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Butterfield Groundbreaking Arrives at Last and After Much Debate

By David Propper

There was only one time, roughly four months into the process, where developer and Garrison resident Paul Guillaro was having reservations about going forward with the redevelopment of the old Julia Butterfield hospital site.

But other than that moment of doubt, Guillaro endured a process that he said started out four and a half years ago and finally came to fruition when celebratory shovels hit the ground last week. Did he think it would take so long to reach this point?

"No," Guillaro said. "Not at all."

Yet finally, and to much excitement, groundbreaking took place at the site of the Butterfield redevelopment project Wednesday morning, with presidential hopeful George Pataki and Fox News president Roger Ailes, both Garrison

'I'm glad to see it over with whether you like it or not,' former Cold Spring mayor Ralph Falloon

residents, receiving dedications. Pataki Park was named after the former New York State governor (not in attendance) who was known for his environmental stewardship in office, and the Roger Ailes Senior Center was named after Roger and Elizabeth Ailes who contributed \$500,000 toward the expected senior center.

And to the pleasant surprise of those 175 people in attendance, it was also

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From left to right, media mogul and Garrison resident Roger Ailes, his wife Elizabeth Ailes, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Senator Sue Serino, County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Sheriff Don Smith, and developer Paul Guillaro all commence the groundbreaking at the Butterfield redevelopment site last week.

Funds for Police Merger Study Remain Up in the Air

By David Propper

Despite applying for a state grant several months ago, money for a feasible study into a countywide police merger are still in question, with Putnam County and local officials seeking other options to fund the study requested by the Town of Carmel.

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker said in an interview that a possible plan is for the county to put an RFP (Request for Proposal) out immediately to the bidding process in order to get the actual expense of a police merger study. Once that cost estimate is determined, municipalities with police departments could decide if they want to take part in the study, in which they would pay for a share of the cost.

But Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt, in an interview, wasn't as committed to that new plan of sending out an RFP, noting he and his town board haven't had enough time to consider the proposal. Schmitt said that option requires further discussion on everyone's part.

"I don't think a conversation in the parking lot of the county building (with Walker) really qualifies for a discussion where we can have an understanding or agreement on how we're going to move forward with that," Schmitt said.

Proposing a study to explore merging

all police agencies into one countywide force got started last March, when Carmel officials sent a letter to the county asking it to begin a process that would weigh the benefits and detractions of consolidating all police departments, including the sheriff's office, into one.

Carmel and Kent each have a police department with full-time officers, while Brewster and Cold Spring each have a department with part-time officers. The sheriff's department controls the rest of the county, while assisting the other

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Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt speaks up at a county legislature committee last week.

Firemen's Parade Kicks Off Summer Fun in Mahopac



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The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department's annual dress parade brought residents of all ages onto Route 6 last Thursday, as steamy weather didn't deter anyone from showing appreciation to those who serve their community. The parade marked the beginning of the annual carnival held at the fire department headquarters last week, with rides, games, and plenty of good food being offered to residents last weekend and then again this weekend, from July 16-18.

Brewster Teenager Found After Reported Missing

By David Propper

An exasperated search for a Brewster teenager came to a fortunate conclusion when Diego Alberto Salazar was safely found in Brewster Height Woods Friday morning, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

The 19-year-old, who is severely autistic, was spotted by a New York

State Police helicopter crew, at about 8:24 a.m. with boots on the ground confirming that it was in fact Salazar, according to the release. He was about half-mile northwest of his Allen Road home in Brewster Heights.

Salazar, who has other health issues that require medication, went missing around noon Thursday afternoon.

Once his family called the sheriff's office at 5 p.m., a massive search was underway.

A command post was set up at the Putnam County Savings Bank along Route 6 in Brewster and then relocated at the Brewster Fire Department with more than 80 first responders from New York and Connecticut involved

in the effort. Search dogs were also used when scouring the wooded area between Salazar's home and Route 6.

When found after missing for almost 24 hours, Salazar didn't appear injured and was conscience. He was transported to Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel to be evaluated before going home.

Public Hearing Set for Proposed Garrison Fire District

By Janine Bowen

The Philipstown town board has set a public hearing for the consideration of forming a Garrison Fire District, but not without a bit of debate.

According to Supervisor Richard Shea, the town has been discussing the idea of dissolving the Garrison Fire Protection District and creating a fire district for years. The hope is to have the proposed fire district up and running by January 1, but the timing of the public hearing caused a bit of contention among board members.

Two separate public hearings, one that will discuss forming the fire district and another that will dissolve the current fire protection district, are set for August 19, but trustee Nancy Montgomery wanted to wait until September to hold the hearings, as many people are often away

on vacation in August.

"People feel very disenfranchised when boards hold meetings when there's a known lull in the town," she said.

Ultimately the board decided that they would keep the August date for the hearing, but agreed to keep the comment period open until September. In addition, they noted that people can come to a meeting to speak about the proposed fire district at any time, even if the topic is not on the agenda and they may also submit their opinions in writing.

"I think you very often get a much more considerate opinion when people sit down and put a pen to paper rather than standing up in a public meeting," said Shea.

The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. on August 19.



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Public output was aplenty at last week's Philipstown town board meeting.

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Hearing for Large Gathering Permits Produces More Questions

By Janine Bowen

Philipstown residents have more questions than answers following Thursday's public hearing regarding a proposed law that would require permits for large gatherings.

According to the proposed law, people or organizations holding an event with more than 100 attendees would need to obtain an event permit from the town while an event that would have at least 250 attendees would require a mass gathering permit. Supervisor Richard Shea explained the proposed law is not meant to restrict events, but rather ensure that fundraisers and parties can be held legally with safety measures in place. However, residents are confused by what will and will not need a permit.

An event permit would need to be obtained only if an event is fee-based while a mass gather permit would be necessary anytime an event has more than 250 people, according to the proposed law. Still, residents were confounded about what events actually qualify as fee-based. One woman noted political parties often hold fundraisers that request donations but the event does not actually require a fee to attend while another resident noted that a permit requirement for a non-profit fundraiser would add difficult costs to each event that would require higher fundraising

goals to meet expenses. Resident and pastor Tim Greco questioned whether or not his church, which holds barbeques for its congregation of more than 250 people, would need to get a permit for each event, which could become costly.

Town board members stated they might have to revisit the law with clarifications that would state that for-profit organizations would need to obtain the event permit while non-profit organizations would not.

Under the proposed laws, events that obtain a permit would be required to have a fire truck on site throughout the event in order to ensure safety, but residents again questioned why this would be necessary. Some were concerned that the requirement would tie up emergency vehicles and personnel in the event of a real emergency while others disliked the idea of needing emergency vehicles at their parties.

Trustee Nancy Montgomery explained that the intent of the law is not to require emergency vehicles at large family gatherings but rather to ensure safety at established Philipstown locations that are known for holding events but do not have site plan approval.

"We're not foreseeing a fire apparatus at every party out in a field somewhere," said Montgomery. "This is really geared for organizations that have a structure

that doesn't meet code presently because of historic value and they hold these great events and they're not meeting code."

Resident Kim Connor also suggested that the proposed law should require that a venue or person go through a formal site plan approval process if they are holding regular events on their property.

The permit process, explained trustee John Van Tassel, will be able to establish the number of people who can safely fit in a particular place that does not currently have a site plan, but residents said that the size of a party isn't always the biggest problem.

Michael Liguori, an attorney representing several Philipstown residents who live near the Boscobel site, said the noise level is often the biggest issue for his clients. Although Boscobel would be exempt from the new permit requirements, because they already possess site plan approval as a party venue, Liguori noted that a small party can produce a lot of noise depending on the sound system used by a disc jockey. Liguori suggested in addition to setting a limit to the number of people allowed to attend an event, the town should set limits to the decibel level allowed to come from a DJ's sound system at certain times of the day.

"It may not matter how large the

(sound) system is if the noise is very loud and is able to travel and there's nothing in between that property and a neighbor's property to mitigate that impact," he said.

Montgomery explained this law is intended to help mitigate impact as well as keep members of the hospitality industry interested in the town. She noted that former venue, Dockside, left Philipstown because there were complaints from residents about the noise from bands that were booked, so this law would create a system that could placate both neighbors and venues.

