"Economic growth in the 19th C.D., environmental concerns, affordable housing and transportation are also specific to this region."

Hall said during the past year the American government has become "out of control. We are being dragged over a cliff in terms of our military, economic and diplomatic positions. Somebody needs to provide checks and balances.

"I hope to be part of that new regime. My goal was that there would be no free pass for any GOP incumbent. I'm glad the American public felt the same way."

Hall is batting 100 when it comes to winning elections. "I've run four times and each time came out on top," he said.

Hall was elected twice to the Saugerties Board of Education and once to the Ulster County Legislature. "I've worked on losing campaigns although it's much more fun to win but now the really hard work begins," he said.

Constituents in need of Hall's services are asked to contact his Washington office at (202) 225-5441 or his Goshen satellite at 291-4100.

... Bondi

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chagrin no funds were ever obtained for the county. We tried repeatedly before and during the holidays to follow through with Mrs. Kelly's office but those attempts were also for naught since her offices in Washington, Fishkill and Mt. Kisco have been shut tight for some time, much to our amazement," said the executive.

Contacted at her residence in Katonah, Kelly said a House of

Representatives appropriations bill that passed last month, included the Putnam funding. "I have no idea where the money is now. Since I am no longer in office, I have no access to the files since they are under lock and key."

Kelly suggested that the county apply to the state for the money.

Bondi called the situation "terribly unfortunate. We need

that money to construct the senior center. It was promised to us. This is a very disappointing way to end the year 2006. We have never experienced a situation like this where a state or federal official has made a commitment to the people of Putnam County - prior to an election - and then disassociated itself with that commitment. In reality, the former congresswoman has gone into hiding."

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New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

OPINION

Editorial

Water on stone

Newly inaugurated Gov. Eliot Spitzer took office this week, riding the wave of promises that brought him there. His campaign slogan - "Day One: Everything Changes" - has brought unprecedented hope to an electorate that has largely been shut out of the government it chose and financed for 12 years. We hope Spitzer will be able to hold ajar the door he has vowed to open.

Spitzer ran on a campaign of transparent government and reforming the same-old, same-old way of doing the people's business that, in fact, had little to do with the people and more to do with retaining power in the tight, elite circle at the top of the previous administration.

Spitzer's forthrightness and reputation as the "Sheriff of Wall Street," earned from investigating and prosecuting flagrant abuse, grabbed the public's imagination. He seized an unprecedented 69 percent of the vote in November.

Now, as Spitzer grabs the reins of state government, reality takes hold. The promises, like unwelcome pigeons under the eaves, come home to roost. Property tax reform, healthcare initiatives, better schools, creating and retaining better-paying jobs - where to start?

Spitzer is a hard-headed practical politician, but it's not possible for one person to be all things to all people. No matter where he starts, some faction of New Yorkers is bound to be disappointed. We hope he begins purposively and deliberately to sustain the course he has laid out.

Because, although government changed at the very top, the balance of the triumvirate that governs the state remains the same. Speaker Sheldon Silver retains a firm grip on the Assembly; Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno a less sure hand on a body that may lose its long-time Republican majority. The governor was not elected in a vacuum and Spitzer must deal with both wily, tough, veteran politicians.

Neither Bruno nor Silver seems inclined to embrace Spitzer's vision of conducting government in the open, nor charting a course for change. Why should they? Business as usual has worked well for them.

Their recalcitrance will be the true test for the new governor. Will he be able to move his agenda in the face of stoic resistance? Or will the Assembly and Senate wear down the new administration's enthusiasm and aspirations like water on stone?

Best wishes

Dutchess and Putnam counties today each have a new Assembly member: Greg Ball in the 99th and Marcus Molinaro in the 103rd districts. Both arrive in Albany with zeal and youthful determination to make a name for themselves and a difference in the old way of doing business for their constituents.

Molinaro brings almost a decade of public service with him as former mayor of Tivoli and a Dutchess County Legislator. Ball has no government experience but his energy will stand him in good stead.

We wish both junior assemblymen the best of luck as they embark on this new voyage of bringing the people back into governance

Quotable

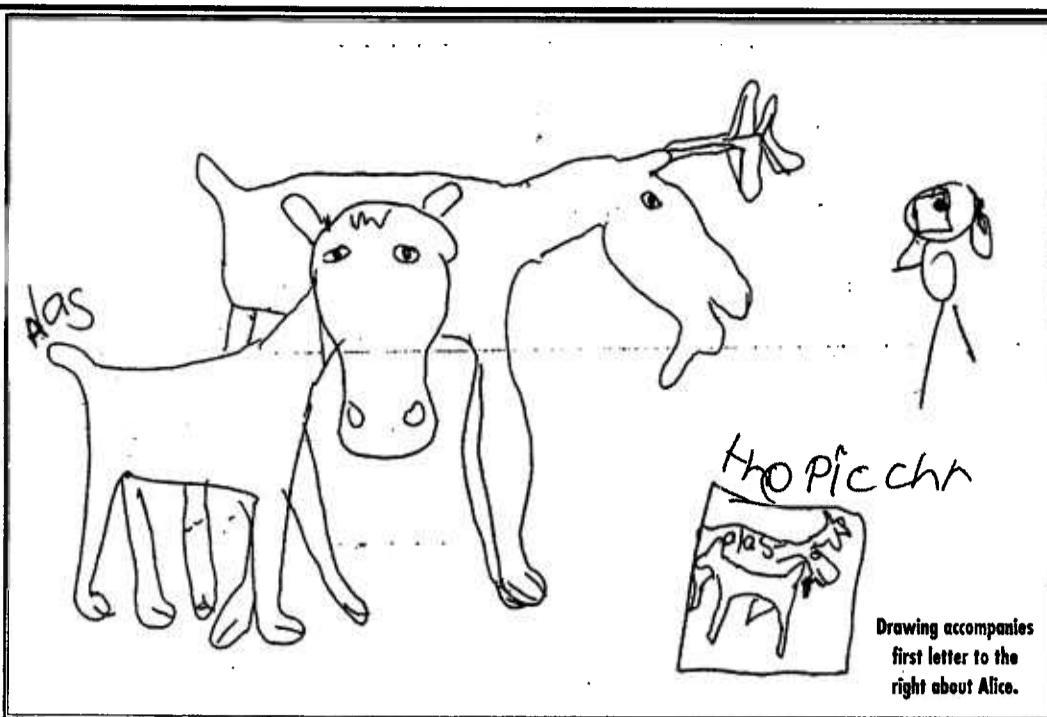
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- Alan Chartock
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Letters

Alice, the moose, deserved better

To the Editor:
(To the left) This is a picture that my six-year-old daughter drew after hearing of the demise of Alice the moose. Like many of us here in the White Pond and surrounding neighborhoods, we were touched by her. She came into our town and visited us all. She gave us the gift of wildlife, something everyone was in awe about and everyone immediately became attached to. Pictures swirled through the e-mails. Sightings were posted in the Putnam County Courier and we couldn't wait to read where she was next.

We got calls from our friends to come down to their house because she was passing through. Flocks of people would come as if a miracle were happening. And it was. This moose touched us. It brought people together and it brought people together with nature. Alice was our little miracle out here and we cared about her.

How could a government agency know this? Like most government agencies, I think the state Department of Environmental Conservation wasn't in touch with the people they protect. I don't think they knew we wanted more for Alice than a marks-man's bullet. There were alternatives, but killing always seems to be the first response to fear, doesn't it?

As we encroach on the homes of animals, it will be up to us whether we live with them or decide to take over their homes and kill them. Obviously, most people are willing to live with them. This means we need to help them survive living with us.

I think Alice deserved better. We all loved her and the DEC's actions did not speak with the voice of the people. We did not need protecting. She did. If she needed help, we should have given it to her. We owned her more than a gunshot.

She filled our lives with hope, joy, excitement and wonder. Even the hunters were amazed by this extraordinary creature as they sat in their tree stands and watched her pass. There was something special about her that I don't think the DEC understood.

I hope the next time an animal needs our help, the DEC can be there to help with the people who care so much for the land here and the animals on it. Thank you, Alice. We'll miss you.

Sheryl Barnes,
Stormville

Columnist poorly informed on Middle East

To the Editor:
Columnist Jim Langan's suggestion in the Dec. 14, 2006 issue that our invasion of Iraq was really about defending Israel from nuclear and biological weapons requires comment. President Bush is also quite agitated about North Korea's nuclear program. Are they also a threat to Israel?

Langan promotes the idea that Israel is the cause of all the misery in the Middle East. Has he considered that anti-Israel foment is being used as a facade behind which corruption, despotism, and domestic exploitation keeps the population poor, uneducated, and distracted?
Is some of the misery and bloodshed in the Middle East a result of the decades-long war between Iraq and Iran, the civil wars in Lebanon, Afghanistan, and Cypress, Saddam Hussein's gassing of the Kurds and mass killings of Iraqi Shi'a, the cruel Taliban governance in Afghanistan, or the Syrian domination of Lebanon?

All these events took place after the founding of the State of Israel, does Langan see a connection? It seems simplistic to scapegoat Israel for all the problems in the Middle East. I would not accuse Langan of anti-Semitism for his comments but he is, disappointingly, poorly informed.

George Baum
Kent Lakes

BODY POLITIC



By Jim Langan

Even the weather isn't safe topic

Now you don't need me to tell you how contentious any discussion of politics is these days. The surest way to kill a conversation is to bring up anything or anything political.

Sen. Hillary Clinton is the perfect example. Try bringing her name up at a social gathering and watch the jaws clench and the eyes narrow at the very mention of her name. One side of the room will tell you she's the devil in a pants suit while the other half will wax on about how smart she is and they can't wait to vote for her.

The only absolute truth is neither side will entertain any other point of view and no piece of information or revelation will change anyone's mind.

Other political luminaries inhabiting this nether world of partisan vitriol are John Kerry, Dick Cheney, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Donald Rumsfeld, Clarence Thomas and maybe Nancy Pelosi.

Then, there's a second tier of

politicians, such as Rudy Guiliani, John McCain and John Edwards, who can get the blood pressure up but stop short of triggering a political aneurysm. It has definitely gotten to the point where you have to think carefully about getting into any meaningful political conversation.

That was never really true in the past. Sure, there have always been a few zealots on either side who would jump down your throat at the mere mention of a Richard Nixon or George McGovern. But it was rare and most people were relatively tolerant of other people's opinions. No more.

I must say the recent passing of former President Gerald Ford has been something of a primer on the origin of political hatred. Have you noticed the number of talking heads and aging liberals who have used Ford's death as one last chance to kick Nixon around?

Journalist Bob Woodward took it a step further by announcing Ford had told him in a 2004 "embargoed" interview that President George Bush "made a big mistake" by invading Iraq. Woodward's piling on is what's known as a "liberal twofer," a chance to trash Nixon and Bush in the same news cycle.

But nothing personifies the inability to talk about anything remotely political than the last few times I've commented on the weather. Normally, the weather is a fairly safe and innocuous topic. As

we all know, it has been a very mild winter so far and it has been 40 years since the Hudson Valley went this long without snow. Interesting but not remarkable, you say?

Au contraire, my unenlightened little eco-terrorist. The reason it hasn't snowed and your next door neighbor was playing golf on Christmas Eve is global warming. For some bizarre reason, the weather has become a bitter partisan issue.

Democrats think the earth is melting and Republicans point to the fact that the earth has heated and cooled many times over the years. One thing missing is any real scientific evidence to support either position.

That isn't stopping anyone from blowing a political gasket anytime the weather is unseasonable. Former Vice President Al Gore is the Chicken Little of the global warming brigade. This from a guy who couldn't decide what sweater to wear in 2000, but he's got millions of years of climate change all figured out.

So, if you run into me at the Stop and Shop, let's talk about something non-political and something we can all agree on. Like "How about those Red Sox. What a great off-season and they're going to run away from the Yankees this year."

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CAPITOL CONNECTION



By Alan Chartock

Ripped from the headlines

Hevesi resigns and cops a plea

What a tragedy. This guy was smart and an excellent comptroller, but once he acknowledged he had done wrong, there really wasn't much to say. It was in the cards - he was going down. I find it interesting that since the "Who Drove Mrs. Hevesi" scandal broke, the office of Albany County District Attorney David Soares has been receiving a lot of calls about public corruption.

I'm not surprised. Who do you think was driving everyone else's wives? Everybody who has ever been fired and every disappointed office seeker will now have a story to tell.

There's a long-standing Albany County tradition of talking a lot about public corruption - but not doing much about it.

DA Soares properly says if he is to effectively do his work, he's going to need a much higher budget. My bet is that Gov. Eliot Spitzer, who is on a fierce anti-corruption crusade, will figure out a way to get Soares some extra money to do his important job.

Spitzer hosts people's inauguration

When Andrew Jackson became president, when Abraham Lincoln became president, everyone was invited to the White House. Just think of all the enemies those people had. When George Pataki became governor of New York, you might have thought he was targeted by terrorists 24/7. Never was there more protection provided for a governor than the array Pataki arranged for himself.

Now, along comes Eliot Spitzer with his announcement

that the executive mansion would be open for a reception following the inauguration. Plus, the festivities included a free concert at a major Albany arena featuring, among others, two of my favorite performers in the world, James Taylor and Natalie Merchant, as well as an open air inauguration to which the public was invited. It's as if someone has flung open the curtains and let the light shine in. We've been in the dark way too long.

Senate Majority Leader investigated by FBI

This case is getting more and more politically complicated. At least one Republican Senate colleague says he wants long-time Majority Leader Joe Bruno out of there. Bruno must be thinking, "Et tu, Brute?"

But, stop, it gets even more complicated. Now, some of the biggest Albany players are coming in fast to put down the political insurgency, believing Bruno must be protected. You may remember a few years back there was a revolution in the Democratic Assembly in which Michael (the) Bragman tried to out Speaker Shelly Silver. He might have succeeded, save for the fact that some of the biggest labor unions in the state started breaking arms to put a stop to the revolt.

Now, many of the same players are out there helping Bruno by testifying about how important he is. As things come apart in Albany, we are seeing who the usual trading partners are.

The only reason the Senate Republicans are in power in Democratic New York is that the labor unions keep them there. As a result, the unions are owed big time. If this were a state corruption case against Bruno, the unions might get a more impressive hearing, but this is the United States Justice Department, which has a long history of going after unions.

The fact that it is a Republican Justice Department is even more important when analyzing the mix. I have said it before and I will

say it again - the people have had enough and there will be hell to pay if the legislative leaders don't go along.

One of Bruno's defenses is that he has done nothing he didn't clear through the Legislative Ethics Commission. Unlike the impressive executive ethics watchdog group, the legislative counterpart has the courage of the cowardly lion.

When former Gov. Mario Cuomo demanded reform, the Legislature gave him one commission to watch over the executive agencies and another to watch over the Senate and Assembly. The Legislative watchdog is a joke and everyone in Albany knows it. You had better believe that the game for that agency is almost up. It's time to have a single body doing all the watching. While we are at it, it makes sense to combine all that with the State Lobby Commission. Trust me, folks, it's all part and parcel of a single problem and splitting up the watchdogs makes no sense at all.

Timothy's Law

It will cost you when your health insurance bill comes out but now, in a move toward parity, your insurance plan will have to pay for 20 days of out-patient and 30 days of in-patient mental health care. My bet is that despite all the moaning and groaning from the insurance companies, they will end up making out like bandits. They always do.

The bill named, for Timothy O'Clair, who committed suicide at the age of 12, shows what happens when advocates get together and make their case. There were a lot of people who thought that Timothy's parents couldn't make this happen - but they did.

It really can't be all that long before these hodgepodge measures will be replaced by a single payer system, like "Medicare for all," in which every American gets the healthcare that he or she needs.

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YOUTH-WISE



By Jeanne Scigliano

A column on the activities of the Dutchess County YMCA's Pawling youth programs

Dutchess County YMCA receives \$10,000 grant

The Office of Children & Family Services through the Dutchess County Youth Bureau has awarded the Dutchess County YMCA a grant to develop four tween and teen clubs in Pawling with fun activities that address compelling needs and have intentional goals.

The YMCA programs are designed to holistically help the youth grow in spirit, mind and body and embrace the character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Registration is limited and interested tweens are encouraged to sign-up immediately.

For more information on any of the clubs or for registration materials please contact Jeanne Scigliano, Director of Pawling Initiatives at (845) 471-9622 or jscigliano@dutchesscountymca.org.

Continuing with new members: Holiday Hills/Wherehouse Leaders Club

The DC YMCA has expanded the YMCA Leaders Club programming which was previously run at Holiday

Hills and later at the Wherehouse.

The high schoolers meet weekly on Thursday nights, have an event once a month and attend rallies four times a year.

The Pawling Leaders are welcoming new members for fun, friendship and personal growth.

Starting January 4: New Session of Creative Cooks Club

A new Creative Cooks Club session will begin in January for middle schoolers.

Interested tweens in grades 5-8 are encouraged to sign-up. The club will meet immediately after school on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Club members may take the 5 p.m. late bus home.

Coming Soon: Youth & Government Club

To guide teen's in exploring the function and use of democracy, a Youth & Government Club will be established in January.

This YMCA of the USA program fosters the development of value-based leadership skills in youth through experiential learning activities with the ultimate purpose of nurturing an enthusiastic understanding of the American democratic system.

The program's motto is "democracy must be learned by each generation."

Coming Soon: Earth Services Corp

For tweens and teens who love the outdoors, this club will find them exploring natural and not so natural environments around Pawling and developing environmental projects to address relevant



BITS AND PEOPLE



By Mae Greene

On words

Several of my close friends are as addicted to words and pronunciations as I am. One very thoughtfully gave me a Christmas gift of a book entitled "Right, Wrong and Risky - A Dictionary of Today's American English Usage" by Mark Davidson. The author taught communications at the University of California and the University of Southern California. He became a Sackett Scholar while studying at the Columbia University School of Journalism. He spent more than 10 years compiling this book and I suggest you pick up a copy.

Meanwhile, following are some excerpts to whet your cerebral appetites and bring a new focus on wordage for this new year. It is a compelling read.

Examples: ceremonial or ceremonious? both mean "characterized by ceremony" and "involved with ritual" - but careful communicators save

ceremonial for referring to occasions and apply ceremonious only to people.

The adjective "cavalier" can be used in the dictionary sense of "casual, carefree or indifferent" or in the other sense as "arrogantly indifferent" as in "cavalierly indifferent to the poor." Personally, I often use the word in that sense when speaking of owners of pets, for example, who are cavalierly indifferent to the people who have been bitten by their dogs.

Cell phone or cellphone? The abbreviated form for cellular phone is cellphone.

Cement or concrete? Cement is the limestone-clay powder that, when wet, forms a paste that holds together the sand or gravel that is the main ingredient of the building material called concrete.

Center or centre? Center is American. Centre is British. Often used is British spelling as in theatre rather than the American theater.

Couple is or couple are? A common mistake - use a plural verb such as couple are, when focusing on two individuals.

Coupon. Generally mispronounced kyoo-pon when the correction pronunciation is koo-pon. The author explains this as a widely accepted American pronunciation variant that annoys some usage critics. I find it to be a big

issues and concerns.

annoyance.

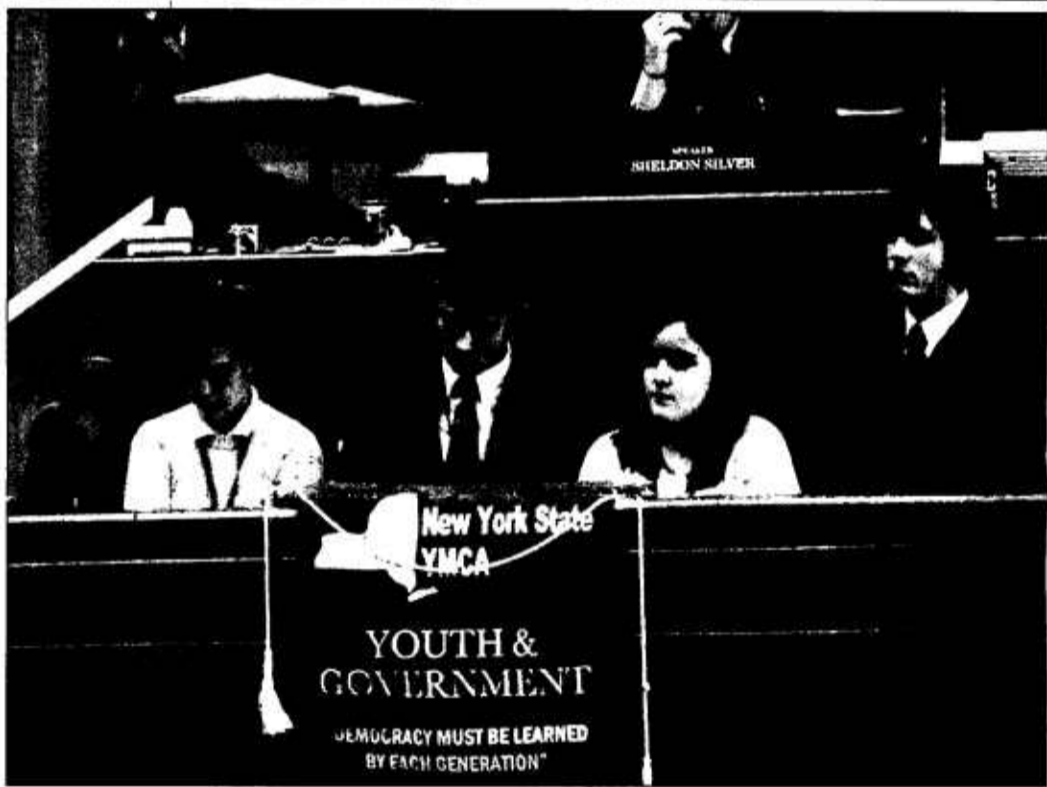
Moving on to the misuse of the word "I" instead of "me" which is a daily infraction. People say John and me, went to such and such or me and my friend went to such and such - in both cases "I" is correct - John and I or my friend and I - this is one of the commonest of errors.

This book is mesmerizing and I would love to quote much more but maybe this is a good start for readers to want to own a copy and place next to dictionaries and Thesauruses or similar references books.

A sign of old times

A plea to Beth Coursen brought forth (seasonal speech) the reinstated wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on the informational sign next to Key Bank. Thank you, Beth.

A Happy New Year to all dear readers.



YMCA activities

Clockwise from top left, Pawling Leaders Club members invite all tweens and teens to get involved in YMCA programs. Earth Service Corp members learn about horticulture and then select and plant appropriate trees to landscape a public place. Creative Cooks Club advisor demonstrates for club members prior to each member preparing their own delectable delight. Youth and Government Club members from YMCA's throughout New York State gather annually for a conference during which they take the part of Legislators, Senators, judges and more to live out the roles of government officials. (Photos by Jeanne Scigliano)

PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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Over the Back Fence *news not quite ready for the front page*

Reflections reception

What is Reflections? Reflections is a PTA program whereby elementary, middle and high school students can enter their artwork to be judged by local artists. Winning selections will then go on to compete at the State PTA Level.

All artwork will be on display on Jan. 5 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park. Entries can be made in the following artistic venues: literature, videography, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/fideo.

Come and support our budding artists. Food and drink will be served.

Café art and bakery

BaklaJava Coffee Bar and Bakery presents an exhibition and sale of original oil paintings by local painters Linda Puiatti and Mary Smoot-Souter. Opening with the tree lighting ceremony, this show also features prints by BaklaJava baker/artist Deborah O'Conner and photographs by Pawling native, Ian Couch. All artwork is for direct sale and makes a truly original gift.

The exhibition at BaklaJava Coffee Bar and Bakery located at 10 East Main Street in the Pawling center and continues through January of 2007. The shop is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m., Saturdays from 7 until 6 p.m. and Sundays from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information call 855-1325.

Stone Soup Community-Fest 2007

The Stone Soup Committee is hosting its fourth annual Community-Fest at Pawling Central Middle School on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6 until 8:30 p.m. The snow date will be Feb. 15. The Pawling community will be invited to take two 45-minute workshops or one 90-minute workshop during the evening. A sampling of the workshops that will be offered include: scrap booking, craft painting, Tai Chi, card-making, rug hooking, creative mosaics, Reiki healing, yoga, knitting and Lego building and exchange. The committee is trying to create as many cost free or low cost workshops as possible. Hosts can collect reimbursements for supplies if any are needed from participants on the night of the event. If anyone has a talent, skill, interest or specialty they would like to share with adults, children or families please consider hosting a workshop. For more information call the Pawling Middle School at 855-4653. The committee will generate a list of all of the workshops so that participants can begin to sign up. During the workshops the Stone Soup Committee will be busy preparing a delicious soup for everyone to share after the last workshop session. In the spirit of The Legend of the Soup, all participants should bring a vegetable to add to the soup. To round out the evening, the original version of the legend written by Marcia Brown will be read. Community-Fest 2007 promises to be a fantastic event.

Talent search

Pawling Theatre Company is currently interviewing potential directors and musical directors for their Summer 2007 musical production "The World Goes 'Round: The Songs of Kander and Ebb." Considered one of Broadway's most daring and successful teams, and masters of the heart-grabbing Broadway showstopper, John Kander and Fred Ebb have written for theatre, film and television. This well-constructed revue spotlights songs from "Cabaret," "New York, New York," "Funny Lady," "Kiss of the Spiderwoman," and more. For more information call 855-1965, visit their Web site: www.pawlingtheatreco.com, or mail your resume to PTC at Box 29, Pawling, NY 12564.

Medicare orientation

Dutchess County Executive R. Steinhaus has that the Office for will present a train-

ing session on Medicare at the Pawling Free Library at 11 Broad Street on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. until noon.

This workshop is a basic overview of what Medicare is and what it covers and is aimed at people who are approaching the age of 65. Nina Lynch, the Dutchess County Office for the Aging's Information Specialist will be the presenter.

There is no cost for this program, but space is limited. To register, call the Dutchess County Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2555 or toll free at (866) 486-2555 or -mail at ofa@co.dutchess.ny.us. For more information about any of the programs, visit the Web site at: www.dutchessny.gov/CountyGov/Departments/Aging/AGIndex.htm.

