



## Putnam Legislators Vote to Adopt County Budget

By David Propper

In a 7-2 vote, the Putnam County Legislature signed off on the 2017 budget that comes out to \$153 million and remains under the New York State tax cap for the fifth year in a row.

While lawmakers had some disagreements, a month of punching numbers remained practically contentious free with only some mild debate prior to the final approval of County Executive MaryEllen Odell's proposed spending plan.

Legislators Kevin Wright and Dini LoBue were the two lawmakers that voted against the budget. For LoBue, it was the fifth straight budget she rejected, and for Wright, it was his third consecutive no vote.

Wright said he had "serious reservations" about the overall spending, particularly debt spending. While compared to other counties Putnam

might be in better shape, he did note Putnam's debt per capita is 197 percent more than Dutchess County.

"That to me is just wrong," Wright said. "These are fragile economic times and I'm truly concerned we don't have our eye on the long term well-being not only of the elderly and the young who cannot afford to live in our county, but the ever-growing middle that appears to be moving away from Putnam."

LoBue assailed the budget, complaining the county had to take about \$6 million from the general fund to make the budget whole. She said staying under the tax cap is not enough and county government continues to grow with unnecessary spending and patronage jobs.

"I think there is a disconnect between this county government and the people it serves," she said. "There are people who

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Legislators Dini LoBue and Kevin Wright voted against this year's budget proposal.

## Mahopac Falls Fire Dept. Celebrates Installation of Officers



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Villa Barone was Firehouse Central as members and distinguished guests gathered to witness the 79th Installation of Officers of the Mahopac Falls Vol. Fire Department on Saturday evening. The officers were sworn in by Life Member and 3rd generation legacy Judge James Reitz and they are Chief Jeff Boyle, 1st. Asst. Brian Sacher, 2nd. Asst. Bob Trace, Captains Dan Meury and Dave Lapadula and Lieutenants- Jason Stasiak, Tom LoPrieno, Chris Tompkins and Rob LoPrieno. A high point of the evening was the presentation of The Chief's Award to Firefighter Brian Ward, a three year member who works close by at the Mahopac Middle School, who has set the bar high for new volunteers. Always first to sign up for standbys and work details, in addition to all the fires and EMS calls he responds to, Brian exemplifies the honorable term "volunteer." Kneeling - Lieutenants J. Stasiak, T. Loprieno, C. Tompkins, R. Loprieno. Standing- Capt. D. Lapadula, 2nd. Asst Chief. B. Trace, Chief J. Boyle, Hon. James Reitz, 1st. Asst. Brian Sacher and Capt. D. Meury.

## Split Patterson Town Board Begins Town EMS Process

By Neal Rentz

A split Patterson Town Board took the first step in the process of creating a town operated Emergency Medical Services.

At its Oct. 26 meeting the board voted 3-2 to seek state Health Department certification for an EMS. Voting for the resolution were Supervisor Richard Williams, Councilmen Shawn Rogan and Peter Dandreano. Voting "no" were Councilmen Charles Cook and Kevin Burns.

An eight-person committee, which included Williams, recommended a town operated ambulance corps.

"This would give the town greater oversight in areas of staffing and operating guidelines," the committee report stated.

"The greatest advantage would be the ability to bill insurance carriers and recover revenue," according to the committee. "An overall plan to house the ambulance(s) is being discussed as are specifications for ambulance(s) and operating guidelines. The intent is to grow this system which would initially cover 800-900 calls to a larger program which could easily cover 1,500 calls and be nearly self-sustaining with the increased revenue from billing. It is also recommended that the town discuss with the Patterson Fire Department the use

*'This would give the town greater oversight in areas of staffing and operating guidelines.'*

of their existing ambulance as a second ambulance or back up to the primary town operated ambulance."

The vote to take the initial step to form a town EMS followed a lengthy debate.

"We did look at a lot of options," Dandreano said. The town EMS was the best option, he said.

Burns noted the town EMS proposal would have the town hire 15 part-time EMS workers, one full-time administrator and one part-time administrator. "We're not counting on any volunteers," Williams said. Dandreano said while volunteers could assist with EMS, the town would not be dependent on them with a town EMS.

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## Other Races (Contested and Uncontested) Throughout Putnam County

Besides races for the New York State senate seats, state assembly seats, the 18th congressional seat, and the contested legislative 6 seat, there are a few other names that'll be appearing on the ballot this November.

A seat for Putnam County Justice is up for grabs, with Republican and incumbent Judge James Reitz facing Democrat and Putnam Valley Justice Gina Capone. The county judgeship is a 10-year term and handles both the criminal and civil side of the county judicial system. Reitz easily beat Capone in a September primary to get the Conservative and Independence lines for the general election.

Another judge race to keep an eye

on is in Philipstown where Democrat Camille Linson and Republican Faye Thorpe are looking to take the seat. The two are vying to replace former town justice Alan Steiner, who resigned from his seat in September after allegations of impropriety arose. Linson beat fellow Democrat Luke Hilpert in a primary.

Two legislative seats will be filled by Republicans running unopposed. Legislator Carl Albano will remain in his legislative 5 seat after no one came forward to run against him. He's served six years so far. And Mahopac resident Neal Sullivan running for the district 9 seat is expected to replace incumbent Kevin Wright.



James Reitz (left) and Gina Capone are running for a Putnam County judge seat.

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## Town Justice Replacement Sought, CSEA Contract Approved in Patterson

By Neal Rentz

The Patterson Town Board is seeking a replacement for Town Justice John King, who died on Oct. 3 at the age of 72.

The board voted unanimously on Oct. 28 to a request from Supervisor Richard Williams to advertise for the opening.

### CSEA contract approved

Also on Oct. 26, the town board voted unanimously to approve a new three-year contract with the town's Civil Service Employees Association.

The initial pay increase for CSEA employees will be 4 percent, with an additional 1 percent hike in January 2018 and another 1 percent increase in July of 2018.

### Budget adoption date set

Also at the meeting, the town board voted unanimously to schedule the vote on the 2017 budget for Nov. 16. Williams said the town board needed to wait for the results on the public's vote on the library budget on Election Day until the final town budget for next year could be adopted.

The proposed 2017 \$5,326,442 general fund budget includes a .68 percent tax levy increase. The tax rate has not yet been determined by the town because it needs additional information from Putnam County, Williams said previously. The ledger there was "very little difference from this year's budget," Williams said previously.

A proposal in next year's budget is to provide most town employees with a 1.5 percent raise next year, Williams said, adding that was also a proposal to provide 3 percent salary hikes for seven workers based on their outstanding work.



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### Q: At what age should I begin getting mammograms?

**A:** Once a woman turns 40, the American Cancer Society and most recognized medical authorities recommend she start getting yearly mammograms. But mammograms aren't uniformly sensitive in all women. Between 40 and 50 percent of women have dense breasts – fibrous tissue as opposed to mostly fatty tissue – and that density can obscure potential problems.

Many women aren't aware that breast density is an issue. New York State requires doctors to notify women, in a letter, when their mammogram reveals this is the case. Do not become alarmed if you get this letter. It simply means that you should have a conversation with your doctor about your overall breast cancer risk.

### Q: Why is it important to know if I have dense breasts?

**A:** Dense breasts can make mammograms less sensitive, and they may also contribute to cancer risk. You'll need to speak with your doctor about your individual lifetime risk and thoroughly evaluate your risk factors. To determine your risk, your doctor will ask you about your family history of breast and ovarian cancer, your age when you had your first period, whether you have children, when you had your first child, and any history of chest irradiation, among

other potential risk factors. The good news is that for many women with dense breasts, their risk won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

### Q: What if I'm high risk?

**A:** Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20-25% lifetime risk) and who have dense breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram.

### Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

**A:** There are many false positives with Breast MRI, which is why it is only recommended for women who are at high risk as they will derive the most benefit. Regardless of your breast density, make sure you get your yearly mammogram and discuss your risk factors for breast cancer with your physician.

### Did you know?

Having dense breast tissue may increase your risk of getting breast cancer.

# Mahopac Couple Brings Children to Busted Drug Deal

By David Propper

The horror stories as a result of the heroin crisis in the Hudson Valley have been as shocking as they've been sickening, and last week's arrest of a Putnam County couple was no exception.

With their two young children with them, a Mahopac couple was arrested by Putnam County Sheriff Office investigators during a drug deal at a Mahopac gas station. Philip Callaci, 41, and Dawn Lagatella, 38, face drug dealing

and child endangerment charges after they tried to sell heroin to an undercover deputy with the couple's 2-year-old and three-week-old infant in the car they drove over in.

Once the sale was completed to the undercover officer, the sheriff's narcotics enforcement unit moved in and arrested the boyfriend and girlfriend and seized a quantity of heroin from the couple's car. The two children were temporarily turned over to a relative at the scene after the county's Department of Child Protective Services was called.

Uniformed deputies and New York State Police assisted in the bust.

Callaci was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree with intent to sell and endangering the welfare of a child. Callaci was on probation for a prior petit larceny conviction and was arraigned by Carmel Town Justice Thomas Jacobellis who set bail at \$10,000 cash and \$20,000 bond. He posted bail on Oct. 27 after a short stint in the county prison.

Lagatella was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree and endangering the welfare of a child. She was booked and released after given an appearance ticket to answer the charges in Carmel Justice Court at a later date.



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Philip Callaci (left) and Dawn Lagatella face drug and child endangerment charges.



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# Sheriff's Office Catches Two Fugitives in Southeast

By David Propper

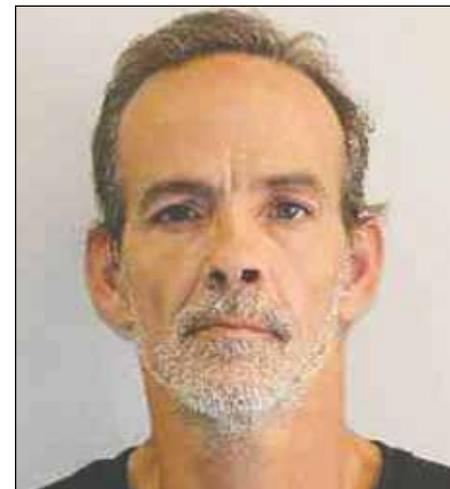
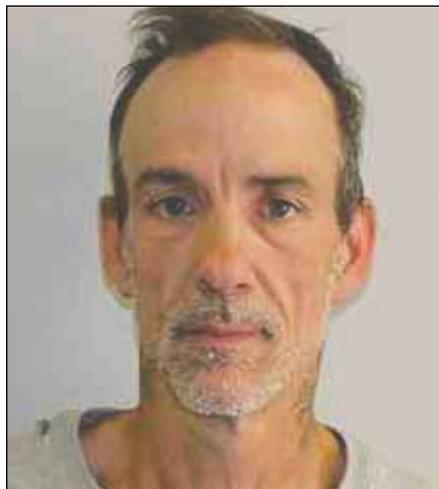
Two napping fugitives accused of robbing a bank in Connecticut woke up to Putnam County Sheriff Office investigators ready to arrest them last Tuesday.

Vance Coffin and Vincent Rollins, both 50, of Norwich, Ct., are facing local stolen property charges and additional robbery charges stemming from a bank heist in Canterbury, CT., according to the sheriff's office. The pair was captured in Southeast after they were found asleep in a stolen car near the East Branch Reservoir, according to authorities.

The arrest came after the Connecticut State Police notified the sheriff's office at

about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday that Coffin and Rollins could be in Brewster and were wanted for a Sep. 23 bank robbery. From there, the sheriff's office dispatched about a dozen investigators and plainclothes deputies to search the Brewster and Southeast area for the suspects, who Connecticut authorities noted should be considered armed and dangerous.

At about 12:45 p.m. investigators spotted the two men matching the description of the fugitives in a 2010 Toyota Corolla parked off the side of Old Milltown Road near the reservoir, according to the sheriff's department. As the two men slept, investigators and deputies moved in on the car and apprehended the Coffin



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Vance Coffin (left) and Vincent Rollins were fugitives on the run until the sheriff's department nabbed them.



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A photo of one of the suspects during the bank heist in Connecticut.

and Rollins without a fight.

After further investigation, it was determined the car the two men were in had been reported stolen from Colchester, CT. on or about Oct. 17. Additionally, a North Carolina license plate displayed on the car belonged to another vehicle and the plate has been reported stolen from Newton, North Carolina on or about Oct. 21, according law enforcement.

Coffin and Rollins face a litany of charges extending into two states.

In New York, the pair is charged with criminal possession of stolen property

in the 3rd degree, a class D felony, and criminal possession of stolen property in the 5th degree, a class A misdemeanor. They also face extradition across the border in Connecticut on the bank robbery charges.

Last Monday, Connecticut State Police sent out a photo of Coffin and Rollins and the vehicle--a black SUV--they were last seen in. On Sep. 23, one of the suspects walked into a Savings Institute Bank and Trust, implied that he had a weapon and left with an undisclosed amount of cash, according to Connecticut State Police.

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# Boak Slams Murphy on Ethics Pledge, Late Taxes

By Martin Wilbur

State Senate candidate Alison Boak continued pressing last week for ethics reform in Albany laying out a series of steps designed to weed out corrupt lawmakers.

Boak, the Democratic challenger in the 40th Senate District against Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy (Yorktown), contended she is better suited to help clean up the state capitol because her opponent's ethics are compromised, most notably for having failed to pay taxes on time on his family's Yorktown restaurant.

"I've encountered this corruption as a native New Yorker my entire life, one scandal after another, one arrest after another. Enough is enough," Boak said last Tuesday at Peekskill's Riverfront Green accompanied by Assembly members Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) and David Buchwald (D-White Plains) and former Peekskill mayor Mary Foster.