"Business owners just will not open a business here if (complaints) continue," said Montgomery. "We have to decide is that the kind of town we're going to live in where we're going to get off the train and go to bed and there's nothing happening and no events and you can't have your beautiful wedding here because we can't support it."



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Putnam IDA Checks Off Tax Abatements for Butterfield Project

By David Propper

Though the groundbreaking for the Butterfield redevelopment project came last Wednesday, developer Paul Guillaro and Butterfield Realty LLC had reason to rejoice the day before when the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency (PCIDA) unanimously approved to lift mortgage-recording taxes and sales tax from two of the project's buildings.

The July 7 meeting in Carmel, led by PCIDA chairman Richard Ruchala, confirmed the Village of Cold Spring would lose about \$7,500 and the Town of Philipstown would lose double that

at \$15,000 in mortgage-recording taxes. Meanwhile the county, not the local municipalities, would lose the sales tax money made from those two commercial buildings since the county doesn't share sales tax. The deal lasts for five years, Ruchala said.

Real property tax abatements weren't requested by Guillaro, with Ruchala stating during the meeting the developer was "adamant" he would not be seeking that relief. Ruchala said the net revenue going toward the community would be about \$431,000, all while eliminating an "eye sore."

While most tax abatements are done without much of a whisper from the public or even local officials, three village representatives--trustee Marie Early and former trustees Stephanie Hawkins and Matt Francisco--attended the meeting to address concerns before the abatements were granted.

Early, in remarks that lasted almost ten minutes, said her concern was with the property tax monies that village is set to receive. She said because Guillaro promised not to try to lower property taxes, she recommended the final agreement disallow Guillaro or the PCIDA to grieve

property taxes or Fireman's Service Award. Hawkins added the fact that the tax revenue could be grieved is a "meaningful concern."

Francisco stressed he wasn't an "alarmist" or against development, but wanted to ensure the details of the legal documents were clear and a benefit to the village.

Ruchala noted the negative impact on the village is the lost of mortgage-recording taxes, but the property tax revenue makes it worthwhile for the local municipalities. Ruchala assured, "You are getting something of value placed."



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PCIDA chairman Richard Ruchala (center) leads the meeting last week in which Butterfield Realty LLC received tax abatements for two buildings.

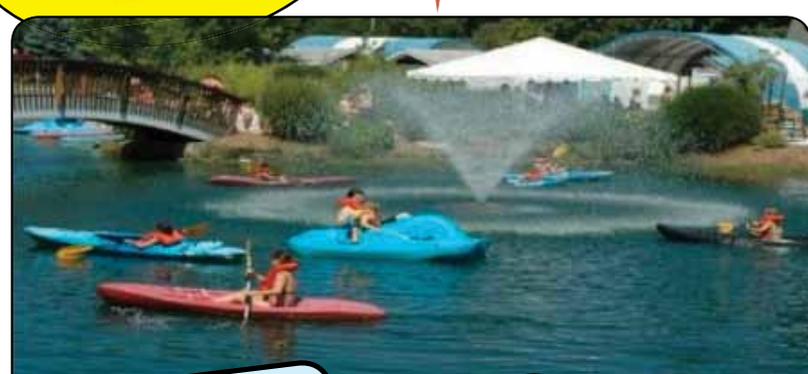


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Cold Spring Trustee Marie Early speaks during the meeting, along with former trustees Stephanie Hawkins and Matt Francisco.



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Quick Reversal Leads to School Resource Officer at Haldane

By David Propper

After originally planning to provide a Special Patrol Officer to the Haldane School District, Putnam County reversed course and is now aiming to place a School Resource Officer inside the district's high school instead.

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker said the county executive administration and sheriff's office recommended the county provide an SRO, taking the deputy position that was allocated to be stationed on the western side of Putnam starting in October and instead have that position become an SRO, starting over the summer.

Overall, an SRO cost more than an SPO because the SRO is a county employee that receives benefits while an SPO is typically a retired law enforcement officer at a lower rate.

Commissioner of Finance, Bill Carlin, is working on the numbers in order to find the additional money to get the officer the training over the summer and stationed at the high school by September, Walker said.

"It's important for the school district and it's really important to the overall operation, particularly on the western side of the county where we recognize Route 9 is really a drug corridor in Peekskill and Poughkeepsie and



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker speaks at a Protective Services Committee meeting last week.

Haldane is obviously right in the middle of that," Walker said.

Protective Services Committee chairman and legislator Roger Gross said having a police car outside the school building, which would only be the case if an SRO was assigned, is a

"big deterrent" to potential criminals.

One legislator against the move was Ginny Nacerino, who voiced "serious concerns" about doing an "about-face" from an SPO to an SRO.

Nacerino said the county implemented a program that has been tested and proved to be a success using SPOs, and that the county has acknowledged it can't continue to sustain the SRO program as it is. She added one previous rationale was replaced by a completely opposite rationale as to why a SRO would be assigned to the Haldane schools.

"We've been waffling on our mind set is what I'm saying," Nacerino said.

Walker said some legal capabilities between an SPO and SRO warranted the recommendation the county has put forth to the legislature. The county executive administration had just talked with Sheriff Don Smith and Undersheriff Peter Convery for two hours the day before the meeting, Walker said, which led to the reversal.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents the district where the school is located, said, "I think every high school except Haldane has an SRO and I know they're coming in late in the game, it's a different administration, but don't penalize Haldane because they came in late in the game," with

Nacerino responding, "Please don't allude to that," adding legislators should be vetting this again because of the sudden change and fiscal impact.

"My concerns are the fiscal concerns of how we're going to sustain this program, which we said we were moving a different direction to defray some of those costs," Nacerino said. "We can't keep going down this path just like we can't we keep going down all the other paths we continue to spend years on trying to remedy things."



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Business of the Week

Elevate Event Lounge Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

The Front Street location of Elevate Event Lounge has long been a site to host events.

Last August, Mahopac resident Chris Vernia changed the format of the business, which was formerly Bounce the Party Place, in which Vernia was a member of the partnership of Bounce and purchased the facility outright last year.

"I've actually been here five years," he noted. Bounce, which opened in 2009, was geared toward parties for young children.

The name Elevate Event Lounge came about following a "brainstorming session with the rest of my guys that work here," Vernia said. "We want to take your event to the next level."

The most common events held at the facility are Sweet 16, and Bat Mitzvah parties. It has also hosted a variety of other parties, including wedding anniversaries and communion and confirmation parties.

"We do really do everything," he said. "And we called it the Event Lounge because it's not like a catering facility. It's more like a lounge/nightclub, although we're not open to the public. We're doing



COURTESY OF ELEVATE EVENT LOUNGE

A portion of the interior of Elevate Event Lounge in Yorktown.

nothing but private events."

"Everything here is very, very sleek and modern," said Vernia, who has been in the entertainment business for 27 years.

The main room is "customizable" with multi-colored lighting for the tables

and walls, Vernia said, adding a bar is also available. "We're really based on dancing," he said. DJs or the live pop and rock band, Naked Soul, which performs a wide variety of genres, including "from classics to contemporary" can provide the music, he said.

Packages generally include the use of the facility and entertainment and customers are usually responsible for bringing their own food in, but Elevate could be responsible for the food through catering companies it works with, Vernia noted.

Elevate has a game room featuring a variety of sports games, including Pop a Shot basketball and air hockey.

Vernia said he is very happy with his Front Street location. "Because of my business, I don't need to be in a retail strip mall," he said. "Everybody's closed at five o'clock on Friday and don't come back until Monday at 9 a.m. All of my events are usually happening after 5 o'clock on Friday."

Vernia said he received much gratification from his profession. There is "a lot of personal satisfaction," he said. "I meet a lot of great people. I make friends with people from years and years ago."

"I'm in a great business. We're always at a party. We're always making people smile. To me it's the best business in the world," Vernia added.