Art exhibit

Gallery on the Green announced its first group show presenting a wide variety of works from many talented and internationally acclaimed regional artists. The show will run through Jan. 7, 2007.

Commenting on the group show, Gallery on the Green owner and founder, Michelle Farnum-Morales said, "We are excited about this special opportunity to exhibit works from such a diverse group of talented artists working in a wide variety of media from origami wall sculpture to exquisitely detailed finger painting. We are also pleased that we are able to showcase the talents of so many local and regional artists, many of whom - while acclaimed in the art world - have never displayed their works in this area."

The Gallery on the Green "Group Show 2006" is proud to present new works from artists Stephanie Anderson, Cable Griffith, Paul Jervis, Lisa Krivacka, Martha Moore, Alison Palmer, John Alexander Parks, Alan Peckolick, Peter Williams and Lisa Windus.

The newly opened Gallery on the Green represents contemporary artists whose works range from representational to abstract. From painting to drawing, from sculpture to mixed media, Gallery on the Green exhibits innovative artists who share a high standard of excellence and artistic judgment and is taking the lead in helping Eastern Dutchess County establish a major presence in the Tri-State arts scene.

The Gallery on the Green is located at 3 Memorial Avenue in Pawling, (845) 855-3900. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 5 p.m. and always by appointment. To arrange an appointment contact Michelle Farnum-Morales at (845) 855-5642. For more information visit the gallery at www.gotgpawling.com.

Concert

The Pawling Concert Series will present Camerata New York on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m. at the Gardiner Theater. This event will mark the return of conductor Richard Owen with a 27 member, chamber-sized ensemble. For the past few years he has been conducting abroad in Poland, Germany and Austria, as well as leading symphonies in the U.S. and Mexico. This concert will include a Mozart symphony, a Schumann cello concerto, rossini's "Overture to the Barber of Seville" and Mendelssohn's "Scottish Symphony." Adult tickets are \$25 and student tickets are \$12. The soup, salad and sandwich supper will be available again at The Cave in the basement of Cluett only steps from the All Saints' Chapel. For more information call 855-3100.

The Pawling Concert Series is presented, in part, with support from the New York State Council on the Arts and from the Dutchess County Arts Council. Major additional underwriting comes from Andron, Castagna Realty and Joe Pietryka Inc.

Seminar

SkinSolutions will sponsor a put your best face forward seminar on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at 4 Charles Colman Blvd. in Suite 2. Topics will include: correction and prevention of sun damage, skin resurfacing, cosmeceutical products

vs. over the counter products and acne treatments. Call early to reserve, space is limited. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to make reservations call (845) 855-5403.

Computer classes

Kent SeniorNet Learning Center will hold in-person registration for their 2007 winter session on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Kent Library. Computer classes start Jan. 22. For class schedule and workshops visit www.seniornet.org/usa/kent. In addition to the standard classes they are offering some unique workshops: Designing a Web page using Yahoo, Acrobat Reader, Why pdf?, organizing your life with a spreadsheet, working with multiple open windows, creating your "my documents" file cabinet as well as e-mail your friends and family. Kent SeniorNet is an all volunteer community service. For more information call (845) 306-5535 or 225-8585.

Fitness class

A new fitness class is being held in Lankler Hall at Christ Church on Quaker Hill with personal trainer Sandra Faas. The first class is free. Babysitting will be available. Classes are on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. For more information contact Sandra at 728-8859.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time classes are starting at Christ Church Nursery School for two year old children and their parents or care givers. Sing, dance, create and play with your two-year-old. Contact Camille Ludington at Christ Church Nursery School in Pawling for information and registration at (845) 855-1663.

PTSA meeting

The Pawling Middle/High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) officers are as follows: Amy Levitan is the president, Ann Conti is the vice president, Pam Cess is the treasurer and Robin McCandless is the secretary. This new PTSA was formed in cooperation with the current PTA in order to better serve the needs of the middle and high school students.

It is the mission of the PTSA to develop united efforts between parents, teachers, students, members of the community and the current PTA. The PTSA hopes to get the students excited and involved in working with the committee by becoming active members with a voice in decision making. These united efforts will afford students the highest advantages in physical, mental and social education.

The PTSA is looking forward to serving the Pawling school district. They are asking parents, students and teachers to support their efforts by becoming active members. Membership is what will make the PTSA successful.

Thrift shop

The Pawling United Methodist Thrift Shop is now open on Wednesdays from 7 until 9 p.m. and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The shop will fol-

low the school schedule and close on any bad weather days. Please suspend all donations until further notice. This is necessary due to the tremendous amount of donations recently received. The thrift shop thanks the public for these donations and will notify the public when they may resume. The shop operates on a strictly cash/check basis.

Pawling Library News

The friends of Pawling Free Library meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Yellow House at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call the library at 855-3444.

Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. To make a donation call Susan at 855-5409, Ed at 878-7301 or Mary Lynn at 878-4239.

Sunday School

The Patterson Presbyterian Church will hold Sunday School from 9 until 9:45 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall on Route 311 in Patterson, featuring Veggie Tale Curriculum. For more information call (845) 878-3961.

Fundraiser

The Center of Compassion will hold a \$25 dinner raffle ticket fundraiser, giving participants 12 chances to win throughout the year. A drawing will be held each month starting in January, 2007. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to one of 12 restaurants. The list includes Il Compare, Old Drivers Inn, the Culinary Institute, Abuzzis and the Westchester Dinner Theater. There will only be 300 tickets sold. To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information call Joanne Bongiovanni at 877-0016 or Roger Callahan at 877-9937.

Raptor Center

The Hudson Valley Raptor Center, a wildlife conservation organization devoted to the survival of injured eagles, hawks, owls and vultures in Milan, needs the public's help. They need volunteers and interns to donate time each week to the

care and feeding of these birds, sponsorship toward their food, housing and care, wish list items and end of the year contributions to keep the center running. The center will provide all training. To hold the birds call (845) 758-6957.

Martial arts scholarships

USA Karate located at the Patterson Recreation center in Patterson and the World Gym in Pawling will be offering 4 - 6 months martial arts memberships. To be eligible a parent must bring a copy of their child's last report card and two recommendations on why the child would be a good candidate for this program. The scholarship is for children ages 5-15.

This scholarship will offer many life skills and fitness benefits of martial arts training to under privileged children. USA Karate offers programs in karate, boxing MMA and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

For more information call martial arts and boxing director John Carlo at (845) 878-4388, (845) 832-3382 or visit the Web site at www.americanmixedmartialarts.com <http://www.americanmixedmartialarts.com>

Puppet theater

"Jack and the Beanstalk," the award-winning puppet production of Michael Graham's Spring Valley Puppet Theater, is being held at the Jewish Community Center in Sherman, Conn. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

This popular classic features beautifully crafted hand and rod puppets, colorful scenic design, special effects and an original script in which Jack, with the help of a clever chicken, saves the day!

The Spring Valley Puppet Theater production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" holds many surprises in this new approach to this old favorite.

The Spring Valley Puppet Theater was established in 1977 featuring hand and rod puppet productions, with Michael Graham as its director. Graham has been performing professionally ever since. His performances combine delightful original scripts, appealing characters, beautifully handcrafted

puppets, lighting, music and humor. Graham's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" was awarded the 1994 "Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry" by UNIMA-USA, the American Center of the Union Internationale de la Marionette.

A highlight of this production will be an informative and exciting behind-the-scenes look at the technique and artistry used in puppet theater, including a demonstration of favorite characters.

The front curtain will be removed and children are invited to explore puppetry through a question and answer period. This is a wonderful educational experience!

This show is most suitable for children ages 5 and older. The price for the performance is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5 and older and \$10 for a family of four.

Reservations are required by calling the JCC office at (860) 355-8050, or e-mail at jccinstl@ermarkids@yahoo.com.

Putnam Chorale

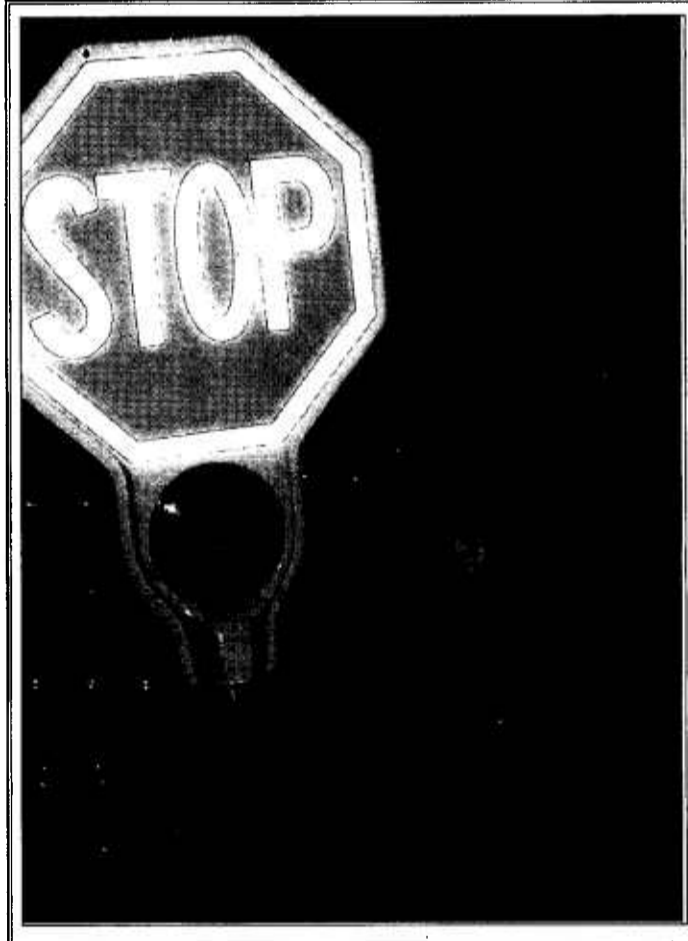
The Putnam Chorale under the direction of Doug Anderson is welcoming new members for the spring 2007 season. Major works will choruses from famous operas and POPS featuring Porter and Antonio C. Jobim. No auditions are necessary. The Putnam Chorale consists of more than 65 singers from every town in Putnam County, plus north Westchester as well as south Dutchess and Fairfield counties. The opera concert will be performed on April 29, 2007 and the POPS concert will be late March, 2007. Rehearsal begin on Monday, Jan. 8, 7:15 p.m. at Guideposts located on Seminary Hill Road Carmel. For more information call (845) 279-7265.

Pancake breakfast

The Patterson Community Church will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 until 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall located at Rte. 311. The cost for adults is \$5 for seniors is \$5 and for children \$4. For more information call (845) 878-3691.

Birthday gift

Hazel Osborne recently celebrated her 80 plus birthday with family and friends. Never knowing what to get their favorite "Aunt Hazel," they decided to get her a new STOP sign with a flashing red light to use when she is on the job as a crossing guard. Hazel has been the school crossing guard for years and awaits the bus daily for the children at the St. John's crosswalk. No matter what the weather, she is there for 180 days during the school year. She can also be seen every Sunday morning helping the churchgoers get safely across the street. Hazel said that she hopes the new sign will help drivers notice the crosswalk and come to a stop when people are crossing the street. She also said she hopes that they see her as cars go speeding by because there have been numerous times when she has almost been hit. (Photo by Evelyn Perrault)



Holiday cheer

Members of the Pawling Garden Club performed its annual Christmas Mitzvah at the Dutchess Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare on Reservoir Road. Organized by Susan Robbins with musical help from Carol and Bernie Bierman, the group sang carols along with the residents of the home. Holiday tray favors were provided to each resident. A warm and rewarding experience was had by all. Present were: Susan Robbins, Bernie and Carol Bierman, Rita Kikillus, Robert Hamm, Virginia Flood, Sally Menching, Andrea Marsh, Garden Club President Lynn Molzen, Deborah Johnston, Jane Brook Barba, and Alan Wasserman. This Christmas Mitzvah has been performed annually by the Pawling Garden Club. (Photo by Alan Wasserman)



Baby New Year

Cynthia McNeil and Lewis Savoy of Wassaic welcomed a baby girl, Emily Lou, on Jan. 1 at 2:08 p.m. at Sharon Hospital in Connecticut. The birth was the hospital's first of 2007. (Photo submitted)

SHARON HOSPITAL JANUARY CALENDAR

Most programs are free of charge and take place at Sharon Hospital or at the Good Neighbors building, located at 1 Low Road, Sharon CT. Fees and alternate locations are listed. Reservations are appreciated for all programs by calling Sharon Hospital's Community Health program at 860.364.1637 or 800.666.6885 unless otherwise noted.

Jan. 16- Brown Bag Lunch and Learn. Topic: Wellness for the Mind and Body

Guest Speakers: Roberta Roll, Registered Movement Therapist, Certified Body-Mind Centering and Yoga Instructor (518) 329-0384. Join Roberta for a lively and informative session designed to help fulfill health resolutions for the New Year. It will be held at noon in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building

Jan. 16- Better Breathers Support Group - Presentation. Topic: Respiratory Medication. Guest Speaker: Maureen Orlando, R.T. and the Lincare team. Join the Better Breathers Support Group, hosted by Lincare, and learn about respiratory medicines. The program will be held at 2 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building

Jan. 4,11,18,25, Bereavement Support Group. The holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. The Bereavement Group provides a supportive, healing environment for those dealing with grief during this time of year. The group will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building and will be facilitated by Jenna Brebbia, LCSW.

Weekly Support Groups and Classes

Jan. 7,14,21,28, Alcoholics Anonymous - The Women's Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café.

Jan. 8,15,22,29, Meditation will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building. The class includes basic instruction for practicing mindfulness meditation. There is a fee.

Jan. 9,16,23,30, Yoga will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building. Strengthen and tone your body, gain flexibility, create balance and harmony. Beginners are welcome. There is a fee.

Jan. 10,17,24,31, Cancer Support Group. It will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Sharon Hospital 2 North Patient Lounge. Participants (family members are welcome) will meet weekly to share their experiences, to listen & to give support.

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Jan. 5,12,19,26, Alcoholics Anonymous - An Open Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café.

Monthly Support Groups and Classes

Hospice Volunteer Support Group. Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café. For further information, call Louisa LaFontan (860) 364-1796. It will be held Jan. 16.

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn will be held Jan. 16 at noon in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building.

The Better Breathers Support Group will be held Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building for people and their families who feel physically or emotionally limited by breathing problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis or emphysema.

A Mended Hearts Support Group will be held Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café. A national volunteer support group affiliated with the American Heart Association dedicated to providing help, encouragement & support to heart disease patients and their families. For further information call Betty Rooney at (845) 373-8443.

A blood pressure screening will be held Jan. 4 from 1-4 p.m. in the Cardiology Department at Sharon Hospital and Jan. 16 from 1-2 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building, co-sponsored by VNA NW.

Stroke Support Group will be held on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Sharon Hospital 2 North Patient Lounge. Join other stroke survivors in a comfortable environment to socialize and communicate with others.

Improve your reading, writing, comprehension and/or expression of language while reading & discussing books at the Aphasia Book Club on Jan. 18 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital 2 North Patient Lounge.

Childbirth Education Classes

Classes are offered by Special Beginnings, Sharon Hospital's family-centered comprehensive birthing center. Call (860) 364-4083 to register.

Jan. 8,15,22,29, Mothers and Toddlers Group, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building. There will be a weekly discussion group for new mothers with toddlers.

On Jan. 17 there will be a

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class from 7 -8:30 p.m. at Sharon Hospital. There will be a fee.

Jan. 9,16,23,30, Childbirth Education Class, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. in the Sharon Hospital Lobby. There will be a fee.

Jan. 5,12,19,26, New Mothers Group. Bring your baby, meet other mothers, ask questions and share experiences. Refreshments provided. It will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building.

Perinatal Loss Support Group. For families who have suffered a perinatal loss through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. Bi-monthly discussion offers an opportunity for questions and answers. Call for appointment.

Breast Cancer Support Network. A one-on-one support network for women with breast cancer. Volunteers are women who have gone through treatment for breast cancer and have received professional training to help others who are going through this rigorous journey. There is no fee for this network, and its services are available to the patient as long as they are needed. Call 860.364.4123.

Town opens new year with moratorium

By Sarah Palermo
Staff Reporter

Unable to reach a quorum at the Dec. 26 meeting, the Stamford Town Board reconvened on Dec. 27 to vote on Local Law #3 of 2006, a six-month extension of the development moratorium.

Supervisor Dave Tetor and board member Joyce Hadden attended the Dec. 26 meeting, during which all official business was tabled for the following morning because the board requires three members for a quorum.

The following morning, at 9:30 a.m., Robert Cadwallader, Tetor and Hadden met at town hall and resumed business.

Hadden made a motion to approve the resolution extending the moratorium, which was seconded by Cadwallader.

The resolution reads, in part, "the Town of Stamford has received numerous inquiries and applications for the new subdivisions of land ... and believes that the current Zoning, Subdivision of Land and Land

Use Regulations do not adequately reflect the Town's needs, goals, or concerns as to orderly development."

It also states, "This moratorium is not meant to be prohibitive or exclusionary in nature, and during the moratorium, applications shall be accepted and considered by the Town Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Building Inspector ... To avoid any extreme hardships, a variance or waiver of this moratorium is provided for in this Local Law. In accepting an application during the period of the moratorium, however, no action shall be taken other than as permitted herein. Further, if an application is accepted and processed, it shall be done pursuant to Zoning Code in effect at the time of such consideration or final determination."

The resolution passed with affirmative votes from the three board members at the meeting.

The board members also

accepted an invitation for a site visit to the Waterlands open development area.

Waterlands was given preliminary subdivision approval by the planning board at its Dec. 13 meeting. In compliance with subdivision regulations, the developers came before the town board to request open development area designation by the board.

Hans Perukel and Jolanda Jansen described the project to board members at the Dec. 26 meeting, and offered them a site visit.

During the Dec. 26 meeting, Tetor officially thanked an anonymous donor who supplied new carpets and vinyl flooring for the town hall entry hallway. The donor has asked not to be identified, but provided all funds necessary for the improvement.

The re-organizational meeting for the town board will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. This will also serve as the regular town board meeting for January.

DOVER LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meeting - Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

"The Friends" is a non-profit organization that raises money to help support the library. Adults can join for \$5 per year and students for \$2 per year. Call 832-6605 for info or come to the meeting. Visit the blog at www.doverfriends.wordpress.com.

Taconic Community Foundation.

Chocolate Syrup and Stories Book Group at the Dover Library, Jan. 19 at 12:30 p.m.

This month's book is "Water For Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Read the book, bring a lunch and come on by for some dessert. The group will discuss the book. Call the library to reserve a copy at 845-832-6605.

Popcorn & A Movie at the Dover Library - Jan. 6 at 2 p.m.

This month's movie is "Jack Frost" starring Michael Keaton. We'll supply the movie and the popcorn, but feel free to bring your own snacks & drinks. Bring something comfy to sit on. Registration would be appreciated but is not required. Call 845-832-6605 for more information.

The Dover Library Presents A Balanced Approach to Nutrition w/ Denise Lewis, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m.

This seminar describes the basic concepts of nutrition and explains dietary guidelines for healthy eating. Participants will be guided on how to make healthy food choices. They will also learn how to read and understand food product labeling and make healthy supermarket choices. Sample products are brought in for analysis and discussion. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 832-6605 to register. Funding for this project was given by the Northeast Dutchess Fund, an endowment of the Berkshire

Introduction to Babysitting at the Dover Library, Jan. 20 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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A NEW FACE: Jim Johnson was named to the Dover Town Board to replace Tim Basting who was voted to take Brad Kendall's position in the County Legislature. (Photo by Oren Phillips)



A JOINT MEETING: Union Vale councilman Ray Dezendorf and supervisor Lisette Hitsman joined Dover supervisor Jill Way in voting for Tim Basting to serve on the Dutchess County Legislature. (Photo by Oren Phillips)



ASSUMING THE ROLE: New Dover and Union Vale County Legislator Tim Basting is sworn into his new position by Dover Town Clerk Caroline Reichenberg on Dec. 29. (Photo by Oren Phillips)

New hair salon opens in Milan

By Sarah Palermo
Staff Reporter

Start the New Year with a new 'do - close to home.

Sahar Rabadi has opened Milan Hair Salon on Route 199 in Lafayetteville, next to the Milan Market and Pizzeria.

Rabadi said she has been waiting a long time to open her shop. She and her husband, Elias, have been running the Milan Market for three years, although she says she has always wanted to run a salon.

The Rabadis, who live in LaGrange with their three children, Georgien, Joseph and Nedi, bought the business building, on Route 199 in Lafayetteville, three years ago, and began renovating it.

"We worked so hard to make it look nice," said Rabadi, noting, "Sometimes we worked 17 hours or more in a day."

For Rabadi, who often had to put her dream of owning a salon on hold while she worked at the market or pizzeria, the reward has been worth the wait.

"I've always wanted to be my own boss," she said.

Rabadi graduated from the Hyde Park Beauty School in 2002 and has been working at Supercuts whenever she could to gain experience. In the next year, another graduate of the Hyde Park Beauty School will join her in the salon.

"You learn so much working at a salon that you just don't get at school. Every salon will teach you something new, a new cut or technique or a new color that you didn't learn in school," Rabadi said.

Rabadi had been practicing for a long time, however, before she entered cosmetology



NEW BUSINESS: Sahar Rabadi stands in her newly opened salon on Route 199 in the Lafayetteville hamlet of Milan. (Photo by Sarah Palermo)

school. As one of five sisters, she loved to work with her sisters' hair.

The salon will be open for appointments Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., as well as 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Rabadi plans to use only Paul Mitchell brand color and styling products.

In the future, Rabadi plans to hire a manicurist for appointments as well.

"The people in town have

really treated us like family," she said. "They are all very friendly and they love us and what we've done with the store, the renovations and the new menus."

It's all in the family for the Rabadis. Georgien, 14, is looking forward to attending beauty school through the Dutchess County BOCES program when she enters high school next year.

"I really want to see it grow," said Rabadi, adding, "It's so nice to be your own boss."

... Board member

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Strength (DRUMS), which successfully opposed the private application to reclaim a soil mine as a 100-acre landfill.

The legislator-to-be said he initially assumed Way would take over Kendall's position, but due to the Dover Knolls project she felt it was better she keep her current position.

"When I found that Jill wasn't running, I called Brad to let him know I was interested," he said. "I'm very excited about starting and learning how things operate. I like the teamwork aspect of the Legislature, but

I'm not afraid to listen and even argue over different opinions."

Basting said that licensing electricians along with serving the needs of Union Vale and Dover are some of the important issues he intends to bring up.

"I want to make sure both towns get a fair share of the sales revenue they deserve to help repair the roads and provide other services," he said. "I intend to run for the position in November."

Replacing Basting on the town board is Jim Johnson, an eight-year veteran of the plan-

ning board.

"He brings a lot of experience," said Way.

Johnson said he is happy to take the new position and is eager to start working with the board.

"I'm glad to move up," he said. "I'll learn as I go, but I have experience working with the town as part of the planning board and worked on a number of projects in the town."

"Jim is well qualified and we're glad he is joining us," said Palmer-House.

... Liquor store

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Route 343," said Joanne. "It's close to everyone in town and there hasn't been a store like this in about seven years. You used to have to travel to the other towns in the area."

Berkshire is expanding its wine selection and plans on holding wine tasting and food groupings toward the middle of January.

"I only recently became interested in wines," said Dave.

"We're also going to start a wine club so people can taste the different wines," said

Joanne. "A number of wines from the local wineries will be featured at the store, including Cascade and Millbrook wineries which are both excellent."

Prior to opening the shop, the Grahams worked in the construction business, oftentimes having to travel to Westchester. Being able to work in Dover is something they are looking forward to.

"I'm very excited," said Joanne. "My family worked in the retail business for many years, and it lets us get back in

the community. Everyone in town has been very supportive and the experience is wonderful."

This Christmas was a special one for the couple and the business.

"It was great, we had a lot of people come in and we did really well," she said. "We tell people to give us a list of the products they like, so that way we can create a better cross-section of liquor. So far word of mouth has been very strong."

... Historical Society

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mer hit the baseball fields in town in a vintage baseball game that will feature the original rules from the 1900s.

"This is a baseball town," said Linden. "We are going to create booklets giving the names of all the teams that played here and the players. Many families have deep roots

in the game with generations of people playing."

The society is entering pictures and documents into the new computer system that gives a vivid look at how important the game was to Amenia.

The game is slated for Aug. 11 and will be part of the Indian

Rock Schoolhouse picnic.

"I have a feeling a lot of people will be visiting the schoolhouse this year and we're doing work on it," said Linden. "This is going to be a very interesting and exciting year."

For more information on the projects or to volunteer, call Linden at (845) 373-8338.

... Hall

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Spear and Press Secretary Tom Staudter.

Dover, now celebrating its Bicentennial, has not had a local resident elected to Congress since John H. Ketcham served 17 non-consecutive terms in Congress from 1865, at the end of the Civil War, until his death in 1906.

The brunch event attracted people from all over Dutchess County - including residents of the towns of Dover, Pawling, Beekman, Union Vale, Wappingers, LaGrange and the city of Beacon.

Beacon resident Flora Jones said she crossed the county to

see Hall off to Washington after she worked as a phone-bank volunteer on his campaign. But unlike other participants, Jones said she did not attend with a list of concerns for Hall.

"I have no concerns," Jones said. "My prayers are answered. John Hall is going to do it!"

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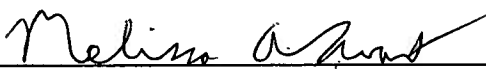
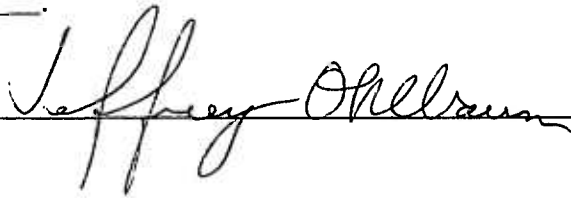
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Fire personnel assist at the scene of a rollover crash on Route 6 in Carmel last week. Officers said a Wingdale woman's wearing a seatbelt saved her life. (Photo by Eric Gross)

Wingdale woman lucky to be alive following rollover in Carmel

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

CARMEL — A Dutchess County woman has a lot to be thankful for as 2007 gets under way following a rollover on Route 6 in Carmel.