"People of the 40th District deserve a leader who will lead by example from a place of integrity and who will sign the Clean Conscience Pledge as the Assembly members of this district have done," she said.

Boak said she supports limiting outside income, closing the LLC loophole, which allows unlimited campaign contributions to a candidate funneled through a limited liability company, and

disclosing the recipients and the purpose of all discretionary funds disbursed by lawmakers.

She challenged Murphy to sign the pledge, which was devised by the nonpartisan Common Cause and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPRIG). So far, Murphy hasn't signed the pledge.

"I'm the only candidate in this race who has agreed to limit their outside income," Boak said. "If elected I will not have another job other than serving the people of this district full-time."

Galef called the ethically challenged state legislature "an embarrassment," particularly with the arrests of former Assembly speaker Sheldon Silver and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

But there have been others throughout the state, including former state senator Vincent Leibell, who represented the 40th District and was sentenced to 21 months in jail for tax evasion.

Galef said the state legislature should consider a plan similar to Congress to limit outside income to no more than 15 percent above a state lawmaker's salary, which is \$79,500.

"The pledge is good and we need to get more people to sign it. She has pledged to do that," Galef said of Boak. "This is the type of person you need in the New York

State Senate this year."

Buchwald said 15 percent above a legislator's salary provides sufficient leeway for lawmakers with other careers. However, anyone who is earning more than that is probably not serving their constituents, he said.

In addition to challenging Murphy to sign the Clean Conscience Pledge, Boak demanded that he pay his taxes on time, have the Senate Ethic Committee, of which Murphy is a member, convene a meeting, something it hasn't done since 2009, and for him to disavow Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Murphy dismissed some of Boak's challenges last week. He said his siblings made the unappetizing decision to delay paying taxes when the economy soured rather than laying off employees. Regardless, the taxes have been paid up in full with penalties and interest to the Town of Yorktown.

Murphy, a chiropractor, said he would not agree to outside income limits unless there are salary increases at some point and other reforms.

"I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth like she was," Murphy retorted. "Her husband is a hedge fund



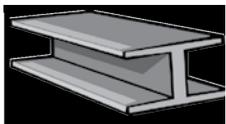
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State Senate candidate Alison Boak accompanied by Assembly members Sandy Galef and David Buchwald and former Peekskill mayor Mary Foster.

multimillionaire, and guess what, I don't have that money. Our family's restaurant is one of the largest in the Town of Yorktown. Unfortunately, it fell on hard times and my brothers and sisters decided to make an executive decision to make sure our staff was paid and we didn't have to lay anybody off or fire anybody."

The senator said he has been put off by many of Trump's comments during the presidential campaign. However, Boak failed to make any public statements criticizing Hillary Clinton for describing Trump's supporters as a "basket of deplorables."

Meanwhile, last week the Westchester Fair Campaign Committee ruled Boak had made several "unfair" statements in her campaign ads against Murphy.



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Burns said he needed additional information before he would support a town EMS.

Williams said the deadline to determine how to move forward with EMS for 2017 would be Dec. 31. The startup cost for a town EMS would be \$692,994, he said.

Burns said before making a decision on EMS the town board should look at potential alternatives.

Committee member David Raines told the town board said Patterson needed to have its own EMS. "The system is broken," he said. The current EMS contract with EMStar is problematic. "There's no

*'We did look at a lot of options.' - Councilman Peter Dandreano*

oversite," he said. "There's no quality control." The committee looked at other options and a town EMS was the best choice, he said.

Rogan said the best options would be a county operated EMS, but Putnam County officials have not expressed support for that idea.

Patterson Volunteer Fire Department Chief Matt Szpindor opposed the town EMS concept. "There is a command structure in place" in the town currently and a town EMS would not be the right direction to move in, he said.

As stated in the committee report, the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department is proposing to spin off its EMS operation and create a not-for profit corporation to run the ambulance service for the town.

Szpindor said if the town went forward

with its own EMS, his department would be "kicked to the side."

Putnam Lake Assistant Fire Chief Vincent Fanelli, who will become chief in January, supported the town EMS concept. Fanelli said a town EMS would assure quality control, something it does not have with EMStar. With its own EMS the town would have a say over the employees it would hire to perform the service, he said.

Cook said he was not supporting the move to seek state approval to start the process of creating a town EMS forward. The fire department's proposal and other options needed to be explored, he said.

## Letter to the Editor

### Tale of Voter Fraud is a Myth

How does a lie come to be widely taken as the truth? The answer is very simple. Repeat it over and over again. And when faced with actual facts that clearly contradict those lies, repeat it even louder.

Allegations of election-related fraud is one of those lies. In the aftermath of a close election losing candidates are often quick to blame voter fraud as justification for those results. Legislators often cite voter fraud as justification for various new restrictions to be imposed regarding

casting ones vote. Leading to new ID requirements, voter intimidation, voter discrimination and disruption of voter locations.

Lets set the record straight. In study after study there has been shown there is virtually no voter fraud anywhere in this country. In one recent study - looking at elections from 2000 to 2014, with more that (1) billion votes cast - there have been only 31 credible "claims" of voter fraud. This is the study done by

Professor Justin Levitt of the Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. He is an expert on constitutional law, the laws of democracy focusing on election administration.

There are plenty of shortcomings in the American voting system, but most are the result of outdated machines, insufficient resources, shutting down of polling places, eliminating early voting or human error - not intentional fraud.

In our nation where on a good day only 60 percent of eligible voters show up at

the polls - there is very little evidence of voter fraud. The truth is that those who have perpetuated the myth of voter fraud and "rigged elections" do not really care about the integrity of our voting system. They are just seeking to undermine the rights of legitimate voters thinking that - it will help them win elections.

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are really suffering.”

But others lawmakers that supported the budget gave it high marks.

Legislator Carl Albano called it “sound” and said there is always room to do better. Legislator Roger Gross noted the county is forced by the state and federal government to perform a vast amount of services like Medicaid.

“Albany keeps whacking the county,” Gross said, noting there are some positions that could have been cut if enough support was there. He called this the “best” spending plan compared to his previous years on the legislature.

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino said for the most part it’s a “barebones budget” and “very conservative.” The county auditors have pointed out the county is in good financial shape, Nacerino said.

Prior to the adoption, legislators battled over certain details in the budget.

Legislators determined to put another \$100,000 into Legal Aid Society stashed away in sub-contingency, up from the \$75,000 they had agreed on in a committee meeting the week before. In a tight 5-4 vote, Legal Aid, an outside agency that provides free legal defense and family court services, will get close to \$800,000 from the county.

LoBue noted many of the residents that need Legal Aid are either veterans or young adults that are struggling with a drug addiction. She said the county might have to pay more later on if they don’t try to plug the shortfall now.

“This affects the most vulnerable people in our community,” she said.

Gross said because Legal Aid is expected to service more eligible clients because of new guidelines dictated by the state and a grant from the state came to an end, Legal Aid is going to be in a hole financially. Gross said the county must deal with helping its residents if the state won’t provide the funding.

Wright, the former Putnam district attorney, said if Putnam citizens struggling from drug addiction don’t get proper legal representation, they could get felony convictions instead of lesser charges and become unemployable later in life and need to rely on government assistance.

But some lawmakers were left unconvinced, complaining it’s another unfunded mandate handed down by the state.

Albano said by putting the money in sub-contingency, it’s a message to the state that “don’t worry, the county has your back.” He suggested if every county refused to fully fund Legal Aid, the state would then be forced to correct their actions.

The legislature also narrowly decided to keep the historian’s position part-time

after it originally planned to make it full-time.

Gross said while he thinks the historian, Sarah Johnson, does an excellent job, he believes the county would be growing government. Legislator Toni Addonizio said historian staffs in other neighboring counties are as small or smaller than Putnam’s.

Castellano, who supported the full-time position, called the job important. He added Johnson has worked well beyond her job requirements and because of a vacant position in the office, it would only be around a \$10,000 increase in the historian’s office budget. Scuccimarra said the full-time position would be an investment in the county’s history.

Legislators voted 6-3 to keep the position part-time.

Johnson, who was at the meeting and appeared annoyed at the decision, declined comment on the legislature’s move. The new salary would have been a little more than \$54,000, an increase of \$25,000.

As with every budget, Legislator LoBue attempted to maneuver some funds that would give the legislature more control of certain spending.

LoBue was able to get \$100,000 put into sub-contingency for the tourism agency after she questioned the agency’s finances. Lawmakers signed off by a 7-2 vote.

Scuccimarra, who was against the move, said the newly named board of directors was working well and heading in the right direction, including finding a new director to replace resigned head Libby Pataki.

“You’re tying their hands,” Scuccimarra said.

LoBue wasn’t able to move \$100,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department that is pegged to make renovations to the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. That motion failed 6-3.

The legislature also voted to give itself a 2 percent pay raise by a 7-2 margin, with Legislator Bill Gouldman and Wright voting against it. County lawmakers currently get a little more than \$35,000 annually.

While it had nothing to do with crunching the numbers, lawmakers also delved into issues of transparency, or lack thereof during the budget process.

In response to complaints from several residents about openness within county government the night before during the public hearing, Gross said committee meetings are “totally transparent.” If a resident can’t make a meeting, Gross said each legislator could be contacted for information.

Nacerino also took issue with complaints of spotty transparency, noting there are seven committee meetings per month, “embracing the public.”



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Lawmakers the night before the adoption at the public hearing.

But Wright and LoBue both argued there could be more done. Wright said he thinks public comment should occur before the voting begins at a full legislative meeting.

“Let’s give the citizens credit for the ability from time to time to enlighten us

in a way that is helpful,” Wright said.

LoBue would like to see the budget more visible on the county website and have copies of the budget printed out at committee meetings because “people feel are they are not given the truth.”

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## Letters to the Editor

### Boak Excellent Candidate for 40th Senate District

In this season of vitriol and negative campaigning, I'd like to share with readers the excellent reasons to support Alison Boak for NYS Senate.

Ali was a Fulbright scholar, Peace Corp volunteer and, most importantly, has been tireless in her fight against human

trafficking. In fact, she co-founded an international not-for-profit to protect men, women and children from this scourge.

Ms. Boak has served her community and was elected to the Pound Ridge Town Board. She has important goals

to reach when elected. Job creation, an ethical Albany, an efficient Albany to keep mandates and our taxes in check, are all top priorities for Ali.

This year it will be an honor and a privilege to vote for rather than against a candidate. I'll be voting proudly for

Alison Boak on Tuesday, November 8!

Janet Keyes  
Southeast

### Galef Fit to Continue Serving in State Assembly

I first met New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef when I hosted a benefit for The Paramount Theater in Peekskill 20 years ago. Instead of enjoying the classical guitar music and sipping chilled wine, Sandy spent the muggy August afternoon listening to the concerns and suggestions of all who

recognized her.

In the years following Sandy has helped my neighbors and me with issues ranging from a compromised storm drain to a poorly run medical office. When you call Sandy you know she is interested and knowledgeable.

A visit to Sandy's website provides an

exhaustive list of her accomplishments and goals. I would like to stress that she advocates for all of her constituents—combining vision and experience. Sandy's solutions are not constrained by an ideology or an attachment to a single issue, but by what will work for our towns and communities.

When I went to see Sandy Galef debate at the Mahopac Library it was clear to me that she does not merely want to win—she wants to serve.

Andrea Black Jeffries  
Mohegan Lake

### Galef's Advocacy Makes Communities Better in Hudson Valley

As many may already know, I had the opportunity to work for New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef for 8 years and witnessed firsthand how she works so hard to improve the communities and the lives of the residents in her district and throughout New York State. Beyond her tremendous advocacy and honesty, she makes a point to attend as many events as possible supporting important social causes, businesses, veterans groups, first responders and houses of worship and meeting everyone in her district.

As Town Supervisor in Ossining I

have also seen how she works to help her communities through legislation and advocacy. One important example was how she helped get phase-in legislation passed to help people impacted severely by the town-wide reassessment. Sandy believes in the value of transparency and accuracy in tax assessment rolls, but also understood what a huge shift was occurring for some properties which had been under-assessed for many years. To ease the transition to a full value assessment roll, she sponsored legislation in the state that would allow those

with very sharp increases to have their increases phased-in over three years. This will hopefully make it easier for those impacted to figure out how best to plan for the future.

Without reassessment, we would continue inequities in property taxing with similar properties and neighbors often paying very different rates for tax purposes. We also would continue to encourage tax certioraris, legal action, and retroactive tax payments, which have cost us as taxpayers upwards of \$8 million in the past 10 years alone.

Sandy Galef with all her experience as Chair of the NYS Assembly Real Property Committee and as an advocate for the people proved once again why she is so valuable to our community with this legislation. Please join me on Tuesday, November 8th in voting to support Sandy Galef for NYS Assembly.

Dana Levenberg  
Ossining

*Levenberg is the supervisor for the Town of Ossining.*

### Gipson Cares About Local Communities in 41st Senate District

Election season sometimes brings out the worst. We see lies and character attacks on people that often have no basis in fact. I am proud to support Terry Gipson for State Senate because he has been running a positive campaign since day one.

As a current Village Trustee, and former Town Board member, in Rhinebeck, I know Terry Gipson well. Both he and his wife, Michelle, are always working to improve the local community

in Rhinebeck and throughout Dutchess County. This service goes back even before Terry served as a Village Trustee in 2009, when we were struggling with basic infrastructure problems, and Terry ran for Trustee so that he could tackle them. Terry has been a volunteer firefighter, and is a Kiwanis Club member in Poughkeepsie. Chances are, if you are involved in any community organization, or volunteer effort, you likely know and have worked

with both Terry and Michelle at some point.