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Letter to the Editor

PV Library Seeking Voter Approval with No Transparency

The Putnam Valley Library's Board of Trustees are looking to double the amount of funding they receive from taxpayers by putting a referendum on November's ballot. Currently the Town has approved the Library's 2015 budget of \$278,307. At the Town Hall budget meeting there was no mention or request by the library for additional funds needed to provide more services to our community. If the referendum gets voted in at November's election, the Town will no longer have any control of the amount of our taxes that are allocated to the Library's annual budget. The Library's budget and the amount of our taxes we pay for that budget will be out of control just like the Putnam Valley Central School District's budget

has been over the years. Currently the Library is not required to open its books to the Town for review. It is believed that they are sitting on a very large reserve at taxpayer's expense. Will the Library reach the Putnam Valley Central School District's tremendous budget of \$48 million dollars? Will it slowly creep up from the \$287,307 to a million dollars over the next few years similar to what had happen to the Mahopac's Library budget which recently passed at the million dollar mark?

No one can dispute that the Library's function in the community is vital and plays an important role to our residents. If the Library needs to implement improvements, they should

be forthcoming and transparent at the budget meetings held at Town Hall. They should also be forthcoming and transparent as to the amount of reserves they currently holding. To date, no one has been privy to that number, my guesstimate is somewhere in the vicinity of \$4 million dollars.

As over-taxed residents of Putnam Valley, we have to put an end or a limit on how much more we will endure. We must have oversight into the Library's budget. If this come up for voters in November VOTE NO.

Daniel P. Vera
Town of Putnam Valley

Obituaries

Marion Burdick

Marion Burdick, of Roscoe, formerly of Brewster, died July 5, at the age of 91. Marion was born on November 26, 1923 in Brewster, to the late Raymond and Gladys (Smalley) Godfrey. She attended the Brewster School's. She married the love of her life, Robert F. Burdick. He predeceased her on January 19, 1983. Marion was a nurse's aid at Somers Manor Nursing Home for 10 years before retiring. She also worked at McCrory's Department store in Danbury. Marion was a member of the First Baptist Church of Brewster. She assisted at the church nursery and also participated in fund raisers for the church. She enjoyed cross stitch and latch hook. Her family was very important to her.

Marion is survived by her two daughters; Marcella Farrell of Wassaic, and Lisa Colt of Brewster, her granddaughter; Jennifer Tomah of Roscoe, and three grandchildren; Ethan, Emily and Eric, her siblings; Dorothy Brady, Lois Taylor, Ruth Roth and

George Godfrey. She was predeceased by a son Gary Robert Burdick and her siblings; Vivian Hyatt, Raymond, Ronald and Charlie.

Ralph A. Merritt Jr.

Ralph A. Merritt Jr. died July 6, at the age of 87. Ralph was born August 13, 1927 in Kent Cliffs to Rose (Grey) and Ralph A. Merritt Sr. During World War II, he proudly served his Country with the US Army. On February 20, 1949 he married the love of his life, Alice Adams in Carmel and together they raised their two children; Terry and Sandra. Before he retired, he worked at Amoto Excavating in Holmes, as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He is survived by his beloved son, Terry, his three loving grandchildren; Anne Whiteman, Christina Moynahan, and Dana Merrit, his brother Roger and his sister Sharon, five great-grandchildren; William Mancusi, IV, Brittney Mancusi, Dominic Moynahan, Cierra Whiteman and Aiden Moynahan and one great-great grandchild, Carina Culley. He is predeceased by his devoted wife Alice, his beloved daughter Sandra, his sister Barbara Ballard and great-great grandchild Ryan Culley.

Earle C. Mundy

Earle C. Mundy, 90, of Mahopac, died on July 8. Mr. Mundy was born on March 11, 1925 to Reginald Edward and Blanche (Ratcliffe) Mundy in Montreal, Canada. During World War II, he proudly served his Country with the US Navy. On February 26, 1949 he married the love of his life, Louise Paretti at St. John's R.C. Church in the Bronx. Before he retired he was a Police Sergeant for the NYPD. In his spare time he enjoyed golfing but most of all spending time with his family. He is survived by his beloved wife Louise, nine loving children Steven (Leona),

Michael (Doris), Thomas (Theresa), Mark (Josephine), David (Carolyn), Louise (Chuck) Giardina, Peter (Joan), Elizabeth (Jim) Jensen and Christopher (Karen), and twenty wonderful grandchildren; Kaitlin, Melissa, Melanie, Ian, Lauren, Michele, Steven, Douglas, Kevin, Kathryn, Jack, Julia, Thomas, Elizabeth, Emily, Christine, Lynne, James, Alison and Olivia and ten adoring great-grandchildren; Leon, Anthony, Teagan, Makayla, Riley, Alexander, Julianna, Lillian, Charlotte and Oliver all of whom he adored.

Janet Olean Casagrande

Janet Olean Casagrande, age 60, of Brewster, died suddenly on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Putnam Hospital Center. Janet was born in Norwalk, CT on January 22, 1955 to the late John and Barbara (Ettinger) Olean. She graduated from Ridgefield High School and Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School. After raising her children, she followed her dream of becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, graduating from PNW BOCES. She was a resident of Brewster for 35 years. Janet enjoyed being at the lake in Ridgefield, crocheting, and knitting. She was a fan of The Rolling Stones and a proud Republican that enjoyed a good debate. She adored her husband, children, grandchildren and her bengal cats, Shanay and Domino. She was an avid follower of medical science and cared deeply for her patients and their families. Janet is survived by her husband of 36 years, Paul, her sons; Paul O. (Laurie) of Kent Lakes, and Peter O. (Lisa) of Pawling, her grandchildren; Carr and Caitlyn of Kent Lakes, siblings; Ann Murray of Bethel, CT and Tom Olean of Ridgefield, CT. As well as her nieces, nephew and in-laws. She was predeceased by her brother Christopher Olean.

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Butterfield Groundbreaking Arrives at Last and After Much Debate

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revealed a new United States Post Office is set to be located at the redevelopment, which residents in the area voiced was a need in the village.

The groundbreaking came after dozens of meetings, hundreds of public comments, and a well-documented ongoing debate over development in the small village that Putnam County residents, whether they were from Carmel or Brewster, knew all about.

County and local officials in support of the project reflected and revealed as concrete construction gets started with the demolition of the old building scheduled for later this summer.

For the past several years, when County Executive MaryEllen Odell drove from Carmel into Cold Spring, she said her first thought looking at the decrepit old hospital site, was "ghetto." The reputation of Cold Spring tourism deserved better, Odell said, than a deserted building.

"It looked like a ghetto in the middle of such a beautiful area," Odell said. "It was once the heartbeat of the western part of the county."

Odell called the opposition to the project, a "vocal minority," of residents who "lack vision," adding, "those individuals actually lack being able to understand that other people than themselves have needs. I think most of it



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The old Butterfield hospital will soon be a building of the past.

ends up in the category of self-agenda."

So far, a senior center is set to be located inside the new redevelopment with the Putnam County Legislature sending a letter of intent to lease space at Butterfield for it. Odell said while the county's focus is on the senior center, if residents begin voicing a need for additional county services, then she would go to the legislature and ask that governing body for its support.

The most outspoken of the legislators for Butterfield, Barbara Scuccimarra, stood up to briefly speak during the

ceremony and the first words out of her mouth were "pinch me!" Scuccimarra, like many residents in Cold Spring and Philipstown were skeptical how long it would take the project to actually reach the finish line.

Scuccimarra, who has been a vocal advocate for a new senior center for western county seniors, recalls several seniors telling her over the years, "I'm going to be dead before this is done."

"And that was so upsetting and we have lost a lot of seniors that never saw this so I was always like, 'Oh my God, is this ever going to happen,'" Scuccimarra said. "But here it is."

Former legislator Vincent Tamagna said he believes the project took as long as it did because of a lack of leadership from the village board during the several years this proposal was on the table. Tamagna said the village waterfront project, another proposal from Guillaro that brought some controversy, was finally completed because then-mayor Anthony Philips pushed forward with it.

Since Philips left office, Tamagna argued village mayors have not displayed similar leadership in order to get the new Butterfield project off the ground. Tamagna said the Butterfield redevelopment could have been completed sooner if a stronger advocate in the mayoral position existed. After Philips, Seth Gallagher and Ralph Falloon were the mayors to follow in his footsteps. Now, it's Dave Merandy who is early into his first term.

