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Democrat to Challenge Castellano for Leg. 7 Seat

By David Propper

A Democrat has stepped forward to challenge Legislator Joe Castellano in his bid for reelection as the District 7 seat has suddenly turned into a contested race.

John Riley, a 22-year Southeast resident, confirmed in an interview Monday his intentions to run for the legislative seat, in hopes of making a Democratic dent in an all-Republican Putnam County Legislature. Frustrated with the one party rule throughout the county, Riley said he's the type of person "who will represent all of the people in Putnam County."

"Today we don't have that kind of give and take that it requires to get the best ideas up front," Riley said. "You just really have Republican control of everything so I think I can change that."



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Democrat John Riley

Levy 'Not Intimidated' by Tendency in Heated Race for DA

By David Propper

For the first time in his political career, Adam Levy is in a dogfight to retain his seat as Putnam County District Attorney.

After running for district attorney twice without another Republican or Democrat providing opposition, Levy now has an opponent in Putnam Valley Supervisor and criminal defense attorney Bob Tendency, who he is expected to face in a Republican Primary Election this September.

"I'm not concerned or intimidated in any way by it," Levy said in an interview. "I'm actually happy, it allows me to get out and talk to people in Putnam County about the record, about what we've done for the past eight years."

Levy got his campaigning officially
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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Adam Levy (middle left) stands next to his mother, Judge Judy Sheindlin of Judge Judy outside George's Place with well-known Republican Tony Sayegh (far left) and a young supporter.

Simple Message, Special Meaning



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

For the 30th year, purple will be the color of choice for Mahopac residents as Relay For Life is here once again. Taking place at Mahopac High School this Saturday starting at 7 a.m. with the opening ceremony at noon, thousands of residents from Mahopac and surrounding communities are expected to attend. To learn more about this year's honorary chairperson, Sean Callahan, and his inspiring story, go to page 5. For Putnam businesses as excited for Relay For Life as its residents, go to pages 12,13,14.

Putnam Valley on Heightened Alert After Teenager Attacked

By David Propper

A Putnam Valley teenage girl was attacked as she walked her dog last week, putting town residents on high alert as the Putnam County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation.

According to the sheriff's office, a 14-year-old girl was walking her dog alone on Timberline Court in Putnam Valley on June 1 around 5 p.m. when an unknown man drove up in his car, got out and grabbed her. After a brief struggle, according to the sheriff's office, the suspect returned to his car and drove away without the girl.

The girl called 911 on a cell phone and sheriff deputies and New York State Police arrived and attempted to locate

the suspect, but to no avail. The girl, who had minor scratches, was treated and subsequently released at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor.

In a note to the Putnam Valley school community, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills wrote on the district's website that information would be provided by the sheriff's department or other local authorities when available.

"I understand that any issue involving harm to children is deeply upsetting to all of us, and we are, of course, anxious for information," Wills wrote.

The sheriff's office said the attacker is described as a white male, in his 20s, approximately 5' 6" tall, who was wearing

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PV School Board Appoints New Principal, Athletic Director

By Janine Bowen

The Putnam Valley Board of Education has appointed a new high school principal, who will begin work at the start of the new school year in September.

Current principal, Vincent Burruano announced his retirement in April and on Thursday night; Sandra Intrieri was selected to fill the position at an annual salary of \$160,000.

"This is a critical moment for our district," said Superintendent Dr. Fran Wills. "This is an opportunity to go to the next level."

Wills explained that the district went through a rigorous process over the course of the past two months in order to find the right person for the position. The district hired a search consultant and placed ads in various educational publications and interviewed a number of applicants throughout May. Five candidates were interviewed by school officials, as well as community volunteers, and a community forum, which included parents and students, was held as well. Eventually, the candidate pool was narrowed down to two people, who were both interviewed by the school board on Monday and after contacting references and visiting the school where she is currently employed, it was decided that Intrieri was right match for the job.

Intrieri is currently the principal at



JANINE BOWEN PHOTO

Newly appointed Putnam Valley High School principal Sandra Intrieri (left) was on hand Thursday night and received well-wishes from various school officials.

Millbrook High School and has previously worked as a curriculum coordinator and assistant principal in Dobbs Ferry and taught social studies for 20 years in three different districts. She is currently working towards obtaining a doctorate degree from Manhattanville College.

"She has a very rich and varied

experience as an educational leader and she brings the deep knowledge and skills that comes with addressing the challenges in diverse settings," said Wills. "More important, the reports and references from her colleagues, teachers, parents, (and) students indicate that she possesses the attributes we have been seeking in the principal position."

In addition to appointing a new principal, the school board appointed a new director of physical education, athletics, and health. Brian Burrow, who had previously served as a physical education teacher for the district was promoted to the director position at an annual salary of \$135,000. Burrow, who has been serving as the interim athletic director of since February recently completed an administrative internship

with the district and will begin his new position on July 1.

"Throughout his career, Mr. Burrow has built strong and lasting relationships with students, parents, fellow teachers and coaches," said Wills. "We look forward to Mr. Burrow's kind and positive approach to problem solving and his mindful philosophy that promoted educational excellence and student engagement."

'This is a critical moment for our district. This is an opportunity to go to the next level.' - Superintendent Dr. Fran Wills

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Republicans Alvarez, Jonke, Seek Southeast Town Board Seats

By David Propper

With petition season underway, two Republicans, including one incumbent, are looking to make the Town of Southeast town board one party rule again.

Current town board member Edwin Alvarez and first time candidate Paul Jonke earned the Republican nomination from the Republican Committee in Southeast last month, setting up an election that has two Republicans and two Democrats fighting for two board seats. Incumbent and sole Democrat on the board, Lynne Eckardt and newcomer John Lord were

nominated by the Democratic Committee last month.

Supervisor Tony Hay was nominated by the Republican Committee as he runs for his second term in office.

Alvarez is seeking his second term in office, noting he finds the job "very rewarding." As an elected official, Alvarez said he's been fortunate to interact with people and groups that he probably would not know otherwise.

Alvarez said he believes the town board has worked cohesively, crafting a budget below the tax cap each year. He's been

involved in getting fireworks back for town residents to enjoy after the event was cut four years ago before he came into office.

"I find myself whether I'm at work or outside of the job constantly working on town business," he said. "One day, I'm helping a constituent with a parking pass, the next day you're working on water and the next day you're working on garbage. It's like a rollercoaster."

Alvarez, who is for "smart commercial growth," voted in favor of the controversial rezoning for the Crossroads 312 project



COURTESY OF SOUTHEAST REPUBLICANS

Edwin Alvarez (left) and Paul Jonke are the two Republican choices to run for two open seats on the Town of Southeast town board.

along with Republicans Bob Cullen and Liz Hudak. While Alvarez said there is some trepidation about how that vote could affect the election, he stands firm that he believes the development will serve the town well.

"Some people are unhappy with the vote," he said. "And that's unfortunate because I really do feel that it's going to benefit us."

Jonke worked for the town for some time dating back to 1993 and has lived in Southeast since 1999. With his background as a tax assessor and past position in town government, Jonke said he's more familiar with local government than most people. What the town board does in the next few years is going to have a long lasting effect, Jonke asserted.

"My background as an assessor and as somebody who has been in government since 1988 will help me move the town in the right direction," Jonke said.

As the tax assessor in 1996, Jonke brought the Homestead Act to the town board's attention, which is a local option to established two separate tax rates; a lower rate for residential homeowners and a higher rate for other property owners.

Jonke, a planning board member since January, said he believes Hay as supervisor has done a "magnificent job" fiscally and he wants to continue to support Hay as he puts the town on further solid financial footing. He added the town needs to be "open-minded" to any development that comes forward in the Southeast.

Jonke said he didn't have much of an opinion on the Crossroads 312 project, which has been a lightning rod for controversy, because he wasn't thoroughly familiar with the details of the project. But he does support, "smart, commercial development."

"The decisions we make today are going to have an influence on what happens to this town 20 years from now, 50 years from now, and a 100 years from now," Jonke said. "These decisions are important decisions."