When I hear ads claiming that he doesn't care about the local community, I know that this is just typical election season non-sense. This is an easy one. There is no one I know more committed and selflessly dedicated towards improving the public good than Terry Gipson. That's why I will

be voting for him this November, to be our next State Senator, and continue his mission to help the Hudson Valley.

Gina Walker Fox  
Rhinebeck

### Boak Will Be a Hard Working Senator

I have known Ali Boak for over ten years. I can't vote for her because she is not in my district, I live in Bedford. You need Ali as your Senator. The well-funded incumbent plays nice in ads that feature him, but he approves the "nasty" and "immature" messages against his opponent while distancing himself from the ads. He is not fooling us, we know better than that.

I first met Ali through a training she spearheaded to help eradicate Human

Trafficking. It wasn't a "popular" issue at the time and it scared folks and rightly so, but Ali was determined to bring it to the forefront. It took a true moral compass, guts and hard work and she made it happen. I have been a supporter ever since. If you live in Ali's district vote for her on November 8 and spread the word.

Bea Rhodes  
Bedford

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## Letters to the Editor

### Former Putnam Clerk Wholeheartedly Endorses Byrne for Assembly

Kevin Byrne is a breath of fresh air, with strong conservative family values, Kevin wants to be our voice in Albany.

During my tenure, I have challenged two NYS Governors on the proposed issuance of NYS drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants. This is still a Democratic agenda in New York State, and will be introduced again this year. We need Kevin to see that does not happen.

I have stood against a storm of media

protests, refusing to give out pistol permit holders' personal information that would cause an unwarranted invasion of our citizen's personal privacies, placing them in harm's way. We need Kevin in Albany to protect our 2nd Amendment, and to protect our privacies. Kevin believes our pistol permit holders and those who are not, deserve protection against the unwarranted invasion of privacy, keeping our citizens out of harm's way.

Our concern should be will the next State representative take such a stand?

Kevin supports a Putnam County run DMV, to serve the people of Putnam County and surrounding areas, Kevin supports the F.A.V.O.R program created to thank our veterans for their valuable services and sacrifice.

Kevin Byrne enjoys the utmost respect and admiration of his colleagues, and elected officials alike. Kevin is a true

gentleman with unparalleled experience and expertise.

I wholeheartedly endorse Kevin Byrne as our next NYS Assemblyman, I'm proud to call him my friend and you will too.

Dennis J Sant  
Southeast  
Former Putnam County Clerk

### Byrne Has Integrity, Selflessness to Serve in Assembly

I have had the honor of knowing Kevin before he threw his hat into the ring and always thought he had the integrity, the drive, and the selflessness to put others before himself and could be a great politician and was thrilled when he announced.

I have watched this first time candidate as he went door to door who really listened and cared about what they had to

say even if he did not agree with them. He never told any of the people he met going house to house that he was recovering from a terrible car accident and each step was filled with pain and each driveway or staircase he climbed was pure agony.

I wondered why he would put himself through this, watched his face light up as he talked to the homeowners and realized this campaign was about him trying to

help the people despite the hardship to himself.

If there was only one reason to vote on Election Day, it would be to elect Kevin Byrne to the Assembly.

You finally have a chance to elect someone with no special interests but yours and he will work tirelessly every day, every hour, and every minute for your good. On my word of honor, there

is no better man you could have the opportunity to elect.

If we let this opportunity slip us by, you may have to wait for another generation before we have the real thing on our side, listening to us and caring about the community 24 hours a day.

Michael McDonald,  
Carmel

### Serino Responds to Constituents' Needs Effectively

The height of hypocrisy is a candidate who says he will refuse corporate money but does not denounce the ugly negative mail paid by his mega million dollar backers. I dislike all the negative campaigning and I know many who share

my views. I appreciate that Senator Sue Serino is keeping her message positive. I know she's trustworthy and refreshingly honest and it's clear she cares about the people. She turns down money for her travel expenses and she's always

supporting local causes to help make life better for others. She has effectively listened to the people of our communities and responded to their needs in a positive manner. Anyone who knows Sue understands she does this job to help

people and she does not care if a person is Republican or Democrat. Sue Serino is there for all of us.

John Amico  
Wappingers Falls

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## Carmel, Kent Remain Under Tax Cap for 2017 Budget

By Andrew Vitelli

The towns of Kent and Carmel unveiled their preliminary 2017 budgets last month, with taxes flat in Kent and increasing by 1.5 percent in Carmel.

Kent's \$14,241,982 budget, not including special districts, represents a \$13,651 increase (around 0.1 percent) from this year, while the tax levy remains flat at \$11,452,681 in 2017.

"We're extremely thrilled that we have had three years in a row without raising taxes," said Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming. "We've asked our departments to be very careful, and they have been. They don't throw money away."

Of the total, \$4,145,170 will go towards the highway fund, with the remainder going to the general fund. The town's fund balance will be used to purchase \$388,000 dollars of equipment, including \$235,000 for a big MAC truck. Fleming said the town was able to keep the levy flat without making any painful cuts.

"We haven't done it by laying people off. We have contracts with all of our unions," Fleming said. "We haven't cut benefits, we haven't cut people's salaries, and we haven't cut any positions to do it."

Including special districts, such as fire, water, and sewer, brings total spending to \$18,195,714 for 2017. The town will

hold a hearing on the proposed budget on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall, where the town will give a budget presentation. The hearing will remain open, Fleming said, until Nov. 15, when the town board is set to adopt the budget.

"I'm very proud of three years of no tax increase," Fleming said. "We don't even think much about the [state-mandated tax] cap here in Kent, because our goal is to keep our taxes flat."

The budget can be found on the Town of Kent website, [townofkentny.gov](http://townofkentny.gov).

Carmel's \$27,150,382 preliminary budget includes a \$22,048,322 tax levy, up \$320,497, or around 1.5 percent, from this year. The tax rate will go up a bit more – 1.6 percent – due to a decrease in the town's total assessed value.

The majority of the town's spending – around 71 percent, or \$19.3 million – will go towards employee costs. The highway department accounts for \$8.1 million, or 29.7 percent, while public safety expenditures will cost \$9.4 million, or 34.7 percent of the budget. Eighty-one percent of the town's revenues come from property taxes.

The budget and a budget presentation can be found on Carmel's website, [ci.carmel.ny.us](http://ci.carmel.ny.us).

## Letters to the Editor

### Gipson Should Return to State Senate

Responding to all the negative advertising I have been seeing and getting concerning Terry Gipson, I can say I know a different candidate.

In his first term in the NYS Senate he inaugurated the engineering study for the Pudding Street Overpass with a \$1 Million grant, for Kent he secured close to 75 percent of the funding for Elementary School's Imagination Station, and for all of us he sponsored legislation that would ensure insurance companies cover the cost of long-term Lyme disease treatment.

But more importantly, Terry thinks about the future of our children, our environment and businesses in our

state. He fights for full and equitable funding for public schools. He wants to implement a state loan program that will help entrepreneurs hire local employees. And he initiated the annual Veterans & Families Fair to better connect veterans with available state services.

Terry's opponent has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to create a stick figure to run against, but the Terry Gipson mothers, veterans and voters know is the one we are going to vote for on November 8.

Ellen Leerburger  
Lake Carmel

### Byrne Has Traits to Serve in Assembly

I am strongly endorsing Kevin Byrne as our next NYS Assemblyman in the 94th District. I have known Kevin for several years and he has gained a great deal of respect from me and my friends.

Kevin is an Eagle Scout and he makes me proud to be his supporter. Kevin is trustworthy, Loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful,

thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Kevin is a man who is devoted to God and country and will do what is best for our community. Please vote for my friend Kevin Byrne this November 8.

Jack Gress  
Brewster

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Business  
of the Week

## Taconic Route 202 24 Hour Veterinary Center Cortlandt

By Neal Rentz

Putnam Valley resident Dr. Leonard Berk said he opened Taconic Route 202 24 Hour Veterinary Center in Cortlandt on June 13 because he wanted to provide a needed service – around the clock medical care for pets.

Berk, the hospital director, said last week there are only two other similar facilities in Westchester County.

Berk explained why he opened the center. “The number one reason is to give something back to the community,” he said. “People have discussed for many, many years that going to the other two hospitals late at night was too far.”

The other two around-the-clock vet care facilities are in Bedford and Yonkers, he noted.

The response to his news facility has been excellent, Berk said. “The emergency clinic has taken off very, very well, specialty areas have done very, very well and the general practice is growing on a daily basis,” he said.

Berk has operated another facility, Cortlandt Animal Hospital, for 35 years.

A variety of services are provided at the center. “We offer a board certified surgeon,” Berk said. “We are the only hospital on the east coast with both the hyperbaric chamber and the Artemis



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam Valley resident Dr. Leonard Berk is hospital director of Taconic Route 202 24 Hour Veterinary Center, which opened in Cortlandt on June 13.

Therapy Laser, which are used to treat many, many different conditions, mostly orthopedic or neurological.”

The Center provides the only CT scan specifically for animals, Berk noted. Berk said his emergency services clients generally come from such municipalities

as Cortlandt, Peekskill, Yorktown, and Mahopac.

“I still see clients,” said Berk, who leads a staff of 24. “I’m in charge of the whole hospital.

Berk has been a veterinarian for 39 years. He made the decision to enter the

*‘I’m always looking to better myself and better the hospital and be able to offer people services that they cannot get anywhere else.’-  
Dr. Leonard Berk*

field when he was a young boy, Berk said. “When I was in second grade something told me that this was my calling,” he recalled. “It’s all I’ve ever focused on.”

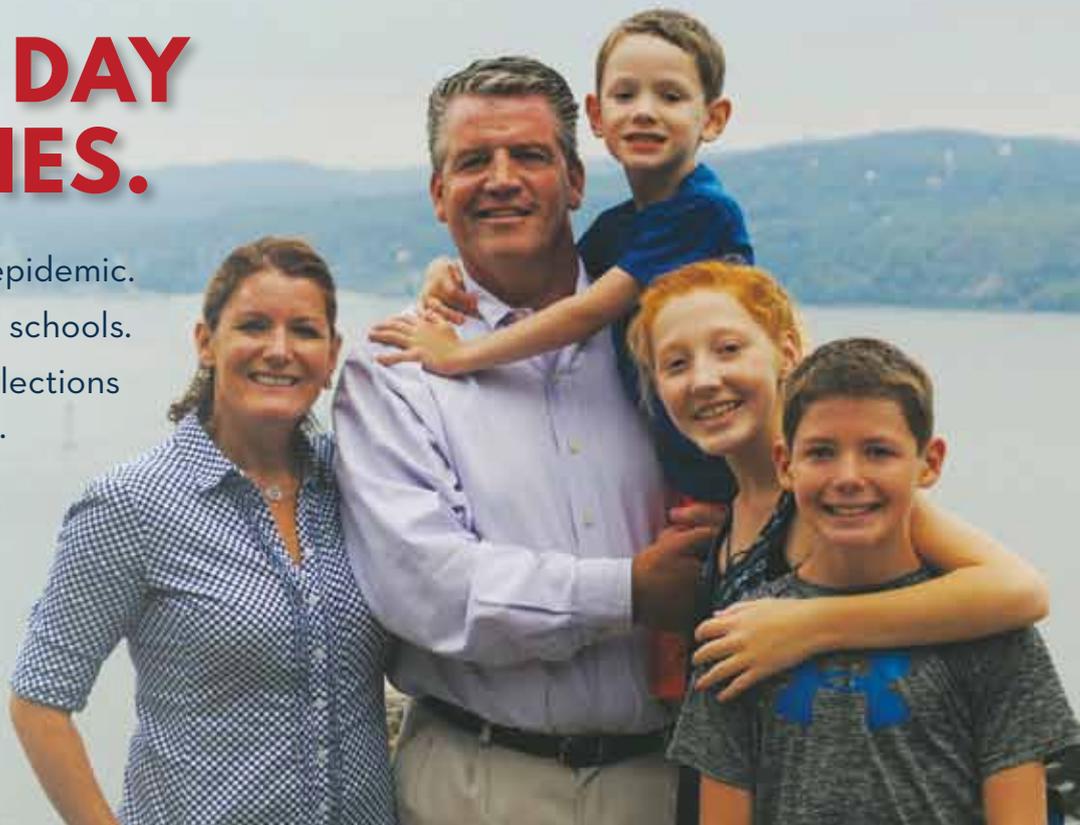
“Probably, the secret to my success is number one is that, I really care about what I do. And number two is that I’m always looking to better myself and better the hospital and be able to offer people services that they cannot get anywhere else and I’m always trying to stay on the cutting edge as far as doing new things,” Berk said.

Taconic Route 202 24 Hour Veterinary Center is located at 3655 Crompond Rd. in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-737-2437, send an e-mail to [info@24HrVetCenter.com](mailto:info@24HrVetCenter.com) or visit [24HrVetCenter.com](http://24HrVetCenter.com).

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# Election Preview

## Maloney and Oliva Duel for Congressional Seat

By David Propper

### Sean Patrick Maloney - Democrat

During his four years in Congress, Democrat Sean Patrick Maloney has made it a point to explain his ability to work in a bipartisan fashion.

During his tenure, he said he's passed 23 bills into law that help veterans, make trains safer and keep drinking water safe in the district. Calling it difficult with gridlock continuing in Congress, Maloney boasts he's been able to be "very productive listening to local concerns and writing it into law."

Offering some numbers, Maloney, a former staffer for past president Bill Clinton, said his district office has helped 3,800 constituents on everyday issues, including 800 veterans.

Maloney also highlighted he convinced Governor Andrew Cuomo to get on board and support his push to demand the Environmental Protection Agency to get General Electric to clean up the Hudson River of PCBs and finish dredging.

