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Former County Clerk Candidate Announces Run for Leg. Seat

By David Propper

After running for a countywide position last year, Lithgow Osborne announced his intention to run for the District 1 Legislative seat up for election this year.

Osborne, who ran for county clerk and lost, is so far the only Democrat nominated to run for a county position, pitting him against incumbent Republican Barbara Scuccimarra who is expected to seek her second term. In a race for the seat that represents the western side of Putnam County, Osborne said in an interview, he thinks District 1 residents deserve better.

“Given the current makeup of the legislature that it tilts all toward Republicans and I don’t think that’s right,” Osborne said. “I think there needs to be

other voices at the table and I’m hoping to be one of those other voices.”

Osborne said he’s “surprised” Scuccimarra hasn’t been able to do more for the district, despite having the support of County Executive MaryEllen Odell and sitting on an all-Republican legislature.

Osborne elaborated that if Scuccimarra and Odell have such a close relationship, than she should have been able to deliver more for her district. Osborne emphasized he believes the county needs to lower taxes for all residents, noting there is a “whole lot of money that we’re overpaying and we’re not seeing any of that money back.”

He added the money that residents overpay in county taxes should be

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Sutton Appointed Acting Commish as EMS Community’s Morale at Low

By David Propper

With the threat of another delay looming over the long overdue appointment of proposed Bureau of Emergency Services commissioner Tony Sutton, Putnam County legislators finally took action, making Sutton acting commissioner.

In an 8-0 vote with one abstention during a May 12 special full meeting, Sutton was put in place as the leader of county emergency services, but not on a permanent basis. That distinction is expected to be held up until litigation was over in former commissioner Adam Stiebeling’s lawsuit against Putnam County and County Executive MaryEllen

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

New acting EMS commissioner Tony Sutton speaks after being appointed to his leadership position.

Fracas between PV Supervisor, County Health Commish Continue

By David Propper

After Department of Health Commissioner and Putnam Valley resident Dr. Allen Beals hit Supervisor Bob Tandy with accusations connected to his increased tax assessment, Tandy is lobbying his own cloud of questions over Beals.

During a work session Wednesday evening, Tandy questioned whether Beals’ property at 174 Canopus Road, which is zoned residential and agricultural, was holding special events that can only be allowed under commercial use. According to the website, willow-ridge-farm.com, the property, which lists Beals’ address, is “in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley perfect for your wedding, corporate event, bar/bat mitzvah, or photo shoot.

“With a private pond, gazebo,

vineyard, historic red barn, bridges and streams, Willow Ridge Farm is a little-known, magical destination,” part of the website reads. “We can accommodate anything from intimate gatherings to hundreds of guests in affairs rustic or elegant in style.”

Tandy noted he isn’t making accusations against Beals, but is questioning if everything he’s doing is within town and county code. While his property is not commercial, it appears to be used for commercial events, Tandy said.

Tandy also questioned if the board of health has inspected food served at any questioned events, or if any paperwork has been filled out by Beals related to a possible catering company working at the farm. Tandy added it’s a requirement

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Three Cheers to All Our Vets This Memorial Day



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Veterans around Putnam County were honored last week when four new patrol boats that are part of the Putnam County Sheriff Office’s fleet were christened and named after four veterans that served the United States admirably. With a pop of champagne, each boat was ready to take to county waterways with distinction. For more on this ceremony and other veteran events in Putnam, please go to our special Memorial Day Section on pages 10-15.

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State Funding for Carmel Ave. Bridge Repairs Expected



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Officials of every level were out Thursday afternoon to inspect the pitiful Carmel Avenue bridge in Brewster.

By David Propper

Officials from local to state government all converged Thursday afternoon to inspect and discuss next steps to repair one of the most dreadful bridges in Putnam County.

The Carmel Avenue bridge, which has been an eyesore in Brewster and has had one side of its walkway closed since 2010 could see a windfall of \$10.4 million to replace the bridge completely. Different parts of the bridge are taken care of by three entities including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority

(MTA), the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Village of Brewster.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy said discussions over finding the money to fix the bridge have been ongoing for a number of years, noting he's "beat the drum" to the state DOT to get construction underway.

"There are literally holes in the bridge so shame on us if we can't do something about it," Murphy said. "This is something that needs to be addressed immediately."

Brewster Mayor Jim Schoenig said since 2007 the village has been

demanding action to fix the bridge. He said how frustrating it's been and noted the cooperation he's had with Murphy is something not seen from past state representatives, particularly former state senator Greg Ball. (Schoenig and Ball have a history of bad blood.)

Schoenig said the terrible condition of the bridge is a danger because with one side of the walkway closed, it forces residents into the street, which can be especially unsafe during the winter with the snow and poor road conditions.

While an expected construction date is pegged for 2017, Schoenig said he would like to see that date pushed up and he's hoping Murphy can help with that push.

"This is a gateway to the village so getting this bridge redone is going to be a positive impact," Schoenig said.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell called the Carmel Avenue bridge "the poster child for all the bridges in the state of New York." Odell, who has been vocal about demanding more infrastructure money from the state, reiterated her plea to get more money from the more than \$5 billion the state has from a bank settlement.

Odell said the county has been able to strengthen its relationship with the MTA and state DOT, which would result in an improved bridge.

"It's time to stop finger pointing and put the money in place and get the job done," Odell said. "And make sure the project is done expeditiously and that our roads and bridges are safe."

District 7 Legislator Joe Castellano said with all the buses and heavy trucks that pass over the bridge, which oversees the train tracks, it's imperative to work together to make the necessary updates to the bridge, noting, "We can't have something bad happen here. It would be a disaster for Putnam County."



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A hole in the Carmel Avenue bridge.

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Fleming, a Democrat, to Seek Second Term as Kent Supervisor

By David Propper

After knocking off an entrenched Republican incumbent almost two years ago, Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming announced she's seeking a second term in office.

Fleming, a Democrat, said in an interview she still has more work and ideas for the town going forward, noting she's been able to keep her campaign promises from when she ran and beat former supervisor Kathy Doherty. After teaming up with some Republicans last campaign en route to topping Doherty, Fleming doesn't appear to have a confirmed opponent yet as petition season approaches.

"There are some things I want to accomplish," Fleming said. "There's more work I want to do."

As an advocate for open government, Fleming and the rest of the town board instituted new policies that allowed residents to get more involved in public input. There is no longer a three-

minute limit for each resident to speak and residents at meetings regularly offer questions and comments as each agenda item is being discussed, making Kent meetings usually the longest in the county.

Agendas and public notices are posted on the town's website and emailed out 24 hours before any town meeting, which was a rarity during the previous administration.

In Fleming's first budget, there were no new taxes imposed by the board and personal service contract bids are now more competitive, resulting in lower costs for the town. Fleming has refused \$7,650 that was taken by Doherty and doesn't take health insurance from the town.

Fleming said she wants to continue to move the town to a healthier financial track. That includes overhauling how health insurance is given to elected officials, making it exactly the same as all town employees.

There are also some projects being undertaken by the town that Fleming said she wants to see through.

While two years is a short time frame to run for reelection, Fleming said although time consuming, she enjoys talking with residents while campaigning to further grasp issues in Kent.

"I think it's great because you get to really hear what people say and what their interests are and the priorities they like to see for town," Fleming



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Democrat and current Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming.

said. "But, yeah, it's kind of soon (for another election), especially since we didn't have a transition coming in so we had to figure everything out for ourselves and now we're on our feet."

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refunded back to town governments so local officials can decide where to use that money best. Simply put, if the county over-budgets, Osborne thinks that money should not stay within county government.

"Philipstown can certainly pay its own bills," he said. "We don't need the county executive organizing a savings account to be used at her discretion."

As for boosting revenue, Osborne said considering Putnam is "one of the most beautiful places in the country," more has to be done to encourage tourism and support non-profits that bring visitors in from other places.

Osborne also stressed the county doesn't need to draw large corporations, noting those big businesses would be out of place in Putnam. He believes there is plenty of middle ground between the

large corporation and the mom and pop store that could come in.

Osborne lost to Republican and current county clerk Michael Bartolotti last year, but the campaigning he did allowed him to learn about a plethora of issues, discovering "Putnam is made up of a variety of individuals with different viewpoints."

"I can say I feel like I would work extremely hard and I would be very active in representing all of the citizens of Philipstown," Osborne said.

Scuccimarra defeated Democrat Steve Rosario three years ago to earn her first term after former legislator Vincent Tamagna was term-limited out of office. For more than the past year, Scuccimarra has positioned herself to support several environmental initiatives within the county, like a ban that was passed on polystyrene use within county entities.

She is currently the chairwoman of the Health Committee. Scuccimarra could not be reached before press time on Monday afternoon.

Recently, the county sent a letter

of intent to developer Paul Guillaro requesting he hold 6,000 square feet for a new senior center inside the new Butterfield development at the urging of Scuccimarra and the county.

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Odell after she relieved Stiebeling of his job.

After heated arguing between legislators over a June 2 deadline that would allow Sutton to go from acting commissioner to permanent, even if it's before litigation is settled, Putnam lawmakers finally got on the same page and appointed Sutton to the relief of emergency service workers on hand for the decision.

Sutton will be acting commissioner until the Stiebeling lawsuit reaches a conclusion, county lawmakers stated, which could be less than a month away, or several months from now.

Odell said her administration decided back in January that emergency services needed a stronger leader to move in a better direction and was pleased Sutton was finally on board.

"Everyone in the emergency services community all agree there is no finer man to lead the Bureau of Emergency Services in Putnam County than Anthony Sutton," Odell said. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to work with him

Following the vote that gave him command of the bureau, Sutton said it's been a "tough go" the previous two months, but he understood why some legislators were slow to confirm him as commissioner. He pledged to work with both legislators and the county executive administration to face the numerous



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Deputy commissioner Bob Lipton speaks to legislators as they consider whether to finally appoint new commissioner Tony Sutton.

emergency services issues facing Putnam.

First responders that attended the meeting painted an unpleasant picture for legislators about the unenviable place emergency services has been the past couple of years and how Sutton could help them pull through this difficult time.

Deputy commissioner Bob Lipton, who had been the acting commissioner until Sutton's appointment, said the bureau "has not been in a good place." He added while the bureau is doing its best, "it's difficult right now, extremely difficult."

"I'm doing the best I can, but I'm underwater," Lipton said. "I need help, I need support."

Legislator Dini LoBue, who was the only lawmaker to abstain, was upset to hear the bureau was in a bad position, and said she heard from emergency service volunteers that Lipton's hands were strapped and he couldn't make necessary moves because of the county executive administration.

