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Former MVFD Treasurer Arrested on Federal Charges

By David Propper

The former treasurer of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department has been arrested and charged in connection to stealing more than \$5.7 million from the department, after a cloud of suspicion surrounded him and the department for several months.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York confirmed Mahopac resident Michael Klein is facing one count of wire fraud and six counts of submitting false tax returns. Klein could face up to 38 years in prison if convicted on all charges. He was arraigned last week and released on \$500,000 bail to his home in Florida.

With the money he allegedly took, Klein lived a lavish lifestyle, purchasing a 55-foot Neptunus motor yacht, jewelry and a second home in Florida, according to the press release from the US Attorney's

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Mahopac resident Michael Klein was arrested for taking more than \$5 million from the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

PV Library Trustees Make Pitch to Voters to Decide Budget

By Arthur Cusano

The Putnam Valley Library Board of Trustees is looking to put the library's fate directly in the hands of voters in the coming months in order to preserve current services and add new ones.

The board held a meeting on June 14 for town residents in order to ask for support in passing a 414 legislation, which will allow the 78-year-old library to put its annual budget directly before voters.

The library is currently approved by the Putnam Valley Town Board, which Board of Trustees President Priscilla Keresey said are not as knowledgeable about what the library needs and may not always vote in the library's best interest.

"We've been very lucky," Keresey said.

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'We're going to maintain this for three years, so your tax contribution to the library will not go up every year.'- library board president Priscilla Keresey

Brewster Chamber Honors Local High School Scholars

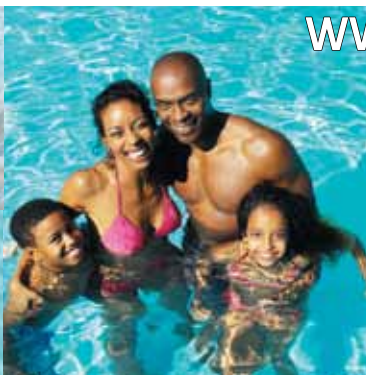


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On June 15, Brewster Chamber of Commerce awarded four Brewster High School graduating seniors scholarships toward their higher education. The Brewster Chamber scholarship co-chairs, John Semmeles of Brewster Wine & Liquor and Julie Poklemba of Hilton Garden Inn, stated, "Our award selects students who exemplify scholarship, leadership, have participated in a significant degree of extracurricular activities, community and volunteer service and plan to continue their education in an accredited institution. These students are destined to be our future leaders in business and service. Thus, our Chamber's effort to support their endeavors." From left: Dante Pennacchia will be heading to Syracuse University to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering, Kyle Dineen will be attending Quinnipiac to study Nursing, Allison McCarthy will be attending University of Alabama Honors College for Aerospace Engineering and Astro Physics and Jose Cazarez has been juggling studies at Brewster High School and the Putnam/Northern Westchester Technical Center at BOCES. Jose will be attending Power Sports Institute at Ohio Technical College.

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Robber Nabbed After Caught on Home Surveillance System

By David Propper

A home surveillance system meant to check up on pets ended up leading to the arrest of a Brewster resident burglarizing a Philipstown home.

The suspect, Berit Okay, turned herself in once a home surveillance system captured images of her in the home and were posted online. On June 9, Okay allegedly entered the house on Avery Road through an unlocked door when no one was home and stole six rings and an I-pad device from an upstairs bedroom, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

But little did she know her crimes were being caught on camera, a home surveillance system set up by the homeowner to check on his pet dogs. The homeowner wirelessly checked a home video and saw footage of a woman

in the home, and then called the sheriff's department, authorities said.

As sheriff investigators worked the case, the homeowner uploaded a still image of the woman online. A Brewster resident saw the image online and recognized Okay and confronted her about her possible crime. As a result, Okay turned herself in and returned the stolen property, the sheriff's office said. She's charged with burglary in the 2nd degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the 4th degree, both felonies.

Okay was remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail or bond by Putnam Valley Justice Louis DiCarlo sitting in for Philipstown Justice Court and her next court appearance in July 13 in Philipstown Court.



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Berit Okay allegedly robbed a home in Philipstown on June 9.

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False Bomb Threat Forces Carmel HS to Evacuate

By David Propper

In the middle of end of the year testing at Carmel high school, students and staff were forced to evacuate because of a bomb threat phoned in by an unknown male caller last week.

On Friday morning, at about 11:40, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and Carmel school district, a male caller telephoned the

high school's main office and told the office staff there was a bomb in the building. He specifically mentioned the rooftop of the building, the sheriff's office said.

From there, 250 students and staff evacuated the building, which interrupted final exams and state Regents tests. Students were sent to predetermined evacuation locations, the

sheriff's office said.

Two sheriff department bomb sniffing dogs and three other canines from the MTA swept the building for explosives and came up empty. The search included the roof, the inside of the building, two out-buildings and parking areas around the high school, according to the sheriff's office.

At 1:30 p.m. staff and students were

allowed to go back in the high school to resume the testing. Parents were sent an email informing them of the threat.

Sheriff's investigators are working with school officials to identify the person who made the bomb threat. Anyone with information that may help investigators is asked to call (845) 225-4300. All calls will be kept confidential.

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Q: What symptoms should I look out for?

A: The most common symptom is bleeding after menopause. Non-menopausal women should pay attention to an irregular bleeding pattern: heavy bleeding or bleeding between periods. At the first symptom, see your gynecologist. You will typically have an endometrial biopsy and a pelvic ultrasound. If the biopsy reveals endometrial cancer, see a gynecologic oncologist.

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Q: Can I reduce my risk of developing endometrial cancer?

A: You can reduce your risk by maintaining a healthy weight and exercising regularly. Know your Body Mass Index (BMI), which represents body fat, and strive for under 25. A BMI greater than 30 indicates obesity. And see your gynecologist at the first sign of abnormal bleeding.

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Dirt Roads Maintenance Discussed in Philipstown

By David Propper

Many Philipstown residents, passionate about their dirt roads, heard from a leading expert in the field about what the town could do to ensure the roads are preserved into the future, at a workshop last week.

A retired South Dakota State University road professor, Ken Skorseth, spoke to the town board and nearly 40 residents about the importance of using material that resulted in stronger plasticity Wednesday night. After visiting Philipstown three months ago and studying its dirt roads, Skorseth determined there was little plasticity, meaning the material on the roads didn't have strong binding to keep the road in place.

