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Putnam Law Enforcement Changes Approach To Treat Addicts

By Arthur Cusano

As the entire nation continues to struggle with the heroin and opioid epidemic, law enforcement and judicial organizations find themselves reevaluating how to best handle those who end up in court for drug related offenses.

An increasing number of counties and cities have created drug courts solely to deal with such offenders, and Putnam County is among them. The county's low crime rate doesn't mean its residents aren't involved with the trade and use of illicit drugs, said Sheriff Donald Smith at a March 14 event, sponsored by Drug Crisis in Our Backyard in Carmel. Drugs can be obtained nearby, he explained.

"We can have the lowest crime rate, but the problem is drugs have penetrated the borders of beautiful pristine Putnam

County," Smith said.

The event also featured presentations by Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy and county Judge James Reitz, who discussed how their offices were handling the opioid epidemic.

Fighting heroin and other substance abuse is a multi-agency effort in the county, Smith explained.

Smith said overdoses peaked in 2012 with 20, of which four involved heroin. There were 14 in 2013 and 11 in 2014. Last year (2015), 13 overdoses were reported, of which four involved heroin. Statistics are not available for the current year from the county coroner's office. Drugs affect all demographic groups.

"There is no economic or demographic entity that has immunity to it," Smith said.

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ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

From left to right, Judge James Reitz, Sheriff Don Smith, and District Attorney Bob Tendy all discussed the legal angle of drug treatment in Putnam County during a forum hosted by Drug Crisis in Our Backyard.

Jonke Endorsed to Run on Republican Line for Leg. Seat

By David Propper

With popular Legislator Roger Gross retiring at the end of this year, the Southeast GOP Committee nominated Brewster resident Paul Jonke to run on the Republican ticket for the legislative 6 seat this fall.

Jonke, who ran and lost for a spot on the Southeast town board last election, was picked over former Putnam County GOP chairman Jim DiBella and former sheriff's inspector general Patrick Perry, who was instrumental in new District Attorney Bob Tendy's campaign last year.

The District 6 seat covers the Town of Southeast.

According to Southeast GOP members, the vote was 15-14 in favor of Jonke over DiBella, while Perry didn't get any support.

Jonke said after running for the town board last year, his name was still out

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SOUTHEAST GOP FACEBOOK PAGE

Current Legislator Roger Gross (left) congratulates his potential replacement Paul Jonke who clinched the Southeast GOP Committee nomination last week for the legislative 6 seat.

With Wright Not Running, Two Mahopac Men Eye Leg. 9 Seat

By David Propper

With current Legislator Kevin Wright "definitely not" running again, two Mahopac residents have stepped forward to run for the legislative 9 seat now up for grabs.

Former legislator Anthony DiCarlo and businessman Neal Sullivan, both Republicans, have confirmed interest in the seat and each seem ready to primary the other regardless of which candidate gets the party's endorsement in a few weeks. The legislative 9 seat covers parts of Carmel and the Hamlet of Mahopac.

Wright confirmed he is not running for reelection. If he did, it would have required him to legally challenge a term limit law enacted a few years ago.

DiCarlo said he intends to seek the Republican nomination for the seat that he held for one term before Wright forced him off the ballot by legally challenging

his designating petitions in 2013.

Over the past three years, DiCarlo said it appears the boundary between the legislative branch and the executive branch have been "blurred."

"The legislative branch is supposed to set policy and the executive branch carries the policy out," he said. "Sometimes I think those lines have become blurred and even in some cases non-existent."

Even though every legislator is a Republican, DiCarlo believes there is still space to debate and fact-find, which he noted are important aspects of the legislature. DiCarlo, a school principal in the New Rochelle school district, thinks collaboration is key.

DiCarlo said a lot has gone on in the county recently, including the resignation of the tourism director and consumer affairs director after scandals broke out in

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County Lawmakers Discuss Ways to Reduce Plastic Bag Usage

By David Propper

After bringing it up last year, Putnam County legislators once again explored ways to cut down on plastic bag usage when residents hit supermarkets and other businesses around the county during a recent Health Committee meeting last week.

Legislators at the April 12 meeting didn't indicate they would pursue a ban on plastic bags, which health advocates have asserted are bad for the environment. Instead, whether it be a tax or simply more awareness, legislators discussed possible action with Department of Health officials going forward.

Environmental health director for the Health Department Robert Morris said there isn't any real use for plastic bags, noting how they negatively affect the environment in several ways. In other localities and even in entire states and countries, plastic bags are banned outright or taxed heavily to deter customers from using them at places like supermarkets. Paper bags or reusable bags are two other options stores have been encouraging.

"Taxing them is probably the easiest way to go because if people have to pay for a plastic bag they may think twice about it and bring their own bag," Morris said.

Both legislators Barbara Scuccimarra

'I think people need to be forced to change their habits and the only way to do that is a monetary impact and also passing a law.' - Legislator Dini LoBue

and Dini LoBue said if they could, they'd like to ban plastic bags outright, but neither saw it as plausible because it would lack enough votes on the all-Republican legislature. LoBue, one lawmaker who is usually for small government, brought the issue up last year in the health committee.

Like plastic or glass bottles that have a deposit fee, LoBue thought placing a fee on each plastic bag would be a worthwhile pursuit. Volunteerism doesn't necessarily work, LoBue said, and residents' behavior doesn't change unless they're forced to with an economic impact.

Most of the trash on the side of roads is made up of plastic bags, LoBue added.



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Legislators Ginny Nacerino and Bill Gouldman listen during a Health Committee meeting last week.

"I don't think goodwill, there's a little bit of it, but I think people need to be forced to change their habits," she said. "And the only way to do that is a monetary impact and also passing a law."

Morris said when a five-cent fee was imposed on bottles, there were throngs of naysayers that didn't think it would work and be burdensome, but now it's something customers don't even think about.

In Ireland, government officials put a tax on plastic bags and usage dropped 90 percent in five months, health department recycling coordinator Victoria DiLonardo said. The tax was 15 cents and is now up to 33 cents per bag.

Scuccimarra said she thought

education and awareness would be critical.

"I want to work with the shop owners and the stores to make this more user friendly," Scuccimarra said.

Legislator Bill Gouldman also said he believed education was the appropriate direction to go in. He recalls a push 20 years ago to use more plastic bags than paper bags because too many trees were being cut down for paper products.

Living in a small county, consumers could bolt to neighboring New York counties or Connecticut for grocery needs if a fee is imposed on plastic bags, Gouldman said.

"That's going to do nothing but hurt our local businesses," Gouldman argued.

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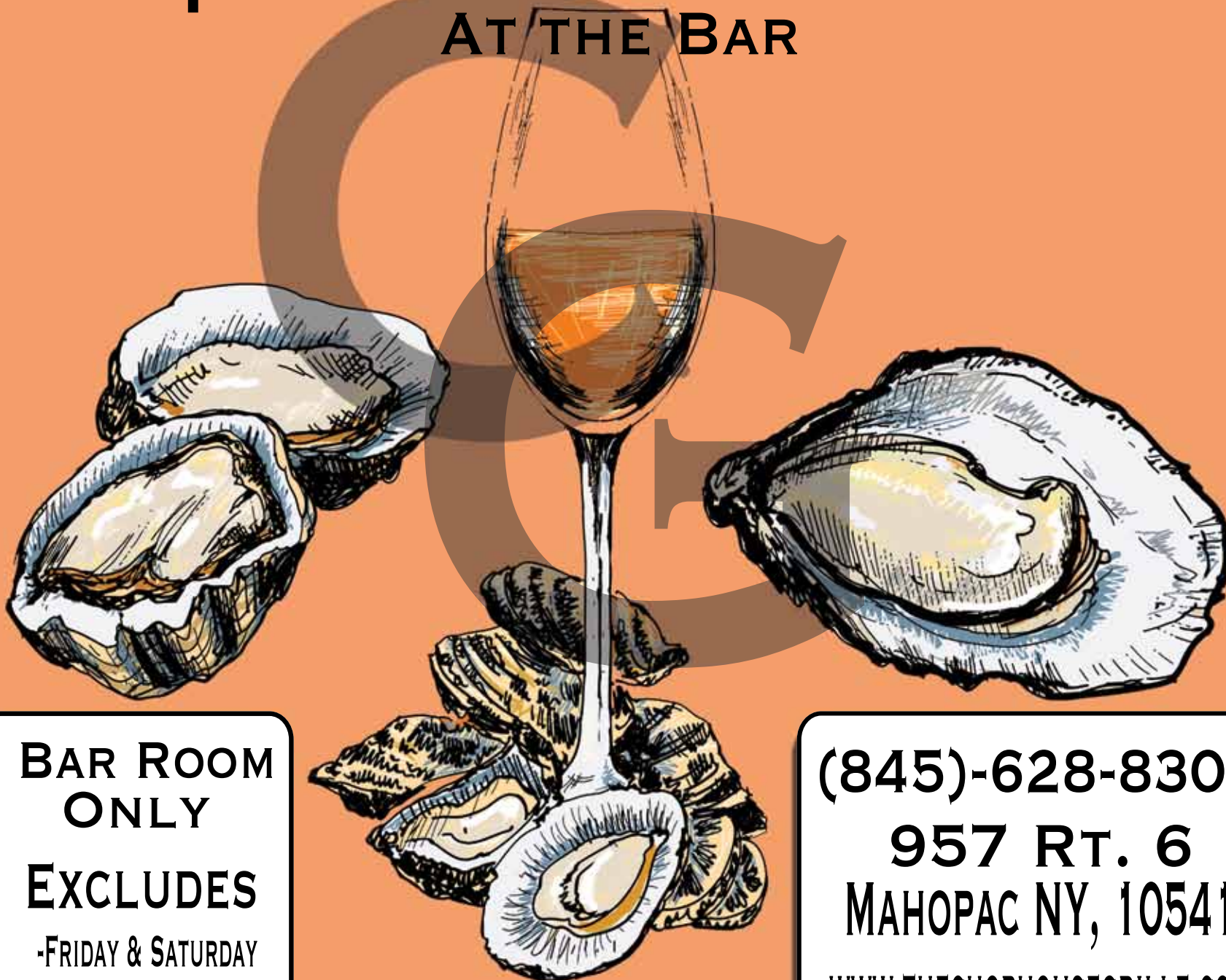
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New IDA Members Set to Be Appointed by Legislators

By David Propper

Putnam County lawmakers appear to have finally decided on new members to join the beleaguered county Industrial Development Agency, even if the final approval will be delayed by a week.

Five county residents were moved forward, including William Carlin, Erin Meagher, Bill Nulk, Dario Gristina, and Steven Baranowski. Carlin is the commissioner for the Department of Finance, Meagher is a trustee in the village of Brewster and Mahopac-Chamber of Commerce CEO, Nulk is the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce president and former IDA member, Baranowski is the past Conservative Party chairman in the Town of Carmel and past member of the county's Fiscal Vision and Accountability Commission and Gristina owns CPL Group on Long Island and ran for state assembly in 2012 as a Republican challenging Steve Katz.