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Mahopac Boy Inspires Community Heading Into Relay For Life

By David Propper

As a young athlete who plays a wide range of sports, Sean Callahan of Mahopac cherishes being a team player.

Whether it's baseball, basketball, lacrosse, or wrestling, Callahan, 12, enjoys the camaraderie and fun that comes with working with others for one common goal. That love and appreciation of team is also evident when it comes to Relay For Life, his mother, Janine Callahan said.

"He looks at Relay For Life as a gigantic team of cancer survivors and the people who love them and just another opportunity to be part of an incredible team," Janine said.

That "incredible team" will be led by Sean, who is this year's honorary chair, this Saturday when the 30th annual Relay For Life of Mahopac takes place at Mahopac High School. The event starts at 7 a.m. and the opening ceremony and survivor victory lap will take place at noon. A lap honoring Sean, called the Sean Strong Lap will take place after that, one in which his family, friends and supporters can walk with Sean.

Residents, even if they aren't part of a relay team, are encouraged to attend.

So far 87 teams with more than 800 participants have fundraised more than \$150,000. Sean's team, Sean's Soldiers, has raised an impressive \$43,400 and Sean alone has been able to fundraise more

than \$42,520, according to the Relay For Life of Mahopac webpage.

Janine said she's happy people have been able to see and discover the amazing part of Sean that she has always known about. To see a young boy put himself out in the community, and for the community to respond the way it has, it's a "wonderful thing," Janine said.

When Sean, who has battled cancer most of his life, first heard about Relay For Life three years ago, Janine recalls he came to her and said he wanted to start a team. He had his parents "up all night," fundraising and also got his friends involved.

When he took his first survivor victory lap three years ago, Janine could see Sean's pride beaming from the Mahopac High School track. Janine calls Sean an "extraordinary survivor" and "that's how he's living his life right now."

"You learn about his life journey and look at it and you see something miraculous and something beautiful and something that you're just drawn to want to know more about or be around," Janine said. "And it makes you feel good. Sean's life story is something that inspires people."

Going into this year's event, Sean wanted to be one the top fundraising teams in Mahopac. With the community rallying around him once again, he is



MAHOPAC RELAY FOR LIFE FACEBOOK PAGE

Sean Callahan, pictured here with his younger brother Michael, has been a team player, and an undisputed leader, in Mahopac's fight against cancer.

impressively top ranked. He's earned money for his team by selling a book he wrote called Don't Give Up and has shirts he's selling that say Sean's Soldiers on the front and Don't Give Up on the back. The day of the event, Sean also wants to do a hula-hoop contest as another way to fundraise.

"He wanted to write the book primarily for younger children," Janine said. "So they weren't afraid to be in the hospital."

Janine thanked the Mahopac

community for answering Sean's request of being a high-earning team. In two days, his team collected an astounding \$10,000, with residents having their ear out, waiting and wanting to hear from Sean.

With Relay For Life less than a week away, Janine said Sean is ready for the day to finally arrive. The excitement has been building for two months now.

"He loves being on the track with the survivors and putting on his survivor shirt and doing that lap," Janine said.

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Kent and Putnam County Set to Share Email Service

By David Propper

A longstanding problem in the Town of Kent has been inadequate email service, but that could all change after the town board agreed to a shared email service with Putnam County in hopes of making technological strides across the board.

During a June 2 board meeting, Kent town board members voted unanimously to hook on with the county for the shared service resulting in a greater email capacity than currently provided and at no additional costs to town taxpayers, Supervisor Maureen Fleming said.

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker, a former Kent resident, said the county looks at different ways services can be consolidated. Calling the shared email service innocuous, Walker said Kent emails would be on county servers and be a yearlong pilot.

He noted that this minor consolidation could be a foundation for larger shared services that would hopefully save taxpayers money in different towns and villages in Putnam.

"We are looking for ways where we can reduce costs for taxpayers because as you know, your taxpayers are in fact my taxpayers," Walker said. "We are looking across the board. There is no beholden program or service that we in fact will not discuss."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Supervisor Maureen Fleming (right) and Councilwoman Penny Ann Osborn listen during a board meeting last week in which the town would sign into an agreement with Putnam County to share email service.

Two concerns town board members raised was the Freedom of Information Request process with two agencies sharing the same service and a question of privacy with the town board members email addresses on county services.

Councilwoman Penny Ann Osborn said her issue was with security and if there would be safeguards put in place in order to protect the privacy of the town.

"It's not that I don't trust the county, but," Osborn said, before Walker

interjected and said, "You can trust I'm not going to be wasting my time looking at other people's emails."

Walker added the cyber-security the county has, would be replicated for the town.

The only person to speak on the matter was Ann Fanizzi, who actually lives in Southeast. She voiced concerns over FOIL requests with Kent sharing a service with the county and if protocol would change. She said if she makes a FOIL

request in Kent, she could be assured correct procedure would be followed. "My experience with the county has not been so satisfactory," Fanizzi said.

"I would be cautious in terms of coming into this (shared service), Fanizzi added.

Fleming said if a resident sends a FOIL request to the county for town emails, Kent officials would encourage those residents to follow through and address the request with the town clerk.

"Just how we do it in the background would change," Fleming said, noting nothing would change in regards to the interaction between residents and local government.

Fleming said with email services set to improve, the town website could finally be updated, which has also been severely lacking. Fleming noted the frustration attached to having an email service that has suffered, as did other town board members.

"I think it's time that we have real email access," Councilman Paul Denbaum said. "It's killing me."

Osborn, who noted while she wants to save the town money, would be very watchful of how the shared email service progresses.

"If I find it's not working or I'm not happy with it," Osborn said. "I'll be the first one to set it on fire."

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Levy 'Not Intimidated' by Tendy in Heated Race for DA

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underway Friday morning, announcing his reelection bid on the steps of the Old Putnam County Courthouse. Flanked by family, including his famous TV mother, Judge Judy Sheindlin of Judge Judy, friends and supporters, Levy made his case for another four years in office.

Citing a sharp decrease in crime since taking office in 2008, Levy said during his announcement he's "created programs and implemented initiatives designed to prosecute the guilty, protect our victims, and exonerate the innocent."

Since taking office, Levy said the county has seen a 41 percent decrease in violent crime, a 24 percent reduction in property crime, a 34 percent decrease in driving while intoxicated offenses, and 25 percent drop-off in overall crime. The crime decrease average statewide, Levy noted, is only seven percent, which means Putnam has been able to triple that number.

Levy credited his staff's partnership with all law enforcement agencies in the county, as well as other government officials from the county executive's office to the county legislature.

"That's why Putnam County is the shining example for the State of New York," Levy said.

While Levy believes Putnam has exemplified strong prosecuting, his opponent strenuously disagrees. In an

email, Tendy said Levy's announcement that he is seeking a third term is "terribly disappointing."

"His unethical actions in the Hossu matter, his false statements to the press and his constituents as to the extent of his involvement, his interference with the Westchester County prosecution, and his callous disregard for a young girl who claimed to have been raped are the actions of a person better suited to a non-legal profession. But this is a pattern with Mr. Levy," Tendy said in a statement. "He also would have permitted a child molester to live next door to his victim, and his other major sexual misconduct case is, apparently, not able to be prosecuted. And there are many other instances of Mr. Levy's failures as a District Attorney. Putnam County needs to restore faith in its justice system, and as long as Mr. Levy continues in office, our county has a stain on its legal reputation."

Tendy concluded, "I am very optimistic that the voters of the county will do what the political party bosses have not done: remove Mr. Levy from office."

Levy, who has faced an avalanche of criticism for almost two years since the Alexandru Hossu rape case, scoffed off the sharp words from Tendy as "spewed nonsense." (Hossu, a past personal trainer of Levy's, was found not-guilty on all charges)

"These false allegations, these innuendoes, these unsupported claims, it's nonsense," Levy said. "And it's unfortunate that it distracts, quite frankly, me and my responsibility in the office, because there will come a time that I have to respond to them, even simply as now. Just trying to take time away and disprove a negative is something that no politician should have to do."

