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## Giddy Up: Leg. Meeting Turns Ugly with Tilly Foster Focus Again

By David Propper

For years, Tilly Foster Farm had been a site in Putnam County known for its bucolic setting and roaming animals.

Now, controversy and angst seem to be the most common themes attached to the county owned property.

At a July 15 Physical Services Committee meeting, tempers didn't just flare, they erupted during a discussion about Tilly Foster and the aftermath of the county fair held by the county over the 4th of July weekend. Financials, while only preliminary, revealed the county could be in a hole for between \$20,000 and \$30,000 as a result of overtime costs for the sheriff's department and highway department. Commissioner of Finance Bill Carlin said during the meeting the final number would not be available until the completion of the July 25 payroll.

While disclosing the financials, Carlin questioned why the county legislature even requested the information, noting the 43rd annual 4-H Fair coming up has never been scrutinized as long as Carlin has worked for the county. He said, "Are we going to be consistent with all our fairs, or are we going to just pick and choose which ones we like and which ones we don't like."

From there, things got heated and a collection of screaming matches ensued.

Legislator Sam Oliverio challenged Carlin's assertion and said there's no need to request financials for the 4-H Fair because it's a historical part of the county, though he said the legislature has requested the information at some points.

He then repeated his disgruntlement with having the fair at Tilly Foster Farm in the first place.

"Why did we have this thing, I have no idea why we had this thing," Oliverio said



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The Tilly Foster Country Fair was the main topic of conversation last week during a legislature committee meeting. The 4th of July weekend event has been under scrutiny by some legislators and residents.

as a few residents applauded. "This was a propaganda, we didn't need it, we didn't need to lose almost \$30,000, probably more."

Some residents also spoke up against the carnival held from July 3 through July 6, noting it wasted taxpayer money, while tearing up the property of the farm.

Southeast resident and critic of the county's handling of Tilly Foster, Ann Fanizzi said during the meeting many residents of the county did not approve holding the carnival and she has photos documenting the problems with the fields after heavy machinery and cars were on it.

"You're playing games with the people's property," Fanizzi complained. "And with the people's finances."

County resident Katherine Dwyer

was also critical of the fair on the farm, disappointed that garbage seemed to still be on the property days after the event was over and equipment still occupied the farm more than a week after the carnival ended.

"I'm very concerned that the idea is to have a carnival there every year," she said. "That makes no sense."

Another county resident, Thomas Maxson, wrote a letter to the county executive administration and the legislature in which he said he was greatly disturbed by the amount of overtime the fair cost. He added there has been damage to the grazing fields.

He said during public forums and meetings planning the farm's future over

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## Drone Use at Maloney's Wedding Scrutinized, Criticized

By David Propper

When Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney married his longtime partner Randy Florke in a ceremony in Cold Spring last month, it was one of the biggest events in the village so far this year.

Now, part of that celebration is being scrutinized because of the use of a drone that caught the grand event on tape.

The Federal Aviation Authority confirmed in an email that the agency is investigating the report of an unmanned aircraft operation in Cold Spring on June 21 to determine if there was any violation of federal regulations or airspace restriction, though it never mentioned Maloney by name. Maloney is a Democrat and first term congressman representing all of Orange and Putnam counties and part of Dutchess and northern Westchester counties.

The report of a drone at the wedding was first written by the New York Daily News that said the use of the "helicopter-like drone appeared to violate a prohibition against flying drones for commercial purposes."

Maloney hired New Jersey-based Propellerheads Aerial Photography to shoot video of the wedding, according to the Daily News and some of the footage was released on YouTube. The video has since been taken down. The man who runs the company, Peter Gyokeres, said he did not have permission from the FAA to use the aircraft that day, according to the Daily News.

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# Region's Elected Officials Stand Behind Israel During Rally

By Pat Casey

Elected officials from Washington, New York State, Westchester and Putnam counties and local municipalities gathered on the steps of White Plains City Hall Thursday to express a bipartisan stance of solidarity in the region for Israel.

Organized by NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) who said he had started gathering representatives together for the event on Monday, the rally began just after Israel began a ground invasion into the Gaza strip Thursday night after ceasefire talks did nothing to deescalate the air war that had ensued for 10 days.

The rhetoric was strong and forceful, posing a fierce support for Israel and expressing that country's complete right to protect itself from the ongoing onslaught of terrorism committed by Hamas.

The use by Hamas of their own

Palestinian people as human shields was referred to by several of the speakers.

"My heart is with the people of Israel," said Buchwald. "It saddens me that innocent families are once again being subjected to unconscionable acts of violence. I wholeheartedly support Israel's right to defend itself against attacks, and I pray that this conflict soon comes to an end."

One state representative who wasn't there, but stated his support for Israel was state Senator Greg Ball, who represents part of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. After The Putnam Examiner reached out Ball, the senate's Homeland Security Chairman issued a statement that read, "I strongly stand with our friends in Israel as they defend themselves from senseless terrorists attacks against their civilian populations throughout the country."

"Without reservation I support Israel's right to defend herself using any

means necessary to persevere, defend and protect civilian life. Hamas and its terrorist activity are not and shall never be acceptable to any freedom loving and humane modern day society," Ball's statement went on to say. "I extend my utmost support and encouragement to Prime Minister Netanyahu, the Israeli Security Cabinet, the IDF Forces and all Israelis who live every day in a constant state of war, and without hesitation bravely defend their right to exist."

"The loss of innocent life on both sides is deplorable," said Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Westchester/Rockland) representing a unified stance from Congress. "Hamas is responsible for the ongoing escalation of violence, and is putting not only innocent Israelis at risk but ruthlessly using Palestinian civilians as shields. Israel, the only democracy in the region and our steadfast ally, has every right to defend innocent civilians under terrorist threat from the onslaught of Hamas' rockets just as the United States would respond were we here in the Lower Hudson Valley under constant attack. Continued U.S. support for Israel's defense is critical, and a Palestinian "unity government" that includes the terrorist group Hamas must not receive U.S. assistance."

Congressman Eliot Engel, spoke with similar sentiments. "Hamas is a terrorist organization whose sole purpose is to destroy Israel. The Hamas rockets that have been fired into Israel have forced the hand of the Israeli people, who have a right to defend themselves against the threat of terror," he said.

Other politicians connected to Putnam or New York who were at the rally included state Assembly member Sandy Galef, Special Assistant for Community Affairs in Governor Cuomo's Office David Lobl and Representatives from the offices of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney.

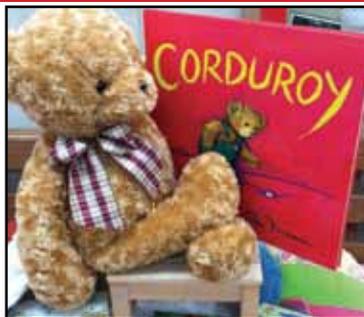
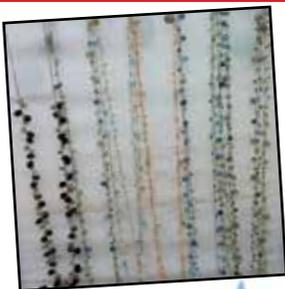
A statement from Governor Andrew Cuomo was read, expressing his support of Israel. "At a time of upheaval across the Middle East, Israel remains a bulwark of democracy and a beacon of courage and freedom. We strongly support Israel's right to defend itself. As New Yorkers, we have experienced global terrorism firsthand. At my direction, New York's Department of Financial Services has aggressively cracked down on institutions that bankroll terrorist organizations. And we will continue to work closely with our ally Israel to fight global terrorism," a portion of Cuomo's statement read.



PAT CASEY PHOTO

Elected officials from both political sides showed support for Israel at a gathering in White Plains last Thursday evening.

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# County Says "Nay" to Horses on Tilly Foster Anytime Soon

By David Propper

As animals begin to return to Tilly Foster Farm going forward, horses are the one set of animals that noticeably will be missing.

During a July 15 Physical Services Committee meeting, the issue of if and when horses should return to the Southeast farm was raised by a handful of residents. Pointing toward Tilly Foster as an historical horse farm and a way to raise revenue, concerned residents called on the county to take the initiative to bring the animals back. But the county executive administration and legislature said now was not the time to consider horses, citing other priorities take precedent.

County resident Katherine Dwyer, who used to board her horse on the farm, said it was "appropriate" to have a horse boarding business at the farm. She said much of the Lower Hudson Valley is a "huge horse corridor" and a large sum of money is spent on horse boarding around the region each year.

Another county resident Thomas Maxson wrote a letter to county officials and said the past horse boarding operation generated a substantial amount of money. Between 2009-2012, Maxson said about \$263,000 was made as a result of the horse boarding. He also added it went well with the historical aspect of the Tilly Foster.

During the meeting, legislators on the

committee weren't welcoming to the idea at this juncture, but didn't close out the idea all together.

Physical Services Committee chairman Carl Albano said, "Horses have never been ruled out here."

"If somebody comes to us that can make this work financially, it would be a great idea," Albano said. "Nobody's against that."

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra wasn't as amicable to the idea of horses on the farm because it only serves certain residents and visitors with horses and is not as open to the general public.

"It's a club," she said. "If you put a horse boarding facility there, it's for a select few."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino added the county is focused on the infrastructure of the farm, and it's not prepared to have horses on the farm yet.

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker, who has led the revitalization of Tilly Foster, said multiple and smaller farm animals are returning to the farm. So far, the farm had chickens delivered last week and one turkey that has been there. Some of the animals Walker said could come to the farm include pigs, goats, sheep, and other animals that are low maintenance and good with little children, though nothing is finalized.