After the county Legislature's Economic Development Committee signed off on the five residents during its committee meeting, a special full legislature meeting was held, but the five soon-to-be members weren't voted through because Legislator Dini LoBue voted against accepting additional information attached to the approval that was necessary, halting the entire process (for the motion to go forward every legislator had to vote in



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Former IDA member Bill Nulk, who is set to be appointed again, spoke about restructuring the IDA at a meeting last week.

favor).

Another special full meeting will be held Monday, April 25, where the new members would be voted on. Each term would last until the end of this year only and up to seven members can join the board.

"It's a shame that we can't move forward with this this evening," Legislature Chairperson Ginny Nacerino said, adding later, "To do nothing is counter productive."

Nacerino said resigned members were

still representing themselves as members and have records and files that need to be turned over once the new board is instituted.

LoBue said she wasn't in favor of a "Band-Aid approach" and believes a broader search for new members is necessary with advertisements. LoBue said the additional couple of weeks would allow lawmakers to vet the individuals coming forward and also get a ruling from the county law department if Carlin as a county employee can serve on the board.

She said the legislature is "running just to hit a brick wall."

Most lawmakers were in support of getting the five individuals on board as soon as possible.

"There's a tremendous need," Legislator Carl Albano said.

"I think we should move forward," Legislator Roger Gross added. "Things are in limbo."

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra suggested bringing on Philipstown resident Teri Waivada, who is part of the Westchester IDA, as a consultant who would only want to be paid for gas travel.

Former CEO of the IDA, Neal Sullivan, who was actually let go by former IDA chairman Richard Ruchala, spoke about how critical it was to hire someone like Waivada because of how complicated

running an IDA can be. If the five people are appointed without help, it won't ever get off the ground, he stressed.

"You're going to be in a really deep hole trying to just figure it out," he said. "It's a tremendous amount of work."

Economic Development Corporation president Jill Varricchio said the audit for the IDA must be completed promptly and the county will have to spend money in order to invest in the agency's future.

Nulk said the IDA wouldn't work unless the structure changes and an executive director is hired to do the legwork.

Nulk actually resigned along with the rest of the IDA in January out of protest because of apparent lack of support from the county. The IDA board pleaded with the county for a year to get funding for the agency, but to no avail.

"You need someone to do the actual mechanics," Nulk said.

Ruchala, who resigned, said he wished the new members all the best and hopes a structure is put in place to support the board. He also slammed the county executive and legislative branches for their lack of help over the year and pointed out until new members are put in place, he's still the chairman.

"All the work we did for them with the best of intentions, the administration and the legislature actually owes the IDA a written apology," Ruchala said.

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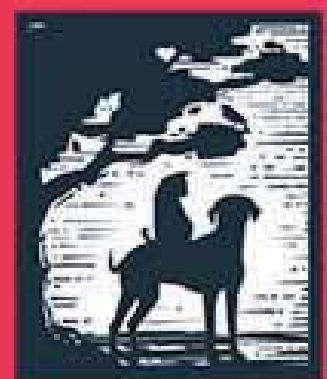


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Pinwheels Along Lake Gleneida Shine Light on Child Abuse Prevention

By David Propper

Believing that every Putnam County child deserves a “wholesome” childhood, elected officials and other county workers gathered in mass to bring awareness to child abuse prevention last Friday.

This year, the county’s Child Advocacy Center participated in the “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign to alert residents that the most vulnerable part of society needs a watchful eye over them. County officials planted pinwheels along the shoreline of Lake Gleneida, and residents, including many youngsters, planted the blue spinning toys, throughout the day last Friday.

Several hundred pinwheels were stuck in the ground in front of the Sybil Ludington statue and the CAC had up to 500 to give away.

CAC program coordinator Marla Behler said child abuse is preventable, but it takes the entire community to be vigilant. This is the first time Putnam is participating in the nationwide campaign.

“It really only takes one small gesture of kindness to make a difference and make a child feel connected and have such a positive impact on that child,” Behler said. “So we just want the community to be aware and committed to making a difference.”

Elected officials on hand included County Executive MaryEllen Odell,

Sheriff Don Smith, and District Attorney Bob Tendy, along with several county employees.

Smith stressed there is “no more precious resource than our children.”

For more information on child abuse prevention programs call the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County at (845) 808-1400 or Prevent Child Abuse New York at 1-800-CHILDREN.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
County Executive MaryEllen Odell with a young resident who helped her plant a few pinwheels.



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Putnam officials lined up to show support for child abuse prevention last week by planting pinwheels on the shoreline of Lake Gleneida.



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Sheriff Don Smith kneels down to plant a pinwheel, with County Executive MaryEllen Odell and District Attorney Bob Tendy next.

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Heroin purchased is never the same twice – some hits stronger than others and many cut with another opioid, Fentanyl. The sheriff said drug court offers addicts a chance to avoid prison time – but they have to earn that leniency.

“Ultimately they have to take the action,” Smith said. “They have to get the help. They have to want to get the help.”

Smith ended with a message to potential drug dealers in the county – and to Reitz and Tendency.

“If you sell drugs in Putnam County or to someone in Putnam County, and they die from those drugs I want them punished to the maximum extent of the law,” Smith said.

The United States had come a very long way in how it views addicts and how it treats those who end up in the criminal justice system, Tendency explained.

While his office works to identify dealers and trafficking routes, most of its work is done prosecuting sellers and users. Prosecutors are much more involved with offenders than they ever were before, he said.

“We prosecutors are not in a rush to put them in jail. We used to be,” Tendency said. “All these people are potentially good candidates for Putnam County’s Drug Treatment Court.”

Tendency said his office often consults with area law enforcement officers who know the offender to determine whether they should be allowed in drug treatment court or be arrested.

Addicts in the program feel comfortable confiding in the court, he said.

“They feel comfortable enough in many situations to call people in the court and tell them, ‘I relapsed this weekend, I’ve taken drugs. I violated my contract with you.’”

Most heroin coming to the United States now comes from Mexico and Latin America, as opposed to more traditional sources like Afghanistan or Turkey, Tendency said. The bulk of it is a cheaper, dirtier version known as black tar heroin.

“It’s cheaper than most of the illicit drugs on the streets,” Tendency said. “And that was not the case 40 years ago. The fact that it’s so cheap and so deadly is a big problem, and that’s why so many people are dying from it.”

But Tendency said there are consequences for those selling drugs or trying to game the system – such as those caught dealing while in the program, sometimes to other participants.

“That’s a mortal sin,” Tendency said. “I can tell you, as a prosecutor, we’re going to do everything we can to put you in jail for a very long time. Because you don’t deserve



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Bob Tendency speaks at the forum hosted by Drug Crisis in Our Backyard.

anything other than that.”

Reitz opened the event with a video segment recorded for the NBC news show Dateline that showed his drug court and some of the people that had gone through it, including a former teacher who said she was shooting up in her neck the women’s bathroom of her school. That woman has been clean for eight years, and is now married and recently had a second child, Reitz said. She now works with the program helping other addicts for St. Christopher’s Inn.

“She’s healthy, she’s vibrant, she’s got a new life, a new career,” Reitz said. “And I’m telling you, this was one of the most

desperate situations we had.”

Approximately 95 people take part in the program every day, with many others on a waiting list to take part. Two out of every 1,000 people in the nation are addicted to heroin, Reitz said.

The drug treatment court program in Putnam is an example of a change of culture happening nationwide aimed at getting addicts help they need, Reitz said. The recidivism rate for those in the program is down to 12 percent for those that complete the program, Reitz said.

“Putnam County is a leader, not only in the state, but throughout many states,” he said.

Other partners in the fight against drug abuse include the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependencies, Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, Putnam Family and Community Services, Arms Acres, St. Christopher’s Inn, Putnam County Department of Social Services, Mental Health and Youth Bureau, Department of Probation, Putnam County Health Department and Coroner’s Office, Putnam Hospital Center, Putnam MADD and the county’s school districts.

The Putnam County Drug Hotline can be reached at 845-225-DRUG. Residents can use the hotline to report illegal drug activity anonymously.

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there in the community and voters are familiar with him. Jonke highlighted his 27 years of public service experience and involvement with several organizations like sitting on the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors. He is a Town of Southeast Planning Board member and was the former tax assessor in the Town of Carmel.

Jonke said he admires how Gross has served and hopes to carry on the tradition

that Gross and former legislator and current Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay brought to the legislature.

“I will be independent because I don’t have an agenda,” Jonke said. “I truly don’t have an agenda. The reason I’m running is to make Putnam affordable so that all of our children can live here when they get older.”

DiBella, when reached for comment, said over email he won’t primary Jonke and offered him his support. As someone who believes in the committee

nomination process, DiBella said he thinks the final decision should be binding to any candidate that attempts to get the committee’s support.

“I stated to the membership that night that I would not primary if unsuccessful,” he said. “I’m a principled person and never go back on my word.”

Perry could not be reached for comment before press time.

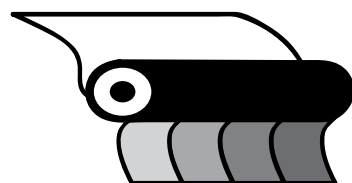
Southeast Democrats are still in search of a candidate, but chairwoman Cathy Croft has spoken to a few potential

candidates.

Gross, who has served the last five years, said Jonke would be an independent voice on the county Legislature and that he “realizes the lack of checks and balances within our county government and the undo influence of the administration.”

“His focus will be on initiatives and legislation that are in the best interests of all residents throughout the county,” Gross went on to state. “His independence will bring clarity and fairness to our government.”

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A pancake breakfast on Armed Forces Day will kick off the spring Row of Honor season on Saturday, May 21 at the Carmel VFW Hall, located on Route 52 in Carmel, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Putnam County Joint Veterans Council is organizing the breakfast. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$12 per family.

Armed Forces Day was first observed in May 1950 to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was

intended to replace the separate Army-, Navy-, Air Force-, Marine Corps- and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

“It makes sense to start the spring Row of Honor season on Armed Forces Day,” said Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. “Just like Armed Forces Day, our flags represent those who have served and those who continue to serve in our five U.S. military branches.”

She added. “There is something so special about looking out on Lake Gleneida and seeing those flags dance in the wind so freely. It makes you take a moment and remember that there

was a cost to our safety and freedom. These flags are a thank you to those who sacrificed of themselves so we could live a blessed life.”

Twice a year, for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, over 200 flags with the names of Veterans line the shore of Lake Gleneida. This historic observation has become a cherished tradition for residents and has drawn national attention to Putnam County.

“A sense of pride and sadness fills me when I see the Row of Honor,” said Veteran Karl Rohde, who is Director of the County’s Veterans Service Agency and Vice Chairman of the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council. “Pride

because it is an obvious show of patriotism and love for our country. It makes me sad because it reminds me of my comrades who have lost their lives serving with honor under that flag.”