But it isn't easy to get material from regional vendors because they don't sell the best product, he noted. Skorseth suggested the town could look into suppliers from farther away that would give the town better material. That would likely be more expensive than what the town currently pays, he noted.

Summing up his report, Skorseth, the author of a federal Department of Transportation manual about unpaved roads, said roadway shaping was "pretty good," but crowning is off in some places, meaning the side of the road isn't as high as the center of it. Drainage could also be improved because there are some roads in

town that drain directly on the road that could lead to damage.

While Skorseth doesn't strongly suggest "dust control" for the dirt roads, Supervisor Richard Shea noted it was "a necessity" because so many houses are close to the roads.

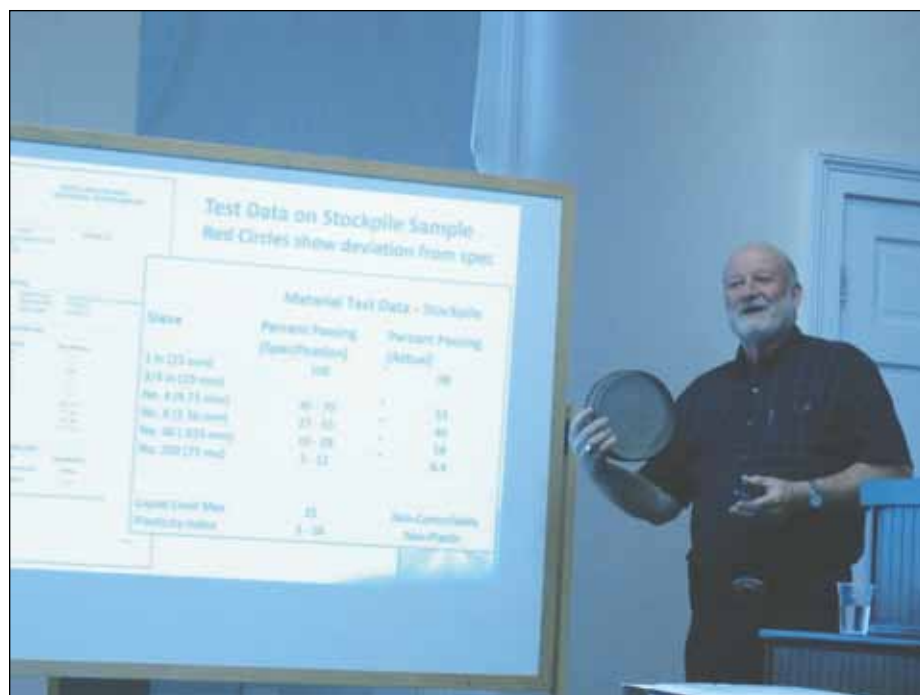
Skorseth is expected to reveal a final, short written report on his ultimate findings. He was brought to Philipstown by the Old Roads Society, headed by Terry Zaleski.

"To us outsiders it's amazing the history you have," Skorseth said, referring to roads like Old Albany Post.

He explained accurate data related to the dirt roads and cost effectiveness is critical for the town to pursue. He commended the highway department for using quality equipment and solid repair practices. Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery said she believes the department is moving in the "right direction" regarding treating the dirt roads.

Zaleski, a Garrison resident, said Skorseth presented "good, realistic, practical, tested and cost effective solutions." He noted the town, including the highway department, and Skorseth have been working together to ensure the dirt roads are treated properly.

He agrees that the town highway department, under the leadership of new



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Retired South Dakota State University road professor, Ken Skorseth, spoke to the town board and residents last week.

superintendent Carl Frisenda, has been moving in a good direction. Frisenda's willingness to experiment with different techniques, with the backing of the town board, has left an imprint early in his tenure, Zaleski said.

Frisenda said afterward he met

with Skorseth in March and Skorseth recommended using better material for the roads. After that suggestion, Frisenda said the town requested the vendor attempt to make better material for dirt road treatment and he's been trying to mix different materials on his own.

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Office. Klein, who joined the department in 1998 and became treasurer in 2001, embezzled the money by writing more than 275 checks from the department's coffers to his two businesses over a period of more than 13 years.

The stolen money went toward supporting Klein's two businesses, Abbie Graphics and Buckshollow Emergency Equipment Corp, according to the US Attorney. Klein would write checks on behalf of the MVFD and deposit them into the two businesses, but entered the checks into the MVFD's books as having been made payable to other various vendors, according to the complaint. MVFD had a contract with Buckshollow equipment for many years, as did other police and fire departments in the region.

Once law enforcement discovered possible embezzlement in fall 2015, Klein offered his yacht for sale with a yacht broker in Florida for \$229,000. He rejected an offer for \$175,000, but then sold it to an automobile dealer for the \$136,850 he owed on a loan secured by the yacht.

Klein also underreported his income by almost \$2.5 million, according to the complaint.

"Public corruption victimizes the public generally, but here, the people of Mahopac and its volunteer firefighters

have suffered specifically and directly, having lost almost \$6 million that could have been used for good, but instead was allegedly squandered away by Klein," Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara said in a press release.

Working on the case included the IRS, FBI, New York State Police and state comptroller's office, with the US Attorney's office leading the way.

According to the complaint against Klein, one of the fire commissioners first noticed discrepancies in the MVFD's financial statements around July 2015. Klein resigned late last year from the department as the investigation deepened. In a letter to the Carmel town board, it notified them of Klein's departure, but asked them to reserve thanking him for his service, which is usually customary for retiring members.

Klein's attorney, Jeremy Saland, could not be reached for comment, but in a written statement to The Journal News, claimed Klein actually initiated the investigation with the Putnam District Attorney's Office and has been cooperating.

"While everyone is fallible, it is Mr. Klein who on his own accord went to the DA's office and ultimately the US Attorney's office to initiate the investigation and continue his cooperation with law enforcement," Saland said in a statement.



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Klein sent money from the fire department to Buckshollow Emergency Equipment Corp.

"Mr. Klein has taken and will continue to take the steps as best he can to assist the same community he admirably served during his years as a firefighter to move forward while also addressing the accuracy of the charges pending against him."

Relief and even joy was sensed around the fire department and town hall following news of Klein's arrest.

Fire Commissioner Chuck Lewis said the department is "extremely happy" that Klein has been nabbed by the feds. Calling the department a "family," Lewis said it was "traumatic" for some members that a person they trusted could deceive and steal from them.