Carmel Police were summoned to the mishap midway between Belden and Willow Roads last week around 11:30 a.m. Police found the vehicle with its driver standing

alongside.

Rosa Vides of Wingdale told Officer Thomas Rafaelle that she was traveling west toward Mahopac when her vehicle skidded, drove off the right shoulder of the two lane road and overturned.

Vides, who was wearing a seatbelt, complained of leg pain but was otherwise unhurt. Officer Rafaelle credited her wearing a seatbelt to averting serious trauma. "This is one lucky young lady," said the veteran cop.

Police issued no summons.

Assisting at the scene were Carmel Police Sgt. Kenneth Schmitt, Officer Lou Lorepato, Carmel Fire Department personnel under the command of Assistant Chief Patrick Brady who was answering his first emergency call for the year, members of the Carmel Fire Police Team, a paramedic from the Empire State Ambulance Company and a representative of the Putnam Bureau of Emergency Services.

... Bettcher operation

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will need a heart transplant but a heart failure specialist has joined the case and has prescribed potent medicines to make her feel better," said Lorie Bettcher.

Jessi-Ann said right now the, "medicines are awful. They make me nauseous and dizzy and not happy."

Despite feeling "bummed-out," Jessi-Ann thanked the VFW Auxiliary. "You people are the best. All I can say is thank you a million times," she said.

Kathleen Ferris, Joyce Carbone and Lisa Baisley along with the entire auxiliary organized and coordinated the fund raiser that began as a brown bag grab bag.

Baisley explained: "We asked each member of the post—both men and women—to bring a gift in a brown bag. So many people brought in the bags that we began to auction them off. No one knew what they were bid-

ding on which made it fun and interesting."

Baisley added that some gifts contained in the bags were "really nice. Others ranged from a \$1 scratch off lottery ticket to a roll of toilet paper. Bids ranged from \$5 to \$100 and we all had a wonderful time raising money for a great cause."

Last month, friends hosted a special fund raiser at the Plumbush Inn in Cold Spring. "That was so great, too," said Jessi-Ann.

Jessi-Ann suffers from congestive heart failure resulting from a condition known as dilated cardiomyopathy—a situation resulting from an enlarged heart that weakens its ability to pump blood.

In November, surgeons at Yale-New Haven Hospital surgically installed an internal defibrillator and pacemaker to help stimulate the organ.

"Fibby is now part of me,"

said Jessi who added: "When my heart decides to take a rest, 'Fibby' reminds it to 'wake up!' No time out for my heart."

Jessi-Ann's parents have been meeting with physicians at Yale-New Haven to determine where she stands for a heart transplant. Lorie explained that physicians believe the origin of her daughter's problem is "idiopathic or unknown. The doctors have told us that the condition is rare among teens and occurs more often in middle-aged men."

Kieran Stack, assistant principal of Brewster High School, called Jessi-Ann a "fighter. The entire school family is behind Jessi-Ann and we know she will get better."

Barbara Nicoletti, a family friend, has asked the entire community to support Jessi-Ann and her family. "Jessi-Ann has a heart of gold."

... Spear's new role

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organization to all that is asked of her."

Born and raised in New York City, Spear served in the New Hampshire State Legislature from 1985 to 1992, acting as both deputy minority leader and minority whip during her tenure.

Spear, who resides in Mahopac with her husband of 18 years, Kip, served for three years as Putnam County Democratic chairwoman as well as an elected representative to the New York State Democratic Committee.

While Susan and her husband have no children, the couple always has commotion around their home since they work with foster dogs for well

known dog trainer Peggy Hutcoe of the Upper Paw Professional Dog Trainers in Lake Carmel.

"Kip and I train the dogs, socialize them and get them ready for adoption into a permanent family. We adore the animals as part of our family," she said.

Spear resigned her position last week as director of consumer affairs and quality at Verizon Communications to serve with the congressman. "I love this community. We moved here a decade ago. When Kip and I married, my husband, who is a life long New Hampshire resident, agreed to the relocation if we could find a place that

reminded him of New Hampshire. We ended up in Putnam County," she said.

Spear predicted that once residents of Putnam get to know John Hall, "he will become a favorite son. John might have come in second in November's election for the congressional seat here in Putnam but next time, things will be different. John Hall represents all the people and connects well with all of his constituents regardless of party affiliation. Our entire staff plans to focus on open government. When one party remains in power, too much of the openness is lost. I'm pleased that the power is now being shared."

... 911 calls

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people now carry a cell phone like their car keys. Don't be afraid to use a cell phone in time of crisis. It has dramatically increased our call volume but we are able to handle the influx—data that has proven to be extremely helpful to emergency responders rushing to a scene."

Lannon said since Putnam finds itself at the cross roads of the interstate highway system with Routes 84 and 684 crisscrossing in Southeast as well as heavy vehicular traffic on Route 6 and 22 as well as Routes 9, 9D and the Taconic State Parkway, "our dispatchers are able to garner information that provides a better picture for a police car, ambulance, paramedic or fire crew responding."

Sandra Kanuk, Putnam's 911 Dispatch Center Supervisor, said before a dispatcher is certified to man a phone inside the county's emergency operations center, he or she must complete more than 240 hours of training in emergency call answering as well as interacting with the public, learning the role of an emergency dispatcher and using Emergency Medical Dispatch. Putnam employs 14 dispatchers—three on a shift from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 12-midnight and two on duty for the 12-midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

Kanuk called the county's new cell 9-1-1 answering capability the "icing on the cake. Our goal in emergency services is rapid response to help the victim in need. The Phase II component also allows for dispatchers to track down an individual calling 911 on a cell phone even if the person cannot speak since he or she can be located on a map through a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) screen."

During Monday's tour of the center, Kanuk received a cell-911 call from an individual who didn't realize that the pre-programmed phone had activated the alert when the individual leaned against a wall. Kanuk was able to track down the location of the caller through the mapping system and phone the group home where the caller was unaware that an emergency request had been made.

Minutes later, Dispatcher Ed Scott received a report of a personal injury crash on Route 684 in Southeast. Six additional calls came in within a span of less than 90 seconds reporting the same accident.

Commissioner McMahon said while the repeated calls were time consuming, "human nature tells us to seek help when an individual comes upon an accident or incident where

people need assistance."

McMahon himself was amazed by the large number of calls received by the dispatch center in 2006. "Twenty-five thousand is a lot of calls and serves as another indicator that Putnam is no longer the sleepy little community it once was. We are a growing and vibrant segment of the Hudson Valley and the numbers will continue to rise," he said.

Putnam's 911 answering system is now 15 years old and as the old adage goes: "It's come a long way baby!" Kanuk remembered answering the county's initial 9-1-1 call in 1992 when a "man called and requested being transferred to K-Mart because an emergency existed in his home—he had no phone service."

Ironically, it was Kanuk who also answered Putnam's first 9-1-1 emergency cell call when a crash was reported on Route 84 in Southeast. "Use the system but please don't abuse it," she said.

Putnam Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services Adam Stiebelling described the 9-1-1 dispatch center as "top-shelf. Civic groups or individuals interesting in taking a tour are asked to call the Bureau of Emergency Services at 808-4000."

... Moose killing

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Whoever did this must be apprehended and taught a severe lesson."

Roger Gleeson agreed: "I don't understand people. A moose is such a beautiful creature that gives people enjoyment to view. Why slaughter it?"

Peter Marks was also angered. "I'd like to find the

guy who shot this moose. I'd tar and feather him," he said.

The moose was the second to die in Putnam County within the past month. A DEC marksman shot and killed a female moose in western Kent three weeks ago that had been seen on numerous occasions from the Putnam-Dutchess line all the way to the Mahopac-

Somers border during the past year. Authorities decided the animal had contracted a worm that burrowed into the animal's brain and spinal column allowing humans to get close to it.

O'Donnell has asked anyone with information about the demise of the Patterson moose to call the DEC Police at 256-3013.

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Sheriff Donald Smith congratulates the two newest members of the Putnam Sheriff's Department, Deputy Jason Quick (left) and Deputy Alexander Ruhe (center). (Photo by Todd Fisher)

Quick and Ruhe among twenty-two graduates of Rockland Police Academy

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

ROCKLAND COUNTY — Deputy Sheriff's Jason Quick and Alexander Ruhe are the newest members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

The pair was among 22 men and women who completed a rigorous course by completing the Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy. Quick and Ruhe joined officers from throughout Dutchess, Orange and Rockland Counties as well as Kings County in Brooklyn by becoming certified as members of the law enforcement community.

While the day belonged to the officers and their families, Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith received an ovation after delivering the keynote address.

The sheriff, a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army, called the graduates "the future leaders of law enforcement - men and women who will be leading agencies in years to come - keeping our communities safe and keeping our country safe against the threat of international terrorism."

Smith related a story about a chaplain who delivered a baccalaureate service at the New

York Military Academy in 1965. "I will never forget his words which have played such an important role in my life. 'To be truly successful in anything we do, we must have three things: A sword in your hand, a gleam in your eye and a song in your heart.'"

Smith said when an individual carries a sword in his hand he serves as a "true student of one's profession. By being technically and tactically proficient, an individual masters all of the complex processes and procedures inherent in a particular profession."

When a person exhibits a gleam in his eye, "he serves each day with not only a vision of the 24 hours that lie ahead but with a vision of where you are trying to lead an organization into the future," he said.

Smith also told the graduates about "a song in your heart. You must always live each day with great passion for what you are doing and the people you are leading. Never lose touch with humanity and never lose feelings for what is really important."

The sheriff praised the police and emergency services profession as being noble and professional. "The professionals in law enforcement also convey an unmistakable attitude of servant

leadership in that they love what they are doing each and every day. They are very different from the people who report for duty with the attitude: 'It's too bad that I have to be here today. I only have 767 days until I retire,'" he said.

Smith also talked about the "counter-culture," a group that represents the "antithesis of all the values that law enforcement stands for."

Smith said this counter-culture stands for self and selfishness instead of service, dishonesty instead of integrity, cowardness instead of courage, lack of commitment instead of dedication, cynicism instead of caring and disloyalty instead of loyalty to both the mission and the department served."

The sheriff told the graduates that this so-called counter-culture is real. "It wants to have the first crack at you but if you stay focused on your faith, your family and the noble goals that brought you to this day, you will never fall prey to its snare."

Smith encouraged the graduates to "make a difference each and every day. Be prepared to leave your comfort zone. Never give up on dreaming big dreams and standing up for what is right and always do the right thing each and every time."

Patterson couple is proud parents of Putnam's first baby of 2007

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

CARMEL — The stork arrived a bit late this year but for Eloise and Dorian Butovich of Patterson, the bundle of joy was well worth the wait.

Anais Butovich was delivered on January 3 at 4:47 p.m. by Dr. Sujata Pendyala at Putnam Hospital Center making her Putnam's first baby of the year.

Hours after the delivery, Eloise called the event "positively wonderful. We love living here in Putnam County. This is a very special place to raise a child."

Eloise, a real estate broker in Manhattan, and her husband, who also works in the Big Apple relocated to Patterson three years ago.

"I wanted to hear crickets," said the first dad of the year. Dorian, who is employed in the insurance benefits business, explained that he and his wife

moved to Patterson from Brooklyn because "we wanted to be in the country and see trees."

Dorian called the birth of his daughter a "wonderful experience. We couldn't be happier."

The family has a lot to be thankful for this year since Eloise's sister gave birth to her first daughter in Scranton, Pennsylvania a week before. "It was a big surprise to both of us," said the happy mommy.

Dorian's mom and dad were visiting their second grandchild. Tatiana Kraasee called the occasion "special. We are truly ecstatic. There are no words that can express the feeling one goes through when your child is having a child. I was standing outside the birthing room and heard the baby's first cry. It's a miracle!"

Grandpa Nicholas agreed. "Being a parent is a wonderful experience. Being a grandparent



Eloise Butovich cradles Anais, the first baby of the year in Putnam County.

is simply out of sight," he said. Earlier, Eloise's mom and dad were at the hospital. Lucia and Vincenzo Parrino of Carmel were also thrilled with their new grandchild.

Any plans for a brother or a sister for Anais? "Now?" asked Eloise with a grin that lit up the room. "Eventually yes, but not today," she said with her infectious smile.



Dr. Sujata Pendyala of Carmel (right) stops by to wish Anais' parents good luck after delivering the little girl last week while Greta Upham, President Emeritus of the Putnam Hospital Auxiliary, presents the family with a basket filled with baby gifts. (Photos by Eric Gross)

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COACHES SPOTLIGHT



Kim Dennin

Kim Dennin is helping to increase the wins

By Oren Phillips
Staff Reporter

Starting anything from scratch is never easy, especially when it comes to building a sports program, but Kim Dennin has done just that with the Dover High School girls varsity basketball team and the Dragons are starting to get into the win column.

Since taking the reins of the team three years ago, she has worked to improve the mindset and skills of the squad. Basketball has been a passion of Dennin's since she was a child and played the sport throughout school. "My father was the director of the Catholic Youth Organization in Beacon, so we would spend weekends at the games from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. sometimes," she said. "We have four kids in the family, and so we also started to play, since we were around the game all the time."

Dennin played in a number of town leagues and school teams starting in first grade. She joined the Lourdes High School varsity team during her freshman year and stayed on the squad her entire time there. "I then went to college at William Smith and was a point guard on the varsity team," she said. "It was an

awesome experience and we got to travel to England, California, Maryland and many other places with the team."

A career in education called, and Dennin pursued her masters in teaching, but fate stepped in. Her former coach at Lourdes, Brian Giorgis, was named head coach for the Marist College girls varsity basketball team. The coach was invited to speak at a function at Dover High School where he spoke to the high school's athletic director John Bauerlein.

"John said he was thinking about starting a girls varsity team and wanted to know if Brian knew of anyone who might be interested in coaching," she said. "At the time I was an assistant coach at William Smith and getting my masters in teaching when they asked me."

Dennin accepted the position and began a career as a fifth-grade special education teacher at Dover Elementary School. During her first season on the team she faced a number of challenges.

"There had been a junior varsity team, but the biggest obstacle was commitment from the players," said the coach. "Sometimes we would only have three girls show up to practice, so I worked to change the mindset of the

players and let them know the only way to improve was to work hard and practice."

She let her players know that if they don't take the time to get better during the week, they would not play in the game. Pretty soon the changes started to set in, and a good core of players stayed with the Dragons.

"Dorothy Rota, Taqiyya Averhart and Michelle Djonovic have been with me from the start and made the commitment," said Dennin. "I've built a relationship with the players and set expectations and let them know there were consequences for their actions."

At the start of the season the coach gave her players a survey to see what each girl wanted to improve upon this winter and what their goals were.

"When you have a group of girls, they love to talk, so communication is not a problem," she said. "I try to extend myself to all of them."

Dennin said she loves basketball and working with the varsity team. The coach hopes to be there for a long time to come.

"I want to coach until I don't feel the same passion for the game," she said. "Basketball is a great sport, but I also learned a lot of lessons in life and character challenges from the game."

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Valley registered to play at the biggest girl's and women's ice hockey there is, the Polar Bear Holiday Tournament. At those games, girls from Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia Counties played against teams from Georgia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York. There were 220 teams and 3,500 players from 30 states and provinces. It was hockey heaven.

What the Harlem Valley contingent discovered was that of the 13 teams playing in the 17UB division, including the Connecticut Stars 16UIIs, they were they best. Apple and Evans combined to score 11 goals and 22 points in six games. Their left wing, Lauren Cole, who is 14-years-old, scored six goals. Shannon Nelligan and Sarah Schreiber proved to the girl's hockey world they can play suffocating defense on a big stage, with college scouts scrutinizing their game.

Dara Brown, a third-year player, scored a huge goal and had four assists under intense pressure. The team turned heads and opened eyes by winning such a high profile event and they did it without one of their best players, Rebecca Paugh, who is injured.

These girls are heading this weekend to the place many Pawling players have in the past, to get noticed. The Glen's Falls Winter Classic is much smaller than the Polar Bear games but the focus is much more exact. As opposed to more than 100 A and AA 17 and 19U teams, there will be 24 in four divisions. The girls have an opportunity to play 19UA level hockey and be evaluated by NCAA Women's coaches.

In little more than two tournaments in five weeks time, these players have gotten serious attention and the number of select teams calling to play Harlem Valley is off the hook. The day they begin practicing together, they will be even better. Until then, watching Melissa Evans score at least six of seven will, for her, get old.

Not that it wasn't fun. The Romans seemed to be thrilled. They were playing an older team and winning big by a 6-2 score at the end of two periods. They settled for the tie after Evans went wild, producing all seven Pawling goals. One of the scores was simultaneously tapped in by Evans and Jenny Bellucci, who was awarded the goal.

Against West Hartford 19U on Jan. 6 at home, Evans, Apple and Jenna Mauer made it 4-0 so quickly, we had to split the line up. They now have 52 goals and 98 points in 18 games and have had to stop shooting on net to avoid running the score several times. The good thing about this game was that the second, third and fourth lines continued to show great determination and progress.

The line of Sam Baughman, Hannah McGrath and Siobhan Carey was a plus one for the game. Baughman scored from Carey in the second period and they all backchecked hard, and did not give up a goal. Sam Jorgensen and Dara Brown played with Sarah Apple in the third. That was fun to watch. How the little ones like to play with the first line players.

Julia Spinner had another strong game that this time

resulted in pay dirt. It was a goal that happened so fast that we thought Julia had her first goal of the year. She has worked so hard and earned it, however Alyssa Lustenring, another player with upside to go, tipped in her third goal in just 10 Pawling games.

Gina Parent and Caitlyn McCabe each made important passes, puck clearings and got to the net. The effort and determination demonstrated by these two remains outstanding. The entire team, all 18, performed a new first for coach. Every player was at practice on Thursday, despite short notice and, for the second time this season, all 18 dressed and ready to play a hockey game. Sam Jorgensen is the only player to make all 17 games this season.

This weekend the team will play minus six players who will be at Glens Falls. Like last season, the chance that this team will send some of its skilled players to a higher form of play next year is likely. The difference is with 18 players on the roster, the team will play this weekend with 12. We played all of 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 with fewer players. Furthermore, local control of the new select team has minimized the number of games the select players will miss this season to three as opposed to more than 10 last season.

The winning streak may not survive but this is recreational hockey which is all about child development, not wins and losses. This is a great opportunity for the players who may lead this team next year to see significant playing time and further develop their promising skills.

Amenia Recreation members announce Winter Schedule

The Walking Club meets Monday through Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Webutuck High School. There is no fee. Tae Bo Aerobics are held Monday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at Webutuck Elementary School

for a \$40 monthly fee. Open Adult Volleyball is held Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Webutuck Elementary for no charge. Tae Kwon Do is held on Tuesday and Friday from 6-7 p.m. at Amenia Elementary for

a \$40 monthly fee. Open Adult Basketball will be held Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Webutuck High School. There is no fee. For further information, call Recreation Chairman Peter Clair at 373-8592.

... Webutuck win streak

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night, but they outscored their opponents 40-9 in the next 15 minutes of action, en route to a 79-44 victory. Christopher Matteo knocked down five three-pointers and finished

with 18 points, six steals and three assists. John Cavaliere also scored 18 points, and he pulled down eight rebounds, dished out six assists and had two steals. Matt Pomeisl had a rare off night shooting, but he still finished with 16 points, six assists, three boards and two steals. Alex Kravchuk added 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots, while Jon Brinson added six points, four rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot. Jon Schultz added four points and three rebounds, while Matt Kravchuk had two points, two rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots. Dustin Smith had two points, while Justin Giordano had three steals and two rebounds, as every Warrior contributed to this victory.

JV Warriors drop pair of close games

The Webutuck JV Boys team fell to Highland in a back-and-forth game, 51-50, as Martel

Williams' last second shot for the win rolled off the rim. The Huskies were much better from the foul line than the Warriors, and that was the difference in the game. Alex Murphy, Martel Williams and Mark Pomeisl all scored in double figures for Webutuck. Webutuck led Ellenville 25-24 at halftime on Friday, but the team dresses only seven, and in the end Ellenville emerged with a 49-43 victory. Mark Pomeisl led Webutuck with 23 points, four rebounds and two steals. Alex Murphy added 15 points, four rebounds and three steals. Martel Williams had four points and 10 rebounds to go along with three assists and three steals. Patrick McCaffrey added a foul shot and three rebounds, while Jimmy Robertson had four boards and Andrew Schultz had two rebounds. The Warriors attempted only 36 shots in the game, and they were guilty of 22 turnovers.

... Webutuck

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the rotations along with other defensive areas along with rebounding."

The coach admitted the squad is a little behind where he hoped it would be at this point, but sees a lot of potential and believes things are starting to come together. The victory over Millbrook at the tournament in December is something Stefanowich says will give the Warriors a boost.

"I think that helped build our confidence," he said. "We were finally able to beat Millbrook in

a big game setting, and getting over that hump will help the team. I think it made us realize that we can win big games."

The confidence will come handy as Webutuck has two league games coming up as the Warriors travel to Rhinebeck Jan. 12 and head to Millbrook on Jan. 16.

"Those are two very difficult games for us," said the coach. Webutuck is currently leading for the season and undefeated in league play with a record.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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STRICTLY SPORTS



By Gary Murphy

Webutuck stomps Ellenville, 79-44

By Oren Phillips
Staff Reporter

Webutuck win streak at seven after beating Highland and Ellenville

The Webutuck Warriors recorded a hard-fought road win over Highland last week and a blowout home victory over Ellenville. They have now won seven games in a row and may be state ranked when the latest poll comes out this week. Webutuck was coming off a Holiday Tournament championship, which culminated with a 79-78 victory over rival Millbrook, so a let down was certainly a possibility when the regular season resumed last Tuesday at Highland.

However, the Warriors came out strong, as they ended the first quarter with a 14-1 run, and led the Huskies, 23-10 after one period. Big man Alex Kravchuk had seven points and six rebounds in that first period. The Huskies came back strong in the second quarter, as they began making a number of three-pointers, as they outscored Webutuck 22-12, and it became clear that this game would be a nail-biter the rest of the way. It certainly appeared that one referee could see things only one way, Highland's way. The officiating was inconsistent, and the Warriors were having trouble taking care of the basketball, as they were guilty of twelve first half turnovers.

Alex Kravchuk continued his monster game in the third quarter, as he scored eight points in the period, and Webutuck remained on top by three points entering the final quarter. However, the Warriors were becoming frustrated, as seniors John Cavaliere and Matt Pomeisl were both hit with technical fouls late in the third period to the delight of the Highland fans. Highland would build a three-point lead with just over two minutes remaining in the contest, and it looked like everything was going the Huskies' way.

It did not look like Webutuck could pull this one out, but they dug deep, and held things together despite the obstacles. Special teams can find a way to win, and for the third game in a row this Webutuck team showed that they are special. The Warriors scored the last 11 points of the game and escaped Highland with a 73-65 victory. Cavaliere scored five of those points down the stretch, and also had two steals and an assist in the last two minutes to seal the victory. Matt Pomeisl was quiet most of the game, but he scored seven fourth-quarter points, as the two seniors came up huge down the stretch. Their heroics would not have been possible if Alex Kravchuk had not played the best game of his career. Kravchuk scored a career high 25 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and had two blocked shots to lead Webutuck. Cavaliere finished with 18 points, eight rebounds, five steals, four assists and a blocked shot. Pomeisl added 11 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Jon Pomeisl contributed 10 points and four boards, while Christopher Matteo added six points and three rebounds. Matt Kravchuk contributed three points and two boards.

Webutuck led Ellenville 20- after one quarter on Friday

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Almost a week after downing Millbrook to take first place in the Coaches Tournament, the Webutuck High School boys varsity basketball team looked like an offensive juggernaut as it crushed Ellenville, 79-44 on Jan. 5.

The Warriors started out hot and didn't let up as they put offensive pressure on their opponents throughout the game and the entire squad contributed in the victory.

"It was a good team effort," said coach Peter Stefanowich. "I think our offense is getting used to playing together. We have two seniors in the starting five

so the younger guys are getting a chance to make a contribution."

It was a damp day outside, but it was raining three-pointer shots inside as Chris Matteo dropped a trio of shots from three-point land to give him half of his 18 points in the game.

"Chris had a great game for us and led the offense," said the

coach.

Not too far behind was John Cavaliere who also had 18 points to go along with nine rebounds and seven assists. Matt Pomeisl sank 16 points for Webutuck and the big man Alex Kravchuk had a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"Alex really performed well," said Stefanowich.

While the Warriors did keep Ellenville to only 44 points, the coach said defense is an area that the team has to improve upon as it heads to the heart of the season.