With a \$100 donation, the name of your loved one can appear on a flag. The proceeds will go toward Veterans Peer-to-Peer projects.

To RSVP for the pancake breakfast or to order your flag call 845-808-1620 or visit PutnamCountyNY.gov/ROH. Checks can be made payable to the Joint Veterans Council to PC Veterans Service Agency, Donald B. Smith Government Campus, 110 Old Route 6, Bldg. 3, Carmel, N.Y. 10512.

Poetry Fun & Celebration at Mahopac Library

Have you every created a Book Spine Poem? It’s fun and easy for everyone of every age! Visit the Book Barn in the basement of Mahopac Public Library from April 12 to April 23 to create your own Book Spine Poem. Browse the shelves in the Book Barn and stack up a handful of titles to create your poem. There are thousands of books to choose from. Our volunteers will photograph your creation and enter it in the contest. At the beginning of Wordstock V, everyone will be invited to vote on their favorite Book Spine Poems and the winner will receive a prize.

Wordstock V features poetry readings by members of the Mahopac Public Library Writers Group. Sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking, and always thought provoking! The event will be held on Sunday, April 24th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at Mahopac Public Library. Light refreshments will be served. Please register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009 x 100 if you would like to attend. If you would like to read your own poetry, please contact Vincent Dacquino at VTD1234@aol.com.

The Book Barn is located in the basement of Mahopac Public Library at 668 Route 6 in Mahopac. The events are sponsored by the Friends of the Mahopac Public Library in partnership with the Mahopac Public Library Writers Group.

Medication Take Back Day On Tap This Week

If you have a medicine cabinet full of old medication, you will want to mark your calendar for an upcoming medication take-back day on Saturday, April 23.

The Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, in collaboration with the Putnam County Health Department and Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, will be holding the “Spring Medication Take Back” event at the Putnam Hospital Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medication Take Back Day is safe, good for the environment and can save lives. By bringing in expired or unwanted medications to a take back day, you insure that it will be disposed of in a safe manner, according to the Sheriff’s Department.

Members of the Sheriff’s Department will be present to secure and dispose of the medications. By doing so, you also insure that there are no “accidental” poisonings/overdoses by leaving unwanted prescriptions in your home.

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Medicines that are flushed down the drain or that leach from landfills eventually end up in our waterways. Pharmaceuticals have become a significant water pollutant nationwide.

In addition, prescription drug abuse is

the fastest growing drug problem in the U.S. today. Home medicine cabinets can be now be seen as the “new” drug dealer. Every year, prescription painkillers cause more than 16,000 deaths and 475,000 emergency room visits.

To take part, please enter through the Putnam Hospital Center Cancer Pavilion entrance. Signage will be posted leading to the disposal area. Individuals can dispose of prescription medication, over the counter medication, and pet medication. Syringes will not be accepted. Please keep all medications in their original packaging and remove personal patient information.

For additional information, contact: Robert Morris of the Putnam County Health Department at 845-808-1390 ext. 43166 or Bruce Kelly of the Putnam CTC

Coalition at 845-225-4646.

For those people who cannot make the event, there are MedReturn boxes in the following locations: Carmel Police Department, Kent Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff’s Office in Carmel, Philipstown Town Hall and Putnam Valley Town Hall. The boxes in the police departments are open 24/7. In Philipstown, the box is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Putnam Valley, the box is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those boxes can take all unused or expired prescription medications, OTC medicines, prescription ointments, pet medications & vitamins. They will not accept any needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, lotions, liquids or IV bags.

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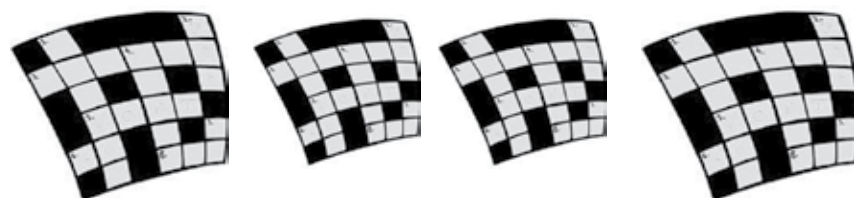
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**Business
of the Week**

Rooster's Wings & Brew Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

Cortlandt resident Audrey Hochroth and her husband, Sal Barone, affectionately known as "Fat Sal," were already fixtures in the local restaurant business as owners of Augie's Prime Cut in the Mohegan Lake section of Cortlandt and Fat Sal's in Buchanan when they decided to open a third eatery in the area.

The couple opened Rooster's Wings & Brew in March on Route 6, across from the Cortlandt Town Center.

"Wings are so popular. Everybody's very serious about their wings," Hochroth said last week. The eatery serves about 30 house made sauces on their wings, including five types of Buffalo sauces. One is so spicy it is dubbed "Don't Ask," as well as orange ginger, mango, lemon garlic and teriyaki orange. Consumers want choices for the wing sauces and are not willing to settle only for the Buffalo style, Barone said. The restaurant serves its wings in quantities of 10, 20, 30 or 40 and even more for takeout orders.

On a busy day, Rooster's sells between 2,500 and 3,000 wings, Barone noted.

The new restaurant's menu is not limited to chicken wings. Barone said customers of Rooster's have said their hamburgers are the best they have ever had. "It's so good because we incorporate



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Cortlandt residents Audrey Hochroth and her husband, Sal Barone, recently opened Rooster's Wings & Brew in Mohegan Lake.

Augie's prime cut (chuck) into it," he said. "We use all dry aged prime meats." The burgers are handmade daily.

Other food items include tacos, hot dogs with porterhouse steak chili or chili served on its own. The house special dessert is apple cobbler served in a mug topped with ice cream, Barone said.

Hochroth said that there is "Happy Hour Every Hour" at Rooster's, which means two for the price of one draft beers,

wine, margaritas and well drinks every hour on the hour.

The whimsical name Rooster's was chosen because "it's a chicken wing place. We have a rooster mascot. He even walks around," Hochroth said.

The couple has wing sauce and a variety of sodas carry the Rooster's name. The wing sauce, as well as jerseys, hats and tee shirts with the restaurant's logo are available for purchase.

The couple has helped raise close to \$100,000 annually for the past seven years for Autism Speaks. The proceeds from the family's steak sauce all go to Autism Speaks from Augie's and at Rooster's, all proceeds from the "sweet and sassy" wing sauce is donated to the organization.

Customers can enjoy their meals at Rooster's while watching five big screen televisions.

The look of the restaurant is related to roosters. "It looks like an old farmhouse" including chicken wire on the windows, Barone said. "It's supposed to mimic a chicken coop."

"This is a fun joint," Hochroth said.

One of the reasons the duo chose to open the restaurant was because, "There's really no chicken wing places around here," Hochroth said.

Having Augie's already in operation a short distance away has helped his new restaurant, Barone said. "People know us. People know we do the right thing," he said. "We do what other people do, but we do it right."

Rooster's Wings & Brew is located at 1 Baker St. in Mohegan Lake, off Route 6 and across the street from the Cortlandt Town Center. For more information, call 914-743-1797 or visit RoosterSwingsandBrew.com.

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Murphy Calls for Suspension of Pet Owner's License

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) is calling for the suspension of a Mohegan Lake pet owner's license following his third arrest for alleged animal cruelty.

In a letter to New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Richard Ball, Murphy formally requested that the license of Richard Doyle, 56, of Mahopac, be suspended until legal proceedings surrounding charges in Danbury and Wappingers Falls are completed.

"Three strikes and you're out," Murphy remarked. "Animal cruelty in of itself

is despicable but to be charged on three separate occasions it is time for New York State to step in and do the right thing. Mr. Doyle's license should be suspended until the courts rule on all of the charges he is facing, and if found guilty, his license needs to be permanently revoked."

Since first being charged last year, Doyle, who owns and operates the pet store in Mohegan Lake on Route 6 near CVS, has sold his other two establishments. A few months ago, animal activists picketed outside his Mohegan store, urging passerbys not to frequent his business.

According to a published report, Doyle was charged last week with animal cruelty

and practicing veterinarian medicine without a license after maliciously causing wounds to a St. Bernard puppy t Danbury.

"New York State needs a zero tolerance policy when it comes to animal abuse,"

Murphy said. "I have introduced and supported a number of measures to strengthen our laws and protect our animals that are unable to protect themselves."



TERRENCE MURPHY'S NYS PAGE

Animal right activists protesting a Mohegan Lake pet owner's shop. The owner is a Mahopac resident.

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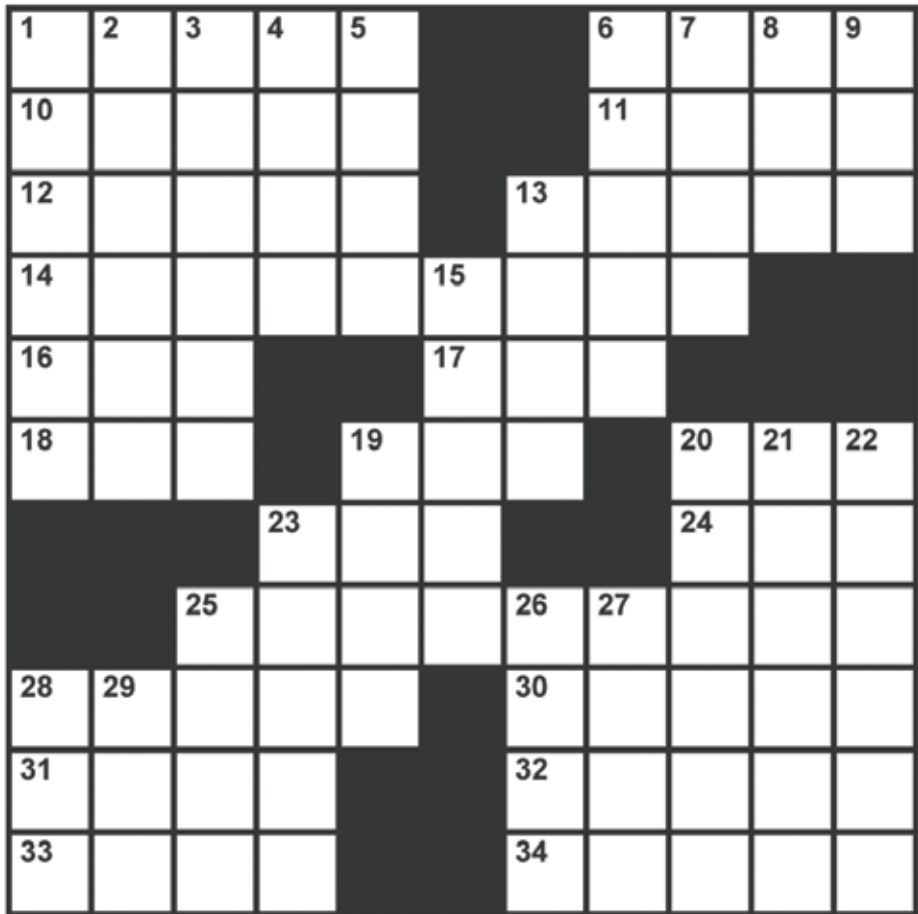
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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- 1. Submarine reading
- 6. Edible green fruit or Carmel day camp
- 10. Get used (to)
- 11. "You got that right!"
- 12. Skylit areas
- 13. Colorado resort
- 14. Statistical measurements
- 16. Mendacity
- 17. _____ Today
- 18. Decrepid
- 19. Common verb
- 20. Chinese tea
- 23. Tangy tuber
- 24. High-tech display, abbr.
- 25. House & farmland or Cortlandt florist
- 28. Feather
- 30. Speak
- 31. Ireland's national emblem
- 32. Break off
- 33. "How ____ the little crocodile...": Carroll
- 34. Open hearings in courts