He also said the facilities, as they are today, are not suitable for horse boarding.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislators Carl Albano, Barbara Scuccimarra and Ginny Nacerino all listen as residents speak out about putting horses back on the Tilly Foster Farm.

Going forward though, the county would eventually examine the possibility of bringing horses back down the road. He said he had heard from some residents that they weren't happy with the boarding operation when it was on the farm because they felt "excluded."

When a boarding operation was on the farm, Walker said the boarding business was essentially using the farm on the backs of taxpayers and making money

that was going toward the business and not back to the county.

"There's a very, very small minority of people who are jumping up and down," Walker said. "And we are not moving because of a small minority, meaning a handful of people want horses on that property."

"It's unfortunate there's a lot of negative energy around this because we are trying to do the right thing," Walker added.

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# New Super Delays Retirement Again to Lead 'Pac Schools

By Elena Castriota

Lifelong educator and the Mahopac school district's new interim superintendent, Brian D. Monahan does his work with one philosophy in mind, "It's always gotta be about the kids."

After leading the Hendrick Hudson and Garrison school districts during their own transitional periods, Monahan once again delayed retirement when he was appointed the short-term school chief for Mahopac after the retirement of former superintendent Thomas Manko. After a tumultuous year in the Mahopac

school system, which included seeing the school board's replacement for Manko decide not to take the job last minute, the community has a seasoned leader to look to for the following year.

Education and particularly administration wasn't always the plan for Monahan. While getting his undergraduate degree at SUNY Albany, he had teachers that made him consider education as a job. When he first started working as a high school teacher at Yonkers, Monahan explained he didn't see the career lasting too long.

"I didn't think it would be my lifelong passion...but it didn't take me long to realize that I liked it," he said, adding. "The last thing in the world I wanted to be was an administrator."

Ironically, that's where he spent much of his time in the education system. Five degrees including a Ph.D. later, he was the superintendent of the North Rockland School District for 14 years before his short retirement.

"My problem is I haven't been very good at retirement," Monahan chuckled. He missed being involved in sporting

events, concerts and productions that the school puts on because in his eyes, it is the extracurricular activities that are essential to education.

"To me, especially from middle school and beyond, school can't end at 2 p.m. It's so important that kids get linked to schools in other ways," he said.

Monahan is very impressed with the level of support for those extracurricular activities in Mahopac. While support for athletics and performing arts exist in other places, he noticed the support is particularly strong in this community. He looks to continue that tradition.

"My hope is that we build on those things and we put our focus on the stuff that kids are achieving both in the classroom and outside. We have a lot to be proud of," he said.

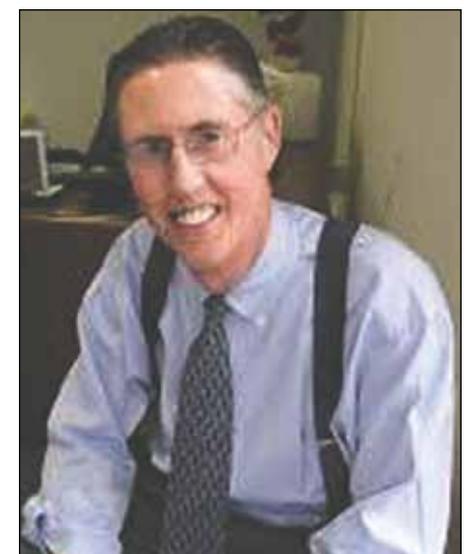
In these tough financial times, cuts and reductions are commonplace and typically seen in areas such as extracurricular activities and less popular courses. Monahan is firmly against removing those programs.

"Pick an individual child. For that child, he or she is only going to be in 11th grade one year. You only have one shot at 11th grade," he explained, "It's not fair to say we need to cut this program or we need to reduce the courses that are offered or we can't give you the sports you want and need because we've only got one shot at 11th grade and bringing it back next year isn't gonna work."

Monahan was born in Dobbs Ferry and has lived there his whole life. In fact, his family has resided there since the 1800s. He served as the mayor of Dobbs Ferry for three terms after serving as a trustee on the village board.

When he isn't working, a rarity for him, Monahan likes to play golf "poorly" and read. He has also been teaching English every morning at Pace

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New Mahopac school district superintendent Dr. Brian D. Monahan is at this third school system on an interim basis.

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If you're interested in hearing live music - stop by Shady Grove Theater. The Youth Showcase on Friday highlights the talents of performers up to the age of 18 and on Saturday and Sunday professional entertainers will offer an array of music genre from Jazz to Country to Rock 'n' Roll. Find it fun to see farm livestock and small animals? Be sure to check out the livestock pavilion, the rabbit and poultry barn; watch a dog obedience show, or see a 'Showmanship' demonstration.

Follow the trail of laughter and giggles, from both children and their parents and you'll find the magic shows and demonstrations at Tony's World of Science and Magic Tent. Stop by the intriguing Civil War and Revolutionary War encampments to learn about our area's involvement at

that point in history. While you're in the vicinity of the 'Games Tent' and the Dog Obedience Demonstration area take a minute or two and visit the 'Hot Rods on the Hudson' display. There will be many beautifully restored classic cars to view.

While walking the fairgrounds you might build an appetite and be interested in some 'Fair' food. Why not try some fresh corn cooked on the grill, or an array of other delights - delicious hamburgers & hot dogs, vegetarian chili, freshly squeezed lemons for your lemonade and of course the culinary highlight of the weekend - the famous Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday July 26th that includes a drink, baked beans, Cole Slaw and potato salad.

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- Submitted by Patricia Madigan

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# Giddy Up: Leg. Meeting Turns Ugly with Tilly Foster Focus Again

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the winter and spring, residents express many desires that did not include holding a carnival there.

"The July 4th weekend carnival was exactly what the participants in those meetings did not want - a money wasting boondoggle that flew in the face of the farm's history," he wrote.

Legislators on the Physical Services Committee defended holding the huge event at the farm, arguing it was a draw for many residents that would usually not venture to Tilly Foster and educated them on what the future holds for the property.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who was

at the fair for part of the weekend, called the carnival "very successful." She said the objection of the fair was to introduce the farm to "all the people" rather than just a select group. The costs associated with the fair were acceptable, Nacerino said, because they go toward the quality of life for county residents.

"I was able to speak with many patrons of the farm who were thrilled to death being there, thrilled to death at the changes," Nacerino said. "And thrilled to death to the fact that in their whole life they had never been on that property and this was their opportunity to do so."

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra agreed with Nacerino, and said it was an "enjoyable experience for the majority of the people that went there."

The total revenue from the carnival was \$19,295 and the total expense of the carnival was \$15,368, according to Carlin. The county is also expecting to receive a check from Homestyle Catering for \$3,927 and another \$500 donation, which Carlin said would go toward the overtime costs.

Prior to the meeting, fliers had been circulating around the county criticizing

carnival and encouraging residents to complain to the county executive's office and legislature. Overall, the discussion Tuesday night was uncivil far most of the meeting, with residents and county legislators and officials bickering back and forth.

Chairman of the Legislature and also of the Physical Services Committee, Carl Albano, at times seemed like an elementary school teacher in a rowdy classroom trying to restore order.

Carlin, though, foreshadow the ugly tenor of the meeting right from the start.

"I gave a pint of blood downstairs (referring to a blood drive,)" Carlin said. "I might as well give another one now."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Southeast resident Ann Fanizzi expressed nothing but anger about the carnival being held at Tilly Foster.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

County Legislator Sam Oliverio exploded last week, once again voicing his strong displeasure with holding a fair on the Southeast farm



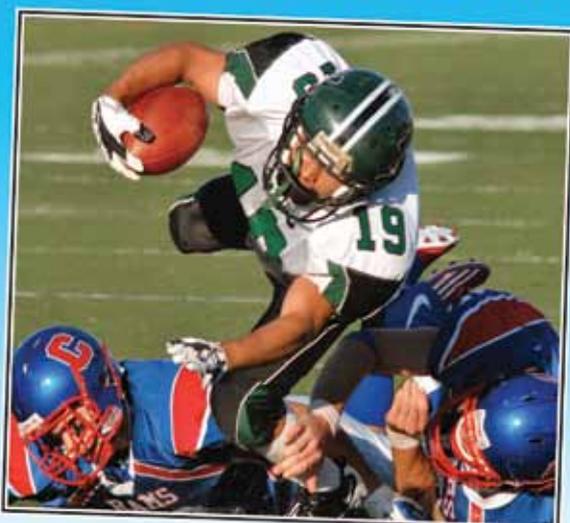
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Commissioner of Finance Bill Carlin revealed the numbers for the Tilly Foster Country Fair last week. Even Carlin got heated at times during the meeting.

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# Gipson, Serino All About Taxes in Fight for Senate Seat

By Janine Bowen

With each candidate having submitted petitions with more than 3,000 signatures on it, Democrat state Senator Terry Gipson and Republican challenger Sue Serino, who is a Dutchess County Legislator, are on the campaign trail--meeting constituents and hammering away on the issues in the Lower Hudson Valley--for a senate seat in the 41st District.

Both candidates state that one of their biggest concerns is taxes and the affordability of living in Putnam and Dutchess counties, as well as New York State as a whole.

In an interview, Gipson stated during his first term in office he consistently voted to reduce taxes and helped to begin a phase out of the 18A Utility Tax, which is a regressive tax that all New Yorkers were paying on their electric bill.

"One of the big differences between myself and my opponent is that while I've been fighting to reduce taxes, she has been increasing them on a county level and I don't think that this is the appropriate time to have somebody in office that has a history of raising taxes," said Gipson.