Levy said if Tendy has any hard proof

concerning his claims, to show Putnam residents and "stop regurgitating these false claims, this old repeated nonsense of allegations."

Levy has the endorsement of the Republican, Conservative, and Independence Parties going into September's primary.

"People in Putnam County are smarter than Bob Tendy gives them credit for," Levy added.

At Last, Butterfield Project Approved by Cold Spring Planning Board

By Neal Rentz

Following over 40 meetings and 22 months of review, the Cold Spring Planning Board voted unanimously on June 3 to provide the final approval for Butterfield Realty LLC's mixed used development that will be located at the intersection of Route 9D and Paulding Avenue.

The board's final approval was for the project's final subdivision plot that included the project's four lot subdivision. Three of the lots located off Paulding Avenue will be used for residential use and the fourth lot will be utilized for mixed-use development, including senior housing, board member Barney Molloy

said.

Groundbreaking is expected this summer.

The mixed-use site plan expects to bring a healthcare facility, commercial and retail space, office space, senior housing and three single-family residential lots. There are 207 parking spaces planned.

Planning board member Arne Saari voted for the project, although he said he had some concerns about it. "The project's too large for the site," he said. "There's inadequate parking. It's going to lead to safety issues."

Following the meeting, Molloy praised the development, saying it will provide "benefits to the village," he said.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Following over 40 meetings on the subject, the Cold Spring Planning Board voted unanimously to provide the final approval for the Butterfield Realty LLC's mixed used development on June 3.

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Riley, 72, has been involved in the Democratic Committee in Southeast for several years and ran unsuccessfully for the Southeast town board in 2009. As someone who has always been involved, when he saw this opportunity come up, he thought it'd be a "good chance to win it."

District 7 represents parts of Mahopac, Southeast, the Village of Brewster, and Croton Falls.

Riley, a retired business risk manager, believes the county should share sales tax

with its local municipalities, noting many counties in the state share sales tax money with local governments. Additionally, he said the towns and villages are the handling the burden of fixing roads from the additional traffic from those shoppers.

Describing the county as a stagnant place losing population, Riley asserts Putnam isn't selling itself adequately. While the county hires high-profile people to run certain departments, Riley isn't sure what reward the county is getting in return.

As for the county budget, Riley said it's

overwhelmingly difficult for the average resident to understand what the county is getting in return for what it's spending. When the county spends money, he would like to see officials be more transparent about where that money is going.

"We don't have fresh ideas and I think I can bring fresh ideas to the table," Riley said. "I'm a pretty persistent guy so you can't just shoo me away. If I have something that I think is a good idea, I'm going to press it."

When reached for comment about his Democratic opponent, Castellano, who



Republican Joe Castellano

has served one term, said he believes county government has done a lot to move Putnam forward. He also said even though the legislature is all-Republican, legislators have disputes everyday that are hashed out during meetings. He added residents are encouraged to bring ideas and concerns forward to the legislator that represents them at any point.

"We're open to everybody's ideas and opinions," Castellano said. "And certainly we've done great things the last three years and I look forward to the process going forward."

Of the three legislative seats up for election, two are contested. Incumbent and Republican Barbara Scuccimarra of District 1 is facing Democrat Lithgow Osborne. District 4 Legislator Ginny Nacerino doesn't appear to have an opponent at this point.

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By David Propper

When Tony Tanzi was an athlete growing up in Mahopac, anytime he suffered a injury, usually a minor one, he looked forward to going to his physical therapists, knowing it was one step closer to getting back on the playing field.

Now, Tanzi wants to provide that same service to injured athletes looking to recover and get back to their respective sport as soon as possible.

"Just to know that that's my goal, I'm trying to get you back as quickly as possible," Tanzi said. "I'm not trying to have you in here for three months coming three times a week. The fewer visits you're in here, the better."

At Empire Performance Physical Therapy, Tanzi prides himself on making sure when clients walk in, they're getting an experience they can't find anywhere else. Opened for a week, Tanzi's new business draws from his experience as an athlete for most of his life and his education that includes a doctorate in physical therapy.

While many physical therapy places can be about riding a stationary bike for 15 minutes and then getting a hot pack for another 15 minutes, Tanzi implements a more involved process.



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Tony Tanzi stands inside his new business, Empire Performance PT.

"We take a functional approach to how we do things," Tanzi said. "If you're walking in here there's no reason you shouldn't be able to do exercises on your feet. We're very hands on approach, we're very manual approach."

Tanzi, a Mahopac High School graduate, has an extensive list of athletic achievements. He was a high school lacrosse all-American in 2004 and a Division I lacrosse scholar all-American in 2008. He was even drafted by the

Boston Cannons, a professional lacrosse team. He is also a five-time Ironman finisher. In high school, he was the first Mahopac student in 30 years to compete at the New York State Championships as an indoor track runner.

Tanzi started thinking about opening his own business in December when he was at another job. After looking around at different jobs in the region, he realized he wanted to operate and teach differently than where he was and what other places



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Clients can look forward to state of the art equipment at Empire Performance PT.

were offering. In order to do so, it meant running his own business.

Tanzi has state of the art equipment in a new building along Route 6 in Carmel that was constructed within the past year. The new equipment in the new building certainly fits with the new approach Tanzi wants to offer clients.

"I'd like to think mine is different, that's why I opened it," Tanzi said. "If I was opening a place that looked similar to a place down the street, I don't know what kind of a business model that would promote."

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Letter to the Editor

Stroke Week Highlights Importance of Heart and Brain Health

For those of your readers who may not know, May was American Stroke Month. As the #5 killer of all Americans, stroke also leads the United States as the #1 cause of disability. To put that in perspective, every 40 seconds someone has a stroke. Did you know that strokes are 80 percent preventable? Strokes can be prevented by lifestyle change, and can be treated effectively by early recognition using the acronym "F.A.S.T." (Facial Droop, Arm Weakness, Speech Difficulty, and Time to Call 911). Remember the acronym F.A.S.T. and perhaps you can help save the life of a loved one. The American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association tackles the stroke epidemic in many ways including, but not limited

to, research, education, and government advocacy.

Not long ago, I was fortunate to participate in the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's "You're The Cure" program. Along with other members of the program, I visited elected representatives in Albany to advocate for public policy initiatives that will better enable our health professionals to save more lives from stroke.

My peers and I knocked on the office doors of our elected representatives. I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with our local NYS representatives Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblyman Steve Katz, and Senator Sue Serino,

along with their respective staffs. Each representative gave a warm welcoming, asked important questions about what we were seeking, and took to heart our advocacy of heart and brain health.

I'd like to thank NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblyman Steve Katz, and Senator Sue Serino for all meeting us in person. Their respective teams in Albany were also very helpful, and I hope they will all continue to make stroke health a priority in New York State.

Kevin Byrne
Mahopac

Obituaries

Ilse Olsen

Ilse Olsen died on June 3 at the age of 84. She was born in Germany on September 26, 1930 to Alma Steffens and Arthur Holst. She came to America at an early age and attended high school as well as secretarial school. She worked as a receptionist for New York University before retiring. She was a 20-year resident of Carmel. One of her favorite activities was attending the Putnam Senior Center in Carmel. Ilse is survived by a daughter, Linda Olsen also of Carmel. She is predeceased by another daughter Debra Gold in 2013. Also surviving Ilse are two grandsons, Jason Gold, wife Lauren, and Corey Gold, fiance Cheri. Two great grandchildren - Jack Gold and Riley Fitzgerald.

George H. Spafford

George H. Spafford of Carmel, formerly of Brewster, died peacefully at home on June 4 at the age of 88. He was born on October 22, 1926 in New York City to Mary and John Spafford. He served our country during WWII in the Navy as a seabee. On June 11, 1955 he married the love of his life Mary (Haggerty) in the Bronx. He worked for the New York City Department of parks. George is survived by his loving wife Mary; seven adoring children Mary Conway, George Jr., Anne Durkin, Margie Corsi, Susan, John and Claire Chiacchia. He also is survived by seventeen cherishing grandchildren. Visiting were Monday June 8, in Carmel. A mass will be held on Tuesday June 9, at St. James the Apostle Church at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery in Brewster.

are welcome to attend a memorial mass on Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel located next to St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac.