When finding ways to correct the Affordable Care Act, Maloney, a Cold Spring resident, said Congress needs to stop fighting, and find ways to fix it. He said in order to bring down costs, it's important that everyone, including younger folks, sign up for coverage, suggesting in a Poughkeepsie Journal debate he would increase the penalty for those that don't sign up. Maloney also said there should be more of a focus on outcomes, rather than the fees for service so there are better results at lower costs.

"We need to have everyone covered," he said. "That's good for all of us."

Maloney said his stance on the Affordable Care Act has actually positioned him more with Republicans in this case.

Earlier this year, Maloney was part of a sit-in on the House of Representative floor in a fight for gun control. Maloney said he supports universal background checks, a federal gun trafficking law, and not allowing persons (suspected terrorists) that aren't allowed to fly on airplanes to buy guns.

"And those all have bipartisan support," he said. "And respect the Second Amendment."

Maloney caught heat earlier this year from progressives for voting for a bill that would make it more difficult for Syrian refugees to enter the country. He later said in multiple media reports he regretted that stance.

Going forward, Maloney said citizens have the right to expect that the government will guarantee the safety of the refugees admitted. He noted there is a 2-year process for refugees with 13 different agencies involved, but he



Sean Patrick Maloney

wants the agencies to certify the refugees aren't risks. He said it's fair to expect the agencies to stand behind their vetting.

Discussing immigration on a wider scale, Maloney wants to implement wide ranging reform. The bill he supports results in doubling border security and gives immigrants the chance "to pay their debt, get right with the law, go to the back of the line, and earn legalization and citizenship." He believes the entire system needs to be fixed and noted farmers would get the workers they need without the red tape entanglement.

When asked about defunding sanctuary cities, Maloney called it a "political talking point that's not a serious approach to fixing the broken system."

When asked about some of Phil Oliva's stances, Maloney slammed him for stating he would not raise the national debt ceiling that could result in defaulting on the national debt and create a recession. Maloney also called it mean spirited and completely unreasonable that Oliva wants to defund Planned Parenthood. And finally, Maloney, who supports Hillary Clinton for president, criticized Oliva's pick for president.

"And he's a big Donald Trump supporter," he said. "Even though he's denigrated women and disrespected Gold Star families."

Maloney said he would continue to find ways to reduce regulations and red tape in order to create more jobs and businesses. He also wants to invest more in infrastructure and schools. Maloney said he's against the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which President Obama has pushed hard for because Maloney said it won't result in good paying jobs for Americans.



Phil Oliva

"That's a record of results and a bipartisan approach I think is getting results and I'd like to keep doing this work," Maloney said.

### Phil Oliva - Republican

Campaigning during a tumultuous period in American politics, congressional candidate Phil Oliva believes the country is going in the wrong direction. The Republican candidate points the finger at both political parties for downtrends he hopes to reverse if elected.

The national debt continues to soar, there are 21,000 new regulations, and slow economic growth has resulted in millions out of the workforce, Oliva said. Oliva said his primary focuses include growing the economy and creating a fairer, flatter, and simpler tax code.

Oliva, a Somers resident, has attacked the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), calling to repeal and replace the healthcare law. But if Hillary Clinton is elected, Oliva said he'd be willing to compromise and find ways to reform it. He said the employer mandate is killing job creation.

"It started with good intentions, but it failed," Oliva said.

Oliva, who formerly worked for a healthcare company, favors a national market place, medical malpractice reform, and a fairer taxing system so there is equity between individuals and businesses setting up a healthcare plan.

Oliva, an aide for Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, wants to crack down on illegal gun owners, chiding President Obama for commuting prison sentences of inmates who had gun charges on their record. The penalties

should be stiffer for those that obtain guns illegally and use them in crimes, he said.

When addressing immigration, Oliva doesn't believe in a giant wall, but suggest a double fence and recruiting military veterans to guard the borders. He also wants to see an e-verify system to make sure people hired are legal and an entry/exit tracking system. Oliva said any illegal immigrant who has committed a crime or is on welfare should be deported, but thought illegal immigrants that have been in the country for years and contributed should have a path to legalization, but not citizenship. If they want citizenship, they would be told to leave and come back, Oliva said.

"There are over a million people waiting to get in line legally," he said. "And it's not fair to them. It mocks our rule of law."

Oliva is against allowing more Syrian refugees into the country because he doesn't think they can properly be vetted. Instead, America should lead a multi-nation coalition in Syria to create a safe zone and keep them in their own country.

When addressing his opponent, Oliva said the only time Sean Patrick Maloney works in a bi-partisanship fashion is when he benefits personally or politically. He criticized Maloney for voting for the Iran nuclear deal, and voting against defunding sanctuary cities and a work requirement for welfare benefits.

Oliva vows to work with both Republicans and Democrats, and said he would be a check on a president Trump or president Clinton while willing to work with them. One reform he could see himself working with Democrats on is campaign finance reform.

"There's way too much money in politics," Oliva said, but noted he's against publicly finance campaigns.

Oliva stressed he would be more visible in the district and have a better voting record than Maloney, who missed votes while on the campaign trail for Clinton, including a vote regarding the 9-11 memorial. He said Maloney was slow to notify constituents about potential barges on the Hudson River and a hearing on Common Core regulations that would penalize schools that have a more than 5 percent opt-out rate.

Oliva believes he can better relate to residents in the district and because of that, he can fight harder for them. He doesn't want to be a career politician and said he would serve no more than four two-year terms. He vows to be a straight shooter.

"I'm like them," Oliva said, adding later of the district. "It's blue collar, it's middle class and they want to keep America great."

# Election Preview

## Murphy Looks to Fend off Challenge From Boak

### Terrence Murphy - Republican

By Rick Pezullo

Before being elected two years ago to the State Senate in the 40th District, Terrence Murphy had heard about the problems with state government in Albany, but it wasn't until he was chosen by voters to succeed Greg Ball and continue the 102-year Republican dominance in the district that he discovered how many changes needed to be made.

"It's been quite the eye-opening experience," Murphy said. "In Albany, you have professional politicians. That is a big part of the problem. You have people who have never worked a day in their life setting the table. As a freshman senator you're supposed to be seen and not heard. I believe I have represented the district well. In two years I think we have done an excellent job."

Murphy, 50, grew up next to Wilkens Fruit Farm in Yorktown. He decided to study nutrition after graduating from Yorktown High School. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in nutrition and a doctorate of chiropractic from Life University College of Chiropractic. In 1999, he opened the Yorktown Health and Wellness Center on Commerce Street in Yorktown. He has also had a business interest in the family-owned Murphy's Restaurant in downtown Yorktown.

He was elected to the Yorktown Town Board in 2009 and reelected in 2013. His Senate District serves approximately 325,000 residents in Peekskill, Cortlandt, Somers, Yorktown, Croton-on-Hudson, Buchanan and other municipalities in Westchester, along with parts of Putnam and Dutchess counties.

"It has been an absolute honor and privilege. It's awesome," Murphy said of his first term in office. "We do a lot of constituent work, quality of life work that affects people on a daily basis. I will get as much money as I can for the 40th District."

Murphy stressed he was particularly proud of his efforts in trying to combat the heroin and prescription opioid crisis. The father of three was appointed co-chairman of the Senate's Task Force Against Heroin & Opioid Addiction. Murphy later introduced a legislative package with a four-prong approach to tackling the problem through prevention, treatment, recovery and enforcement.

"We crafted some of the most comprehensive legislation in the nation. We've done some good stuff," Murphy said. "It is an enormous step forward for New York State. It's a moving target all the time. The enforcement part is not where I want it to be."

The son of a Navy veteran of the Korean War, Murphy said he has also achieved a lot for veterans and sponsored legislation



**Terrence Murphy**

to hold elected officials accountable for their actions. His five-point accountability plan calls for term limits (no more than three terms) and pension forfeiture.

Despite claims from his opponent, Alison Boak, that his environmental voting record hasn't been "consistent," Murphy said he has been in the forefront of the fight to prevent the U.S. Coast Guard from anchoring barges in the Hudson River, secured \$500,000 for meadow restoration at Croton Point Park and partnered with Somers and the Westchester Land Trust to get \$1.8 million to preserve Stuart's Fruit Farm in Granite Springs. He was also endorsed by the New York League of Conservation Voters.

A strong opponent of the Common Core standards, Murphy said he sponsored an "opt out" bill allowing students not to have to take state tests.

"I caught a lot of flak for that, but when you see something that's wrong you try to fix it," he said. "We all want high standards for our kids. It's how we achieve that. It wasn't about the welfare of our kids and teachers had to teach to the test."

Responding to criticism from Boak about his family's restaurant's tax woes, which escalated to more than \$146,000 in arrears before being paid off recently, Murphy explained the eatery fell on tough economic times and a few of his siblings that run it on a daily basis decided it was better to fall behind on paying town and school taxes instead of laying off employees.

"I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth like she was," Murphy said. "My investment has been the land. I will stand by family. All of our taxes are paid. End of story."

### Alison Boak - Democrat

By David Propper

The centerpiece of Alison Boak's



**Alison Boak**

campaign and her motivating factor to run for the State Senate seat in the 40th district is getting the widespread corruption out of state government.

Even when Boak, 46, did an internship in the State Senate in college, she could recall there were ongoing scandals back then, a trend that has continued today. In order to stop that, Boak offers a package of ethics reforms. She's calling for an overhaul of the structure currently in state government.

"That's what inspired me to run," Boak said, bashing opponent Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) for what she believes is his lack of ethics.

Boak, a Democrat, doesn't think convicted corrupted state lawmakers should keep their pensions and feels so strongly about that she wants that to be the State Senate's first vote. Boak signed the "Clear Conscience Pledge" that means the role of state senator would be her only job. The LCC loophole should be closed and there should be further transparency with how the senate spends the money it brings back to districts, she added.

State lawmakers should be term limited, Boak said. She would like to see terms extended to four years and lawmakers only allowed two terms. Additionally, she thinks elections should be staggered so not every state lawmaker runs the same time.

Boak also would like to see campaign finance reform, but didn't have a specific plan. She's like to explore other states' reforms and see what sort of success they've had.

Environmentally, Boak wants to get to the energy goal set by Governor Andrew Cuomo in which 50 percent of energy in the state is renewable by 2030. There could be an economic boom as a result, she added. Boak is in favor of closing Indian Point because it's aging, there's a gas pipeline running near it, and there

isn't a proper evacuation plan in place in case of an emergency.

Boak noted while Murphy is against more barges on the Hudson River, he voted to decrease licensing fees for anyone that transports oil in New York, resulting in a smaller spill fund.

Discussing education, Boak wants to see less reliance on standardize testing and more of an emphasis on technology so students are ready for college and careers. She doesn't believe Hudson Valley schools have gotten their fair share of state education aid.

Boak would like to explore creative ways to give seniors tax breaks so they can remain in the towns they've lived for a good portion of their lives and mentioned putting in place affordable housing for seniors and young adults. If the state paid its fair share of Medicaid, it would also offset some local property taxes, she noted.

Boak supports the two percent tax cap, but wants to see more wiggle room for capital projects for municipalities.

"You got to find a way to strike that balance with the tax cap," she said.

On the Pound Ridge town board for four years, Boak said she had a hand in helping the business district revitalize and was able to bring in some grants the helped that cause. Boak also pushed for more transparency, helping get board meetings videotaped and placed on the town website. Finally, she brought awareness to waste water (a problem in Pound Ridge) by starting a task force on it.

Boak wants to reduce regulations around small businesses and would like to streamline the process working with municipalities in order to cut some red tape. She'd also like the state to encourage minority and women owned businesses

Boak did compliment Murphy on his fight against the heroin epidemic, but noted it is a bipartisan issue that is easy to get behind. She would like to see evidence based programs that would work better to deter youths from using drugs and wants to extend drug treatment courts and fill in gaps in treatment for those suffering from addiction.

One of Boak's most personal fights she said would be eliminating the statute of limitations for sex crimes of minors, instead of the current five-year limitation. As the founder of an organization that helps human trafficking victims, Boak said it takes a person an average of 21 years to come forward about past abuse.

"We don't have statute of limitations in murder cases, we don't have statute of limitations on adult rape cases," Boak said. "Children is our most vulnerable group, if anyone you want to protect it's our children."

# Election Preview

## State Senate Rematch Set Between Serino and Gipson

By David Propper

### Sue Serino - Republican

State Senator Sue Serino can certainly acknowledge her first two years in the state legislature have flown by, but during her first term in office she believes she's delivered for constituents in the 41st district.

After almost two decades of Putnam Valley residents waiting, Serino said she was able to get the funding--\$24 million--for the Taconic Street Overpass project that is expected to start in a couple years. Local officials from both political parties have lauded Serino for locking down the money.

If the GOP senate didn't fight to get equitable funding between the MTA and Department of Transportation, that money wouldn't have come to Putnam Valley, Serino, of Hyde Park, noted.

"Something that's been a problem for 20 years I think is a huge accomplishment that I was able to do," Serino said. "And I'm really proud of it."

*'I absolutely love what I do and I think it's important.'*

Serino said her approach to Lyme disease funding has been personal, noting her own son was bit by a tick and doctors couldn't diagnose it correctly right away. Serino secured \$1.2 million both years for Lyme disease.

As the Aging Committee chairperson that works on senior citizen issues, Serino said she ensured that the Elderly Prescription Insurance Coverage program got funding and she's fought against elder abuse, calling it a top issue for her. Serino was able to get \$500,000 for a program that would further help elderly that might be abused mentally, physically, or even financially.

"It's really important to make sure our seniors are taken care of," she said, noting there is a transportation pilot program in the works so seniors can get around easier.

Serino said she's been one of the most vocal advocates against Common Core. She believes the standards are moving further away from Common Core's original intentions and has commended state education commissioner Maryellen Elia for her work.