Down

- 1. Maleficent's pet raven in "Sleeping Beauty"
- 2. Involve
- 3. Sounded contented
- 4. H.S. math
- 5. Try, as a case

- 6. Buckwheat groats
- 7. Little devils
- 8. Teensy
- 9. Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside ____"
- 13. Basilica part
- 15. Surrounding glows
- 19. Top spot
- 20. Split
- 21. Stove
- 22. Calculators
- 23. Zing
- 25. Smart
- 26. C-worthy
- 27. Three, in poker
- 28. College degree
- 29. One language spoken in Thailand

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both departments, and thinks there could have been more vetting and questioning to prevent problematic issues.

DiCarlo said even if he has disagreements over certain topics, it doesn't mean he can't work together with other lawmakers.

"People are tired of seeing nothing getting done or accomplished," DiCarlo said, referring to government in general. "At the same time, you've got to be able to have open discussion and dialogue."

Sullivan, who owns Sullivan Insurance

along Route 6, said he thinks it's important to have people on the legislature that live and work in the community.

"I think it's important to have people that are local that represent the taxpayer," Sullivan said.

As a CPA, Sullivan said his skills would be helpful in reviewing financial statements and policies for internal controls. Meeting with residents all day in his office, the top concern continues to be the cost of living in Putnam, he said.

A dialogue between the county and local municipalities to streamline services

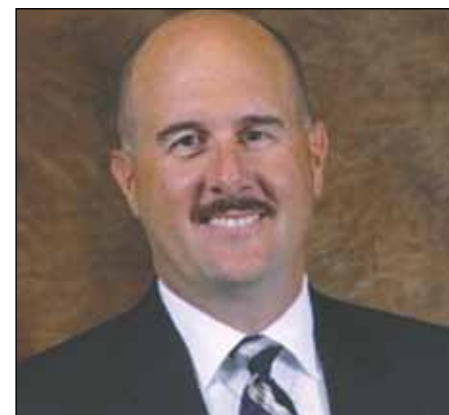
needs to be had in order to cut down costs and make it more affordable, Sullivan said.

Sullivan, who has been regularly attending legislative meetings for almost two months, said he'd like to see work on the legislature move faster. Using the IDA appointments as an example (read more on page 4), while most lawmakers supported moving forward, it was still held up.

"I'm used to a business environment and I think people need to think of it more in being productive as much as



Anthony DiCarlo



Neal Sullivan

possible as oppose to bogging things down in bureaucracies," Sullivan said.

DiCarlo said if he doesn't get the Republican nomination from the Republican committee, he "probably, most likely" will force a primary. When DiCarlo ran against Wright in the early stages of the race three years ago after he wasn't able to clinch the nomination against the former district attorney.

He noted his "honesty, transparency, and independence" might actually hurt him when nailing down certain endorsements.

Sullivan said regardless of which candidate receives the nomination he said, "I think so, yes," in terms of partaking in a primary.

"It's time for someone new with new ideas and different kinds of skills to bring to the table," Sullivan said.

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Cut Paper Pop-art Fills Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Library

The new Pop-Art show, on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library, is a Mahopac High School Studio Art project inspired by the work of artist Roy Lichtenstein. Under the direction of their art teacher, Brennan Woods, the students created an exciting and amusing show that can be viewed at the Library through May 1.

Roy Lichtenstein produced hard-edged, precise compositions that were heavily influenced by both popular advertising and the comic book style. His work, which often parodied pop culture and the art

world itself, featured a limited color palate and hard edged imagery. In response to Lichtenstein's work, the students in Mr. Woods' art class chose a palate of primary, warm, or cool colored construction paper to create their artwork. The objective was to depict a full scene that "tells a story" with references to contemporary pop culture.

Some of the resulting images feature contemporary cartoon characters including Spongebob, Batman vs. The Joker, Superman, Mickey Mouse, Bugs Bunny, Tom and Jerry, Woody and Buzz

Lightyear, and a Minion. All of the work in this exhibit successfully captures the essence of Lichtenstein's pop art approach that celebrated commonplace objects and commercial imagery.

The Studio Art students participating in this show are: Zina McInerney, Ace Starace, Sam Fasciglione, Heather Magliari, Hope Doyle, Leanna Machada, Kate Ruffalo, Dorinda Murray, Sam Colatruglio, Marcelina Fox, Angela Garogalo, Anthony Corrado, Victoria Lee, Allie Ambrosechia, Kayleigh Maliszewski, Ashley Acebo,

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The Young Arts Gallery is located on the first floor of the Library in the entryway to the Children's Wing. The Pop Art exhibit can be viewed during regular Library hours; for further information about the Young Arts Gallery at the Library, call 845-628-2009, ext 108.



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"This annual event is voluntary for our camp operators in Putnam County," says Associate Public Health Sanitarian Marianne Burdick, MPH, who oversees camp operations. "We provide current information about the issues that camp operators need to address—everything from the wilderness issues Dr. Phillips talked about to new camp code regulations



From left: camp inspectors Mitchell Lee, public health technician and Brian Stevens, public health sanitarian; Sheryl Kirschenbaum, director of Surprise Lake Camp; Ray Phillips, MD, PCDOH Board of Health member; and Marianne Burdick, MPH, associate public health sanitarian, supervisor of the Children's Camp Program.

and amendments. Once again we had great participation with 34 operators from 23 camps participating, showing just how seriously they take the safety of our campers."

Bob Cuomo, director of emergency services for Putnam County, followed Dr. Phillips with an overview of the use of the "epi-pen" for people who have severe allergies. Public health sanitarians Mike Luke and Lisa Seymour discussed the hot topics of mosquito and tick control and rabies awareness, as well as the mandatory

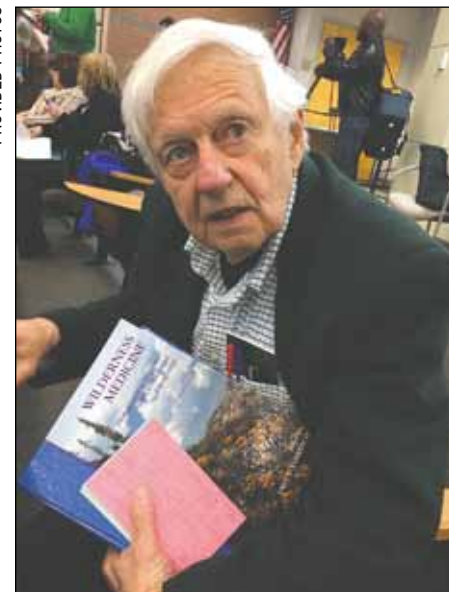


From left: audience members, Dean Stichbury, director of Camp Wilbur Herrlich; Scott Riches, program director, and Jessica Vanacoro, senior program director.

issues about camp regulations. Public health nurse Jeanette Baldanza covered communicable diseases and other medical concerns.

Camp operators are not only concerned about the health and safety of their campers, but also of their counselors, and health educator Alexa Contreras provided the latest statistics and information on rising rates of sexually transmitted diseases in Putnam County.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment,



Kent Lakes resident Raymond Phillips, MD, attending physician at Westchester Medical Center and member of the Putnam County Board of Health, presenter on wilderness medicine.

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every day to provide exceptional, patient-first care," Health Quest President Robert Friedberg said. "Staff members at our affiliates treat patients like family and are truly dedicated to excellence. We're grateful for this recognition, an honor that reflects the quality care we are committed to deliver."

Health Quest's hospitals, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Medical Center, each received both four- and five-star awards out of a five-star rating system. The entire system was also a top performer in oncology services.

The following is a detailed list of the awards Health Quest and its affiliates received:

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Northern Dutchess Hospital

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Putnam Hospital Center

- 5-star, Outpatient Therapy Services (Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies) – Overall Quality of Care
- 5-star, Inpatient Services – HCAHPS Discharge Information

- 4-star, Inpatient Services – Overall Quality of Care

- 4-star, Outpatient Services – Overall Quality of Care

Vassar Brothers Medical Center

- 5-star, Outpatient Therapy Services (Physical Therapy) – Overall Quality of Care

- 5-star, Outpatient Ultrasound Services (Outpatient Echocardiogram) – Overall Quality of Care

To learn more about the 2016 Excellence in Healthcare Awards, including eligibility and criteria, visit www.excellenceinhealthcareevents.com

Obituaries


Robert Walter Johnson

Robert Walter Johnson "BoJo", 62, of Mahopac died on April 10, at Putnam Hospital Center. Mr. Johnson was born on March 20, 1954 to Carl Walter and Eunice (Gorman) Johnson, in Bronxville. On November 21, 1981, he married the love of his life, Susan O'Shea at St. John's the Evangelist R.C. Church, in Mahopac. During the Vietnam Era, he proudly served his Country, as a fireman with US Airforce. In his civilian life Robert was a fireman for West Point and was in the FDNY with Engine 81 where he served as a chauffeur in the Bronx. His favorite past time was tinkering in the garage. He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Susan; his two loving children; Timothy Johnson of Mahopac, Veronica Johnson of New York City, his sister Judith (Douglas) Ramsay, his two nephews; Alan Ramsay and Jeffrey Ramsay and his beloved dog Charlie who knew the meaning of being a "Man's Best Friend".

Wilda M. Cunningham

Wilda M. Cunningham, 70, of Patterson, died on April 10, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Cunningham was born on May 7, 1945 to Frederick and Carmen (Rodriquez) Rivera in New York City. On May 10, 1989 she married the love of her life, John Cunningham in Port Chester. Before she retired, Mrs. Cunningham was a Medical Biller/Cashier for Putnam Hospital in Carmel. She is survived by her devoted husband John, her loving son Mark Martinez, her cherished grandchild; Alec Martinez-Teorie and her brother Enrique Leon. The family will be having a Memorial Service with an interment of cremains, date and time to be announced at a later date, so please check back. Arrangements under the direction of Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc.,

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William McMinn, Jr.