But Serino strongly refuted that accusation by Gipson.

Serino stated Gipson's claims were unfounded, noting that when she served on the Hyde Park town board she voted against the 19% tax increase that her fellow

board members supported and voted against the proposed mortgage tax, as well as the energy tax as a member of the Dutchess County Legislature.

"I haven't raised taxes," Serino said. "I don't know what he's talking about."

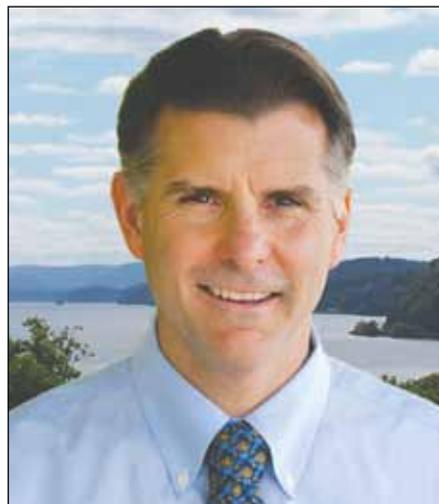
As a mother of a 24-year-old son, Serino is concerned about the cost of living in the state, noting that many college graduates, as well as senior citizens, are being forced to leave and find more affordable places to live.

She noted the way to make the state more affordable is to focus on infrastructure and economic development, as an increase in the commercial tax base will reduce property taxes for residents.

Gipson is also heavily focused on the economy, having passed the Hire NY program during his first term. This program provides low interest loans to small businesses so that they can hire local employees.

Gipson also asserted in order to change the way people live and do business in New York, reform must first be made to the way that the public education system is funded because of its direct affect on property taxes.

Overall, Gipson said he already has a record of delivering for Putnam County. During his first term, he delivered a \$100,000 grant to Kent to fund the Imagination Station 2 playground at an



State Senator and Democrat Terry Gipson, who is in his first term.

elementary school. He also secured \$1 million for the Pudding Street overpass on the Taconic State Parkway and pushed hard on the state Department of Transportation to make the project a priority.

He noted that the progress on the Pudding Street overpass was a direct result of his involvement with local town governments, having learned of the issue at a Putnam Valley town board meeting. He said he often goes to town board meetings to familiarize himself with the issues in each municipality.

Serino is also concerned with the needs of local municipalities, and noted that it is important to keep a finger on the pulse of the community.

In addition to hoping to find solutions to the heroin and Lyme disease epidemics in Dutchess and Putnam counties, Serino is heavily focused on the issue of mental health. She noted many mental health facilities across the state have recently been shut down, which she believes to be a mistake. She opposes the NY Safe Act, because she feels that the focus should be on treating the underlying issues of mental health that lead to gun violence instead of trying to prevent gun ownership.

Initially, three other Republican candidates had planned to challenge Serino, but all of them ultimately dropped out of the race, leading to Serino securing the party endorsement. She believes that



Dutchess County Legislator and Republican challenger Sue Serino.

her record of standing up for what she believes in, even if it means voting against her own party, is what has garnered so much support for her campaign.

"I think, ultimately, with my record of standing up for what is right and my commitment to fixing the issues that are plaguing our region, that [is what] led me to be the endorsed candidate," she said.

It appears that, for both candidates, defined party lines do not play a factor when problems need to be solved. Gipson noted that, throughout his term, he has frequently crossed party lines and has been willing to work with members of any party in order to best serve the people.

"It's really the only way to solve problems," Gipson said of bipartisanship. "It's something I wish more people would do a better job of. You just have to put your differences aside at some point and decide that you're committed to solving the problems at hand."

In 2012, when Gipson was elected to the 41st district, the Republican vote was split between two candidates, which will not be the case this time around. Regardless of this, Gipson stated that he is not concerned about his chances of winning the election because he said he's accomplished a great amount of good for Putnam and Dutchess counties.

"My record really speaks for itself," Gipson said.

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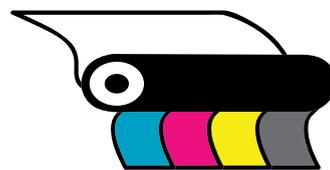
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# BOE Needs Citizen Involvement to Keep Voting Records Updated

By Janine Bowen

Residents in Putnam County may be receiving a postcard in the mail this week that the Putnam Board of Elections is urging people to pay attention to.

Each year, the Putnam County Board of Elections is required by law to send out a mail check card to all registered voters, to ensure that their information is correct and up to date. Often times though, a card is sent to an address even when the original registered voter no longer resides there. When this happens, residents are suppose to send the card back, which many don't take the time to do.

"There's a fair amount of money that's spent doing this and getting that response back from homeowners would help us a lot," said Democratic Commissioner Cathy Croft.

According to Croft, 56,687 cards were mailed out last year and only 2,614 were returned to the board with corrections. Of course, if a voter receives a card that is correct, no action needs to be taken, but if one is received and is addressed to a former resident, all the recipient needs to do is place a return to sender note on the card, as well as a message saying the addressee no longer resides at that address, and send it back at no cost.

Croft stated that it is important for residents to return the cards because it allows the Board of Elections to keep accurate and updated voter registration information. This information is used to determine the total number of registered voters in the County as well as by candidates who go door-to-door collecting signatures for petitions to

run for office.

Although many residents will tell a candidate that the original registered voter no longer lives at the address on record, the Board of Elections needs written documentation before they can remove the address from the list.

"Technically, we can't take the voter off the rolls at that point," Croft said. "We can't even make them inactive. We need something in writing from the homeowner."

Republican Commissioner Anthony Scannapieco stated that, when people don't return the cards, the result is an inflated voter count for the area, which then skews the estimate of how many registered voters show up on Election Day. He noted that a 30% voter turnout could really be 40%, because the Board of Elections is counting people

who may no longer reside in Putnam County amongst the registered voter population. This problem is especially abundant among young voters, who leave for college or move away from home.

"It helps us to know who is here and who's not," he said of returning the mail check cards.

Scannapieco stated that many people move to Dutchess or Westchester Counties, without changing their voter information, and then attempt to return to Putnam to vote, which is illegal.

Croft explained that, if residents wish to register to vote in the County, they can do so online or pick up a registration form at their local library, school, or town hall. In addition, they could contact the Board of Elections, who will mail them the proper forms.

# Two Men in Custody After Alleged Break-in Spotted by Neighbor

By David Propper

A neighbor's keen eye and quick thinking stopped an apparent burglary in Continental Village, leading to the arrest of two men.

At about 6 p.m. on July 11, a resident in the Continental section of Philipstown called 911 and reported a possible burglary in progress at an empty home in the caller's neighborhood, according

to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. When deputies arrived at the house, they saw two men in the driveway and then witnessed one of the men throw a rifle under a parked vehicle.

The deputies found another rifle in the backseat of the men's vehicle and after further investigation; it was determine that the two firearms had allegedly been stolen from within the vacant home.

The suspects, identified as Robert Curry III of Lake Peekskill and Thomas Germano of Philipstown were arrested and charged with 3rd degree criminal possession of a weapon, 4th degree criminal possession of stolen property and 4th degree possession of a weapon.

Both men were remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility. This also isn't the first time Germano and Curry

have had run-ins with the law, according to the Sheriff's Department. Germano in the past has been convicted of four felonies and eight misdemeanors and Curry has been convicted of five felonies and five misdemeanors.

Sheriff Don Smith praised the resident who called and tipped authorities to the crime in progress.

"The caller had the awareness to notice that something was amiss at a neighbor's house and then took action by promptly dialing 911 to report it, which enabled law enforcement to stop a crime in progress," Smith said. "It is gratifying to know that, here in Putnam County, we have residents who care about their neighbors' property and who are watching out for one another."

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## “The Liar” Offers Charmed Duplicity at Hudson Valley Shakespeare Fest

By Abby Luby

If you've ever felt squeamish about the sing-songy rhymes of iambic pentameter, be assured that the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival production of “The Liar” uses this poetic form and is delightfully entertaining. The play has been wonderfully adapted and revived by David Ives from a comedy by 17th century French dramatist Pierre Corneille. We are forewarned in the very beginning that “tonight our actors will be speaking in verse,” but it is quickly apparent by the actors' well-timed delivery, that the verse won't drive you crazy. Rather, the discourse is broken up so nicely that we adapt to the poesy and eagerly anticipate the next rhymed word or pun, like the expected musical phrase of Mozart.

The story is straightforward. Dorante, a young man arrives in 17th century Paris and woos two young women by concocting grandiose tales. Dorante is played by Jason O'Connell, who brilliantly portrays the outwardly, charming storyteller feeding his inner addiction to lie. O'Connell's Dorante is forgivable as a pathological liar because he weaves such incredulous tales that we crave the indulgence for a good

story and are swept up in believing him. Dorante's servant is Cliton, played by a steadfast Michael Borrelli, the straight man who conversely can only tell the truth. Borrelli deftly gives us a solid, unassuming character whose credible innocence we come to rely on as a stable point of reference: when Cliton speaks his truths, it somehow releases the mounting tension of Dorante's lies. Dorante informs Cliton that “When someone's got a juicy tale to dish, I have to add some sauce, respice the fish.”

The men meet the alluring young ladies; Clarice, played by the superb comedienne Gabra Zackman, and Lucrece, blithely played by Katie Hartke who despite her cunning and intuitive skepticism for men, falls for Dorante, lies and all. The women's similar sounding names is the entrée to a comedic feast of mistaken identities and adds to the already fertile ground of rampant duplicity.

