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New Carmel Gown Policy Causes Stir as Graduation Nears

By David Propper

When Carmel High School seniors walk in graduation next month, the roughly 350 students will all be donning the same blue gowns and caps after the district made a policy change this month.

Carmel High School principal Louis Riolo sent a letter to parents and students announcing the switch from white (for girls) and blue (for boys) to all blue for the upcoming commencement, with one of the reasons focused on "gender equality issues." Breaking from tradition has bothered some in the school community, as the debate over transgender rights and accommodations spreads across the country.

Overall, Riolo listed three reasons why the high school was putting both genders in the same color gown. He said for several years, there was a concern that the white gowns were too

"The numbers may be small in nature, but I think if someone had a child who was struggling with their gender identity I hope they would want them to feel supported and comfortable."
- Superintendent Andy Irvin

sheer and the clothing underneath was visible. Ordering thicker gowns was cost prohibitive, Riolo said.

He also wrote the new look would be "more collegiate and uniformed in its presentation."

Finally, Riolo in two sentences wrote, *continued on page 7*



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This year, all gowns in Carmel will be blue, rather than the traditional white and blue like last year.

Senior Center Move Debated in Cold Spring

By Neal Rentz

Cold Spring residents and Putnam County officials packed village hall on May 12 to take part in a contentious debate about a plan to move the proposed county senior center as part of the Butterfield redevelopment project.

Developer Paul Guillaro is seeking to move the county senior center from Butterfield's building two, the originally approved location, to Lahey Pavilion, located at 1756 Route 9D. The original plan from the developer of the Butterfield Project was to keep the Lahey Pavilion as a location for medical offices. If the senior center was moved to the Pavilion, the medical offices that are now there would have to be transferred to building two.

The planning board is considering an amended site plan for the change of use

for the Pavilion, leading to some tense moments and raised voices last week.

At the meeting, Planning Board Chairman Matt Francisco said Village Attorney John Furst told the board an updated parking table was required from the developer before the project could be approved because of the move of the senior center. "You follow the advice of your attorney," Francisco stressed.

The current requirement for the Pavilion is 35 parking spaces.

But the call for a parking table was opposed by Guillaro and an attorney representing him, Steven Barshov, who said the planning board could not require his client to submit a new parking table for the Pavilion. A fiery Barshov said

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Mahopac Falls 'Old Timers' Welcomed Back in Town



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Sunday morning at the Mahopac Falls Fire Department headquarters, history was alive - the Old Timers were back. Life members traveled great distances to be with their brothers and members of their firehouse family, "Doc" McCluskey traveled up from Florida and Jim McGinty Sr. made it from South Carolina along with Tom Stasiak. Senior member Gene Gunn got a rousing welcome as he entered the hall, celebrating 68 years of service. With 40 plus Old Timers in attendance, the total number of years of combined service was well over 1,500 years again. Looking around the room at the people gathered with a solemn remembrance of those we lost over the past year, it was noted in the department motto..."with pride we serve". Words that we live by. After a great breakfast, members lined up for a group photo and wishing each other well and good health, started off for home, promising to see each other next year.

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A Month Deep, Striking Verizon Workers Continue to Picket

By David Propper

Last week marked a month since workers from Verizon went on strike, and it doesn't appear a resolution is going to be reached anytime soon.

There's been protesting daily for a new contract, as Verizon attempts to push through with replacement workers. Three workers, including two Putnam Valley residents, were picketing in Mahopac along Route 6 on May 10 where replacement workers were on assignment. Hearing a few honks of support from drivers going by, the battle between the wire line-portion of the company and its 36,000 workers that walked off the job on April 13, drags on.

Putnam Valley resident Bill Karl said striking employees just want a fair contract that gives them the ability to have some weekends off and work within the same state they live. Verizon wants its workers to work out of state for two months at a time, Karl asserted, and then go to another state shortly after they return home.

Karl also noted the workers want to keep its medical insurance intact the same way.

"Nothing that most people would find unreasonable," he said. "We've been trying for a contract since last August and we haven't gotten too far."

Karl explained he's been mobile



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Three striking Verizon workers, including Bill Karl (center) and Ken Goessel (right) of Putnam Valley stand in Mahopac.

picketing, following "scab" labor to different locations where they have jobs to perform. The two scab workers were in their personal cars, one featuring a New Jersey license plate and another donning a Florida one.

According to multiple media reports, Verizon officials have argued a changing competitive and technological landscape force a continuous update of rules that control the work force. With more consumers not using landlines, it makes sense for the company to cut down on jobs, the company has said. As for moving

employees to farther locations, Verizon claims it's necessary if other locations don't handle a high volume of calls.

The average Verizon worker earns \$130,000 per year in wages and benefits.

Luckily for Karl, he's in a better situation than most of his colleagues because his house is paid off and his children are grown and not dependent on him. But others are in tougher situations.

One of those younger workers, Ken Goessel of Putnam Valley, called Verizon "greedy" and said none of the workers actually want to be on strike, "but we have no choice." He repeated what Karl said about the company wanting workers to travel out of state months at a time, which is difficult since many have families to take care of.

Goessel, one of the youngest seniority employees, also said Verizon wants to send jobs overseas and get rid of decent paying jobs.

"Everyone believes it's always about money," he said. "Money is the last concern of ours. Granted money is

nice, but it's the least of our concern. It's actually being treated with dignity on a day-to-day basis."

Goessel admits without steady pay coming in, the last month has been tough.

"There comes a time when you have to stand up for yourself," Goessel said, adding later. "Ultimately we will be going back to work, it's just a matter of how greedy and how screwed up these CEOs and this corporation wants to be."

Verizon and striking unions officials will begin meeting again today (Tuesday), according to USA Today. The two unions are Communication Workers of America and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

One candidate running for New York State Senate has regularly picketed with striking Verizon workers. Patterson resident Andy Falk, endorsed by the CWA, has been at several rallies and protests over the span of the last month.

He said the striking workers are standing up to a "corporate giant" that makes billions in profit each month.

"Their fight for a fair contract is also a fight for middle class jobs," Falk said. "Verizon is not content to run a profitable company and treat their employees fairly, they want their union workers to make unsustainable givebacks while the corporate fat cats write the words 'Middle Class Jobs' on tombstones."



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Q: Did I simply twist my ankle, or is it a sprain?

A: Confusion over what constitutes a sprained ankle is common. A sprain is defined as a stretched or torn ligament – the tough, fibrous tissue that connects one bone to another and supports your joints. By far the most common type of sprain is in the ankle. Ankle sprains happen when the foot twists, rolls or turns in a manner that causes the ligaments to stretch beyond their normal length. While the intensity varies, pain, bruising, swelling, and inflammation are common to all sprains.

Q: If my ankle is swollen and tender, what should I do?

A: Be sure to practice RICE immediately: Rest, Ice, Compress and Elevate. Sit or lie down, put your ankle up on some pillows, wrap it with an ace bandage, and ice it for 20 to 30 minutes several times a day.

If you can't put weight on the joint, you should see a doctor immediately. After the ankle is evaluated and other injuries such as fractures or tendon damage are ruled out, and depending on the severity of the sprain, you may be able to start rehabilitating your ankle.

Q: What can I expect from rehab?

A: With a severe sprain, I often put a boot on the patient for two weeks or so and start physical therapy to strengthen the ankle as soon as possible. One exercise patients can try is writing the alphabet in the air with their big toe. Another is standing on one foot with your eyes closed. The goal is to work up to a minute. This improves your balance and strengthens the muscles that stabilize your joint.

Following through on rehab is key. The single highest risk factor for ankle sprain is having a history of sprain. Completing an appropriate rehabilitation program and utilizing at least short-term bracing will decrease future risk of an ankle sprain.

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Petition Started to Support Honey Cart in Southeast

By David Propper

With a honey stand off the street, Town of Southeast residents are up in arms over the departure of the popular food stand.

The roadside stand that occupied part of Route 312 across from the highlands shopping center for eight years was gone last week, after the town informed the owner, Michael Bruen, he was in violation of town code. A petition has been started by town residents upset over the enforcement against the honey cart operated by White Oak Apiary.

The petition, started on the website gopetition.com, collected 258 "signatures" as of Monday, though some of them were signed anonymously. The petition states the variances have changed and the business owner "will no longer be able to keep his honey cart in the location it has been at since 2006."

The petition calls the cart a "beloved local business" that is part of the "cultural landscape of Southeast."

"Please allow White Oak Apiary to remain in its location on Rt. 312 without the newly imposed financial burdens and variances," part of the petitions reads. "He has made that spot a location for residents and tourists to visit and support local agriculture."

Bruen, in an interview, said the restrictions enforced have made it too

difficult for him to keep the business open and thriving. He said he was threatened with fines because he didn't have a veteran employee working the stand full-time, despite having a veteran exempt license that requires that. It's also impossible to move the truck overnight daily as requested by the town, Bruen said, noting it's packed full of honey and glass that must remain impeccably clean.

"It worked for eight years and everything just piled up with the new restrictions to make me go away," Bruen said, adding, "The entire community is behind me."

(Bruen is the son of town Highway Superintendent who shares the same name.)

But Supervisor Tony Hay, a veteran himself, insists everyone must follow the same rules. The reason the issue is now coming forward is because the town recently put together a new food truck law that brought renewed interest to the current laws. Bruen could re-apply under the new law that would allow any person to operate it, veteran or not, Hay said.

Hay said he first informed Bruen that he had to move the cart after he was contacted by the state's Department of Transportation because they were doing road work on Route 312 overnight in town, including where the cart usually sits. The cart was moved and

then it returned shortly before leaving definitively on May 8.

Hay said since the new food truck law was discussed and approved, a microscope has been placed on existing law. Past law has dictated a cart can't be parked overnight, which White Oak Apiary skirted by keeping it on the side of the road 24 hours per day. Hay also pointed out Bruen needs permission from the state to park on Route 312 and it needs to be presented to the town. Finally, while Bruen is a veteran, the new law explicitly states if a veteran applies for the exempt permit, only veterans can operate it instead of non-veterans.

Bruen noted he has state and county permits, and only the town is giving him problems

New York State law allows only disabled veterans to have food carts exempt from the regular local laws, but Southeast pushed it one step further to allow all veterans to run a business out of a food truck many years ago. In Southeast, non-residents can now have a food cart, too, with certain rules that apply.

Hay said residents seeking permits complained that while they had to follow the rules, it appeared Bruen did not because he parked overnight and had non-veterans operating the stand on occasion though he had a veteran exempt permit.



The departure of a local honey stand in Southeast has residents upset.

"It just wasn't something that was a priority with the town," Hay said. "But once we passed that new law recently, that's when notifications were being told."

But Bruen argues the rules are "unfair" and as of last week, he's out of business.

"Next election I might run against these guys and see how they feel when they don't have a job," Bruen said. "We'll see what happens."



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The location where the White Oak Apiary honey stand stood is now barren.