Tamagna said thankfully, Guillaro had the tenacity and patience to move forward with the project, even though it was loudly maligned. When Tamagna was a legislator, he noted he didn't have the support of fellow county lawmakers to bring an improved senior center to the western part of the county.

"We have a very active group of seniors that started showing up to meetings," Tamagna said. "It seems like the more resistance we got through the planning process, the more it fueled the community to jump on the bandwagon and say, no we need this."

Falloon, who was mayor for two years, said an initial mistake made by the village was not hiring an outside planning/engineering firm from the very beginning, considering the mass and size of the proposal. While he said the end result is a "home run," it was a "painful" process for everyone involved.

Whenever a major vote or meeting was coming up, Falloon recalled several residents each week would approach him to ask about the project or give their opinion. It wasn't rare to get a question everyday. Now, with the project beginning construction, the chatter has died down, whether residents support it or not.

"I'm glad to see it over with whether you like it or not," Falloon said. "I'm just glad it's finished."



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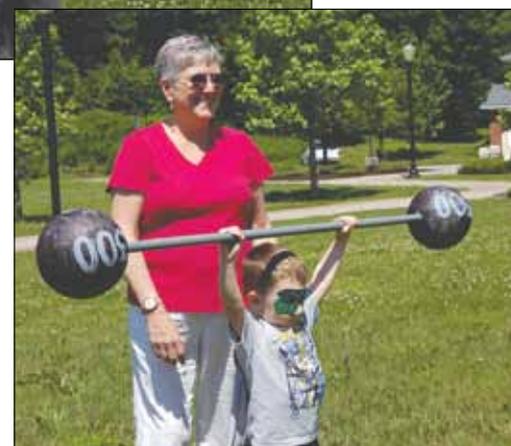


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Roger Ailes is honored for his donation of \$500,000 toward at new senior center.

Super Heroes Training Camp at Kent Library

On July 3, in conjunction with the Town of Kent Independence Day celebration, the Kent Public Library hosted a Super Heroes Training Camp for all of the young super heroes in the area. Super heroes were encouraged to come in costume. Many of the costumes were created at the library the day before. Children tested their strength and agility with an obstacle course, weight lifting, sack race, ring toss, giant Jenga game, spoon race, and more. Supervisor Maureen Fleming and Putnam County Legislator Toni Addonizio came to encourage our young super heroes.



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Blues Brothers Band Lead Singer at Arts on the Lake



Enjoy an evening with Blues Brothers Band front man Jonny Rosch and his Friends on Friday, July 17 starting at 7 p.m. at Arts on the Lake in Kent. Admission is pay-as-you-wish.

The Summer Concert Series continues at 7 p.m. at Arts on the Lake on Friday, July 17 as the American bluesman – think lead singer and front man of the original John Belushi/Dan Ackroyd Blues Brother Band - Jonny “The Rock and Roll Doctor” Rosch and Friends drop in to the Lake Carmel Arts Center for a musical evening to remember.

While listing all of Rosch’s credits would be an almost impossible task, suffice it to say the man, who sings and plays keyboard and harmonica, truly is a legend in his own time. Just to list a few credits, Rosch has played for Cyndi Lauper, Phoebe Snow, Tommy James and the Shondells, Joan Jett, Alice Cooper, John Oates, John Sebastian, Richie Sambora and Paul Shaffer.

Suzanne Cadgène reviewed Rosch and Friends’ June 1st performance at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater for Ellmore Magazine and gave the group a definite two thumbs up.

“Rosch . . . has powerful, husky vocals which deliver funk, blues and soul so smoothly it’s like cool hand on a hot throat—it makes you shiver, and you’re so grateful as it slides right on down,” Cadgène wrote. “Slow and soulful, Rosch knocked the lyrics [of Sam Cooke’s “A Change Is Gonna Come”] out of the park, and threw in a wonderful, extended harp solo like a victory lap. The crowd whooped and hollered until the last few soft and sincere minutes, which brought a hush upon us all. If the objective of music is to touch our hearts, that song succeeded.”

This is a show you are not going to want to miss.

As always, admission for the concert is pay-as-you-wish. Picnic food and refreshments will be available so pack up the family for some mid-July rock and roll fun at Arts on the Lake.

The Lake Carmel Arts Center is located at 640 Route 52. For a complete listing of summer classes, events and programs, visit the AotL website at www.artsonthelak.org or call (845) 228-2685.

Funds for Police Merger Study Remain Up in the Air

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police forces.

During a tense July 8 Protective Services Committee meeting, Walker said the county has yet to receive grant money from New York State, which was applied through state Sen. Terrence Murphy’s office, and the county could be waiting for an extended period for that money to come through. Because of that holdup, Walker proposed starting a study on Aug. 1 using residents and workers within the county, citing “we do have a significant amount of expertise within the county.”

The county already has about completed four past studies, Walker said, dating back to the 1970s that could be referenced when discussing whether it is reasonable to have a countywide police force.

“We can do a fifth study if we think it’s necessary,” Walker said. “Or we could rely on the four and pull the right people in the room and let’s hash this out.”

Schmitt said a true independent study from an outside consulting firm would yield the best results. While there are residents and workers within the county that can lend valuable input, Schmitt said a study done solely within the county could lead to “tainted opinions and preconceived thoughts.”

By staying only within county borders, Schmitt argued, “You will never assemble that group of people...that will be totally objective and independent with their

thought process without politics or favoritism involved in it.”

“We all know with politics it never ends well because politics in Putnam County is horrible,” Schmitt said. “I’ve lived through it for eight years now, I understand it and I see where it goes.”

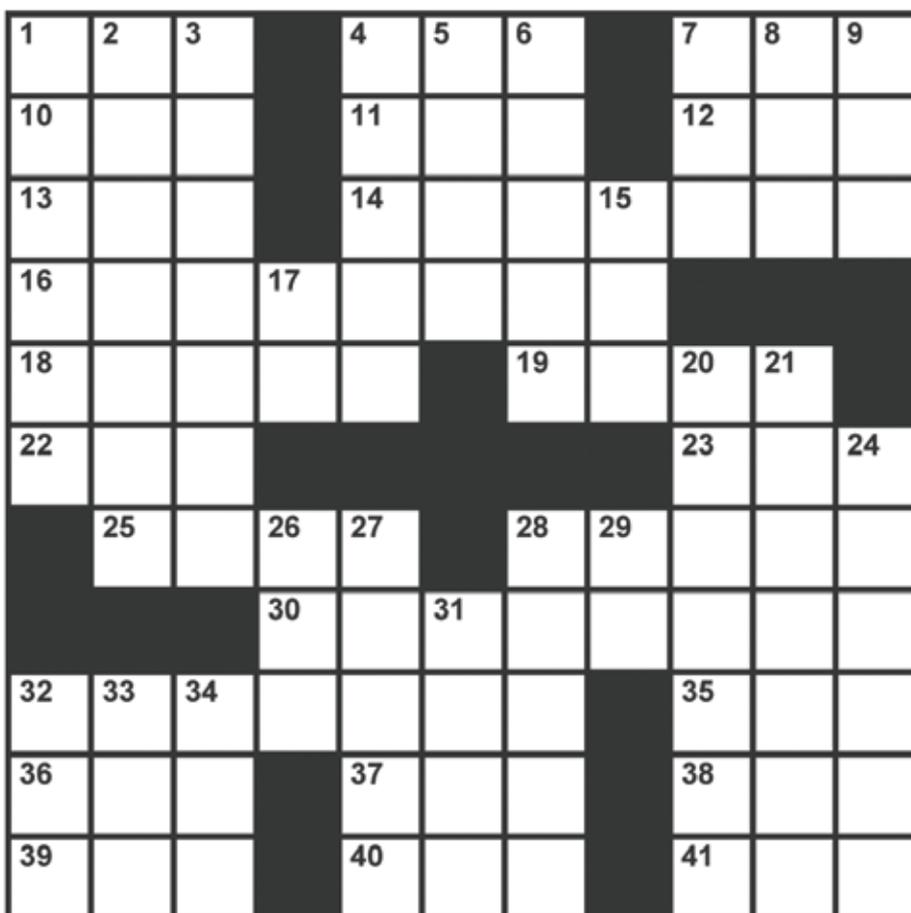
Walker responded he’s hopeful residents and county workers asked to be part of the study could take an “altruistic approach” to discussing a merger without putting personal agendas first. He also said a possible police consolidation is only one of numerous issues within the emergency service community that could be looked at, taking a broader approach to the study.