Karl P. Neumayer

Karl P. Neumayer, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died on Thursday June 4, at the age of 88. He was born in the Bronx on September 29, 1926, the son of Richard and Fanny Meier Neumayer. Karl served in the US Navy during WWII and worked in industrial maintenance during his working life. He retired from General Motors in Tarrytown as an industrial maintenance supervisor. Karl built several homes in the area, including those of family members. Karl was a life member of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department where he served as Chief of the Department from 1984-1986. He served on the building committee in 1981 when the department expanded the main fire house. On September 11, 1948 he married Madeline Schumacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the Bronx. In addition to Madeline, he is survived by his son Richard (Dawn) of Hopewell Junction, NY and his daughter Madeline (Michael) of Ridgefield, CT and his grandchildren Anne and Karl. Visiting will be held on Tuesday June 9 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. & 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac with interment to follow at Ballard-Barrett Cemetery, Mahopac Falls. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Karl may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, NY, NY 10163-4777. www.michaeljfox.org.

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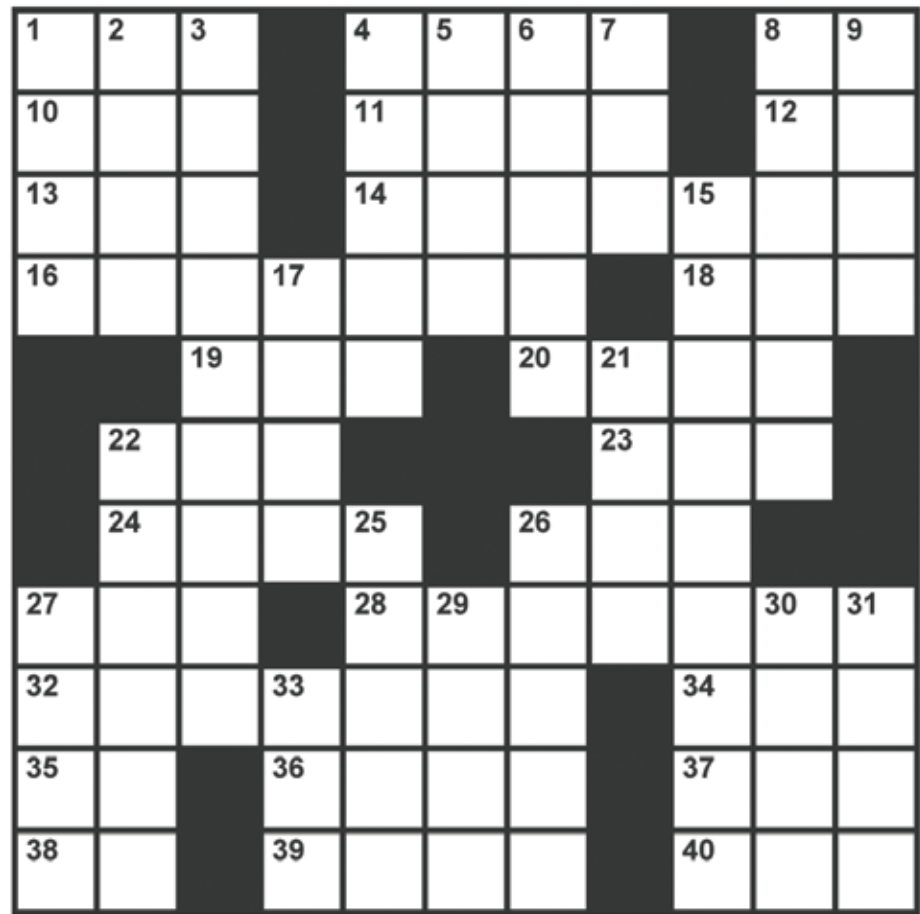
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Marie Swinford

Marie Swinford of Mahopac, died peacefully on Thursday, June 4 surrounded by her family. She was 80 years old. Marie was born in the Bronx, the daughter of Clemente & Carmela (Ciccone) Silvester. Marie was predeceased by her beloved husband Bill. She is survived by her daughters Marie T. Swinford, Laura Archibald, Carol Ormsby, Christina Johnson; her sisters Caroline and Theresa and brother-in-law Joe, her son-in-laws, Archie (Al) and Pete; her seven grandchildren, Robert, William, Nicole, Andrew, Anna, James and Emily and her great granddaughter, Zelda, along with her many nieces and nephews whom she loved so much. Also predeceasing Marie are her brother-in-law Vito, niece Carmella and son-in-law Jim. The family is comforted in knowing they were there to greet Marie and ease her passing. Friends and family

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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1 Ozone depleter, abbr.
4 Hardly tanned
8 50 states
10 ___-di-dah
11 Parrot
12 007's doctor foe
13 Nest egg feature
14 Parade horse, e.g.
16 Olive Oyl would stop at this
Cortlandt pub for a drink
18 Atlas abbreviation
19 Mac rivals
20 Census data
22 Spoil
23 "___ Lady ___", Bob Dylan
24 Light greenish-blue
26 Sudoku like puzzle, when doubled
27 PC "brain"
28 Type of prescription drugs
32 With ice cream
34 Flowery verse
35 South coast South African city, initials
36 Advocate
37 Done, to Donne
38 Failing grades
39 Periods of opportunity
40 Exclamation

Down

1 Fast pace
2 Casino game
3 The home town of a local presidential candidate

4 Diarist of the Great Plague
5 Land tract
6 The Forbidden City
7 Longer than centuries
8 Restless
9 Put into pigeonholes, maybe
15 Intel manufacturing environment
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Tompkins Excavating Receives Honor at Cornerstone Award Dinner

Stacey Tompkins, President and Owner of Tompkins Excavating, recently accepted an award at the 4th Annual Cornerstone Award Dinner for the full-service excavation company's work with Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County.

Tompkins Excavating has worked with Habitat for Humanity in the past and most recently contributed their time and resources at the 87 Johnson Street site in Lake Peekskill, NY, a project that has been in progress since 2013. During that time, Tompkins Excavating provided services for the demolition of a concrete garage structure with a patio roof, removed all foundation and slab backfilled and restored it to its original grade, re-graded the driveway area, spread base material, and removed old sidewalk and tree stumps. John Watson, Board Vice President of Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County, presented Tompkins with this year's award.

"The support of Tompkins Excavating on this project has played a vital role in working toward the completion of another successful site. The work they put in has been greatly appreciated and we at Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County were happy to honor Stacey Tompkins for that," said Watson.

Besides her recent efforts on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Putnam

County, Stacey is a former PTA President in Putnam Valley, as well as a member of the Citizen Advisory Board for the Putnam Valley Central School District and a Parent Representative for the Putnam Valley HS Building Steering Committee. Tompkins has offered support to charities including Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc., Jan Peek House Shelter for the Homeless, Community Cares of Mahopac, Antonia Arts Studio, and Support Connection.

"I'm so glad we were able to contribute to the construction of this site," Tompkins said. "It's so important to us to involve ourselves in projects that make a difference and it means a great deal that Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County has honored us in this way."

The buffet dinner was held at the Green Chimney Clearpool in Carmel. Mark Franzoso of Franzoso Contracting was also honored for their work on the Lake Peekskill project. The event was complete with a silent auction and raffles to support Habitat for Humanity, and music was provided by the Crimson Keys.

Habitat for Humanity Putnam County is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to making affordable and decent housing a matter of conscience and community action. People of all



(From left to right) Lisa Denig, President, Habitat for Humanity Putnam County; Mark Tompkins, Tompkins Excavating; Stacey Tompkins, President, Tompkins Excavating; John Watson, Board Vice President, Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County.

faiths and backgrounds unite to work towards the empowerment of families and development of communities through the construction of quality homes that meet a serious human need.