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By Slim Margin, Sullivan Earns GOP Endorsement for Leg. Seat

By David Propper

In a narrow vote within the Carmel Republican Committee, Neal Sullivan clinched the GOP endorsement last week in the race for the Putnam County Legislative District 9 seat over former legislator Anthony DiCarlo.

Sullivan, a Mahopac resident and local business owner, earned 12 votes to DiCarlo's 11 votes. Current legislator for the district, Kevin Wright, has opted not to run again and even if he did, would need to fight a term limit law enacted by the county several years ago. While Sullivan got the party's backing, DiCarlo intends on waging a GOP primary.

Sullivan, in an interview, said he was "really humbled and happy" to get the endorsement. He believes being a local businessman and volunteer in the community resonated with committee members and actually having never run for office before also helped.

"I know what the issues are for the business owners and economic development in general and what we need to do," Sullivan said. "And someone with some new ideas and new perspectives as opposed to someone who has been doing it for a long time."

When addressing the close margin, Sullivan said whether it's "100 points or just one, a win is a win," calling the endorsement of the Republican Party

important.

DiCarlo, in an interview, said he wasn't surprised on not getting the endorsement, but stressed the close vote shows the endorsement is far from a mandate from GOP members. When he originally ran against Wright three years ago, Wright earned the endorsement even though DiCarlo was in office.

DiCarlo had previously said his independence last time on the legislature might hurt his chances to secure the GOP endorsement.

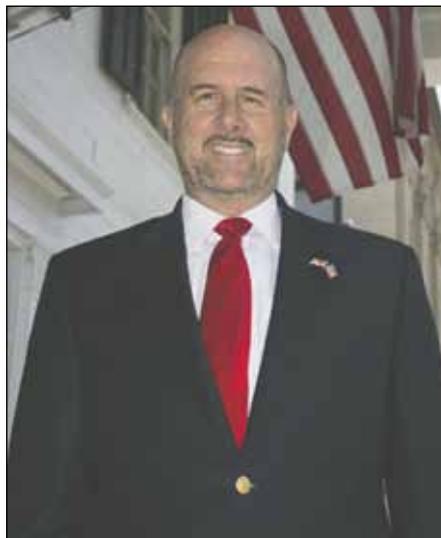
DiCarlo said in the summer months he plans to convey a message that government in Putnam has lost sight of its roles. He said the legislative branch is suppose to set policy and create laws and the executive branch carries it out, "not tell the legislative branch, 'OK, here's what I want to do, now go out and do it.' It doesn't work that way"

He cited his experience as an important factor. He's been a town councilman, county lawmaker and school administrator that understands budgeting and personnel. Pointing to his previous record, he won't be a "rubber stamp."

"There should be a plan, we keep doing things from one year to the next," DiCarlo said. "There is no roadmap."

When asked about a likely primary, Sullivan didn't sound enthusiastic.

"I don't think it's a good thing," Sullivan said.



Neal Sullivan



Anthony DiCarlo

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- Neal Sullivan

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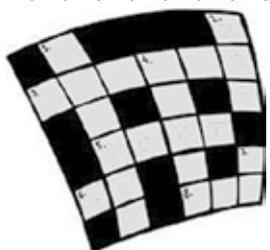
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Putnam Hosts First Ever Mental Health Conference

By David Propper

Holding the first ever mental health conference in Putnam County, Putnam Family and Community Services vice-president of strategic initiatives Alison Carroll said the purpose of the event was to prove recovery from mental illness is possible.

With many of the speakers grappling with their own mental illness at some point, the conference, "Redefining Mental Health, Perspective on Wellness and Recovery," provided insight and experiences to the more than 100 mental health providers and residents during the all day conference at the Putnam County Golf Course Thursday. The keynote speaker was Gina Calhoun, National Director for Wellness and Recovery Education for the Copeland Center, who spoke about hope inspiring relationships that'll help lead to recovery.

Carroll, who is also the co-president of the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation, said for the last two years there's been the notion of bringing a mental health conference to the county, inspired after Carroll heard a touching keynote speech at another conference and wanted to bring that information to Putnam. In August, several agencies that have a hand in mental health treatment chipped in some funding to make the event possible.

"In our own right, we have some amazing people who have been leaders here in the recovery movement," Carroll said of Putnam. "I think we have a ways to go still, as does the rest of the state and the rest of the world, but I think we're ready for it and I think there are some great people here to bring that mission forward."

Edye Schwartz, former CEO of Putnam Family, said it's important for the county to embrace recovery as a way to serve patients. When help is given to people who have behavioral health conditions, service providers should ensure the whole person is looked at.

People with a mental illness are more than just the deficits and symptoms that they deal with, but someone with skills and strengths to offer to society, Schwartz, a speaker at the conference, said. Traditionally, behavioral health providers were trained that people with mental health issues could be maintained quietly in the community, but it wasn't believed that they too, had hopes and goals to attain.

"People deserve to have a life," she said.

Another speaker, Stephanie Orlando, Executive Director of Youth Power, noted how she was in mental health recovery as someone who struggled from anxiety and depression. But through peer support and conferences like this, she was able to



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Kathleen Herndon of Clear Door Recovery Center speaks as dozens listen to her inspiring speech.

understand recovery is real.

Orlando now looks to improve others as she continues to improve herself, using negative experiences and turning them into positive ones. It's important for young people to know what good mental health looks like, she said.

"The concept of just because you might be struggling with some issues, doesn't mean that they're lifelong or that you're doomed or anything like that," Orlando said. "There is support out there."

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Loads of Fresh Carp Added to PV's Lake Oscawana

By David Propper

More than 600 grass carp were set free into Lake Oscawana Thursday morning in hopes of improving the overall health of the picturesque Putnam Valley lake.

Steve Axinn, a resident that spearheaded the effort, said during remarks it took the work of many people in town hall and residents involved with Lake Oscawana to bring the carp to town.

Axinn said for years the lake has been hurt by residents running motor boats in it, making waves that eroded the shoreline, not pumping their septic system, "and doing all the sorts of things that added so much nutrient to the lake."

"We're on the road to recovery we hope," he said. "The 600 carp should make a big dent over time in that weed population."

Supervisor Sam Oliverio also noted resident Judy Travis, who dedicated her time to get the carp in the lake by making calls and lining up the carp fences, was a critical figure in getting the project complete. He said, "It would not have been done without Judy's connection and her initiative."

Putnam County District Attorney Bob Tandy, the former Putnam Valley supervisor, said after years of trying, it was finally nice to see the carp arrive. Legislator Bill Gouldman added it's "wonderful day for Lake Oscawana."

Oliverio said in an interview that it



One resident has a net full of fish she's about to dump in Lake Oscawana.



The picturesque Lake Oscawana.

took almost four years to get the carp in the lake since the first request was made. Stressing that it involved mountains of bureaucratic paperwork, Oliverio said approval is needed from the Department of Environmental Conservation. On top of that, carp fences were constructed to prevent them from escaping and a fish provider needed to be found.

By putting the carp in the lake, the herbivore fish will eat the weeds to help the lake's health, Oliverio said.

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(From left to right) District Attorney Bob Tandy, who was a former Putnam Valley supervisor, Resident Judy Travis, and Supervisor Sam Oliverio celebrate the arrival of the carp.



Residents helped unload the carp into the lake.



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“we did take into consideration gender equality issues. Using a single gown also assists in addressing these concerns.”

The change in gown colors has rankled some students, parents, and former graduates.

One Carmel grad from 2008, Erin Meagher, said she thinks political correctness has gone too far.

“I hope decisions to neutralize gender go before the board of education so the public can hold them accountable on Election Day and decide what the citizens of the district want to neutralize and what not to,” Meagher, a trustee in Brewster and Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO, said.

According to a column in The Journal News, a student started a petition to have the policy overturned. Parent Michael Thomas, said on Facebook that students should decide on their own if they want the same color gowns.

“It is them who worked so hard to get where they are,” he wrote on Facebook, according to The Journal News article. “It should be their choice!”

Another parent, Barbara Wingate, posted an open letter on Facebook that argues the intended purpose of making transgender students more accepted is actually flawed. She wrote by putting

all students in the same color gown, it isn't sensitive to the issue, but erases the chance for students to identify with their true gender.

“It takes a lot of courage for a kid to stand up and be their true self and as a community it is our job to show them support,” she wrote.

Superintendent of Schools Andy Irvin voiced support for the new gown policy. There hasn't been a lot of feedback, Irvin said, and the reaction overall has been mixed. The most negative feedback has actually been due to the short notice to students and their parents, Irvin said. The Carmel school board didn't vote on the unisex gowns, Irvin said, stressing the decision does not fall under the board's purview.

Irvin said the district has students that struggle with their gender identity and he believes it's the district's job to support those students and make them feel safe in school.

Irvin said he doesn't believe it's a case of political correctness overblown. He said the district does its best to teach acceptance and tolerance in school with the hope that parents and adults support that ideal.

“I would say that I would want someone to probably try to learn a little bit more about the transgender or gender fluid issues,” Irvin said. “The numbers



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Even girls will be in blue this year for graduation next month.

may be small in nature, but I think if someone had a child who was struggling with their gender identity I hope they would want them to feel supported and comfortable. I know I would.”

A high school in Westchester County, New Rochelle, made the move last month to change from purple and white to only purple after a few students who identified as non-binary voiced concern. The school principal brought the issue to the school board, which approved the new measure unanimously. Parents,

students, and alums have also started a petition fighting to change it back to white and purple.

Ultimately, once graduation day comes on June 23, Irvin believes most students graduating this year don't care what color gown they wear and rather focus on the achievement of graduating from high school.

“I hope we as the adults can do the same thing and celebrate that for them,” Irvin said. “That's my hope for all of the students.”

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there was no language in the village code that would require his client to submit it.

"This is not a change of use," Barshov told the planning board and there would be no need for additional parking spaces if the senior center was located in the Pavilion.

Pat Sheehy, director of the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources, said the planning board should not delay the process of creating the senior center. "I feel the project is being held up," she said.

Francisco said the planning board was not holding up the senior center project. "We're bound by the code," he told Sheehy.

Sheehy said building two was not an appropriate location for the senior center. If the center was in building two the buses for seniors would not be able to pull up by the front door and seniors, many of whom have difficulty walking, would have to walk 70 feet to reach the entrance. The building was also inappropriate because it would have been located on the second floor. The Pavilion would be able to have a bus pull up in front of the

entrance and the senior center could be located on the first floor, she said.