Other emergency service workers also spoke up and noted the trials and tribulations facing the bureau.

Cindy Jacobson, supervisor of the 911-call center, pointed out that workers at the

bureau were leaving and we're not being replaced. With the emergency planner's job also vacant, Jacobson said Lipton has been carrying an overwhelming brunt of the load, noting he was essentially doing three jobs.

"Maybe it shouldn't be said, but (Lipton's) hands are tied," Jacobson said. I know we've sent over paperwork to get people replaced and it's being held up."

Rick Tofte, chairman of the fire advisory board, said the morale among the fire and EMS community is "horrible." For the last two years, Tofte noted, "There's really been no leadership" and it's been on a decline ever since former commissioner Bob McMahon died a couple years ago.

"Nobody wants to work together, everybody's fighting each other, they're all bucking heads," Tofte said. "It's ridiculous."

Legislators also stressed how critical it is to get a leader in place to move the county in an upward trajectory.

"We're being told this is necessary by the people that know best," Legislature Chairman Carl Albano said.

Legislator Joe Castellano called it a "disservice" to Putnam residents that

Sutton hasn't been appointed yet. The usually reserved Castellano urged legislators to move forward with the appointment, stating bluntly, "It's just insane that this legislature isn't moving forward on this issue."

But Legislator Roger Gross reiterated that the entire process leading to the argument over Sutton's appointment has been messy, starting with the dismissal of Stiebeling. He said he was concerned over the ongoing litigation, but could live with making him acting at this point.

Sutton said one of his first tasks as he begins work is "do to some healing, and to do some brokering of relationships and maybe some building of bridges and maybe some rebuilding of bridges."

Any vacant position would be filed after Sutton does a review of the bureau, Odell assured and the appropriate talent will be put on to protect first responders and county residents.

Odell said Sutton understands how important it is to focus on recruitment and retention of emergency personnel and to give volunteers the skill set to make emergency services a "gold standard."



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Cindy Jacobson, supervisor of 911-call center, describes the current state of the EMS community to legislators.

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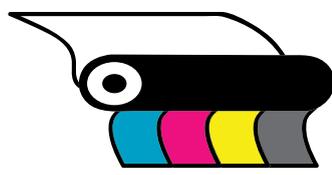
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Putnam Legislators Examine Proposed Animal Abuse Registry

By Neal Rentz

Putnam County SPCA Chief Kenneth Ross is proposing the creation of a registry of convicted animal abusers.

Ross discussed his proposal during the May 13 county Legislature's Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting.

Placement on the animal cruelty registry, which would be posted online, would prohibit an animal abuser from obtaining a pet for a period of 10 years. Pet shop owners would need to check

the registry prior to selling an animal under Ross' proposal.

Ross told the committee he was basing his proposal on similar laws on the books in other parts of the state.

The proposal would also bar anyone from having a pet if they live in a household with a person on the registry, even if the person seeking to acquire a pet has not abused animals themselves, Ross said.

Individuals placed on the registry would pay a \$50 fee unless they couldn't afford it, Ross said.

Legislators who attended last week's meeting generally agreed with the registry concept.

Legislature Chairman Carl Albano said "a lot of work" on the language of the legislation would have to be done by the Law Department before it could be voted on.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam County SPCA Chief Kenneth Ross discussed his plan to create a registry of animal abusers during a May 13 committee meeting.

Putnam IDA Head Seeks \$125K of County Funding

By Neal Rentz

The chairman of the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency is asking the county for an annual budget of \$125,000 for his agency.

Richard Ruchala made his request at the May 13 meeting of the county Legislature's Economic Development and Energy Committee.

"The IDA needs money," he said.

The IDA receives about \$10,000 in funding annually from the county, while the Economic Development Corporation has an annual budget of \$200,000, Ruchala said. Despite the lack of funding, the IDA has attracted thousands of new jobs to Putnam, he said.

Ruchala said he wanted the IDA to be independent. "I really want to get politics and politicians out," he said. While he said he wanted the IDA and EDC to be independent, at the same time they should be able to work with each other, Ruchala said.

Committee Chairman William Goldman said he wanted Ruchala to provide a written plan about how he wanted the IDA to move forward. "I'd like to get \$125,000 a year," Ruchala replied.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Chairman Richard Ruchala asked the County Legislature's Economic Development and Energy Committee for an annual \$125,000 budget for his agency on May 13.

The budget would include an annual stipend of between \$6,000 to \$10,000 for an IDA CFO and money for training of IDA members, he said.

County Legislature Chairman Carl Albano said he wanted a written proposal from the IDA. Before writing his report on his proposals, Ruchala said he wanted guidance from legislators.

As she said previously, Legislator Dini LoBue supported more county dollars for the IDA, but the monies should come from the EDC budget.

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VA Officials Express Commitment to Future of Montrose Campus

By Rick Pezzullo

The future of the FDR VA Hospital remaining in Montrose appears to be on solid footing with nearly \$100 million committed for improvements on the 172-acre site over the next five years.

While VA officials who appeared at a veteran's forum at Cortlandt Town Hall last week revealed the 65-year-old facility now serves veterans primarily as outpatients, they stressed the planned demolition of five buildings on the west side near the Hudson River was intended to clear space for a park, not high-priced townhouses.

"This property is designated for veterans and there is no plan on changing that," said John Cliffe, chief of engineering and acting associate director for the V.A. Hudson Valley Healthcare System.

Two years ago, more than 100 veterans and local elected officials held a rally at the entrance to the VA on Route 9A lambasting plans to demolish 25% (five) of the buildings on the grounds, contending

it was part of a larger scheme to eliminate services and develop the property.

At that time, Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi charged dismantling the buildings was a "backdoor way" for federal officials to cripple the VA. In 2012, an agreement between the VA and a developer to lease 160 acres expired.

"A proposal from a private company was rejected. We were never intending on putting condominiums," Cliffe said. "I think the goal is the same: more space for veterans."

Cliffe said four of the five buildings being taken down have been vacant for more than 10 years and are becoming a safety hazard.

Originally designed to accommodate 2,000 in-patients, Cliffe noted there are currently approximately 200 in-patients that are cared for in Montrose.

"Due to the changing needs of our current and future veterans, VA Hudson Valley HCS must change as well," Cliffe said. "These demolitions are the first

"It seems like you're on a much better track than you were before." - State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef

phase of our commitment to changing for the veteran so we can build new care facilities specific to their needs. We have a lot of extra space and lot of maintenance is required in that space."

Puglisi echoed the sentiments of several veterans and other elected officials at last week's forum that an effort should be made to save the five buildings.

"We want them to be saved," she said, suggesting the VA would ultimately tear down the remaining 15 buildings. "It's

a slippery slope in our opinion. We all think it should be reevaluated for many reasons."

One veteran, George Price, maintained the five buildings, totaling 250,000 square feet, could be renovated for 250 apartments, helping Westchester County satisfy its affordable housing obligation with the federal government.

Town officials were pleased to learn that a swimming pool at the VA that has been closed for more than a decade will be replaced with a new one, starting this summer and slated for completion by the fall 2016.

A state-of-the-art dental and optometry area is already under construction in Building 3, along with the renovation of a dining location for patients. A river walkway that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy has been repaired.

"It seems like you're on a much better track than you were before," State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D/Ossining) remarked.

Dead Body Found in Brewster; Foul Play Not Suspected

A male body, identified as Marvin H. Castillo-Vasquez, 22 and homeless, was found dead along the bank of East Branch creek, under the Borden train trestle in the Village of Brewster, New York State Police said Monday.

New York State Police at Brewster

responded to a report Sunday morning of a deceased male after he was discovered by two fishermen in an area, which is known to be frequented by the homeless, according to authorities.

The investigation into Castillo-Vasquez' death is ongoing with an

autopsy pending to determine cause of death. However, at this time no foul play is suspected.

The state police was assisted by the Village of Brewster Police and also the MTA Police due to the close proximity to the Borden train trestle.

Anyone with information regarding the death of Castillo-Vasquez or his whereabouts on Saturday, May 16, is asked to contact the State Police Brewster, Bureau of Criminal Investigation at (845) 279-8656.

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of every commercial event that has a food vendor to have an inspection.

Tendy said in an interview the town plans on further investigating the matter and may try to request his tax records in connection with the farm. Tendy said after Beals spoke at a town meeting and made his accusations regarding his increased tax assessment public, a resident reached out to Tendy to ask him about the possible events on Beals' farm.

Tendy said he's forwarded the information he's found to the county to allow them to further look into the matter, as well.

"If he's been using it for these purposes and he hasn't told anybody, that could be an issue," Tendy said.

But when reached for comment, Beals scoffed at Tendy's questions, stating, "What does that have to do with the claim that I have and controversy about Spur Beach and my assessment." He added, "There's nothing commercial, 100 percent."

He said any weddings that have occurred on the farm are private, family events. Because they are family affairs, the health department doesn't have to do an inspection, as per the state sanitary code. When he has opened up the farm to the public, they are strictly within

agricultural guidelines.

"This is just another example of how he got in trouble with Spur Beach," Beals said. "He doesn't know the rules and regulations."

Beals said he is exploring hosting agricultural theme events that fit under agritourism in the state. The state Department of Agriculture encourages agritourism as a means to stay financially viable.

While explaining the information on his website that offers weddings and corporate events, Beals said he is simply looking into that possibility and also noted catering has not taken place on the farm.

The fighting between Tendy and Beals started last year when the health department shut down swimming at Spur Beach because it was deemed unsafe. Then, less than a month ago, Beals publicly accused Tendy and the town tax assessor of colluding to raise his tax assessment as retaliation for closing the beach.

Beals said his "jaw dropped" when he listened back to the meeting and heard Tendy state the town might have to review Beals' tax assessment again. Beals was also annoyed that Tendy would publicly bring up something that he had no idea was true or not.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Willow Ridge Farm in Putnam Valley has been the center of controversy over the past month, leading to a war of words by Putnam Valley Supervisor Bob Tendy and town resident and county Health Commissioner Allen Beals.

"But worse what he's doing here is he's actually saying 'it may not be true,'" Beals said. "Like the classic example, 'I don't know if it's true if he beats his wife or not, but that would be wrong.'"