Tompkins Excavating began as a lawn mowing service until a subdivision was established in Yorktown in the late 1980s, which transformed the business into a full-service commercial and residential excavation company. This woman-owned and family-run company has faithfully served clients in Westchester and Putnam Counties over the past 30 years. For more information, visit their website at TompkinsExcavating.com.

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Keeping the Biters at Bay: Creative Tips for Defeating Mosquitos

Now is the time of year when you can enjoy evening meals outside, either on your patio or pool side. I enjoyed that for years before my recent move to a fifth-floor condo, where I don't have to worry about pool upkeep anymore. Maybe it's the one and only thing I miss about single-home dwelling.

I used to love evening dining, contented en plein air as the sun set behind the trees and the sky grew dark. But just when I would feel my most serene, my family and guests were eager to retreat inside.

"We're getting eaten alive out here," they would say.

Then I knew that mosquitos had struck again.

Mosquitos can be the bane of the backyard, especially in an area rich in wetlands such as ours. I barely ever noticed the pests, however. Through some fluke of body chemistry, the worst of the biting insects never bothered me. My family and guests are not so lucky.

About one in 10 people can be considered "highly attractive" to mosquitos, emitting a certain combination of carbon dioxide, lactic acid and cholesterol through their skin that the bugs find irresistible, as I understand it. People who become easy



By Bill Primavera

targets for mosquitos include pregnant women, people who have been exercising vigorously and anyone with an appetizing genetic combination.

On behalf of those most susceptible to being bitten, I suggest an assault on these bloodsuckers every year, but with varying degrees of success. We could spray ourselves with clouds of DEET, and it would certainly be effective, but I would prefer to leave that option as a last resort. Even with all the evidence that that chemical is safe when used properly, I

dislike the smell of bug spray, especially if the occasion includes an outdoor meal.

For several years we had a bug zapper mounted on the side of our garage. When we installed it we were confident our yard would be insect-free at night. The results, however, were disappointing. It was depressing to hear one creature after another sizzling to its death. Also, the mosquitos continued to bite my guests as much as they ever had. Our instincts were correct.

As it turns out, bug zappers are useful against insects that are attracted to light, such as moths, and these helpful

pollinators are exactly the kind of bugs you should not zap. Mosquitos ignore the light, finding their meals by scent from up to 50 yards away.

So my next step was to remove their nesting sites. Mosquitos lay eggs in still water, so any wading pools, rain gutters or bird baths must be removed, drained or agitated. Man-made puddles are even more dangerous to our health than any pond in the woods because mosquitos that hatch in our midst are more likely to pick up and spread diseases among people.

I was particularly concerned about an iron fountain I had in the corner of my patio. It turns out that as long as I kept the small motor running, which in turn circulated the water through the fountain, no eggs would be laid there.

Once you have prevented mosquitos from hatching on your property, you can repel the ones flying in from elsewhere through some creative gardening. Basil, lemongrass and rosemary are all considered effective insect repellents, while being quite delicious to us. Catnip is also a good bug deterrent, although it may make your yard a little too attractive for outdoor cats. Marigolds deter all sorts of pests, including some of the warm-blooded ones, and they are frequently used in garden beds for this reason.

Citronella candles drive away many

bugs, but sometimes the flame or the melted wax can pose a hazard. In that case, you can substitute citronella oil mixed with coconut oil in a jar, or even a live citronella plant. A jar of apple cider vinegar covered with a lid or layer of plastic wrap with holes in it also drives away many bugs.

Shiny objects are rumored to confuse some bugs, who mistake the rippling light for the surface of moving water. Hanging an unwanted CD or two from a branch might scare mosquitos away during a sunny day. You can also experiment with a Ziploc bag filled with water plus a few pennies, also hanging from a branch.

Finally, before you spray yourself, take a few scented dryer sheets and rub them on your skin and hair. This can mask your scent and make you invisible to mosquitos, especially if they contain the fragrance additive Linalool. At worst, this will prevent static cling and fly-away hair.

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Bordeaux: Pleasure for the Elite or Staple for The Bourgeois?



By Nick Antonaccio

Bordeaux. Wait. Stop. Don't turn this page. I know the word Bordeaux can elicit very mixed emotions – and facial expressions – every time it's uttered or printed on a page. The wine world at large has done such a good job in promoting the mystique and elusiveness of high-end Bordeaux wines that the general public has become intimidated by the aura of this wine region.

But allow me the opportunity to change the public perception of these wines. They are not all aloof and formidable, nor are their prices necessarily in the stratosphere. They do not all require decades of aging in expensive wine cellars, to be drunk only on special occasions, or worse, never to be drunk, but purchased solely for bragging rights or as showpieces in the homes of the elite.

In fact, many of these wines are approachable, affordable and drinkable at a young age. Thanks to modern technology and dramatically improved winemaking techniques,

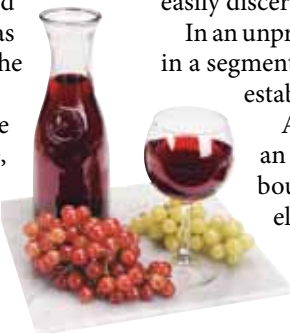
Bordeaux wines have gone through a renaissance of quality and price.

I would not have had this opinion as recently as 10 years ago. Overwhelmed by the lofty prices of the top wines and the questionable quality of many of the remaining wines, Americans shunned Bordeaux wines.

And the French didn't help their case for popularity. A classification system, set by government decree over 150 years ago, conferred honors on a small handful of wineries. The remainder wallow in general anonymity.

How can a consumer wade through the morass of unfamiliar French producer names and locales? If only the French would devise a means to identify quality wines and communicate those so designated in an uncomplicated and easily discernable fashion.

In an unprecedented move, winemakers in a segment of the Bordeaux region have established such a process.



As they transition from an image of exclusivity to bourgeois, from wine for the elite to wine for the masses, a consortium has evolved to represent these winemakers. A large swath

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of unclassified Bordeaux wineries and growers are located along the Gironde River. Those on its left bank, in an area referred to as the Médoc, numbering nearly 1,000, have formed a government-recognized consortium dubbed the Alliance des Cru Bourgeois du Médoc.

Through this consortium, Médoc wines may be submitted for evaluation, and if judged qualitatively representative of the area, are labeled with its imprimatur. The designation of "Cru Bourgeois" signifies a wine that has undergone a rigorous quality control process.

The Process

1. The Bureau Veritas, an independent group engaged by the consortium, has specified the particulars of evaluating wines submitted each year for consideration as Cru Bourgeois.

2. The bureau invites local producers to apply for its quality assurance evaluation process. Those applying are visited by the Bureau to determine their eligibility for inclusion. If so determined, they may submit their wines for blind tasting.

3. A panel of independent judges convenes to sample a cross section of wines from eligible wineries. Based on this blind tasting, a benchmark standard, and a score, is established for the current vintage release, against which all eligible wines are measured.

4. Each eligible wine submitted for consideration is blind tasted. The wines are measured against the defined benchmarks. The six independent judges submit their evaluations individually and confidentially. Those wines whose average score equal or exceed that of the benchmark wines receive the Cru Bourgeois designation.

5. The Cru Bourgeois logo is affixed to each bottle of designated wine. Embedded in the logo sticker are a random identifying code and a scannable QR code. Counterfeiting is thus reduced and a plethora of information becomes instantly available to a consumer.

For the current vintage release (2012), the Cru Bourgeois logo has been awarded to 267 Médoc wines. This quality assurance allows consumers to purchase excellent wines at a fraction of the cost of the high-end classified wines. With prices generally ranging from \$10 to \$25, American consumers can confidently purchase a bottle of Bordeaux sans the trepidation previously associated with many French wines.