William H. McMinn, Jr. of Wappingers Falls, formerly of Carmel, died on April 12. Mr. McMinn, Jr., was born on May 22, 1962 to William and Sharon (Kotach) McMinn in Yonkers. He was employed by the Canon Company in Stanford, CT. In his spare time, he was an avid photographer. He is survived by his loving daughter; Miranda McMinn and his beloved parents; William and Sharon McMinn, his two sisters; Donna (Jimmy) Iannacchino and children; Jamie, Jenna and Jessica Iannacchino and Dawn Van Tassell and his two beloved cats Luna and Cali.



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Helen V. Como

Helen V. Como of Carmel, died peacefully on April 13, at her daughter's home in Georgia; she was 89 years old. Helen was born in Yonkers, on September 6, 1926, the daughter of Sylvester and Ellen(Veitch) Malone. Helen married Francis on November 13, 1949. Helen is survived by her sons Kevin and Daniel, her daughters Helene Como and Peggy (Kevin) Masterson, her sister Margaret Sturtevant, and 9 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Francis and her sister Mary Rueter.

Natalie Antoinette Townsend

Natalie Antoinette Townsend, a life long resident of Carmel, died April 13, at the age of 90. She was born April 8, 1926 in Carmel to parents Thomas Manning Townsend, and Antoinette Dykeman Townsend, also life residents of Carmel. Natalie was a life member of Drew Methodist Church in Carmel, and sang in the church choir for many years. Natalie graduated from Carmel High School in 1944. She received her BA degree in Physical Education from Cortland State College in 1948 and later a MS in Education from Columbia University. Upon her graduation from Cortland, Natalie began her teaching career at the Purdys Central School, teaching physical education classes at the Elementary, Jr. and Sr. High levels. After several years at the Purdys High School, she was offered a position in

the Carmel Central Schools, teaching elementary school children at the Kent Primary School. She continued this position until her retirement in June 1981. In 1970, Natalie and her close friend Diane Nikola, purchased the historic Neodak Hotel property on 4th Lake in the Village of Inlet. For the next 45 years they devoted their spare time restoring the structures and grounds to accommodate their many friends and relatives all seasons of the year. Her summer residence in Inlet also gave her the opportunity to enjoy tennis, golf and sailing on a regular basis. She and Diane often won the doubles championship in the Inlet Tennis Open. She played tennis and golf into her early eighties. Much of Natalie's later retirement years were spent taking care of her father, and her mother who lived to the age of 103. The Townsends were frequent visitors to the local restaurants in Carmel. Natalie took great joy in reacquainting with her many former students who remembered gym class with Miss "T" in the Kent Primary School. Natalie was a person with an uplifting and contagious personality, who naturally exhibited a positive joy for life, and a love for children. She is survived by her brother Donald D. Townsend of Carmel, first cousins Amos Dykeman of Spring Hill, FL, Beverly Rhodes of Webster, NY; Virginia King (William) of Sarasota, FL; and Charles S. Hill (Julie) of Cooperstown. The family expresses their sincere gratitude to her care givers, Sharon, Kathleen, Patrick, Eva, Phyllis, Cathy, Robert and Sophie, and especially Ann, a loyal friend to the family for

over forty years. A special thanks to Sue Simpson for her contributions of time and talent to the Townsend family.

Argentina Peppe

Argentina "Tina" Peppe, 88, of Carmel, formerly of Eastchester, died on April 14. She was born on April 3, 1928 to Albert and Gertrude (Ingelati) Paliani in White Plains. Before she retired, Tina was a Deli Manager at Shopwell in Scarsdale. She was very active member in her community, especially volunteering her time with the Carmel Rams. In her spare time, Tina enjoyed doing puzzles and making ceramics, but her favorite of all, was spending time with her grandchildren. Always with a smile Tina truly enjoyed life with all its ups and downs. When you first met her, she had a way of making you feel special, as if she knew you all her life. She is survived by her seven loving children; Joseph, Gary (Robin), Carol Linden, Deborah (Patrick) Spatafore, Linda (William) Haas, Gloria (John) Maloney and James, seventeen cherished grandchildren; and seven adoring great-grandchildren of whom she adored and each child held a special place in heart. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. In addition, Tina was a cousin of the late Pope Paul VI. Her legacy of love and devotion to family, shall forever remain and grow in our hearts. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She is predeceased by her beloved granddaughter Lorè Arianna Peppe grandson Andrew Peppe and her son-in-law; Richie Linden.

KES Kindergartners Sew for a Cause

In what has become an annual tradition, Kindergartners at Kent Elementary School learned about giving to others in need, as they helped to put together original quilts to be donated to Project Linus.

"Project Linus is an organization that provides homemade blankets and quilts to children who are seriously ill or have been traumatized," explained kindergarten teacher Eileen Douglas. This is the fourteenth year that Mrs. Douglas has organized this project in which Kent kindergarten classes have participated. Over this time about 75 quilts have been made by kindergartners. "The children enjoy this project tremendously," she added. "Everyone participates."

To begin the quilts, students learned basic quilting and pattern concepts. They were also given ideas about

illustrations and how to fill their square. Then, each student designed a square of fabric by drawing something that makes them feel happy. Volunteer seamstresses came into the classrooms to sew the squares together. This year, volunteers included Diane Zeolla, Catherine Paraskeva, Bobbie Rankin, Karen Doyle, Erika Lanzotti, Karen Guptill and Judy Flanders.

"A local Linus chapter will finish the



(Children, left to right): Avery Caporale, Lucas LoMedico, Ari Rosenberg. Seated is volunteer seamstress Mrs. Karen Guptill (who came all the way from Wisconsin!)

backing and batting and bring them to a local hospital," said Douglas. The quilts will be given to children in need of a hug because they have suffered some sort of trauma.

A national organization, Project Linus began in 1997 and over the years has supplied blankets to children in need of a big hug. To date, there are almost 350

chapters located throughout the country that have collected and donated blankets.

KES Principal, Deborah Weisel said, "This is a wonderful way for our young students to not only serve their community, but also see that they can have a positive impact on their world."

For more about Project Linus visit their website at www.projectlinus.org.

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Law Book: The Cost of Being Shortsighted

By Salvatore M. DiCostanzo, Esq

It goes without saying that most people would prefer to remain at home when confronted with an illness. Often, applicants might entertain applying for Medicaid on their own, using a non-attorney professional or an attorney who does not regularly practice elder law. While Medicaid eligibility may be achieved, lack of proper legal and tax planning may ultimately result in the loss of assets.

For Medicaid homecare eligibility, there is no penalty period for transferring assets. Moreover, your house is an exempt asset so long as you or your spouse lives there. Assume an unmarried applicant with children, whose assets consist of a house and cash. A knee-jerk reaction is to transfer all of the applicant's assets, including the house, to the children and apply for Medicaid. Another approach might be to do nothing with the house since it is an exempt asset.

Transferring the applicant's house to the children may cause adverse tax consequences when the house is sold since the children receive a carry-over basis in the house. Consider a house worth \$700,000, having a cost basis of \$300,000. If that house is transferred to the children, the children will assume the \$300,000 cost basis and recognize a \$400,000 capital gain upon sale (the children will generally



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not be allowed the \$250,000/\$500,000 capital gains exclusion because they, in all likelihood will not meet the use and ownership test). Assuming a capital gains rate of 20%, the capital gains tax would be approximately \$80,000 for federal purposes (one must also consider the NYS income tax burden). This oversight is often committed by attorneys not well versed in elder law and tax matters and

‘Medicaid planning is an area that requires both legal and tax knowledge. Where an applicant chooses to use a non-attorney, solutions to the above scenarios cannot be contemplated because they require the practice of law.’

can be avoided by implementing other planning techniques or leaving the house in the applicant's name.

If the house remains in the applicant's name, there is another issue. Upon the death of a Medicaid recipient, NYS has a right to recover from the decedent's estate Medicaid benefits properly paid during the decedent's lifetime. The State can only recover from the decedent's "probate estate". For instance, when a person dies having a Last Will and Testament, the Will needs to be probated to administer

the assets of the decedent which are referred to as the "probate estate". Once the probate is commenced, Medicaid will file a claim against the Estate and the house will be lost.

A solution to both the tax and estate recovery issues would be to implement a revocable trust. From a Medicaid perspective, the house would remain an exempt asset. From a tax perspective, the house is considered to be owned by the applicant and thus, would receive a step up in basis at death thereby eliminating capital gains. Finally, from an estate recovery perspective, NYS law provides that the assets of a revocable trust do not pass through probate.

As you can see, Medicaid planning is an area that requires both legal and tax knowledge. Where an applicant chooses to use a non-attorney, solutions to the above scenarios cannot be contemplated because they require the practice of law, which is prohibited under NYS law by a non-attorney.

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Musings About Homes, From Toilets to Death and Taxes

Occasionally I share musings from past columns that readers have commented on. Sometimes practical, other times absurd, they are observations of home living made along the way. For an index of previously published articles, visit www.TheHomeGuru.com.

St. Joseph Strikes Again.

There is much lore attached to burying a St. Joseph statue on the property of a home seeking a buyer, and sometimes the instructions can be quite specific about how it should be buried. The most favored position for the statue is upside down and facing the house. One laughable story online is about the homeowner who buried the statue facing away from the house only to have the house across the street sell, and it wasn't even on the market! Another is about the homeowner whose house failed to sell and, frustrated, he threw his statue out with the trash only to learn that the town dump was sold soon after.

Can You Guess the Most Popular Street Name in America?

It's a good trivia question, and no, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? The reason is that most towns in America



By Bill Primavera

started with a simple grid of numbered streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead. So you might say that 2nd is second to none.

I Never Say "It Sucks" Except for My Vacuum, Which Doesn't.

Despite manufacturers' claims, my wife and I have never found a vacuum cleaner that really performs the job as promised. Currently, we have three different vacuum cleaners in our storage closet and, to coin a phrase, they all suck.

Will We All Return to Dust?

Did you know that household dust is composed mostly of our own flaking skin? If we are uneasy when our house is dusty, is that being uncomfortable in our own skin? And did you know that, contrary to popular belief, it's better for people with allergies to cover their floors with wall-to-wall carpeting, rather than hard wood, to keep allergens contained until they can be vacuumed?

Confessions of a Weeding Addict.

One might judge my mental state at any given time by how well my garden is weeded. When I'm anxious, I'm out there in the yard yanking and pulling. When

weeds are more in evidence, my friends and neighbors can assume that I've not had much need for occupational therapy and I'm safe to be around. In winter, when plants and weeds are asleep, it's riskier to hazard a guess. One way to avoid the issue altogether: buy Preen this spring.

Must We Have Toilet Humor? Two thoughts on that subject: the design of the elongated toilet bowl surely was designed to accommodate the male anatomy. Trading up from a circular bowl to an elongated one is like going from jockeys to boxer shorts for a guy. Recently, when I was told that the Kohler "smart" toilet seat could be programmed to heat to any temperature, I inquired, "but there's no chance that I could accidentally burn my butt, is there?"