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**Business
of the Week**

Air and Marine Travel Brewster

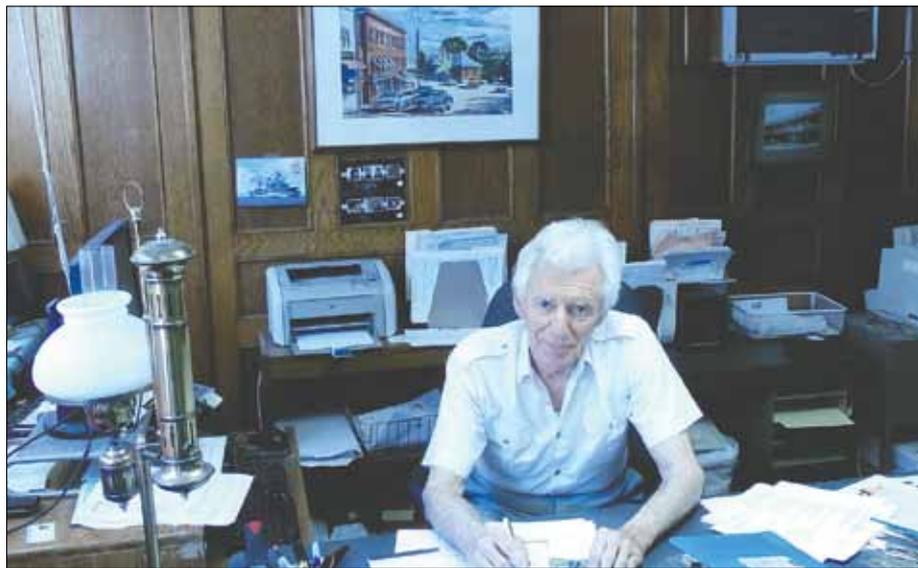
By David Propper

When Barry Hyatt first started working in the travel agency, it was so long ago that the United States was starting to place travel restrictions to a Cuba.

The year was 1960, and Hyatt was working in Manhattan. Two years later, he moved to Brewster and started his own business, Air and Marine Travel, on the village's Main Street and has been in the same spot ever since. It's the longest running business on Main Street where the same owner has overlooked it from its inception. (Although Bob's Diner has been around longer, it has had different owners within the same family.)

For more than half a century, Hyatt has arranged trips around the globe for a load of loyal clients that have heard from him through referrals. On his desk at the moment, he has a trip booked for the Czech Republic, Austria and Berlin, a river cruise through Europe, a round trip to Rome, a Nordic cruise to Russia and Poland, a flight to Napa Valley and other California locations, a trip to Botswana, an African safari, and many other trips that touch on every end of the globe.

Hyatt still has two big address books that contain contact information that dates back to the first year he started,



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Barry Hyatt of Air and Marine Travel sits in his 55-year-old office in Brewster.

though he hasn't met more than five percent of his clients. Those clients come from major cities around the country.

Hyatt said besides a travel agency in Carmel, his business is the only other "bricks and water" travel agency in the county. He believes his personal longevity traces back to having a job that doesn't require heavy lifting, though he notes it

can stressful.

"Because things are unpredictable," he said.

For instance, though Hyatt doesn't have anyone in Nepal at the moment, a country that recently suffered a terrible earthquake, that is one situation where he would quickly have to address a major problem to help his traveling clients.

"It's a very responsible job," Hyatt said. "You have to stay on top of things."

Hyatt, who has a wealth of history of the village through different photos and artwork, came over from London. He can even recall how his uncle, who started the family in Brewster, heard on television that the building across from the Brewster train station (where Hyatt is still today) had burned down. The uncle thought the office he bought was suddenly gone in the fire, but it managed to survive the blaze.

"Brewster was really a railroad town," Hyatt said, noting many train workers lived in the community.

Now an impressive number of years later, Hyatt, who turns 80 in September, is getting ready to retire. When his birthday comes on September 15, he'll step aside at the end of that month and plans on skiing, noting it's free at certain locations in Utah when a certain age is reached.

When asked what he thinks quitting will feel like after decades of working non-stop, Hyatt replied, "Relaxing."

And, ironically, just as Hyatt nears retirement, the United States is beginning to loosen the travel ban it once imposed on Cuba 55 years ago, when Hyatt started a lifelong career.

Community Cares Hosts Little Black Dress Annual Event



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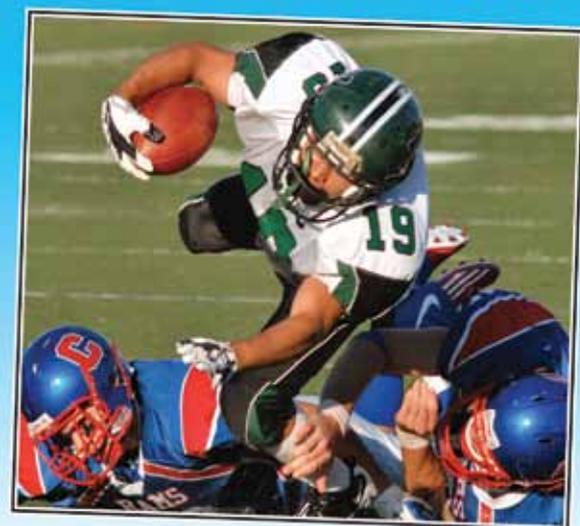
Community Cares held its annual Little Black Dress Event May 7, at the Putnam County Golf Course. Many local supporters got all dressed up in support of this year's annual event. "Community Cares is a non-profit organization with a network of volunteers and businesses whose main goal is to support families in medical crisis" for more info on their events, services or sponsorship visit: <http://www.communitycares.org/>

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Community Alert – A Potential “Huffing” Problem in Putnam

Recently, the Putnam County Communities That Cares Coalition was notified that County residents have observed a large number of empty Reddi-Wip cans strewn on the side of several roadways in Carmel and Brewster. It is indeed possible that teens are inhaling the nitrous oxide that is contained in those cans to get “high”. The inhaling or “huffing” of this gas is extremely dangerous. The high, results in dizziness, lack of coordination and slurred speech. When you huff in nitrous oxide, you are depriving the brain of oxygen. Long-term use can lead to brain damage.

As the cans have been discovered on the side of several roadways in Putnam County, it is quite probable that teens are driving and “huffing” which can lead to serious if not fatal consequences. Please be aware of any young people possessing aerosol whipped cream cans.

What are the side effects to inhalant

use? Due to the oxygen deprivation that goes along with this particular substance use, the effects can be fatal. “The user can experience slight stimulation, feeling of less inhibition or loss of consciousness. The user can also suffer from Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome. This means the user can die the 1st, 10th or 100th time he or she uses an inhalant. Other effects include damage to the heart, kidney, brain, liver, bone marrow and other organs” (National Inhalant Prevention Coalition).

What are signs that parents and guardians can look for if they suspect their child is abusing household products? According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, here are a few signs:

- Slurred speech
- Drunk, dizzy, or dazed appearance
- Unusual breath odor
- Chemical smell on clothing

- Paint stains on body or face
- Red eyes
- Runny nose

For more information on inhalants go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Containers-Packaging/A-Parents-Guide-to-Preventing-Inhalant-Abuse-text-version/> or <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/drug-facts/inhalants>. Members of the Putnam CTC Coalition are available if you have any questions or would like for us to do a presentation to your organization on this or any other substance abuse trends that affect our children. Please call the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition at 845-225-4646, Ext. 13 for information and referrals. Please visit and join the Putnam CTC Coalition on Facebook by searching “Putnam County Communities That Care – NY” or call 845-225-4646.

Obituaries

John Michael Holland

John Michael Holland of Carmel, and Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away Monday May 11, 2015 at Waccamaw Hospital in Murrell’s Inlet, SC of heart failure. Born February 5, 1941 in Yonkers he was the son of the late Albert and Sophie (Zielinski) Holland. Also his brother Albert who died in 1962. Jack grew up in Yonkers and was a graduate of Saunders Trade High School. He served in the Navy on the USS Wasp, after discharge he went to work at IBEW Local 501 and then Local 3 for 52 years. The last 27 years he worked for Belway Electric in Elmsford and became part of the Belway family. He is survived by his wife Jane (Twaddell) Holland, his three children John Michael, Albert Jerome (Debbie) and Dianne Norris (Ed) and the three grand children he adored Travis and Deanna Holland of Myrtle Beach and Matthew Holland of Carmel. Jack also leaves his 3 dogs that he loved, Oliver, Cody and Roxie.

Regina Phelan

Regina Phelan of Mahopac, died on Wednesday, May 13, at the age of 97. She was born in Mt. Vernon, NY the daughter of Angelo and Mary (Celestino) Giordano. She was a book keeper throughout her life and loved to play cards with friends and family. She is survived by her son Thomas and his wife Joanne, her brother Angelo Giordano,

her grandchildren Larry, Melinda, & Sean, and six great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Edward in 1996.

Barbara Bosco

Barbara Bosco of Brewster died on May 14. She was born in Manhattan on April 8, 1940, to Samuel and Sarah Cole. She attended high school and later met Joseph Bosco whom she married in 1959 in the Bronx. They lived in the Bronx for nearly 20 years and later moved to Brewster where they lived ever since. Joseph and Barbara raised three daughters, Jeri, (John Martin), Nancy, and Roni (Andrew Anderek) who also continue to live in Brewster. Barbara worked at the World Famous Red Rooster in Brewster for nearly twenty years, before retiring.

Grace (Zerbo) Giannettino

Grace (Zerbo) Giannettino, 107, of Somers, died peacefully with her family at her side, on May 15. Born in Catania, Italy, to Luigi and Nancy Zerbo, she arrived on Ellis Island, May 2, 1909. Predeceased by her husband Louis, son Frank, daughter-in-law, Judie, granddaughter, Donna Giannettino; and her siblings, Mary, Josephine, Lucille, Ann, and Joseph. Prior to moving to Somers she lived in Flushing, Hollywood, FL and Mahopac, NY. She is survived by her 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren: Joann and Frank Porfido (Kim, Danielle, Tara, Tyler), Barbara and Brian Hennessey (Paige, James), Denise and Mike Moore (Emma, Katie), Frank and Tracy Giannettino (Samantha, Allison), Michael and Annemarie Giannettino (Grace, Haley), and nieces and nephews.