New to HVSF is Max Hunter, adept as the high-strung Alcippe, who Clarice is secretly betrothed and who is Dorante's friend. Hunter's histrionics and palpating anger is frenetically hilarious (think the maniacal Harvey Korman as Hedley Lamarr in

Blazing Saddles). Unknowingly, an enrapt Alcippe listens to Dorante's extravagant romantic fantasy inspired by his infatuation with Clarice. It is a tale that quickly escalates into wild, fictional burlesque replete with “luminescent spume.” When Alcippe realizes that Dorante is smitten with Clarice, he becomes fiercely jealous and forces Dorante to a duel. Dorante pretends to reach for his sword but his words are his true weapon. He slips into an energetic, high pitched sportscaster character and belts out a play-by-play sword fight which is totally imaginary. Alcippe never doubts that the fight isn't real and, like us, he is along for the ride with Dorante as the driver.

Throughout the play O'Connell glibly intones snippets of impersonations: he slips mid sentence into Jack Nicholson in the “The Shining” or instantly conjures Anthony Hopkins madly uttering “Clarice” from the “The Silence of the Lambs.” By the second and final act Dorante's imaginary well of fabrications has run dry and O'Connell's sublime body language of wrenching angst leaves no doubt he is desperately reaching deep into “his inner multiplex” for a new scenario.

Bawdy, scatological, lascivious, the characters' let loose their beastly alter egos that pokes fun at sexual relationships: Dorante parades like a rooster, Alcippe breaks into fierce barking awaiting Clarice's response of soulful baying. Delightful puns and double entendre bubble up throughout: Dorante sees his new love interest as a clam and claims “You may be a bivalve, but you're my valve.” The blundering but somehow loveable Geronte, Dorante's father, is astutely played by Stephen Paul Johnson and Maggie McDowell, with miraculous swiftness, jockeys back and forth between two roles of very identical but diabolically different twin sisters, as servants to Clarice and Lucrece.

Director Russell Treyz, whose past HVSF productions include “The 39 Steps” and “All's Well That Ends Well,” says in his program notes that Ives has called The Liar a “translaptation” - a combination of translation and adaptation. A grandiose opening uses the brassy sound track from one of the Superman movies to accompany the gallantry redolent of the Three Musketeers. Treyz includes several

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## Putnam Residents Save More than \$850,000 with Discount Card

In February 2012, Putnam County and ProAct implemented a free prescription drug discount card program for all county residents. Over the course of two years, Putnam County residents have saved over \$850,000 on nearly 13,000 prescriptions.

Putnam County is one of over 50 counties in New York that has endorsed the ProAct-administered program to provide lower-costing prescriptions for their residents. There are no enrollment forms or application fees to utilize the program. Every resident within the county is eligible to participate regardless of age, income, or existing healthcare coverage and every prescription qualifies to receive some level of discount.

"We want to be sure that county residents no longer have to pay the full cash price for their prescription medications," said County Executive

MaryEllen Odell. "The ProAct Prescription Discount Card Program plays a key role in helping residents to gain access to affordable prescriptions, which, in turn, helps to keep our residents healthy, happy, and thriving."

The Putnam County Prescription Discount Card is completely anonymous and has already been activated for residents' convenience. In order to receive the savings associated with the program, one must present their prescription and discount card at a participating pharmacy. With over 60,000 pharmacies participating across the county, visit [www.NYRxDiscountCard.com](http://www.NYRxDiscountCard.com) to find your nearest participating store or call the ProAct helpdesk at 1-877-776-2285. Residents who utilize the program can expect to see savings ranging from 10-20% off name brand medications and 20-70% off generic

medications. The discount card cannot be used to reduce co-pays or deductibles, and the card cannot be used in conjunction with any form of insurance.

The Prescription Discount Card Program is completely free to taxpayers, the county, and to participating residents. There are no restrictions on card usage and we encourage every resident in the county to carry a card to avoid paying the full cash price for any of their medications. If a resident needs an additional card, or has lost their card, a supply of cards is available at the Department of Social Services, the Health Department, the County Office Building, or at any participating pharmacy in the county. If residents have access to the internet, they can also obtain their Putnam County discount card by visiting [www.NYRxDiscountCard.com](http://www.NYRxDiscountCard.com).

## Obituaries

### Catherine E. Busche

Catherine E. Busche, 82, of Carmel, died on July 14. Mrs. Busche was born on November 22, 1931 to John and Catherine (Gross) in New York City. Mrs. Busche was a homemaker and dedicated her entire life to her family. Mrs. Busche is survived by her three

loving children; Catherine Thomas, Robert Busche and Mark Busche, her beloved sister; Elizabeth Pacheco and seven adoring grandchildren.

### Marie Sharp

Marie Sharp was born in Yorkshire, England September 4, 1923. She was one of seven siblings who all predeceased her. At 17 years old, Marie joined the British Women's Army to fight in WW2 where she operated instruments, which directed guns in the anti-aircraft division. She met her husband, Donald Sharp, who was a radio operator in the Royal Air Force in India. They married in England in December of 1947 and moved to the United States with their first daughter, Jeanette in 1955. Donald became a printer and Marie his bookkeeper. They made friends easily and started the Piccadilly British Club with other people from Great Britain who soon became like family members. Don passed away suddenly in 1987. Marie was an avid fan of Jane Austen. She loved all creatures, great and small, walking the boardwalk at Jones Beach, strolling through Heckscher State Park, Bayard Cutting Arboretum and shopping at Marshalls. She is survived by her daughters, Jeanette Browne and Donna Blaney, her sons-in-law, Bernie and Brian, her grandchildren, David, Heather, Chelsea, Chloe and her great grandchildren, Samantha, Victoria, Rebecca and Jordan.

and Sadie (Argo) Mantione in Brooklyn. During World War II, he proudly served his with the United States Army. In November of 1948 he married Claire Guster in Brooklyn. Mr. Mantione was an Auto Mechanic for the NYC Transit Authority in NYC. He is survived by his five beloved children; Clara Howell, Joseph Mantione, Linda Mantione, Vincent Mantione, and John Mantione, thirteen wonderful grandchildren, eleven adoring great-grandchildren and his brother Charles Mantione. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Claire, his brother Joseph and his three sisters; Marian Gigilio, Lillian Schendorf and Josephine Penzillo.

### Richard A. Rossi

Richard A. Rossi of Mohegan Lake, died on Saturday July, 19th at the age of 49. He was born on September 7, 1964 in the Bronx the son of Richard and Rosemarie DiPresso Rossi. Richard is survived by his wife Janet, children Anthony and Jessica, father Richard and sister Denise Zablow. His mother Rosemarie predeceased him in 2010.

### Donna Lee Morrow

Donna Lee Morrow a lifelong resident of Mahopac, died on Monday July 21 at the age of 60. She was born on September 19, 1953 the daughter of Earl and Ruth Williams Tompkins. Donna is survived by her significant other Joseph Toleno, daughter Judy Kennedy, mother Ruth, brother Earl, sisters Diane and Doreen and grandchildren Rachel, Richard and Ronald. She was predeceased by her father.

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### Vincent L. Mantione

Vincent L. Mantione, 90, of Putnam Valley, died on July 16. Mr. Mantione was born on March 22, 1924 to Joseph

# Crossword Puzzle

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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**Across**

- 1 80s sitcom or Yorktown pool purveyor, Different \_\_\_\_
- 8 Veteran
- 11 Eternal
- 12 Kayoed
- 13 Souvenir
- 14 Lease
- 15 Seek water with a stick
- 17 Up
- 21 Very hot rock
- 24 Parting word
- 25 3-D reference provider
- 26 Article of clothing
- 27 Former wife of Mike Tyson
- 28 Ascended
- 30 Kind of fingerprint
- 32 You can't take the train to this Mahopac deli, Grand \_\_\_\_
- 37 Dine
- 38 Sans sense
- 39 Send-off
- 40 Entree pastry

**Down**

- 1 Uncle on recruiting posters
- 2 Where the Masters begins
- 3 CD-\_\_\_\_
- 4 The loneliest number of song
- 5 More caring
- 6 Worry
- 7 Winter flakes
- 8 Old weapon
- 9 Regret bitterly

- 10 Giant slugger Mel
- 16 Pole or Czech
- 17 "Fly like a butterfly" boxer
- 18 Sing
- 19 Go over again
- 20 Kind of final
- 22 French wine
- 23 Winnie-the-Pooh's gloomy friend
- 25 Brightly colored flower
- 27 They travel in formation
- 29 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 30 Cotillion girl
- 31 "Uh-uh"
- 33 Cable station
- 34 Tear
- 35 "I'd like to buy \_\_\_\_"
- 36 Spike in movie production

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# The Most Frequently Asked Questions About Refinishing Floors

The historic house was one of the loveliest I had ever listed, but it was on the market for over a year and, while it had many showings, it hadn't yet gotten a single offer.

When it came time to relist it, the owners and I considered what else we might do to make the home more attractive to a broader reach of buyers. Noting that their hardwood floors were somewhat dull and faded, I suggested that they might consider the investment of having them refinished.

I had heard of a floor refinisher named Debbie Gartner, aka "The Flooring Girl," who had established a reputation in the region for excellent work at reasonable prices and suggested her to the owners.

Shortly after I made the recommendation, I was told that the estimate for refinishing the entire first floor came in reasonably and the project was accepted.

When I revisited the house after the job was done, it was a revelation. Bottom line: when the house was relisted and an offer was received in three days. I can't attest to how much influence beautifully refinished floors had on that rapid a sale, but I'm sure it didn't hurt. One thing is certain: the experience got me thinking about having



By Bill Primavera

the flooring in two rooms and the central hallway in my house redone.