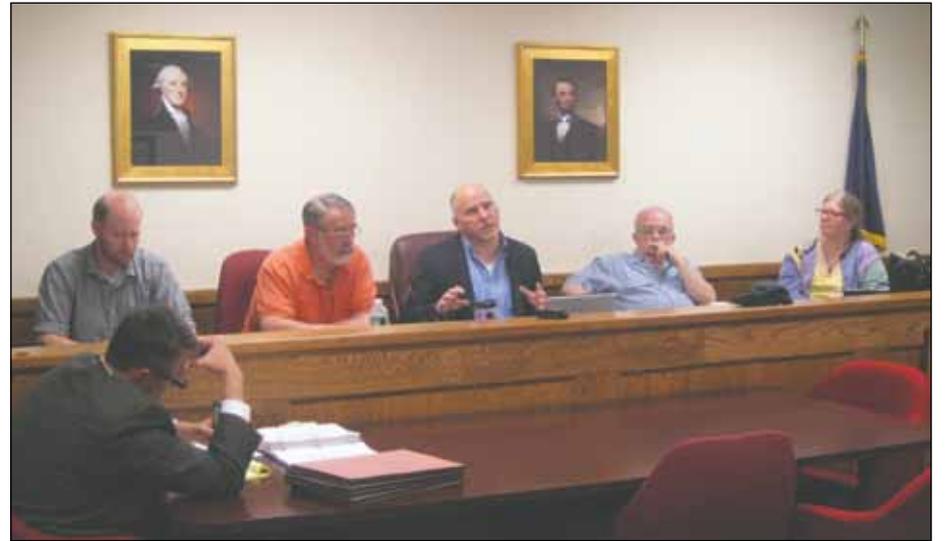
The pavilion would be "a really great site to have the senior center," Sheehy said.

Francisco again replied that his board had to follow village code and the parking table was required and must be analyzed before the planners could approve the plan for the senior center to be housed in the Pavilion, an opinion echoed by Furst.

Guillaro said there are 35 parking spaces at the Pavilion currently and the code requirement for the building is only 30 spaces.

Shirley Norton was among the senior citizens in attendance urging the approval of the move of the senior center to the Pavilion. "We're ready to go," she said.

Planning board member Judith Rose said the board needed to examine the effect on traffic if the senior center was located in the Pavilion and the medical offices were moved to building two. Guillaro said he would not oppose an examination of the traffic effects and potential safety issues of having the senior center in the Pavilion, but he did not want to compile a parking table.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Cold Spring Planning Board at its May 12 meeting.

Putnam County Legislator Carl Albano, who represents Carmel, said he supported the creation of the county senior center in the Pavilion." To delay this is just crazy," he said.

While many of the speakers criticized the planning board, it was defended by Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy. The planning board "is not delaying the project," he said. The senior center was slated to open this year in building two, but the plan has been changed to have it operate out of the pavilion and the revised project needs to be approved by the planning board, he said. "There's no one against the seniors," he said.

The planning board agreed to further discuss the project with the village attorney.

Planting Root Crops Gardening Program

Root crops are some of the easiest vegetables to grow and harvest. Join the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners on Saturday May 21st, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, for this hands-on class. Bring your gloves and with a \$15 per person fee learn how to plant Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Onions and Carrots.

Brewster Resident Hits Jackpot with Week-for-Life Ticket

Twenty-three-year-old Darwin Aguirre Portillo from Brewster is the 18th Putnam County winner ever to win a Lottery prize valued at \$1,000,000 or more. Aguirre Portillo hit the jackpot when he scratched the \$2.5M winning combination a \$2,500 a Week for Life scratch-off ticket during a random stop for gas. The lucky winner explained that this ticket is his favorite.

"This ticket is my favorite one to play," explained Aguirre Portillo. "I've seen my friends win on it so that's the one I play. I always hoped one day I would hit the big one and now I have."

Aguirre Portillo's road to riches started with a random stop for gas at the GULF on Main Street in Brewster.

"I was on my way home from work and stopped for gas and some water," said the landscaper. "I ended up buying a ticket and scratched it in the parking lot.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Darwin Aguirre Portillo is presented his prize last week.

I matched on the number 22 and saw the word LIFE below it. I thought 'Oh wow, I won' and then immediately called my brother Daniel to tell him the good news."

The \$2,500 A Week for Life ticket has a guaranteed minimum payout of \$2,500,000. Aguirre Portillo opted to receive his prize as a one-time lump sum payment. He will receive a net check totaling \$1,390,601 after required withholdings.

"Now that have hit the big one I will consider all of my options," explained the newly minted millionaire. "I might go back to school and start my own business sometime in the future. I'm also considering buying a new car and possibly a house."

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Business of the Week

By Nancy Sorbella

As summer approaches and you get a thirst for something new to drink, perhaps you should consider a refreshing glass of Mead, or honey wine. And the only place where Mead is made in Putnam and Westchester counties is Mysto Mead in Carmel.

Mysto Mead is the collaborative brainchild of Bob Klein and Andrea Sacker and Kurt Swanson and Lisa Schwartz. As a talented herbalist, Bob was often experimenting with herbal and plant medicines and had dabbled in mead making over the years. Kurt and Lisa, had been renown Hudson Valley glassblowers and own a barn on their bucolic property in Kent. It was Andrea, Lisa's childhood friend, who suggested that the 2 couples pool their talents at the Swanson's barn and as a result Mysto Mead was born.

There is an interesting story behind the name, Mysto Mead: the barn that was renovated from a glass shop to become a traditional meadery had at one time belonged to Lisa's father, Ira Schwartz, a famous artist and package designer. Lisa's brother, an accomplished composer, had in his youth been an amateur magician, and along with his father had done a woodcut to promote his brand, Mysto the Magician. The woodcut was discovered in the barn and that is how Mysto Mead got its name.

Mead is an ancient alcoholic beverage created by fermenting honey with water and adding spices, fruits or herbs. The water in Kent is well known for its mineral rich purity and is an integral part of the high quality of the mead produced by this creative team. Mead traces its roots to ancient Europe, Asia and Africa and is often mentioned in literature and history books. In recent years mead has been experiencing a resurgence and getting a lot of press as a part of the craft-brewery and farm winery movement all across the country.

Mysto Mead's team is committed to sourcing its ingredients from the Hudson Valley, including their local high quality

wildflower honey. Many of the herbs that they use are home-grown. The mead is made in small batches and the unique flavors that are currently in production are created by the delicate layering of fresh and naturally healing ingredients resulting in a sophisticated yet versatile honey wine.

Flavor development is a group effort: Bob and Kurt experiment until they feel the subtle combination of taste and texture is just right. Lisa and Andrea, currently working on marketing and design help make the final decision. At this point, Mysto is producing Basil Mint Mead, Rum Soaked Oak Mead, Rye Soaked Oak Mead and Super Star which is Mead flavored with star anise, ancho chilies and pink pepper corns. Mysto Mead is perfect for all seasons, can be enjoyed slightly chilled like a white wine, but can also be used as a mixer to create unique artisanal cocktails. Lisa has become a mixologist extraordinaire and will provide recipes for her signature cocktails upon request.

Mysto Mead recently won first place for their Rum Soaked Oak Mead in the traditional dry Mead category in the Mead Free or Die Competition in Dover New Hampshire. Response and reviews have been stellar. Mysto Mead is available at the Beacon Farmer's Market every 2nd & 4th Sunday in Beacon and will also be at the John Jay Farmer's Market in Katonah, on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays starting June 18. The Kleins and Swansons are happy to offer pairing advice and the current mead varieties are available in both 750ml bottles and 375ml bottles.

Mysto Mead is currently available at the following local retail establishments:

Mysto Mead Carmel



Mysto Mead products are perfect as the summer heat approaches, thanks to one of the partners Andrea Sacker (pictured above).



DeCicco's tap room in Brewster, Healy's restaurant in Carmel, Harvest Moon Farms in North Salem and other fine establishments through out the Hudson valley and New York City.

While the meadery doesn't have retail hours, it is available for tours and tastings by appointment at 845-225-1057. Mysto Mead can be ordered on their website: www.mystomead.com.

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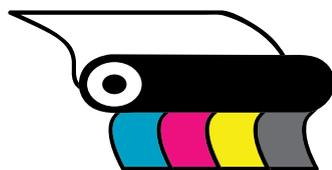
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PCSB Bank Helps Lead Putnam Heart Walk



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PCSB Bank employees, along with friends and families, were out in full force for the 2016 Putnam Heart Walk on April 24.

PCSB Bank employees were out in full force for the 2016 Putnam Heart Walk on April 24th, raising \$51,465 for the American Heart Association (AHA). The PCSB Bank Team included 129 employees, along with hundreds of family members, friends, and pets.

During the past 13 years, PCSB Bank has raised a grand total of more than \$487,000 for the AHA, retaining its title as Top Walking Team of Putnam County. This year's walkathon, which embarked from Brewster High School, celebrated local survivors of heart disease and stroke, helped to raise awareness, and funded research and programs of the American Heart Association.

"The Putnam Heart Walk provides an opportunity for PCSB Bank employees to come together and have a great day for a great cause," says Joseph D. Roberto, chairman, president and chief executive officer of PCSB Bank. "As a community-focused bank, we are sincerely committed to supporting this cause, which has such a profound impact on the health and well-being of Americans."

The Putnam Heart Walk raises funds for the American Heart Association, which is dedicated to building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular heart diseases and stroke. The AHA's current goal is to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular disease and stroke by 20 percent by the year 2020. The AHA works to achieve this goal by improving patient care and advocating for better health; raising awareness and educating Americans; and protecting the future by helping children develop lifelong health habits.

PCSB Bank operates 15 banking centers, in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, and Rockland counties. The bank recently changed its name from Putnam County Savings Bank after 145 years.

Proposals for Art Exhibits at Mahopac Library Due Next Month

Mahopac Public Library invites local, regional, emerging and established professional artists to submit exhibition proposals for the Library's Third Floor Gallery and second floor exhibit space. Preference is given to work completed within the last two years; artists should bear in mind the need for a consistent and very strong body of work when submitting. The deadline for proposals is Monday, June 20, 2016.

Proposals will be considered for two-dimensional work only; three-dimensional work will not be accepted. Submissions for group shows and individual artist exhibits are welcome. Artists who are interested in exhibiting at the Library must submit:

a Mahopac Public Library Exhibit Application Form (available at www.mahopaclibrary.org; click the 'Programs' tab, then click 'Gallery Exhibits'); 6 jpgs, with image list, or 6 hard copies of the images, or 6 images submitted on a CD (All images must be identified

with the artists' name, title of work, medium, and dimensions); a Bio/Resume; an Artist's statement; artists who have exhibited at the Library within the last two years are not eligible to submit a proposal at this time.

Digital submissions are preferred, and links to websites are also appropriate. Please submit digital submissions to: MPLgallerycommittee@gmail.com.

Proposals may be hand-delivered to the Library, or mailed to:

Gallery Committee

Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541

Artists will receive an acceptance or rejection letter from the Library's Gallery Committee by the end of August 2016. For further information, call 845-628-2009, ext 108.