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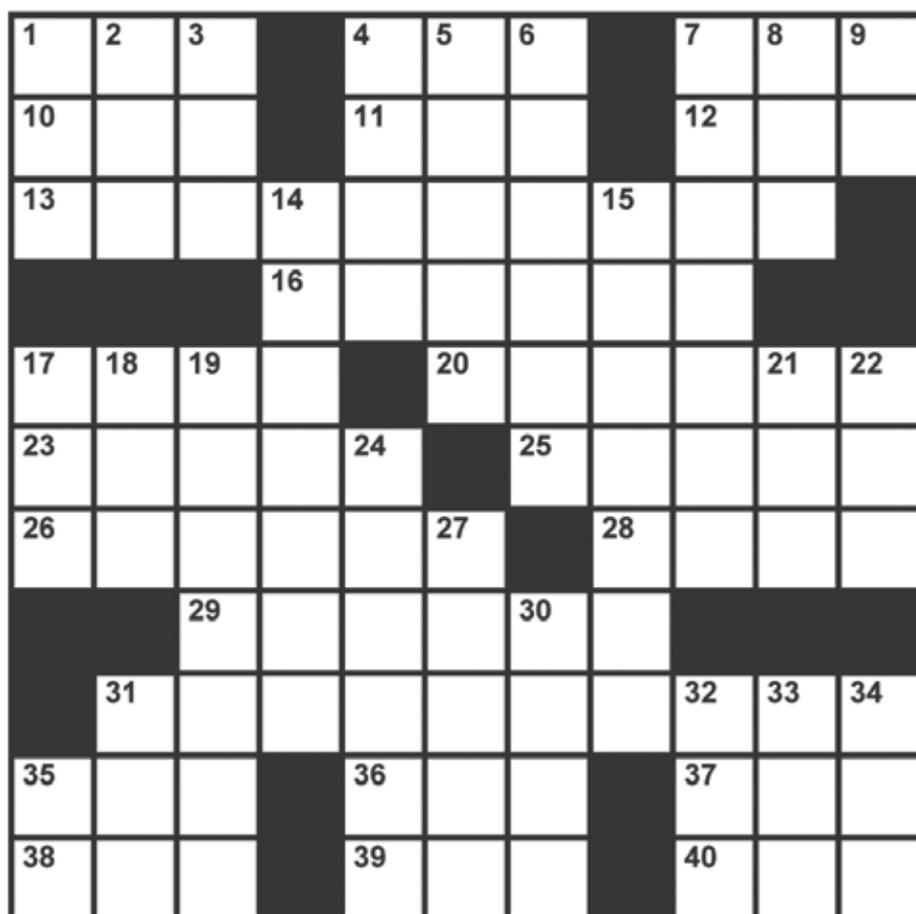

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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 16

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Across

- 1 Hound
- 4 Home of the brave
- 7 Med. island ending
- 10 Time to look ahead
- 11 Break down
- 12 "Just the opposite!"
- 13 Author H.G. plus North Dakota city or Westchester/Putnam bank
- 16 1996 Swarzenegger film
- 17 Cotton fabric
- 20 Say one's piece
- 23 Got up
- 25 Dismal
- 26 Credit standing
- 28 Drive
- 29 Nightmares
- 31 Functions for slide rules
- 35 Time segment, for short
- 36 Dress a fish
- 37 Emulate Puff Daddy
- 38 Balaam's mount
- 39 "C'___ la vie!"
- 40 Pig's digs

Down

- 1 Just minted
- 2 Street abbr.
- 3 Salon goo
- 4 Cold war antagonist
- 5 To this point
- 6 Humbled
- 7 More annoyed
- 8 Sentimentality
- 9 ___ the break of dawn

- 14 Car option
- 15 Hire
- 17 Equality
- 18 There is no age limit for the Roth variety
- 19 Legislative proposals
- 21 ___ Heuer watch
- 22 It comes before long
- 24 Coop up
- 27 Beatles' Maharishi & Examiner's Primavera, for example
- 30 Bollard
- 31 ___ pendens
- 32 Some would say, too many in the day, abbr.
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Nature Versus Lazy Bone (and Rickety Bone) Gardeners

Most every spring I write a piece about simplifying garden chores to achieve maximum effect in design and color with minimum effort in terms of planting, weeding and especially bending and kneeling.

This is critical for us folk who are "getting better" each year, as they say now about active, mature adults.

But a lot happens to a property after decades of living, much of it not good, and that sometimes throws a monkey wrench into landscaping simplification.

How naïve I was as a young homeowner thinking that every tree, shrub and bulb I discovered on my property, as well as ones that I plopped there over the years, would continue to grow and prosper during their lifetimes and mine.

Oh my, how the landscape that embraces my historic property has changed over the years thanks to pestilence, severe winters and especially hurricanes Irene and Sandy, transforming my shaded Shangri-La into a very sunny property in the past few years, requiring an entirely different landscaping plan.

That unforgiving sun demands that



By Bill Primavera

little things grow into big things, be they cultivated or wild, and that requires a lot of work to either encourage growth or eliminate it. That would be fine if I were willing, which I am not, and had the time, which I don't.

After the tree service people removed 14 felled trees from Hurricane Irene, then another nine from Hurricane Sandy, my property, which had been a gorgeous shaded glen, suddenly looked like a war zone. I was also thousands of dollars poorer from the experience.

Deranged visions of newspaper headlines danced in my head, such as "Neighbors Complain That Home Guru Blacktops Entire Property." At first I was grateful that none of the trees had hit the house, but I didn't know where to start with suddenly moving from shade gardening to that of bright sunlight.

Years ago, the spreading limbs of two-century-old sugar maples required only broad swaths of pachysandra below. And in the sunny areas of the property, enthusiastic gardener that I was at the time, I planted beds of annuals and perennials in every inch of space that had access to the sun. Now, suddenly

there was too much access to the sun and I had no drive to plant much at all. But it taught me some lessons in garden simplification that I pass on here.

Where a giant maple had once been, centered on my front lawn, I seeded grass and bordered it with the pachysandra that had been under the tree to create a soft transition to the wooded area beyond.

I replaced all of the annual beds with either hardy perennials or daylilies, or better yet, vinca, where I don't have to do anything at all.

For flowers that require less planting time, I've turned to container gardening. Since my attack by Mother Nature, I've created a more architectural garden by collecting urns – iron, aluminum that looks like iron, concrete and clay – and have interspersed them on either side of the entrance to my driveway, three on my patio, at the entrance to my front door and at several locations in my backyard. To make them really carefree, I plant three geraniums in each urn, usually in pink and one white, my favorite combination. Geraniums are the hardiest plant under the sun, and surrounding them, I plant white and pink petunias, the kind which hang over the edge. Then I mulch them to better retain water. The nicest thing about container gardening is that I don't have to bend over or kneel down to plant

them.

Also, I've added three teak benches in those areas of the yard that are still shaded so I can sit and enjoy the new vistas of lawn and color that I've created, with the containers as focus points.

To guard against the need for constant weed pulling during the summer, I ask my young buddy, John Fitzpatrick of Fitz Landscaping, to drop me off a truck of "clean" wood chips at the far edge of my wooded property. When I feel like some exercise, instead of going to the gym I take my pitchfork and coat every bed of perennials and around my hosta with a thick layer of chips to keep the weeds at bay all season long.

If you'd like Fitzpatrick to do the same for you, call him at 914-618-1549. At the same time, you might ask him to give you an estimate for your other landscaping needs. You'll find that his pricing for landscaping services are very good.

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Putnam County Joint Veterans Council - John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil, each night 6 p.m.-6 a.m. May 22, 23, 24. Opening Ceremony Friday 7 p.m. Flag Retirement all night.

Sunday May, 24

VFW Post 1374 and Ladies Auxiliary, Carmel & American Legion Post 270 - 9 a.m. ceremony at monument on Tarryhill Road, Kent. 11:30 a.m. ceremony at Post Home 32 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Refreshments to follow 11:30 a.m.

VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 - 11 a.m. memorial presentation at Parrot Gun Memorial by Cold Spring water front.

Monday, May 25

VFW Post 931, Putnam Valley - 11 a.m. ceremony Putnam Valley Town Hall, 11:45 a.m. ceremony Lake Peekskill Monument, 12:30 a.m. ceremony Post Home 152 Oscawana Lake Road. Refreshments to follow 1 p.m. ceremony at Post Home. 2 p.m. starts of Round of Honor.

VFW Post 672 Brewster - Parade from Brewster Fire House to Electrozone Field, step off 10:30 a.m. Ceremony at Electrozone Field following parade. Light lunch to follow at Post Home on Peaceable Hill Road.

VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 Cold Spring - Parade Main Street to Cold Spring Cemetery, step off 9 a.m. Ceremony at Cold Spring Cemetery at conclusion of parade. Refreshments to follow at American Legion Hall.

VFW Post & Ladies Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac & American Legion Post 1080 - Parade from Clarke Place to Veterans

Memorial Park on East Lake Blvd, step off 10 a.m. Ceremony to follow at Monument. American Legion Post 1080 Ceremony at noon following VFW ceremony at 333 Buckshollow Road. Ceremony and refreshments to follow at VFW Post Home 154 East Lake Blvd.

VFW Post 9257 & Ladies Auxiliary & AMVET Post 1111 Putnam Lake - Parade from Castle Restaurant to Veteran Monument on Haviland Road, step off 10 a.m. Ceremony to follow parade at monument. Refreshments to follow at Post Home at 4 Fairfield Drive.

VFW Post 8013 Somers - Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony, step off 10 a.m. from Somers Middle School to Ivandell Cemetery. Refreshments at Somers Town House following the ceremony.

Saturday, May 30

Putnam County Joint Veterans Council - 7 p.m. traditional Memorial Day at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park and possible dedication of the Purple Heart Monument.

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Four Patrol Boats Named After Heroic Putnam Vets

By David Propper

Four different patrol boats part of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office were christened and named after distinguished deceased county veterans Thursday evening before they hit the waterways.

Lieutenant Commander John McCloy of Brewster (1876-1945), Staff Sergeant Albert Ireland (1918-1997) and Major General Gouverneur Warren of Cold Spring (1830-1882), and Master Sergeant William Todd of Mahopac (1950-1972) now all have boats that bear their names after a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

Sheriff Don Smith, a former brigadier general, said it's a wonderful tribute from the sheriff's office to veterans that serve and live in Putnam. He noted it is meant to bring together the entire emergency services community with veterans.

"This is a special night, you could feel it in the air," Smith said. "Tonight we're forever bonded with our veterans."

Veteran Affairs Director Karl Rohde said boats that are usually named after former law enforcement officers, to instead be named after veterans, is an honor.

"Overwhelming," Rohde said. "Gets me right in the heart."

DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS



Elected officials Sheriff Don Smith, NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy, County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Legislator Carl Albano all stand during the national anthem.



Veterans touch one of the four patrol boats as it is being christened.