"Our defense fell short a little bit, and they weren't talking as they should on the court," said Stefanowich. "We were slow on

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Looking for help

Amanda Frankie of the Dover Middle School seventh grade-modified basketball team looks for an open teammate after grabbing a rebound against White Plains on Jan. 8. (Photo by Oren Phillips)

Ice hockey league continues to burn up the rink

By Rich Reid

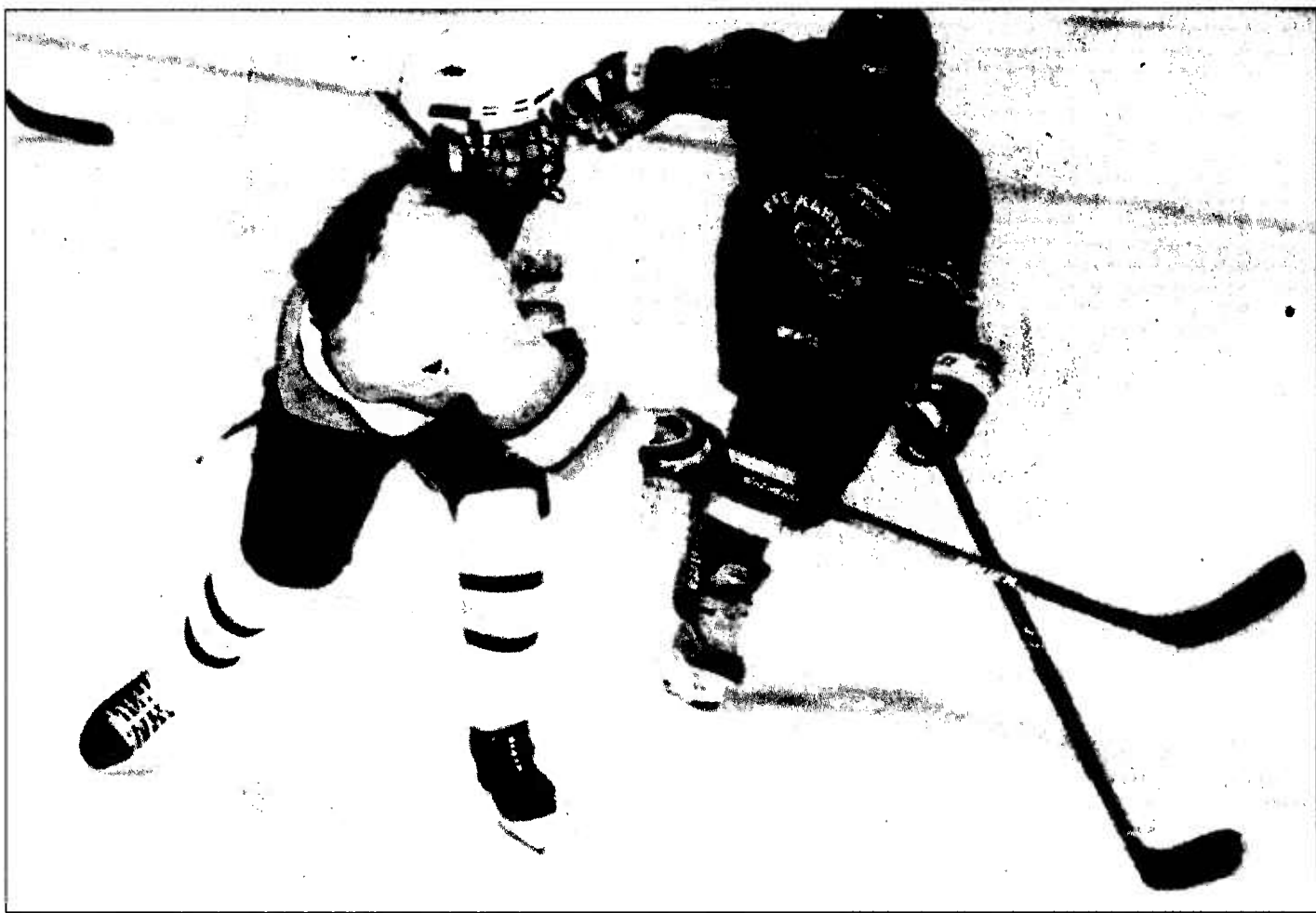
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The Pawling girls 16U tied the Rome Grizzlies 7-7 on Dec. 29. They beat West Hartford 6-0 on Jan. 6 to extend their unbeaten streak to 11 straight games. The girls have not lost since out shooting Southern 41-14 on Nov. 26.

While the 11-3-3 record is enviable, one thing has become obvious, the first line has outgrown rec hockey.

On Dec. 29, when the Grizzlies of Rome stopped by for a game, they found out that Melissa Evans is number 44 and can score at will at this level. She scored at least six goals. Sarah Apple had four assists. For players to put up these numbers in a game is noteworthy. When you consider they were physically exhausted from playing in their seventh game in four days, including a third game today, you have ask yourself if they are benefiting from big fish in small pond status.

This season, just like last year and every year of the girls existence, we have players who also play select hockey. Last year, the players were Jess Gotsch, Tina Curtin and Brianna Rossi. Showcasing their talents at select tournaments last season helped get Curtin and Rossi into Canterbury. Gretchen Dietrich left the team to play D1 hockey



DEFENSIVE QUEEN: Sam Jorgensen is the only 16U to make all 17 games so far this season. She has impressed with outstanding hustle and excellent game savvy. In this picture, she is shown clearing the puck from the defensive zone against West Hartford on Jan. 6. (Photo by John M. Benson)

in Pelham and Gotsch is at Manhattanville College.

The skill level attained by many of the Pawling players, past and present, has opened

doors to higher levels of play and more importantly, higher education. Now, instead of sending players away, exciting local opportunities are being

created for area players like Apple, Evans and friends to play at a higher level and showcase for college women's ice hockey coaches.

The showcasing has already begun in fact. In an effort driven by area parents and coaches, a team representing Harlem

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Pawling Hockey wins big at John Geary Tourney



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The winning team poses for the camera. They are: first row: Jake Colbert. Second row: Ashley Carey, Oliver Sippel, Pal Garafalo, Alex Harrington, Nicholas Hochrein and Matt Jorgensen. Third row: Tyler Parker, Andrew Bellucci, Griffin Lang, Bobboe Ferrante, John White, Liam McGrath, Jale Clowry, Matt Bellucci and Sean Rymer. Fourth row: Coaches Paul Parker, Steve Nash and Ray Hochrein. (Photo submitted by Rich Reid)

Pawling Bantams are 2006 John Geary Holiday Tournament Champs

By Rich Reid
Special to Taconic Press

The Pawling Bantams continued to roll through the 2006-2007 season, taking first place at the annual John Geary Holiday Tournament in New Milford. The tournament was hosted by the Northwestern program and held at the Canterbury School on Drady Rink.

The first game was on Dec. 26, 2006 against a strong Western team which skates out of the Danbury Ice Arena. The beginning was tight after a scoreless and penalty-free first period. Western scored 31 seconds into the second. However, Alex Antonuk tied the game at 11:09, from Brian Zima and Johnnie Bellucci. With 7:15 left in the second, period Bellucci scored, assisted by Corey Vitro for a 2-1 Pawling lead. Evan King scored an unassisted goal at 5:59 to make a 3-1 score.

Western answered at 5:34 but Pawling made it 4-2 just nine seconds later, Zima from Antonuk. Corey Vitro gave Pawling a three-goal lead with 2:09 left in the second period. In the third, Western made it 5-3 with 14:29 remaining. However, Bellucci unassisted, and Antonuk from Zima, settled the matter with a 7-3 final.

The next game was on Dec. 27, 2006 versus the Northeastern Ice Dogs, who play out of UCONN. The Ice Dogs had a tough day and had to endure a 39 to five shot differential. Although the score was only 4-0, any goalie will tell you that facing five shots is a snoozer. Johnnie Bellucci scored twice and Alex Antonuk and Brian Zima each hit the red light. Brendan Gaughran and Dennis Reynolds both registered an assist.

On Dec. 28, 2006 Pawling faced Northwestern and made a statement with a two goal first

period and a 19 to seven shot advantage. At 12:11 of the second, after Johnnie Bellucci scored his second goal of the period, this one was over. The remainder of the game saw both teams work out the power play and penalty kill units and was highlighted a Brian Zima hat trick goal with 1:10 to go in the game. Thomas Baruffo, Brian Zima, Johnnie Bellucci and Brendan Gaughran all assisted in the 5-0 scoring final.

The Pawling defense of Thomas Baruffo, Annie Benko, Evan King, Brendan Gaughran and Dennis Reynolds shut out their opponents for a sixth consecutive period. Pawling's third tournament win moved the Bantams to the final against Western, also played on Dec. 28, 2006.

The championship game at Canterbury for the Geary Tournament title didn't seem to be a close match up on paper. Pawling had out shot Western 39 to 14 in the opening game winning 7-3, but the game was close for almost 30 minutes. After Pawling stormed out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Zima at 9:11, from Michael Carey, and Bellucci at 7:12 unassisted, penalties stalled the championship charge.

Five Western power plays allowed the Junior Colonials to stay in the game. Western converted on one of those advantages with 2:44 left in the first period and cut the Pawling lead at 2-1. The second stanza was scoreless with very few scoring chances, as evidenced by a 4-3 Pawling shot advantage.

Into the third, Alex Antonuk scored what proved to be the game winner, from Johnnie Bellucci with 12:39 to play. Western scored with 6:42 left to tighten up the championship battle at 3-2. Each team registered nine shots in the third. Dennis Reynolds and Annie Benko split the game in goal,

with Benko (11 saves) playing the second and third periods with Reynolds (six saves) switching to defense after the first period.

In the end the Pawling held tough to earn the 2006 Geary Bantam title. Since the victory on the 28th they have extended their winning streak to eight straight and a 14-1 CHC mark, 19-3 overall. The 2006 John Geary Bantam Champions are: Alex Antonuk, Thomas Baruffo, Johnny Bellucci, Anastasia Benko, Ian Bennett, Michael Carey, Jerry Deslandes, Evan King, Brendan Gaughran, Ian Lyons, Rebecca Paugh, Dennis Reynolds, Lindsay Tobin, Corey Vitro and Brian Zima.



By Rich Reid
Special to Taconic Press

The annual John Geary Holiday Tournament certainly was a great success for Pawling hockey this year. The Mites, Squirts, PeeWee and Bantams all made the short trip to the Canterbury School for the classic youth hockey tourney.

The games are hosted by Northwestern Youth Hockey, an organization resulting from the merger of the New Milford and Washington programs. Last season the Squirts were the only Pawling team to win their bracket.

This year the Squirts did not make the finals and are having a tough year. However, any child fortunate enough to play youth hockey is a winner. So congratulations to the Pawling Squirts and their coaches for their efforts this season.

The Mites made the finals this year. This is a big deal. The Bantams had to be the favorite in this event judging by the way they rolled to the championship. Joining the Bantams in the winner's circle as 2006 John Geary Champs were the Pawling PeeWees.

Coached by Steve Nash, Ray Hochrein and Paul Parker, the PeeWees swept their way to the top going 4-0 and winning the championship game, coincidentally, 4-0.

In the first game on Dec. 26, 2006 Pawling defeated Mount Vernon 7-3. The next day

Pawling played the host team and Northwestern coach Andrew DePalma seemed to be impressed. "Northwestern suffered a 6-3 loss to a very strong Pawling squad who played an up tempo and strong physical game. They jumped out to a quick 2-0 first period lead out shooting the Ice Hawks and scoring on their power play opportunities. In the second, Pawling continued to fire the puck and opened up a 4-0 lead."

DePalma was proud of his team, who fought back from the deficit. "Joey Gaudette scored late in the frame to make it 4-1 on a 'spin-o-rama' from 10 feet inside the blue line. The NW squad had no quit in them and came out strong in the 3rd period to narrow the lead to 4-3 on goals by Drew Donzella (from Tyler Kirkwood) and Earl Harwell (from Kevin Monagan) in the frame."

The Pawling answer was also remarkable as DePalma noted. "This seemed to re-spark the Pawling group and they responded with a rush and scored the final three goals of the game. Matt DePalma finished with 24 saves, several of the high quality variety and Myles McFadden played a very physical game and complete game."

The PeeWees defeated Western in a wild 8-6 game to earn the top seed going into the championship final.

Pawling assistant coach Ray Hochrein was proud of the team

and especially his defense pairs of Kevin Nash and John White, Nicholas Hochrein and Matthew Jorgensen as well as Griffin Lang and Liam McGrath. "The defense was relentless, always attacking the puck to keep it in their zone and playing very physical hockey."

"What won all the games was attacking and being first to the puck, playing a very physical game," said Hochrein.

Scoring the championship game goals on this day for Pawling were Oliver Sippel, Alex Harrington, Sean Reimer and Bobbie Ferrante. Critical assists were recorded by Liam McGrath, Bobbie Ferrante and Alex Harrington. "The offensive aggressiveness of the two centers Bobbie Ferrante and Oliver Sippel gave the scoring opportunities. The speed of Matt Bellucci and Alex Harrington complimented each line very well," said Hochrein of the Pawling Champs. Hochrein coached the Pawling Squirt team that won here last season.

Congratulations to The John Geary Holiday Tournament PeeWee Champions: Andrew Bellucci, Matthew Bellucci, Ashley Carey, Jake Colbert, Robert Ferrante, Paul Garofalo, Alex Harrington, Nick Hochrein, Matthew Jorgensen, Tyler Kellogg, Thomas Klinger, Griffin Lang, Liam McGrath, Kevin Nash, Tyler Parker, Sean Reimer, Oliver Sippel and John White IV.

Indoor track runners slash records

By John M. Benson
Staff Reporter

Over the past week, on last Tuesday and Friday nights, the boys and girls indoor track and field team continued to set new records.

"Our girls team has shown some real improvement this year, and we attribute that to the increase in numbers in the program," said coach Jack Power. "With most of the new girls being younger, the prospect of improving even more over the next few years is pretty exciting. We're still trying to improve our skill events, but our mid-distance looks pretty strong at this point."

"The team's next major competition will be on Sunday evening when the Tigers will travel to the Armory in Manhattan to compete in the league championship. The boys have a chance to win the champi-

onship this year, and the girls have an opportunity to improve upon last year's fourth place finish."

Tuesday night at the Coaches Invitational, the girls 1,600-meter relay team shattered the school record as Caitlin Jelinek, Erin Bonthron, Kim Jones and Chelsea Souter ran to a new record time of 4:44.5. The previous record of 4:49.1 was set last year by Amanda Jones Melanie Papa, Chelsea Souter and Breanna McGee.

Also on Tuesday evening, the boys freshman 1,600-meter relay team did an outstanding job by placing third as Pat Callan, Alex Mazurrella, Chris Carey and Tim Yu combined for a fine 4:13.7.

On Friday at the Section I Invitational, the girls again lowered the standard in the 1,600 relay, but this time by one tenth of a second. The team of Winona Mold, Erin Bonthron, Chelsea Souter, and Kim Jones ran 4:44.4 to establish the new mark.

The girls 800-meter relay team of Lakisha Goss, Julianna Tangredi, Chelsea Souter and Kim Jones broke the school record by running 2:01.3.

The final record of the week was recorded by sophomore runner Kallen Maguire with a time of 1:49.5 in the 1,000-yard run, easily breaking Nora Johnston's mark of 1:57.

Colby DelBene provided a notable performance at the Section I Invitational when he placed fourth in the invitational 1,000-yard run. DelBene ran only one tenth of a second off of Dan Papa's record time of 2:24.

DelBene also teamed with Rafael Stabe, Reid McGrath and Tom Brogan in the 3,200-meter relay to place a remarkable third overall in a time of 8:47, their fastest time so far this year.

In the 1,600-meter run, Reid McGrath and Tom Brogan ran solid races to place fourth and fifth overall, running 4:40 and 4:43 respectively.

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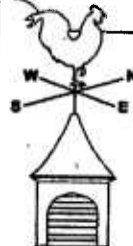
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Harlem Valley represented in large hockey tournament

By Rich Reid
Special to Taconic Press

Is the Connecticut Polar Bear Holiday Tournament the biggest youth ice hockey event in the world? It may be with 220 teams, 3,500 hockey players, 500 plus games and 13 ice hockey rinks. This was all it took to hold this 22nd annual mega ice hockey blast, which ran from Dec. 27-30, 2006 in Mid-Connecticut. There were 25 states, including North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Arizona, the District of Columbia and four Canadian Provinces that were represented in the games. There were even two teams from Alaska.

The airfare, hotel, food and other expenses for the majority of teams that attend this event add up to the third largest annual economic event in Connecticut, according to the Polar Bear people. When you consider that this is a girls and women's tournament, the numbers really stab at you. In Connecticut, where there are more and more ice rinks being built, events like this can happen, as opposed to places like Dutchess County, where there is only one public ice hockey rink.

Despite the lack of ice, there is genuine ice hockey talent in the area. For the first time, a team representing the Harlem Valley registered to participate in the national event. The Harlem Valley Lightning is a group of area ice hockey players looking to compete on a higher level against quality opponents beyond recreational hockey.

Spearheading the effort are Millbrook girls Coach Alan Cole and yours truly, with the Pawling 16U Girls. The charter members of the Harlem Valley

Lightning are Sarah Apple, Pawling, Dara Brown, Pawling, Tori Capalbo, Stanfordville, Lauren Cole, Stanfordville, Melissa Evans, Salt Point, Valerie Ferrone, LaGrangeville, Sam Musumeci, LaGrangeville, Shannon Nelligan, Poughquag, Bianca Parrinello, Millbrook, Luciene Parrinello, Millbrook, Rebecca Paugh, Pawling, Jennie Robinson, Hyde Park, Sarah Schreiber, Stomville and Ema Waldschmidt of Millbrook.

After placing a shoot out second at the 2nd Annual West Hartford Thanksgiving Tournament, the team shut out the Bethlehem Blast on Dec. 27, 2006 at South Windsor Arena in impressive fashion, 4-0. The next morning, Harlem Valley out shot Thunder Hockey, a team from Georgia, 6 to 10, yet lost 3-2.

That evening they trounced the Rhode Island Panthers 9-0. On Dec. 29, 2006 the Lightning defeated the Ithaca Stars 4-1 to advance to the 17UB semi-finals. Shannon Nelligan, Emma Waldschmidt, Bianca Parrinello and Sarah Apple all scored for Harlem Valley. Parrinello, Apple and Melissa Evans each registered an important assist.

At 7 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2006 Harlem Valley faced the Connecticut Stars 17UII team at Champions Arena in Cromwell for the right to make the 17UB final. The Stars had played a late game the night before and had no answers for a determined Harlem Valley attack. The result was a big 7-1 win. Melissa Evans and Lauren Cole each scored twice. Sam Musumeci, Bianca Parrinello and Sarah Apple also scored.

In the championship final held at 10:30 a.m., the team prepared for the last leg of the

Polar Bear marathon. The Lady Patriots from just above Philadelphia, Pa. were the opponents and they had not given up a goal in the first five games.

Lauren Cole was already having a big day when she scored in the first period, assisted by Parrinello and Apple. The Patriots are an excellent hockey club. They rallied to tie the game late in the first period. Harlem Valley took the lead in the second period. Apple crashed the net in support of a Melissa Evans drive to the goal and tapped in the rebound for a lead the Lightning would not relinquish.

Despite losing a very talented defender in Rebecca Paugh to injury in November, the Lightning defense of goalie Lucienne Parrinello, Shannon Nelligan, Jennie Robinson, Sarah Schreiber and Emma Waldschmidt had an outstanding tournament. They ended up allowing only seven goals in six games, including two shutouts by Lucienne Parrinello, who came up big for the Lightning. With their considerable speed, they were able to score three, and collect five assists.

To play this well defensively, however, takes an entire team. With critical backchecking efforts from hustle players like Tori Capalbo, Valerie Ferrone, Sam Musumeci and Dara Brown, the Patriots were starved for quality scoring chances.

In the third period, Valerie Ferrone scored the tournament championship game winner, from Emma Waldschmidt for a 3-1 lead. The Patriots scored with 13.5 seconds remaining for a 3-2 game final.

To become one of 14 teams out of 220 to win at the Polar Bear Tournament is a great honor and with it comes recog-

nitition and respect.

Ultimately, however, there are no losers in youth hockey. Every child fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play has already won a most important victory.

This is the nation's largest ice hockey tournament, according to Jason Vallee of The New Britain Herald. His Dec. 28, 2006 tournament article alludes to 50 hotels, 12,000 room night bookings and 13 ice hockey

arenas. Where else in the world would you be able to find such hockey infrastructure, let alone that many girls to play that number of games?

Youth ice hockey is a path to economic development and in places like Connecticut, where many smaller tournaments play all season long, they have a vibrant conduit to this critical prize. Through many years of impressive work in the Yankee State, their ship has come in.

Next door in Dutchess County we are missing the boat.

Thanks to the team parents for believing in the skills and character of these youngsters.

The Harlem Valley Lightning would like to thank the entire Polar Bear organization including Maurice Fitzsimmons, Jean Vitale, Bill Boyd and Mike Finioia for all they have done in providing opportunities of this magnitude for female athletes.

Pawling Little League announces registration schedule for 2007 softball and baseball season

Pawling Little League has announced its registration schedule for the 2007 softball and baseball season. The following is the registration schedule:

Saturday, Jan. 20 - noon until 4 p.m. at the Pawling Elementary School outside gym
 Saturday, Jan. 27 - noon until 4 p.m. at the Pawling Middle School outside gym
 Thursday, Feb. 1 - 6 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lions Club at Murrow Park
 Saturday, Feb. 3 - noon until 4 p.m. at the Pawling Elementary School outside gym
 Tuesday, Feb. 6 - 6 until 8:30 p.m. at Mizzenotop Day School lobby
 Saturday, Feb. 10 - noon until 4 p.m. at the Pawling Middle School outside gym
 A late fee of \$50 will be added to the normal fee if a child is registered after the last date listed above. Late registrants will be added to a waiting list and placed based on existing teams' needs, on a first come, first serve basis.

Normal registration fees will be refunded to all late registrants not placed on a team. However, the \$50 late fee is non-refundable.

Baseball is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 18 years as of April 30, 2007. Softball is open to girls ages 7 to 12 years old as of April 30, 2007. Teams are combined with girls from Dover. If not enough girls ages 7 to 9 register, they will be placed in the baseball program. Softball clinics are at the Dover High School every Monday beginning Jan. 29.

As in prior years, the league will not charge any registration fee. However, participants do have to pay for raffle tickets when they register their child. When participants sell the tickets, they keep the money. This process affords everyone the opportunity to participate in this baseball/softball program free of charge, while ensuring that the league has sufficient capital for operating expenses. "Sold" ticket stubs are to be given to the child's coaches.

The raffle will be held at the end of the third inning of the Little League majors championship game in late June. If a child is registered after Saturday, Feb. 10, raffle tickets will not be available for participants to recover their cost.

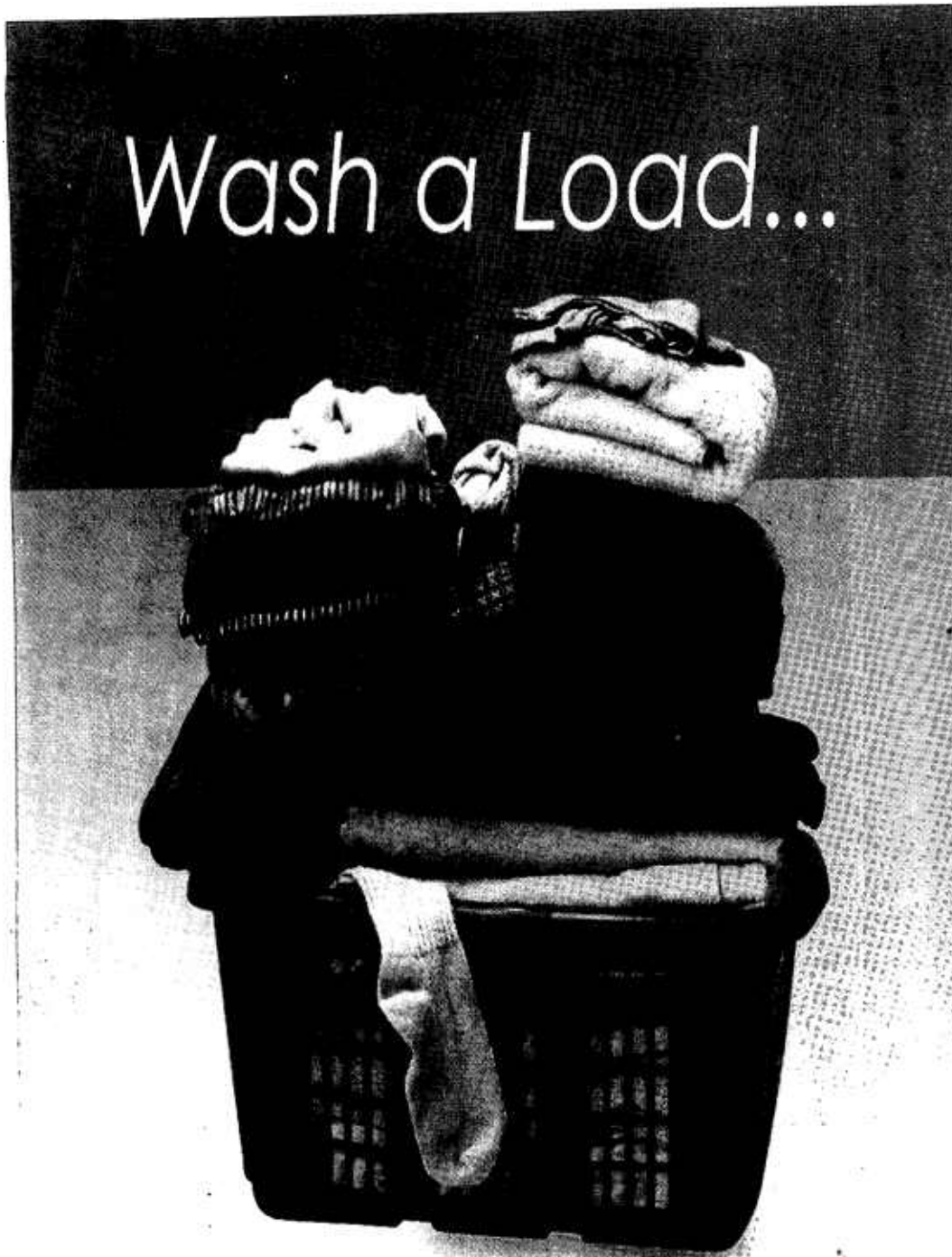
Requests for placement with certain coaches or players will be considered but not guaranteed at the T-Ball and Farm Team divisions. No such requests will be considered at the Minor, Major or Junior League Divisions.