My main concern, however, was the time and effort involved with clearing the deck--literally--for such an all-out job. I had a lot of questions about the process. "Those are exactly the questions all my customers ask me," Gartner said.

She came well-prepared with the answers.

Q: How long does it take to refinish hardwood floors from start to finish?

A: That depends on what type of polyurethane is used, oil based or water based. Oil tends to take longer, from three to four days plus drying time, while water based tends to dry faster in two days.

Q: Is there a lot of dust when sanding floors?

A: Yes, but the dust goes into a vacuum bag. While no process is 100 percent dustless, it does take care of 90 to 95 percent of the dust.

Q: Can you change the color of the hardwood?

A: Yes, you can go from light to dark, or dark to light or anywhere in between.

Q: What if we have pet stains on the floor?

A: If there are areas that have pet stains

or water damage that have turned black, the best thing to do may be to replace those hardwood boards and weave them in.

Q: What if there is damage to the floor or sections where hardwood is missing?

A: This is usually solvable with weaving in additional wood, especially with oak flooring.

Q: Will I need to move my furniture?

A: Some customers prefer to move furniture themselves; others prefer that the floor refinishers do it. It can work either way.

Q: Where do I store my furniture?

A: Most customers use other parts of their home that may have tile or carpet, or move it to a basement or garage. Or a job can be done in two phases to accommodate space for furniture, or a storage container can be used.

Q: When can we walk on the floors?

A: On average, about 24 hours after the application of the final coat. It is recommended that for the first 24 to 48 hours you wear socks only, no shoes, no bare feet.

Q: When can we put area rugs back down on the floor?

A: It is recommended that you wait four weeks after the job is complete before putting area rugs back in place. This allows adequate time for the floors to cure.

Q: How long will the new finish last?

A: The lifestyle of the home determines

how long the finish will last. With regular maintenance cleaning, it can last between seven and 10 years.

Q: What is a screen and recoat? What is floor buffing?

A: Both are the same. It's a non-invasive method where the floor is buffed and abraded so that an extra coat of polyurethane can be added. It allows an extra coat of polyurethane to be added for extra sheen and protection.

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## The Wartime Tribulations of French Champagne Citizenry



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns I've been exploring the Champagne region of France. Together we've traipsed through the vineyards, the cellars and the streets of the people of this illustrious center of the past and future glory of Champagne. Intricately enmeshed in the oenological fame of the region is its tumultuous political history.

I've described the history of Champagne as a favorite site for early Romans to plant grapevines, produce wine and dig out massive underground wine cellars and later as the center of the French empire in the city of Reims, and, in modern times, as the world's premier region for sparkling wines.

I've explained the centuries-long development efforts to perfect the Méthode Champenois, from Dom Perignon to Veuve Cliquot and the meticulous and innovative methods introduced by them that are carried on today.

Interspersed with this history was the involvement of Champagne wines from mediocre still wines to today's highly stylized sparkling wines.

This week I'm turning my attention to the trials and travails of the region's growers and producers as loyal French citizens during one of the most debilitating periods of their modern history.

What destruction and upheaval nature wrought (Phyloxera, hailstorms, drought) over millennia, is overshadowed by what the Germans wrought over a period of four years during World War I.

At the beginning of 1914, the region was still rebounding from a devastating infestation of insects. Decades earlier, entire vineyards had been wiped out. At the outset of World War I, nearly half of vineyard lands were devoid of grapevines. As the local farmers and producers were painstakingly building their businesses again, the Germans crossed the border and began a devastating artillery bombardment.

The French valiantly mobilized and repelled the Germans at one of the two Champagne centers, the city of Epernay, but the larger city, Reims, did not fare as well.

Under siege for nearly 1,000 days, most of the city was leveled, including the ancient cathedral that had served as the center of the French empire as far back

*You Heard It  
Through the  
Grapevine*

as the first century. These war conditions subjected citizens in other war-torn countries and cities to abject poverty and crippled commerce.

But not in Reims. Although most of the city was reduced to a pile of

rubble, the citizens were able to carry on more than a modicum of normalcy.

Their indomitable spirit and national pride overcame the physical and psychological effects of tens of thousands of incoming bombs. They refused to allow the Germans to disrupt their lifestyle.

The same underground caves dug out by the Romans nearly 2,000 years before for aging and storing wine were now receiving citizens and their businesses and municipal services providers. While the city burned above ground, the caves built under the city streets now mirrored a substantial portion of the above ground activity. It is estimated that the limestone caves cover an area equal to 80 percent of the land coverage of Reims.

In spite of the constant shelling, daily life persisted.

Families settled into subterranean quarters amongst millions of bottles of celled Champagne.

Likewise, municipal services set up operation in sections of the vast caves;

hospitals, offices, schools conducted their activities at near normal levels. I've read of accounts that describe social events taking place and even grand banquets, replete

*'They refused to allow the Germans to disrupt their lifestyle'*

with candelabras, held in the caves of the producer Veuve Cliquot.

The French of Champagne persevered. But they were tested again, less than a quarter century later. But by World War II the Germans finally realized the merits of Champagne. See my column on the German infatuation with Champagne sparkling wines and the French ruses to conceal and protect their national treasure.

Seriously battered by two world wars, each time they recovered and today enjoy the rewards of their passion, sharing their wine with the rest of the world.

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# Melanoma: The Black Sheep of the Family



By Ross Levy, MD,  
Chief of Dermatology,  
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Of the three common types of skin cancer, melanoma is the most worrisome. This aggressive cancer is deadly when caught late. Skin cancer in general is on the rise: Fifty years ago, one in 2000 people developed a melanoma. Now it's one in 35. By gaining a better understanding of melanoma and its causes, you remove some of the scare and can protect yourself.

The cancer starts in pigment cells in the skin. The cells can turn cancerous after excessive exposure to sunlight or spending too much time in tanning booths. About 85 to 90 percent of melanomas are caused by UV rays. Genetics can also play a role – having one parent with melanoma puts your risk at 30 percent; having two parents increases your risk to 80 percent.

Fair-skinned people are at highest risk; melanoma is rare in dark-skinned people. In men, the telltale moles are often found on the head, neck or between

the shoulders and hips. Women often get melanomas on the trunk or lower legs. The danger is that, over time, melanomas can metastasize (spread or grow) releasing mutated cells that travel to other organs in the body, and that can be deadly.

The first step to protecting yourself is limiting your exposure to UV light. Cover up when you're outside, wear sunscreen on any exposed skin, and stay out of tanning booths. The second step is to keep an eye on any moles you have. Look for moles that change and are a bit darker. A melanoma is the black sheep of the family. It's the mole that looks really different than the others.

Size can also be an indication of a melanoma, but you don't want to find it when it's too big and may have had a chance to spread. If you're worried about a mole, see your dermatologist. Considering there are about 80,000 new cases a year and about 9,000 deaths from melanoma, it's critical that you catch it early.

According to the American Cancer Society, sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including melanoma. For the best protection, select a sunscreen that can prevent sunburn, reduce your risk of getting skin cancer, and help prevent

early signs of skin aging.

## The "ABCDE" rule

This rule, according to the National Cancer Institute, can be helpful in identifying the features of early melanoma.

- **Asymmetry.** The shape of one half does not match the other half.
- **Border that is irregular.** The edges are often ragged, notched, or blurred in outline. The pigment may spread into the surrounding skin.
- **Color that is uneven.** Shades of black, brown, and tan may be present. Areas of white, gray, red, pink, or blue may also be seen.
- **Diameter.** There is a change in size, usually an increase. Melanomas can be tiny, but most are larger than 6 millimeters wide (about 1/4 inch wide).
- **Evolving.** The mole has changed over the past few weeks or months.

Melanomas can vary greatly in how they look. Many show all of the ABCDE features. However, some may show only one or two of the ABCDE features.

## Ross Levy, MD

Dr. Ross Levy was graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery at Montefiore

Medical Center where he served as Chief Resident. He is presently an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine (Dermatology Division) at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he has held the position of Director of Dermatologic Surgery since 1985.

Dr. Levy is board certified in Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery. He has extensive experience with dermatologic lasers, having both used them in practice and instructed on laser procedures for more than 20 years. He has lectured extensively on wound healing, lasers, sclerotherapy and skin cancer, and is considered an expert in Dermatologic Surgery.

Dr. Levy is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, and a member of numerous medical societies including the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery and the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. He is Chief of Dermatology at Northern Westchester Hospital.

A Castle Connolly Top Doctor, Dr. Levy has been recognized among the Best Doctors in America (2013) and has also received the Best Doctor Award from both Westchester Magazine (2011) and New York Magazine (2013, 2014).

## VOB Film Festival Gears up for Slate of 40-Plus Films

The VOB Film Festival is gearing up for a full slate of films at five locations on Labor Day Weekend, August 29-31. This year's Festival features over 40 films from both local and international filmmakers, double the number from last year. The newest location will be the Brewster train station, which will showcase the work of filmmakers from the New York metropolitan region from 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 30.

"We are very excited to be able to use the train station. It is such a central, iconic part of Brewster and a true showcase venue for our Festival," says Stacy Dumont, who envisioned the idea of screening a feature length film and several shorts. "This station is accessible for drivers as parking is free in Metro North parking areas on Saturdays. We also encourage you to take the train to the Festival," she added. Films shown in the Brewster Train Station are free to attend.

This year the Festival will include discussion panels of experienced filmmakers and will kick off with its Dinner and a Movie event on Friday, August 30. The feature film for the opening night is *Jammed*, a comedy from Yedidya Gorsetman of Riverdale, NY. "It is a very funny comedy, and we think is a great way to start our festival," says copywriter Kara Dorkin.