Obituaries

Turid Cropsey

Turid Cropsey, 78, of Somers, formerly of Mahopac, died on May 7, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Cropsey was born on March 7, 1938 to Toralf and Astrid (Farstad) Hansen in Norway. Before she retired Turid, was a Medical Coordinator for Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. She is survived by her four loving children; Glenn (Cindy) Cropsey, Christine Cropsey, Ellen (Bobby) Albert and Linda (Joe) Colucci, her brother Roar Hansen and nine cherished

grandchildren; Brittany, Kirsten, Kyra, Matthew, Brooke, Dominick, Brian, Bryce and Katelynn all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her beloved husband William who had passed in 1998. She will be dearly missed by all, yet her legacy of love and devotion to her family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

Charlotte Fitzsimmons

Charlotte Fitzsimmons age 74, died on May 8 at Danbury Hospital after a short illness. Charlotte was born in New York City on November 12, 1941, to Hugh and Mary Smith. She attended High School in Manhattan and after graduation, she met and married Thomas Fitzsimmons. They later moved to Putnam Lake where the raised their family. Charlotte became a Court Clerk for the Patterson Town Court, and worked there for more 20 years. She also a member of the Putnam Lake Fire Department Ladies Auxillary, former Girl Scout leader and member Sacred Heart Church. Charlotte is survived by her two children, Ellen Speller and Thomas Fitzsimmons II. Her husband Thomas predeceased her in 1985. She is also predeceased by two siblings, Hugh Smith and Mary Michaels. She is survived

by three Grandchildren, Kelly, Katherine, and Cassidy Speller.

Robert C. Mendez

Robert C. Mendez, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died peacefully on May 10, at the age of 73. He was born in the Bronx on November 26, 1942, the son of Emanuel and Lillian Ciatto Mendez. Robert was a sheet metal worker and worked in construction for most of his life. He retired from Local 28 in New York City in 1999. Robert was very social. He

loved being around people and around the water. Some of his happiest times were spent vacationing in Seaside Heights, NJ with his family. He enjoyed the ocean, fishing and music. He is survived by his children, Christine Gunn and her husband Frank and Robert Mendez and his fiancé Kristen, all of Mahopac, his grandchildren, Jordan, Sydney, Alisha and Julianna, his former wife Connie of Yorktown Heights and his companion, Freddie DeFalco of Mahopac. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Paul and Edward Mendez.



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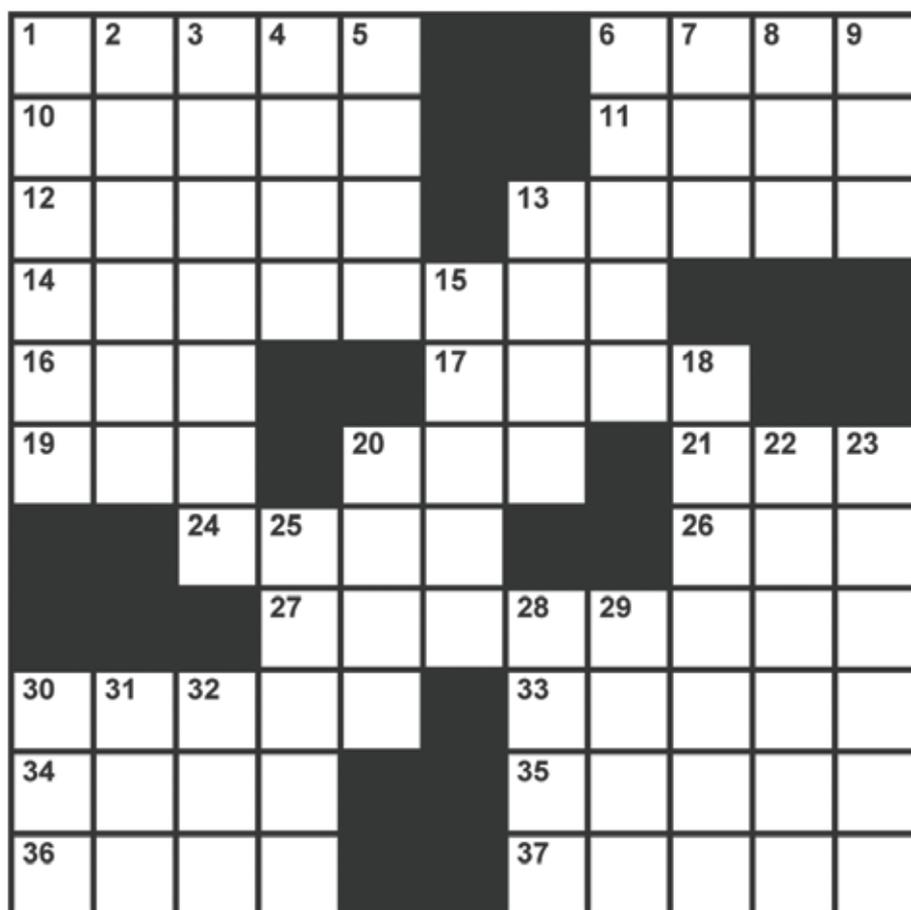
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. TV show about Broadway or Cortlandt fast food restaurant ___ Burger
6. Helper
10. Formula 1 driver, Castroneves
11. Sea eagle
12. Negatively charged atom
13. Shatter
14. City near the Yangtze River
16. Beginning of "the season to be jolly"
17. Lying down
19. It often appears to the right of you
20. It may cross a street in N.Y.C.
21. Polar worker
24. Going alone
26. Suggestion
27. Second half of a golf course or Peekskill sports bar
30. Fairyfolk
33. Wanderer
34. Victory signs
35. Semiprecious gemstone
36. Fringe
37. Gondolier, e.g.

Down

1. National forest in California
2. Upright monumental stone
3. Assumed names
4. Priory in "The Da Vinci Code"
5. Start of a Chinese region
6. Nest of a hawk

7. Provoke
8. Evidence
9. "Omigod!"
13. Innocent
15. Word typically following "wreak"
18. Ten-based system
20. "Oh dear!"
22. Crescent-shaped
23. Tributary
25. Mighty big
28. Small hill summit
29. Rejected proposal
30. Joanne Woodward Oscar-winning role
31. "Stairway to heaven" singers ____ Zeppelin
32. ___ out (take it easy)



Murphy Named to State Task Force to Combat Heroin, Opioid Crisis

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) was named by Governor Andrew Cuomo to a statewide heroin task force charged with ending the heroin and opioid crisis in New York. Murphy already serves as a co-chairman of the New York State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, a body he has served on since his time as a Yorktown Councilman.



Senator Terrence Murphy

Cuomo announced the new statewide task force last week, comprised of a broad coalition of experts in healthcare, drug policy, advocacy, education, and parents and New Yorkers in recovery. It will build on the state's previous efforts and use their expertise and experience to develop a comprehensive action plan to combat the state's opioid epidemic. Members of the task force will hold public listening sessions across New York to inform their recommendations.

"Heroin and prescription drug abuse has claimed far too many lives in New York and across the country," Murphy said. "It's time we put a stop to this epidemic and prevent more needless tragedies from occurring. Launching this task force is the right move, and I look forward to joining

Governor Cuomo's efforts to fight dangerous opioid abuse in New York State."

"Opioid addiction is a national epidemic that continues to plague families in communities across New York - and the state has been taking aggressive action to tackle this crisis head on," Cuomo said. "The Heroin Task Force will take these efforts to the

next level with a comprehensive action plan developed by a diverse coalition of experts. We will use the task force's recommendations to implement smart solutions that will protect public health, enhance safety in communities statewide and save the lives of vulnerable New Yorkers."

In March, new regulations took effect that require all prescriptions to be transmitted electronically from the prescriber directly to the pharmacy. The measure is part of New York's comprehensive I-STOP law, first implemented in 2012, designed to curb prescription drug abuse across the state.

Through I-STOP, New York requires prescribers to consult the Prescription Monitoring Program Registry when writing prescriptions for Schedule II,

III, and IV controlled substances. The Registry provides practitioners with direct, secure access to view dispensed controlled substance prescription histories for patients in real time. The data is further used to identify potential sources of prescription drug diversion or abuse, including prescription fraud. In April, the state began sharing Prescription Monitoring Program data with New Jersey to further prevent the stockpiling and resale of dangerous controlled substances.

As of 2015, I-STOP has led to a 90 percent decrease in the number of "doctor shoppers" or patients who visit multiple prescribers and pharmacies to obtain controlled substances within a three-month time period.

As overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in New York, the state has also led an aggressive effort to make naloxone available without a prescription at approved pharmacies. In March, the state DOH, in collaboration with the Harm Reduction Coalition, issued standing medical orders to the more than 750 independent pharmacies outside New York City, allowing these pharmacists to dispense naloxone without a prescription. The action built on the state's agreement with CVS and Walgreens/Duane Reade in January 2016, enabling more than 900 of these pharmacies to make naloxone available without a prescription statewide.

To date, New York has trained thousands of first responders and community members to recognize and respond to overdoses. Since 2006, the state's community overdose prevention and naloxone distribution program has enrolled more than 225 registered programs, which have trained more than 112,000 individuals. As a result, more than 3,500 overdose reversals have been documented, with over 1,500 lives saved in 2015 alone.

Susan Salomone, Executive Director of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard and a parent who lost her son to opioid use, said, "I am honored to be a part of this important work and commend Governor Cuomo for leading the way in combatting this epidemic. As parent who has been impacted by addiction, it is my hope that the Task Force will provide New Yorkers with a roadmap to overcome substance abuse and help those in recovery lead long, healthy and happy lives. I look forward to working together to create a long-term plan that will help protect New York's children and families."

Over the past decade, admissions for heroin and prescription opioid-abuse treatment in New York have increased 40 percent. Five percent of students in grades seven through twelve have reported using a prescription pain reliever non-medically.

Take a One-day Vacation to Putnam's Secret Garden Tour

Voted "Best Garden Tour" in the Hudson Valley, Partners with PARC is proud to announce that the 10th Annual Putnam Secret Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 4.

The day-long event, with gardens open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a self-guided driving tour to the best and most beautiful private gardens in Putnam County, just one hour from New York City and centrally located to the entire tri-state area and Hudson Valley.

This country driving tour, now in its 10th year, will bring you to private homes and renowned sites with formal gardens, perennial flowering landscapes, beautiful fields and vistas, water gardens, and herb and flowering vegetable gardens throughout Putnam County. Once you arrive at the garden destinations, homeowners will guide you through their landscapes, telling the history of the gardens and answering questions about plantings and designs.

In addition to seven private gardens in Garrison, Cold Spring, Kent, Carmel, Putnam Valley, and Brewster, two public gardens in Garrison and Cold Spring will be a part of the tour. Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring returns to the tour this year with its 63 acres of alpine gardens, bog garden, woodland and water gardens, cliff rock garden and an enclosed English-style flower garden. And don't miss the



Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring is another location.

gardens at Boscobel House & Gardens in Garrison, a renowned spot along the Hudson River complete with blooming daffodils, tulips and cherry trees plus the Herb Garden & Orangery, the Apple Orchard and the romantic Rose Garden.

This is a rain or shine event. Advance ticket prices are \$30 for all the gardens.

Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.PutnamSecretGardenTour.com. All major credit cards are accepted.

Day of event tickets are \$40 and will be sold at two locations: The Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave. (Route 9D), Cold Spring, NY 10516 or PARC, 31 International Blvd., Brewster, NY 10509.

Day of event tickets will be sold from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. only.

2016 event sponsors include: Hudson Valley Magazine and Putnam County Tourism.

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Boscobel in Cold Spring is one location.



Beautiful flowers are aplenty on this secret tour.