By getting input from a committee Serino put together from local education



Sue Serino

stakeholders, she was able to relay that to the senate GOP conference and get results. She believes revisions have allowed tests to be more catered to the age and the student's ability especially if that student has a disability.

"I think we've made some really good changes," Serino said. "They pretty much are talking about going back to the drawing board. From talking to Commissioner Elia, it sounds like that's what they're doing so the Common Core we know is going to cease to exist."

Serino said she was part of a GOP conference that scooped up more education aid than originally slotted for local schools in Governor Andrew Cuomo's budget and the money taken from schools because of the Gap Elimination Adjustment was returned in one year, instead of two years like Cuomo wanted.

Serino stressed her seat is important to keep the senate in Republican control and place a check on Cuomo and the assembly that is mostly Democrats. She noted the GEA came from a Democratic state senate.

Serino wants to keep fighting for ethics reform, like stripping convicted lawmakers of pensions and putting in place term limits. By having term limits, it would result in fresh ideas, she said.

Serino, a small business owner, fears if there is a dramatic pay increase for state lawmakers and a deal that includes stopping all outside income, it would lead to politicians that never want to leave office and "foster corruption."

Serino said taxes are the lowest rate in 70 years the STAR and Enhanced STAR are both fully funded, which is important for seniors. To get more jobs, the state needs focus on infrastructure needs for certain communities, she noted.

Serino wants to continue to ensure the quality of life can improve for residents in the state.

"I really care," Serino said. "I absolutely



Terry Gipson

love what I do and I think it's important. I think people know that by speaking to me."

### Terry Gipson - Democrat

After being out of public office for two years, Terry Gipson is laser focused on two priorities as he goes forward with his rematch against current state Senator Sue Serino.

Gipson, looking to represent the 41st district again, believes it's critical to get big money spending out of New York politics and figure out a way to tackle sky high property taxes.

When addressing the large amount of money spent on state races, Gipson said he's seen up close how it has created barriers like reducing the cost of living, properly funding public education, and protecting residents against Lyme disease and bad drinking water. Gipson wants to enact legislation that would "severely limit" corporate cash into state races.

"I've seen evidence that it needs to change if we expect to make progress," Gipson, of Rhinebeck, said.

Talking taxes, Gipson noted residents could no longer afford to live his district. He doesn't believe lawmakers are taking property taxes seriously enough and vowed to be a leader on this issue. In order to do so, there needs to be a different way schools are funded.

"If we're not looking at ways of reducing our school taxes than we're not looking at ways to seriously reduce the cost of living," Gipson said, arguing he's the most determined person running in the state to reduce taxes.

Since Gipson has been out of office, corruption has continued to rock the state capitol. He wants to see the LLC loophole closed and noted it would only occur if a Democratic majority took over the state senate. He also believes in term limits and argued many lawmakers that are not part of the modern age are still in Albany controlling funds.

During his two-year stint in the senate from 2012-14, Gipson said he was proud of being part of a coalition that presented different options to fund public education that would make it fairer to property owners. Gipson also noted providing money for infrastructure needs like a new playground at Kent Primary School and securing \$1 million to explore putting an overpass at the intersection of the Taconic State Parkway and Pudding Street in Putnam Valley.

On Lyme disease, Gipson said he brought attention to the state defunding money from research for the disease and then tripled funding in his term.

When asked how he thought Serino had done, Gipson said he wasn't running against her, but the entire state government system. Gipson doesn't believe she's taken a leadership role, like most of her colleagues.

"I'm running against a system that I believe has really failed all New Yorkers, all Hudson Valley residents, regardless of the party," he said.

*'I have a proven track record of being a leader at the local level and state level.'*

Gipson is for closing the Indian Point power plant and believes the process is already underway even if nobody is admitting it. Because of its location and age, it's a danger to the Lower Hudson Valley. Gipson wants the state to offer those employees jobs that would focus on alternative energy use like solar and wind.

Gipson pointed to how unaffordable it is to live and start a business in New York. Prospective business owners would rather start a business in a state like Florida or Texas, he noted.

The state still needs to replace Common Core with something more effective, Gipson added.

Gipson wants to secure more money for infrastructure to deliver clean drinking water and he would like to see mass transit dealt with in a more affordable and safer way.

"I have a proven track record of being a leader at the local level and state level and in my community as a volunteer and business owner," he said. "I have a track record of delivering results and being willing to engage my constituents on a one-on-one basis and try my best to solve their problems."

# Election Preview

## Two First-time Candidates Battle to Replace Katz in 94th Assembly

### Kevin Byrne - Republican

By David Propper

As Kevin Byrne enters the last stages of his campaign, the Republican has remained on message about making New York a state where residents don't have to vacate because of high costs and lack of job opportunities.

Byrne said he would like to work on sensible reforms to reduce spending and possible tax changes in order to make the state more affordable for just-out-of-college adults and seniors. Since the start of his campaign, Byrne said he believes New York is losing a generation because young adults are being priced out. Along with limiting spending, Byrne wants to welcome policies that promote the economy and job growth.

If elected, Byrne, 32, would still be in the minority of an overwhelming Democratic assembly, but it doesn't seem to concern him. He believes he'll build relationships across the aisle and noted he already has existing relationships with state senators like Terrence Murphy and Sue Serino, both Republicans.

*'The goal is to help our district and to help New York.'*

While Byrne, a Mahopac resident, vowed to never surrender his conservative principles, he wants to work with both parties no matter what.

"I'll work with anyone regardless of their (political) party," he said. "You can disagree on issues and still respect one another. That's how you get things done."

Another top priority for Byrne is ethics reform. In fact, if lawmakers want to make progress in other areas, the biggest roadblock in their way is corruption, Byrne argued. He wants to strip lawmakers convicted of corruption of their pensions, install term limits, and have independent redistricting. He also supports full disclosure of outside income and closing the LLC loophole



**Kevin Byrne**

toward campaign funds. Limiting how long a lawmaker can serve in a leadership position in the assembly and senate is also imperative, Byrne said.

Byrne is also against state elected officials pension double-dipping and doesn't believe state lawmakers deserve a pay raise, which is being discussed in the capitol right now.

Discussing school aid, Byrne argued the state still hasn't returned all the money local district are owed from the Gap Elimination Adjustment. He wants to work with school districts to identify state mandates that are making taxes higher.

To stop the drug scourge, Byrne wants to prosecute drug traffickers "aggressively and relentlessly" and would support a law that would charge a heroin dealer with homicide if a buyer dies of a drug overdose they got from that dealer, according to his website. He noted drug treatment courts are imperative to seek recovery for addicts.

Byrne is pro-life and a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment.

Byrne is also an open space advocate, using many of the state and county parks and trails to this day. Byrne is against the multiple anchorage sites along the Hudson River that the US Coast Guard is proposing

Byrne is additionally on the Conservative, Independence, and Reform



**Brian Higbie**

party lines and hopes to replace outgoing incumbent Steve Katz.

Byrne called Katz a champion for gun owners and said he has done a notable job shining a light on public corruption, including his past attacks on now convicted and former assembly speaker Sheldon Silver. Byrne said he would continue that fight for those stances.

"The goal is to help our district and to help New York," Byrne said.

### Brian Higbie - Democrat

By Rick Pezzullo

When Brian Higbie attended a Yorktown Town Board meeting during the summer to learn about a law that was being changed to ease requirements for developers, he never expected a few months later to be a candidate for the 95th State Assembly District, which covers Yorktown and Somers and four towns in Putnam County.

Higbie, 42, a two-year resident of Yorktown, spoke at that same meeting and was applauded by the audience. Soon thereafter, someone suggested he seek the office being vacated by Assemblyman Steve Katz (R/Mohegan Lake), a seat that has been held by a Republican for the last 134 years.

He initially declined, but later decided to throw his hat in the political ring for the first time after no other Democrat stepped forward.

"It wasn't something I was desiring," Higbie said. "At minimum I could get someone on the ballot and give people a choice. I'm working hard, knocking on doors. I'm really enjoying the process of running. I'm putting my convictions to the test. I think we need a dose of democracy."

What will make being on the ballot this year even more special is his wife recently became a U.S. citizen and will be voting

for the first time.

"I don't want people to vote for me because of my party affiliation. Vote for me because I'm the right guy to do the job," Higbie said. "If I go up there (Albany) I won't get lost in the woods. I think my opponent is working on a career in politics. He will be voting on bills on how he is told to vote. I have more experience and more knowledge. I have the right priorities."

*'Vote for me because I'm the right guy to do the job.'*

Higbie is a general practice attorney who works with clients on property tax grievances, contracts, real estate and estate planning. He said he has also represented a lot of condominium and co-op owners in Westchester and Putnam.

One of his top priorities as a state assemblyman would be trying to lower property taxes, which he said has become too much of a burden for homeowners.

"I think there's a lot we can do. We're all working harder and longer and I am running to lift more hard working people into the middle class," Higbie said. "I'm not that ideological. I'm more about practical solutions."

Higbie said he would also like to lend a hand to small businesses.

"We need to have an understanding of how the local economy works and what businesses need," Higbie explained. "We need a strong Main Street to attract people."

On the 2% tax cap instituted in the state a few years ago, Higbie said it had "some good things, but there needs to be a move beyond 2%, like it or not."

"That's a good thing when there's a cap and it forces people to come up with creative solutions to lower costs," he said.

Higbie, who is also on the Working Families Party line, said he is running a grassroots campaign with volunteers who believe in his message.

"I'm doing this on my own steam. I won't be sending any mailings out. They're too expensive. I have too much respect for their (residents) hard-earned dollars to send out a piece of mail," Higbie said. "I'm much more aware of how things work politically and where the problem spots are, and I think I have the solutions to it. I have a pretty clear perspective of how things are not going quite right for homeowners or small business owners in this district."



# Election Preview

## Up Against Purdy, Galef Looks to Remain in Assembly

### Sandy Galef - Democrat

By Rick Pezzullo

For the last 37 years, Sandy Galef has been representing residents in northern Westchester---13 on the county Board of Legislators and the last 24 as a state Assemblywoman in the 95th District, and she hopes her tireless efforts as an independent voice in Albany will earn her another two-year term on November 8.

"I really believe I have served the community well," she said. "I have been working for my constituents full-time, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It is a full-time commitment. We've made some progress, but we need to do more."

In the Assembly, Galef chairs the Real Property Tax Committee and is serving as member of the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee; the Election Law Committee, the Governmental Operations Committee; and the Health Committee. Galef also serves on the Assembly Majority Steering Committee and the Hudson Valley Greenway Communities Council.

*'The time is now to make true and serious ethics reform a top priority in Albany to rebuild the public trust in the way our government works.'*

A former teacher in Scarsdale, the longtime Ossining resident has been a leading advocate for legislative reform in Albany as well as being heavily involved in matters pertaining to education, taxes, energy, consumer issues, health, and senior citizens.

Another major focus of Galef in recent years has been ethics reform. She currently has 15 separate bills pending as part of a package that calls for banning large campaign donors from securing state contracts; enacting term limits for the Assembly speaker and Senate president; prohibiting political consultants from lobbying lawmakers; and preventing legislators from giving state money to non-profits that employ their relatives, among other proposals.

"Ethics reform is one of the major things we have to deal with," she said. "The time is now to make true and serious ethics reform a top priority in Albany to



**Sandy Galef**

rebuild the public trust in the way our government works."

Galef noted while longtime Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and others in Albany have been involved in scandals she has always been able to hold her head high and be respected by colleagues and her constituents.

"I have never been part of the machine. From day one I opposed it and I'm still standing," she said. "I think I have served with integrity and honesty."

While Galef opposes pork barrel "member earmarks," she said she has managed to secure funding for her district, including \$400,000 in state grants for road improvements throughout the 95th Assembly District and state grants for Teatown, the Ossining Public Library, the Desmond Fish Library, the Paramount Center in Peekskill, the Cold Spring Railroad station, Copeland House, the Briarcliff Manor, Hendrick Hudson, Kent Libraries, and the Ossining Railroad Station waterfront.

Galef also brought in \$1 million for the new Sing Sing Historic Museum in Ossining, a project she stressed will be an economic boom for Ossining and the Hudson Valley region.

"I think everyone is very excited about it," she said. "It's complicated because it's a prison that has prisoners in it."

In addition, Galef supported legislation that capped property tax increases at 2% and reduced unfunded mandates, worked to repeal the MTA payroll tax burden, wrote a law that gives volunteer firefighters a state income tax credit, helped to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and provide 12 weeks of paid family leave and supported package of bills to fight the heroin and opioid crisis.

The 95th Assembly District covers the City of Peekskill, Town of Cortlandt, town and village of Ossining and parts of Putnam County.



**Greg Purdy**

### Greg Purdy - Republican

By David Propper

Running for office for the first time, Greg Purdy said he doesn't have a "political mind." He said he has a mind that would result in solutions and novel ideas for New York State and the 95th Assembly District

Purdy's campaign has a big emphasis on job creation. He predicted while the United States will renegotiate with China to bring jobs back to the country, they won't come back to New York unless there is a more competitive and regulatory environment for businesses. He wants to fight for jobs where workers would get \$25 per hour that companies pay voluntarily.

In order to draw businesses, Purdy said he has an energy initiative to cut energy costs in half. Focusing on solar and nuclear, Purdy said it be a more efficient and safer way to produce power.

Purdy, a Kent resident, also wants to be a strong advocate for law enforcement, noting the heroin epidemic is overwhelming in the region. Purdy said he would encourage new treatment methods in order to help get addicts get off drugs.

"We need to educate people," he said. "Not incarcerate people."

He doesn't believe there should be civilian review boards for police departments because it could be another way to "burn" cops, noting there is already Internal Affairs to handle department issues. There is also the option of body cameras, according to his campaign website.