"Hopefully he'll be put away for quite awhile for what he did," Lewis said.

Lewis said he last spoke with Klein a couple months before the allegations of embezzlement came to light in the fall. Once fire officials started questioning department financials, Klein never provided reasonable answers and eventually stop showing up to meetings, Lewis said. Before the embezzlement was discovered, Lewis and other fire department officials were under the impression that Klein's two businesses

were successful and that's how he was living his lavish lifestyle.

Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt also expressed happiness with Klein's arrest and appreciation toward the federal authorities for working the case. Schmitt said new safeguards put in the fire protection contract between the town and MVFD hopefully prevent a repeat of what Klein allegedly did.

The town board cut MVFD's proposed funding by \$500,000 last budget season. In 2015, the department got \$2.1 million, which Schmitt said was possibly the most it ever received.

"The whole thing is very sad," Schmitt said, "But I think the fire department has acknowledged that changes needed to be made going forward. They understood that, they realized that and we have a good working relationship with the department and appreciate everything the volunteers do for the town."

Both Lewis and Schmitt said they were mindful that some of the money allegedly taken by Klein could be recovered, though as Lewis said, "We're not optimistic about what we're getting back, but we hope we get something back."

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Murphy Honors Women of Distinction, including Four from Putnam

By Neal Rentz

The women honored last week by state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) had various backgrounds.

But what they had in common was they are 2016 Women of Distinction from throughout Murphy's Senate district.

This year's ceremony was conducted on June 13 at the Mount Kisco Elementary School.

The 2016 Women of Distinction Award recipients from Putnam and northern Westchester are:

Regina Aurisicchio of Carmel, the owner of Florrie Kaye's Tea Room. She is a cancer survivor, having fought and overcome both breast and colon cancer. She volunteers with such groups as and institutions as Saint. James the Apostle Church, the Mahopac School District, and the Mahopac Sports Association. She is also a Community Cares Board member and a member of the Putnam County Women's Alliance, the Mahopac Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association.

In June 2012, Somers resident Carol Christiansen and her late husband Lou lost their son to heroin addiction. In light of their tragedy they co-founded Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, a community-based non-profit offering education and treatment for families and individuals struggling with addiction. She has been recognized for her efforts by the Putnam County Sheriff's Honor Corps, a Congressional Proclamation, the Sid Gibson Image Award and a Certificate of Recognition from Mental Health Services of Putnam County. In addition, she is a real estate broker and owner of Café Realty and has received numerous awards of excellence.

Croton resident Laurie Dean is the coordinator for the Croton Community Coalition, which is working proactively to keep teens drug-free. She was recognized with a national award from the Community Anti-Drug Coalition

of America for developing a program designed to teach parents about marijuana. Prior to joining the Coalition she worked in corporate human resources for 25 years. She is a two-time PTSA president for Croton Harmon High School and has also volunteered delivering meals for the Croton Caring Committee and served on the Circe School Board of Directors.

Frances Gibbs of Peekskill was the first female mayor of her city, serving three terms. She served as a councilwoman for eight years. She worked as a teacher and operated Camp Mill Run, a day camp in Shrub Oak. She was instrumental in building up Peekskill's Artist District and as a longtime member of the Paramount Center for the Arts, raised over \$1 million in funds for the organization.

Southeast resident Ginger Gross worked for the Brewster School District as a librarian for 15 years and was a 16-year member of the Brewster Education Foundation. She currently serves as president of the Putnam County Retired Teachers Union, volunteers with Ann's Place, a support group for cancer patients, and the Lake Library Association in Franklin, NH.

Brewster resident Melissa Kamin is the founding director of community relations and the corporate compliance officer for the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. She is also a founding member of the development team at the Association, providing job opportunities and training environments for individuals with disabilities. She is a founding member of the board of directors of the Opportunity League, which provides recreation and sports programs to individuals of all ages and abilities.

After retiring from teaching at the Saint Patrick's School in 2000, Patterson resident Mary Ann O'Connor began volunteering at the Patterson Library. She serves as treasurer for the Putnam Lake Seniors, is a member of the Putnam Lake Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, trains altar servers for the Sacred Heart Church, chauffeurs seniors to medical appointments and dresses up as Mrs.

Claus during the Christmas season for many organizations.

Affectionately known as "Dottie," Yorktown resident Dorothea LaScala owned LaScala's Bridal Shop for 25 years. She served as a Girl Scout leader, taught C.C.D. at Saint Patrick's Church in Yorktown and was a district leader for the Yorktown Republican Party. She is a current board member of the Circolo Da Vinci of Yorktown. Her many past awards include the 1984 Westchester County Executive Certificate of Appreciation, a 1985 Westchester County Executive Certificate of Merit, 2012 Westchester County Executive Certificate of Distinguished Service and the 2012 Certificate of Special Recognition for District Leader of the Year.

A retired Navy commander and registered nurse, Beekman resident Rosemarie Lord served in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. She has volunteered with U.S. Naval

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NYS Sen. Murphy with Brewster resident Virginia Gross.



NYS Sen. Murphy with Patterson resident Mary Ann O'Connor, as well as Patterson Supervisor Rich Williams (far left).



NYS Sen. Murphy with Carmel resident Gina Aurisicchio.



From left to right: Putnam women Regina Aurisicchio, Virginia Gross, Mary Ann O'Connor, and Melissa Kamin.

Academy, interviewing and advising eligible candidates. She has also been a religious education teacher, Brownie and Girl Scout Cookie Mother and treasurer and officer of the Kevin Barry Irish Club. She has been recognized for her outstanding service with the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Services Medal - two stars (Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Iraq Wars), a Global War on Terror Services Medal, an Armed Forces

Reserve Medal and the Naval Militia Medal.

Cortlandt resident Patricia Singer joined the Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corp in 1997, serving as recording secretary since 1998. She has been an Emergency Medical Technician since 1999, responding to over 2,046 calls. She serves as a Youth Corps Advisor, and is on the equipment and membership committees. She is also an American Heart Association CPR instructor. During the day she is a special education teacher's aide at Hendrick Hudson High School and is also the director of the Putnam Valley Day Camp.

Murphy praised the honorees at last week's event, saying they have done much for their communities while "asking for absolutely nothing in return."

Murphy said the women were role models. "Our honorees are women who set high standards for themselves, then went out and accomplished what was seemingly impossible," he said.