Wells Park Grand Opening a Big Success

A newly renovated park has officially opened in the Village last Sunday, bringing hundreds of people that enjoyed the opening festivities which included a ribbon cutting, brief remarks by Parks & Recreation Director Trustee Tom Boissonnault and Mayor Schoenig, thanking those who donated material, equipment and labor to make this park a vital cornerstone to a revitalized Village of Brewster.

The day included live music by Second Saturday Band, Sweet Central Express treats, a Girl Scout Troop fundraiser, FunZone Inflatables, and more. The over eleven acres of green space where Wells Park is located lay dormant under the tutelage of the Town of Southeast for several years but with these new renovations and a 25 year lease, the Village of Brewster and many happy residents hope that won't be the case anymore. The Village will operate the park and all programs will be open to residents of the Village and the Town.

The new and improved Wells Park has a refreshed pavilion and restrooms, barbeque grills, picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, a huge open multi-purpose field with a stage at one end and tiered seating at the other, tennis courts, and three play areas. Renovations on the park started in the spring of 2015 through mostly donated material and labor.



The ribbon cutting to the new Wells Park.

The entire process took about a year to complete and there will continue to be improvements as we go along.

The quality of life in the Village of Brewster got a huge boost as community residents clearly and overwhelmingly said they wanted their own park, and now it is a reality. Wells Park represents the revitalization of the Village of Brewster at its finest, showcasing a place of history, only with a fresh face-lift. This summer the park will be full of life with various activities such as fitness classes, concerts, and movie nights. Information on activities in the park may be found

on the "Village of Brewster, NY"

Facebook page and in the upcoming June issue of the new Village Newspaper.

Altogether, the donations saved the Village over \$200,000 in expenses. Local companies all chipped in to defray costs and make the park a jewel of the Village. ECO Site Development undertook all the coordination and grounds development. Unilock donated interlocking bricks for the tiered seating and the stage. Lisi's Towing relocated buildings, Brewster Central School District donated a huge playground suite from the closed Garden



Kids came out to play in the inflatables and playground.

Street School, NY-CONN Electric Corp. laid new electric lines to the stage area, the parking area was enlarged and handicapped parking along with Emergency Vehicle access was added closer to the main field. The Town of Southeast Highway Department also helped with the removal of some trees overhanging the tennis courts. The list of donors and volunteers is extensive. The community really came together to make this park a reality.

School & Camp Guide

A Parent's Guide: What to Look for in a Summer Dance Camp Program

Summer is right around the corner which means kids will be looking for something to do! Kids love sports and games and keeping cool...why not check out a Summer Dance Camp this year!

Dance Camps are a great way to allow your child to experience the environment and culture of a dance studio while keeping active in the hot summer months. At camp, they will be exposed to different dance styles & techniques as well as different approaches to teaching. A dance camp is usually divided by age groups and many times have a theme. Popular themes for younger children are "Princess Camp," "Beach Party," "Rock Star," "Born in the USA," and "Frozen." Your child should expect a daily routine that includes a warm-up/stretch activity, games, crafts, snack time, story-time, along with learning a dance choreographed to music that goes along with the week's theme. Older campers will focus more on dance technique and the week will be more of a dance intensive. Campers will watch videos and presentations on iconic choreographers or

learn some dance history. Some studios hire guest teachers who bring a master-level class to the students. Older dancers may even be lucky enough to go on a day trip to a museum, ballet, Broadway show or NYC Dance Center.

Parents should visit a dance studio prior to registering for a summer camp. Most facilities are air-conditioned which helps the kids "beat the heat." Make sure the studio is safe and securely monitored during the camp hours. Parents should give any pertinent health information

to the camp director, such as dietary restriction or allergies. Parents should ask around or check out the studio's website or Facebook page to read recent reviews of the business. You want your child to have fun but also get great exposure to dance and fitness. Every camp is different, so ask them what sets them apart? For example, at Epic Dance Center the tuition includes daily hot lunch for full day campers. You also want to make sure the group size is manageable and that there is an adequate ratio of staff

to campers. Safety first should be their priority year-round.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled summer! For more information on Epic Dance Center and the Summer Camps & Workshops we offer, please visit www.epicdancenyc.com or call (845) 628-5678 or email dance@epicdancenyc.com. Ask for Miss Sue or Miss Bianca and we will give you a personal tour of EDC. All 2016 campers will receive a free EDC Camp Tee.



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In a Major Political Year, Equal Time for Red and Blue

Recently when I wrote a column dedicated to decorating in red, I received a comment from a reader asking whether my personal devotion to the color was politically motivated. Honestly, the thought never entered my mind; however, I thought that it was certainly a creative association.

When it was suggested by that same reader that I should give equal and unbiased time to the color blue, I thought it only fair, considering that some surveys have identified blue as America's favorite color, and at the same time, the latest polls show that a greater number of Americans identify with the political party that has adopted blue as its color.

Interestingly enough, red and blue have not distinguished the two major political parties for as long as we might expect. It wasn't until the epic 2000 Bush-Gore race that color coded maps were standardized to identify Republicans with red and Democrats with blue.

Psychologically, color is credited with influencing our moods, eating habits, sleeping routines, even our romantic inclinations. The colors we choose in

decorating can have a major impact on day-to-day living.

I had never thought about a strong color themed décor early in our married life, my wife and I met Myrna and Harry, another young couple who lived in the same apartment complex as we. Myrna was an art teacher and her favorite color was blue. In her own artwork, she painted in oil, and every painting was a study in various shades of the color. All of the walls in her apartment were stark white and all of her upholstery and window treatments, while simple, were blue.



By Bill Primavera

It all made a definite statement, but was definitely not for me. I was deeply entrenched in warm colors in my early years, as was my wife, and our surroundings reflected it. From creamy off-whites and yellows for the walls to rich reds and browns for the decor.

But according to a survey by House Beautiful, we're in the minority. In the magazine's Color Report, 29 percent of 4,000 respondents nationwide chose blue as their overall favorite color. A close second, at 21 percent, was green (my second least favorite color) while red and

purple lagged behind, tied at 8 percent (again, weirdo me would choose these as favorite colors).

Giving blue its due for those who love it, it's all around us in nature from the sky to the water. Known for its peaceful quality, blue is a favored color for bedrooms. Studies have shown that it actually slows down the metabolism, so it would make sense that it could help induce sleep. Blue is also very useful as the principle decorating color in a business setting, particularly meeting rooms designated for negotiation and keeping "cool" heads.

Blue also conveys a certain royalty or being set apart (blue bloods), as well as authority or confidence (as in "Big Blue"). Blue can be associated with isolation, which might explain why someone feeling lonely could be said to have "the blues." In the final analysis, it all depends on how we relate to blue individually.

The "power" suit for men has always been a navy blue, while women have adopted red to convey the same message of authority. As for the man's tie, red will always – ahem – trump blue in claiming the adjective "power."

When it comes time to decorating, blue actually offers more variety and latitude than red. A little red goes a long way and can easily be overdone and overwhelm a room's occupants with too heavy a hand.

In my "red" column I related the story about my disastrous first decorating job as a teenager when I painted my bedroom blood red (make that dried blood red). When the house was put on the market, the first prospects walked into that room and uttered, "Wow!" It would be difficult to overdo with blue no matter how extensively used. I once decorated a family room with a wildly busy paisley wallpaper trimmed with a bright blue woodwork and got away with it.

Having just transitioned from a living room that was predominantly pink and red to one that is primarily blue, I suppose it might be a change of life thing. My pace is a little calmer, a little more peaceful and my surroundings are falling in line.

But wait a minute. Here I am, preferring red but choosing blue to decorate. Is it to keep people guessing about my political leanings?

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Italian Regulators Offer Guidelines on Wine Labels



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns I've been focusing on wine labels. For many consumers this is their introduction to a particular bottle of wine. Their one-minute speed date, if you will, to judge the

inner qualities and intrinsic appeal based solely on a first impression.

As in the dating ritual, the introduction to a wine through its label provides a modicum of information, often with confusing signals, and rarely any meaningful insights into a wine's character, history or DNA.

Wine labels as vehicles for speed dating can be useful tools in making a decision to proceed with, or retreat from, a particular wine. But labels vary wildly in the data they contain and the emotional profile they convey.

And each label, just as each speed dating prospect, is a product of its environment. The culture and personality of each country is evident on a wine label.

American labels are bold and in your face, on occasion a bit provocative. This is where I was born

and this is my DNA, do you have a problem with that?

French labels are a bit more demure. This is where I was born, I expect you to know my background and DNA. My reputation precedes me.

Italian labels are more self-asserting. This is where I'm from and here are my references of how wonderful I am. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an amazing experience.

I've been reporting on wine label speed dating in the United States and France. This week I turn to self-assertive Italy.

Italian regulators go one step further to inform consumers than their counterparts in other wine nations. They have devised a system of grading all wines produced across the vast landscape of Italian wines. Consumers have a standard against which they can measure the qualities of a wine based on an acronym designated on a wine label.

The 2,000 grape varieties, grown in 20 geographic regions, are categorized into four distinct classifications. Rated in ascending order, these classifications are intended to create uniformity in the production of wines and to provide the

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wine consumer with a broad, generalized means to evaluate wines.

1. VdT (Vino da Tavola): Translates to Table Wine. These are wines produced in the countryside, or in bulk, which do not

strive to meet any basic regulations. This category encompasses the vast majority of Italian wines.

2. IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica): Translates to Typical Geographical Indication. It denotes that the wine is from a specific area of Italy, but may not fit into the traditional grape heritage of a region or vineyard area. The emergence of Super Tuscans contributed to the creation of this classification in 1992. For consumers it generally means a higher quality wine. There are hundreds of wines in this category.

3. DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata): Translates to Controlled Origin Denomination. This is typically the sweet spot for Italian wines. The requirements include the specific areas in which the wines may originate; specific grape varieties; minimum/maximum alcohol levels; maximum yields in grapes per vine per hectare; basic sensory and maturation characteristics; and required minimum periods of aging. There are about 300 DOCs, an excellent guideline for quality and consistency.

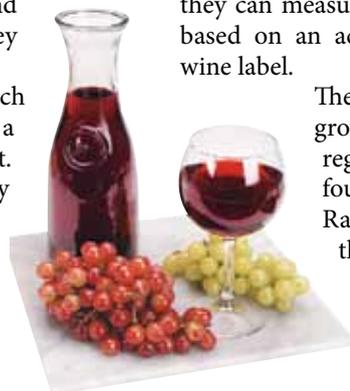
4. DOCG (Denominazione di Origine

'each label, just as each speed dating prospect, is a product of its environment.'

Controllata E Garantita): Note the last word. This translates to Guarantee. Don't misconstrue this label. This is not an assurance from the Italian regulators that you will enjoy this wine or that its quality is above reproach. What is guaranteed? The wine inside the bottle has received additional testing and a higher level of scrutiny than all other wines. These expand on the DOC definition and include requirements for lower vineyard yields; in-depth chemical analyses of a wine's physical composition; and sampling of each producer's wines by expert tasters to determine if they meet specified sensory standards. There are only 57 DOCGs.