The growth of the Film Festival has been an exciting journey since it debuted in 2012

with just nine short films in one evening. "We had difficulty attracting films that first year," says chairperson Bob Dumont.

The VOBFF has truly become a forum where filmmakers want to show their work," he continued, referencing the 90-plus submissions received.

"We had a really hard time keeping up on the judging this year," says Dorkin. "We had many volunteers who put in a lot of time and spent hours judging and rating each film. It was quite a task."

To accommodate the growth, the numbers of venues and hours have been expanded. Saturday morning and afternoon slots have been added and films will start at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. For film lovers, this is indeed a must-see event weekend. "We want you to spend Labor Day in Brewster. We are determined for it to become a Labor Day Weekend destination," says Bob Dumont. Filmmakers have already been inquiring about local hotels, places to stay and visit while they are here. There are production teams from several states who have indicated that they are planning to attend. It is very exciting."

For updates on the Film Festival, to view the schedule, or to buy tickets, visit [VOBFilmFestival.com](http://VOBFilmFestival.com). Many film sessions were sold out in 2013, so reservations are encouraged.

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## “The Liar” Offers Charmed Duplicity at Hudson Valley Shakespeare Fest —

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“freeze-frame” moments for actors’ asides to confide in the audience, giving us the inside scoop. Charlotte Palmer-Lane’s swashbuckling costumes for the men and low cut necklines and ballooning dresses for the women marvelously hint at parody, especially the flouncy, long curled bouffants. Ken Goldstein designed the stage props, a surprising number of pieces for the usual minimalist HVSF set, but they worked well, appearing heavy but light enough to be moved around and easily reconfigured for the next scene.

The HVSF 2014 season also includes

Shakespeare’s Othello directed by Associate Artistic Director Christopher V. Edwards and Two Gentlemen of Verona, directed by Eric Tucker. All three plays will be presented through August 31. For 28 seasons the festival has performed in a beautiful, castle-like open-air theater tent on the grounds of historic Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, using the spectacular view of the Hudson River as a theatrical backdrop. For more information call the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival office at 845-809-5750, or visit [www.hvshakespeare.org](http://www.hvshakespeare.org).

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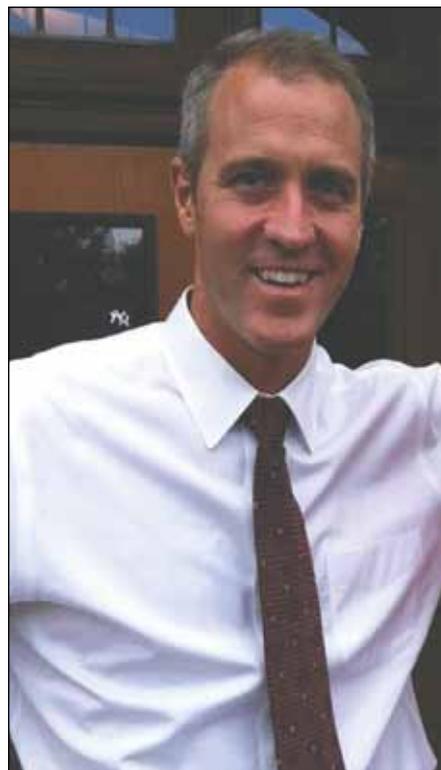
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## Drone Use at Maloney’s Wedding Scrutinized, Criticized



Congressman and Democrat Sean Patrick Maloney

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Republican and former congresswoman Nan Hayworth, who is challenging Maloney for his seat, wasted no time lambasting Maloney for the possible infraction. Hayworth insisted Maloney should step down from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where Maloney serves because it oversees the FAA, which is investigating the incident. She called it a “conflict of interest.”

In an interview, Hayworth said Maloney was disregarding the law for his own personal purposes. She said Hudson Valley residents have a right to have a representative who follows the law like they are compelled to.

“There’s a fundamental attitude there. Am I bound by the laws that I’m obligated to create and carry out or am I not,” Hayworth said. “Am I bound by the same rules as my constituents are?”

While Hayworth pulled no punches, the Maloney camp downplayed the controversy.

“On their wedding day Sean and Randy were focused on a ceremony twenty-two years in the making, not their wedding photographer’s camera mounted on his remote control helicopter. Hardworking families fired Tea Party Congresswoman Nan Hayworth because they were tired of these political games and sent Sean to get results on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, like passing into law the bipartisan Dam Safety Act, working on commuter safety issues and investing billions in our infrastructure following Sandy, Irene and Lee,” Maloney spokesperson Stephanie Formas said.

The FAA stated it has a number of ways to enforce unauthorized drone use like “warning notices, letters of correction and civil penalties.”

Earlier this year, Judge Patrick Geraghty of the National Transportation Safety Board ruled there was no enforceable FAA rule or regulation that applied to model aircrafts, which could be compared to the helicopter at the wedding.



Republican and challenger Nan Hayworth

## New Super Delays Retirement Again to Lead ‘Pac Schools

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University for the past 43 years, work he finds rewarding. Once he retires for good, the superintendent dreams of watching all of the television he missed out on since being an administrator means a lot of late nights.

Monahan is in a six-month contract while the Board of Education searches for a permanent superintendent. There is nothing preventing him from staying however. As that is a question he is asked constantly, he jokingly explains that he could work for the school

district anywhere between two months and five years.

Mahopac residents have been through a lot this past year with the deaths of several young people and bad publicity as a result of racist tweets sent out by Mahopac students during and after a basketball game against Mount Vernon.

But Monahan, who considers himself a good listener, is ready for all the feedback he can get from the school community and hopefully move the district into a brighter light.

# Happenings

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

**The Patterson Town Board** hereby seeks a qualified Patterson resident to fill one unexpired term on the Patterson Planning Board. All interested individuals may submit letters of interest/resumes to the Patterson Town Clerk no later than August 12, 2014. Letters may be mailed to Patterson Town Clerk, P.O. Box 470, Patterson, NY 12563, or faxed 845-878-6343 or e-mail townclerk@pattersonny.org.

**Ongoing**

**Boscobel Expands Playgroups for Tots:** Due to the popularity of its spring playgroup series, Rhyme Time by the Hudson, Boscobel is now offering three more sessions for young children in 2014. The interactive, educator-led playgroups are designed for children ages 1 through 5 with their parents, grandparents or caregivers and take place in Boscobel's spacious pavilion tent off the west meadow, as well as its inspirational Hudson River scenic overlook. Summer Session (3 weeks) July 25, August 1, August 8 Members: \$30 for 2 (caregiver & child) Not-Yet Members: \$45 for 2 (caregiver & child) \$15 each additional child early fall session (4 weeks) September 5, 12, 19, 26 late fall session (4 weeks): October 3, 10, 17, 24 Members: \$40 for 2 (caregiver & child) Not-Yet Members: \$60 \$15 each additional child To register for a Playgroup, contact Lisa DiMarzo: ldimarzo@boscobel.org or 845.265.3638 x140. Memberships can be purchased at Boscobel.org.

**Sizzling summer at the Library:** The last bell of the school year barely rang when over 200 kids, parents and neighbors came to the library to enjoy the big Summer Kick Off Block Party. Visitors of all ages enjoyed the festivities held in the beautiful Patterson Library Park. Great food, games, a hula hoop demonstration, music and dancing kept the crowd buzzing all afternoon. The Block Party was the first on a list of fun events for adults and kids taking place all summer long. From movie screenings, Beer Making & Country Line Dancing Under the Stars, to gardening and cooking classes there is something for everyone. In addition to great programs, the library offers museum passes for free and discounted admission to great area museums, a wonderful teaching vegetable garden sponsored in part by a grant with the United Way, plus great services including free eBook downloads, Kindles, audiobooks, Open Computer help sessions plus great summer reading programs raffles & giveaways. For more information on programs and services, visit our website at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) & click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x 10.

Follow us on Facebook & Pinterest for more library happenings.

**Brewster Farmers' Market:** The 2014 Market is scheduled to run through Sat. 11/22, Wednesday's and Saturday's, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, at the same location, 208 East Main St. (Rtes 6 X 202 & 22 at the bottom of Peaceable Hill Rd.) in the Village of Brewster. We are still participating in the NYS Dept. of Agriculture Farmers Market Nutrition Program, accepting WIC and SNP checks (good from July through November). We hope to see YOU soon @ Brewster Farmers' Market (Sponsored by CBB, Inc.)

**Ongoing this summer at the Kent Library: Technology Help** continues from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday mornings. Come to the teen room for free assistance with your smartphone, tablet, and more. Sharper Skills with Ms. Kelly: Sharper Skills is an all year-round extra help program for students levels K-12. No appointment necessary! Program offers; homework help, assistance with projects, free practice worksheets, study guidance, etc. Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6, Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Math with the McMaths: Don't lose those math skills over the summer! High school students Tyler and Dorian McMath make math fun for elementary and middle school students. Help is also provided for high school students who are retaking the algebra or geometry regents. No appointment is necessary. 1 p.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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**Wednesday, July 23**

**Brewster FD Annual Parade:** Grab your folding chairs and come on down to watch the annual Brewster FD parade. Come cheer along the numerous departments from Putnam, Westchester, Long Island and Connecticut who will be marching to compete for highly coveted trophies. With marching bands, fire engines (maybe even an antique or two!) and lots of fire and EMS volunteers marching in unison with heads held high, it's surely a fun time for all! Parade starts at 7pm but come down early and get your favorite viewing spot.