PV Library Trustees Make Pitch to Voters to Decide Budget

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"We have had town board members who cared about the library and have accommodated our request and have worked with us, but we can't always guarantee that. We may get three members of the board – and it only takes three votes – who may say, 'there's never anybody in the parking lot, we should close it.'"

In 2015, the library had 406,903 visitors and 4,798 card holders. In that last full year of operation the library trustees spent \$339,512 to keep the library up and running. While they hold an annual book sale and make a push for donations, the amount raised through those avenues are nowhere near what the library needs to operate.

The board of trustees is asking for a \$27,778 budget increase for a total of \$320,000, which will be used to maintain current service, expand operating hours to seven days a week, hire needed part-time staff, update technology and add programs and reading materials, and will also help with anticipated state minimum wage increase.

In order to get the budget on the Nov. 8 ballot, the library needs 250 signatures from town residents. The petition can be signed at the library during normal operating hours. The library board had attempted a similar vote last year, but scuttled it when it was determined some

of the number calculations were incorrect. The signature collecting process must now begin all over again.

"Even though we had gathered a number of petitions and gotten a lot of positive feedback and some very valuable feedback to the contrary, we decided the right thing to do was pull the petition and regroup and start again this year"

The tax increase if the budget is adopted would rise from \$19.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property to \$21.24. For example, a resident with a home worth \$350,000 would see a rate increase of \$68.40 to \$74.34, a \$6 increase.

"This is not every year," Keresey added. "We're going to maintain this for three years, so your tax contribution to the library will not go up every year."

The library is currently a 501(c)(3) non-profit association library run by its board of trustees. Adopting a 414 would not change that status, they stressed. The board of trustees is in great need of new members and more library volunteers, Keresey said.

Some residents asked if the board would consider changing to a system where trustees would be directly elected by residents, in order to get more direct representation. Keresey said that ideas had not been seriously considered but said it could be at a later time.

At the town board meeting the next

night, resident Dan Vera complained about the direction the library was going. He said he wants the library board to be elected instead of "taxation without representation." Library trustees aren't vetted properly by residents because they don't run for public office like town board members "that will protect our rights and protect our money," Vera said.

Resident and planning board member Tom Carano criticized Vera's stance and said Vera "has little to dwell on" considering what the increase would be.

"I'll lend you the money Mr. Vera," Carano said. "I've got it on me," with Vera interjecting it's not about the financial increase.

This year the library received \$292,222 from the town. The library has also received \$44,000 so far from the county this year. It has not received any aid from the state so far, but last year received \$3,373 and would likely receive a similar amount this year, Keresey said. Last year the state gave the library \$3,373. The library also receives occasional grants and donations from residents that vary widely in amount.

Also discussed at the meeting was the state of the two bridges on the library property – a wooden pedestrian bridge and a larger vehicular bridge that leads to a parking area on the left side of the building. Both are in need of repair.

The pedestrian bridge is closed due to safety concerns, and the vehicular bridge is currently only deemed safe for pedestrians.

The pedestrian bridge is being rebuilt by volunteers with donated materials, and may be completed as early as October of this year. The vehicular bridge will be repaired using a matching state grant that will require the expenditure of \$270,000 of library savings. That work must be completed by June 2017 in order to get the matching grant funding.

David Propper contributed to this report.

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COMMERCIAL
VAN SEASON

Letters to the Editor

A Fish Story: The 4-H Fishing Clinic

My husband and 9-year-old son recently attended the annual 4-H Fishing Clinic. This was an incredible opportunity co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program & The Oasis Sportsmen's Club with support from the Jack Stewart Jr. Memorial Fund. According to my husband, it was the most impressive free community event he ever had the pleasure of attending . . . and that's no fish story.

He reported that all the volunteer fishing instructors were as skilled as they were patient. The equipment they issued for the children was free of charge and top notch. (Approximately 150 Putnam County youth participated). The literature provided was very informative and the review of the regulations regarding fishing in the local reservoirs (such as obtaining fishing licenses) was an important community lesson.

On this day, fishing was a relatively quiet activity where the children didn't seem to mind that they'd disconnected from their electronic devices. This sport is one that meets the needs of any young child. Whether your child is passive and inattentive or in need of constant activity, fishing provides an organic challenge. They can let the bobber float along until something bites or enjoy the continuous activity of reeling a lure in and casting it out again and again until something bites. It takes 'gaming' to a new level.

Clearly, the only problem taking your child to the Fishing Clinic is that they will always want to go fishing! My son had such a good time with his father that day that he didn't even care that it was raining or that he didn't catch a fish. What a wonderful memory -- a gift -- right before Father's Day!

As father and son, they are looking

forward to going fishing again soon and coming home with plenty of their own fish stories. You can be sure that my son will once again unplug from his gaming devices to attend the Annual 4-H Fair, July 29 - 31st at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, Gypsy Trail Road in Kent. In particular, on Sunday morning, he will take his new skills and tackle to the Fishing Contest at the Lower Park, sponsored by the Putnam County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and Oasis. Our family thanks all involved.

For those who missed the clinic, visit <http://www.stewartmarine.com> for some great local fishing information, thanks to Mr. Jack Stewart.

Jen Cassidy
Brewster



Roderick Cassidy Jr. with his rod and reel at 4-H Fishing Clinic

Sheriff Deputy Goes Beyond Call of Duty

On this past Saturday, the 14th, I foolishly left my wallet on the hood of my car as I busily went about a number of errands in Southeast. It flew off as I was going west on I-84, before I even knew it was missing. When I did discover this,

around 9:30 AM, I first went to the Kent PD where they suggested I go back to the place I thought I lost it with someone from your department.

The man assigned, Thomas Curran, met with me in the parking area near

Applebee's and he immediately put me at ease as I related how embarrassed I was. Many a person might not have had such sensitivity and courtesy as he displayed.

He suggested that I lead him in my car to where I thought it might have been lost, which I did doubtfully and there it was on the shoulder of the road, empty and run over. Deputy Curran then directed me to remain in my car for safety as he proceeded to walk up and down in the foliage for at least 15 to 20 minutes, recapturing my driver's license, some credit cards and other contents of my

wallet, including some cash.

While I understand that he was performing his duty, I feel that he went far beyond that in his treatment of this older woman with no condescension, but far the contrary and I wanted you to know what a fine human being he is.