Vietnam veteran and chairman of the veterans honoree selection committee Charlie Moore speaks after accepting a plaque.

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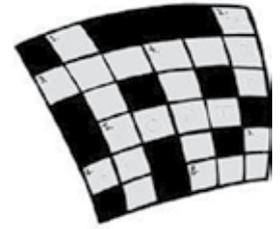
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NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy speaks as other elected officials from Putnam look on.



Undersheriff Peter Convery stands next to one the boats bearing the name of veteran William Todd.



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A sheriff's officer christened one of the boats with champagne.



Veterans and other residents at the ceremony touch one of the newly named boats as it is christened.

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Kenney's Carpet One Honored for Support of Veterans



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Kenny's Carpet One owner Kenny Hogan, wife Ellen and granddaughter Mackenzie stand with former NYFD captain Bob Baumann as he presents a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

By David Propper

Kenny's Carpet One in Carmel was honored and presented a piece World Trade Center steel as a token of gratitude for the store's support of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

The foundation is running the Building for America's Bravest (BFAB) program, which builds hi-tech "smart homes" for service-connected members returning home from war who have been seriously injured.

Carpet One Floor & Home, and its manufacturing partner Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring materials and installation for 46 of these "smart homes."

Kenny Hogan, owner of the Carmel business, said the business is lucky to be able to support the foundation and its mission for American veterans.

"It's a great feeling," Hogan said. "Carpet One has been there for it. I'm honored to be part of Carpet One because everything they do to help this cause."

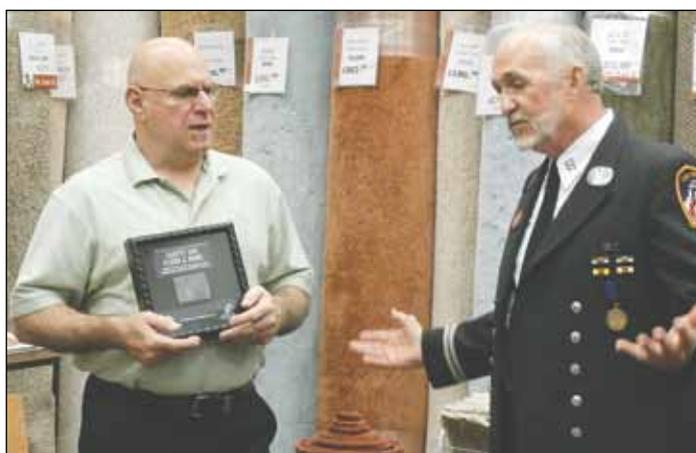
Each store's customers are invited to share information about the program with others, and make a personal contribution at the store site. The goal is to collect a donation of \$10—or more—from each customer, to ultimately enable the building of at least two more "smart homes." (<http://www.carpetone.com/our-bravest>).

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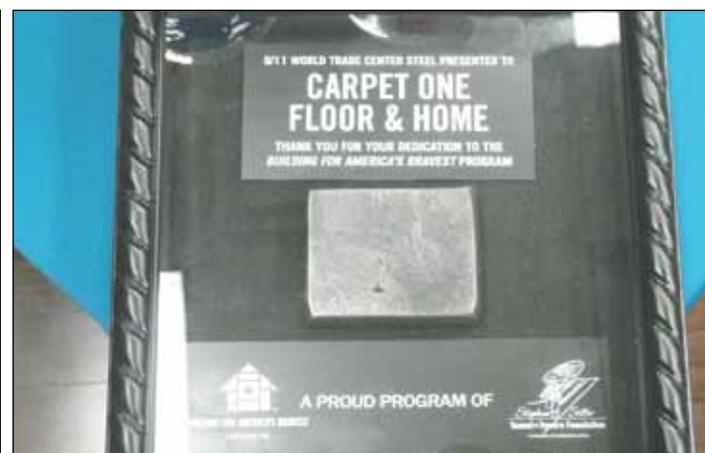
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Row of Honor Season Starts Again in Putnam



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Flags along Lake Gleneida in Carmel.

Lake Gleneida on Route 52 in Carmel to honor those who have served in the United States military as well as law enforcement officers and first responders. She also unveiled a new 9/11 flag that will be on display with the Row of Honor.

“Starting the spring Row of Honor season on Armed Forces Day and during Police Week makes sense,” said Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. “Just like Armed Forces Day, our flags represent those who

have served and those who continue to serve in our five U.S. military branches. We also recognize our law enforcement officers and first responders who protect us at home. The kick-off pancake breakfast is a touching way to bring out Veterans, along with their family members and friends, together

as we honor the memories of lost soldiers and remember the sacrifice of all those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, law enforcement and emergency services.”

Known as the Row of Honor, over 100 flags with the names of Veterans, law enforcement officers and first responders line the shore of Lake Gleneida, twice a year to observe Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This historic observation has become a cherished tradition for residents and has drawn national attention to Putnam County.

With a \$100 donation, the name of your loved one can appear on a flag. The proceeds will go toward the return of the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Putnam County Veterans Park in September. To order your flag call 845-808-1620 or visit PutnamCountyNY.gov/ROH. Checks can be made payable to the Joint Veterans Council to PC Veterans Service Agency, Donald B. Smith Government Campus, 110 Old Route 6, Bldg. 3, Carmel, N.Y. 10512. District Attorney Adam Levy and Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Bob Tandy each sponsored the breakfast.

Putnam County launched its spring Row of Honor season with a pancake breakfast on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16 at the Carmel VFW Hall, located on Route 52 in Carmel. The Putnam County Joint Veterans Council is organizing the breakfast.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell hosted a ceremony along the shore of

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Register Now:

Town of Putnam Valley Recreation Dept Summer Camps: FMI: www.pvpr.com

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration on Thursday, June 4, at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and 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. To view the available classes visit us at www.putnamrsvp.com/clc. Register in person or call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call.

Save the Date:

Saturday, May 30

2015 Sunset Series Kickoff: 2 p.m. Kickoff. 5K run, music, food, crafts and more. FMI: www.pvpr.com.

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Sunday, May 31: Yoga: The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet is sponsoring a free yoga class in honor of military moms, wives and female Veterans. 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Liberation Yoga in Mahopac. Call Liberation Yoga to register 845-803-8489

Ongoing:

Marge's Knitting Circle will be offered on May 27, June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at Support Connection, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights.

Monday's:

Crafts for Kids: The Kent Public Library will be presenting a series of free DIY (do it yourself) Crafts for Kids, ages 8 to 11,

on the first three Mondays in May from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is required, and there is still room available for the programs on May 11 and 18. On May 11 kids will make their own pasta necklace and find out what other cool things they can create with uncooked food. On May 18 kids will create colorful bowls using yarns and their own creativity. Please register by calling the library at 845-225-8585 or going to the library's website at WWW.KENTLIBRARY.ORG. The Kent Public Library is located at 17 Sybil's crossing, Kent Lakes.

Artists' Drop-in at Reed Library: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Artists are invited to drop-in to the library on Monday afternoons with their pencils, pads and paints for a creative afternoon. This session will provide camaraderie but not instruction. Please call the library if interested, 845-225-2439.

Tuesday's:

Certified Application Counselor from Open Door will be available to answer questions and make appointments for consumers to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace. 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Brewster Public Library. Walk-ins are welcome, but to schedule an appointment, please call 914-502-1478 or email insurancecoverage@odfmc.org. For more information about either of these services, call the Brewster Public Library at 845-279-6421

Wednesday's:

Wednesdays is Ladies Day: Ladies will receive a round of golf and lunch at the Terrace Grill for \$50. Special Menu Selections. Wednesday only. For more information/Questions please call 845-424-3604, or visit our website www.thegarrison.com.

In-Stitches Knitting Club at Reed Library (845-225-2439). Wednesday mornings 10:30 a.m. to noon and Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcomed in this fun and friendly group.

Thursday's:

Basic Drawing at Reed Library: 10 a.m. to noon. Learn basic watercolor techniques in a fun and supportive class perfect for beginners. Materials provided. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Foreclosure Counseling will be offered by Putnam County Housing Corporation (PCHC). 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. If you're facing foreclosure, PCHC may be able to help. PCHC, a HUD-certified Housing Agency, offers free confidential counseling to assist you in negotiating with your mortgage company. Brewster Public Library. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 845-225-8493 ext.201 to schedule

time.

Reed Memorial Library presents, Beginning Yoga and Crafts for children ages 3 - 5. Thursdays 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Feb. 5-March 5th. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or large towel if you have one. Call to Register 845-225-2439

Saturday's:

Technical Help at the Kent Public Library: May and June from 10 to 12 the Kent Public Library will be offering drop in technical help. Bring your tablets, smartphones, computers and other devices, and our tech expert, Sergio, will help you solve problems and learn to use your devices to do more things. The Kent Library computer lab will also be open. There is no charge, and no appointment is necessary. For more information, call the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585 or go to KentLibrary.org.

e-Waste: Town of Carmel will have a new location for the recycling container for the disposal of electronic items available to its residents. The (e-waste) container will be located on the side of the Othmer Building at 48 McAlpin Ave., Mahopac. Hours of operation will be every Saturday, 10AM to 2PM. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable electronics, go to the Town's website www.carmelny.org. If you have any questions, please contact Supervisor Ken Schmitt at 845-628-1500.

Sunday's:

Winter Farm Market

This season, the Winter Market will be open every Sunday until May 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Winter Market footprint will be located in the lower level of the HVCPA building (15 Mt. Ebo Road South,) and we are proud and excited to showcase vendors including: Vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, jams, bread and baked goods (gluten free too!), eggs, mushrooms, food artisans and specialty items from local growers and producers.

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Tuesday, May 19

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Friday, May 22

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Saturday, May 23

Car wash sponsored by the Carmel Fire Department. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The fire house. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, May 27

Better Reads Book Club: 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. 11 a.m. Readers will be encouraged to share their interests and appreciation for historical, biographical, travel and other serious literature. The "Better Reads Book Club" will be facilitated by George Baum. May's discussion will focus on "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert. You may register and request a copy of the book by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585

Crossword Answers



School & Camp Guide

Summer Skin Care Advice

Elena Ginsberg, Founder of Primary Aesthetic Skin Care, NP

Be it tanning at the beach or lounging around the pool, for many of us summer is the most relaxing time of year. The bright sun, however, can pose real health problems for your skin and overall well-being. While a nice tan can be rejuvenating and boost your self-esteem, the sun's rays increase your risk of cancer and accelerate the aging process.