But he believes in community policing, and one way to encourage police departments is if they reach a four-star rating from the community they serve, they would get a monetary bonus.

He noted after talking with some residents in Westchester County, Purdy said he doesn't believe in stop and frisk because it could result in unconstitutional search and seizure. All rights in the Bill of

Right should be protected, he said.

Purdy, an IMB computer programmer for 20 years, would like to push for non-profits like Habitat for Humanity to build homes for poorer folks so those less fortunate have the opportunity to be a homeowner.

But Purdy also noted property taxes need to decrease so seniors and lower income residents can stay in the state. He said schools in his district pay more per student than many other states in the country, which lead to high property taxes.

"We're not getting our money's worth for our schooling," Purdy said.

While Democrats claim the state has the lowest taxes in decades, those taxes are still higher than every other state, Purdy said.

Purdy said he supports term limits, pointing out his opponent has been in office for 23 years. He questioned how she could be for term limits for leadership positions when she's been in office for decades.

"How can she be fighting for ethic

*'I'm asking voters to put aside the notion of Democrat or Republican for a minute and just focus who can provide intelligent solutions.'*

reforms when she's part of the problem?" Purdy said.

Purdy wants to see the SAFE Act repealed, calling it an attack on the Second Amendment. It should have been debated over several months and is "pointless."

And he noted a bigger problem is how laws are passed in the dead of night and the bills are too long to comprehend in a short time span.

When addressing abortion, Purdy said a baby at 26 weeks in the womb needs to have human rights that it explicitly written into law.

"They need a voice," Purdy said.

Purdy is ready to offer new and creative solutions if elected.

"People who have ideas from the left or the right as long as they work," he said. "I'm asking voters to put aside the notion of Democrat or Republican for a minute and just focus who can provide intelligent solutions."

# Election Preview

## Cassidy and Jonke Battle it out for Legislative 6 Seat

By David Propper

### Jennifer Cassidy - Democrat

Hoping to be a breath of fresh air and the lone Democratic voice on the Putnam County Legislature, Jennifer Cassidy is running for office for the first time in her life.

A longtime Brewster resident who grew up in the area and graduated from Brewster schools, Cassidy is the sole Democrat running for a legislative seat this year with the possibility of putting a dent in an all-Republican legislature.

Cassidy, who works part-time in the historian's office, said she would communicate with constituents regularly and effectively to keep them abreast about what's going on in the county and in the district. For example, she said many voters she met were surprised to hear that a cell tower could be going up on Milan Street in Southeast.

"That's kind of my wheelhouse, communication," Cassidy said.

*'It's going to be my only job and I would work really hard.'*

When addressing Tilly Foster Farm, she said many constituents are anxious to get back on the farm. She's told residents she finds the future of the farm to be "exciting."

Cassidy hopes to see the farm become comparable to Hanover Farm in Westchester County, calling it the template for a successful farm to table program. She conceded there is much work to be done in order to get actual farming on the farm because it was usually only used for grazing.

Cassidy also hopes to see the incorporation of more farm animals, like horses, where there would be an opportunity to ride them. It could result in more tourism on the farm, Cassidy said. She did caution the costs associated with those animals would need to make sense financially.

Cassidy has consistently attended legislative meetings over the past several months. She said she's been caught off guard by some of the contentious debates, and would like to bring a positive attitude to the board.

"They don't have an easy job," Cassidy said.



Jennifer Cassidy

Cassidy said she's like to work on making information more available and easier to understand for residents. She liked Legislator Kevin Wright's idea about simplifying the language on the legislative agendas to make it easier to comprehend. She said there's been a bad track record of veiled items on the agenda.

When further discussing the cell tower, Cassidy said she absolutely supports anything that helps first responders like the sheriff's department and the Bureau of Emergency Services. Because it would be located in an industrial district not near residents, Cassidy said it doesn't bother her too much.

Still, the health impacts should be examined because of the county and New York State workers in that area.

Cassidy would be following in the footsteps of outgoing Legislator Roger Gross. She said she would like to model the way he's closely involved in the community. (Cassidy was actually a student when Gross was a teacher at Brewster High School.)

As the only Democrat who would be on the board, Cassidy said she would be independent, but not simply a dissenting voice against her Republican colleagues.

"I'm in this for contributing to the greater good," Cassidy said. "Just to ask the questions and not necessarily go along with what the county administration wants."

If she won, Cassidy would be the first woman elected to the legislative 6 seat. But that's not as important as being an advocate for her district and county.

"I'm fresh, I'm new, I have good ideas and I'm pro-Putnam," she said. "I grew up here, I love it here, I would like to give back to the community. It's going to be my only job and I would work really hard."



Paul Jonke

### Paul Jonke - Republican

As Paul Jonke talks to voters in the legislative 6 district, he's emphasized his experience in government as a major attribute. With 28 years in government and a background in property taxes as the tax assessor for two towns, he believes he can bring that knowledge to the Putnam County Legislature.

After missing out on a town board seat in Southeast last year, the former Carmel and Southeast assessor is putting his governmental experience to the forefront of his campaign.

Jonke noted the county is renegotiating with New York City about water usage. He said it's critical the county is able to reach a deal with the city that would allow Putnam to grow its commercial base intelligently over the next two decades. Jonke said he hopes the city allows the county to build more sewer plants and use its commercial corridors to its full potential.

He wants to see a sewer line along Route 6 in the main corridor in Southeast where there is a four-lane highway and a lot of land that is commercially zoned.

The most important property in Jonke's district is Tilly Foster Farm, now dubbed the Tilly Foster Educational Institute. While Jonke notes he would have been opposed to its original purchase back in the early 2000s, the county now has to make the best of the land.

He approves BOCES putting in a culinary institute that would generate some revenue and wants further programs so the farm can become financially sustainable. One idea Jonke has is to build baseball fields on the land, pointing out there is flat land that could make it doable. The barns on the property could possibly be used for theater and fine arts, Jonke said, and he agreed with bringing a restaurant onto the farm.

"I would lobby to really turn that into a destination," Jonke, who thinks the farm can draw out of county visitors, said. "A place where people can come and see theater, play in the fields, put a park there. I think it's a wonderful place for the community."

Jonke is looking to fill the seat that current Legislator Roger Gross is vacating. Gross, a fellow Republican, has endorsed Jonke. Jonke said he would want to emulate Gross' temperament, calling Gross "as smooth as can be."

Jonke stressed he's not running to simply join an all-Republican, but to do what's best for his district. He noted there isn't a legislator with as much government experience as him and the county executive doesn't even have his years in government.

"I'm not saying that I'm any smarter or better than anyone else, but the fact is I developed my own ideas of what good government looks like and what's a good deal and what's not a good deal," Jonke said.

*'I developed my own ideas of what good government looks like and what's a good deal.'*

He vowed to be independent and convey his thoughts in private or public in a constructive, civil manner. Jonke said he needs to answer to the voters' doors he's knocking on "and that's very important to me."

One instance where he didn't agree with the administration and most legislators is changing the criteria for the county planning commissioner so an attorney could take the job (the motion failed). Jonke does commend the overall fiscal spending and noted "90 percent of what the legislature is doing is on the right track."

Ultimately, Jonke said his experience would prove his value on the legislature.

"I know Jennifer, she's a nice lady," Jonke, referring to his opponent, said "But it's my experience that's going to separate us."





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The Friends of Kent Library are expanding their Fall giant book sale at the Kent Public Library for two weekends, November 4-5, with a bargain book bag sale on Saturday, Nov. 12. They will also have a special Election Day opening on Tuesday, November 8.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, November 4, there will be a \$10 "early bird preview" admission fee.

The sale is open to the public for free admission from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, and from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5. On Election Day, November 8, it will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate the many people who will be voting at Town Hall next door to the library. The new Bargain Bag Day will be held on Sat., Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

About 4,000 gently used books will be for sale at bargain prices in the Kent Public Library Book Cellar. Most hardcover books cost \$2, with many paperbacks on sale for just 50 cent or 3 for \$1. Children's books range from \$1 each for hardcovers to 5 for \$1 for paperbacks. This is a great time to stock up on "stocking stuffers" and small gifts for the holidays. Saturday, Nov. 12, will be a special bargain day, with the Friends trying to sell as many of the "leftover books" as possible. You will be able to fill a bag with books to take home for \$5. You can bring your own bag, or buy a cloth bag at the sale for \$1 each.

CDs and DVDs will be on sale for \$1 each. There will also be some collectible and first edition books at higher prices.

Buyers are encouraged to bring their own bags or boxes to carry their books home. Friends of Kent Public Library canvas bags will also be for sale.

The Book Cellar can accommodate 49 people at a time, so buyers who come at an especially crowded time may have to wait their turn to enter.

"Our Book Cellar sales are so popular that in addition to twice-a-year giant book sales, we've begun opening up the Cellar every second Saturday of the month," said Richard Harrison, President

of the Friends of Kent Library. "We'll also keep our smaller Book Nook open every week."

The Kent Library's Book Nook is open throughout the year at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. The Book Nook is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers for both the Book Nook and Book Cellar sales are always needed. Please contact the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585.

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# Putnam Hospital Center's Moonlight Ball Honors Breast Center

At the Foundation for Putnam Hospital Center's annual gala on Saturday, Oct. 22, one guest was so moved by the presentation that he donated an impromptu \$100,000.

Following a short video shown at the gala about the hospital Breast Center's journey toward accreditation, Anthony Rutledge said he was inspired to support Putnam Hospital Center's plan to expand the program.

Rutledge, a former Carmel resident, shared a story about how his wife is a breast cancer survivor who was treated at

Putnam Hospital Center.

"Congratulations and thank you for all of your great work," Rutledge said. "You all are saving lives every day and we are so proud of all of you."

The Moonlight Ball, held at the Westchester Hilton in Rye Brook, had close to 300 attendees and raised \$221,520. Putnam Hospital Center's Auxiliary also pledged another \$150,000, delivering a \$50,000 check that evening for a 3-D mammography unit for the hospital.

The gala honored the team behind the newly accredited Breast Center at Putnam

Hospital Center. All of the money raised at the ball will go toward programs and services for the hospital's breast program.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Breast Center were breast surgeon Dr. Lyda Rojas and pathologist Dr. Vinita Agarwal, physicians on the medical staff at Putnam Hospital Center. Rojas and Agarwal spearheaded the accreditation, a program administered by the American College of Surgeons and only given to centers committed to providing the highest level of quality breast care to their patients.



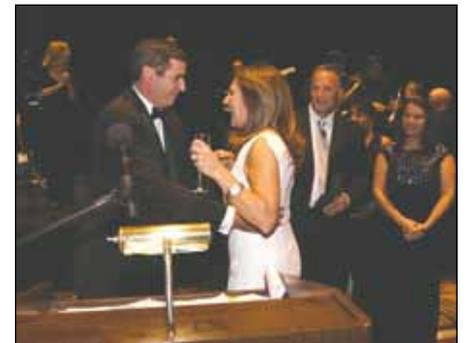
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PHC President Peter Kelly, from left, PHC Medical Staff President Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, pathologist Dr. Vinita Agarwal, Foundation Executive Director Priscilla Weaver, Foundation Chair Gerry Klein, PHC Board Chair Karen Fleming, Health Quest President Robert Friedberg, breast surgeon Dr. Lyda Rojas and Health Quest Board Chair Greg Rakow.

Both Rojas and Agarwal thanked the team for their ideas and insights, skills and commitment to seeing the accreditation process through on behalf of patients.

Hospital Foundation Executive Director Priscilla Weaver stressed the importance of the night for the hospital, the community and patients of the Breast Center.

"I'm so grateful to Mr. Rutledge, the Auxiliary and the community for their support of the event and the hospital," Weaver said. "There was an incredible energy at the ball and that is a testament to the great physicians, nurses, staff and services Putnam Hospital Center has to offer."



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Dr. Lyda Rojas thanks Anthony Rutledge following his surprise gift to the hospital.