Respectfully and gratefully,
Joyce Mitchell
Kent Lakes

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Support Putnam Valley Library's 414 Initiative

The Putnam Valley Library is collecting petition signatures to have the Town's contribution of the Library's budget voted on by the people of the Town. We aim to have the proposal on the ballot for voters in the Fall election. At present, the Town's allotment is decided solely by the Town Board. The change would permit the Town's electorate to vote directly for the amount the Town gives to the Library.

There is a flyer going around Putnam Valley saying the 414 initiative would

be Taxation Without Representation. Nothing could be further from the truth. One can even sign the petition and still vote NO on the proposal in the Fall. We, volunteer Trustees of the Library, certainly hope the voters vote YES in the Fall, but there is nothing devious, sneaky or disingenuous about this change.

Jerry Oland
Putnam Valley

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**Business
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Harvest Moon & Orchard North Salem

By Nancy Sorbella

Harvest Moon Farm & Orchard is the perfect example of a business living the local farming dream, with a North Salem family enlisting the next generation to bring their fresh produce, flowers, sweet and hard cider, and locally sourced New York State products to your table.

This “destination”, Harvest Moon, is located on 64 bucolic acres in North Salem and was purchased by Rob and Ursula Covino, owners of the adjacent Hardscrabble Farms in 2006 from the Outhouse family who had farmed the land since the nineteenth century. The two properties actually connect on both sides of Hardscrabble Road. While the purchase was completed in 2006, the Outhouse family continued to run it until 2011 and that is when the name officially changed.

A family business, it is now a “multi-family business”, according to store manager and Covino family daughter in law, Christine. Kevin Covino, one of the Covino’s sons is the Farm Manager and also manages the hard cider business, Hardscrabble Cider, with brothers Alex and Ben. Christine’s sister is webmaster and handles marketing and “when things get busy (as they often do), it’s all hands on deck”, Christine shares, and the staff swells to include extended family and close friends.

The Hudson Valley is a hotbed for hard cider and the Covino’s are very much a part of the scene. They envision great growth and opportunity for all area



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The Covino family, owners of the adjacent Harvest Moon & Orchard.

producers. All cider production takes place at Harvest Moon from the careful planting of new trees (4,000 already) to hand bottling, capping and labeling.

“Local farming creates a great sense of community”, says Christine, “and we love what we do. Connecting with the Earth and at the same time to the people that you’re feeding is a big responsibility.” Farm manager Kevin Covino’s “passion and devotion to the fruit trees and vegetable crops is inspiring and really motivates the family and staff to work hard and love what they do.” Kevin is well known on the farm for his patience and ability to face the challenges of farming (often insects, disease and weather) with optimism and creative solutions.

Generations of children have been coming to the orchards for hayrides, visiting the farm animals, apple picking, and apple cider donuts. Families have fond memories of pumpkin picking, apple cider and friendly faces. The Covino family continues these traditions and continue to add more:

The Tasting Room is stocked with a wide array of New York State craft beer and spirits including wine, mead and whiskey. There is an outdoor patio sitting area where they also host live music seasonally on Saturdays.

Yoga at the Farm is another great

addition. Offered every Saturday in the summer among the apple trees from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for \$15/class, which includes coffee and a donut. Beginners are welcome and you must sign up in advance online at HMOorchard.com/yoga.

The Farm has a robust CSA program (Community Supported Agriculture) and is now taking reservations for 2017.

The Market also features unique local products and gifts. Christine “tries to be eclectic and offer many different choices”, sourcing from Etsy wholesale and customer recommendations. Fresh farm raised turkeys are popular for

Thanksgiving--orders are taken beginning in September. Harvest Moon’s grass-fed beef products are in high demand.

Harvest Moon’s signature upbeat and friendly vibe is evident everywhere you turn. Helpful and engaging staff members are ever-present; always willing to offer helpful tips, answer questions and suggest recipes and food pairings. The homegrown hanging flower baskets pop with color and texture and are visible from the road. Speaking for the entire family, Christine expresses gratitude for the opportunity to farm and provide sustenance and joy to visitors to Harvest Moon.

“We are so grateful to have the chance to contribute and be part of keeping the local farming dream alive,” she said. “The farm gives us a connection to the Earth, which is an essential part of life in general, and also an undeniable sense of community that we never could have imagined.”

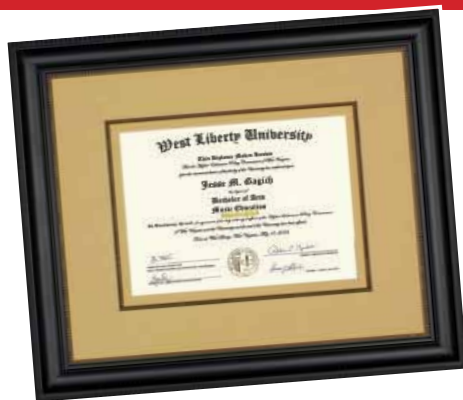
Visit Harvest Moon at 140 Hardscrabble Road North Salem, and its number is 914-485-1210 and website is www.harvestmoonfarmandorchard.com

It’s open: Monday-Sunday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tasting Room is open until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Winter hours are Saturday only 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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Op-Ed

Setting Record Straight on PV Library Budget Proposal

By Priscilla Keresey

I'd like to correct a small, misinformed voice we're hearing in Putnam Valley. In previous letters to the paper I've read the opinion that the Library Trustees aren't educated enough, expert enough, or equipped enough in the budgetary process to determine what the Library should receive in tax dollars. There is the mistaken assumption that the Town Board acts as our budget experts now, and if we remove them from this process then the Library Board will run wild raising your taxes, presumably because we don't know what we're doing, and potentially costing you millions.

The Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees work together every year to create a budget request. Then the Library submits the budget request to the Town Board, which agrees to the amount or not. If the Town Board does not agree to the amount the Library is asking for, they may cut the total amount by a number or a percentage. It is important to note that the Library is not a department of the Town of Putnam Valley, but an independent organization that is contracted to provide library services; only a portion of the funding

required to run the Library is provided by taxpayer dollars, through this Town Board budget process.

The Town Board has no input on how or where the Library makes budgetary adjustments. It doesn't direct the Library where to spend money, nor does it determine what the Library needs. It is the job of the Library Trustees and Director to determine how and when to make budgetary adjustments.

For example, if the Director and Trustees of the Library determine that an additional staff member is needed, we do not approach the Town Board for permission or approval. Nor is the Town Board empowered to tell us that we may or may not hire additional staff. They may not say: "We think you should have more books instead of another part-time employee, so spend money on increasing your collection instead." The Town Board does not define or recommend how the Library allocates money.