Melanoma Cancer: Ultraviolet rays increase your chances of developing melanoma skin cancer. Always check

moles or sunspots for signs of melanoma using the ABCDE rule. Malignant moles usually have the following characteristics:

Asymmetry - one half does not match the other

Border - uneven notches

Color - variety of colors, such as red, white or blue

Diameter - larger than 6 mm across

Evolving - any change in appearance

Premature Aging:

The sun accelerates the aging process

by damaging fibers in your skin called elastin, causing your skin to sag. Exposure causes premature wrinkles and dark, unsightly pigmentation.

Useful Tips:

To prevent skin damage, use sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30, as this blocks 97% of the sun's rays. While higher SPF's block more of the sun's rays, no sunscreen provides complete protection. Make sure to apply lotion every two hours when outdoors, and directly after swimming or sweating.

Use sunscreen even on cloudy days, as solar radiation still reaches you. Sunscreen can be used on toddlers and infants six months or older.

Discard the lotion after three years, the amount of time the FDA requires sunscreen to retain its original strength.

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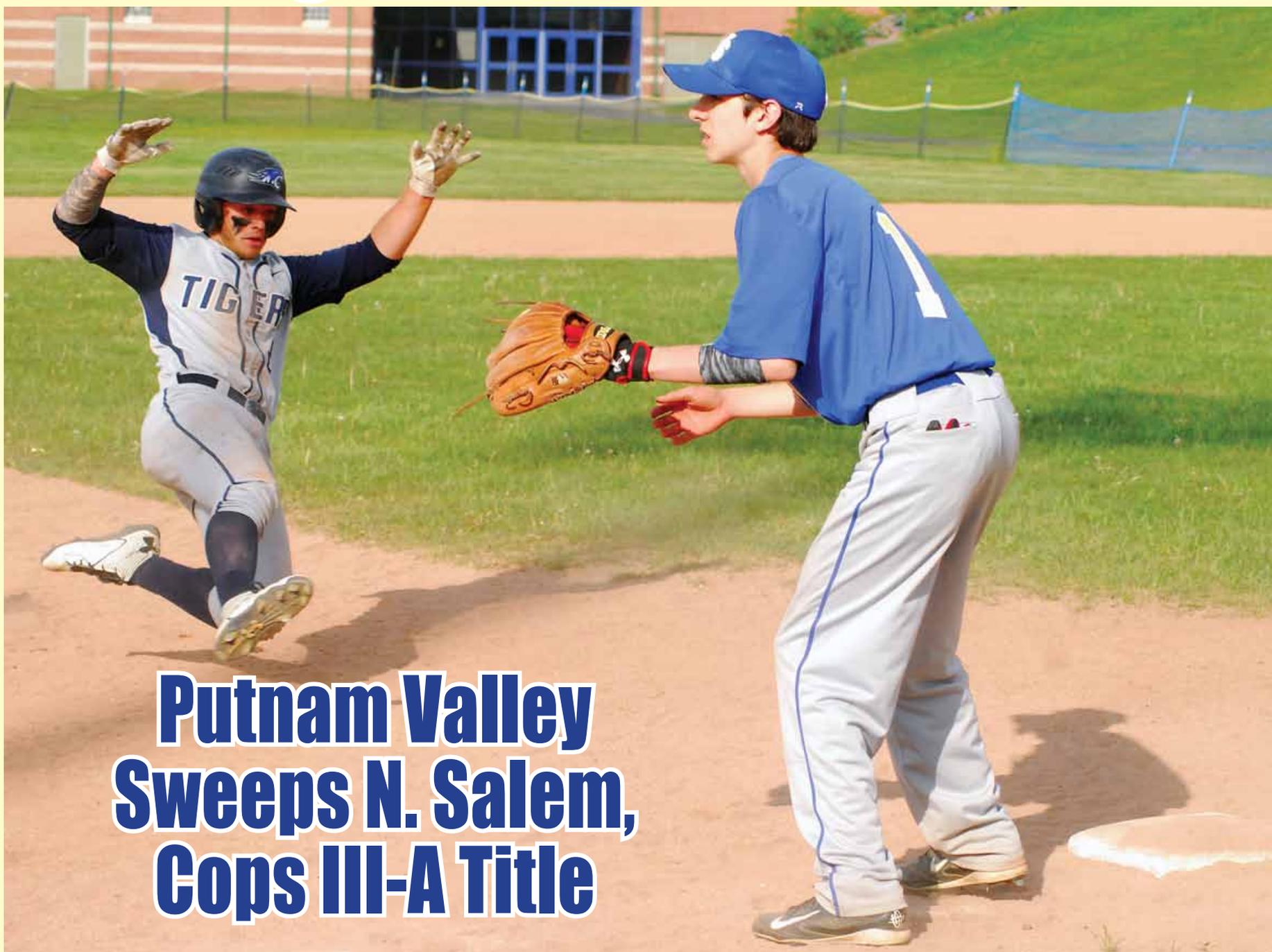
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A League (Title) of Their Own



Putnam Valley Sweeps N. Salem, Cops III-A Title

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Putnam Valley LF Mike Dellabate slides safely into third in a 12-5 League III-A title-clinching win over visiting North Salem last Friday, part of a four-RBI, two-run effort by the speedy junior OF. The surging Tigers, winners in 4 of the last 5, went 7-1 in league action (13-6-1 overall) and hope to remain hot as they head into the Section 1 Class B Tournament later this week... see Baseball Notebook

Sports

Boys LAX Notebook

No.8 Mahopac Plays Bracket-Buster, Sends No.1 Fox Lane Packing

No.1 Yorktown Rolls on in Class B, No.4 Pelham; Somers Stuns Rye; PV, Haldane Ousted in Class C

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

Mahopac High lacrosse Coach Mike Haddeland said all along, "Once we get healthy, we can contend with anyone in Class A." What he didn't know, though, was whether or not his 8th-seeded Indians would get healthy in time for the Section 1 tournament as his two most versatile players nursed and rehabbed their injuries.

But once the cast came off junior M Christian Donahoe's wrist the day before sectionals began, and when junior M Dan Foley's shoulder had been cleared for action, Haddeland expected his team to make a serious run for the roses, and that's exactly what the Indians did Saturday, taking out top-seeded host Fox Lane by a 7-6 count when Donahoe and Foley each scored twice and set up another, including Donahoe's game-winner with :17 left.

"I knew once we had everyone back we could be dangerous," said Donahoe. "It was almost a blessing in disguise when we went down because other players stepped up, and they continued to play well when we returned."

Two days after defeating rival Lakeland/Panas, 9-5, in the opening round, the upstart Indians threw the tournament for a loop, busting up the Class A bracket



Mahopac M Robert Buckley is harassed by L-P's Eric Otero in 9-5 Indian playoff win. RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

keep focused and do what we do (against Arlington)."

Coach Haddeland wasn't the least bit surprised.

"Look back at my quotes," said Haddeland, a member of Mahopac's 1996 NYS Class A championship team, the only

defense that stood tall before G Mike Aurisicchio (8 saves). The rangy Hynes has been a nightmare to match up against and there's nothing little about the play of Mad Max Littleton.

Robert Buckley (1G, 1A), Johnnie Ward (1gG), Shane McDonald (1G) were also key contributors to the Indians' biggest win of the season. Nick Sehring won 8 of 10 faceoffs while A. Evans won 5 of 6, affording Mahopac possession time and time again against the state-ranked (No.20) Foxes, who were simply in shock.

"Sehring and Evans have been a positive for us all season," Haddeland said of his draw duo.

Up next is an Arlington team that is searching for its first Section 1 title appearance, doing so against a Mahopac team program that is seeking its 10th Section 1 title since 1992 (2011, '04, '02, '01, '00, 1996, '95, '93, '92).

"We can't and won't take Arlington lightly," Donahoe said. "They're in the final four for a reason, but we can't wait to try and continue this run."

Against Lakeland/Panas, Mahopac played with a sense of urgency from the get-go, avenging a regular-season loss to the Rebels. Pearl scored the first of his two goals a man up with 7:47 to go in the first quarter, and Foley padded the lead with a wicked crank that answered any concerns about the shoulder.

L/P soph Sean Makar got the Rebs on the board next, but Donahoe found the back of the net, charging hard from the wing.

Rebel junior Kevin Prunty, despite playing with a case of strep throat, bagged a hat trick for the Rebels, who kept it close (3-2) before the Indians went on their run. Foley and Joe Frezza scored the next two goals, making it 5-2. Frezza, an improving senior who stepped in on attack when Pearl was jostled to midfield, scored again to open the second period. Pearl and Ward followed, extending Mahopac's lead to 8-2 with 6:02 left in the half. The youthful Rebels played hard, but were no match for the Indians' athleticism.

"I am so proud of this group," Haddeland said.

YORKTOWN rolled on in Class B, showing upstart Eastchester what it takes to run with the pack in an 18-2 quarterfinal rout over the Eagles. The 37-time Section 1 champion Huskers, who reign supremely as the defending NYS champions, saw soph Justin Cavallo match his career-high with four goals, giving the rookie 34 marks for the season. Husker Billy "The Kid" Strassman added three goals and Michael Dedvukaj (2G, 3A). Kyle Casey (2G, 1A) and Logna Peters (1G, 2A) were all multi-point scorers. Slick Nick Del Bene went for a hatty and set up two more as the Huskers advanced



Mahopac middle DJ Pearl is bodied by L-P's Eric Otero.

while advancing to face No.5 Arlington in today's Final 4. The winner will get the survivor of No.2 Mamaroneck/No.3 White Plains on Thursday at White Plains High (5:30 p.m.).

"It's unbelievable," Foley said. "I knew once me and Christian came back and we were healthy only good things were gonna come for this team. We just gotta

Section 1 team not named Yorktown or Bronxville to do so. "From the beginning of the season I always said once we got healthy we would be tough to beat. Donahoe, Foley and (DJ) Pearl is a tough midfield line for anyone to handle."

As good as the trio has been at both ends of the field, LSM Aidan Hynes and close D Max Littleton have led a staunch



Somers' Joe Hashmall beats two defenders before beating Byram G Wes Cutler in Tusker quarterfinal win over Bobcats.

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Boys LAX Notebook



The return of previously-injured Tyler DeVito has provided Somers with a winning impetus and a can-do mentality.

to face No.4 Pelham in today's semis at Charlie Murphy Field.

The Pelicans are a vastly improved program with some Yorktown blood running through their wings, as former Husker All-American Paul Santavicca's is an assistant at Pelham.