“This is a much bigger issue than just police consolation and I guess we could just ignore it, but that’s not my choice,” Walker said.

Schmitt further questioned if the county is committed to actually having a feasible study done, and even went as far to say he can’t believe the grant money from New York State is tied in bureaucratic knots. He challenged county officials to let Carmel officials know where they actually stood in getting the money for merger study.

“I feel like it’s something that should be moved forward with but I’m just not getting that feeling that the county is really working toward that,” Schmitt said in an interview. “I just think it’s an effort that needs to be a stronger effort.”

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 15

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Across

- 1 USSR today
- 4 Part of some recipe titles
- 7 Still
- 10 Cut
- 11 Lawn
- 12 Source of silver
- 13 “___ to a Grecian Urn”
- 14 What holds a civilization together
- 16 Spice girl or Shrub Oak real estate, Crowne ___
- 18 Certainly no Einstein
- 19 Great NFL play
- 22 Caspian or Dead
- 23 Workmanship
- 25 Swine dining
- 28 Spring locale
- 30 Reagan fell one short of winning this, or Westchester/Putnam insurance
- 32 Abominable Snowman’s cousin
- 35 A bit tipsy
- 36 L.A.X arr. letters
- 37 Taro dish
- 38 Balaam’s beast
- 39 Little food measuring tool

40 Relaxation center

41 Pronoun for Paula

Down

- 1 New Mexico city noted for archeological finds
- 2 Certain salty chemical compounds
- 3 Extraordinary
- 4 Broad-ended tie
- 5 Grimace
- 6 Improvise
- 7 “Close to ___”, Bacharach song
- 8 Necessitate an “Oops!”
- 9 Classic starting location
- 15 The way, in China
- 17 Man ___ man
- 20 Indian sauces
- 21 ___ Columbia
- 24 Sleeping sickness carrier
- 26 Klutz
- 27 Kerplunks
- 28 Port in the Punic Wars
- 29 Location word
- 31 Roller coaster feature
- 32 Wager
- 33 “___ a deal!”
- 34 Dental problem

Kent Conservation Group to Hold Butterfly Count

Become a citizen scientist and join the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee (KCAC) for its first annual Butterfly Count on Saturday, July 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The count will start at the Nimham Multiple Use Area on Gipsy Trail Road. Those who join in on the count will actually be supporting the North American Butterfly Association's (NABA) efforts while adding to Kent's Natural Resource Inventory by finding as many butterflies as possible.

Okay, just what is a butterfly count? Well, it's much the same as a bird count except participants search for and count butterflies at certain sites for a limited period of time. The annual reports are then compiled by the NABA and can help determine the geographical distribution and relative population sizes of the species counted. By comparing results over a period of years, scientists and others can monitor changes in butterfly populations and study the effects of weather and habitat change on butterflies. The NABA and other interested organizations can then develop plans to protect butterflies from extinction

Why butterflies? Because butterflies can actually represent just how well – or not – Mother Nature is doing. The NABA reports that butterflies quickly react to changes in their environment. A decline in butterfly populations should be treated

as an early warning sign for additional wildlife loss. So counting butterflies is much like taking Mother Nature's pulse.

Butterfly habitat, meadows where wild growing plants such as milkweed and violets, each contributors to a butterfly's life cycle, have, in fact, declined. That and the unrestrained use of pesticides are, according to NABA experts, two of the major threats to the butterfly population.

Hike leader and KCAC Chairwoman Beth Herr will compile butterfly sightings and look for butterfly eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalides.

"Participants will learn about the habits and habitats of these brilliant insects, visiting four different meadows by caravan. Of course, we may well enjoy seeing other summer delights which are likely to be found in the tall grass fields and forest edges," Herr said.

'Counters' should be prepared to stand and watch for periods of time. Anyone wishing to bring a pair of close-focus binoculars may do so but a pair of eyes is actually quite sufficient. Herr suggests participants wear sturdy shoes and long pants and she advises all to bring water and lunch but please leave the family dog at home for this outing. Children over six years are welcome.

Registration is required for the count so please contact Herr at (845) 228-5635. In case of rain - when butterflies wisely



David Wagner takes a photo of a butterfly laying on a flower.

choose to stay under cover - the count will be postponed until Sunday, July 19, same time, same place.

For further information on butterflies and butterfly counts, visit the NABA

website at: <http://www.naba.org/>. For more information on events sponsored by the KCAC or to read their acclaimed Nature Almanac, visit their website at: <http://kentcac.info/wp>.

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Brick By Brick: The Easiest Way to Build a Patio From Scratch

When we moved to Westchester in the early 1970s, our home had a curious architectural twist: the front and the back were switched, as is frequently the case with 18th century farmhouses.

At some point, the previous owners opted for privacy over curb appeal and hid the grand front porch and expansive lawn behind a tall hedge and took to parking their cars in an unpaved half-circle in the rear of the house, entering through the back door beneath a towering maple tree.

We chose to continue to embrace the back of the house as our entrance, and spiffed it up accordingly. I dressed the driveway with fresh three-eighths of an inch crushed bluestone and built up low flower beds on either side from stone. The sloping walkway leading to the front door was replaced by broad, bluestone steps. The largest project of all, however, was installing a large patio that replaced the patchy shaded lawn underneath the tree.

The paving material, of course, would have to be brick for two reasons: it's the easiest material for a do-it-yourselfer to accommodate and, I believe, it offers the warmest and most informal texture to a



By Bill Primavera

country landscape. Personally, I have favored brick as a surface since my days at William & Mary in Colonial Williamsburg and I traversed the uneven brick-lined walkways there daily.

For those of us who live in regions with sub-freezing temperatures in winter, a brick patio laid on sand can be an excellent choice for an outdoor space. The small gaps between the bricks and the grains of sand allow for slight movement when any moisture in the ground expands or contracts with the change in temperature, unlike a more rigid surface, which may crack.

The first step was to cut away the old lawn, which was hardly a lawn at all in the deep shade of the maple, and dig a level space into the ground, deep enough to hit the more clay-like layer below. The step I didn't take, but perhaps should have, was to rent a compactor to make this base truly level. Indeed, my patio would always have a mild undulation because of it, but to my eyes this has been part of its hand-hewn charm.

Next came deliveries of gravel and sand, three cubic yards of each for a 20-foot-by-20-foot space, in separate mounds behind

the garage. I then used my big red wheelbarrow to make what seemed to be hundreds of trips between the garage and patio site, first laying down gravel two inches deep, and then sand at the same depth. I leveled and tamped down the surface carefully. Had plastic edging been available to me back then, I would certainly have installed it in a well-camouflaged fashion, but I settled instead for flat field stones to provide edging for the sand and brick to be laid within it.

When the sand was leveled and I was ready to lay the brick, I opted for a standard running bond pattern where the edges of two bricks meet under the center of the bricks above them. Had I wished, I could have opted for many other patterns, such as herringbone, basket weave or radial designs. With a little ingenuity, a homeowner could even incorporate different sizes or colors of bricks to create a unique design.

As for me, the contrast between the red of the brick and the gray of the field stone was intriguing enough, so I chose a simpler pattern to complement those colors. Besides, I didn't want to get into



The Home Guru enjoys his brick patio, laid in a bond pattern which requires little cutting, the easiest do-it-yourself installation over leveled gravel and sand.

the chore of complicated cuts in the brick. At the end, I swept a fine layer of sand in between the bricks, and I was done.

For the most part, the patio was perfect. The only flaw in the design is that the patio was on the north side of the house, so we always had to shovel snow since the sun would not melt it for us.