**Saturday, July 26**

**Free Music Concert:** Putnam Valley Town Park, Owcawana Lake Road and Town Park Lane. 7 p.m. Boondocks Band. Line Dancing food and more. [Pvpr.com](http://Pvpr.com)

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**Sunday, July 27**

**Cold Spring Concert Series:** Alexis P. Sutter Band. 6:30 p.m. Bandstand at Main Dock Cold Spring.

**Monday, July 28**

**Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors** will hold registration on August 7 at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, to using an iPad, to Digital Photography. We also offer a number of special workshops, such as Using the Internet to Plan Your Trip, Help with Mac laptops, Facebook Security, Copy/Cut/Paste, and Buying and Selling on eBay. Register in person or call Cathy O'Brien at (845)628-6423 or email her at [c.obrien23@comcast.net](mailto:c.obrien23@comcast.net).

**Tuesday, July 29**

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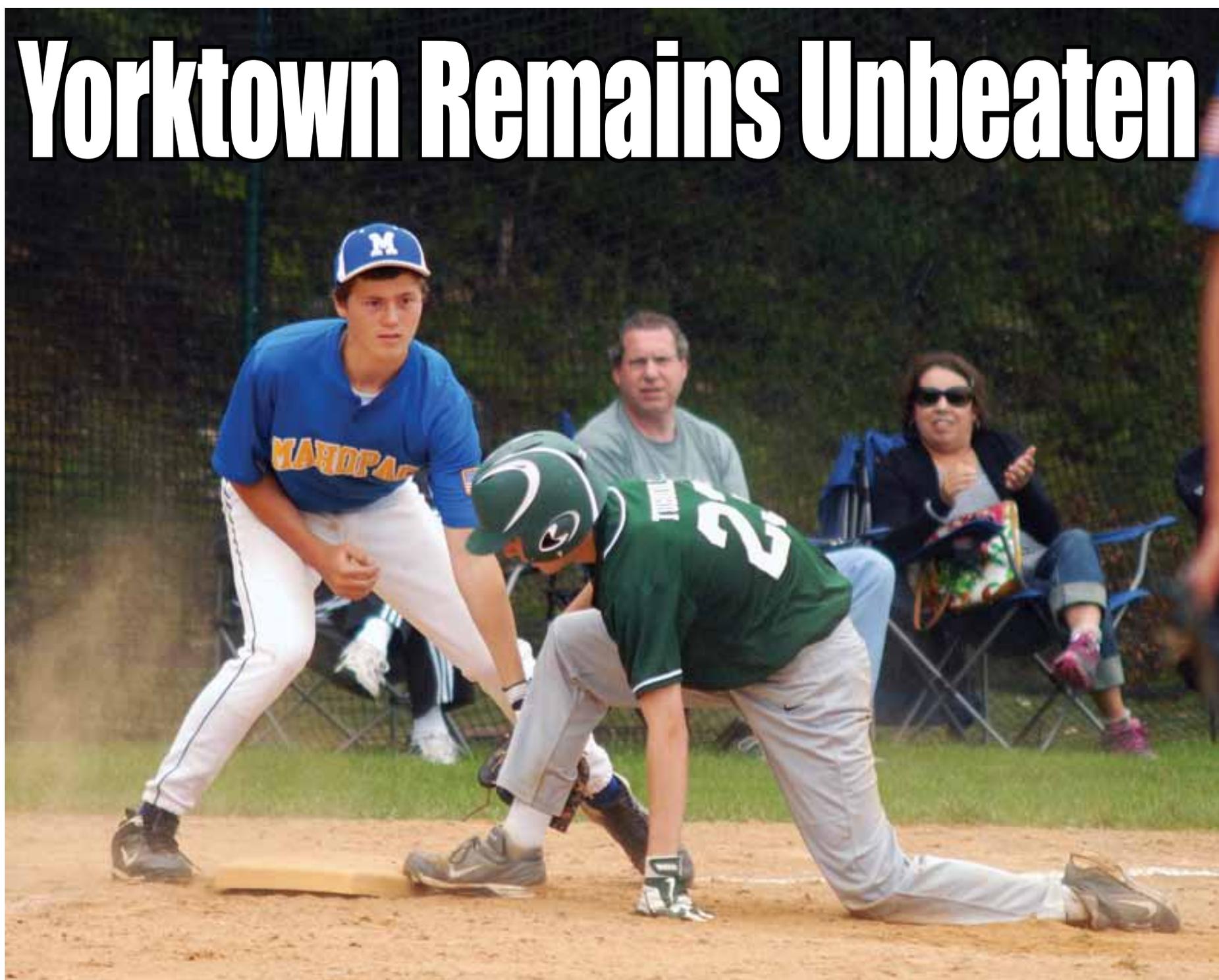
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SPORTS SECTION

# Yorktown Remains Unbeaten



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## Huskers Pound Mahopac on 16-U WPBA Circuit

Yorktown's Andrew Tubiolo slides in under the tag of Mahopac 3B Kyle Mastrobuono in the Huskers' 11-3 defeat of the host Indians in 16-U WPBA action last Saturday at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park where Yorktown improved to 16-0... see Baseball Notebook

## Sports

## WPBA Notebook

# Yorktown 16-U Team Tearing up WPBA Division

## Huskers Defeat Mahopac, 11-3, Kent, 15-0; Improve to 17-0

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor

In a lax-first town like Yorktown, Cornhusker varsity baseball Coach Sean Kennedy has no choice but to exhibit the patience of a saint and play the hand he's dealt. With the vast majority of its top-flight athletes regularly turning to lacrosse as its birthright sport, Kennedy often gets the leftovers. Without question, though,



Mahopac SS Mike Pilgrim makes put-out in 16-U loss to Yorktown last Saturday.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Mike Rothman makes a move for 3B in 16-U win over Mahopac in WPBA action last Saturday at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park in Mahopac.

Kennedy repeatedly draws blood from a stone and produces a varsity program that habitually gives you all it's got.

The end results have been mixed over the course of his 15 years as head coach on the varsity circuit, but if this summer's WPBA 16-U team is an indication of the future of Yorktown baseball, Kennedy's patience could pay dividends down the line.

Yorktown summer coaches Mike Rubinfeld and Joe Tubiolo are grooming a crew of up-and-comers who just might get the Huskers past the first round of the Section 1 Class AA tournament in the near future. Despite a share of the league title for the first time since 2008, Yorktown was bounced from the playoffs in the first round, yet again, in 2014 while its lacrosse program won the seventh NYS championship in school history.

Yes, Yorktown is a lacrosse town, but the baseball future looks bright as the 16-U team improved to 17-0 after Saturday's 11-3 victory over host Mahopac at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park, and a 15-0 win over Kent on Sunday.

"I have been with these boys and team for many years," Coach Tubiolo said. "I feel like the dedication that each player has

committed to the team, and to each other, shows in the way the boys are excelling. It's a great group who feed off of each other and I wish them great success as we move on to the remainder of our season and into the playoffs and in the future."

The future was on display Saturday, as it has been all season as Yorktown opened up a five-game lead in the 16-U WPBA standings over second-place Kent (10-5) and Mahopac (10-5). The season is 24 games long, so it's far from over, but the unit is enjoying its success.

"It's really great to see that as a team we are all contributing to a wonderful season," Andrew Tubiolo said. "There is still work to be done and as a team and we need to continue to play hard and finish on a high note leading into the playoffs."

Pitcher Matt Moskalik had one rocky inning where Mahopac put a three-spot on the board, but he made up for that in the fifth with a three-run triple to break open a 5-3 game.

"I felt really good on the mound today," he said. "I had all of my pitches working. I was really pleased with my effort and was happy to contribute with the bat as well."

Yorktown C Brandon Martelli had a big game, both offensive and defensively. He helped turn a 5-2-3 DP and went yard for a clutch solo blast in the fourth.

"It was great to see Matt settle into a rhythm on the rubber today," the catcher said. "He threw really well and was in control. When I saw my team up only 3-2 heading into the top of the 4th I knew I needed to do something to spark a rally. Hitting my first home run of the season got us to extend the lead to 4-2 and from there the team did the rest."

Moskalik carried the Huskers, racking up five RBI on two hits. Moskalik racked up eight whiffs and allowed no earned runs, five hits and one walk over six innings.

Yorktown scored five runs in the fifth on an RBI single by slugger Jan Kluk, a walk by Evan Nikolich, and a three-run triple by Moskalik. Yorktown pushed across two runs in both the second inning and the seventh. In the second, Yorktown scored on an RBI single by Martelli, plating Mike Rothman.

Two runs in the bottom of the third helped Mahopac close its deficit to 3-2. An



Yorktown's Brandon Martelli completes a 5-2-3 double play before going yard in 16-U win over Mahopac last Saturday at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park in Mahopac.

error and an RBI single by Eyder Ferreira triggered Mahopac's comeback. Ferreira was later gunned down at the plate on an acrobatic dive over the top of the Martelli, who just got enough of him for the out.

With Yorktown moving down to Class A next season on the Section 1 circuit, this unit will be in a league with some perennial powers, including Fox Lane, John Jay and Somers, as well as Brewster and Horace Greeley. Coach Kennedy is counting on this unit to be ready.

"They've got some decent talent at that level and we should be good for the next three years," Kennedy said.

Perhaps his patience will be virtuous and Yorktown baseball will turn the corner and make some hay in the playoffs...



Mahopac's James Furguielle takes a rip in 16-U loss to Yorktown last Saturday.

## Sports

# SOAC Storm 12-U Team Makes History at Cooperstown

By Ray Gallagher  
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It's been a typical summer for the 12-U Shrub Oak Storm travel baseball team, but the Storm really whipped up a frenzy this past week at Cooperstown, NY, All-Star Village where the team posted a 5-1 mark in pool play and made Shrub Oak Athletic Club history.