No Town Board has ever had any involvement in the day-to-day decisions about the Library budget. That's because your Library is a private, non-profit organization. It is not managed by the Town, nor are its finances the Town's

responsibility. The Director, staff and Trustees do not report to the Town Supervisor.

Any suggestion that the Town Board is more equipped to manage the Library's budget, or that the Town Board is better suited, more expert, at the Library's finances is incorrect. The Library Director and Trustees closely review the finances every month, and are in fact the real experts on the Library budget. The notion that without Town Board oversight the Library Trustees won't be adequately prepared to manage Library finances is mistaken. It's not as though a tightly-controlled and regulated process is in danger of completely breaking down without Town Board involvement, should the Library become a 414.

So if the Town Board has no more involvement in how your taxes are spent on the Library than a thumbs-up or thumbs-down once a year at budget time, the only thing that changes with a 414 is WHO gives the thumbs-up or thumbs-down. If the Town Board members are not currently acting as Library budget experts now -- and they're not -- nothing changes except that a layer of government is stripped

away. Nothing is going to be lost, worse off, or mismanaged. Nothing is going to change, except that the Library budget is approved (or not) by you, the residents -- the voters.

Instead of the Town Board accepting or rejecting the Library's request (on your behalf), you -- the residents -- will decide.

If the only thing that's going to change is to eliminate a layer of government by putting the budget in the hands of the residents, rather than in the hands of someone who has been voted into office by the residents, why is that so frightening? What is so upsetting to our detractors about the residents determining the budget? If we present a budget to the residents the same way we would to the Town Board, and the residents, instead of the Town Board, say "Yes, we think this is a good way to spend tax dollars," or "No, we think you're asking for too much," why is that so scary? I don't understand why anyone would object to the decision about your tax dollars being in your own hands.

Priscilla Keresey is the president of the Putnam Valley Library's Board of Trustees.

Talking to Your Child About Mass Shootings

Shootings are tragic events that provoke heavy emotions across the country. These emotions spread into the homes of many, raising thoughts and questions within society. Children often struggle emotionally when they hear of such tragedies; they may not understand or know how to deal with the thoughts and feelings they are experiencing. Children turn to caretakers or parents for reassurance and explanations. There is no easy answer or one-way approach to try to explain such a catastrophic event to your children. However, it is an important conversation to have because oftentimes children are concerned for their own safety.

Tips from the Putnam County Department of Social Services for talking to your children:

Don't wait — The news, television and social media make it difficult to be the first one to talk about the shooting with your children. However, it is important not to delay the conversation to avoid having your child hear misinformation. The sooner you have the conversation, the sooner you will be able to answer questions, express facts about the incident and provide some emotional ease.

Recognize behavior — It's important to pay attention to your children's emotions. Are they more upset or anxious than usual? Are they talking about nightmares or having trouble sleeping?

Encourage your child — Allow your

Allow your child to know this is OK to talk about and it is healthy to express feelings. When your children express emotions, validate their feelings and talk about your own feelings. Encourage questions; however, take note that it is ok not to know all the answers. These events are hard to understand and sometimes there is no why or how answer.

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Listen and share — Listen to your children, let them know they are being

heard and share your beliefs. Try to be simple with explanations. Shootings are traumatic events; don't overwhelm them with too many details.

Positives are important — Assure your children about their safety and that they are loved. It's necessary to talk about the heroes and all the people who helped during the crisis. Also encourage your children to take action and discuss solutions with them.

Parents' approach to talking about shootings should depend on the age of the child. For preschool and kindergartners, speak calmly and explain the situation in a manner that is easily understandable. Children in elementary and middle school will have more questions and will want answers. It's important to separate fantasy from reality while providing them with accurate information to prevent misinformation or misconceptions. High school teens are able to understand the tragedies, therefore discuss in-depth information about what they have heard

and have them share their feelings.

Most importantly, it is ok to seek help if necessary. Don't be afraid to recognize that tragedies are hard to handle. If you are concerned for your child's emotional or behavioral well-being contact mental health professionals at school or in your community.

Local resources are:

The Putnam County Crisis Hotline, the phone number is 845-225-1222 and they are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Putnam Family and Community Services, their phone number is 845-225-2700.

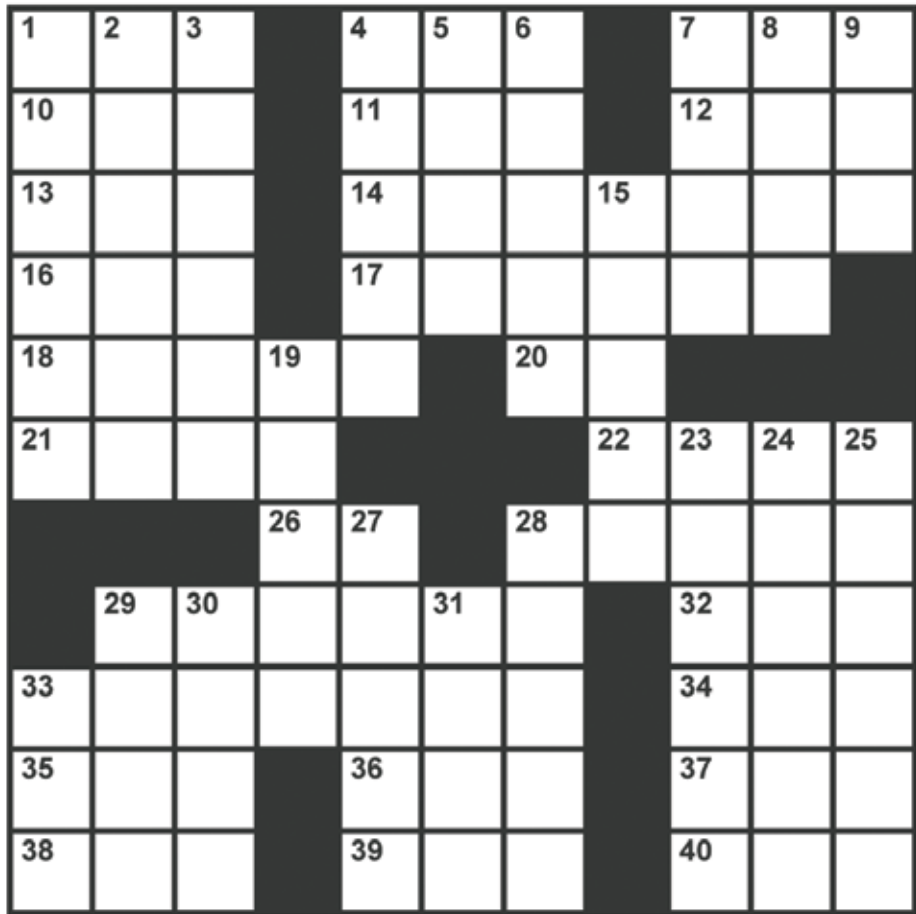
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 16