It took a summer's worth of work for me to build the patio, but the end result was worth it. We had many

years of outdoor dining and relaxing under the shade of that large maple, and when it eventually succumbed to disease and had to be cut down, the patio still looked well-designed and front door worthy under the direct light of the sun.

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Living Vicariously for the Seemingly Right Reasons



By Nick Antonaccio

The offerings on restaurant food menus and wine lists in the 21st century have seen a wave of unprecedented changes.

Ingredients, individually and in combination, are enticing and pleasing diners with novel and sophisticated tasting experiences. Similarly, wine lists are broader and deeper, to accompany the new flavor combinations on food menus.

There is a high price to be paid for those diners seeking out meals at the cutting edge of gustatory pleasure. At high-end restaurants, it is not uncommon for food offerings to be restricted to prix fixe tasting menus, oftentimes offered with accompanying sommelier hand-selected wines to match the courses. At esteemed restaurants, a dinner tab for two commonly reaches astronomical heights (four digits) and, if accompanied by cult wines, can cross over into five-digit extravagances.

Last week I explored the dining experience one might enjoy at one of these restaurants, Eleven Madison Park. The combination of food,

wine and service has garnered the restaurant the highest accolades from many sources. A seat is as coveted – and expensive – as a premium box seat at NFL or Major League Baseball games.

My closing comment read “Whether dining for hedonistic pleasure or cultured refinement, a meal at Eleven Madison Park will leave a lasting impression on a patron's life – and wallet.”

Several readers commented on last week's column. The initial reaction was a degree of shock that a typical dinner tab for two at Eleven Madison Park could easily exceed \$1,000. The next comments were more probing: who dines at this restaurant? What clientele does Eleven Madison Park attract? Who would pay several thousand dollars for a single bottle of wine? (The top price is \$13,500.)

I should be clear that Eleven Madison Park is not alone in the gastronomic stratosphere of New York culinary extravagances. Each of the (only) six restaurants receiving The New York Times coveted four stars has a similar scope and cost as at Eleven Madison Park. In fact, the prix fixe

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food menu at one of them, Per Se, at \$310 (for nine courses), is higher than the \$270 (for 12 courses) at Eleven Madison Park.

Patrons dine at Eleven Madison Park for many reasons. Primary among these is that the overall meal experience will be unequalled and remembered as a defining life experience.

After that, in my opinion, the following thought processes rationalize booking a reservation, and applying for an equity loan:

1. It is a very special occasion. Who could forget a decade birthday celebration, wedding anniversary, college graduation or other life passage/life altering event at an exclusive restaurant? Especially if you're sharing it with (very grateful) family members.

2. It is less expensive than a comparable European dining experience. European visitors to the United States are able to enjoy fine dining experiences at a discount of between 10 and 30 percent to the dollar over the past year. And they are flocking to high-end American restaurants (and retail shops) in droves.

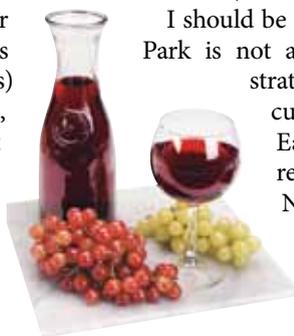
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Happenings

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

Save the Date:

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Register Now:

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>

Saturday, August 8 Putnam County Wine and Food Fest: Entering its fifth year, the Putnam County Wine and Food Fest is at a new location—Beaver Creek Farm on Route 311 in Patterson, NY. The event for all ages features wineries, distilleries, farm market and specialty foods, food trucks, arts and crafts, and special exhibitors. Tickets are available online at PutnamCountyWineFest.com. The Fest will provide a wide variety of

food, drinks, activities, and more. There will also be cooking demonstrations from celebrity chef to the star

Visit the website for directions at putnamcountywinefest.com/travel/. All ages are welcome on August 8th from 11-6 and August 9th from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. at Beaver Creek Farm in Patterson. General admission tickets are available for \$25, \$10 for those under 21. One day VIP passes are being sold for \$100, advance sale only. Visit PutnamCountyWineFest.com for additional information.

Ongoing:

Nature's Jewels Exhibit at the Kent Library. An exhibit of nature photography by Susan Bores, entitled "Nature's Jewels", will be on display from July 1 to July 30 at the Kent Public Library. There will be an artist's reception on July 11th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibition, sponsored by the Friends of the Kent Public Library, brings together images taken from nature that inspire, resemble, or are inherently jewels.

"Marge's Knitting Circle" will be offered 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:

Come to "Food Crafts for Kids!" at the Brewster Public Library on Mondays, July 13 and July 20, from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Make a tasty afternoon summer snack! For all ages. Registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/nok322k>.

Wednesday's:

"Hooray for Heroes!" a program for children ages 3-6, will be held at the

Brewster Public Library on Wednesdays, from 11 a.m.-noon, beginning July 8th. In this six week program, children will listen to fun books about heroes and do "super" activities! Registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/qeurhzz>.

Thursday's:

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Friday's

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Children of all ages are invited to drop by the Brewster Public Library on Fridays, July 10 to August 14, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., to make a creative craft. Registration is requested. Young children may need some assistance. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/o9xo4kd>.

Cancer Support:

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Wednesday, July 15

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Thursday, July 16

An Estate Planning & Elder Law Seminar will be held at the Desmond-Fish Library on Thursday, July 16th at 7 p.m. Michael Martin, Attorney at Law, will talk on topics related to Medicaid, probate expenses, revocable and irrevocable trusts, power of attorney, living wills and health care proxies. Do you have questions about your current estate plan? Do you need to review or update your current documents? Mr. Martin will help you learn how you can protect your money and your estate and be in control of your health care. 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

Friday, July 17

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Saturday, July 18

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The Desmond-Fish library invites you to join us to celebrate summer and comics at our first ever Garri*Con: 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Comic lovers of all ages can engage in the comic book world with vendors, displays, crafts, face painting, as well as, creative writing and illustrating opportunities. Learn and Play Magic: The Gathering at the Groombridge Games booth and enjoy live music performed by the local all kid band... Solar Sound. Come in costume and enter our costume contest and stay for the workshops and interviews with cartoonists Chris Duffy, Peter Kuper and Summer Pierre and paper engineer Courtney Watson McCarthy. Chris Duffy has written for DC and Marvel comics and has edited for Nickelodeon Magazine, Fairy Tale Comics, and Spongebob Comics. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison, NY. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