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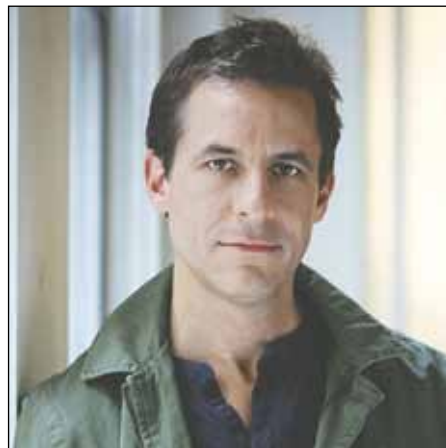
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Lovett, Hobgood at Sedgewood Boathouse for Arts on the Lake Event

In a return engagement, Marcus Lovett, the former Phantom of the Opera and present day crooner to swoon over will appear on June 20 at 8 p.m. at the Sedgewood Club Boathouse in Kent as a guest artist for the Arts on the Lake Friends of Classical Music. Accompanying Lovett will be Grammy award winning composer/arranger and pianist Laurence Hobgood.

Lovett began his career at 21 years of age in the original production of "Les Miserables" on Broadway. In 1993, he was the youngest actor ever to play the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera."

In 1994, Lovett's "high-wire walker" talent was tested and rewarded when he made history (and the front page of the New York Times) by performing the lead in two Broadway shows within two days. After his final performance as the introverted and enigmatic Phantom, Lovett was asked to learn the role of Billy Bigelow in "Carousel" as an emergency replacement for that show's ailing star; in an unusual move, Lincoln Center had temporarily closed its production. Forty-seven hours later, Lovett boldly strode onto the stage at the Vivien Beaumont Theater as the rakish and tragic Bigelow, and was rewarded by the show's end with a prolonged and enthusiastic applause—and a contract. In 2012 Marcus reprised

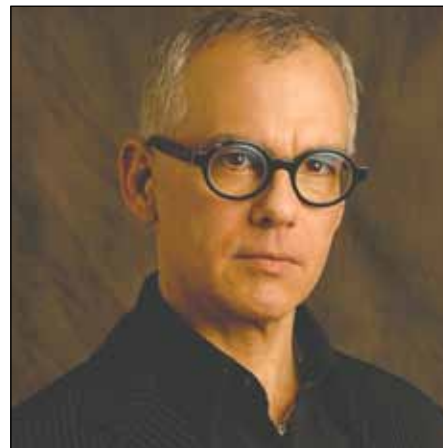


Guest artist Marcus Lovett (left) and pianist Laurence Hobgood.

his role as the Phantom, this time at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End. Lovett is one of four actors to play the Phantom in London and on Broadway.

What many may not know is Lovett's voice is the trademark for "Good Morning, America," "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," and, for 17 years, the promotions for "The David Letterman Show" as well as thousands of commercials and promotions for television and radio.

Hobgood is perhaps best known as the musical director for singer Kurt Elling from 1995 to 2013. He played, composed, and co-produced 10 of Elling's CDs, each earning Grammy nominations.



Hobgood received a Grammy Award for Best Vocal Jazz Record for producing "Dedicated to You: Kurt Elling Sings the Music of Coltrane and Hartman" in 2010. Last December, Hobgood recorded a new trio project, "Honor Thy Fathers," with bassist John Patitucci and drummer Kendrick Scott which is slated for a September 2015 release.

Each performer is a native of the Chicago area and each has performed at some of the most prestigious musical venues around the world. The Friends of Classical Music are thrilled to have these world renowned musical stars on stage for the group's second performance of the season.

"We are so grateful to Sedgewood Club's Mike Gibbons for arranging to have Gipsy Trail Club resident Marcus Lovett return to us again this year," said Friends of Classical Music Director Midhat Serbagi, a former violist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. "Marcus played to a standing room only crowd last year. I would strongly suggest anyone who wants to attend this show reserve their tickets before they are sold out. The production will be as good as anything you can see at Carnegie or Lincoln Halls."

The Sedgewood Club's Boathouse is located at 1026 Barrett Circle West, Kent NY 10512. Tickets for the performance are available now at: www.artsonthelake.org or by calling (845) 228-2685.

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Arts Fundraiser at Kent's Sedgewood Club

The scenic 9-holes at Kent's bucolic Sedgewood Club Golf Course await the arrival of Arts on the Lake supporters on Friday, June 12 when the arts organization hosts their annual golf outing. The Arts on the Green event raises money to fund the eclectic variety of affordable music, theatre, art and educational programs offered within the Kent community since 2006, including its popular Summer Concert Series.

AotL President Bob Bradley, Board members Bill Hammond and Marty Collins and AotL members Mike and Cynthia Gibbons serve as this year's golf committee. The Gibbons, who live seasonally on the Sedgewood Club grounds, have hosted a number of fundraising events for AotL over the years including this year's collaboration with AotL's Friends of Classical Music for the return performance of Broadway star and former Phantom of the Opera Marcus Lovett who will perform at the Sedgewood Boathouse on June 20.

"It's always a pleasure to support Arts on the Lake. The depth of talent whether it be actors, musicians or visual artists who live within the borders of Kent is astounding. Arts on the Lake is the first organization to truly tap into this talent and bring it out for Kent and the surrounding communities to enjoy," said Mike Gibbons. "They are truly one of our few cultural oases in Putnam County."

Bradley's foursome is habitually comprised of the members of his a capella group Real Chemistry. They include Bradley, Dick Walter, John Bradley and

Richard Schoonmaker. Much to the amusement of other golfers, the quartet has been known to burst into song shortly before the shotgun start.

"We do have a lot of fun at the golf outing. How many other, and more costly tournaments, are there where you can play golf and be musically entertained at the same time?" said Bradley.

Golf fees are \$125 per person or \$400 per foursome. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available and can be reserved by contacting the organization at: benefit@artsonthelake.org.

The outing includes a light breakfast during the 8 a.m. registration period with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 a.m. Golfers will also enjoy lunch at the conclusion of their 18 holes of play. Prizes will be awarded for the first place team as well as the longest and closest to the pin drives.

The Sedgewood Club is easily accessible off Route 301 in Kent. The clubhouse where the golf event will be held is located at 810 Golf Ridge Road, Kent Lakes. Directions to the Sedgewood Club can be found on their webpage at: <http://www.thesedgewoodclub.com/>

For more information on this summer's events at Arts on the Lake, or to book a foursome for the golf outing, visit the AotL website at: www.artsonthelake.org or call (845) 228-2685. All proceeds from the Arts on the Green Golf Outing will go to benefit Arts on the Lake. In case of rain, the event will be postponed to Monday, June 15.

New Program at Putnam Hospital Center Helps Smokers Quit

Putnam Hospital Center recently implemented the Opt-to-Quit program to assist patients who wish to stop smoking.

The program is developed by the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and facilitated by the New York State Quitline Service.

At Putnam Hospital Center, both inpatients and outpatients are asked if they smoke as part of a routine nursing assessment. If they respond yes, patients are asked if they want information on smoking cessation and whether they want their name and number given to the Opt-to-Quit line. If they agree, a representative from the state program will contact them within 48 to 72 hours from discharge and provide them with a range of services at no cost to them.

Luanne Convery, vice president of patient care services, said when patients are admitted to the hospital they cannot smoke, so if they truly want to quit it is important to continue that momentum once they are discharged.

"We are doing this to encourage smoking cessation and the prevention of lung cancer," Convery said.

Approximately 13.9 percent of adults in Putnam County smoke cigarettes, according to statistics gleaned from the Putnam County Department of Health.

The county health department, working with its many community partners, including Putnam Hospital Center, developed a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which identified specific priorities to improve the health of Putnam residents. Prevention against tobacco use by youths as well as promotion of smoking cessation with adults are two of many objectives selected by the group on which to focus. Community partners POW'R Against Tobacco and the Center for a Tobacco-Free Hudson Valley are also working closely with the health department and the hospital on these initiatives.

Putnam Valley on Heightened Alert After Teenager Attacked

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a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and black sneakers. The car he was driving was described as a later-model silver or white four-door sedan. The car had New York license plates with a white-colored background.

Wills urged parents to talk with their children in light of the recent incident.

"The safety and well-being of all the

children of Putnam Valley remain first and foremost," Wills wrote. "Children should be reminded to always be aware of their surroundings and report anything that makes them uncomfortable."