While Yorktown was a given to advance to the Class B Final 4 (if not the finals), **SOMERS** and **HEN HUD** were not, yet Somers somehow found a way to uphold the pride of Northern Westchester by advancing to the semis while Hen Hud did not.

No.11 Somers did so in spectacular

tradition.

"I came into the game with a goal and the team had the same goal, to advance," Gross said. "I did whatever I could to win any face off that I had the opportunity to take, and I just played my hardest and today my hardest was enough for the win. We're just trying to let everyone know that Somers is more than a bubble team."

Anybody who thought that hasn't followed the Tusker program, which is ready to take the next step with the return of All-Section M Tyler DeVito (2 A), who affords the Tuskers street cred just by showing up.

"Having Tyler DeVito back put us in the right mind set," Gross said of the Quinnipiac-bound senior. "He has been playing great, he's a great friend to play with. Having him back against John Jay (in the semis) is just what we need. Just his presence is positive."

It certainly made a difference against the state-ranked (No.18) Garnets, and



Somers has been celebrating giddy moments like this one since the Class B playoffs began last Thursday after wins over Byram Hills and Rye.

fashion eking out an 8-7 win over No.3 Rye behind M Andrew Gross, who won 15 of 19 face-offs and finished with three goals, including the game-winner with 1:40 left in the game.

"Gross was great," Somers Coach Vin DeGregorio said. "Being an 11-seed, along with our record and tough schedule made this a nice win for us. The other factor that makes this season special is this particular group of kids I'm working with at Somers. They're just great kids."

Gross, having been around the block a few years, knew it was now or never for a Tusker program that basks in a winning

DeVito's two goals against Byram Hills in the opening round were also beneficial to the Tuskers' cause.

The Cartelli brothers were doing damage was — AJ and Vincent — adding two goals apiece for the Tuskers, who took their winning streak to a season-best three games. Joe Hashmall chipped in with a goal.

Now, if Sean Wagner and the Tusker D can rise to the occasion, the Tuskers hope to avenge a pair of regular-season losses to John Jay CR in the Final 4 today.

HEN HUD finished on a down note, ending a positive season in an 11-6 loss to No.4 Pelham. In a year when the Sailors



Mahopac M Dan Foley returned to the Indian lineup to score two goals against L-P and two more against Fox Lane.



Mahopac's Tom Wilson gives himself up to take a shot from Rebel M Nick Vazquez in Indians' 9-5 playoff win.

defeated John Jay for the first time since 1994, and really proved themselves along the Section 1 circuit, this was as upsetting as it was unexpected.

PUTNAM VALLEY's season was short-circuited when the fourth-seeded Tigers were shocked by No.5 Nanuet in a 13-8 setback in the Class C quarters. For a school that fancies itself a "lacrosse school", with three Section 1 championships under its belt, this is clearly unacceptable. Folks in the Valley will get back at it in an effort to make things right; from the feeders on up.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr's state-ranked (No.5) reigning NYS Class B champion Huskers (13-4) are chomping for either Somers or Jay.

No.2 MAHOPAC – Coach Haddeland's Indians (10-8) cannot rest on their laurels; a 10th Section 1 title awaits, if not this year, next.

No.3 SOMERS – Coach DeGregorio's Tuskers (6-10) saw Tyler DeVito return to the lineup and a spike in Andrew Gross' play, which was more than enough to restore the pride of Tusker Nation.

No.4 HEN HUD – Coach Solly's Class B state-ranked (No.16) Sailors (12-6) simply fell short of the goals we had set for them, and they had set for themselves.

No.5 LAKELAND/PANAS – A huge off-season commitment is in order for Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (5-11) if they are going to challenge the likes of Mahopac, Fox Lane and Mamaroneck next season, which is what this season was all about for the Rebs anyway.

HM PUT VALLEY – Coach Ignatz's Class C Tigers (12-6) were eliminated by Bronxville in 2011-12-13 and P'Ville in 2014, which were acceptable losses, but this season-ending, five-goal, quarterfinal loss to Nanuet just doesn't sit well with anyone who knows anything about the program or played for it #Truth!

Sports

Girls LAX Notebook

Mahopac, L/P, Somers, Yorktown Still Dancing in Playoffs

By Tony Pinciario

The Mahopac varsity girls' lacrosse team is doing what every team strives for when sectionals arrive – play at their highest level.

Actually, sixth-seeded Mahopac began raising its performance level with three weeks remaining in the regular season and the Indians carried a full head of steam into the Section 1 Class A Girls Lacrosse Championship tournament.

Riding a 10-game winning streak, Mahopac increased it to 12 with a 15-2 victory over Clarkstown South in a first-round game and an 11-9 triumph of third-seeded Mamaroneck in a quarterfinal-round matchup.

Mahopac, now 14-4 on the season, will travel to second-seeded North Rockland for a Section 1 Class A semifinal, Tuesday. The other semi has top-seeded Suffern hosting No. 4 Lakeland/Panas.

Kelly Maxwell scored four goals and had three assists and Kim Harker added a hat trick and an assist against Mamaroneck, as the dynamic duo led the way.

The victory over Mamaroneck was especially sweet because Mahopac coach Jim Lieto pointed out that Mamaroneck halted Mahopac's sectional run in the



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO

Yorktown's Michelle Seger and Somers' Izzy Larocca hope to meet again in the Class B finals, provided each team survives Tuesday's semis.

quarterfinals in 2012.

"The class of 2015 had been the only class to never make it into the semifinals of sectionals, but the seniors were highly motivated to end that streak today and they made sure that our team would fight to give them another game," Lieto said. "Kelly Maxwell has been tearing it up this season, especially with the assists, and today was no different as she contributed by both scoring and assisting on 7 of our 11 goals.

"I am so proud of the performance of the entire team today and excited to move on to the semifinals where we look to become the first team in Mahopac girls' lacrosse history to advance to a

sectional final."

Mahopac led, 7-4 early in the second half, but Mamaroneck ran off four straight goals to take an 8-7 lead. Lieto said his team did not panic, instead, Mahopac answered right back with three goals for a 10-8 lead with 5:22 remaining. Ali Korin scored unassisted, then finished off a Maxwell feed and Maxwell capped the mini run with her fourth goal of the game.

Delaney Volpe, Maxwell and Harker scooped up three ground balls apiece. Francesca Ferreira added two goals.

All-American Harker scored seven goals and had two assists as Mahopac dominated Clarkstown South. Vicky Moundoukis and Maxwell chipped in with two goals apiece.

LAKELAND/PANAS returns to a familiar place – the sectional semifinals and the fourth-seeded Rebels' opponent is no stranger. Suffern and Lakeland/Panas have been the pre-eminent Class A programs the past 20 years. Either Lakeland/Panas or Suffern walks away with the big prize following the Section 1

Class A title game.

Lakeland/Panas defeated New Rochelle, 19-7, in a first-round game and followed it up with a 14-8 victory over Arlington in the quarterfinal round, setting up the titanic battle with Suffern, Tuesday.

Molly Fitzpatrick led the Rebels with a game-high six goals against Arlington. Katie Bradbury added three goals and two assists and Jackie Picard netted two goals.

Bradbury led the offense with five goals against New Rochelle. Dana Bozek finished with a hat trick and assisted on six goals and Fitzpatrick also had a hat trick and added two assists.

SOMERS began defense of its sectional title with a first-round bye. The second-seeded Tuskers drew Nyack in a quarterfinal-round game and prevailed, 17-10. Somers was in charge at the half with a 10-3 advantage.

Somers will host No.3 Rye in a Section 1 Class C semifinal, Tuesday. Somers defeated Rye in the last week of the regular season. The winner will face the survivor of the top-seeded **YORKTOWN** vs. No.4 **JOHN JAY** game.

Nicole DeMase had four goals and two assists and Gabby Rosenzweig finished with four goals and one assist. Livy Rosenzweig had three girls and assisted on eight goals.

Yorktown knocked off Horace Greeley, 16-4, with Michelle Seger, Katie Comerford and Ashley Stilo all notching a hat-trick. Jenna Gammer and Casey Duff had two goals each, and the 2014 Class B runner-up Huskers will now prep for rival Jay, which knocked the Huskers off in the 2013 finals. Should Somers and Yorktown both survive, it would set up a classic rematch of last year's section championship between the two bordering rivals.

BREWSTER played strong, but Byram Hills eliminated the Bears from sectionals with an 11-7 victory.

Taylor Doria led the Bears with three goals and Caitlin Parise added two.



Putnam Valley's Jacqueline Cunningham and the Tigers were nipped 11-8 by North Salem in Class C tourney.

Softball Notebook

Hendrick Hudson to Take 16-4 Record into Playoffs

By Michael Cassidy

The Section 1 softball playoffs are approaching this week and the Hendrick Hudson Sailors are ready to improve on a strong regular season. With a 16-4 record, the team is looking to make a deep run in the playoffs.

It has been the best regular season yet for three-year coach Kurt Thomas. He praised his players for their determination to get better over the offseason and focus on winning.

"They're driven, they're passionate, and

they listen to the coaches. They try to take what we say and apply it to their game and want to get better. They love softball and are motivated to win," said Thomas.

Thomas, a stud shortstop for Hen Hud at the turn of the century, noticed that his team was especially motivated after a tough loss in last year's semifinals.

Leadoff hitter Amy Glashoff stepped up big offensively all year for the team, providing a spark at the top of the lineup. The senior shortstop tallied over 40 hits on the season.

"She had an unbelievable year this year. She got a lot of key hits for us. She got on base and got our offense going," Thomas said.

Going in to the season Coach Thomas had realistic but hopeful expectations for his players.

He wanted his team to go about .500 in the tough first half of the season and then pick it up in the second half as the schedule weakened.

Those expectations were met and exceeded as they found themselves at 8-2

halfway through spring.

"We actually did a lot better than I thought we were going to do. We're still pretty young so I didn't know what was going to happen. I knew we were going to be talented but I didn't know we were going to be this good," Thomas said.

This season, although very successful, has not been without some difficulties along the way.

Inconsistent hitting had the Sailors playing catch up more than once during

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Lakeland, Put Valley Snare League Titles Before Playoffs

Mahopac, Yorktown Hoping for Big Playoff Payoff, too

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

A baseball season that began in mystery is shaking out pretty well for some of the locals, including league champions Lakeland and Putnam Valley.

Lakeland High has long been known for its baseball prowess, but the 2015 campaign began in chaos, with Coach Joe Knapp resigning just days before the start of the season, a sub-par start and a lack of pop. None of that seemed to matter much when junior LHP Kyle Peterson was on the hill for eight innings last Wednesday and OF/P Rick Burroni was stroking the walk-off single in a league-title clinching 1-0, nine-inning win over Beacon. Reliever Rich Vetrano chalked up the win.