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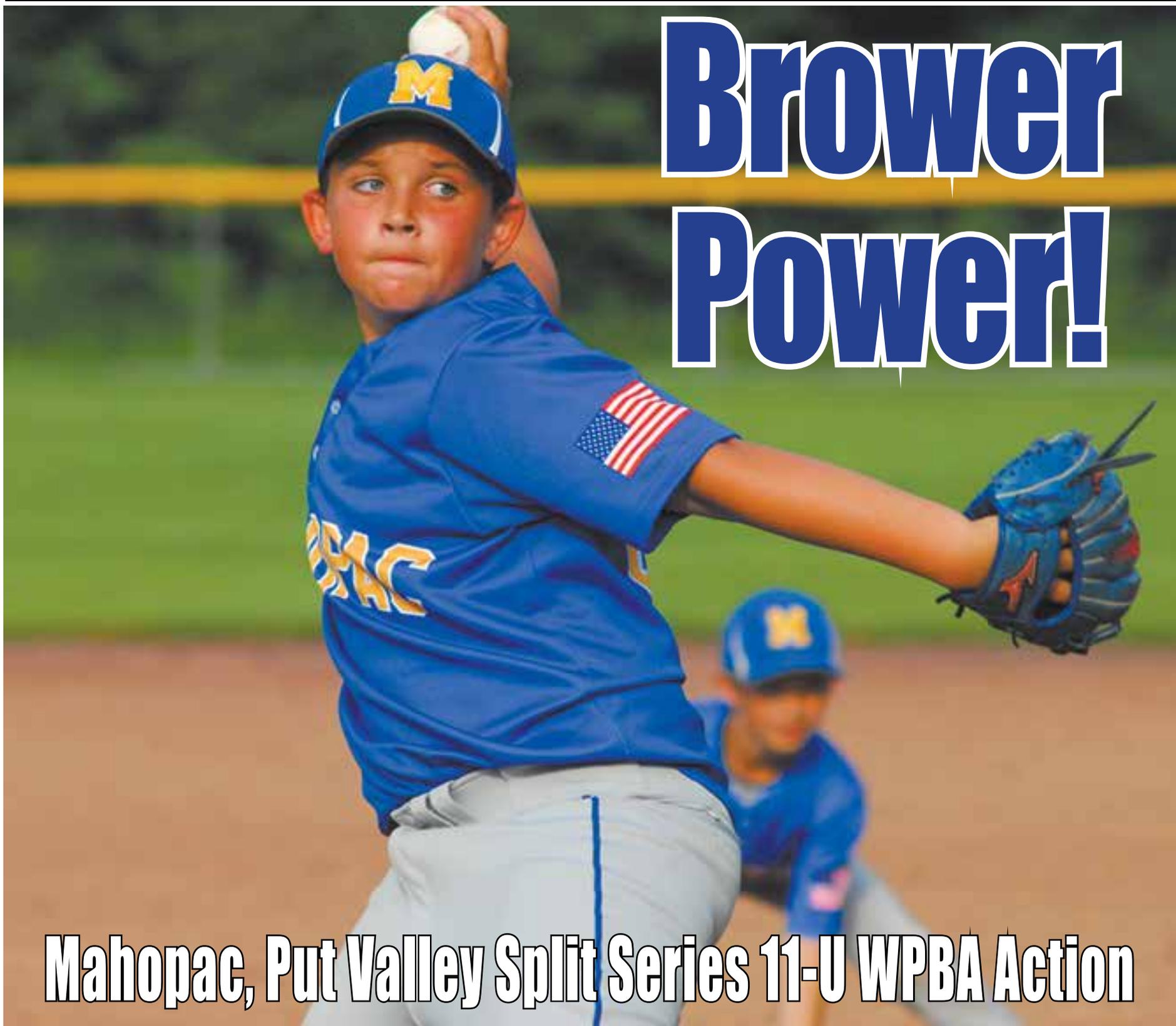
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Mahopac, Put Valley Split Series 11-U WPBA Action

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac P Andrew Brower did some heavy lifting in the Indians' 4-3 win over host Putnam Valley last Thursday at Union Field, but the PV Ambush answered back Saturday night to avoid the sweep by taking a 3-2 decision after a pair of closely contested, one-run games in a very tight race for 11-U WPBA supremacy.

Sports

Renegades Notebook

Surging Hudson Valley Renegades Defeat Brooklyn, Batavia

By Monica D'Ippolito

Hudson Valley Renegades skipper, Tim Parenton peaked through the window of the team's trailer at Dutchess Stadium Friday to see the outcome of the Renegades extra-innings thriller against the New York Mets affiliate, Brooklyn Cyclones.

"Well they told me about it," Parenton said after the 12-inning, 6-5 win. "We got a window somewhere over here I could watch some of it out of. It was a bunt play to third."

Parenton was tossed earlier in the 11th inning, after Jake Cronenworth was tagged out when he was accused of attempting to round first base. It was only the second time the skipper was ejected in a game; the first came nearly 15 years ago.

"The ump said that we made an intention to go to second base and I didn't think so," Parenton explained. "I mean he's going to stick by his guns and I have to stick by my guns. I think it was a big play for us because it was our leadoff hitter. We had our two, three, four (guys) coming up. Anytime a manager argues enough to get kicked out, they think the play is critical."

Despite the ejection, Hudson Valley rallied around their coach in the 12th, taking advantage of a throwing error to third, which allowed Cade Gotta to bring home the game-winning run.

"Its been pretty good games against them," Parenton said. "I mean you hate to see a game end like that because they played such a hard game, but we'll take the win any way we can get it."

Rookie Matt Dacey - making his first career start - recorded his first professional hit and got the Renegades on the board in the bottom of the first inning. His double sailed over to right



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Hudson Valley Renegade 3B Matt Dacey is scalding hot of late, leading the 'Gades to a 12-10 start in NY-Penn League action.

center, allowing Michael Russell to score from first and gave the Renegades an early 1-0 lead.

The Cyclones scored a run in the top of the second and third innings, giving them the 2-1 advantage, but Dacey came up big once more in the bottom of the third. The Richmond product recorded his second career hit with another double, which brought in Russell, tying the game at two.

"It was great," Dacey said of providing the first two runs of the game. "Especially for us to get on the board early in the first

inning, especially at home we wanted to get that momentum rolling and get these fans behind us, so that definitely helped."

Manny Sanchez gave Hudson Valley back the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. His single brought in Cronenworth and Russell, while Gotta followed with a base hit that scored Dacey from third and extending the lead 5-2.

The top of the seventh inning was a mess for the Renegades. Zach Mathieu led off the inning with a homerun to deep left field off pitcher Justin McCalvin. Then, after McCalvin put to more runners on, Tucker Tharp broke his bat while hitting a slow grounder toward Dacey at third. The broken bat may have affected Dacey's approach, but the rookie bare handed the grounder and made an errant throw to first base, which allowed the two runs to score and tied the ball game up at five a piece. It was Dacey's second error of the day.

"Emotions get the best of a guys for their first professional start as a player," Parenton said of Dacey. "He DH'd for us (Thursday) night. We just want him to play hard, he'll learn from that and you know it happens in professional baseball, you make physical errors all the time, just got to go out there and have fun and play the next day."

Despite the fielding errors, and a few poor decisions on the bases, Dacey kept demonstrating his prowess at the plate, knocking a triple in the bottom of the ninth inning. The Cyclones decided to load the bases after the hit and ultimately got out of the inning with a timely double play.

Despite coming up empty in the first two extra innings of the contest, Hudson Valley came alive in the bottom of the 12th inning. Gotta led off with a single down

the right side of the infield. Nic Wilson drew a walk from pitcher Nicco Blank, putting runners at first and second. Angel Moreno followed with a nicely placed bunt down the third base line. Instead of making the throw to first, Brooklyn's third baseman David Thompson tried getting the force out at third, but misfired, allowing Gotta to cross home plate and sealing the victory.

"We cooled off a little bit, but we kept swinging the bat," Dacey said. "We had runners on, even in the extra innings we had runners on. We put pressure on their pitchers to make good pitches, and we put pressure on their defense to make plays. At the end they made one costly error and we were able to push one run across."

Cristopher Crisostomo took home the win for the Tampa Bay Rays Single A short season affiliate, while Blank was handed the loss for the Cyclones.

The win was the first of three in a four-game home stand. The Renegades also defeated the Miami Marlins affiliate, Batavia Muckdogs Saturday 5-3, and Sunday 14-6, while also playing again Monday.

Dacey, who went 3-5 with one run and two RBI Friday, continued his spectacular play over the weekend. The 21-year old lit up the score sheet and through Sunday's game, recorded eight hits, four runs and 10 RBI, with a batting average of .500.

"I mean I couldn't even tell you how antsy I was at the beginning of this game, especially with my first at bat, getting my first pro hit, it was awesome," Dacey said. "And then my adrenaline was high, made some base running mistakes too, me and coach talked about it but I was just out there having fun. Was the first time out in the field in a long time so I was happy to be back out there."

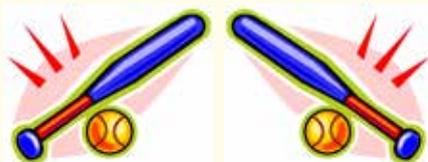
Mahopac, Put Valley Split Difference in WPBA 11-U



Mahopac SS TJ Wolf settles into his ready position in a 4-3 victory over Putnam Valley last Thursday in WPBA 11-U action. PV responded with a 3-2 win over Mahopac on Saturday.



Put Valley Ambush hurler Brian Carroll fires pitch in 4-3 loss to Mahopac in 11-U WPBA action last Thursday at Union Field in PV.



Mahopac's Luca Racanelli throws up a no-throw sign as Put Valley's Joey Maloney swipes 3B in visiting 'Pac's 4-3 win over the Ambush last Thursday in WPBA 11-U action. PV responded with a 3-2 win over Mahopac on Saturday.