The fee schedule is as follows:

T-Ball - 5 to 6 years old - \$65
 Farm - 7 to 8 years old - \$100*
 Minors - 9 to 10 years old - \$100*
 Majors - 11 to 12 years old - \$100*
 Junior - 13 to 14 years old - \$165
 Senior - 15 to 18 years old - \$165
 Girls Softball - 7 to 12 years old - \$100*
 *Multiple child discount of \$35 will be applied after the first child (except T-Ball, Junior and Senior League)

If your child played last year, a pre-printed application will be ready for your verification, update and signature at the registration site. If you have never presented a birth certificate, please bring a copy the league can keep.

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SPORTS

Pawling athletes claim top honors at indoor track championships

Girls 3,200 relay and Liffland set new record

By Weston Berg
Staff Reporter

Rafael Stabe and Reid McGrath each earned three first-place finishes while the girls 3,200 relay established a new record to lead the Pawling Indoor track and field team at the League Championship this past weekend.

The game started as they were all dressed and ready for action at least 30 minutes before show time.

Before the game, Cody discussed the game plan with the team and then grabbed his hockey board. He covered the offensive and defensive positioning that he wanted the Mites to use during the game. The team listened and learned as the coach talked to them in his calm manner. The team would prove to him later that they were listening.

Middlesex struck first with 9:30 left in the 1st period as the puck found its way past the Pawling goalie, James

established themselves as future top performers for the Tiger track team. Pat Callan added to his gold medal collection along with fellow freshmen runners Alex Maruzzella and Chris Carey. Maruzzella also earned another medal running on the Tiger 800-meter relay with Dan Piazza, Frank LaBarbera and Roman Miranda.

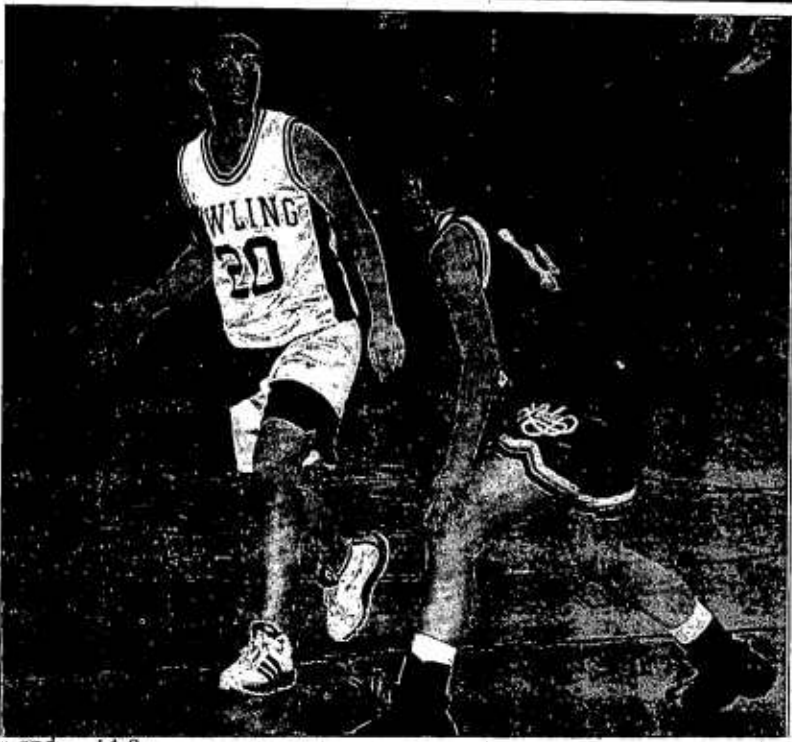
John Stover (3), and Scott Padron (3), with assists coming from Luke Jorgensen, Sean Reynolds and Scott Padron. The highlight of the period came at 2:45 remaining in the period.

The forwards worked the puck into the Red Devils' zone and went to work on their positioning as Cody had instructed them before the game. They were working towards the perfect triangle. Luke Jorgensen found the puck on his stick in the corner, without hesitation he passed the puck to Scott Padron in the slot, who then passed to a wide open John Stover in front of the net. The

Jones clocked 2:41 and Erin Bonthron ended with a 2:37 giving the ladies a fine 10:36. With over a month to go before the state qualifier the ladies were pleased with their progress, but excited to lower the standard even further.

The final event of the day, the pole vault, saw Pawling dominate the league as Dan Piazza and Devin was finishing just off to the side of the net. Once the puck arrived from Luke, all he had to do was tap the puck into the net. Pawling would not be denied the victory that day because of their teamwork, finishing the game 8-6 over the Middlesex Red Devils.

After the game, Cody explained to the youngsters the importance of playing as a team. The Pawling Mites proved that they understood what is meant by sharing the puck and not caring who scores. He also told them that he witnessed the best seven minutes of hockey played by them this season during the game.



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14-8. Pawling came out for the second half on a mission, and played solid basketball that showed they can compete with Haldane on the elite level of Section One.

Haldane opened the half with an offensive rebound and the put-back to make it 40-26.

Nikki Piazza drove into the lane from the wing and got fouled in the act of shooting, and made a free throw to make it 40-27.

After Haldane scored again, Evans pulled down a defensive rebound and made the outlet to Margo Hackett, who stormed coast to coast, dished to Piazza who was in perfect position, and watched Piazza convert the fast-break lay-up to make the score 42-29.

Jessica D'Ottavio hustled for an offensive rebound, got fouled on the put-back, and made a free throw to pull to within 12 at 42-30.

Kady Rotondo went up high for a phenomenal block of Haldane inside shot in the lane, and Hackett raced coast to coast for the break-away basket to cut the lead to 11 points.

The aggressive, trapping Tiger set defense forced Haldane into a turnover, and Pawling quickly broke the full-court pressure with passes and without the ball touching the floor. Hackett hit Samantha Lamorte who hit Rotondo for the wide-open lay-up that cut the lead to single digits.

Rotondo pulled down a defensive rebound and made the outlet pass to Piazza, who hit the sprinting Hackett on the

their lay-up opportunities, but the visitors pulled away to win it 65-47. The Haldane coach showed his respect for the challenge the Tigers had posed for his team, when he kept the full-court pressure on as Pawling took the ball out of bounds with 30 seconds left in the game and Haldane leading by 18 points.

Pawling should understand from this game that they can play with Haldane and the other elite teams in girls basketball. This was the first team on that level the Tigers have played this year, so the pressure, speed and shooting were all new, but Pawling can learn and live to fight another day.

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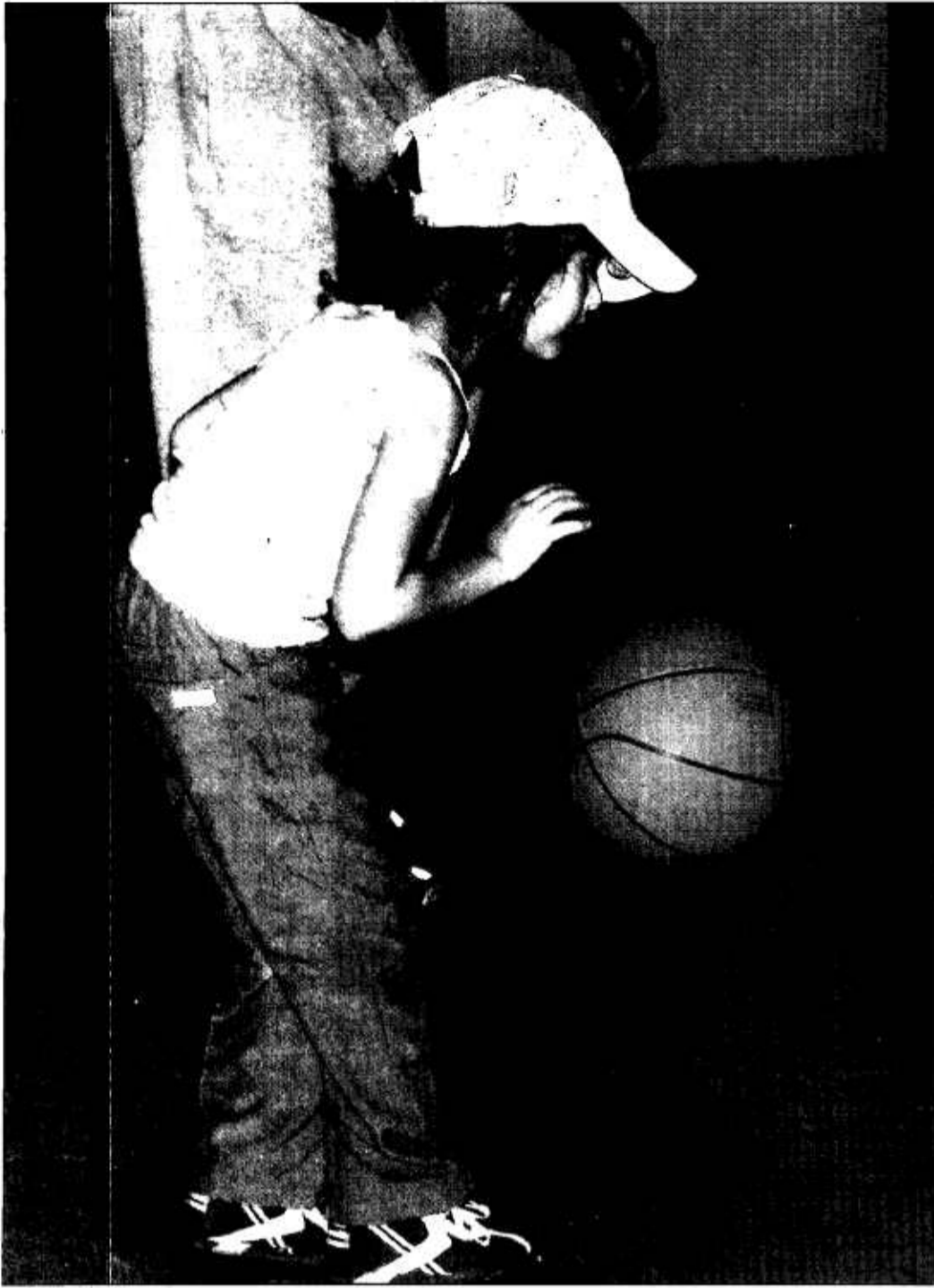


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'Baby' Bombers get ready for play

While the Bombers are already mid-way through their league play for the 2006-2007 season, some smaller hoopsters are just beginning their careers on the court. The Stanford Youth Basketball program began last week, with the kindergarten and first- and second-grade teams meeting on Jan. 9 for their first practice. With the guidance of Evelyn Siepp and some parent volunteers, the little Bombers-to-be learned how to dribble, pass and shoot, before the first- and second-graders played an organized game.

Adriana Thatcher, 5, practices her dribbling skills with a ball that is sized just right for her tiny hands (top left, then clockwise). With the wind in his hair, Ethan Generelli, 6, takes off running down the length of the gym at Seymour Smith Elementary School during the Stanford youth basketball program. Taylor Lewis focuses on the basket and takes careful aim before shooting. In addition to shooting and dribbling, the program teaches youngsters, like Alyssa Shaffer and Taylor Lewis, to be good teammates and pass the ball to others. (Above) Ben Thompson, who already has the right wrist technique for the perfect foul shot, holds his breath after sending the ball to net.

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By Tracy Marchini
Correspondent

HeartScreen America will offer low-cost electrocardiograms (ECG) on Friday, Jan. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rhinebeck High School. Heart screenings will take place in the health office and in the health classroom, number 154.

HeartScreen America will also be at Rhinebeck High School on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions and distribute information about heart screenings.

The screenings will be available to Rhinebeck students over the age of six, parents, faculty and staff. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 21, and can be done online at www.heartscreenamerica.com or by calling their toll-free number, 1-866-722-8008.

An ECG is a non-invasive test that looks for otherwise undetectable heart defects.

A group of students and parents at Rhinebeck High School are advocating heart screenings after the sudden death of Maggie O'Malley this past summer. O'Malley would have been a senior at Rhinebeck High School this year.

"We never had a clue. Maggie was healthy, she rarely missed any school for health conditions ... She played varsity sports, was a very active person and, unfortunately with cardiac arrest, death sometimes is the first symptom," said Maggie's mother, Pat O'Malley.

"After ... Maggie passed away... (I spoke) to both her friends and her friends' parents," she continued. "I knew that there was a lot of young people that were concerned about their own health, particularly since Kaitlin (Forbes) had a heart related incident like Maggie's. I wanted to find a way that we could do heart screenings at the school to ... detect if there were any other people with heart problems, but also to put some peace of mind to other students who might be worried about, 'Could what happen to Maggie, happen to me?'"

Ally Taveniere, one of Maggie's best friends, is one of a group of five girls that are heavily involved in the planning of the heart screenings. "After this happened over the summer, there was definitely something we wanted to do for the community. Previously, one of our friends



Maggie O'Malley

had the same thing and we didn't do something then, but we wanted to do something to prevent this in the future, so we had HeartScreen America come," said Taveniere.

O'Malley was not the first Rhinebeck student to suffer cardiac arrest. Kaitlin Forbes suffered sudden cardiac arrest in May 2005 while playing softball during gym class.

"Fortunately, in New York State ... AEDs [are] required in our public schools. Thank God for a lot of skilled staff that acted quickly, grabbed the AED, performed CPR and saved her life," said Kaitlin's mother, Linda Forbes.

The cost of the heart screening is \$44.95. The Maggie O'Malley Fund is offering scholarships to those who cannot afford to pay for the screening. Students and parents can apply for the scholarship by calling Rhinebeck High School at 871-5500, ext. 5536.

"Maggie was somebody who was very positive and did a lot of good things. We are continuing to look for some ways to use [the Maggie O'Malley Fund] to do some positive things in the community and this is one of them—to be able to support people for the screening who could not afford to have this done," said Pat O'Malley.

Julie Turpin, whose daughters were close friends with O'Malley, had her daughters screened without insurance. Each ECG cost \$500.

"In order to get a script you need to have symptoms, and many times the first symptom

is a heart attack or death. (ECG's are) not part of the yearly physical... and the only way for the insurance companies to cover it is if you had symptoms," said Turpin.

"We do lots of other tests for our children—check their blood pressure, their cholesterol—we do enough tests and yet we don't test this. An ECG ... might provide information that we otherwise wouldn't know because there are no symptoms," said Pat O'Malley.

Bringing HeartScreen America to Rhinebeck High School was a collaborative effort. Pat O'Malley joined Parent Heartwatch, a national organization of parents who have lost children to sudden cardiac arrest. They helped her get in touch with HeartScreen America.

The Rhinebeck Parent Teacher Student Organization and the Rhinebeck Interact Club have also been pivotal in organizing the screenings. A heart health fair is also being organized for that day. Local organizations will be invited to provide demonstrations on defibrillator use, CPR and other heart-saving measures. Healthy snacks will also be provided.

"Parents should know that it does not hurt at all for a child to have this screening, for anyone to have this screening, it's pain-free and there is the potential of catching a serious heart defect," said Linda Forbes.

For more information, contact Julie Turpin at 876-2632 or visit www.heartscreenamerica.com.



CLOSED FOR THE SEASON: The door to the high school weight room, located one flight of stairs above the basketball court, has been closed for the entire fall season, and will remain closed as the school board discusses and approves the necessary renovations. (Photo by Sarah Palermo)

Athletic facilities renovation planned in Pine Plains

By Sarah Palermo
Staff Reporter

The Facilities Planning Committee of the Pine Plains Central School District is not one of the more high-profile committees a community member could join. There were no heightened emotions and no ideological arguments at their recent meeting.

However, though the committee may keep its meetings low-key, its work is ultimately quite high-profile. The task of planning the renovation of the high school athletic facilities has fallen to this committee, among many other tasks.

This particular committee, with representatives from the school board and the district office, as well as the facilities manager of the high school, has been meeting regularly to report to the school board on the progress of the district's five-year facilities plan.

In recent meetings, they have established the priority projects for the district, including the problematic masonry at Seymour Smith Elementary School.

The Jan. 11 meeting focused on upgrades for many of the athletic facilities at the high school.

In addition to the renovation of the weight room, which has become a priority with the school board in the past few months, the committee will also be looking to resurface the outdoor track and tennis courts, and reconstruct the bleachers

on the football field.

"The facilities planning committee has been working on a five-year plan," said Superintendent Linda Kaumeyer in an interview after the meeting.

"As we go, however, certain projects have come to the forefront, especially the weight room," she said, noting, "There is also work that needs to be done outside. The track and tennis courts require our attention," she said.

Bundling, or grouping the projects in a certain, carefully planned way, may help the district receive funding under the New York State EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Learning and Education) initiative.

"How projects are grouped depends partially on the type of project. It also depends on, is it something that can be worked on outside during the summer. Bundling helps the district for the purpose of maximizing state aid, and there are very detailed rules of the types of projects that can be bundled," said Kaumeyer. Part of the requirements for receiving EXCEL aid is that the project be related to academic facilities.

"Otherwise, you might see school districts building lots of athletic fields or just doing site work. Our schools' primary mission is to educate the children, so the state's primary goal is the academic program in the school," said school board member Sara Doar, who attend-

ed the facilities planning committee meeting.

However, Kaumeyer said that when the appropriate facilities in the school building are renovated, "state aid is also made available for related site works."

Thus, the committee members have decided to consider bundling the renovation of the outdoor athletic facilities with the work they need to do on the indoor weight room.

While most schedules discussed by the committee members are drafts, they have begun to establish a time frame for the work.

Walter Priede, one of the architects under consideration for the bundled projects, is scheduled to present plans to the school board at its first meeting in February.

Kaumeyer urged members of the public who are interested in the issue to attend this meeting to learn about the district's plans as they develop.

However, the draft schedules that the committee considered at the Jan. 11 meeting showed, at best, that the weight room would be completed during fall 2007.

The alternative schedule pushed the completion back to the winter 2007 and into 2008.

"Waiting a whole other year is a bitter pill to swallow," said Doar, "but the key is, can the design they present us be completed?"

ARTS Center looking for donatons

As many of the members and students of The ARTS Center of the Greater Hudson Valley know, the center has moved into a new location at 7392 S. Broadway in Red Hook.

The ARTS Center is kicking off 2007 with a campaign to outfit the center.

The following are the specific categories offered by The ARTS Center for donations: A stool: \$60, a drawing horse: \$95, an easel:

\$120, a drawing table: \$210, a potter's wheel: \$1,000, a kiln: \$2,500. The center is also accepting donations of any dollar amount.

With the help of the community, The ARTS Center plans on adding a fully functioning clay studio. They also hope to expand the studio arts classes they currently offer.

For more information, call 845-340-4576 or visit www.thearts-center.org.

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Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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OPINION

Editorial

Near and far

Congressman John Hall this month was sworn as the new U.S. representative for New York's 19th Congressional District, but not before meeting with constituents in his adopted home town of Dover. We hope the visit was an indication Hall plans to focus on pertinent local matters as he serves in the 110th Congress.

With an ill-advised and mismanaged war in Iraq spiraling out of control, ethical scandals tripping up one official after another and a skyrocketing budget deficit, voters sent a message in November that business as usual in America is moving the country in the wrong direction.

Was Hall's election an approval of his unique voice on Hudson Valley issues, or did it have more to do with the "D" next to his name and the part he would play in a national mandate? Either way, it's now Hall's job to balance matters both near and far.

Hall said his appointment to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will allow him to confront increasing commuter impact on roadways, such as I-87 and I-84. We hope Hall will also work with the state to make sure the Taconic State Parkway can be kept up, too.

In another local matter, Hall recently objected to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision not to include safety concerns about evacuation plans and terrorism in considering the re-licensing application for the Indian Point power plants. We hope the congressman's call for the facility to be converted to a research and development center for "safe, domestic, renewable forms of alternative energy" is indicative of a larger ecological agenda that will aim to protect what Hall says is the Hudson Valley's "unparalleled environmental beauty."

Transportation and the environment are just two issues Hall will need to address during his tenure, and we trust only the first of many actions on behalf of Dutchess, Rockland, Putnam, Orange and Westchester residents.

We wish him success in playing both of his roles, as advocate for local projects and also as a voice for national issues.

Communication

Parents probably have the same concern with every new technological advance: Who are my children talking to on their cell phones? Who is sending them e-mails? With whom are they chatting online?

Every way in which our children communicate can raise concerns about who is on the other side of their conversations. The recent case of two Webutuck students is particularly unsettling.

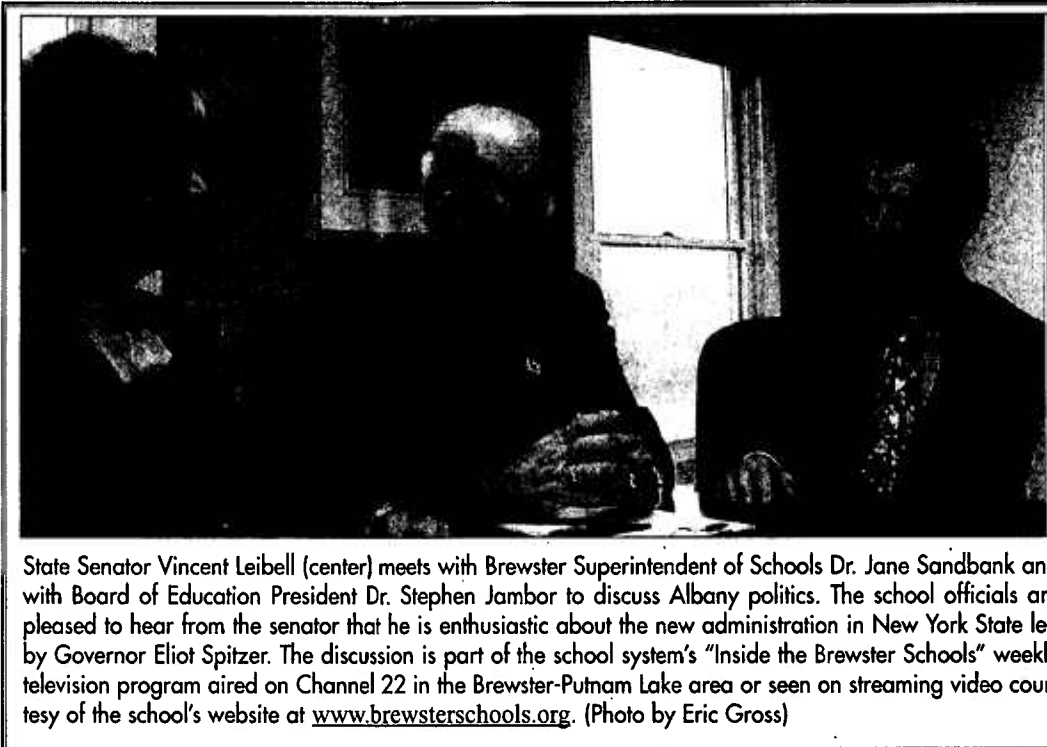
A 23-year-old Dutchess County man is accused of three felonies: first-degree rape, first-degree criminal sexual act and first-degree predatory sexual assault against a child in the one-day disappearance of the girls, ages 11 and 12, who allegedly got in contact with the man on the Web site, Myspace.com. After communicating on-line, police say, the girls met the man at a convenience store and were found the following day riding in his car.

Myspace.com is a site that allows users to create a profile by uploading personal information and photos, which are all accessible by other users. Members build up a list of on-line "friends" and can leave messages for one another on these profile pages. Parents have their hands full monitoring their children's relationships.

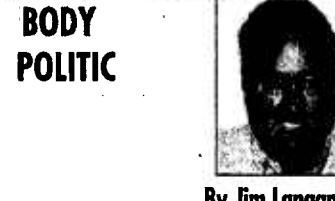
While it may be impossible to keep track of every minute of phone use or Internet time, we urge parents to concentrate on the most important line of communication, the one they have with their children.

They also must make sure they're educated about the responsibilities and possible dangers that come with that new cell phone or Internet connection.

There's no longer an excuse for ignorance about the Internet. The truth is, if parents don't communicate with their children, somebody else just might.



State Senator Vincent Leibell (center) meets with Brewster Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jane Sandbank and with Board of Education President Dr. Stephen Jambor to discuss Albany politics. The school officials are pleased to hear from the senator that he is enthusiastic about the new administration in New York State led by Governor Eliot Spitzer. The discussion is part of the school system's "Inside the Brewster Schools" weekly television program aired on Channel 22 in the Brewster-Putnam Lake area or seen on streaming video courtesy of the school's website at www.brewsterschools.org. (Photo by Eric Gross)



By Jim Langan

BODY POLITIC

Not only is America not broken, it's actually going gangbusters.

The Democrats' new direction

If you listened to the rhetoric emanating from the newly-empowered Democrats in Washington, you wouldn't come out of your house in the morning.

They claim America is a mess and it's time for "A New Direction for America." Using the understandable frustration many Americans feel about the war in Iraq, Democrats are attempting to persuade us that everything else is a disaster, too, and only they can fix it.

Well, thanks to an insightful e-mail from a friend, I got to thinking about the real state of the nation. Not only is America not broken, it's actually going gangbusters.

If you assume "A New Direction for America" means reversing or changing course, let's look at some key indicators and you decide if you want a new direction:

- The stock market is at a record high and America's 401Ks are back.
- Unemployment is at a 25-year low and anyone looking for a job can find one in a New York minute.
- Oil prices have plunged from a record \$78 a barrel to

nearly \$50, providing a de-facto tax cut for most Americans.

- Federal taxes are at a 20-year low, allowing both individuals and corporations to reinvest their tax savings as they see fit. The Bush tax cuts have generated massive economic expansion and the highest tax revenues in history.

- The federal deficit, while still too high, is down almost 50% from record levels.

- Even with the recent cooling of the real estate market, home valuations are up 200% in the last four years, creating untold wealth for a majority of Americans.

- Inflation and interest rates are at Eisenhower-era levels, allowing consumers to borrow and spend with relative impunity.

- Since 9-11, there has not been one terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Given the nature of the enemy, that is an incredible achievement.

The bottom line is America is running on all cylinders and we are secure at home. So what new direction would Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Co. want to take us?

And, let's not forget this so-called Democratic mandate is actually razor thin. It's one vote in the Senate and 35 in the House. Not exactly a landslide.