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the sheriff's office at (845)-225-4300. Calls will be kept confidential

Master Gardeners Summer Programs Coming up in Putnam

The Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a workshop on Weed Suppressive Mulches for Vegetable Gardens on Saturday June 13th, at Tilly Foster Community Garden on route 312 in Brewster from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mulching reduces weeding, it also builds soil, conserves water and reduces soil erosion. Come find out how to apply mulch and other weed barriers. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person or \$20 per family. To register or for additional information contact: www.cce.cornell.edu/putnam or call 845-278-6738.

The Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a workshop on Vertical Gardening on Saturday June 20th at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County office – South Demonstration Garden 1 Geneva Road in Brewster from 10 am to 11:30 am. Learn to grow your tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, and a few other things up! It's a great space saver and can help organize an unruly garden. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person or \$20 per family. To register or for additional information contact: www.cce.cornell.edu/putnam or call 845-278-6738.

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Register Now:

Suicide Prevention... Our Community Working Together. Monday, June 15. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hosted by: The Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc. and Putnam Hospital Center In the Michael T. Weber Auditorium Putnam Hospital Center 670 Stoneleigh Avenue Carmel. (845) 279-5711 www.HealthQuest.org Mail, fax or email registration to MHA in Putnam-1620 Route 22-Brewster. fax-(845) 278-0600 email-mcastellano@mhaputnam.org Space is limited, please register early please call (845) 278-7600, ext. 202 or more information

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration on Thursday, July 2, 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.

The Ty Louis Campbell Foundation will host its 3rd annual Muddy Puddles "Mess Fest" on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Kiwi Day Camp (825 Union Valley Rd, Carmel, NY). The "Mess Fest" is an outdoor event featuring food, music, games, and, of course, plenty of mud. This event is a celebration of kids being kids and honoring children with cancer. All proceeds will directly fund childhood cancer research. Tickets are \$40 for children ages 3-13 and \$30 for adults. For more information, please visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-muddy-puddles-mess-fest-2015-tickets-16667428728?aff=erelexpsim>

Ongoing:

Homework Help - Sharper Skills at Kent Library through June 17: The Kent Public Library will continue to offer it's Sharper Skills - Homework Help program through Wednesday, June 17. A tutor is available in the local history/genealogy room of the library every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 pm, and Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm. Sharper Skills is an extra help program for students levels K-12 and individuals seeking secondary completion according to the new NY standards. No appointment necessary! Program offers; homework help, assistance with projects, study guidance, etc.

Marge's Knitting Circle will be offered 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:

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.

Saturday's:

Technical Help at the Kent Public Library: On Saturday mornings all June from 10 a.m. to noon 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.

Cancer Support Available:

Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides free,

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Tuesday, June 9

Kent Summer Reading Registration: The Kent Public Library has a full schedule of exciting activities all summer long. Check out the Summer Reading events on-line at www.kentlibrary.org by clicking on Calendar & Events. Programs starting Wednesday, June 3rd to plan your summer of fun. You can also get information about and register for the summer reading programs in person at the Kent Public Library, at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512

The Kent Public Library has a number of volunteer opportunities available for teens 14 and older this summer. On Tuesday, June 9, from 4 to 5 pm in the Kent Library there will be a Teen Volunteer Meeting to talk about these opportunities. We will be looking at the summer calendar and reviewing the activities where we will need help in running programs. This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours during the summer months! For more information or to register, call the library at 845-225-8585 or go to www.KentLibrary.org

Introduction to Genealogy Program at Kent Library: Do you like family history? Have you always wanted to know the history of your family but did not know how to start or which tools to use? Join Mr. Alan Steinfeld, at the Kent Public Library. 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and learn what resources are out there, how to get organized and where to look! This is a free event. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes

Summer Reading Program Kicks Off at the Desmond-Fish Library: 4 p.m. the Desmond-Fish Library will kickoff the Summer Reading Program with a superhero party. Come in costume and get a prize. Join us for a family sing along with Stacy Labriola and a super hero photo shoot! This year's theme Every Hero Has a Story will transport the Summer Reading Program to new heights. Fly into space or climb that mountain. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-

3020.

Wednesday, June 10

Putnam County During WWII: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. 7 p.m. Learn about the impact World War II had on the people of Putnam County with Brian Benedict, History Channel personality and owner of The Duffle Bag Military Store in Patterson. He will discuss the Home Front efforts in the area and how to request Veterans' awards and decorations. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome if space allows. To register or for more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program.

Friday, June 12

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Saturday, June 13

Defensive Driving at Kent Library: A Defensive Driving course will be offered at the Kent Public Library. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. The cost is \$40. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library. Registration is required. To register, please go to www.kentlibrary.org or call the library at 845-225-8585.

Mr. Lincoln's Secret Visit to West Point with Historian and Author Anthony J. Czarnecki. 10 a.m., Unknown to many at the time, and remaining a little known historical fact until now, President Abraham Lincoln made a clandestine trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in June of 1862 - in the middle of the Civil War. It was his longest journey away from the White House and his only trip to New York State during his entire Presidency. He boarded a train in Washington D.C. and got off right here in Putnam, at the Garrison Depot. He also toured the West Point Foundry in Cold Spring. Based upon original research, Anthony J. Czarnecki, reveals why Lincoln came to West Point, what he did during his three-day stay in the Hudson River Valley, and how history changed as a result of this secret visit to the U.S. Military Academy. Join the Putnam Valley Historical Society on June 13th to learn the whole story. This program will be held at the Putnam Valley Historical Society Museum, 311 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley.

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Hazelwood Branches Out!

Brewster Junior Wins 3200 Section Title, 4 Bears Qualify for States



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

by Ray Gallagher
Brewster's "Running Man" -- junior Kevin Hazelwood -- was crowned Section 1 champion after he won the Division 1 boys' 3,200-meter race last Sunday (May 30th) at Arlington High and qualified for the NYSPHSAA meet on June 12 & 13 at SUNY Albany. Hazelwood ran 9:27.42, two seconds off his PR and vowed his best is yet come. Wearing a shirt that read "Because Your Mom Does" on the back, and one word "Believe" on the front, Hazelwood done made his momma proud. "Hazelwood ran amazing," Bears Coach Joe Sceloia said. "He ran a perfectly executed race. There was no way he was losing. He ran smart, tough and gutsy. He has a season best of 9:25 and I think he could be All-State (top 8) if he gets there." Brewster teammates Mike Delfay also qualified for states in the 800 meters (season best 1:54.26); Jaynie Criscione qualified in high jump (season best of 5'4) and Brent DiVittorio qualified in the pentathlon (season best 3,148 points).

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Girl's LAX Notebook

Somers Enjoys NYS Final 4 Win, Falls Short in Title Game

Storybook Season Concludes in Loss to Section 11's Eastport-South Manor

By Tony Pinciario

Nicole DeMase realized after a season of youth softball that she wanted to try something different.

"I was in third grade and I remember telling my dad I didn't like softball," said the Somers' senior, with a laugh. "He told me that it was okay and that I could try something different."

DeMase explained that Somers had youth lacrosse programs for girls and boys so she traded in her glove, bat and helmet for a lacrosse stick. It did not take DeMase long to grasp the sport and, in turn, make a decision that would impact her life and the Somers' varsity lacrosse program.

Softball's loss was lacrosse's gain as DeMase dedicated herself to the game and in eighth grade, and made a pact with herself.

"At the end of eighth grade, I knew that I didn't want lacrosse to end after high school and I wanted to play in college," DeMase said.

DeMase fulfilled her goal as she will attend Johns Hopkins next fall and play



Somers junior Gabby Rosenzweig scored once in the Tuskers' 15-8 loss to Section 11's Eastport-South Manor in the NYS Class B final at SUNY Cortland last Saturday.

lacrosse. Before DeMase receives her high school diploma later this month, she was instrumental in leading Somers to the NYS Final Four and state-title game last weekend.

Somers (19-3-1) defeated Section 5 champion Victor, 14-8, in a New York State Class B semifinal last Friday at SUNY Cortland to become the first girls' lacrosse team in program history to play for a state championship. Even though Section 11 champion Eastport-South Manor defeated Somers, 15-8, in the final, it does not diminish what this team and program accomplished.