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- 10 Return envelope abbreviation
- 11 Org. that formed around Mandela
- 12 Dictionary abbr.
- 13 Jackanape
- 14 Typefaces
- 16 Morse code word
- 17 In a meddling manner
- 18 Pharaoh's land
- 20 Yon bloke
- 21 Hospital fluids
- 22 Imparted
- 26 Exists
- 28 This restaurant is a real gemstone in Yorktown, ___ of Himalaya
- 29 Newspaper rows
- 32 Collection of miscellaneous information
- 33 Suggestive of war
- 34 Gear
- 35 Vocalist DiFranco
- 36 Zero
- 37 Before, in verse
- 38 Approved!
- 39 Chinese ideal
- 40 Actor Beatty

Down

- 4 Sully
- 5 Able to see right through
- 6 Money in electronic form
- 7 "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- 8 Like some Victoria's Secret offerings
- 9 Simon and Garfunkel's "___ Robinson"
- 15 Lord's worker
- 19 Give color to
- 23 Come to
- 24 Jury panel
- 25 Happy
- 27 Valentine, for one
- 28 Dessert
- 29 Freeway division
- 30 Blue flag, e.g.
- 31 Greek earth goddess, var.
- 33 "If I ___ be so bold ..."

Down

- 1 Digressions
- 2 Harm
- 3 A soft, gentle breeze or Mahopac equestrian facility, ___ Farm

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Executive Director to Retire From Garrison Art Center

The Board of Directors at Garrison Art Center announces the retirement of Executive Director Carinda Swann at 2016 year-end. Carinda has been involved at the Art Center for 22 years. She has served as director since 2008 and prior to that served as teacher, volunteer, gallery committee member and board member.

During her tenure as director Carinda has expanded and broadened the education programming. She improved existing popular classes, added numerous classes in a variety of disciplines and expanded the very popular pottery program. She established the Cabin Fever Workshops, a teacher's retreat where public school teachers can deepen their skills and added Summer ARTtots to the widely touted summer programs for kindergarten through high school. Coming up in July is her newest summer program, Summer Camp for Grown-ups.

Under her guidance the exhibition program has been significantly strengthened. She broadened the range of exhibitions and elevated the quality of work shown. As director a focus became offering the kind of exhibitions that patrons and residents would see in NYC galleries. With previous board president Bill Burback and with help from Garrison residents Lee Balter and the late Gordon Stewart, she established the Leadership Circle made up of members whose generosity helps fund exhibitions and related education programs. Under her charge The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center has shown the works of hundreds of artists including the acclaimed Ivan Chermayeff, Judy Pfaff, Melissa Meyer and more. The Power of Two was a very successful exhibition



focused on never shown fine art works by Mary Einstein Wright and Russel Wright and was the Art Center's first museum-quality show. It was paired with The Vision of One, a show summarizing the extraordinary accomplishments of late Garrison resident Aileen Osborne Webb, founder of the American Craft Museum now the Museum of Art and Design in NYC. Coming in the fall of 2016, Carinda has arranged exhibitions by world renowned artists Sean Scully and Don Nice.

During these 8 years Carinda has worked to create, design and offer unique community events that include the delightful Float Your Boat, a one day event during which hundreds created sculpture/boats from recycled materials culminating in a flotilla show on the Hudson River and the wildly successful Steamroller Printmaking where many local artists, students and families participated and watched the 22,000 pound steamroller made giant prints. The Made in Philipstown Banquet, hosted by 20 non-profit organizations, was a magical event where nearly 400 happy residents made

plates throughout the summer at the Art Center and on Labor Day weekend sat at one long table where they shared a locally grown and prepared meal.

Carinda has worked to create collaborative programs with other community organizations including Boscobel, Manitoga: Russel Wright Design Center, Constitution Marsh, the Desmond Fish Library and works cooperatively with the boards of Garrison Landing Association and Garrison Station Plaza who so generously share their beautiful

grounds that serve as the Art Center's backyard.

"Carinda will be missed by all those who have walked through the door during her leadership," says Board President Maryann Syrek. "Enthusiasm, professionalism, passion and talent, plus an unconditional sacrifice of personal time in pursuit of serving an appreciative community you love is a rare combination embodied by this director and the board will miss her, but wholeheartedly encourage her to segue into the next exciting adventures of life yet ahead."

Carinda would like to thank the hundreds who have offered their expertise and hard work in creating the varied opportunities offered by Garrison Art Center. "The people I have had the great fortune to work with and who make the heart of the Art Center tick are nothing short of astonishing, both in their abilities and in their commitment to the Art Center and all it stands for. I have witnessed such devoted dedication from staff, board members, teachers and volunteers that it is truly humbling."

Putnam County's Row of Honor to Fly Through 4th of July

Due to overwhelming popularity and support, the flags lining Lake Gleneida, known as the Row of Honor, will continue to fly until July 4th this year instead of Flag Day, on June 14th. 240 flags will be flown to represent the 240 years since the United States of America was established.

"The Row of Honor is a beautiful way to show gratitude to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and freedom," says Putnam County Executive, MaryEllen Odell, "This biannual tradition means so much to both veterans who have risked their lives for their country, and the families who have lost their loved ones."

A flag can be sponsored for \$100 dollars in the name of a loved one lost in the service of our country. All proceeds are given directly to VET2VET, a program that helps veterans suffering from PTSD, depression, and other difficulties, reintegrate into society.

Flags can be ordered at (845) 808-1620 or at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/roh/>.