If you take Democrats at their word, we're talking increasing taxes, dropping the stock market like a British heavyweight, the economy going south, energy costs rising, a higher deficit, lower real estate prices, higher inflation and interest rates and a surge in domestic terrorism. I can't believe that's a direction the American people want to take.

But, that kind of logic and analysis won't deter the left from badmouthing and distorting the status of the American economy or our national security. Put another way, how loud would the Democrats be screaming if the economy were in any trouble or the stock market were down around your ankles? Of course, they would, but even they don't have the chutzpah to run that up the flagpole.

They know they and their 2000 and 2004 presidential nominees were dead wrong on the economy and tax cuts and they're dead wrong now.

So, the next time you hear Pelosi or Harry Reid waxing on about a new direction for America, take a look at your 401K or your W2. Do you really want to jeopardize that?

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CAPITOL CONNECTION



By Alan Chartock

Suppose you were Eliot Spitzer?

The man has a mission - to clean up Albany. He said he would, and now the rubber hits the road. If he can make New York State government a model of good government - a merit-based place where the people's business is done, where greed and corruption are eradicated - he will be regarded as a miracle worker.

Any office, including the oval one on Pennsylvania Avenue, will be his for the asking. If he fails and we end up with the same old, same old, like so many others before him, he will be consigned to the dung heap of history.

Anyone who reads the papers knows that he is already on his way. He has made it clear that all hiring will be done on the basis of finding the best person for each job. The word has gone forth from Spitzer that he doesn't even want to know whether someone is a Democrat or a Republican.

In fact, some people suggest that if it's known that a job seeker has Democratic political credentials and helped Spitzer get elected, those facts might actually work against the candidate. This is what we might call the "anti-spoils system."

Spitzer knows that the fastest way to get into trouble is to move his campaign staff into the government. Just take a look at people, like Charlie Gargano, Pataki's political henchman, and you'll

know why the campaign-government wall must be maintained.

Of course, many people worked their guts out to help Spitzer get elected. They toiled from sunup to sundown, only to be bitterly disappointed by the fact that they have yet to find places in the new Spitzer government.

Many of these people are highly regarded, excellent professionals. Some of them were around three gubernatorial terms ago when the Pataki goons came into office and went on what can only be called a vicious hunt for Democrats, reaching down to fire every last one they could find. Democrats lived in mortal fear that they would be discovered. Some tried to ward off the inevitable by changing their party registrations, mostly to no avail.

For three long Pataki terms, these folks lived for the happy day when a new Democratic governor would take office and "do unto them what they have done unto us." They craved vengeance.

Then, along comes Spitzer, seeking, as John F. Kennedy did, the "best and the brightest." County chairpersons who had forgone all to work for Spitzer's election didn't have their calls returned by the new prince of Albany or his top commanders. To say that these folks are angry or frustrated would be an understatement.

This is tough stuff. But, Spitzer has captured the public imagination because he is doing what he said he would do. He has eschewed party politics. He isn't doing "To the victor go the spoils."

And yet, what about that competent campaign worker who believes that she is being punished just because she worked for

Spitzer? To be fair, most of the people who work in political campaigns do so because they believe in the candidate, not because they want a job.

Most people believe in what their party stands for. They want a guy, like Spitzer, who believes that everyone should have a fair shake. They have come to despise a system where some citizens are treated better than others. I feel badly for the people who think they are being punished because they worked for Spitzer, if that is the case.

But somewhere the cycle has to end. If Spitzer yells, "Off with their heads," as he takes office, it will only encourage the Republicans to do the same thing the next time they take power. We will see the moral corruption of a Pataki and his sidekick, Big Al D'Amato, and their henchwoman, Zenia Mucha, return as soon as they get the upper hand.

I've known these folks for the last 12 years and the problem, of course, is that Spitzer's new approach will certainly not be emulated by that crowd if and when they get back into power. They will behave as they've always done, with the political guillotine ready for all Democrats. Some of them have asserted that also happened when the Democrats in the regime of former Gov. Mario Cuomo came into power.

The trick, of course, is to be certain that a meritocracy is really at work. That means making sure that qualified campaign workers are not punished for helping. That, quite simply, is not fair.

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Letters

Leave wild animals to the professionals

To the Editor:

As concerned environmental educators and citizens, we'd like to respond to the community regarding the moose that appeared in Putnam County and took up residence on Dec. 9. It was not destroyed or slaughtered. It was euthanized.

The animal was analyzed by professionals from two organizations - the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Dyckman's Nuisance Control of Mahopac, who are educated and trained to understand and manage wildlife and they rightly determined that the wild animal was very sick.

And wild is the key word. Under normal circumstances, this animal would never have approached human beings nor have accepted food from them or allowed itself to be touched.

Interacting with wild animals is potentially very dangerous and feeding them puts them at jeopardy for being harmed by people. In other cases, they may become nuisance animals and may harm human beings.

Further, moose do not normally live in this area. We do not understand why the several that have been sighted in our local counties have come here, since this is not within their present natural range.

As an area becomes more developed, human exposure to wild animals increases. For the health and safety of both human beings and wild animals in these instances, it is advisable to keep a distance and call a professional who understands how to deal with the situation.

If you need reassurance that the right decision is being made, get a second opinion, but don't take matters into your own hands.

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Deana Grimaldi,
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Voter looks to 2008 with hope

To the Editor:

The recent passing of former Republican President, Gerald R. Ford, reconnected me to an era when a humble leader selflessly took this politically, socially, and economically drained country from the depths of despair to a determined path of recovery and rebirth.

Yet another politician, who just happens to be a Democrat, gives me, in painful contrast to the present administration, much needed hope and promise for the future.

Having recently completed Sen. Barack Obama's inspirational and brilliant book, "The Audacity Of Hope," I am encouraged and energized by his refreshingly astute approach and solutions to the political, economic and global dilemmas facing today's world. His depth of knowledge relative to past and current history is awesome.

Given the shocking incompetence and deadly misdirection of the current president/administration that continue to take this once great and respected nation to its lowest depths, I must turn to the past and the promise of the future for any semblance of hope and resolve.

It is a crying (literally) shame that this "intellectually challenged" president still refuses to be guided by the time-tested and vitally needed wisdom of past and present leaders. 2008 can't come soon enough!

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Quotable
"Most people believe in what their party stands for. They want someone, who believes that everyone should have a fair shake."
- Alan Chartock
See his column on this page.

Fire destroys condominium in Southeast

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

SOUTHEAST — Jackie Gambardella thought she was having a bad dream when her mom called to report another fire at the Fieldstone Pond Condominiums in Southeast.

Gambardella remembered being awakened in the early morning hours last March 24 when a raging inferno caused by improperly stored oil rags combusted and when fed by a ruptured outside gas line, five families were left homeless by the ensuing holocaust.

On Monday, firefighters were much more fortunate. When the blaze broke out in the 400-unit

complex around 1:30 p.m. in a condo owned by the Jones family at 1403 Scarborough Drive, fire apparatus raced to the scene. Brewster Chief Rick Tofte pulled up and observed flames and smoke coming from second floor windows. He immediately sounded a general alarm and requested mutual aid from surrounding departments.

Fire crews from Putnam Lake, Carmel and Patterson were summoned with additional assistance requested from the Croton Falls, Pawling and New Fairfield Fire Departments.

Firefighters knocked down the inferno by making both an interior as well as exterior attack. "It was an excellent stop," said Tofte, who added:

"Training reaps great dividends. The crews kept the damage to the one unit."

An army of State Police from Brewster, Somers and Poughkeepsie converged on the scene and with the assistance of the Putnam Fire Investigation Team determined the fire was caused by a group of boys who had been playing in the damaged unit. Apparently said authorities, the children were smoking and dropped cigarettes into a wastepaper basket that accidentally ignited the entire structure.

Gambardella expressed relief. "At least the fire was not caused by faulty wiring or some other construction problem," she said.

Last summer, a woman was burned while cooking when a kitchen fire broke out in a unit at Fieldstone Pond.

"I hope that's our three on a match," said Bill Aston.

Assisting at the scene were Putnam Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services Adam Stiebeling, Deputy Emergency Services Coordinators Ron Davies and Cris Dellaripa and fire police officers from the Brewster and Patterson departments.

Fire crews returned to quarters at 6:30 p.m. No injuries were reported.

The Putnam Unit of the American Red Cross was summoned to assist the burned out family.



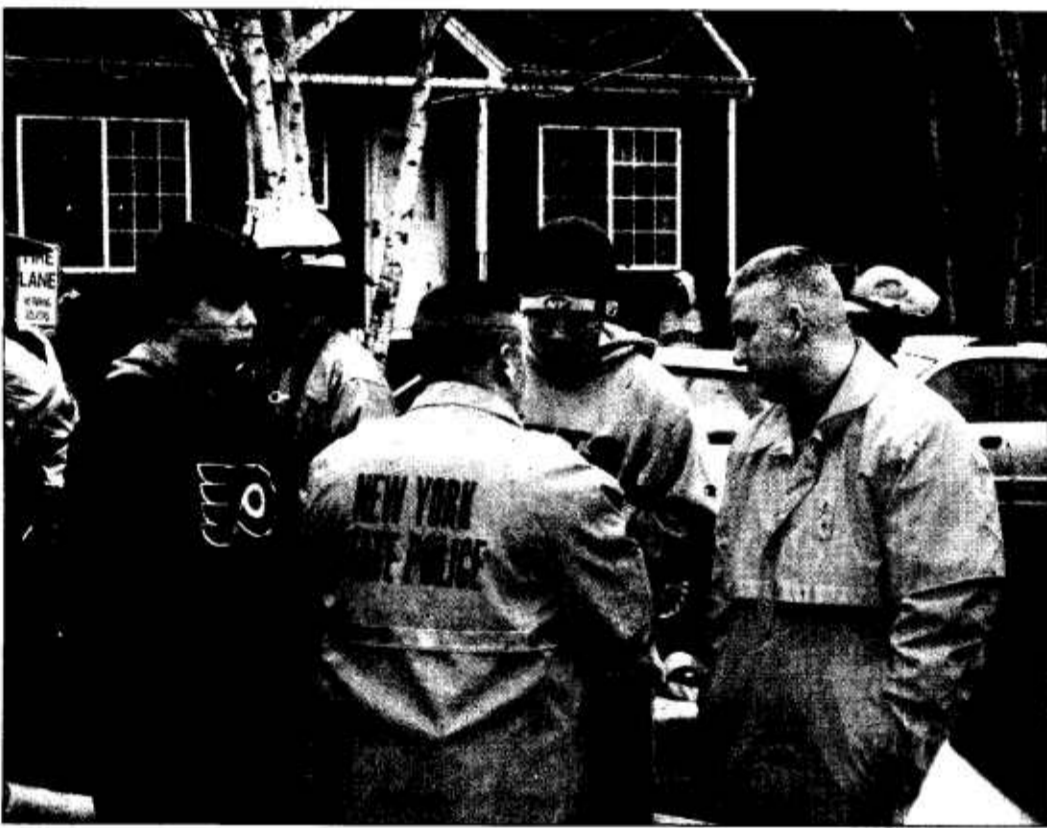
Firefighters atop the tower ladder attack the blaze from above.



Firefighters attack inferno from the Brewster FD Tower ladder truck.



At the control center, Chief Rick Tofte and Deputy Emergency Coordinator Ron Davies call in mutual aid companies.



State Police interrogate young people about the blaze. (Photos by Eric Gross)



Several firefighters are checked out by EMS personnel after exiting the condo.

Kent man sentenced to 300 hours of community service for shooting neighbor's cat

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

TOWN OF KENT — A Kent man has been sentenced to performing 300 hours of community service to benefit animals for shooting his neighbor's cat.

Kent Town Justice Peter Collins placed Jason Kinash, 29, on probation last week in connection with his pleading guilty to disorderly conduct charges.

Kinash had originally been charged with animal cruelty. The young man, who has no criminal record, pleaded guilty late last year to the crime that occurred a year ago this month.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department arrested Kinash on the misdemeanor count that was upgraded to a felony before a special prosecutor assigned the case decided that the lesser charge was more appropriate.

The cat, Leo, was shot in the lungs. It survived following an eight-day stay at a local veterinary clinic. Kinash has paid the cat's owner \$3,400 in restitution for its medical bills.

Judge Collins told Kinash that once he performs the community service and remains out of trouble for the next year, the charge will be reduced to a violation similar to a traffic summons.

The cat's owner, Richard Quaglietta, expressed disappointment with the judge's ruling and has filed an appeal that will be handled by the Westchester County Court system.

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Motorists reminded to yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

It's common sense! When a vehicle—be it an ambulance, fire truck, police car or responder displaying red lights is proceeding along the road—traffic is expected to yield the right-of-way by pulling to the shoulder and allowing the rig to pass.

Yet in recent weeks, emergency responders have found it more and more difficult answering a call for assistance due to the motoring public. "Drivers have their minds everywhere else than concentrating on their driving," said Putnam Deputy Emergency Coordinator Ron Davies.

Davies covers the greater Southeast-Brewster area and he called it "impossible" to respond to a serious incident along Route 22 or Route 684. "My lights and siren don't mean a thing. People refuse to pull over which is unfortunate since time lost often results in tragic consequences," he said.

Veteran firefighter Daryl Johnson agreed. The new chief of the Carmel Fire Department said "people have so much on their minds these days that they forget about driving. We have noticed more and more that vehicles are refusing to pull over when fire apparatus is responding to an alarm. That's responding to a loved one in just dumb. Minutes lost in

responding can prove deadly."

A fire department officer in New York City who resides in Carmel said the situation was more widespread than in Putnam County. "I guess it can be called human nature. People don't give a damn when they are behind the wheel except to get to their destination. You think it's bad in Carmel or Mahopac or Brewster? Try driving a chief's car or ambulance or fire truck in mid-town Manhattan!"

Police also expressed frustration. "When a cop is responding to the scene of an incident with red lights and siren that means that someone is in trouble. Pull over! Failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle is a crime," said Carmel Police Chief Michael Johnson.

A veteran state trooper called it "DWS—driving while stupid!" The cop said "people have to remember that when they are behind the wheel, they have to concentrate and not talk on the phone, listen to loud screeching music, drink a cup of coffee or put make-up on."

Putnam Commissioner of Emergency Services Robert McMahon has reminded all motorists to yield the right-of-way. "When you see red lights, let the emergency vehicle pass. You don't know where it's headed. It could be responding to a loved one in need," he said.

Fields of Dreams campaign gets under way

By Eric Gross
Staff Reporter

SOUTHEAST — A fund raising campaign is underway in the Brewster School District to collect \$5 million in private sector funds to revitalize and update the athletic fields within the school district.

James Hogan, a parent in the district who is employed as a pilot, is heading up the Fields of Dreams Committee along with a number of volunteer board members representing a wide range of professions found within the community. Board members include Rose Aglieco, Doreen Bentson, Mike Biondi, John Blumberg, Matt Byrnes, Joe Cavanaugh, Ken DaRos, Meryl DiDio, Laura Donelan, Deborah Gregory, Stephen Jambor, John McEntee, Lisa McPartland, Maria Sanyshyn and Gerry Schramek.

During a meeting last Friday with Superintendent Dr. Jane Sandbank, Hogan said over the past decade due to continued growth in the greater Brewster area and a lack of existing town facilities to accommodate the growing demand, "existing school fields have deteriorated. In order to address the concern, a committee was formed last spring with the help of then interim Superintendent Dr. Joseph Sabatella."

Hogan said the committee decided from the beginning that due to recent budget constraints, "any additional costs or perceived increases in local school taxes from an additional bond proposal would probably be met with resistance. The committee decided to pursue the upgrade through private funding."

The Starr Foundation has agreed to donate \$1 million over a two year period if the committee matches the amount. Through private donations, \$1.4 million has already been raised.



Superintendent Dr. Jane Sandbank (left) meets with organizers of the Fields of Dreams campaign including James Hogan and Maria Sanyshyn. (Photo by Eric Gross)

The campaign calls for two new synthetic fields. The surface will be the same as installed in many local facilities including Giants Stadium. Hogan said last year's Super Bowl was played on the same Land-Tek surface.

The fields targeted for the new playing surface include today's football field and the track at the high school. Plans call for the proposed track to become the new high school stadium with lighting and stands once all of the funds have been raised. The fields will be lined for five sports—football, soccer, boy's and girl's lacrosse and field hockey, including an eight lane all-weather track.

Hogan said the "fields would provide a safer playing surface. As long term studies have proven, this type of surface reduces injuries and provides an

overall better playing surface under all weather conditions. Our local scholastic teams will no longer be at a disadvantage when competing against other local competitive districts once the fields are installed."

Hogan thanked Dr. Sandbank and the Board of Education for its support. "The fields will provide our community with the type of facilities necessary to accommodate the school's scholastic schedule as well as local recreational programs. In fact, the new Land-Tek surface will provide the district with the ability to generate revenue while Brewster moves forward," he said.

Sanyshyn, who has four children in the district, said she was passionate about the project for several reasons. "We in Brewster are very fortunate to have a great educational system

yet our kids are at a competitive disadvantage due to the conditions of our fields. Neighboring communities are light years ahead. It's an embarrassment that we are not keeping up. I want the best for our children," she said.

Biondi called athletics a "key growth component for children. Athletics serve as a great outlet and a great way to set goals and objectives for one's life."

Flyers are being distributed throughout the community detailing the goals and objectives of the project. Those wishing to contribute to the initiative may send a tax deductible check to the Brewster Sports Foundation, Box 175, Brewster, NY 10509.

Hogan noted: "If we build them, their dreams will come true. We are going to make this happen!"

NY Blood Center urges donations

There is currently a blood emergency:

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donate blood. Or attend the blood drive to be held Jan 31 at Lakeview Elementary School, 112 Lakeview Drive in Mahopac from 9 am to 2:30 pm

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Sean and Lorraine Mitts are offering a reward in the amount of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing their home on Allview Avenue in Brewster.

We have been the victims of two separate vandalism incidents. The first occurred on October 24, 2006. On that date someone threw a rock approximately 10 inches in diameter and weighing approximately 15 pounds through a bay window. No one was home at the time of this incident, which occurred sometime between 9 am and 4 pm. The second incident occurred in the early morning this past Saturday, January 13, when someone poured red paint on the main front door to our home. This occurred between the hours of 1:30 am and 9 am Saturday morning, while our entire family, as well as three guests, were present in our home.

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...Curtis Sliwa

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activities," he said. Sliwa said while community safety patrols which he described as the "roots of the Guardian Angels" continue to be in demand, his group has begun hosting teacher training seminars that help educators create safe and productive classroom environments as well as in-school seminars that give youngsters the "courage to resist gangs while preventing dangerous bullying behavior."

Sliwa also talked about inappropriate programs on television. "Gangs now have websites. Popular teen television shows promote gangs that have a great influence on young people because kids are fascinated by them—this is the dark side. Gangs are hip, cool and fashionable," he said.

When it came to the internet, Sliwa begged the adults in the audience to become part of his Cyber Angels. "Children know more about the use and operation of the internet than most adults. Parents can install the firewalls and the safe software to protect the child by placing him in a 'computer cocoon.' But if another computer savvy teen comes along who does not have that protection, he or she will operate around the process that should have secured them. When an adult peers over the shoulder of a teen, the youngster will send out an instant message—'P.O.S.—Parent Over Shoulder'. The moment you leave another instant message is aired—'Parent out of Sight.' Parents have to understand that their children will always be a step ahead of them. Moms and dads must make sure that their

children are protected when it comes to computer predators and cyberspace bullying."

Sliwa celebrates his 29th anniversary next month of founding the Guardian Angels. The angels' street patrols are found in nine countries and 82 cities around the world. More than 5,000 guardian angels exist today with 150 on patrol daily in New York City where the organization was founded in 1978.

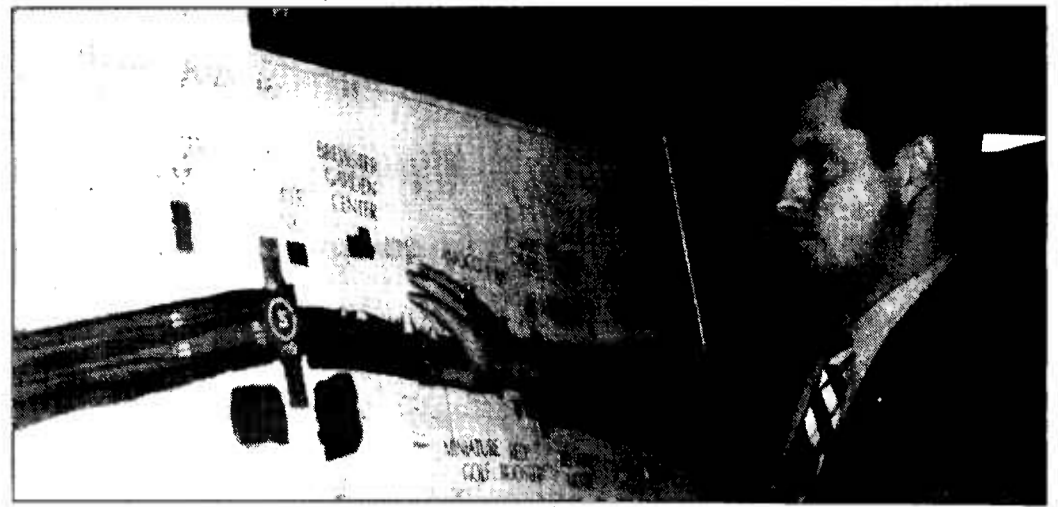
Over the years, Sliwa has received numerous accolades including Presidential Service



Sliwa was invited to Putnam by the directors of the Yasuragi Center in Mahopac. Adam Mitchell and Sharon Nakazoto (not pictured) thank the guest for taking the time to visit. (Photos by Eric Gross)

Awards from Presidents Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Among those in the audience Saturday for the 90-minute presentation were Putnam County Judge James Reitz, Carmel Town Justice Joseph Spofford and Kent Police Officer Thomas Carroll. "Curtis really makes sense. His message of safety is of paramount importance to all Putnam County residents. Our communities are changing and with change comes the need for additional caution," said Judge Reitz.



State Assemblyman Greg Ball reviews an artist's rendering of the planned expansion.

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years ago, the DOT formally proposed converting the two lane road into a four lane highway. A public hearing six years ago was the last time the state sought public input until last week's session at the Henry Wells Middle School.

DOT Regional Director Robert Dennison told the gathering that his agency had expected to complete plans to widen Route 22 from the I-684 interchange to Doansburg Road before the end of the year. "We are talking about a process of compromise relating to a project of some controversy. If property acquisitions are required, the finished product is still years down the road but once a plan is agreed to that meets the objectives of all concerned, we will be nearing the finish line," he told the Courier.

Brian Doherty, DOT project manager for the Route 22 expansion, told the audience that Putnam's growth during the past 15 years has contributed to the daily traffic. In 1990, Putnam's



Southeast Supervisor John Dunford testifies at the hearing while DOT Regional Director Robert Dennison listens. (Photos by Eric Gross)

population was 83,941. The number increased to 95,745 in 2000 and today stands at 100,507. "That's a 16 percent increase in as many years," said Doherty who added: "We are not talking about dramatic increases in population found in eastern Dutchess and western Fairfield—residents of Pawling, Dover, New Fairfield and Danbury also using Route 22 on a regular basis."

Southeast Supervisor John Dunford joined Patterson Supervisor Michael Griffin and Putnam Deputy County Executive John Tully at the meeting. Dunford called the situation a "quality of life issue" since air pollution is being created as a result of the thousands of vehicles belching exhaust into the atmosphere daily.

Griffin testified that the problem is now "much more than Route 22. People are using side roads to avoid the mess on the state highway resulting in a significant increase in traffic on the secondary roads as well."

Southeast Highway Superintendent Jim Lawlor reported a recent traffic survey indicated that 500 cars use Brewster Hill Road in one hour during the morning rush. "Years ago, we didn't have 500 cars use that road in a week. Local roads are being used to bypass Route 22 that will only result in serious problems down the road," he said.

Dennison admitted that the state was concerned about the congestion and overall conditions of Route 22 as well as the secondary roads. "We originally restarted our conversations with officials first and now the public in the hope of developing solutions to the problem," he said.

Plans are basically the same as those outlined a decade and a half ago—widening Route 22 from two lanes to four between I-684 and Doansburg Road. The DOT has also proposed constructing a jersey barrier that would separate the north and southbound lanes from Milltown Road to the interstate forcing drivers to use jug handles when crossing Route 22 instead of making left turns into oncoming traffic.

Vehicles headed northbound from Milltown Road would find turning lanes in the median. Dennison said the state hoped to achieve three goals by the expansion. "First and foremost we intend to satisfy drivers seek-

ers follow Putnam's lead?" State Senator Vincent Leibel predicted that the Albany budget reforms would assist deliberations by bringing a "greater openness to the table that will help to ensure the budget is passed on time. The Senate majority wants greater itemization of state spending, budget conference committees as well as accelerating the budget process to reach an agreement on state revenue projections."

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county executive submits his budget to the county legislature after a series of budget hearings that begin each July when department heads and agency representatives are summoned to make their pitch for the new fiscal year. The legislature reviews the executive fiscal spending plan and adopts its own budget in early October well before Election Day and many weeks prior to the start of the new fiscal year. Why can't New York State lawmakers

...Levy announces

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which were available to us. Having the peace of mind that our children are safe while at school and free to play safely in their neighborhoods or that our elderly populations are safe in their homes is paramount to the office of district attorney."

Levy told the audience that he loved Putnam County. "My largest investment—my family is here. I have the passion to protect the people of Putnam and I am looking forward to that starting on January 1, 2008," he said.

While the more than 150 well-wishers came to hear Levy's announcement, they were also on hand to greet Levy's mom, TV celebrity Judge Judy. The former Putnam County resident was gracious and relaxed and mixed freely with the gathering.

In an exclusive interview with the Courier, Judge Judy called the occasion a "mitzvah. When you go to see your child in a swim meet or a class play when he or she is in the first grade, you 'kvell' with pride.