PV Ambush IF Joey Maloney stares down his coach for signals.

Sports

USA Soccer Heroines Not Alone in Female Athletic Exploits



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

So this was a week like no other when it comes to women's sports in the grand ol' U.S. of A. For even the most high and mighty ignoramus male in the country had to take note of the USA soccer team's sterling 5-2 win over Japan for the FIFA World Cup crown on Sunday, July 5th in Vancouver.

And then there was Michigan-born Serena Williams, who can no longer be denied her status as the greatest female player in tennis history,

probably could have coached the USA soccer team to gold had she been asked to.

And now that All-NYS F Molly Fitzpatrick is moving on to Manhattan College and All-NYS G Alex Halip is headed off to UMass, it'll be up to All-American Dana Bozek, Julia Kim, Brianna Muniz, Valerie Perkins and the rest of the clan to continue the tradition as rich as any at Lakeland. After blowing through the state tournament like a cool sea breeze, the ladies at Lakeland have gone ahead and set a precedent that may never be matched, unless of course they keep on keepin' on with seventh-straight, which is entirely possible.

Holy inspiration. These young ladies of Lakeland were the anticipated stars of the region, but over at **SOMERS** they produced the first NYS soccer title in school history last fall, defeating South Side, 3-1, before following that up with a second-straight Section 1 lacrosse championship and a junket to the state finals before falling to Section 11 victory Eastport-South Manor, 15-8, in the championship. It wouldn't be a reach to say that the 2014-15 school year was the best in Tusker history when it comes to the mademoiselle's of Somers.

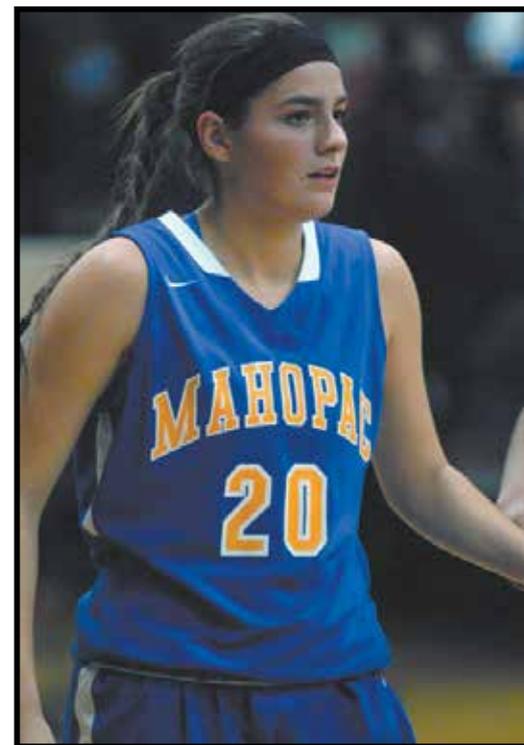
Those in Tuskerland will not soon forget the freshly graduated Nicole DeMase, a two-sport captain, who also got it done in hoops, nor will they overlook the impact of Melissa Righetti, Michelle Wienecke, Emily Englert, Hayley Bonner and the rest of this terrific senior class. Underclassmen Hannon Eberts and the Rosenzweig sisters, Gabby and Livy, among others, will hope to carry on the tradition of success that has reached new bounds within the past half-decade.

Now, when it comes to hoops, nobody does it better than **OSSINING**; a program that has transcended not just Section 1, but every public school system in NYSPHSAA. It's insane to think that a Class AA basketball program like the Pride can not only repeat as Section 1 champions, but to go on and reproduce that feat five-straight times while hauling in three consecutive NYS titles is quite possibly the greatest achievement of them all. Former Ossining All-American Saniya Chong led the Pride to three Section 1 titles before leaving for UConn after the 2013 campaign, and when she bolted for Storrs, CT, everyone figured Ossining would come back to the pack, Heck no; the train keeps a rollin' all night long with

the likes of Jalay Knowles, Shadeen Samuels, Abby Squirrel, Steph Svoboda, Madison Strippoli, Cyan Scarduzio, Jenna Lividini and the rest of the immortal pack picking up the slack. Ossining's run may never be duplicated, for it is as great a string of triumph as any we've seen in this region.

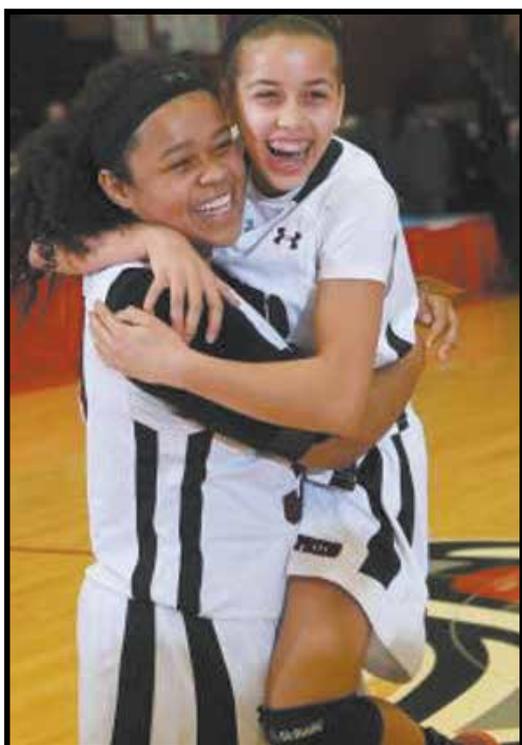
And lest we not forget the **HALDANE** girls run to their first-ever NYS Class C soccer championship last fall behind recent grad Allie Monteleone, inarguably the greatest three-sport athlete in Blue Devil history, who also led the Haldane charge to a Section 1 hoops crown. Last March

We had a couple of near-misses, too, over at **MAHOPAC** where the Indians reached the first ever Section 1 lax championship game before falling to Suffern with All-American Kim Harker shattering every Indian scoring record ever created; career goals, career assists, season goals, goals in a game, most celebrations and what not. To boot, the Indians also appeared in their first Section 1 field hockey championship since they won the state title back in 2001, doing so



Mahopac senior-to-be Tara Ravoli is among the next wave of inspiration.

and Serena was surpassing Steffi, Martina, Monica and Chrissy as the greatest tennis player of all time, the ladies in our neck of the woods pretty much outdid themselves, too. And while many young



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

The Strippoli sisters of Ossining, Madison and Jaida, share happy times.

winning her eighth Wimbledon title this past Saturday, and snaring her 21st major championship while crushing the notion that anyone can match her legacy.

Thank you, as always, Title IX for opening these doors, which the young lassies throughout this great country have crashed through and peppered competitors across the globe since 1972, which kind of reminded me of the past school year in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam region. Man, what a year the local ladies gave us.

Go back to the fall of 2014 for starters. We had the **LAKELAND** field hockey team copping an unprecedented sixth consecutive NYS Class B championship, making short work of the rest of NYS under Coach Sharon Sarsen, who



Nobody has celebrated like the Lakeland field hockey, winners of six-straight NYS titles.

with a quintet of seniors who won't soon be forgotten, including Sarah Quarto, Sarah Lilley, Jane Kasperian, Kelly Maxwell and Mikaela DiBello. The **BREWSTER** softball team was 22-0 before falling in the sectional final, and I'm sure we're leaving someone out, sorry in advance.

So while our very own USA girls' soccer team was winning a third World Cup title

gals across the country were inspired by their exploits, let's remember where it all starts; right here in our own backyard and on local fields throughout our great country. And with a new cast of characters taking center stage, don't be bashful about showing your support in 2015-16.

Remember, like the boys, girls just wanna have fun!



Ladies Go Gaga Over Sports!

2014-15 Was Year to Remember



RAY GALLAGHER & READER SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Even before Team USA's historic soccer win over Japan in the recent World Cup Championship, the local ladies from Ossining to Lakeland and Somers to Haldane were in to win it during the 2014-15 school year, plying their craft at a championship level and inspiring Section 1 sports fans with a brand of competition that continues to increase across the board... see Direct Rays