Of Death and Taxes. We've all heard the expression that the only certainties in life are death and taxes. We can't do anything about the inevitability of death, but we can try to negotiate property taxes by grieving them. If a tax grievance is in your future, I wish you good luck. If somehow you manage to negotiate the inevitability of death, write and let me know how.

Two Mattress Tales. When my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress and the salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee,

her mother said, "At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee. Can I get a better price for that?"

When I was a bachelor, I preferred firmer mattresses that might allow greater movement. Once married, I preferred softer versions where one tends to sink into a spot and pretty much stay there.

Too Much Shorthand in Real Estate.

If you're buying or selling a house, you've certainly encountered such abbreviations as FSBO (for sale by owner), AO (accepted offer), CMA (comparative market analysis), EIK (eat-in kitchen), SLD (sliding glass doors), etc. Sometimes it seems our whole world has gone much too far into shorthand degeneration. When making an admittedly low-ball offer on a house and told that the listing agent would "follow up" after speaking with her clients, you can imagine how startled I was with her return e-mail when the subject line was abbreviated simply to "FU!"

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It's Difficult Enough to Be a Successful Winemaker Without Civil Unrest



By Nick Antonaccio

The life and livelihood of a winemaker has been much heralded in the media and in popular culture. The glamour of producing a personal product is enticing. The specter of financial failure is daunting.

To make matters worse are the external influences that can have significant impacts on a winemaker's ultimate ability to succeed.

It's difficult enough when winemakers have to deal with natural forces that may jeopardize their crops. Frost, drought, disease and hail occur randomly and can have devastating effects on a given year's efforts.

It's difficult enough when winemakers have to deal with governmental regulations that carry a heavy compliance cost.

It's difficult enough when local, regional and national economies are sluggish and faltering. This was quite evident during the Great Recession, when marginal wine operations failed. It is evident today in the shifting financial dynamics occurring in the European

Union, causing increased competition and tension among member countries.

It's difficult enough for European winemakers as sea changes in drinking habits throughout Europe are negatively affecting wine consumption, creating surplus wine in several countries. In France alone, wine consumption has dropped by 50 percent in the last five decades, while production has increased.

But it's extremely difficult when winemakers must deal with vandalism and violence. Dealing with this type of unexpected calamity can be devastating. This seems to be on the rise in Europe, notably in France. In recent years, the United States has seen its share of Tea Party protesters taking to the streets. Now France has a "Wine Party," protesting what they claim to be unfair trade practices.

Last week, I read of an attack by local French winemakers against their Spanish neighbors.

The Languedoc-Roussillon region, which borders Spain along the Pyrenees Mountains, has a storied reputation for being the largest wine producer in France and a low-cost producer of cheap wines. Although popular for decades with French consumers with thin

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

wallets, EU competition has changed the landscape for many of its marginally successful winemakers.

In a seeming fit of frustration with their plight, 150 local winemakers set up a blockade 10 miles from the Spanish border. Commandeering five tankers bearing wine from their Spanish winemaker neighbors, they opened the spigots, spilling the equivalent of 90,000 bottles of red and white wine onto the highway.

The reason offered by a spokesperson for the group? They had tasted the hijacked wines and decided they were "vin non conforme" (noncompliant wine). To accent their blatantly unfounded claim, they proceeded to spray paint the sides of the tankers with this phrase, this battle cry, this call to arms for their cause.

Where were the local police while the river of wine was flowing down the highway? On the scene – and standing by the side of the road, choosing not to get involved in a "social action" perpetrated by local residents.

This act of agri-terrorism was not isolated. Languedoc-Roussillon is home to the militant group Le CRAV, Comité Régional d'Action Viticoles (Regional Action Committee of Wine-growers). Comprised mainly of farmers, it is

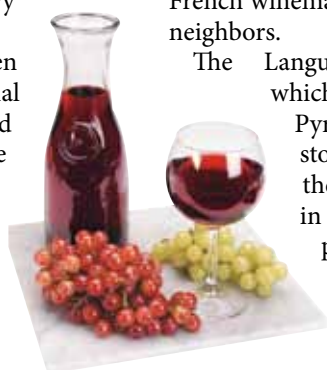
'Dealing with this type of unexpected calamity can be devastating.'

responsible for a number of violent acts over the last decade, all in the name of protecting fair trade.

A prime EU principle is the open circulation of goods among member countries. These domestic terrorist acts are unconscionable and affect the livelihoods of many winemakers, all in a selfish effort to stave off the financial difficulties of a few. Languedoc winemakers may have a valid reason to feel threatened by "outside forces," right in their backyard, but justice must be served, to preserve the livelihoods of winemakers across the region.

Yet, these French farmers have vowed to continue commando operations. One of their leaders, Frédéric Rouanet, the president of the local winemakers group, stated the tanker hijackings were "just the beginning" unless their demands are met.

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.



Happenings

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

Tuesday, April 19

Breakneck Ridge Public Information Meeting & Book Signing at the Desmond-Fish Library. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The first 20 attendees will receive a free copy of Don Weise's book, CIRCUIT HIKES IN HARRIMAN, courtesy of the Trail Conference. The Trail Conference is the volunteer-powered, non-profit organization responsible for building, maintaining and protecting over 2,150 miles of public trails, which are free for all to enjoy. For more information about the Breakneck Trail Stewards and the work of the Trail Conference please visit: <http://nynjtc.org/breakneck>. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

Medicare 101: 6:30 p.m. at Reed library. This workshop will explain the ins and outs of Medicare. Topics include: how one qualifies, the different options available, secondary insurance and more. Call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, April 20

Early-stage Music Social Group: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac. A fun and interactive way for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers to get out, socialize and enjoy some music. Program is free, but preregistration is required. Call 800-272-3900 with questions or to RSVP.

Spring Cleaning Workshop From Cobwebs to Clutter: Cleaning & Decluttering Step By Step will be held April 20th at 1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library. Learn from Garrison Concierge how to clean up and clear out the dirt, dust and clutter and have that fresh

beginning you have hoped for become a reality! The discussion will include how to create plans that work with action that is not overwhelming on a budget. This special presentation is offered by NAPO professional organizer, Madeleine DeNitto, owner of Garrison Concierge, who has 17 years experience in helping clients manage their lives. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please call 845-424-3020 or visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org

Blood Drive: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 112 Old Route 6, DBS Campus, Carmel. Registration is encouraged: 845-808-1500 Ext 49320 or 43153 Participating donors will be entered into a prize raffle.

Thursday, April 21

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Putnam Hospital Center, 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel, NY 10512. Upcoming sessions on April 21 and May 19. A Support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease. Call 800-272-3900 with questions or to RSVP.

Friday, April 22

Dance Dads Raise Funds for Children's Charity. The fathers of Seven Star School of Performing Arts will be competing in a competition called Kids For Kids on April 22-April 24. The purpose of dancing in this competition is to raise money for children's charities. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/dancedads. For more information about classes and summer camps at Seven Star School of Performing Arts, visit them at www.SevenStarSchool.com or call 845-278-0728

Saturday, April 23

Putnam County Land Trust - Bird House Building Event. The Putnam County Land Trust is hosting a bird house building event on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 40 Abbeyfield Lane, Brewster NY from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. This is an event for children who must be accompanied by a parent or adult. The cost is \$10 per child and includes the bird house and supplies needed to build the birdhouse. Jim Nordgren will be running this workshop and below is a picture of him with a group of students who built Bluebird houses at the Lewisboro Library. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 845-278-2808 or email us at info@pclt.net

Medication Take Back Day: The Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, in collaboration with the Putnam County Health Department and Putnam County Sheriff's Department, will be holding the "Spring Medication Take Back" event at the Putnam Hospital Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, contact: Robert Morris of

the Putnam County Health Department at 845-808-1390 ext. 43166 or Bruce Kelly of the Putnam CTC Coalition at 845-225-4646.

Cinderella: Yorktown Stage Children's Musical. April 23-24. Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 pm; Sunday at 1 p.m. Children \$12, Students and Seniors \$15, Adults \$18. www.yorktownstage.org, 914-962-0606

The Election Process: How it Works: 1 p.m. The presidential debates are drawing record numbers of viewers, making this a great time to learn all about the election process in this fascinating discussion with Philip Mayer, professor of Economics and Government at Three Rivers Community College. Hear about the key steps of the electoral process, including the primaries, caucuses, Electoral College and so much more. To register or for more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program

Sunday, April 24

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Pasta Lunch Mission Trip fundraiser. 11:30 a.m. Pasta, Meatballs, salad, beverages, dessert. \$8 adults and \$5 Youth under 12 at Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street in Carmel.

Support Groups:

What can you do when someone close to you drinks too much? You might be surprised at what you can learn at an al-anon meeting. For meeting information call 914-946-1748 web site www.westchesterputnamalanon.org

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group: Putnam Hospital Center, 670 Stoneleigh Avenue. Carmel. 3rd

Thursday of the month & time: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. caregiving for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease...you don't have to go it alone. Join us and receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully care for someone with dementia. Free of charge. Registration required. For more information and to register: Call 800-272-3900 www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Cancer Support Available: Support Connection, Inc., a not-for profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, offers a wide range of free support groups women with breast and ovarian cancer. Groups focus on topics pertaining to living with cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment. They are offered in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess, and by toll-free teleconference. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.supportconnection.org. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Book Clubs:

Mahopac Public Library Adult Book Groups: Monday Evening Book group: Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Light Bite Book Group: meets on the third Monday or third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Flo Brandon Book Review Group: meets on the first Friday of each month at 11 a.m. Registration is required for the young reader book groups. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100


Art on Display:

The Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library is currently exhibiting artwork created by Mahopac High School Studio art students. The show, featuring POP ART inspired work, will remain on view through May 1.

Mahopac Library is hosting a theme show entitled "Lace" which features paintings, watercolor, photography, mixed media, as well as handmade lace items created by local crafters. The show will be on display in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library from April 1-29; a public reception will be held on Sunday, April 10, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

"ART FOR GOD" oil pastel animal drawings created by the 5-8th grade Sunday Schoolers of Gilead Presbyterian Church under the tutelage of Mrs. Sharon Tobin on display now through April 23 at Reed Memorial Library 1733 Route 6 in Carmel.

Mahopac Public Library is accepting artists' proposals for the Third Floor Gallery exhibit space. Artwork is also being solicited for a show entitled "LACE" that will be on display in the Third Floor Gallery during the month of April 2016.



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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2016-2017 school year (the Budget), including the tax exemption reporting form, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 14, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses and the Administrative Offices.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that

the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, 3-year terms each, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019.

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2016-2017 School year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

D. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, 5-year term, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2021 and one (1) member for a term effective upon taking the oath of office and expiring on June 30, 2017.