P Joe Forenz got the win after six strong innings and Rick Burroni went 2 for 3 with a triple and two RBI in the Hornets' 10-0 win over Beacon on Thursday. For a team that couldn't hit a lick early in the season, Lakeland, the 2014 Class A runner-up, is suddenly surging and considered among the toughest of outs in the upcoming Section 1 tournament.

Everyone knew about Burroni after bursting on to the scene last year, but Richie Capria (C), Trevor McCarthy (IF), Mike Morelli (SS), Peterson, Dom Dellicurti (OF), Kevin Petriccione (1B) and company have posted a 9-1 league record to snare the League II-A crown from the wannabe Bulldogs, who Lakeland shocked and rocked from the playoffs last season.

The Hornets have posted shutout



Lakeland P Rick Burroni and the hard-charging Hornets are primed for Class A playoffs.

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the year and it forced them to make adjustments on the offensive end. They had to climb back from three- or four-run deficits several times.

When the bats would go cold they had to find other ways to get on base and score some runs.

"We weren't always putting hits together. We were finding other ways to get on base whether it was a walk, a hit by pitch,



Put Valley 2B Nick Marro (.443 BA, 27 hits) slides back in safely in the Tigers' 12-5 league-title clinching win over North Salem Friday.

victories in their last three games, including a 4-0 win over John Jay Saturday. That game featured a complete game by Trevor Mason, with Captain Petriccione going 3-for-3 in the win. Mason and Peterson, who chucked eight scoreless innings in the extra-inning 1-0 win over Beacon, are a solid 2-3 behind ace Burroni. The Hornets look poised to do some damage as they peak at the right time.

Lakeland Coach Bill Casey took the reins from Knapp and hasn't missed a beat and the Hornets enter the 2015 playoffs with wins in 7 of the last 9 in the hopes of meeting up with defending Class A champion Rye or whatever steps in front of them. As of Sunday, the Hornets (13-7) were looking at a potential 5-seed, a far cry from what they looked like in the messy loss to John Jay back in Week 1.

Others in Class A include **YORKTOWN** (13-7), which would also have to be considered a dangerous club after improving to 13-7 when OF Mike Rodriguez and 3B Jack Kelly each had two RBI in the host Huskers 6-5' win over Somers Saturday. The Huskers are currently looking at a No.6 seed while **SOMERS** (9-10) checks in at No.15 and **PANAS** (11-9) checks in at 13. The Tuskers and Panthers

bunting. We found ways to get on without hitting," Thomas said.

Consistent pitching from Junior Gabby Caruso and team defense allowed them to fight through the offensive struggles and string together wins.

The loss of All-NYS backstop Cassidy Boyle was also tough for the Sailors. Boyle graduated in 2014 and now plays for the University of South Florida.

are looking at potentially tough outbracket games to make the field of 16, but both are plenty capable of doing damage with their aces on the hill. Everyone in Class A appears to be chasing defending champion Rye.

Likewise, **PUT VALLEY** (13-6-1) has gotten hot at the right time and seems to have the necessary faith in one another to make a run in an absolutely wide open Class B. Coach Joe Natlie's Tigers swept a good North Salem team to claim the League III-A title. In their 12-5 win on Friday, OF Mike Dellabate knocked in four runs and scored two more to support winning P Eddie Lent, who, after a shaky start, looked the part of a Mount St. Mary's-bound ace. 3B Elviz Belen went 3 for 3 with three RBI and two runs scored for the Tigers, who, just a week ago, got gonged by Class A John Jay CR and looked like a team that might come apart. Luckily, faith and trust seems to have prevailed. OF Chris Schroeder continued to slap the ball all over the field, going 3 for 3 with a run while 2B Nick Marro was 3 for 3 with three runs to highlight a 17-hit attack. The Tigers are currently ranked No.7 but could rise with expected bonus points.

CROTON-HARMON (15-5), which defeated Put Valley in its final at-bat last

Thomas found his new catcher in sophomore Jackie Raguso.

"She's doing a good job back there... Jackie played well for me defensively this year," he said.

Come playoff time, the Sailors' will be faced with the challenge of "win or go home." One loss will mean the end of their season. Thomas wants his team to stay in the moment and stay focused amidst

Monday, dropped to the No.2 seed as of press time and could drop further when bonus points are totaled.

MAHOPAC has to like its Class AA chances with its top two hurlers – John Reda and Cal Lawrence (2.28 ERA) – on the hill. Lawrence continued his sterling season with a complete game 4-2 win over visiting Lourdes. The RHP whiffed eight and drew support from James Curtain, who singled home a run, swiped two bags and scored for the Indians (13-7), who managed just three hits.

P Chris Dellamadaglia was exceptional in his five-inning stint of a 12-1 win over **PANAS**, striking out six Panthers. Reda was 4 for 4 with an RBI and two runs. Joe Fichera drove home three runs for the winners while Chris Lore and Nick Fanelli (2 R) each knocked in two. Chris Melnik stroked a pair of hits and scored twice



Put Valley is counting on big-time production from OF Mike Dellabate, who knocked in four runs in 12-5 win against North Salem Friday.

for the Indians, who currently sit at No.8 in the seeds. **CARMEL** (8-12) is at No.15 and will need to find its post-season niche and win an outbracket game to make the field of 16. Steadily improving **OSSINING** (11-7-1) is at No.10 as of Sunday and could open against perennial powerhouse North Rockland, which sat at No.7.

PLAYOFFS:

Wednesday–Outbracket games;
Thursday–1st round; Saturday – Quarters;
Wed., May 27–Semis; Sat., May 30–Finals
at Provident Bank Park

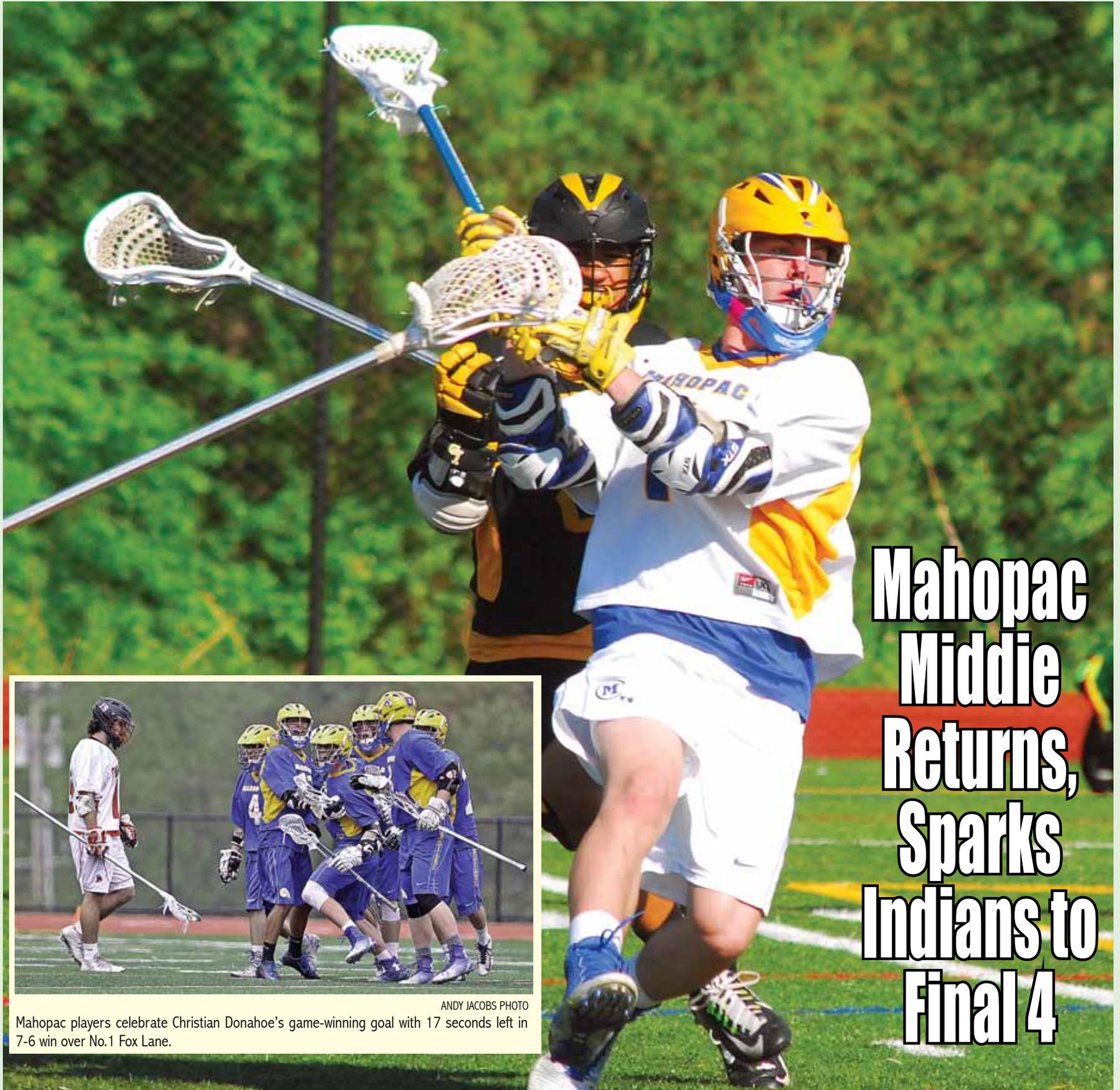
the pressure of being in a single elimination game.

"One pitch, one inning, one game at a time... It's a whole new season now and they understand that," he said.

Hen Hud will find out on Tuesday who they are playing in the first round.



Christian Rock!



**Mahopac
Middie
Returns,
Sparks
Indians to
Final 4**

ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Mahopac players celebrate Christian Donahoe's game-winning goal with 17 seconds left in 7-6 win over No.1 Fox Lane.

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac junior M Christian Donahoe returned to the 8th-seeded Indians lineup just a day after the removal of a cast on his wrist for the opening-round of the Section 1 Class A lax tournament in a 9-5 victory over No.9 rival Lakeland/Panas last Thursday, and then capped off his return by scoring the game-winning goal in a stunning 7-6 win over top-seeded Fox Lane last Saturday. The Indians advanced to today's Final 4 to face No.5 Arlington with a berth in Thursday's championship on the line... see Boys' Lax Notebook