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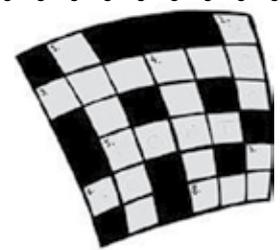


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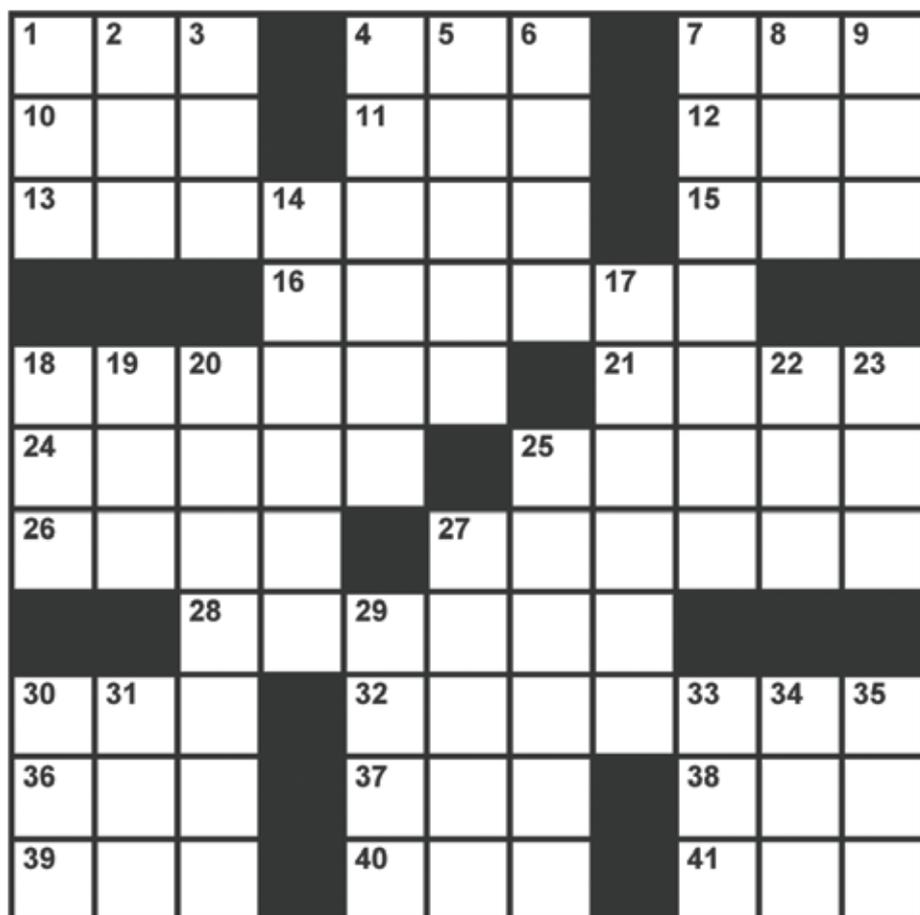


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# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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## Across

1. Sports hero or Westchester/Putnam health provider
4. Tirana country, for short
7. It's tapped
10. Add money to the pot
11. Repent for
12. New
13. Opposed to
15. "Ragtime" author's monogram
16. Write comments in the margin
18. Like a lemon's engine
21. "Beowulf," e.g.
24. One way to read
25. Foe of Harry and Ron
26. Ride from the airport, maybe
27. Like a clarinet
28. Morality
30. Engage, as a security system
32. Belonging to NYPD Blue actress Gail or Yorktown Irish Public House
36. Hawaiian wreath
37. "The Bells" poet
38. Meshed fabric
39. Capt.'s guess
40. Before, in ballads
41. None's opposite

## Down

1. Business grad

2. Be a couch potato
3. Academic group
4. First name in action films
5. Robust
6. Trial period
7. Leg protectors
8. It may be smoked
9. Word on all U.S. coins
14. Sense instinctively
17. Mother \_\_\_\_
18. Maze runner in a lab
19. \_\_\_\_ mode
20. Blood poisoning
22. Berg material
23. Form of haddock
25. Dictate
27. Stiffness
29. Earnest wish
30. Hearty brew
31. Expose to moisture
33. Spit contains it
34. Long
35. Mudhole



## Pet Owners Offered Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, November 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Putnam County Department of Health, the clinic is being held at Brook Farm Veterinary Center, 2371 Route 22, Patterson, and

is open to all Putnam County residents. Please bring photo ID as proof of Putnam County residency, as well as written proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. If you do not have a written certificate documenting prior rabies vaccination,

your pet will receive a one-year rabies vaccine. All dogs must be leashed and well-controlled. For safety reasons, owners of aggressive animals are discouraged from participating in this clinic. Cats and ferrets must be in a carrier. An animal information/release

form will be available and can be completed at the clinic site. For more information and directions, please call the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390 ext. 43127.

## Physical Therapists at PHC Earn Doctoral Degrees

By 2020, physical therapy will be provided by therapists who have doctoral degrees. "Vision 2020" was adopted by the American Physical Therapy Association, effectively changing the profession that once only required bachelor's degrees to practice.

The Putnam Hospital Center Rehabilitation Department has worked hard to reach that vision with several of its therapists earning their doctor of physical therapy degree in recent years. While physical therapists coming out of school since 2015 are required to receive their doctoral degree, those who earned their bachelor's or master's degrees in the past are grandfathered in.

Still, the therapists at Putnam Hospital Center have been motivated on their own to reach that goal.

"While delivering physical therapy care is the same, we are now better qualified to recognize other medical issues and



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Some of Putnam Hospital Center's physical therapists with their Doctor of Physical Therapy, from left, Praveen Issac, Kirsira Vera, James Mangano, Hannah Clark Polhill and Vicki Seppell.

guide patients to the most appropriate healthcare provider when necessary," said physical therapist James Mangano.

Mangano received his doctor of physical therapy degree in August. He

has worked at Putnam Hospital Center for 17 years, and primarily at the Pawling location for the past six years.

A doctoral degree takes about three years to complete. This curriculum

requires students to take foundational sciences such as pharmacology, radiology, differential diagnosis and evidence-based practice.

"We are skilled in guiding our patients in making the most informed decisions about their own healthcare," said physical therapist Vicki Seppell, who specializes in vestibular therapy.

Seppell has worked at Putnam Hospital Center for 15 years and received her doctor of physical therapy degree in June 2015. She is among the seven physical therapists at the hospital and its satellite offices with that degree. At the Putnam Hospital Center location are Donna DiFabio, Praveen Issac and Kirsira Vera. At the Katonah location are Jeanne Morgante and Hannah Clark Polhill.

To learn more about Rehabilitation Therapies, call 845-279-1785 (TTY 1-800-421-1220) or visit [www.healthquest.org/rehabilitation/physical-rehabilitation.aspx](http://www.healthquest.org/rehabilitation/physical-rehabilitation.aspx)

## Obituaries

### Milton Edelstein

Former Owner of Circle Cards, Milton "Mel" Edelstein, 82, of Mahopac, died on October 15, with his wife Shirley by his side. Mr. Edelstein was born on March 12, 1934 to Samuel and Dora (Porper) Edelstein in New York City. He proudly served our Country with the US Army from 1957-1958. On June 27, 1971, he married the love of his life Shirley A. Kell in Monsey. In 1985, they moved from Yonkers to Mahopac, to raise their family. In 1979, Mr. Edelstein fondly known as "Mel", along with his brother Phil, opened the Circle of Cards Store in Mahopac. He truly loved coming to work everyday, where he would meet and greet his customers, as though they were family and many became his dear friend. He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 47 years, Shirley, his four sons; Scott Edelstein, Benjamin Edelstein, John Scharf and Robert Scharf, his brother Phillip (Patricia) Edelstein, seven cherished grandchildren and two great-granddaughters all of whom held a special place in his heart. He is predeceased by his sister; Rebecca Edelstein Glantz. His legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma, Society, Donor Services, POB 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or American Heart/American Stroke Association, Founders Affiliate, POB 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc.

### Grace C Tadler

Grace C Tadler, 90, of Mahopac, died on October 23rd surrounded by her family. She was born on Sept. 29, 1926 in Queens, to Frieda and Christian (Mahlstedt). She married John Tadler on May 7th, 1950. She was a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church and active with their WELCA group. Grace

enjoyed many happy days of fishing on Lake Mahopac with John. Grace is survived by her three children Jean Dalecki (George), Kenneth Tadler (Monica), and Nancy Tadler. She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren Janet, Carolyn, Chrystine, John, Kim, Christian, Ben, Gayle, Kate, and Clare. She is predeceased by her husband John and granddaughter, Lauren.

### William Noel Clement

William Noel Clement 81 of Carmel, died peacefully with his loving family by his side on Sunday October 23rd. William was born to Henry and Anna (Knieting) Clement on March 23rd 1935 in the Bronx, New York. William is survived by his loving wife Anne of 56 years and his three sons Michael, William and Joseph along with their wives and five grandchildren Michael, Nicholas, Katelyn, Jacqueline and Joseph as well as his brother Herman, and his sister Henrietta, and their families. William graduated from Gompers high school he proudly served as a private in the United States Army during 1958 - 1959. William was successfully self-employed as a business owner in the automotive and Construction Industries. William was an avid Sportsman who loved to hunt and fish. He was accomplished as a champion in his hobby of raising and racing pigeons in local clubs. William enjoyed being a gentleman farmer harvesting crops and raising livestock including cows, pigs, chickens, rabbits and goats

### Richard Nordt Sr.

Richard Ralph Nordt Sr. of Carmel, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, October 26, at the age of 72 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in the Bronx, on February 17, 1944, the son of Gustave Nordt and Alma Nordt (nee Gustaffson). After graduation from Christopher Columbus High School in New York City, Rich enlisted in the US Army and prior to being deployed to the Vietnam War, he married the love

of his life, Irene Eckstrand in Virginia. After his tour of duty, Rich joined the New York City Transit Police and retired after 20 years. He went on to become a bus driver for the Carmel Central School District. Over the years, he loved coached several of his children's sports teams. After retiring in 1996, he spent his time taking care of his family. He loved playing cards, swimming, watching sports and relaxing. He is predeceased by his wife Irene who passed away in April 2016. He is survived by his loving children; Christine (Bill) Marsden, Kim (Jorma) Tompuri, Richard (Erin) Nordt and 8 grandchildren; Melissa, Lauren, Will, Gus, Jorja, Oscar, Grayson and Finley. He is also survived by his brother George and many loving nieces and nephews.

### Hazel Galante

Hazel Galante of Mahopac, died Monday October 24, at the age of 86. She was born in Mt. Vernon, NY on February 19, 1930, the daughter of Jordan and Mary Miranda Silva. Hazel moved to Mahopac 23 years ago from Mt. Vernon. She was a very fashionable lady and enjoyed music and dancing. On September 1, 1956 she married Michael C. Galante at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Mt. Vernon. In addition to her husband of 60 years, she is survived by her daughter, Debbie Block and her husband Albert and her granddaughters, Erica and Holly.

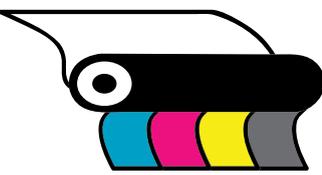
### Patricia A. Carey

Patricia A. Carey, a lifelong resident of Mahopac, died on Friday October 28, at the age of 81. She was born in NY City on May 11, 1935, the daughter of Michael and Martha Carey. Patricia graduated from Mahopac High School in 1953 and worked at the Spain Insurance Agency in Mahopac for the next 58 years. She was a parishioner of St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac and enjoyed movies and doing needlework. She is survived by her sisters, Elaine Carey and Mary Ellen Prescott and

her brothers, Michael, John (Theresa), James (Joan), Joseph (Nancy), Thomas (Pamela) and Gerald (Susan) Carey as well as many nieces and nephews. Visiting will be held on Wednesday November 2 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 Thursday November 3 at 10 a.m. at St. John The Evangelist Church with interment to follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery in Brewster. Family and friends are making donations in memory of Patricia to the National Kidney Foundation. [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

### Robert M. Lattarulo

Robert M. Lattarulo of Brewster, died on October 28. He was 70 years old, son of the late Joseph A. Lattarulo and Rachael Lattarulo. He was born May 7, 1946 in the Bronx. He attended Holy Rosary School and Mt St. Michael Academy. He graduated Pace University with Accounting & History Degrees and ran his own successful accounting business for over 40 years. He loved sports, hobbies and cars. He enjoyed trips to the casinos, running his model trains and would never miss a Green Bay Packer or Yankee Game on TV without the 50's music playing in the background. His love for family was foremost; he was the host to many family gatherings & reunions and was known as the "glue" of the family. He is survived by his loving wife, Dotty Gerardi. His siblings; Emil & Roseann Lattarulo of Elmsford, Dominick & Evelyn Lattarulo of Greenwich, CT, Domenick & Marie Panzarino of the Bronx, Joseph and Angela Lattarulo of White Plains. He is also survived by his seven children; Robert, Paul, Tracy, Michael, Peter, Kevin and Joseph and their spouses. And 14 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family (you know...it's the Italian thing!) In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital.



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# The Artistry of Natural Stone in the Landscape

As I drive through Westchester and Putnam counties, I always enjoy the rugged beauty of stone walls harking back to our 18th century agrarian roots, but I appreciate the newly constructed versions as well.

We have plenty of stone, mostly granite, deposited in the Ice Age that formed the beautiful mountains, valleys, streams and lakes that make up today's gorgeous landscape.

For me, stonework on my property – the terraces, stone stairs, patios, paths and walls, built over three decades of joyful handiwork – form

the visual interest outdoors when the leaves and flowers of summer fade and disappear.

Property enhancement with stone is a two-part process: sourcing the materials and then applying them in projects that can utilize the stone found and create some functional or visual effect within the already existing landscape.

The easy way to source material is simply to go to a garden supply center and buy a pallet or two of stone that you find most appealing. But to me, this is almost cheating, although I've succumbed to it on occasion. Most times, it's the scavenger hunt for material that I enjoyed.



By Bill Primavera

This quest for sourcing stone started when I acquired my first home, a Brooklyn Heights Federal townhouse. The original bluestone sidewalk had long since disappeared and there was an old, cracked concrete walkway from the house façade to the street. I hired some "preservationists" who helped me acquire some bluestone slabs from another Brooklyn neighborhood that was being redeveloped for new housing.

Between the bluestone slabs and the curb, I installed Belgian block that I had taken from a downtown excavation site (first

asking the foreman if I could and slipping him a few bucks). I was in creative heaven, loading down the trunk of my car with these stones that had originally served as ballast on merchant ships returning from Europe. My tailpipe dragged along the ground as I returned home. The combined effect of the cobblestone and bluestone was beautiful.

When I moved to Northern Westchester, I bought an old farmhouse on 1.5 acres that was to become my canvas for natural stone art for the next 30 years. While it originally had been very stony land as everything in upper Westchester is, the ground had been long cleared of stone

to allow for farming. The stones taken from my property had been deposited on the other side of my road in odd stone walls that had long ago collapsed into amorphous mounds of rock. I asked the lot owner if I could take loose stones, and she agreed. Stone by stone, I gathered as much material as my wheelbarrow and my back could tolerate and started plying my talent for natural stone placement.

My system was this: I used the stone exactly as found. I have no stone cutting tools, nor do I want them. I like the challenge of designing according to individual shapes, colors and textures and how they relate to each other and to the total project, without breaking them up. And, I never use mortar to fill cracks or to hold things together.