E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the District's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 17, 2016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, during the hours of voting as aforesaid for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters for meetings to be held subsequent to such election and vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the dis-

trict in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget, Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. **BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK** by: **Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk** Dated: **March 9, 2016** To Be Published: **April 22, May 6, May 13, 2016**

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Brewster, Somers Combine for 33 Goals in Bears' 21-12 Loss

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSPHOTOS.COM FOR MORE)

Brewster's Dana Lestange (R) hunts down Somers' Katie Campbell in the Bears' 21-12 loss to the two-time reigning Section 1 Class B champion Tuskers last Wednesday in a wild and crazy affair that saw the improving Bears (4-1) score a dozen goals against the 2015 NYS runner-ups... see Girls' Lax Notebook

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Boys LAX Notebook

Cavallo, Casey Combine for 7 Goals in Epic Yorktown Comeback

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
@Directrays

It was everything we thought it'd be; complete with lead changes, pendulum-swinging runs and a big gong at the finish.



Yorktown sophomore Jamison Embury celebrates the goal that would turn the tide in favor of the Huskers during 9-7 win over Jay.

But the best part of Yorktown's 9-7 win over host John Jay last Thursday is the likelihood of a late May rematch between the powers that be in Section 1 Class B.

The sight and sound of Yorktown senior attackman Justin Cavallo being crunched on the go-ahead goal just before the end of the third quarter is something anyone at the game will be hard-pressed to forget. Cavallo (3G, 3A) took an inside roll and buttered it with a lunging, over-the-shoulder crank as he was drilled from every which way from Sunday. The goal gave the Huskers a 6-5 lead they would never relinquish; the alarm-ringing goal during a seven-goal, unanswered run that obliterated a 5-1 John Jay lead for good. It

marked Yorktown's 12th straight win over John Jay-CR, which hasn't come out on top against the Huskers since 2010.

Junior M Kyle Casey was an absolute monster and credit to his team, denouncing the notion that Yorktown lacks a cold-blooded sniper. Casey was the key to Yorktown's comeback, drilling four goals; the vast majority coming during the pivotal 7-0 run that erased a 5-1 deficit.

The Albany-bound Casey, who goes 6'3", was unstoppable in Yorktown's second-half comeback, ripping three-straight goals in just over four minutes to pull the Huskers even at 5-5 with 47 seconds left in the third quarter, before Cavallo cranked home the go-ahead.

Cavallo, also bound for Albany and Coach Scott Marr, got railed chest-side by Jay keeper Shahe Katchadurian, a massive 6'3", 240-pounder, and from the backside. Cavallo and Casey were far from done, as they notched back-to-back fourth-quarter goals -- with Cavallo drawing the slide and subsequent dish on the Casey tally for an 8-5 lead that put the finishing touches on a game-sealing 7-0 run.

"We just didn't come out strong, but the second half was all ours and we came out a whole different team," Cavallo said. "I knew for a fact I was getting crushed (on the GWG), but that was the last thing I was worried about as long as the goal was good. I think we will be fine; all we have to do is bring that intensity to every game."

The young Embury boys were big, too, Jamison Embury igniting the run with a goal off a feed from Sam Spallone, and Hunter Embury winning seven faceoffs in the second half.

Rutgers-bound G Liam Donnelly made several spectacular saves for the Huskers and the senior captain finished with 13 on



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown M Kyle Casey was an absolute wrecking ball in Huskers' 9-7 win over John Jay last Thursday.

the night, which sure as heck looked like it might be a Class B championship preview for what would be the 5th-straight year.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Coach Marr's Class B Huskers (5-2) did nothing to



Rebels celebrate their game-winning goal in overtime against the Tuskers.

Brewster Softball Tops Fox Lane, Move to 5-1

By Andrew Vitelli

The Bears softball team topped Fox Lane 6-2 Friday behind a strong outing from junior pitcher Makayla Koehler, improving to 5-1 on the season. Brewster broke the game open with a 3-run third inning, capped off by a two-run home run by center fielder Frannie Merkel.

"I'm just really happy with the way the kids played," Brewster coach Lisa Delzio said after the game. "We were solid on defense. I think Makayla

pitched a really good game. And the bats definitely came alive."

Koehler went the distance, striking out five Foxes. Brewster scored six runs – four unearned – off Fox Lane star Alexis Bazos.

"They're a good team. Alexis is a good pitcher, good player," Delzio said. "But I was really proud of how the kids played."

It was the Bears' second win of the week against Fox Lane; Brewster won the first matchup 7-1 on Wednesday.



Yorktown soph Hunter Embury uncorks a shot in Huskers' 9-7 win over John Jay.

dispel the notion that they are the cream of the crop in our neck of the woods, having defeated both Bronxville and John Jay now, and with Somers coming up today it's possible the Huskers enter the playoffs as the clear-cut favorites should they take care of business.

No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS – Coach Lindsay's Class A Rebels (5-1) will be on full display this Thursday when they host Mahopac in what could be a playoff preview; be it semis or finals (with any luck). The Rebels

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Yorktown junior pole Jose Boyer celebrates his back-breaking goal in win over Jay as teammate Steve Veteri moves in.



Make no mistake, Husker sophomore Brett Makar is the next great pole at Yorktown.

truly believe they should be 6-0 and with their proficiency to put teams away (a combined 75-35 score), it's a reasonable

of regulation to force overtime. Drew Thompson scored the game-winner with

assumption at this point to think the Rebels might be able to keep up with high-octane Fox Lane should they meet in the post. Tim Fallo (4G, 3A), Jojo Janavey (2G, 2A) and Sean Makar (2G, 2A) were all over Hen Hud in an 11-5 win, and the overtime win against Somers was the stuff of legend as the Rebs scored twice inside the final 16 seconds

2:44 left in OT and Hartford-bound D Nick Vazquez won 17 of 21 face-offs to essentially dominate the game. Janavey with yet another hat trick and Kevin Prunty (2G, 3A) were huge.

No.3 SOMERS – Coach DeGregorio's Class B Tuskers (4-2) saw Graham Roediger (3G, 2A) and Andrew Lowman (2G, 2A) do all they could to keep the Tuskers alive in the OT loss to the Rebels but it wasn't enough during this insanely tough stretch of lax for



Lakeland-Panas D Nick Vazquez owned the dot and afforded Rebs possession in OT win over Somers.



Put Valley D Austin Gona makes a play for ball in Tigers' 14-11 loss to Greeley.

the Tuskers, who lost two-straight to the powers that be in Class A (L/P, Fox Lane). This Tusker team is better than anyone though they'd be; simple as that.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Coach Mohammed/Tanzi-led Class A Indians (2-5) are in the midst of a crisis mode, and Lucy, you got some 'splainin' to do! (feel to Google that). I had the Indians pegged for 4-3 (worst case scenario) after 7 games and we're looking down the barrel of an also-ran season unless the Indians can figure it out like they did last year when they got hot in May and ran to the finals. Let me remind you that this isn't the same program that won eight sectional titles from 1992-2004 and tacked on another in 2011, but this is still Mahopac lacrosse and the schedule is set up to get on a season-changing run between now and May 12th. Anything less than 7-2 over the final 9 games is pretty much unacceptable, 8-1 would be more like it.

No. 5 HEN HUD – Coach Solly's Class C Sailors (4-4) welcomed senior sniper Mike Smith to an exclusive club when the captain went for five goals in a 13-3 win over Pine Bush to become the program's all-time leading goal scorer with 159 tallies. Frank Reifenhauer (3G, 2A), Max Popolizio (3A), Connor Gallagher (2G) and Nick Marra (2A) all had multi-point games for the Sailors, who, quite frankly, we expected more from in their 11-5 loss to the Rebels, who locked of Smith.

HM BREWSTER – Coach Honey's Class B Bears (4-3) didn't quite match up with Hen Hud the way we had



Put Valley M Kevin Gallagher (L) celebrates one of 3G and 4A with teammate Noah Kelvas in Tigers' 14-11 loss to Greeley last Saturday.

hoped they would.

HM PUTNAM VALLEY – Coach Ignatz's Class C Tigers (2-7), despite the sub-par start, should still have enough in the tank to win the League I-B title, and if they don't hold off this pack of sub-par teams it would mark a worrisome period, considering they are a combined 4-26. But if Kevin Gallagher can go for 3G and 4A like he did against Greeley, and Dylan Knight can put up 5G, the Tigers should be able to win this league and maybe take an opening-round playoff game in May.

Sports

Girls LAX Notebook

Somers Erupts for 21 Goals in Win over Brewster

Rosenzweig Notches 100th Career Goal

By Tony Pinciario

SOMERS continues to do two things on a regular basis through the first month of the 2016 season – erupt offensively and win games.

The Tuskers, runner-ups in NYS last season, scored 38 goals in victories over previously undefeated Brewster, 21-12, and John Jay-Cross River, 17-7. Somers is now a perfect seven – as in 7-0.

“This week was a great test for the team with two league games,” Somers’ coach Jaime Prysclak said. “As a team, we needed to get back on track after a tough game against Fox Lane. The girls really challenged themselves in practice and all their hard work paid off as we were able to apply what we did in practice to the games.

“I feel we are at a good place at this point in the season but there is still so much room for improvement. We are eager to keep chipping away and improving each day.”

Somers raced out to a 15-4 lead at halftime over Brewster.

Livy Rosenzweig finished with five goals and four assists and Gabby Rosenzweig had four goals and four assists.

Sydney Ericson, Teagan Lucchese, Sophia Fiorino and Katie Campbell each had two goals and Izzy LaRocca finished with a goal and two assists.

The Rosenzweig sisters were at it again,



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Somers’ Gabby Rosenzweig, who scored her 100th career goal last week, is harassed by Brewster’s Lauren Craft in 21-12 Tusker win.

“We had to play man down and that hurt us,” Honovich said. “Montana played exceptionally well on offense and defense. She was explosive all over the field and one of her goals tied the score at 8-8, off an assist from Kamryan Sherman.”

Honovich was referring to Montana Garrett, who led Hen Hud with four goals. Jenna Richardson chipped in a hat trick and Katy Kenny finished with a goal and two assists. Mackenzie Porter made eight saves.

MAHOPAC opened the week with an 18-8 loss to **YORKTOWN** before rebounding with a 12-2 win over Carmel.

Diana Good paced the offense with three goals against Carmel. Ali Korin added two goals and two assists, Vicky Moundroukas added two goals and two assists and Gabby Light finished with a goal and two assists. Tara Ravoli, who had an assist, won 11 of 14 draw controls and also scooped up five groundballs.

“I’m really proud about how the girls came right out and attacked from the start scoring three goals in the first five minutes,” Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said. “The captains talked a lot about setting the tone and it was nice to see the girls really took that in.