The unit had already won the Navajo Memorial Day Tournament back on May 24-25 and also won the spring New York Elite baseball championship, but this tournament at the baseball Hall of Fame was against national competition; the kind of competition that S.O.A.C. has faced before but never advanced to the elite eight round.

Forty teams from across the nation competed, including the Mahopac Indians National team, but SOAC separated itself by going where no team from Shrub Oak had gone before with a 6-2 overall mark.

After pool play, Shrub Oak Storm earned a three-game playoff bye in the toughest bracket in the tournament, eventually losing to the tournament champions in the fifth round of the playoffs. The only losses the team had was against the pitching-rich tournament champs from Illinois, who gave up two runs in nine games.

In Game #1 vs. Lake County Lightning Gold, the Storm lost 11-0, getting just two hits by Matt Magarelli and Justin Perrotta against the eventual champions.



The history-making S.O.A.C. 12-U team poses in Cooperstown, including Andrew Croce, Evan Berta, Justin Perrotta, Matt Magarelli, Thomas Nolan, Luan Biberaj, Jack Prato, Mike Scotto, Joe Vetrano, James Walsh, Leo Cummings, Manager Michael Scotto and Asst. Coaches James Perrotta, Richard Vetrano and Phil Prato.

"It was our 'Welcome to Cooperstown' moment," S.O.A.C. Manager Michael Scott said, "but we would make sure that this would be a trip that all the players, coaches and parents would remember for a lifetime."

The quest for respect began in Game #2 vs. Schaumburg Flyers, Illinois, who the Storm defeated 12-1. Joe Vetrano and Mike Scotto each pitched two innings each while Vetrano, Leo Cummings, Jack Prato and Matt Magarelli all went yard for the storm. Luan Biberaj and Thomas Nolan led the way in the field.

The hitting assault continued in Game #3 vs. Plainfield Stealers, Illinois, who the Storm defeated 8-2. Cummings pitched five strong innings while Scotto closed it out. The slugging Vetrano cleared the



Storm studs Evan Berta and Mike Scotto each cleared the infamous Green Monster at Cooperstown All-Star Village.

fences twice and Perratta also went deep. Perrotta and Berta played strong games in the field.

In Game #4 vs. the Colorado Red Hogs, S.O.A.C. went ballistic, posting a 16-3 triumph to open the eyes of all 40 teams. Berta, Prato and Magarelli all pitched well for the Storm. Going yard were Vetrano, Prato, Berta and Nolan. Also leading the way with hits in the game were Biberaj and Andrew Croce.

The Storm would face a quality foe in Game #5 vs. Team Easton, California. S.O.A.C. would win 9-7.

"This was easily the defining game of this team in the Tournament," Scotto said. "We are a small-town team facing a select team from all over Southern California, sponsored by the Easton Baseball Company, who would eventually lose to the Lake County Lightning in the tournament finals, 5-0, but we just kept chipping away."

Leading the way on the mound were Berta and Vetrano (3 innings each).

The storm managed to score nine runs without the luxury of an extra-base hit against a team that only gave up a total of 13 runs in pool play. Leading the way with timely hits were Perrotta, Cummings, James Walsh, Magarelli and Croce.

In and 11-1 win in Game #6 vs. the Virginia Xplosion, Scotto disarmed the Xplosion with a two-hitter through four innings while Perrotta closed things out on the mound. Scotto and Berta both led the way with their bats by both

hitting grand slams at the Green Monster. Scotto also added another Dinger while Vetrano went yard yet again (for the fifth time in the tournament) as he wound up as one of the tournament leaders in home runs.

Emotions ran high in Game #7 vs. the Forrest City Fury, North Carolina, who Shrub Oak defeated 4-2. An apparent grand slam by Cummings was missed by the home plate umpire in the third inning, but Cummings took it in stride and was strong on the mound for five frames with Vetrano closing it out. The Storm won the game on back-to-back suicide squeezes by Magarelli and Walsh. Walsh also played his best game behind the dish throwing out three runners.

The Storm's run would end in the fifth round of the playoffs against the eventual champions, the Lightning Gold who they squared off against to open the tournament and would beat Team Easton in the finals.

## Mahopac's Giannico to Attend USA Development Games

Antonio Giannico, a Mahopac resident, has been selected to attend USA Football's National Team Development Games presented by Shock Doctor in Towson, Md. The event is July 21 through July 26 at Towson University.

Giannico will be one of more than 180 incoming freshman and sophomore athletes participating in this event, joining an elite group of football players from across the United States. A stud running back entering his sophomore year at Archbishop Stepinac High School, Giannico will have the opportunity to earn a roster spot on the U.S. National Team that will compete against Canada in the 2015 International Bowl, scheduled



Mahopac resident and Stepinac football player Antonio Giannico, who already has a D-I scholarship offer on the table, will attend the USA National Development Games this week.

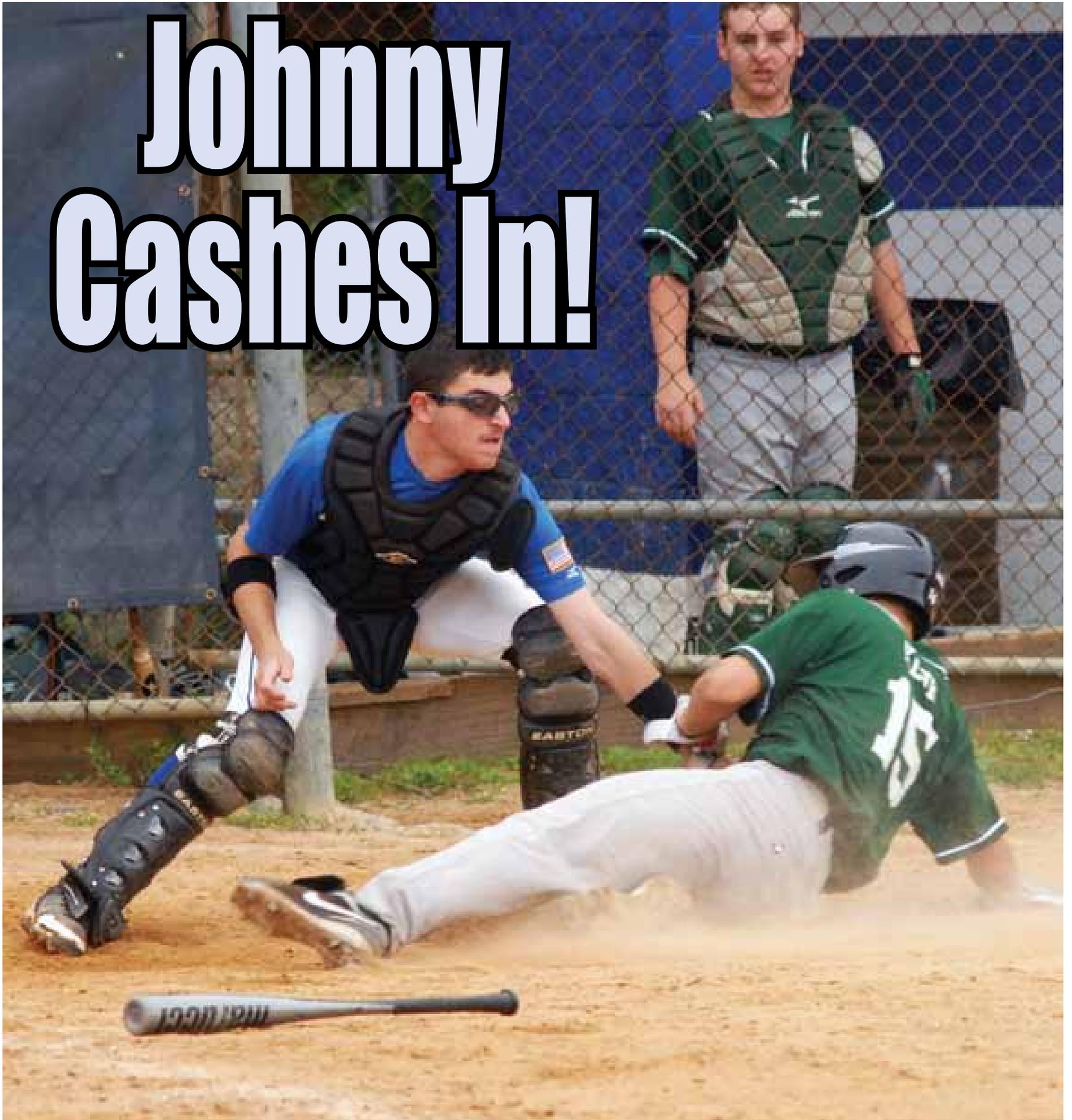
for February in Dallas.

The U.S. National Development Games are not considered an all-star event by the NCAA or NFHS as they serve as the key evaluation event for the national team selection. The program was built to allow the best athletes across the county to compete on the field in order to gain exposure, develop their skills and fundamentals and compete for a spot on the U.S. National Team.

U.S. National Team participants are chosen based on talent and character. Players will compete in a 7-on-7 tournament, jamboree and full length games. Players will learn USA Football's Heads Up Football player health and safety

curriculum featuring proper equipment fitting, concussion education, heat preparedness and hydration education and proper tackling techniques.





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## But Mahopac Can't Top Unbeaten Yorktown in WPBA Action

Mahopac catcher Johnny Fierro takes a money throw from OF Ben Argo and slaps the tag on Yorktown's Jan Kluk in 17-U WPBA action last Saturday at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park in Mahopac where Yorktown improved to 16-0 after an 11-3 win over the host Indians... see Baseball Notebook