The regulators act as surrogate Italian mothers. He's a good boy. You can take my word for it.

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

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 p.m. 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:

Art by Amanda Lynn at the Kent Library: A display of paintings by

Amanda Lynne will be on display at the Kent Public Library through the month of May. Amanda's paintings are a celebration of the beauty of the natural world. She has always felt a strong connection with plants and animals, and has been fascinated by the intense beauty they possess. Amanda strives to share this love with her audience by observing deeply, with her eyes and the lens of her camera, and creating images with paint that joyfully explore the color, forms, and patterns that natural objects have to offer. Out of respect for the environment, all of her paintings are created on upcycled discarded wooden furniture. Table tops, drawer fronts, and cabinet doors are her preferred canvases.

Jean Tock's new exhibit, entitled "Looking and Seeing" will be on view in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from May 2-29, 2016

Monday's

Artists' Drop-In at Reed Library Mondays 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Artists are invited to drop-in to the library with their pencils, pads and paints for a creative afternoon. This session will provide camaraderie but not instruction.

Tuesday's

Open Computer Help: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. Do you have computer questions? Then check out Patterson Library's weekly computer help sessions! Sessions will be held every other Tuesday, at their new time, from 1:30-3 PM and every other Thursday from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. An instructor will be available to answer any computer question you may have and no appointment is necessary! Dates and times are subject to change. For more information, visit us online at www.pattersonlibrary.org and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program.

Upcoming Registrations:

Seven Star School of Performing Arts announces a Zumba Class for Adults. Get ready for summer with this party workout! We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Zumba Certified Instructor, Beth Saultz, will teach two 8-week classes June 4th through

July 23rd. Choose from Saturdays 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m. or Sundays 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or take both! Each 8-week session is \$80 or drop-in for \$12. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.sevenstarschool.com or call 845.278.0728.

Vendors Wanted for Rent-A-Space Community Tag Sale. First Presbyterian Church located at 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac will host a Rent a Space Community Tag Sale Saturday June 18, 2016, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or Shine. Refreshments will be available. Vendors are wanted. Double parking space \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tables are available for rent @ \$10 each, set up starts 8 a.m. For more information please call 845-628-2365 or email presby411@verizon.net

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, to using an iPad, to Digital Photography. To view the available classes visit us at www.putnamrsvp.com/clc. Register in person or call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach basic computer classes, please call.

Wednesday, May 18

Full STEAM Ahead Storytime at the Kent Library: Join Miss Melanie in the Kent Public Library's. 3 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Weekly for 6 weeks. A family storytime for children ages 3-5 years with a little extra STEAM added. STEAM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math! We'll be doing an easy and age-appropriate art activity and some science exploration after a typical Storytime. This is an extremely sensory-based storytime. Please come dressed for mess. Registration is required for this storytime. . You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Toastmasters International at Kent Library: 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for a Toastmasters International program. Putnam Speaks is a local member of Toastmasters International. Do you have trouble expressing your thoughts? Interviewing? Managing your time? Completing projects? Toastmasters can help. Join our meeting. Guests are welcome. Registration is requested. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Thursday, May 19

Free Hepatitis C Testing at PCDOH. All Baby Boomers Advised to Have One-Time Test. For all New York State baby boomers. While anyone can get "Hep C," baby boomers born from 1945 through 1965 are five times more likely to have the virus. Testing starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. at the main health department office at 1 Geneva Road in Brewster. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please visit our website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

BTC One Acts - An Evening of the Outrageous and the Absurd. Matinee Performance May 21, 2 p.m. Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Center, 2nd Floor. 15 Mt. Ebo Road South, Brewster. Directed by Christopher Gladysz and Stacy Dumont. * Please note that productions contain adult content and are recommended for mature audiences. Tickets \$18 Adults, \$15 Student/Senior. Phone: (845) 232-0739 Email: info@brewstertheatercompany.org

Saturday, May 21

NE Cottontail and Early Successional Habitat Restoration by DEC. 1 p.m. Join DEC Forest Biologist Kevin Clarke at Cranberry Mountain Wildlife Management Area (Stagecoach Road) in Patterson to learn how DEC is restoring habitat for native New England cottontails and other wildlife that depend on shrubs and new growth forests.

Danielle Martinelli's upcoming "New Works" Exhibit at the Desmond-Fish Library. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

4-H Dog Project Training Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Youth Development Program is offering a 7-week series on successful dog ownership with a hands-on learning opportunity. On Wednesday evenings, May 18th through July 13th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. the 4-H Dog Training Series will take place in Carmel. It will include basic dog care and handling, and guidance on competition including participation at the Putnam County 4-H Fair July 29 through the 31 at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park.

This program is open to Putnam County Youth ages 9 and up with a registration fee of \$65 for non 4-H members or a \$30 fee for 4-H members. A paid fee will hold the registration which is on a first come, first serve basis. Dog ownership is not required and prior participants are not eligible. Please register online at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events or call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738 for additional information.

Basic Rabbit Care 4-H Workshops

This exciting hands-on enrichment opportunity will offer: basic rabbit care and handling, basic care of other small furry pets (Guinea Pigs, Hamsters etc., and rabbit showmanship skills in preparation for the Putnam County 4-H Fair in July. This 6-week program is offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on May 15, June 5, June 26, July 10, July 17 and July 24. With a fee of \$45 for non-4-H members or \$15 for 4-H members a paid registration will reserve the spot. Rabbit/pet ownership is not required. The program is open to Putnam County youth ages 5 and up, although previous participants are not eligible. Note: a parent must remain with their child during the program. Please register online at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events or call 845-278-6738 for additional information.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on April 13, 2016, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be

held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition: **BOND PROPOSITION RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide capital improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a "Capital Bond Proposal," dated March 30, 2016, prepared by the District with the assistance of Kaeyer, Garmet & Davidson, Architects, P.C. (the "Proposal"), available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk and on the District's website, consisting of the construction of alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, and the Chappaqua Public Library; including construction of additions and interior reconstruction and reconfiguration space to create global and STEAM learning centers and new public library space; upgraded science, auditorium and other educational space; building code, ADA, roof, door, window, ceiling, floor, security, lavatory, locker, heating, ventilation and airconditioning improvements; playground and athletic field improvements including installation of synthetic turf fields and field lighting; and curb, sidewalk, paving, masonry and other building exterior improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Proposal may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form: **BOND PROPOSITION YES NO RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York

(the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, including the Chappaqua Public Library, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

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 Special District Meeting. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. 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 Road, Chappaqua, up to June 9, 2016, five (5) days prior to the Special District Meeting. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) beginning June 9, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during school business hours from the School District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed ap-

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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 District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) until the day of the Special District Meeting. 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. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. **BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: April 13, 2016 Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk**

THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CLEARSTONE WEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to **45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford NY 10573**. Purpose is: to operate a financial advisory service and wealth management service and to do all lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be organized.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with

SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, **1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509**. **Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC ,LLC. ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228**. **:Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARENA CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC. Art. Of Org. led with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Joseph J Arena, PO Box 353, White Plains, NY 10605 Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARUSO & CARUSO, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. **Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

THIS A LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, "LLC" BELLA GLO BEAUTY SPA LLC. Article of organization filed with State Secretary of New York, SSNY on November 19th 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon who process

against it may be serve. SSNY shall mail all process to: **570 North Avenue, suite B. New Rochelle, NY 10801**. **Propose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228**. **Purpose: any lawful act or activity**

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A new storefront was celebrated last weekend in Carmel, when The Art of Healing cut the ribbon to its new business location after it was in Patterson for several years. The grand opening occurred last Saturday with the Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce helping in the planning. More than 100 people stopped by to check out the business run by founder Bill Bubenicek (center) that focuses on holistic healing for the body and mind. Their address is 64 Gleneida in Carmel and its number is 845-878-4325.

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Time is Now for Class A Mahopac, Class B Brewster

Mahopac's Ryan Dugan (L) and the seventh-seeded Class A Indians are hoping they can flip the switch like they did in last season's Section 1 tournament when Mahopac produced an unexpected run to the finals before losing to champion Mamaroneck in overtime. Likewise, Brewster's Mike Buonadonna (R) and the ninth-seeded Bears were hoping to atone for last year's misfortunes by winning a first-round Class B game against No.8 Harrison last night before facing top-seeded Yorktown in Wednesday's quarterfinals... see Boys' Lax Notebook

Yorktown, Lakeland/Panas Enter Playoffs as No.1 Seeds

By Ray Gallagher
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So who says we ain't got it going on up here in the northern tier of Westchester County when it comes to Section 1 lax? We got a pair of top seeds in Class A Lakeland/Panas and Class B Yorktown, and we still got Yorktown when all else fails, right? Because the actual impact is the end-all and Yorktown traditionally provides the means to an end?

If it's all about representing, and let's not sugarcoat the fact that it is, then let's have at it and be all about getting back to White Plains, home of the Section 1 lacrosse championships on May 25th.

The age-old adage, "We hope to be playing our best lacrosse in late May" is all up on us now, so it's time for places like Class 2015 Class A runner-up Mahopac to put up – like they did last year -- or shut up. It's time for state-ranked (No.13) Class A Lakeland/Panas to officially put the misery of last year's 5-11 season behind them and act like the No.1 seed that went 14-2 this year.

On the Class B circuit, it's time for state-ranked (No.11) Yorktown to dispose of the posers, including a John Jay team that provided a staunch challenge back in mid-April, when the second-seeded Indians bum-rushed their way to a 5-1 lead, only to see Yorktown impose its mind-numbing will in the second half of a 9-7 triumph.

CLASS A

The road to the Class A title is filled with bumps for Lakeland/Panas, and there is no bigger bump than No.2 Fox Lane, which is still reeling from last year's early-round loss to Mahopac, which enters the tournament as a No.7 seed and a potential second-round obstacle for, you guessed it, state-ranked (No.18) Fox Lane. Mahopac will have to come up strong to rekindle yesteryear; when Lakeland/Panas and Mahopac met frequently in the finals (11 times from between 1989-2011), the Indians going 9-2 against Lakeland (Lakeland/Panas) in title tilts.

A 12th championship meeting seems unlikely, given Mahopac's inability to string together the kind of run that would lead one to believe that first-year co-head coaches Tony Tanzi and Sean Mohammed can deliver. And a two-goal win over a mediocre Brewster outfit didn't do anything to dispel the notion, despite what senior captain Dan Foley said.

"I think we're ready," he said. "Yes, we've had our up and downs, but I gotta give Brewster some credit they played well. We'll see how it goes."

On most any given day, though, Mahopac (9-7) has the three best athletes



Brewster's Jack Kelly, who makes his move in loss to Mahopac, proved they can survive and advance to the 2nd round of Class B playoffs.

BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS

on the field in Foley (61 points), Christian Donahoe (57 points) and Aidan Hynes, but the supporting cast needs to recognize what it takes to make a run like the Indians made last year, shocking the section after an extremely sub-par regular season (eh, uhm; sound familiar?). Johnnie Ward and the rest of the gang need to come of age in a hurry, starting with a first-round exhibition against No.10 Clarksstown South, or the Indians will remain without a title since 2011. That's way too long between titles for a program that has one of only two NYS Class A championships in Section 1 history in 1996 (Yorktown, 1984).

Now, Lakeland/Panas, on the other hand, hasn't been crowned since 2012, and the Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels enter the 2016 sectionals as the highfalutin team to beat. The senior trio of Jo-Jo Cortese (55 points), Nick Vazquez and Kevin Prunty are all next-level players who have a seemingly easy road to the finals; against either the Brendan Johnson (70G)-led No.8 White Plains/No.9 North Rock' winner and then against No.4 Suffern, whom the Rebels already thrashed. It seems pretty set in stone for the Rebs; it's just a matter of whether Mahopac, Fox Lane or No.3 Mamaroneck survives the other side of a brutal bracket.

L/P is a built-for-now team. Despite a 50-goal/64-point season from soph Jojo Janavey and another 61 points from junior Tim Fallo, the Rebs are a now team.

"The whole team is ready," said Prunty, who has 63 points this season. "We had



Mahopac's Christian Doanhoe and the Indians need to kick it up a notch more than they did in a recent win over Martin Saljanin (16) and the Brewster Bears.

a good week of practice getting back to some basics and staying hungry. Having this long of a break is just going to have us more pumped to get out there Wednesday for another home game. The seniors on the team aren't ready to be done anytime soon."

CARMEL (8-7), coming off its best regular season, enters as the No.11 seed and nothing would be finer than to be in Carolina with a first-round win over No.6

Wappingers, which would be the Rams' first playoff win in history. Winner gets Mamo', ranked No.24 in NYS.

CLASS B

Until the day we die, and our children's children die; it appears as though seven-time NYS champion Yorktown (10-6) will ultimately enter this tournament as the favorites, with the rare, occasional exception of John Jay doing so. Coach Dave Marr's Huskers are clearly the team to beat this season, as they embark upon a sixth-straight sectional crown.

"We've been waiting for this since last year's loss to Manhasset," Donnelly said. "We're ready, this is why we give each other everything we've got day in and day out. We want to make our mark and win a state title, nothing less."

The 38-time sectional titlists feature the stingiest defense in the section -- Brett Makar, Joe Brancato, Tyler Makar and Jose Beyer, plus G Liam Donnelly -- coupled with an offense that appears to be coming into its own behind juniors Justin Cavallo (44 points) and Kyle Casey (38 points), not to mention Dom Cioffi (30 points) and the Embry Bros, Jamison (41 points) and Hunter (23 points). The path is only

dotted with the No.8 Harrison/No.9 Brewster winner in the quarters before either No.4 Eastchester or No.5 Tappan Zee in the semis. Yorktown can do this with one hand tied behind its back, unless Brewster can shock the world.

"That's the plan," Bears junior M Jack Guida said of the 8-8 Bears, who last reached the Class B finals in 2008. "We're

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Mahopac, Hen Hud Still in Stride as Playoffs Near

By Ray Gallagher
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Maybe it has something to do with all the success we've seen among many of the local lacrosse teams, but lately it sure as heck seems like winning a Section 1 baseball title is about as tough as it gets for teams in the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner region. Outside of Class C Haldane's three-peat between 2012-14, the last local team to win a Section 1 title was Lakeland in 2010, which ended Somers' reign as three-time Class A champs (2007-09). Since then, the well has run dry for large school championships.

PLAYOFF PROJECTIONS:

CLASS AA

The larger Class AA, A and B schools have found the grind of Section 1 baseball to be just that, a grind, and the 2016 playoffs will be as tough, if not tougher, than recent seasons, particularly in Class AA where four programs – RCK (5), Arlington (2), North Rockland (3) and Mamaroneck (4) – have won 14 of the last 16 titles.

But this is baseball, and on any given day anyone can beat anyone, though it sure does look like state-ranked (No.3)



Carmel P Chris Palmiero delivers in 3-2 loss to Mahopac last Wednesday.

Mamaroneck and (No.4) RCK are on a collision course in Class AA.

As of press time Monday morning, **MAHOPAC (12-5-1)** was shaking out as a potential No.6 seed after sweeping rival Carmel last week by scores of 3-2 and 4-2 behind its three staples; clutch hitting, pitching and defense. Coach Chris Miller's Indians aren't blowing anybody out this season, and nobody feels good about the two losses to John Jay EF last week.

If the Indians are going to get past the first round for the first time in six years, the may have to go through No.11



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac SS Pat McGee can't get tag down on a dusty Ram, Eric Morais, who scored a run.

OSSINING before heading across the river to No.3 North Rockland, which is never fun for anyone. Surely, the Red Raiders aren't crazy about the prospect of facing Mahopac, the only team in Section

of League I-A has prepared them well.

YORKTOWN (12-7) is looking like a potential No.8 seed, having won seven in a row before Saturday's 2-1 loss to potential No.7 **FOX LANE (12-7)** when Fox ace

Aaron Winkler outdueled Husker ace James Sharkey. With Sharkey on the hill, Yorktown can take down anybody, and the potential of hosting No.9 Suffern in the opening round, with No.1 RCK in the quarters does exist. It'll be interesting to see how Coach Sean Kennedy plays his cards; opting to go with Sharkey in the first round or saving that silver bullet for a potential showdown with RCK, the cream of the crop in Section 1 since the turn of the century #ItWouldMakeSense.

The Huskers also defeated Panas, 2-0, behind P Trevor Bocian's four-hit shutout and Joe Veca's three hits and

an RBI. Yorktown's Matt Boccia went 2 for 3 with a double and three RBI in an 8-3 win over Somers.

OSSINING (9-8) could draw the No.10-11 seed during one of its better years in the last decade. The Pride are playing for their coach, Bill Casey, who is undergoing cancer treatment outside the country. The intangible of playing for a coach they love and respect cannot be underestimated by Mahopac or any such potential first-round foe.



Mahopac SS Pat McGee turns two in Indians' 3-2 win over rival Carmel last Wednesday.

1 to defeat RCK this season; doing so behind ace Brendan White, who is having a splendid season. The senior RHP/2B has posted a 5-1 record with a 1.05 ERA with 36 K's in 40 IP on the hill while batting .333. White and battery mate C Greg Cavaliere give the Indians a solid 1-2 punch that could make life tough on all, and No.2 P Anthony Mirditaj, who outdueled Carmel ace Chris Palmiero, gives the Indians a second round ace in the hole. This much we know: the rigors

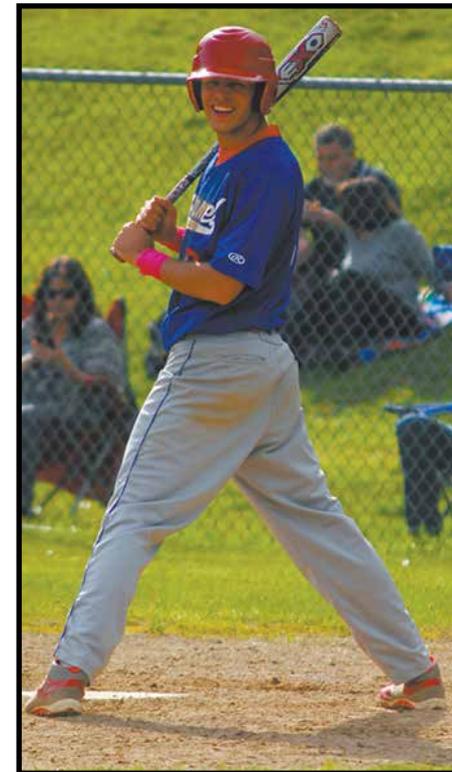
CARMEL (6-11) just can't get enough clutch hits to eke out some of these one-run losses to mighty clubs like Mahopac, RCK and Mamaroneck. Know this much: With ace Chris Palmiero toeing the rubber, the Rams can hang with anybody and just might bust up a bracket if the junior RHP brings his A-stuff. As a projected No.19 seed, the Rams will have to win an outbracket game before cracking the field of 16.

CLASS A

State-ranked (No.15) **HEN HUD (15-4)** pounded out a League I-B title last week after Coach Dutch Pritt's Sailors swept Ossining, 9-6 and 4-3 in eight innings. The Kelly boys, Tyler and Jack, were big in the extra-inning affair. Tyler went 2 for 3 with two runs and a rib while Jack worked the final 2 1/3 innings, allowing one run to pick up the league-clinching win.

Hen Hud also slammed the door on host Somers Friday in a 5-1 win against the struggling Tuskers. Sailor Trevor Dowling went 2 for 2 with two RBI while Joe Grullon had a triple, a run scored and an RBI.

With a six-game win streak in tow, the



Carmel's Ryan Train is hoping to see the Rams get over the hump in some of the close losses to state-ranked teams like RCK and Mamo'.

Sailors are having their best season in many years and looked like a potential No.2-3 seed, depending on how things shake out this week against surging Pelham and struggling Somers.

The Sailors deserve props for what has been a remarkable turnaround from recent seasons, as they have a collective sense of belief along the shores of the river.

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Sports

Softball Notebook

Lakeland Surging in Class A, Put Valley Rising in B

By Ray Gallagher & Tony Pinciario

Following a week of rain, which forced many postponements and rescheduled games, the Putnam Valley softball team did not get a chance to rest as it continues to improve on the Class B circuit.

The Tigers played five games in six days. The grueling week resulted in a 2-3 record as the Tigers defeated North Salem (5-2) and Pleasantville (8-2), but lost to Walter Panas (7-4), Pawling (11-3) and Haldane (6-0).

Putnam Valley opened the week with the victory over North Salem as senior Rachel Stockinger tamed the Tigers and also went 2 for 3, including a double, and scored two runs. Shortstop Allie Dick was a perfect 3 for 3, including a triple, and drove in two runs.

"Allie has been a consistent hitter," Putnam Valley coach Rena Finsmith said. "Allie has hit three home runs this year and has been our leading RBI producer,



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It's been that kind of season for the state-ranked (No.12) Lakeland Hornets.

The three consecutive losses did not sit well with Putnam Valley, now 12-6 on the season, so Finsmith said the team called a meeting.

"In that team meeting, we made a pact to get back to basics and back to having fun," Finsmith said. "It was a real turnaround leaving the meeting. We came out and played a complete game against Pleasantville because in our previous three loses, we didn't seem focused and seemed to be playing timid. In

the Pleasantville game, the girls were just more upbeat and focused from the first pitch to the last out."

Stockinger stifled Pleasantville's offense, allowing five hits and striking out four. The four strikeouts pushed Stockinger's total over 100 for the season. She's also added a pair of no-hitters to her résumé this season.

Second baseman Meghan O'Leary collected two hits and drove in four runs and Dick also had two hits and had two RBI. Eighth-grader Kekio Waters went 2 for 2, scored two runs and had an RBI.

"Throughout this season each member of the team has been a contributing factor and the team is excited to see what we can accomplish going into the playoffs," Finsmith said.