This is more fun, much like assembling a jigsaw puzzle, whether I am building a wall that needs to be steady and strong, or laying paths and patios on sand, requiring that the stones butt up against each other on all sides, creating a visually pleasing pattern of shape and color.

If the surface is to be level and "walkable" it's always best to find a stone that is flat on two sides for the top and bottom. I have laid many stones with a curved bottom, adjusting the sand and earth beneath it to the shape so that it will lie flat. I have never found a flat stone that I didn't love.

One of my most prolific sourcing

opportunities occurred when I was driving through Peekskill one day where an original bluestone sidewalk was being demolished to make way for brand new concrete. Again I talked to the foreman and gave him a few bucks to drop off the broken pieces behind my garage.

I didn't realize how big that pile would be, almost as tall as my garage. My wife definitely wasn't pleased. But what fun I had for years afterward, creating borders for my driveway and parking area and incorporating the deep blue color into the fieldstone of my walking paths and seating areas. I used the rest for solid bluestone walls, raised garden beds and terrace borders.

When the last survey of my property was done, I was thrilled to find that every patio, seating area, terrace and path had been included by the surveyor into the document. It was testament to something I had created that was actually architectural and long lasting and hopefully enjoyed by generations to come.

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## The Informed Palate: My Reality or Your Perception?



By Nick Antonaccio

How often does this happen to you?

You're at a dinner party and the host opens a bottle of wine. Everyone sips it and marvels at the aroma and flavor of such a fine wine. You sit there

quietly thinking that Mother Nature must have had a bad hair day when this wine was produced.

Conversely, you're at a restaurant and a dining mate orders a bottle of wine. You sample the wine and become flush with a rush of excitement. Ah, a new experience that you will remember even if dementia creeps up on you later in life. You look around the table and everyone else is nursing their respective glass; nary a one, not even the person who ordered the wine, is asking for more.

Is it you? Are your sensory elements out of line with the rest of society? Have your senses of smell and taste been permanently affected by those massive quantities

of extra spicy chicken wings you inhaled during college? Or are you the true connoisseur in the group?

It happens to me all the time.

As I've learned through many years of trial and error, there are no universal criteria to follow when judging the finer elements of wine. My perception of wine is just that: an individualized experience that differs from person to person, from palate to palate.

Why is this? What causes such a broad band of opinion when it comes to wine?

In my opinion, there are three reasons for the distinct elements we bring to our individual interpretation of wine, each based solely on my personal experiences and interactions with others.

1. Perception: If you read a wine expert's tasting review of a particular wine, the tendency is to accept it as the de facto essence of the wine. It is etched in our subconscious as an ultimate assessment. However, these notes are simply one person's palate speaking. For this reason, I disdain the concept of the wine

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note cards often displayed in wine shops, exclaiming the opinions of some disembodied individual who presumably shares my individual preferences, but rarely does.

On another level, when we sample a particular wine – perhaps a Pinot Noir – we bring to that moment our perception of what a Pinot Noir should be, based on our cumulative, stored opinions. If the wine at hand doesn't fit that profile, is it better or worse than our perception of what it should be? We have these prejudicial interactions all the time; if we fall victim to them, we certainly will miss out on expanding our palate.

2. Experience: Each palate is the repository of the four senses of taste and the 10,000 senses of smell. The best way to determine the caliber of a wine is to sample it yourself, and not rely on the nuances and peculiarities of someone else's palate.

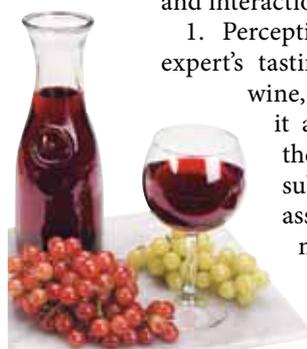
Over time our cerebral storage cells capture the subjective elements of wine and build an internal data bank. Each time we sample a new wine, these data elements come surging to the forefront of our palates and our sensory neurons. They are part aesthetic, part physiological:

my unique cells "remember" the citrus aromas of Sauvignon Blanc and the blackberry flavors of ripe Cabernet Sauvignon, and apply these memories to the wine at hand.

3. Genetics: Yes, some of us have more taste buds than others, some have more sensitive olfactory senses and some can assimilate elements of aromas and flavors better than others. It's a function of our DNA. Be it ethnic or evolutionary, some of us just have a predisposition to the finer elements of the physiological make-up of wine. If you're in this elite group, capitalize on it. Use these innate skills to discern amongst the sea of mediocre wines in the marketplace. If you're like the rest of us, follow theory number two above, tasting and sampling your way to an educated palate.

The most difficult question posed to me by inquiring minds is "What wine should I try?" Invariably my response is "whichever wine appeals to your senses."

*Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.*



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## Tuesday, November 1

**Pumpkin Mash:** Bring your pumpkins and join us for an afternoon of pumpkin launching & smashing, games and refreshments! 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Summer Trails Day Camp. 93 Mahopac Avenue, Granite Springs don't have a pumpkin... No worries, we will have some extra RSVP by Halloween to [office@summertrailsdaycamp.com](mailto:office@summertrailsdaycamp.com) or by calling 914 245 1776

**The Reads at Reed Book Club:** 7 p.m. to discuss the book "Fierce Attachments" by Vivian Gornick. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

**Watercolor and the Masters Art Class:** Reed Memorial Library. 10 a.m. to noon, November 1, 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13. Join us as we explore the work and lives of well-known artists and create watercolor paintings based on their unique painting styles. Registration is required and preference will be given to residents of the Reed Memorial Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

## Wednesday, November 2

**Alternative Medicine for Chronic Lyme Disease:** Dr. David Connell will be at the Kent Public Library from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. to discuss the health effects of Lyme Disease and discuss some preventative and alternative measures you and your family can take. Registration is required. Space is limited. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

## Thursday, November 3

**Brewster High School's fall drama production of Almost, Maine:** Performances take place on November 3, 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center: 50 Foggintown Rd, Brewster, NY. Be sure to buy your tickets online in advance to get the \$12 discount price. General admission tickets cost \$15 at the door. You can purchase tickets online at [www.BrewsterSchools.org](http://www.BrewsterSchools.org).

## Understanding Medicare Coverage:

Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson 1 p.m. Bernadette Pacific of Medi-Claims Specialist in Patterson discusses important details you need to know about Medicare. Learn about the changes in the Medicare system, Part A & B coverage, costs, and how Medicare works with supplemental insurance. There will be a Q&A period at the end of the workshop. Registration required, space is limited. Free program. For more information, visit us online at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10.

## Friday, November 4

**Local Stamp Club:** Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce Building The Putnam Philatelic Society is an organization of local stamp and cover collectors interested in sharing their collecting interests and knowledge with other collectors. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. FMI: Larry Laliberte at [largin1@verizon.net](mailto:largin1@verizon.net).

**Putnam Valley High School TheatreWorks Presents: Lend Me A Tenor:** All performances will be held at the Putnam Valley High School Performing Arts Center, 146 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Putnam Valley. Performance dates are: Friday, November 4th, 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 5th, 7 p.m.; Sunday, November 6th, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens and students 18 years and under. Tickets can be purchased on our website [pvcasd.org](http://pvcasd.org). For further information call: 845-526-7847 x 1369.

**Book Sale At Kent Library:** Nov. 4, 5, 8 and 12. The Friends of Kent Library are expanding their Fall giant book sale at the Kent Public Library. The sale is open to the public for free admission from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, and from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5. On Election Day, November 8, it will be open from 10 to 2 to accommodate the many people who will be voting at Town Hall next door to the library. The new Bargain Bag Day will be held on Sat., Nov. 12, from 10 to 2. Volunteers for both the Book Nook and Book Cellar sales are always needed. Please contact the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. For more information, visit [www.KentLibrary.org](http://www.KentLibrary.org).

**Henna Body Art for Teens:** 5:30 p.m. Come receive a henna design from The Topsy Turtle Henna using hand-made henna including organic and natural oils. Please be aware that henna will provide a beautiful temporary stain on the body that will last 1-3 weeks. Grades 8 - 12. Registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Saturday, November 5

**Poetry Salon:** The Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library is hosting a Poetry Salon featuring award winning poet, Meredith Trede. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring.

**Blue Ink Group** will talk about writing, publishing, and their works in progress at Mahopac Public Library 1 p.m. In addition, jazz vocalist Alexis Cole will perform music from The Great America Songbook at Mahopac Library on Saturday, November 12 at 2 p.m. Cole will be accompanied by former Mahopac resident Brian Conigliaro on guitar, and David Finck on bass.

**A Defensive Driving Course:** The Brewster Public Library. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10% 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. The class is being offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. Cost is \$40.00, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. Advance registration is required. Payment is required to complete registration. For more info call (845) 279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/h4o82u6>.

**Music:** 7 p.m. Shannon Calandrillo, soprano and Mikko Taylor, keyboard. Vocal and keyboard works by Bach, Scarlatti, Fauré, Villa-Lobos, Shostakovich, and Taylor. Suggested donation, \$15, \$10 students and seniors.. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring. [www.chapelrestoration.org](http://www.chapelrestoration.org). 845- 265-5537

**Discovering People:** Art Class: Ages 3-6 at 10:15 a.m. and ages 7-12 at 12:30 p.m. Become an artist for the day! Learn how to draw, paint, and construct people in action at this fun and interactive art class for kids. Registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Sunday, November 6

**Thomas Kean and Richard Brodsky to discuss The Road to the White House:** Desmond-Fish Library's Fall Luncheon, The Desmond-Fish Library presents its Annual Fall Luncheon. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the library at 845-424-3020 or visit the library's website at <http://desmondfishlibrary.org/luncheon>. More information about the Desmond-Fish Library may be found at [www.desmondfishlibrary.org](http://www.desmondfishlibrary.org).

**International Folk Dancing:** For all ages and abilities. No previous experience required, no partner needed. All ages welcome at all times. Line, circle, and couple folk dances from around the world

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## Vendors Wanted:

**The Patterson Recreation Center** will be hosting its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items such as handmade jewelry and crafts, accessories, clothing, gifts and gourmet baked goods will be available for purchase. This will take place at our facility located at 65 Front Street, Patterson, New York. For more information call 845-878-7200.

**Vendors Wanted Annual Holiday Craft Fair Sat., Nov. 19th** from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lake Carmel Community Center. For info, please email: [lcpdclerk@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lcpdclerk@townofkentny.gov) or call 845-306-5602. Deadline Oct. 28th

## Art on Display

**Pawling resident Erica Rushin** will be displaying her artwork in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library during the month of November.

## ONGOING

### Monday

**Discovering Christ Program:** All are welcomed! Runs until Nov 7. 6:45 p.m. - 9 p.m. Dinners & Program No Cost For Attendees. Sacred Heart Church 414 Haviland Dr., Patterson. Forms in back of church or call Michael 845-278-8694

### Tuesday

**Homework Help at the Kent Library:** 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Program for students in elementary and middle school. The program offers assistance with homework, projects, and study guidance. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 845-225-8585 or go to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org).

**Sketching and Painting Class for seniors:** Please join us at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 @ 10 a.m. Learn to sketch different objects and people - open yourself up to a new world. You won't know if you like it unless you try it. This class is open to seniors age 60 and above. For more information call 845-808-1734.

### Saturday

**Technical Help Continues Saturday mornings at the Kent Public Library:** Free drop-in technical help program will continue this fall on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your tablets, smartphones, computers and other devices and our technical expert. There is no charge, and no appointment is necessary. For more information, call 845-225-8585 or go to [KentLibrary.org](http://KentLibrary.org).

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**LEGAL NOTICE – PROPOSED MASTER PLAN UPDATE** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 21, 2016, 7:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York to hear comments as it pertains to the proposed Master Plan Update. **Judith Weintraub Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MELODY REALTY GROUP LLC,** a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the NY State Secretary of State on 08/10/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Secretary of

State shall mail a copy of any such process against the LLC to **315 7th Ave., Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Real Estate Rental and Management.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of VAULTED GOLD SERVICES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2016. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **VAULTED GOLD SERVICES LLC, PO BOX 8542, PELHAM, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PEARL OF ANTILLES, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **630 East Lincoln Ave., Apt. 2H, Mount Vernon, NY, 10552. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CRAFT HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **630 East Lincoln Ave., Apt. 2H, Mount Vernon, NY, 10552. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Ben Gelinas Design, LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/01/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **18 Orchard Street, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLI PLUS LLC,** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/10/2016. Office in Westchester County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Beverly Walker, 16 N Broadway 3f White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROAD G CONSULTING, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 08/01/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. **SSNY shall mail process to: 8 Park Hill Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful activity.**



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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WANDERER NEWS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/30/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: **7014 13th Avenue, Ste. 202, in Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Principal business address: 255 Huguenot St., Apt. 202, in New Rochelle, NY, 10801. Purpose: any lawful act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MO-BIGRAM LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 17, 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **29 Faith Lane, Ardsley, New York 10502. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

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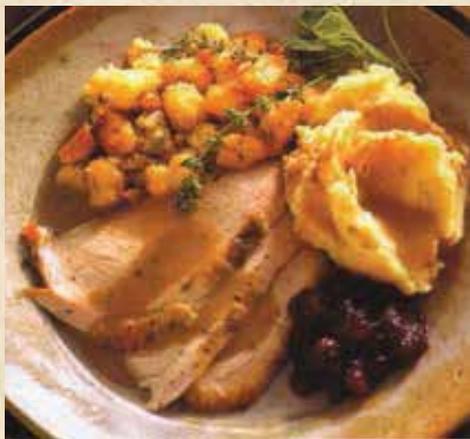
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