You say to yourself—'there's my kid. Look at how terrific he looks.' It's hard to imagine for a parent to see how your son has grown up to be such a fine and capable young man. Adam's goal in life from the time he was a little boy was to become a public servant. He has a wonderful practice in Putnam and a lovely family. The District Attorney's office takes a lot of energy. Adam has the fire to serve—to make a difference and to do the right thing. He will become a great D.A. for this community."

Judy cited Levy's former days as an assistant district attorney on Long Island. "Adam knows what it's like to represent people accused of crimes as well as realizing that sometimes the wrong people are accused of crimes. This is also part of the district attorney's responsibility. His primary task will be to protect the people of Putnam County—all of the people of Putnam County—both those who are victims of crime as well as those accused who deserve



While Levy makes the announcement, his family consisting of mom, Judge Judy, and wife, Lori along with the couple's three children listen. (Photo by Eric Gross)

the right kind of justice and a fair hearing. Adam is a great candidate. My heart is full today. I know that Adam will do a good job because I'm his mother," she said.

Levy intends to run on the Republican, Conservative and Independence Party lines this fall. He is the first candidate to officially announce his candida-

cy to seek the office being vacated at the end of the year by Kevin Wright, who has served the county as its chief lawman for the past two decades.

Southeast Town Justice James Borkowski, who told the Courier two weeks ago that he was "testing the waters," is expected to toss his hat into the ring as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

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Over the Back Fence news not quite ready for the front page

Hockey fundraiser

It is time once again for the annual Pawling Youth Hockey Fundraising Dinner Dance. It is an evening filled with great food, great people and a great time. There are numerous raffles and prizes open to everyone who attends. There is a live DJ and a dance floor so bring your dancing shoes. The dinner is on Feb. 3 from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Trinity Pawling Dining Hall. Tickets are \$40 per person. Pawling Youth Hockey would again like to thank all their sponsors, contributors and supporters: Thunder Ridge, Pawling Cycle Shop, Anglers Den, Abuzzie, McKinney and Doyle, Tango Steak House, Radio Shack, Ski Haus, Carmel Country Club, World Gym, Pawling Little League, Pawling Beekman Roller Hockey, Bobby's Auto Repair and Collision, Pawling Wine and Spirits, Parrinos Greenhouse, TNT Hair and Body Salon, M&S Chevrolet, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Classic Car Wash, Pawling Soccer, Hannafords, Select Sports World, Utter Brothers Food Store, Quick Stop and the Grand Hotel. Pawling Youth Hockey would also like to make a special thanks to Trinity Pawling for the use of their facilities and Dan Tompkins for being the designated beverage captain. We hope to continue to receive your support for years to come. Please join Pawling Youth Hockey for the evening. Contact Jeanine White to buy tickets for the evening at (845) 855-4727.

Workshop

The Partnership in Academic and Social Excellence (PASE) Program, in coordination with Greystone Programs, will host a two part parent workshop on social skills in the home. Part I held on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school library. This session will focus on peer related skills. Topics will include: interactive skills, coping skills, and how to deal with bullying. The snow date for Part I is Thursday, Feb. 8. Part II of this series will be held on Thursday, April 19. It will focus on adult and self related skills. Topics will include: responding to requests by parents and teachers, working independently, accepting consequences and coping with being upset. Parents will receive easy to follow handouts that will enable them to work on these skills at home with their child. For more information please contact Nicole Moore at 855-4653.

Kindergarten registration
Pawling Elementary School is getting ready for its 2007 projected kindergarten registration. If you are a resident of the Pawling Central School District and have a child that will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2007, call Mrs. Riley at 855-4630. Incoming kindergarten orientation will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. At this time parents will make an appointment for kindergarten registration and screening which will be held on the following dates: Monday, April 16, Tuesday, April 17, Wednesday, April 25 and Friday, April 27. There will be a make-up date on Thursday, May 31. Kindergarten visitation will be on Friday, June 1.

Driver safety program

The AARP driver safety program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the Town of Pawling will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 28 and March 1, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Lakeside Park. Upon successful completion of the course participants will have sharpened their driving skills, be entitled to a 10% discount off their automobile insurance premiums and a reduction of up to 4 violation points on their driver's license. The course is open to those 50 or older. The program is taught by a volunteer so the cost is only \$10 payable to AARP. Enrollment is limited so register early. Applications are available at Pawling Recreation, Lakeside Park, or by sending a SASE to Judy Deickler, 255 Johnson Road, Wingdale, NY

Alanon meeting

The Pawling Friday Nite Alanon group meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church on Pine Drive. Everyone is welcome.

Fine Films schedule

There will be a Helen Mirren Retrospective this month. All films are shown at the Pawling Recreation Center on Charles Colman Blvd. at 7:30 p.m. each Monday

12594. For more information call 832-6088.

Open house

Christ Church Nursery School will be having their open house and registration for the 2007-2008 school year on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Families of preschool age children are invited to visit the school and meet the staff. For information, please contact Camille Ludington at (845) 855-7309.

Stone Soup Community-Fest 2007

The Stone Soup Committee is hosting its fourth annual Community-Fest at Pawling Central Middle School on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6 until 8:30 p.m. The snow date will be Feb. 15. The Pawling community will be invited to take two 45-minute workshops or one 90-minute workshop during the evening. A sampling of the workshops that will be offered include: scrap booking, craft painting, Tai Chi, card-making, rug hooking, creative mosaics, Reiki healing, yoga, knitting and Lego building and exchange. The committee is trying to create as many cost free or low cost workshops as possible. Hosts can collect reimbursements for supplies if any are needed from participants on the night of the event. If anyone has a talent, skill, interest or specialty they would like to share with adults, children or families please consider hosting a workshop. For more information call the Pawling Middle School at 855-4653. The committee will generate a list of all of the workshops so that participants can begin to sign up. During the workshops the Stone Soup Committee will be busy preparing a delicious soup for everyone to share after the last workshop session. In the spirit of The Legend of the Soup, all participants should bring a vegetable to add to the soup. To round out the evening, the original version of the legend written by Marcia Brown will be read. Community-Fest 2007 promises to be a fantastic event.

Girl Scout dances

This year the Girl Scouts are trying something new. They are having two dances back-to-back on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the former child care center at Lakeside Park (by the pavilion). The cost to attend this event is \$5 per person. Refreshments will be provided by troops.

The first dance is for Brownies and Daisies and will be a mother/daughter pajama jam. Get ready to dance the night away in your comfy pj's. This year's theme is wedding dances. We will be dancing the hokey pokey, the chicken dance, the macarana, the conga, cotton eye Joe, the twist, and any other fun song that we can think of. Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Directly following the younger Scouts, Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts will be having a bring your friend dance. Girl Scouts are invited to bring a female guest to dance to their favorite songs. Troops are asked to rsvp so we can get an approximate head count. Scouts are asked to arrive with their friend. Scouts are also welcome to request song selections. Please call Robin McCandless at 878-4402 or email @robinmccandless61@yahoo.com with the name of your artist and song. All songs will be reviewed for their lyrics and content. The DJ will bring the music. All Girl Scouts need to bring a permission slip (or their parents can fill one out at the door). Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please come and join the fun.

Computer classes

Kent SeniorNet has seats available for its introduction to computers class at the Kent Public Library that is at an advanced beginner skill level. This eight-week course introduces the basics of using the computer. It starts with a general overview of the computer and includes sessions on Microsoft Word, spreadsheets

and finishes with sessions on e-mail and the Internet. The prerequisite for the class is fundamentals or equivalent experience. Classes started on Jan. 22. Call (845) 306-5535 for more information or to register.

Workshops are also being offered, including: Organizing your life with a spreadsheet, working with multiple open windows, creating "My Documents" file cabinet and e-mailing friends and family. Workshops are usually a two-hour session. There will be a mini-class of three two-hour sessions on designing a Web page using Yahoo.

Thrift shop

The Pawling United Methodist Thrift Shop is now open on Wednesdays from 7 until 9 p.m. and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The shop will follow the school schedule and close on any bad weather days. Please suspend all donations until further notice. This is necessary due to the tremendous amount of donations recently received. The thrift shop thanks the public for these donations and will notify the public when they may resume. The shop operates on a strictly cash/check basis.

Pawling Library News

The friends of Pawling Free Library meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Yellow House at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call the library at 855-3444.

Holmes Brothers perform

The Holmes Brothers — bassist/vocalist Sherman Holmes, his brother, guitarist/vocalist Wendell Homes, and drummer/vocalist Popsy Dixon — will perform a series of dates live in the Pawling area. OffBeat declares the group possesses "great spirit and outstanding vocal harmonies with a jam band aesthetic that anticipated the 'sacred steel' movement by a decade." The group recently picked up the prestigious 2005 Blues Music Award for "Blues Band of the Year." In 2004, The Holmes Brothers appeared on Late Night with Conan O'Brien and performed with Willie Nelson on his television special, "Willie Nelson & Friends: Outlaws and Angels." They won the coveted Blues Music Award from the Memphis-based Blues Foundation for Band of the Year in 2005. The group will release their new CD, State of Grace, in January 2007. Concert information is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 29 - "The Clearing" - Rich businessman (Robert Redford) is kidnapped by a former employee (William Defoe). Meanwhile, his wife (Mirren) calls in the FBI. Quietly suspenseful and full of interesting characters with a rewarding twist at the end. (2004)

Concert

The Pawling Concert Series will present Camerata New York on Friday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at the Gardiner Theater. This event will mark the return of conductor Richard Owen with a 27 member, chamber-sized ensemble. For the past few years he has been conducting abroad in Poland, Germany and Austria, as well as leading symphonies in the U.S. and Mexico. This concert will include a Mozart symphony, a Schumann cello concerto, rossini's "Overture to the Barber of Seville" and Mendelssohn's "Scottish Symphony." Adult tickets are \$25 and student tickets are \$12. The soup, salad and sandwich supper will be available again at The Cave in the basement of Cluett only steps from the All Saints' Chapel. For more information call 855-3100.

The Pawling Concert Series is presented, in part, with support from the New York State Council on the Arts and from the Dutchess County Arts Council. Major additional underwriting comes from Andron, Castagna Realty and Joe Pietryka Inc.

The first dance is for Brownies and Daisies and will be a mother/daughter pajama jam. Get ready to dance the night away in your comfy pj's. This year's theme is wedding dances. We will be dancing the hokey pokey, the chicken dance, the macarana, the conga, cotton eye Joe, the twist, and any other fun song that we can think of. Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Directly following the younger Scouts, Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts will be having a bring your friend dance. Girl Scouts are invited to bring a female guest to dance to their favorite songs. Troops are asked to rsvp so we can get an approximate head count. Scouts are asked to arrive with their friend. Scouts are also welcome to request song selections. Please call Robin McCandless at 878-4402 or email @robinmccandless61@yahoo.com with the name of your artist and song. All songs will be reviewed for their lyrics and content. The DJ will bring the music. All Girl Scouts need to bring a permission slip (or their parents can fill one out at the door). Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please come and join the fun.

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Walk About

The Patterson Rec. Center located at 65 Front St. will be holding a Walk About on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 until 10 a.m. This program allows participants to continue walking despite the cold weather outside. The charge is \$2 per person per day. Each participant will receive a free bottle of water. This program is open to the public. No registration is required. For more information call the center at 878-7200.

Senior Movie

The Patterson Rec. Center will hold Senior Movie - "50 First Dates" - accompanied by a theme lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon at the center located at 65 Front St. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required by calling 878-7200.

Eagle watch

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the public is invited to come observe Bald Eagles with the Jewish Community Center of Sherman, Conn. at the Shepaug Dam Bald Eagle Observation Area in Southbury, Conn. Nestled around the banks of the Housatonic and down river from a Northeast Utilities hydroelectric plant, this sanctuary provides a prime winter fishing spot for eagles. Be forewarned, actual avian encounters can range from one lone bird sitting in a tree to as many as 20 national emblems at a glance! This event is free, and with your advanced reservation by Jan. 26, participants may carpool with us from the JCC at 9 a.m. or meet us at the location by 10 a.m. Only those who have made a reservation with the JCC office will be allowed on the premises. For more information call the center at (860) 355-8050.

Film festival

The Jewish Community Center in Sherman, Conn. in conjunction with the Jewish Federation in Danbury, will be presenting a Foreign Jewish Film Festival to be held at the JCC. Beginning at 8 p.m. on the third Saturday of January, February and March, the JCC and the Jewish Federation will present each film with light refreshments on their 10' screen and projector.

The movies that have been selected are a nice combination of older and more current Israeli films.

Feb. 17 - "Bon Jour Monsieur Shlome" - A gifted boy living in a wildly dysfunctional family finds recognition and love. (2004) Coming Age Comedy/Drama.

March 17 - "Under the Domim Tree" - This is the story of four teenagers living on a Kibbutz after surviving the Holocaust. The domim tree provides them solace at night when they relive their experiences. (1996) Drama.

Admission pricing is as follows: Members of the JCC and the Jewish Federation - \$8 suggested donation or \$15 for all 3 films. General public - \$10 suggested donation or \$25 for all three films. Reservations are requested and all are welcomed to attend. Pre-payment is suggested. Checks can be mailed to JCCS, P O Box 282, Sherman,

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The Patterson Rec. Center located at 65 Front St. will be holding a Cold Weather Kids program on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and from 1 until 3 p.m. Youngsters can play basketball, kickball or tag. They can ride bikes as long as they are wearing protective gear. Moms stay in the same room and drink free coffee while catching up with friends. The cost is \$5 per child, \$2 for each additional sibling. For more information call the center at 878-7200.

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Wine tasting with music

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim in Brewster will be holding their annual Passover Wine Tasting and Sale on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend. Wine Connoisseurs of Scarsdale, featured in "Food & Wine" magazine, will be presenting the wines with informative explanations of the origin and history of each wine. Both Kosher for Passover and other table wines will be available for sale.

Chef Dennis will be preparing an elegant array of cheeses and other hors d'oeuvres to accompany the wines.

A trio of talented musicians from Purchase College, featuring our own Seth Matthew Faulk, percussionist, a vocalist and guitarist who recently returned from a year in Israel, and another musician to be announced, will be playing live for your entertainment.

Admission is \$10 per person and proceeds will be donated to the Temple Beth Elohim Building Fund. If you are unable to attend the event but would like to order wine for your Seder, the wine list will be posted soon at <http://templebethelohim.org/sisterhood.htm> and the deadline for ordering is Feb. 10.

Although not required, an RSVP is appreciated. Please call (845) 279-7689. The temple is located at 31 Mt. Ebo Road North,

CT 06784. For more information or to make reservations call the JCC at (860) 355-8050.

Live broadcasts

The Jewish Community Center of Sherman, Conn. announces the Spring schedule for 92nd Street Y Satellite Broadcasts. All programs are sent via satellite to the JCC auditorium and projected onto a 10' screen.

All interviews are live and un-scripted which provides for stimulating and almost exclusive access to these high personalities. Admission is for members and \$10 for members. Refreshments provided. Please join us or all of the following At the programs:

Newt Gingrich in Wingdale by Emmy Winner Chate Sen. on Thursday, Feb. 15. Jill Way, Former Speaker of the House and architect of the Caddell, with America" timer, Sonia Republican Party member, Julius 1994 by capturing the U.S. House of Representatives in 40 years. James McGuirk, viewed by "Ar" Berger, Larry interviewer," Beverly Allyn, Charlie Rose. Daniels, Kathy Gene Wilder and Ronald Letty Cottin. Mae Greene is Sunday, March 11. Her new best Comedian George Carlin (photos submitted)

Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation" memoir, "Kid Stranger," an a covering ever childhood, w died of heart through wife death. Wilder viewed by author social activist Pogrebin, from Magazine. armly expressed Tom Brokaw deserves a child- Jeff Greenfield. tion he can be NBC News 5) 871-1000 in Brokaw will be Weisberg in CNN's senior reached at (845) Jeff Greenfield Caddell can Holocaust film (85) 832-3331.

Goldhagen, J Michael Berenby by Thane Rosenbaum Monday, May 14. What will happen? Holocaust survivor disappears? Join distinguished panel of intellectuals for a discussion about the Holocaust place in the modern world.

You cannot access cable TV or video. The presentation for the 92nd audience and satellite only.

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Pawling boys basketball team loses two games

By Weston Berg
Staff Reporter

The Tigers suffered another two losses this weekend, one at the hands of Dover on Friday and another dealt by Spackenkill during the Marist Shootout Tournament Saturday.

Dover

Despite their best efforts to avoid a repeat of their last meeting against Dover, in which Pawling lost by 20 points, the Tigers allowed the Dragons a comfortable 11-point head start in the first quarter before sinking a basket of their own.

Pawling would eventually get their act together and begin playing on par with Dover, however those 11 points would haunt them for the rest of the game and figure in the final margin of a frustrating 37-27 loss.

Speaking after the final buzzer, coach Greg Blake expressed his frustration about a game that should have belonged as much to Pawling as it did Dover, if not for some early mishaps.

"I was disappointed because the kids have been working hard all year and it doesn't show in the record," said Blake.

In fact, Pawling matched Dover almost shot for shot for the rest of Friday's game, with

each team scoring exactly 11, 5, and 7 points apiece in the three subsequent quarters. Blake attributed Pawling's relative success in the latter half of the game to a strong effort by his defense, but said that offense has been and continues to be the big problem.

"When you hold a pretty good team like Dover to 37 points, that's great," said Blake.

"We're not scoring well and not shooting well this season," he said, adding he thinks a shortness of confidence may be partially to blame. "We've just been losing for so long that until we start winning games it's hard for the kids to know what that's like."

Blake said the most telling point in the game came during the second half, when Pawling shot the ball from the paint on four consecutive possessions, but failed to come away with a single point.

"We couldn't capitalize," said Blake. "We just couldn't get the edge."

The two high scorers for Pawling were Malcolm Evans, with seven points, and Stephen Carey with six. Center Ben Ross, who averages 12 to 13 points a game, according to Blake, suffered a dry spell with two points.

"He was a due to have a bad one and no one else picked it up," said Blake.

The loss brings the Tigers league record to 1-5, moving

them into last place behind Haldane. Dover remains in fourth place behind Croton-Harmon with four wins and four losses.

"Dover's a much better basketball team than us," said Blake. "(Pawling) tried hard Friday night and they gave it everything they had. To play them even after the first quarter I was really happy, but you're expected to win after you hold a team to 37."

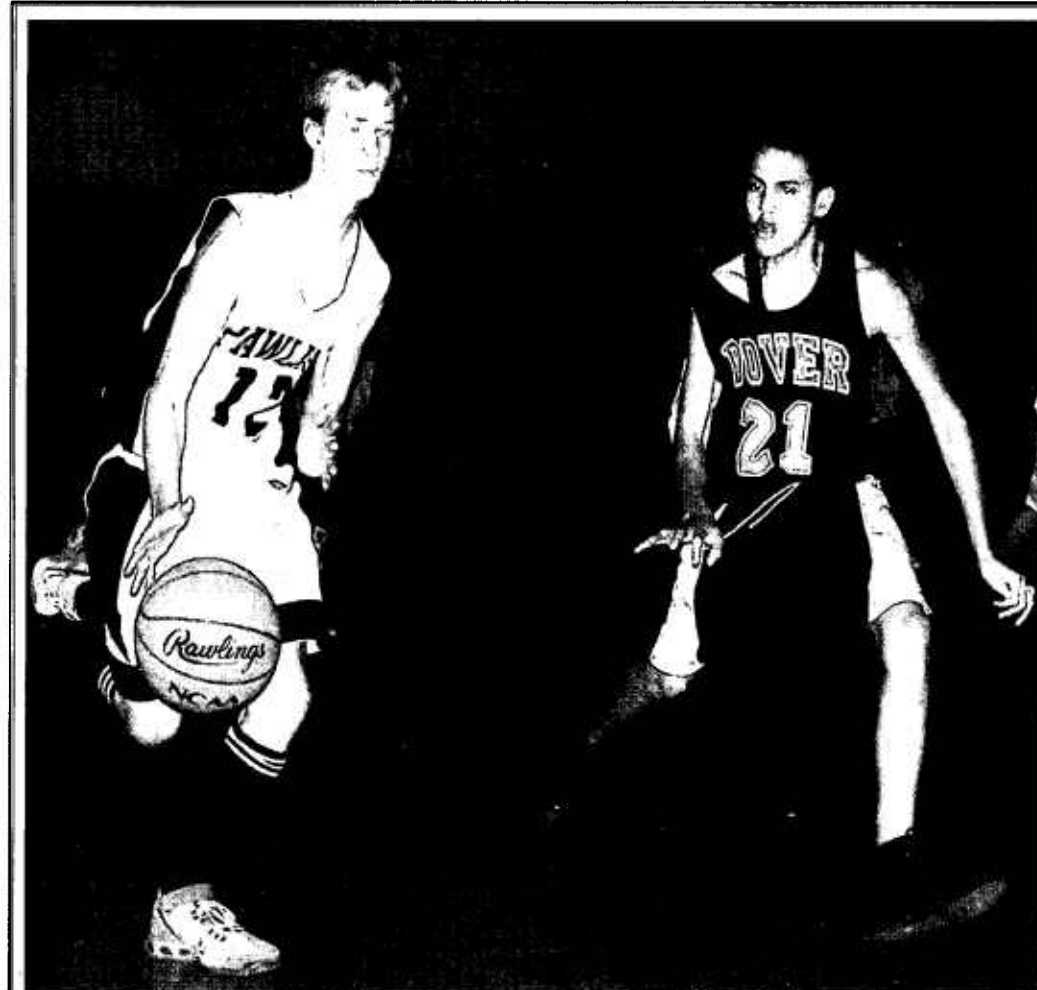
Spackenkill

On Saturday versus Spackenkill, Pawling stayed close for much of the game, but the end result was roughly the same as they extended their losing streak to three in a 40-57 defeat.

The Tigers went to the locker room at the half down five in what was then a tight 25-20 game, but failed to deliver in a catastrophic third quarter in which Spackenkill exploded with 21 points.

"They had three 3-pointers in the third quarter and that sort of blew it open," said Blake. "They couldn't miss and we couldn't score."

According to Blake, Pawling had a lot of good looks and shots in the first half, shooting approximately 20 percent from the floor, but let their nerves get the best of



STORMING THE GATES: Dylan Reiger of the Pawling JV basketball team charges up court against the stiff defense of Dover's Stephan Aguilar. The Tigers won Friday night by the score of 54-41. (Photo by Weston Berg)

them when Spackenkill turned up the heat later in the game.

"In the first half you want to do well, then the other team goes up, they step up the pressure and we just can't score," said Blake.

On a positive note, the Tigers scored 11 in the fourth quarter to keep pace, and in the end shot 11 for 17 from the free throw line, so the skill is

there, even if it sometimes gets buried in the game's more fast-paced moments.

"The number of shooting drills we do every day, you can do all the drills you want but in the end you have to have the confidence," said Blake. "Hopefully it will get better before the season's over."

Pawling plays their next game this Monday, Jan. 31,

away at Lincoln Hall.

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Comerford, the Pawling goalie, after going over his head and into the back of the goal. David Bellucci answered for Pawling by scoring his 24th goal of the season with 4:13 remaining in the period, unassisted.

Ridgefield would keep the pressure on throughout the period and was able to strike again, taking a 2-1 lead, even after the outstanding effort by Billy Cody. As the puck managed to sneak past James, Billy jumped over him and managed to knock the puck out of the crease just as it was about to cross the goal line. However, much to the disappointment of all, the puck was shot right back in by a Ridgefield player who was in excellent position.

Ridgefield continued to put points on the board as the game entered into the 2nd period with a goal coming at 7:04 remaining in the period. After that, the Pawling defense was able to plug the holes, behind the play of Ashley Cody, Joe Currie, Shannon Barker, Chris Polletta and the goalie, James Comerford, and not allowing another goal during the contest.

With 3:09 remaining in the 2nd period, David Bellucci found the net on an assist from his right wing, John Stoever. Pawling seemed to get a spark of new life as the line of Mikey Millard, Courtney Adams, Henry Flocco and Conrad Adams continued to assist the defense by clearing the puck. After two periods of play, Pawling trailed 3-2, but had the momentum at this point.

The 3rd period of play was an exciting period of hockey for both teams, even if it was only 10 minutes of playing time due to time constraints at the rink. Both teams had opportunities to score but were quickly denied by the other teams' defensive effort.

As the time ticked down to less than 3 minutes, Cody instructed the team that he would be pulling the goalie in this situation if they failed to score. He then signaled his goalie to be ready to come to the bench.

However, without waiting for the signal, the goalie immediately departed the net for the bench. The coaches' faces, priceless! Sometimes it pays to listen to our younger folks because they obviously knew

the time was right.

John Stoever was able to step in and slide into the Pawling net until the team regained control of the situation. Without too much hesitation, Pawling added the sixth skater to the ice in order to lead one last attack. After a strong battle deep in the Ridgefield zone and a couple of saves, the Ridgefield goalie covered the puck. The teams lined up for a face-off in the Ridgefield zone with 36 seconds remaining.

Pawling elected to take its timeout at this point to set up a final attack. The coaches discussed the strategy with the team during the timeout and stressed that they were not playing defense, instead they were an offensive machine that needed to put the puck in the net and all six skaters were to be in front of the net, ready for the rebound.

Luke Jorgensen took the face-off and managed to guide the puck towards the goal through about nine players, five of them wearing white jerseys with Pawling on them. It paid off because after an initial save by the goalie, David Bellucci was in position for the rebound. The rebounded shot found its way past the scrambling goalie with 30 seconds remaining in the game, however the Pawling celebration was cut short on a high stick call from the referee, not allowing the goal.

The Pawling Mites were heartbroken but lined up one more time in their zone. They managed to get the puck back up the ice but as they entered the Ridgefield zone, the buzzer sounded. It was a heartbreaking loss for the Mites, 3-2.

In closing, the Mite level of youth hockey is about developing the skills it takes to play ice hockey, learning to play as a team and having fun while enjoying the sport.

We might win some and lose some but the coaches are always looking to accomplish some sort of goal during each game and practice.