The victory over Pleasantville gave Finsmith bragging rights over her former coach and one of Section 1's finest, Gina Perino. Finsmith played five years on varsity and was a member of Pleasantville's 1999 Section 1 title team.

CLASS A

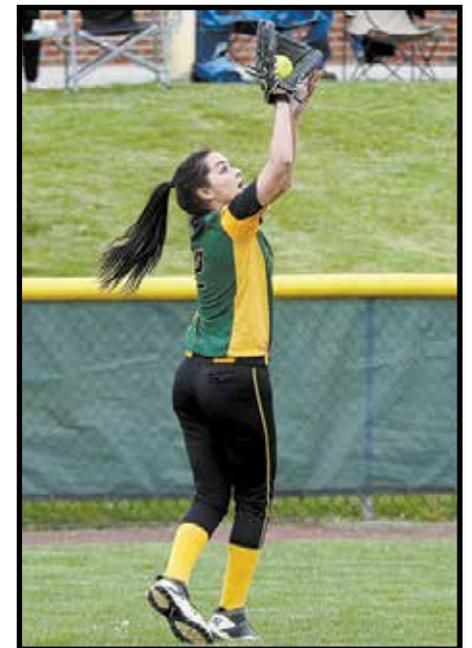
LAKELAND (18-1) has emerged as a legit contender in Class A this spring. Along with **BREWSTER**, the two teams provide great hope that a sectional champ could emerge from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region. Brewster, which shutout the Hornets earlier this year, and Lakeland, which is as hot as anyone in the section after sweeping Beacon, and beating both Panas and Yorktown -- the latter by a 13-1 count -- are surging as the sectionals approach.

Lakeland has allowed three runs or less in all but one game this year behind windmill Colleen Walsh (14-1, 1.55 ERA), and has allowed one run or less in 12 of its 19 games. The Hornets are also averaging more than 10 runs per game on offense, doing so behind the insanely hot bats of Amber Badillo (.569 BA, 11 dingers, 29 R, 35 RBI) and Jenna Houlahan (.364 BA, 8 HRs, 36 R, 34 RBI), plus a team BA of .387.

Hornet Coach Joe Chiara isn't the least bit surprised that this unit is

tearing covers.

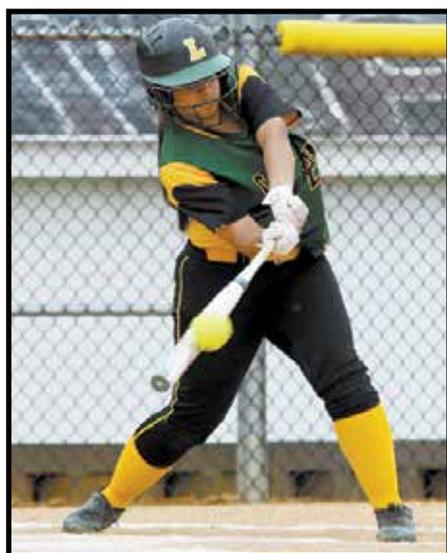
The state-ranked (No.11) Bears (15-3) have the 3-0 win over No.12 Lakeland, providing the only blemish on an otherwise perfect season for the Hornets. Brewster's recent loss to **YORKTOWN** only fueled hope that the region might also have a contender in Class AA, though state-ranked (No.1) North Rockland will be very difficult to beat, as will the Rockland County Class A powers. John Jay EF is also state-ranked (No.3), meaning No.27 Yorktown will have to go through two of the state's top three teams to earn a Class AA crown.



Lakeland OF Francesca Elio lines up a fly out in win over Yorktown.



Lakeland's Cameron Lischinsky takes a high-five from Hornet Coach Steve Fallo after going yard in 13-1 rout of Yorktown.



Lakeland's Amber Badillo takes a rip in 13-1 win over Yorktown.



Lakeland's Sarah Fritz gets some props from Coach Joe Chiara in 13-1 win over Yorktown.

battling it out with Rachel Stockinger. Allie has 33 RBI on the year. She has been on the team since eighth grade and has really taken on a leadership role with her work ethic and attitude."

Brewster OF Frannie Merkel is the straw that stirs the Bears, clouting to the tune of .419 with four homers and 37 RBI. C Melina Strano is an additional force for the Bears, smoking hot with a .569 BA, 23 RBI and 17 runs. SS Kelly Dovi is hitting .459 with 22 runs and 14 RBI while providing steady defense up the middle for junior hurlers Makayla Koehler (8-1, 1.95 ERA) and Nicole Rosner (7-2, 1.87 ERA). Brewster pitchers have fired three-straight shutouts and appear to be finding their groove as the playoffs approach.

A playoff rematch would be special for local softball fanatics.

State-ranked (No.25) **HEN HUD** is also in the mix, as are state-ranked Pearl River (No.5) and Ursuline (No.14), giving Section 1 four teams in the top 14 and making for a difficult road to hoe.

The Sailors finished the regular season 17-3, doing so by winning the Yorktown Tournament against a pair of Class AA teams. The Sailors beat Carmel, 9-1, in the first round and defeated a tough Yorktown team in final.

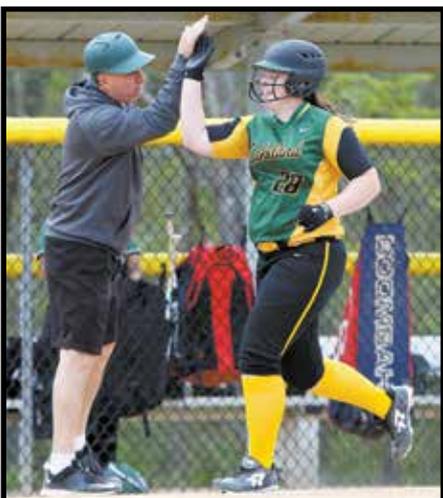
Against the Rams, slugging 2B Ashley

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Sports

Lakeland Surging in Class A, Put Valley Rising in B

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Lakeland's Claire Fon circles bases and gets a hand from Coach Steve Fallo after clearing fences in win over Yorktown.



Lakeland 1B Olivia Knopf makes put-out on Yorktown's Stephanie Ragusa in Hornets' 13-1 win over Huskers.



Yorktown's Sammy Riccardulli lays down bunt in loss to Lakeland.



Lakeland windmill Colleen Walsh dominated in 13-1 win over Yorktown.

Lupi (3-5, 2 RBI), Kelsea Gillen (2-4, 3 RBI) and Sophie Brown (2-4, RBI) were huge on offense.

Against Yorktown, Lupi (1-4, HR, 2 RBI), Candace Crowley (3-4, HR, RBI), Carole Sinacore (1-2, RBI triple) and Gabby Caruso (2-4, 3 RBI, HR) were big at the plate. Senior pitcher Caruso was named MVP, adding to a spectacular season.

"This team has gotten great senior



Husker Brittany Giordano takes a hack in loss to Lakeland.

leadership from Gaby, senior CF Kelsea Gillen and senior 3B Shannon Karabaic," Coach Thomas said.



Lakeland's Jessica Ascencao slides in safely as Yorktown's Gianna DeGaltini can't get tag down in time.

Mahopac, Hen Hud Still in Stride as Playoffs Near

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LAKELAND (11-8) split a pair with Beacon last week, losing 6-4 and winning 8-2, and fattened up on Yonkers, 11-0. Hornet SS Trevor McCarthy had three hits, two runs and an RBI in the win over Beacon, supporting pitchers Richie Vetrano (8K, 1 hit, 0 runs, 3 IP) and winner Rick Burrioni, who give Lakeland a pretty good shot in this year's tournament.

Coach Bill Casey's Hornets were looking down the barrel of a potential No.10 seed and a road playoff game against No.7 Eastchester. If the projected seeds were to pan out (and that's a big IF), Lakeland might get the chance to avenge the regular-season sweep Hen Hud put on the Hornets three weeks back. Know this much: The Hornets are itching for

another shot at 'The Boomer,' Sailor ace Matt Vigliotti, and Hen Hud.

CLASS B

CROTON (9-6), despite losing two of its last three, remains a likely top five seed, which could be good and bad; in that the Tigers would have a first-round game at home but it might be against a dangerous No.12 Albertus Magnus, the reigning

Class B champs.

PUTNAM VALLEY (7-10) has won four of its last five, providing some hope for a playoff run. Junior John "Bulldog" Rainieri has been the one constant all season, stroking to the tune of .426 with a team high 16 RBI. He is also 2-2 on the hill with a 1.54 ERA. Opposing batters are hitting just .192 off the RHP.

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just excited to be back in the mix after missing the playoffs last year."

Bears M Kevin Blank (69 points) and Guida (37 points) are a solid 1-2 punch, but not nearly enough to knock off Yorktown, who fully expects to see John Jay in the finals for a sixth-straight year.

SOMERS (10-6), the No.6 seed, would do well to reach the Final 4, which won't be easy with No.3 Rye, ranked No.14 in NYS, hanging around in the quarters, should Coach Vin DeGregorio's state-ranked (No.16) Tuskers survive a first-round bout with No.11 Byram Hills. If

the Tuskers go down to the Bobcats at home, it might be time for a town-wide introspective; certainly an intervention by the Rabidou brothers. Given the fact that Somers won six sectional titles from 2000-09 and lost in three others (2004, 07, 10).

CLASS C

No.8 HEN HUD (9-7) has not met the pre-season expectations set by this scribe, who was holding out hope for the Sailors' first sectional title when the season kicked off. That hasn't come close to materializing yet and the Sailors have

shown little resistance against teams in higher classifications. The good news is that the Mike Smith-led Sailors played a very tough schedule that should have them ready for the powers that be in Class C, including top-seeded, state-ranked (No.3) Briarcliff, which they draw in the quarters should they survive No.9 Nanuet in the opener. Smith will put his record-setting legacy and 72-point season on the line.

No.11 PUT VALLEY (8-8) should be able to figure out a way past No.6 CROTON (11-5), given PV's strength of

schedule advantage. If Croton's figures out a way to win, it'll be the Tigers' biggest win in recent memory, given Put Valley's former prestige and previous playoff pedigree, which includes three sectional titles and six championship appearances from 2004-10; a long, long time ago. I don't think Croton's Sam Roth (60 points this year) gives a rat's butt about any of that though. PV's Kevin Gallagher (49 points), Noah Kelvis (46 points) and Dyllon Knight (40 points) hope to offset that and erase what has been a sub-par regular season.

Cavaliere Attitude!



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Behind the exploits of Rhode Island-bound senior catcher Greg Cavaliere, who is in the midst of an All-Section season, the Mahopac Indians were just about set to take their 12-5-1 record and potential top-five seed into the 2016 Section 1 Class AA Baseball Tournament in the hopes of surviving and advancing after the Indians swept rival Carmel last week. Despite posting recent solid seasons, it's been six years since the ultra-competitive Indians won a first-round playoff game, but they looked the part of a legit contender after Cavaliere crushed this triple and scored in the Indians' 3-2 win over the visiting Rams last Wednesday... see Baseball Notebook