“Once again, the defense and goalies were great. Our transition really came together which allowed us to get some nice quick goals before Carmel could settle in on defense. Everyone’s play on the draw circle was much improved, winning almost 70% of the draws was a big factor

in how we performed today.”

Good had a team-leading four goals in the loss to Yorktown, as the Cornhuskers outscored Mahopac, 10-4 in the second half. Korin contributed two goals and an assist.

“At this point of the season. Yorktown is playing at a very high level,” Lieto said. “Their 6-1 start during the first 10 minutes of the second half really did us in. Playing a team like this sets the bar for where we need to get to and exposes areas that we need to focus on in practice. I know our leaders will step up to the challenge and drive our team to get to where we need to be.”

Katie Comerford finished with a game-best six goals for Yorktown. She also had an assist.

Yorktown followed this up with a 17-10 win over Fox Lane and 16-8 loss to Blue Point (L.I.).

Casey Duff finished with a team-leading five goals against Fox Lane and Comerford and Michelle Seger added four goals apiece. Rilea Fusco contributed three goals and three assists.

In the loss to Blue Point, Comerford finished with five goals and Fusco added one goal and three assists.

BREWSTER opened the week with a 16-2 thumping of Pawling, then dropped a 21-12 verdict to two-time defending Section 1 Class B champion Somers.

Lauren Craft had five goals in the victory over Pawling. MaryKate Loneygan added three goals and an assist, Taylor Doria had two goals and three assists and Maggie DePaoli had a goal and two assists.

“Our focus during the game was to keep everything clean and keep our composure,” Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. “The girls played well throughout the entire game. Our defense was able to keep Pawling at two goals. Dana Lestrangle led the defense with six caused turnovers and two groundballs. Offensively, we were able to connect on many passes and finish our shots.”

Somers and Brewster put on an offensive show with 33 goals. Doria and Craft each had four goals and Megan Beal added two.

OSSINING dropped a 17-7 decision to **LAKELAND/PANAS**, but led by Sam Cuzzolino, the Pride defeated Pawling,

18-6 for its first win of the season.

Cuzzolino is back this year after missing the 2015 lacrosse season with a knee injury.

“Sam is a three-sport athlete who will play college soccer next year at Division II Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia,” Ossining coach Dan Ricci said. “Her effort is the same in all sports. She is a tireless worker and competitor. She has been the leading scorer in all of our games and that is a result of her toughness and competitiveness.”

Jaida Strippoli added five goals and Gabriella Ferraro, Gabby Rama and Emily Iannarelli-Uysal each had a goal and assist.

Cuzzolino netted three goals against Lakeland/Panas and Natalie Pelaez added two.

The Rebels improved to 5-1 under first-year coach Rebecca DiSisto. Along with the win over Ossining, Lakeland/Panas outlasted Horace Greeley, 16-14, and



Brewster senior D Ailish Erickson is checked by Somers’ Sydney Ericson in the Tuskers’ 21-12 win over the Bears.



Brewster senior A Taylor Doria attempts to outrun Somers’ Nina Bradbury and Izzy LaRocca in 21-12 Tusker win.

combining for 10 goals in the victory over John Jay. Livy finished with six goals and three assists and Gabby had four goals and four assists. Izzy LaRocca added two goals.

HEN HUD was shocked by North Salem, 10-8, halting the Sailors’ three-game winning streak. Hen Hud coach Mary Honovich noted that her North Salem overtook Hen Hud in the second half as the Sailors were down two players, as a result of yellow cards.

Putnam Valley, 17-13.

Gianna Napoli led Lakeland/Panas with four goals and one assist against Greeley. Katie Bradbury and Valerie Perkins each had three goals and an assist.

Bradbury erupted for six goals against Ossining, Carlyn Mucci added four goals and Caroline Cahill collected four assists.

Emily Kness and Bradbury each had four goals in the win over **PUTNAM VALLEY** while Mucci and Perkins chipped in with three goals apiece.

Even though Putnam Valley lost to Arlington, 13-9, and Lakeland/Panas, 17-13, the Tigers were in both games and did the job offensively.

Jackie Phillips finished with four goals and Emma Rippin and Stephanie Wagner each had two goals and an assist against Arlington.

Maddie Deegan and Rippon each had five goals against Lakeland/Panas.

Bad News Bears No More, Brewster Knocks off Fox Lane

Yorktown vs. Lakeland: Sorrentino Cup Up for Grabs

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When a local baseball coach goes looking for measuring sticks regarding the play of his team, Fox Lane is usually a good gauge. If you can play with, or even defeat, the Matt Hillis-coached Foxes, you're chances of competing with most others in Section 1 are pretty good.

Brewster Coach Matt Cunningham is well aware of that after the Bears (4-2) split the season series last week with the Foxes, taking a 3-1 decision at home last Wednesday before suffering a heartbreaking 7-6 loss on the road Friday.

"Our team outlook for 2016 so far has been positive," Cunningham said. "We are looking to take the proverbial one game at a time. This group of players has worked really hard and well together during the preseason and the early part of the regular season."

Led by our four seniors, including



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster's Nolan Curley can't get back to the bag in time during Bears 3-1 win over Fox Lane last Wednesday.

The Bears are also taking a different approach to the plate.

"Offensively, we have taken a page out of the Kansas City Royals book in using the motto 'move the line,'" the coach said. "Each player is expected to do their job in the framework of the lineup to keep the pressure on opposing defenses and giving us more scoring opportunities. We have a solid group of juniors who comprise both starters and important players coming off the bench. We have discussed at great lengths our team-first concept and at times needing to sacrifice individual success. Our team chemistry has really grown as a result of having great, committed kids who really believe in what we are trying to accomplish."

The first game against the Foxes saw Bears P Christian Lando chuck a three-hitter. Support came from Jack Dempsey and Devin O'Connor, who each had an RBI against Fox ace Aaron Winkler. Winkler pitched a complete game for the Foxes, allowing five hits while striking out seven, but the

Bears got to him twice for earned runs.

Matt Catalano went 2 for 3 with two RBI for the Bears in the 7-6 loss to the Foxes...

Don't believe many folks in and around CARMEL believed they'd see the day when the Rams would be throttled by CROTON-HARMON, 8-1, last Thursday.

Croton P Chris Colombo was chucking b-b's, firing a two-hitter with seven strikeouts. He backed his own cause by going 2 for 2 with four RBI. After losing a heartbreaker to Lakeland, Croton P Scott Giordano struck out 14 in a complete game while only allowing two earned runs in an 8-4 win over Hen Hud. He also went 3 for 5 with two RBI.

LAKELAND senior P Richie Vetrano continued to build upon a nice season, chucking a four-hitter during a tidy 88-pitch outing against SOMERS, who couldn't really tough Vetrano in a 7-0 Hornet win. Matt O'Dair went 2 for 3 with two RBI. Lakeland also worked a 1-0 win over Croton, getting 10 whiffs out of P Rick Burroni in six IP, and dicey save from reliever Patrick Morelli who worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh. Hornet SS Trevor McCarthy, a real gamer who recently signed to play at Brockport, knocked in the game's only run.

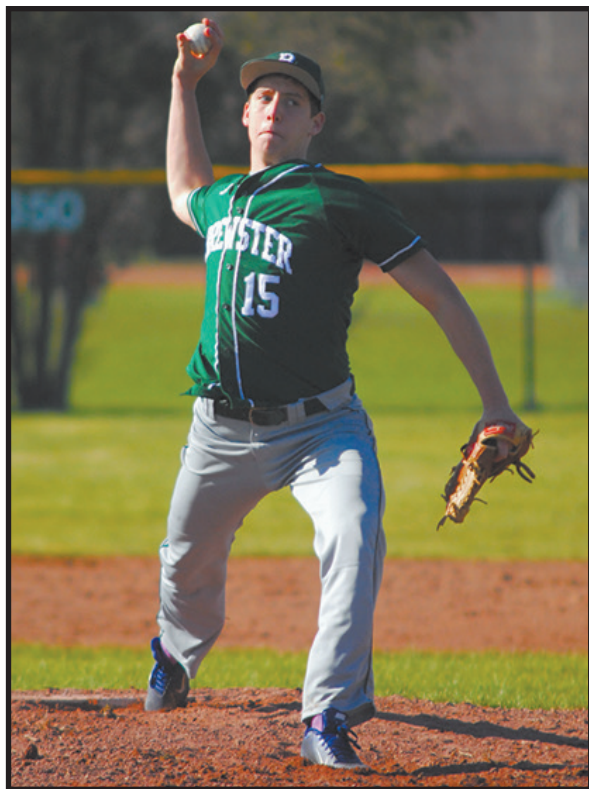
YORKTOWN saw first-hand what it takes to run with the big boys of Class AA during an 11-4 loss to RCK, the cream of the crop in Section 1. Earlier in the week, though, Husker Tanner

Dyslin stroked a walk-off single for his second RBI in a 5-4 win over Greeley. Husker ace James "Great White" Sharkey struck out 10 more batters over 5 1/3 innings. The "Shark Attack" is taking a bite out of many this season; consider the following: 13.1 IP, 7 hits, 27 whiffs and an ERA of 1.57.

I'm hoping like heck to get over to Yorktown this Saturday for the 35th annual Sorrentino Cup game between the Huskers and the Hornets, who haven't had their hands on the coveted cup in quite some time, not since 2011 when former Lakeland great Jon de Marte won three-straight, in fact. First pitch is 1:00 p.m. and you don't have to be a baseball expert to know this game means more to Yorktown than any regular season game of the year. Played in memory of Joseph Sorrentino, Jr., a Yorktown High School athlete

and star pitcher who passed away in 1981, the game brings out the best in the Huskers (3-2) and the Hornets (4-3) are tired of losing this one.

MAHOPAC (3-1-1) showed it has what it takes to compete with the big boys by splitting a pair with Arlington last week, knocking off the Admirals 13-8 before suffering a 4-0 loss. Indian C Greg Cavaliere (triple) looked like an All-Section backstop in the win, going 4 for 5 with three RBI. Matt Montero and Joe Giorgio each knocked in a pair of runs for the Indians, who mashed 14 hits in all, including three triples and a double.



Brewster P Christian Lando fires pitch in 3-1 win over Fox Lane last Wednesday.

captain Matt Catalano, Jack Dempsey and Devin O'Connor, plus Mike Klosowski, the Bears are off to their best start in several years.

The pitching staff of Nathan Beal, Christian Lando and Devin O'Connor, plus a strong defense, has been the key.



Brewster SS Matt Catalano has been a driving force in Bears' 4-2 start.

Devin's Advocate!



Brewster Beats Fox Lane, Bears Making Noise on Diamond

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

It's been a few years since Brewster was a major player on the Class A baseball diamond, but Devin O'Connor (R) and the Bears are off to a fine 4-2 start, including last Wednesday's 3-1 win over visiting Fox Lane where O'Connor knocked in a run before getting forced at second by Fox SS Thomas O'Sullivan... see Baseball Notebook