DeMase said she was thrilled when then co-coaches Colleen Carney-Cannon and Jamie Irving promoted her to varsity.

"I wanted to make varsity my freshman year so

bad that when they told me it showed that they had the confidence in me to play at that level," DeMase said. "At the time, Coach Irving was in her second year as a co-coach and she, along with Coach Carney, were doing everything to build up the program."

Following her first two years on varsity, DeMase knew that the program was ascending and it was only a matter of time before Somers reached the elite level.

"Our first two years we went further and further in sectionals," DeMase said. "Freshman year I was just happy to be part of the team and sophomore year I wanted to help the team and contribute to the team's success and going further than the previous year."

DeMase and her teammates accomplished this. Last year, Somers won the first Section 1 girls' lacrosse title



Somers' Nicole DeMase scored 7 goals in NYS Final 4 but saw season end in Tuskers' 15-8 loss to ESM in NYS Class B final at SUNY Cortland last Saturday.

in program history. The Tuskers lost to Burnt Hills in a state-regional game, but vowed to surpass that game this year, resulting in a historic season.

"My sophomore year we saw we had the potential," DeMase said. "It felt amazing to repeat this year, especially against



Somers G Jess Monaco makes saves in the Tuskers' 15-8 loss to Section 11's Eastport-South Manor in the NYS Class B final at SUNY Cortland last Saturday.



Somers' Izzy LaRocca scored two goals in NYS semifinal win over Victor.

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Boys Lax Notebook

Yorktown Stunned in Last-Second NYS Semifinal Loss

Controversial Call Sends Huskers Packing, Manhasset to Finals

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

There will be rage for years, decades, as a matter of fact, any time it's brought up in Yorktown circles. The disputed "no call" will linger like an incurable scourge, festering in the minds of the Yorktown High lacrosse family, a sports entourage 50 years strong, and 50 years sour, after last Wednesday's 10-9 last-second loss to Manhasset in the NYSPHSAA Class B semifinals.

State-ranked (No.4) Yorktown, the defending state champions, scored twice in the waning minutes to erase a 9-7 deficit, but Manhasset's Matt Gavin gobbled up a loose ball just outside the crease, dove into the crease area with two Huskers defenders riding his tail, and scored as time expired at Middletown High's Faller Field Complex. TV replays showed the ball going in with 0.5 on the clock; that there was no disputing.

There was, however, ample discussion as to whether or not Gavin should have been called for a crease violation and/or contact with the goalie, as replays show he clearly violated the crease area and projected himself toward Husker G Liam Donnelly prior to contact from either Husker poles Dan Del Bene or Tyler Maker.

Granted, in the heat of the moment it was an extremely tough call for an official to make on his own, but the Yorktown



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown senior Michael Dedvukaj and sophomore Justin Cavallo (44) celebrate a Cavallo goal in the Huskers' 10-9 NYSPHSAA semifinal loss to Manhasset.

coaching staff, its players and loyal fan base thought the referees should have, at the very least, conferred as a matter of course in a game that determined who would play Section 5's top-ranked Victor for the NYS championship: What might have been the eighth such title in Cornhusker history. Section 8's state-ranked (No.3) Manhasset went on to lose to undefeated Victor in the state finals by a 17-8 count last Saturday. The undefeated Blue Devils (22-0) claimed their first state crown.

The debate raged on and will likely not be forgotten any time soon by those in and about the Yorktown lax family.

"You can't land in the crease unless you're pushed," Husker All-American and Monmouth-bound middle Michael Dedvukaj said after scoring two and setting up another. "He dove first, then got pushed and landed (in the crease), so to me it's no goal, we get a chance in OT. He's already in the motion of diving toward the goalie and crease, so he can get ridden pretty hard after that."

The Huskers (16-5) nearly had that chance for OT when fellow All-American Ryan Baker tied the score at 9-all, following a choice rip that sounded like it got the pipes before ricocheting in. Dedvukaj drew the initial slide, dished to "Bakes" and the help was late to Baker, giving him the choice look he deposited to cap a riveting, three-goal comeback. It was at that point the Huskers were banking on overtime to pull out a miraculous come-from-behind win, rather than a loss that was as crushing as the Huskers' 7-6 loss to Syosset in the 2008 semis.

"I felt like we had all the momentum and were gonna win it in OT at that time," the UMBC-bound Baker said after scoring twice and assisting on a third tally. "But things went differently and there's nothing we can change about that. I'm just



Yorktown LSM Jose Boyer rocks a Manhasset player in the Huskers' 10-9 NYSPHSAA semifinal loss last Wednesday.

proud of the heart our team showed and nobody can break the bond we've made over the years."

Yorktown was on its heels much of the night, dealing with Indian All-American Tyler Dunn. The Penn-bound monster notched a game-high five goals, added two assists and did his best Trevor Baptiste imitation by winning 19 of 22 faceoffs. (Baptiste set the NCAA record for faceoff wins by a freshman this season and also won 72% of his draws, best in D-I)

Husker All-Section M Nick Del Bene led Yorktown with two goals and two assists. Yorktown sophomore Justin Cavallo (sorry about the misspelled name last week, never happen again) was a beast once again, delivering two goals, including one with 1:35 left to bring the Huskers within one. Senior Billy Strassman had a goal and senior Logan Peters dished an assist for the 38-time Section 1 champion Huskers.

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Yorktown, after they beat us twice during the regular season. But, we knew that wasn't enough for us. We wanted to go as far as we could."

Somers carried the sectional-title momentum into state play and dispatched Minisink Valley (Section 9) and Niskayuna (Section 2) rather handily, 18-6 and 18-4, respectively.

The Tuskers followed up with their third consecutive dominant win - 14-8 over Victor - as Livy Rosenzweig netted four goals and Izzy LaRocca and DeMase each had three. Rosenzweig and DeMase each totaled seven goals in two games at

the Final 4.

In the semifinal win over Victor, Livy Rosenzweig finished with four goals and two assists, including three goals and an assist in the second half, securing MVP honors along the way. DeMase had three goals and an assist, while Izzy LaRocca finished with three goals. Gabby Rosenzweig added a goal.

"It meant a lot to the team, especially the seniors, to win and have the opportunity to play in the state final," DeMase said. "It was a great way to end our senior year, even though we didn't win, and playing in the state final is something that will be

really special for quite a while."

Somers' Coach Jamie Irving now has consecutive titles for the memory books, and she thanked her captains -- Emily Englert, Christine Olert, Diana Bradbury and DeMase - as well as her seniors for exhibiting incredible leadership.

"I am so incredibly proud of my team," said Irving, who will be getting married this month. "To be able to compete in a state championship game is something every athlete dreams of and strives for and my girls made that dream a reality. They became a family and took this team to a whole new level. They have created

memories that will last a lifetime."

Even though DeMase is graduating, she is planning a trip to SUNY-Cortland next June to cheer on Somers.

"I'm sad that I will not be able to play Somers' sports again, but this team has so many returnees next year and they will only get stronger," DeMase said. "Hopefully, they will go further and win a state title next year, which will be exciting for them and the program."

With a solid cast of returnees next season, that's the plan.

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contributed to this story*

Peter, Peter Golf Course Beater!

**Carmel Frosh
Wins Section 1 Crown,
Two Rams to Vie
for NYS Title;
Classmate Tully 7th**



ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Lauren Peter, a freshman from Carmel High, sank a 5-footer for birdie on an action-packed final hole to claim the crown at the Section 1 Girls' Golf Tournament by one shot over Ursuline's Caroline Hodge and Rye's Frida Henningsson at the Whipoorwill Club in Armonk last Wednesday. Peter's final-round 76 left her at 10-over for the tournament, which opened up in Rockland County last week at Rotella Golf Course in Thiells. Peter, who placed second at sectionals as an eighth grader and seventh in the states last year, and teammate Amanda Tully (inset pic), who finished seventh at sectionals, each qualified for the NYSPHSAA tournament scheduled for SUNY Delhi on June 13-14.