This past weekend, the young hockey players accomplished many things including two consecutive games without any penalties, building another offensive line and executing a plan in order to score with 30 seconds remaining in the game. To this coach, that's winning!

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New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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By Gary Murphy

Webutuck fights hard in loss to Red Hook

By Oren Phillips
Staff Reporter

Webutuck falls at Millbrook in OT

The odds were against Webutuck when the game started last Tuesday evening in Millbrook. Senior co-captain, and one of Webutuck's top two scorers, Matt Pomeisl was home with the flu. The game was in Millbrook, and even though the gym was new, Webutuck had not won a basketball game at Millbrook for a very long time. Millbrook came out and raced to 6-0 and 8-1 leads, but then something happened, as Webutuck immediately bounced right back to outscore Millbrook 14-3 the rest of the first quarter, resulting in a 15-11 lead at the end of one period. However, in the end, Webutuck blew an eight point fourth-quarter lead, as Millbrook scored the last eight points of regulation and outscored the Warriors 9-2 in overtime to emerge with a 63-56 victory.

Millbrook went on a 7-1 run to end the first half to knot the score at 24, but Webutuck took a 43-39 lead into the fourth quarter. When John Cavaliere nailed a rare three pointer midway through the fourth quarter, and then followed that up with another bucket to give Webutuck an eight point advantage, it looked as if Webutuck might secure a monumental victory on their rival's home court. However, Webutuck has shown a propensity to give up seemingly safe leads to Millbrook at neutral sites the past two years. The Warriors led by seven points with less than a minute to go a little over a year ago in the sectional finals, before succumbing to Millbrook in overtime. In late December Webutuck led Millbrook by 10 points in the fourth quarter in the Small Schools championship game of the Dutchess County Coaches Holiday Tournament, only to see Millbrook outscore the Warriors 21-7 and take a four point lead. To Webutuck's credit, they responded, and scored the last five points of the game to defeat Millbrook by one point and capture the championship, a tremendous accomplishment. Webutuck also showed great resiliency in Highland earlier this season by erasing a late three-point Husky lead by scoring the last eleven points of the game.

Here Webutuck was again with that fourth quarter lead, but this time in Millbrook. The Warriors usually go to their stall game in these situations, but they did not on Tuesday night. Down the stretch they took some shots that were ill advised because they were taken too early in the shot clock, and of course they did not go in. If they went in, or if just one of them went in, Webutuck wins the game. By taking quick shots, even though you could argue that they were good shots, they gave Millbrook a chance to come back. You just know that Webutuck will be in this situation again later this season, most likely in the sectionals, and I'm sure a point of emphasis in practice will be finishing games. They really gave a tremendous effort in Millbrook with the deck stacked against them, but they just did not finish well.

John Cavaliere led the way.
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While it wasn't David versus Goliath, the Webutuck High School varsity basketball team faced one of the biggest and toughest teams in the county and stood their ground in a 91-61 loss to Red Hook on Jan. 19.

"Their team has a lot more depth and the Red Hook players are a lot bigger," said coach Peter Stefanowich. "It was a good test for us. We didn't compete early, but the team came back strong towards the end."

Red Hook came out fighting and was relentless on offense, putting the Warriors in an early hole. Shaky shooting on Webutuck's part also kept them from getting back in the game.

"I think we were a little intimidated at first. We were 18-31 from the free-throw line and missed about five lay ups," said the coach. "By halftime we were down by 28 points."

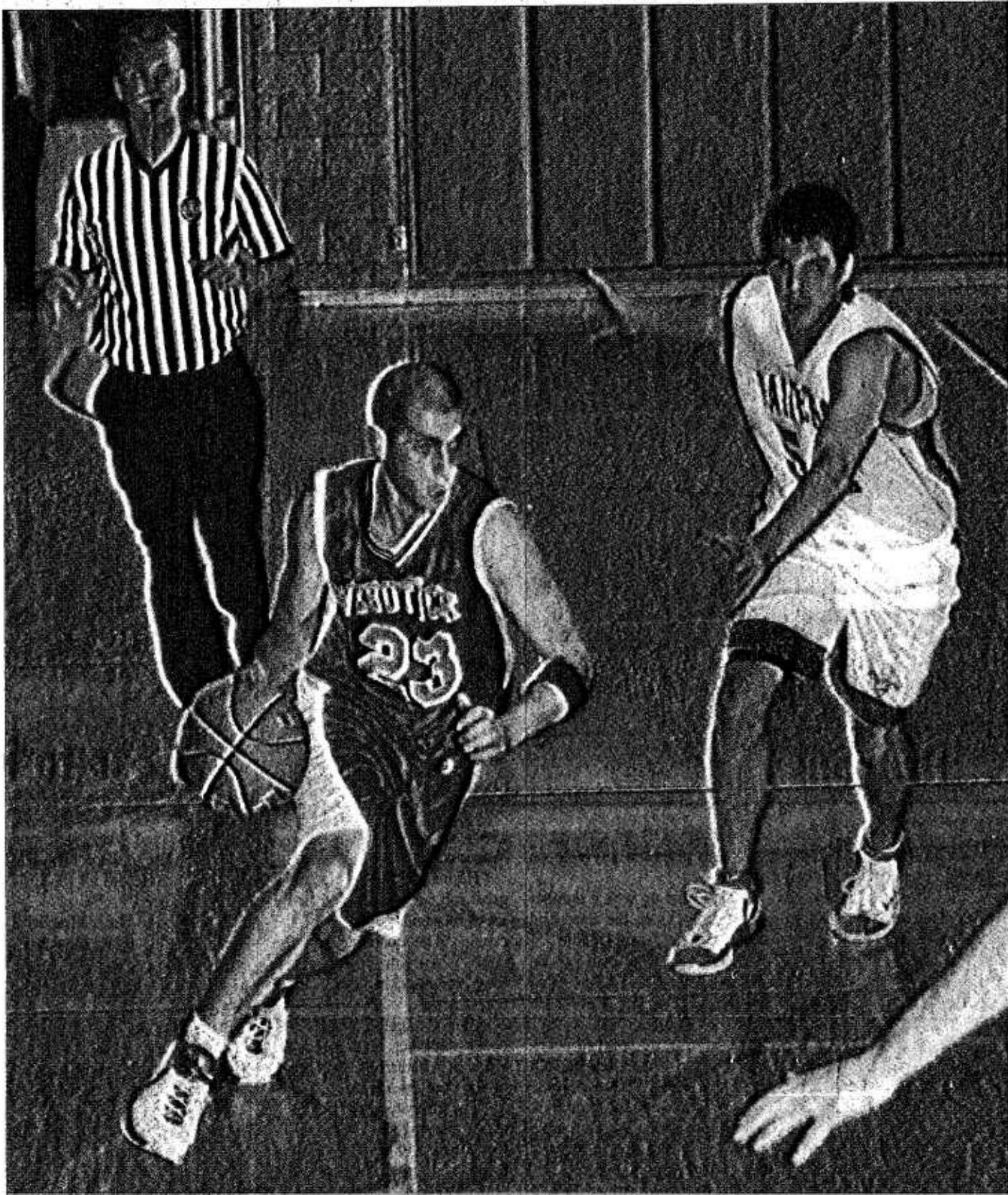
Though it was an uphill battle, Webutuck hit the hardwood in the second half with a newfound energy and took the fight to Red Hook. Making up almost 30 points is a difficult task and at the end of the game the Warriors just couldn't make a comeback, but the tenacity they showed on the court impressed the coach.

"This was a good test for us, and seeing the way we played in the second half showed that this is something we can build on," said Stefanowich. "We might face them again if we make the MHAL tournament, so the players know they have what it takes to play them."

Offensive stars Matt Pomeisl and John Cavaliere once again led the way for the Warriors. Pomeisl scored 14 points, while Cavaliere notched 13 points in the game.

On defense, John Brinson made his presence felt with a number of rebounds.

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A QUICK BREAK: Warriors guard John Cavaliere looks to maneuver against the Red Hook defense during the Raiders' 91-61 victory last Friday night at Red Hook. (Photo by Brian Moore)

COACHES SPOTLIGHT

Kelly returns to alma matter

By Oren Phillips
Staff Reporter

It wasn't that long ago when Kathleen Kelly was walking through the halls of Webutuck High School as a senior, wondering what she was going to do for a career. Today, she walks through the halls as the head coach of the girls varsity basketball team.

This winter marks her first season at the helm of the team and Kelly's first year teaching at the high school.

"I graduated from Webutuck in 2000," she said. "I didn't play much basketball, I played a lot of field hockey. I then went to SUNY Cortland and became a physical education major. I grew up in Amenia, so I love coming back home and just love coaching sports in general."

Kelly was approached about coaching the varsity basketball team last summer and said she would be interested in the position.

"I was a substitute teacher and they approached me about coaching the volleyball, softball and basketball teams," she said. "This will be the first spring coaching softball at the school."

As a player, Kelly has seen a variety of coaching styles and has worked to incorporate a



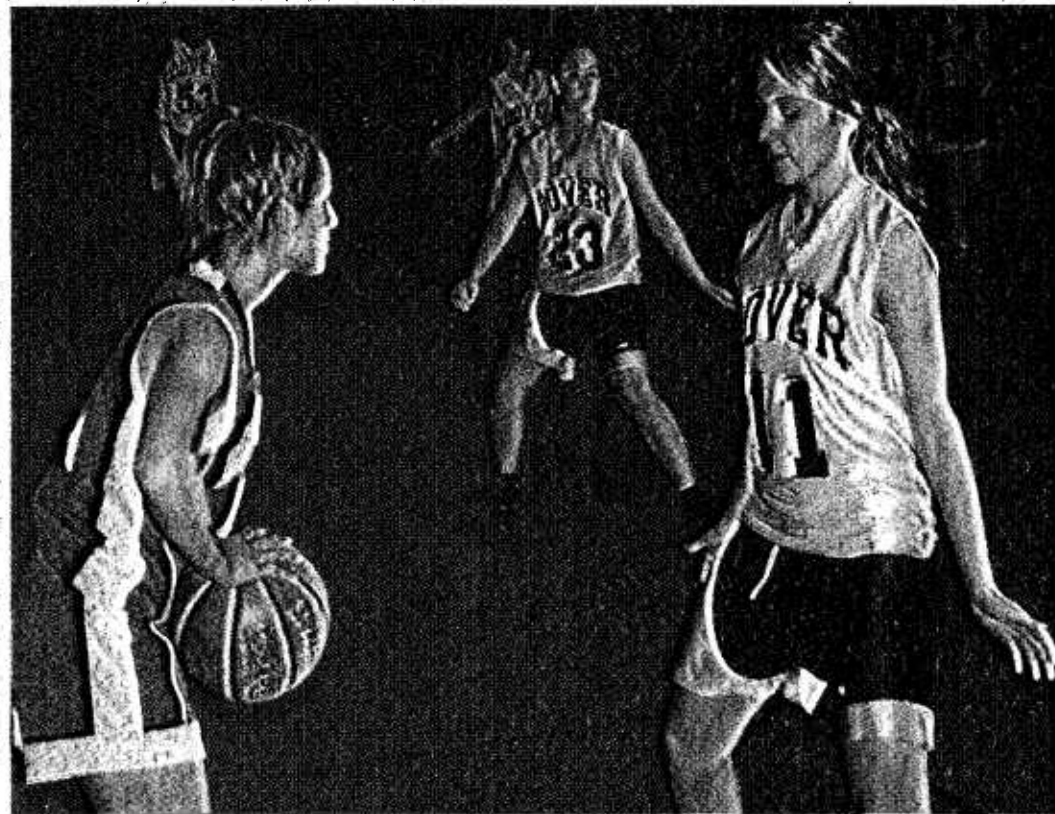
Kathleen Kelly

number of them into her own techniques. This winter she has stressed a commitment to the team and taking the time needed to practice.

"I always wanted to teach, but I also wanted to coach," she said. "The most important thing I stress is team unity. I make sure the girls don't get down on each other and motivate their teammates on the court."

Being the new kid on the block, Kelly had a tough time bringing her style to the team.

"They were used to doing things a certain way, and me
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STRONG DEFENSE: Dover's Michelle Djonovic puts pressure on Webutuck's Alysia Giglio during the Dragons' 50-31 win over the Warriors. (Photo by Oren Phillips)

Dragons down Warriors, 50-31

By Oren Phillips
Staff Reporter

The battle between the 12-3 Dover High School girls varsity basketball team and the 0-8 Webutuck squad might have seemed pretty one-sided on paper, but the Warriors kept pace with their opponents throughout most of the game until a rough fourth quarter that

led to the 50-31 loss.

For the first three quarters of the game the Dragons and Warriors matched each other point for point, with the offense of both sides putting together solid streaks.

In the first quarter Dover got on the board with 10 points, while Webutuck sank five points. Both teams scored 11

points in the second quarter making the score 21-16 going into halftime.

The Warriors hit the hardwood in the third quarter looking strong and tallied 10 more points, while keeping the Dragons to only five. With the score tied at 26, it was time for the final make-or-break quarter.

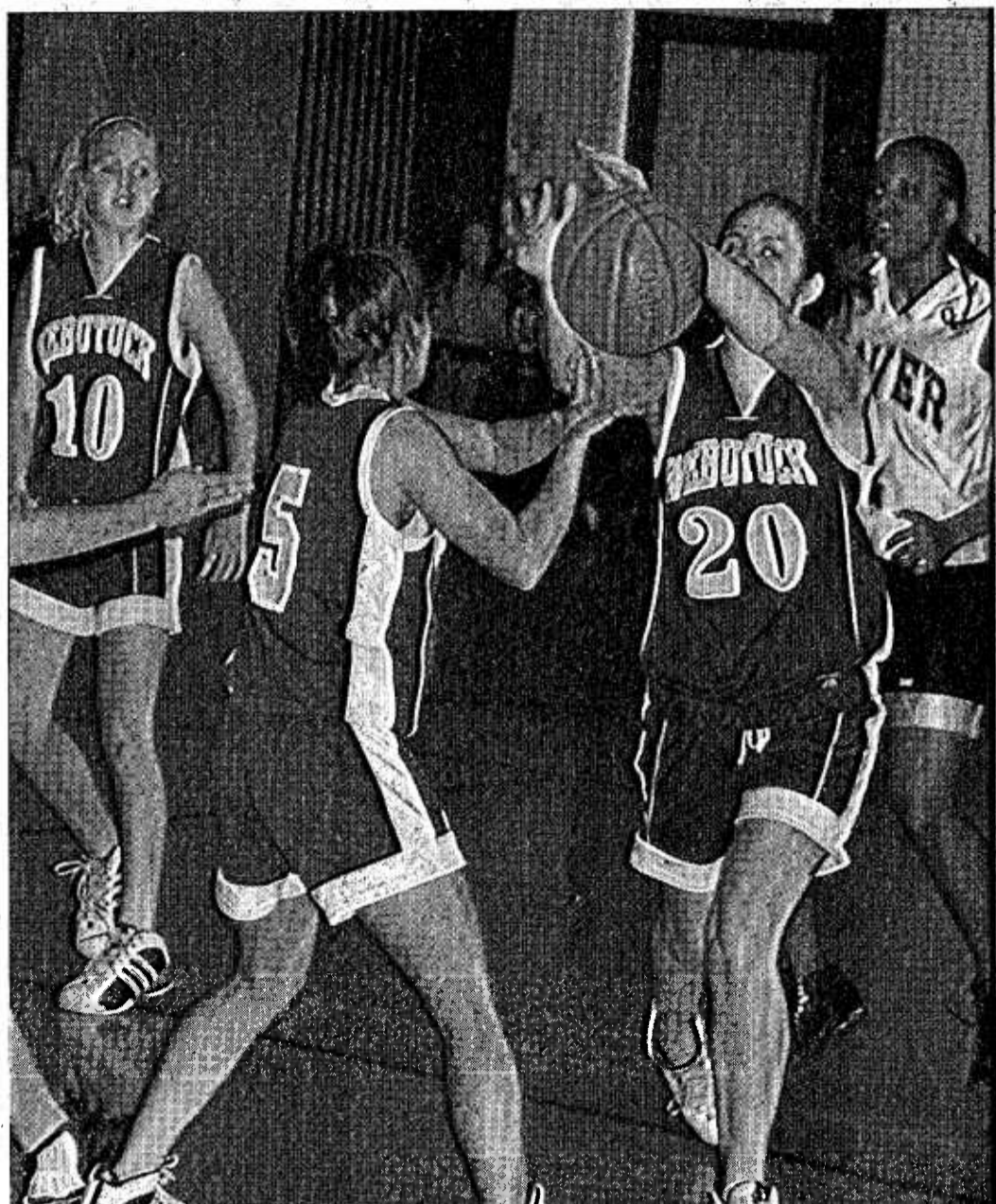
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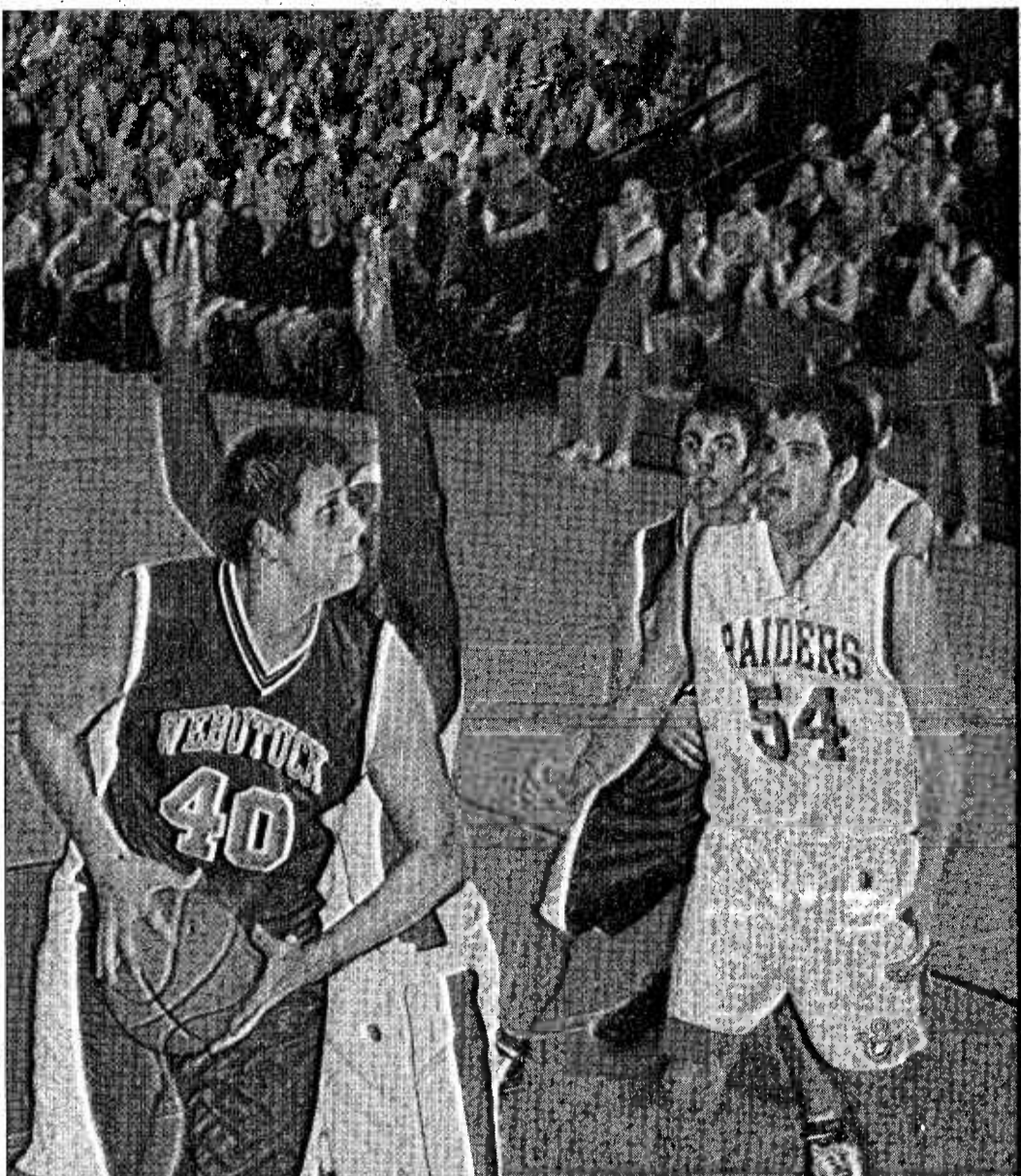
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GET THAT BALL: It was a battle for control as Webutuck's Alysia Giglio and Megan Scutieri both try to get the rebound and keep possession of the ball away from Dover. (Photo by Oren Phillips)



READY FOR THE DRIVE: Big man Alex Kravchuk gets set to power his way up toward the basket during last week's MHAL contest against Red Hook. (Photo by Brian Moore)

... Dragons

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Webutuck's offense and defense as Dover posted 24 points, while the Warriors managed only five. That late game shift in momentum gave the Dragons the victory.

"Webutuck played very well and put up a great fight," said Dover coach Kim Dennin. "Things began to change in the fourth quarter, and I was happy to see the offensive explosion on our side because it helped snap us out of our funk."

Dover's Michelle Djonovic was a one-woman wrecking crew as the junior had her way with the Webutuck defense by scoring 30 points to lead her team. The Dragon was strong with her inside and outside shooting and accounted for more than half of her team's points.

"For the past two weeks she has been terrific offensively," said Dennin.

Also adding to the offensive outburst was Taqiyya Averhart who had nine points for Dover

and also played a key role on defense.

"She came up with a number of key blocks in the third and fourth quarter," said Dennin.

Ally Emerson had seven points in the game while Gina Perri and Dorothy Rota both added two points.

"I think we played very well," said Warriors coach Kathleen Kelly. "Our defense was awesome and the team took a lot more shots. We were able to go into the fourth quarter tied, so I saw good progress."

The Webutuck squad looked strong for the majority of the game and did an excellent job distributing the ball on offense. Alysia Giglio led the Warriors with 10 points, including a three-point shot.

"She was very impressive," said Kelly.

Colleen Trainor tallied five points, while Hanna Peters and Megan Scutieri had four points. Danielle Fontaine, also sank a three-point shot for the

Warriors.

"Hanna and Megan also did a great job on defense and had a lot of rebounds for us," said the coach. "The chemistry on the court is coming together and they are working well as a team."

After the game, the Dover coach said her team needs to work on channeling its energy on the court as a team.

"The girls are always excited about playing, but sometimes that leads to mistakes like throwing the ball away and not concentrating," she said. "Sometimes they are too aggressive and sometimes not enough, so they are figuring things out."

With the 12 wins, Dover looks to be a lock for the sectionals, which would be the first time in school history the girls team made the postseason.

"We can't look too far ahead, and still have a number of tough league games ahead of us," said Dennin.

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"He played very well and brought a fire to the court," said the coach. "He did all the little things we need."

The squad has almost a week off due to Regents testing, but the coach believes the layoff could be just what the Warriors need.

"It's good because it allows us to get back to basics in practice," he said. "We had an excellent practice on Monday

and there is a lot of excitement. I think losing two games in a row has motivated them to do better as the season winds down."

While the Warriors will once again depend heavily on its starting five, Stefanowich said the bench is going to play a crucial role in the upcoming games.

"Justin Giordano, Jonathan Schultz and Dustin Smith have

been doing very well for us and give us depth on the bench," he said. "Having them ready to play makes us more of a complete team, along with our starters who have been doing a solid job. Everyone has a chance to make a difference."

The Warriors get back on the court on Jan. 26 as Onteora makes its way to Webutuck for a 6 p.m. game.

... Kelly

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being new, I had to take time and work to change a few things, and I think I've made progress," she said. "The biggest thing I learned is that every player is different and has to be handled a certain way."

The coach said one thing going for her coming into the team was that the Warriors already had a very strong work

ethic and were willing to put the time in to practice in order to improve.

With a strong core of young returning players, the progress made this winter could translate into more wins next winter.

Besides coaching, Kelly is also the home and careers teacher at the high school where she teaches cooking,

sewing and other home skills.

Even though she is just starting her coaching career, Kelly said she imagines doing it for a long time to come.

"I can see doing this for many years," she said. "Everyone in the school has been so nice to me and helped me along."

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with 22 points, 10 rebounds, six assists, a steal and a blocked shot, as he had a terrific game.

Cavaliere had a chance to win the game in regulation, but his shot went off the back of the rim at the buzzer. Jon Brinson added nine points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals, while Alex Kravchuk scored eight points, pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked five shots. Kravchuk was called for some questionable fouls late in the first half, and in the third and fourth quarters, which resulted in him spending much time on the bench in the second half. Matthew Kravchuk added seven points, five rebounds and two assists, while Christopher Matteo scored five points and had three assists. Jon Schultz also scored five points for the Warriors. Millbrook will play at Webutuck on Feb. 13, in a game that could decide the MHAL divisional championship.

Webutuck coaches Peter Stefanowich, Mike Romano and Landon Johns were all very proud of the efforts of the iron five who played the JV game at Millbrook on Tuesday. The JV team dressed just five players, who played the entire game. The five were Patrick McCaffrey, Alex Murphy,

Michael Reynolds, Andrew Schultz and Martel Williams.

Webutuck blitzed by Red Hook

Webutuck showed they could play with a very talented Red Hook team in the second half of Friday night's game in Red Hook. Red Hook was ahead of Webutuck by just two, 33-31, in the second half, and it was not because Red Hook was using different players or was not trying to run up the score. Webutuck just played a lot better against a Red Hook team that looked like they were going to score 100 points. Red Hook ran up and down the court in the first half en route to a 58-30 half-time lead. Matt Pomeisl returned to the lineup and led Webutuck with 14 points, five rebounds and two steals. John Cavaliere added 13 points, four steals and three assists, and he made nine of his ten foul shots. Alex Kravchuk added 10 points, nine rebounds and a blocked shot, while Jon Brinson added nine points, four assists, three rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot. Matthew Kravchuk scored six points, while Dustin Smith added five points, and Jon Schultz and Chris Matteo each added two points.

PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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