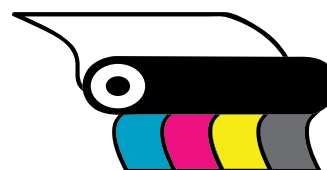
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Proud Top Cop Graduate



Rocco J. Vigliotti pictured here with Deputy Paul Piazza of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department at the 2016 graduation of the Putnam County Sheriff Cadets and Kent Police Cadets on Monday, June 13. Vigliotti was the recipient of the Top Cop award this year. The Top Cop award is given to a cadet who has demonstrated excellence in all areas of the 20-week training program. The Explorer program has been in existence since 1967. Congratulations to Vigliotti and to all the 2016 cadets.

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Mahopac Resident Earns FASNY Teacher of the Year

There were proclamations and speeches telling of what “Rev” does, but what really touched Mike’s heart were the words from his students, the next generation of EMS. Fire fighters and EMTs packed Mahopac Fire headquarters, along with many local dignitaries to thank and support Mike Revenson, Teacher of the Year recipient of FASNY’s award. When Mahopac Falls Asst. Chief Brian Sacher, who was one of Rev’s students, called for any of Mike’s students from Mahopac Falls FD to come up and help present a plaque, more than a dozen people joined him at the podium.

A modest man, Mike spoke passionately about what matters. With his wife at his side, he took all the praise in stride because it was never about any thanks or glory. It is about what he is doing matters. He has touches so many lives that you could not count a total. Mike is far from done, and for that we are thankful.

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Eric Gross and Judge Jim Reitz discuss the honor bestowed on Mahopac FD member Mike Revenson with MVFD commissioners Drew Kinash and Fredo Goerlich.



FASNY representatives stand to present the Teacher of the Year award to Rev.



Casey Stiller, one of Mike's former students, with Asst. Chief Brian Sacher, President Hans Schweizer and Lieut. Chris Tompkins from Mahopac Falls VFD present a token of appreciation to a very special friend of the Falls Fire Department.

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Public Health Summit Convenes Record Number of Community Partners

More than 78 public health partners from 47 different community agencies convened at Putnam Hospital Center (PHC) on Tuesday, June 6, for the Sixth Annual Public Health Summit, organized by the Putnam County Department of Health with support from the hospital. The event serves as an opportunity for community health partners to discuss progress on the Community Health Improvement (CHIP) plan, and to learn of new developments concerning the county's various health priorities.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell praised Putnam's public health system, saying "The silos are being eliminated. Partnership was one of the things that impressed the Public Health Accreditation Board when the health department received national accreditation earlier this year. It's wonderful to see the collaboration between the health department, county mental health services, Putnam Hospital Center and all other community agencies—with a common goal of keeping our residents healthy." PHC president James Caldas,

Open Door President and CEO Lindsay Farrell, Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health Michael Piazza, and Interim Health Commissioner Michael Nesheiwat, MD, were among the other attending public and healthcare leaders.

The format for the half-day event was streamlined from previous summits, with an initial data presentation by Erin Pascaretti, the health department's epidemiologist, followed by panel presentations and discussions by community partners on current interventions, many of which were evidenced-based programs.

Nearly three dozen community interventions were highlighted by panel presenters who were

convened to tackle the two CHIP priorities—promoting mental health and reducing substance abuse, and preventing chronic diseases. Mental health interventions in place include mental health first aid training; safeTALK, suicide prevention training, CIT (crisis intervention team) training for law enforcement; ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training); anti-stigma



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Edward Murphy, president of the Putnam Chapter of the National Association of Mental Illness, casts his vote for promoting mental health and preventing substance abuse as the top health priority.

media campaigns; Text4Teens initiative; Lifelines curriculum in most school districts; and peer-to-peer mental health programs. Substance abuse initiatives were discussed such as the Communities That Care (CTC) Coalitions, whose work brings together multi-sector disciplines including community organizations, schools, and government entities to work on substance abuse prevention strategies. Chronic disease initiatives including work-site wellness programs, school gardens and tobacco prevention and cessation strategies were also discussed.

Preventing chronic diseases, along with promoting mental health and reducing substance abuse, have so far remained the top health priorities in Putnam. With the

growing opioid addiction problem in the county, similar to what other communities are experiencing nationwide, Putnam formally incorporated substance abuse prevention into its CHIP last year and Putnam's priorities now mirror exactly those crafted by the New York State Department of Health's Prevention Agenda 2013-2017.

Putnam residents and those who work in the county can also participate in the CHIP process, by taking the online community asset survey, accessible through the homepage of the Putnam County website at www.putnamcountyny.com until July 31. The direct link is www.tinyurl.com/Community-Asset-Survey.



Lindsay Farrell, president and CEO of Open Door, and Diane Russo, executive director of Putnam Family & Community Services, discuss plans for improving mental health resources in the county.



Michael Nesheiwat, MD, Interim Commissioner of Health, left, welcomed Raymond Phillips, MD, member of the Board of Health to Public Health Summit VI on June 7 at Putnam Hospital Center.

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Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Honor Flag Day

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts from Brewster participated in honoring our nation for Flag Day 2016 last Tuesday. At the annual Elk Club Flag Day ceremony in Brewster scouts participated in the history of our flag ceremony, changing of the colors, and dedication of Eagle Scout John Imor’s Eagle Scout project. Flag Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag.

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Happy Birthday Putnam County



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On Monday, June 13, Putnam County celebrated its 204 birthday. Several people and organizations were honored inside the Historic Courthouse in Carmel including : Steven Miller, Executive Director, Boscobel House and Gardens, and Jennifer Carlquist, Curator, “Hudson Hewn: New York Furniture Now” (bottom left), members of The Tompkins Corners Cultural Center (bottom right), Melissa McGill, artist, Constellation, Bannerman’s Island, and the Putnam County News and Recorder and Putnam County Courier. After the ceremony, revelers enjoyed a piece of cake, like friendly residents Marvin Novinsky and Norman Offeney with County Executive MaryEllen Odell (pictured above).



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Obituaries

Martin E. Hughes

Martin E. Hughes, 61, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died on June 8. Mr. Hughes was born on February 27, 1955 to Martin and Nora (Birmingham) Hughes in Staten Island, NY. Before he retired in 2015, he worked as an Electrical Engineer for Local 3 in New York City. In his spare time, Martin was an avid fisherman and birdwatcher. He was also a member of the Men's Fraternity Club in Mahopac. He is survived by his three loving sons; Conor, Quinn and Eoin and his two siblings; Marianne Hughes, and Noreen Daniello. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Christine (Armstrong) Hughes who had passed in 2004 and his sister; Eileen Barone.

Robert Rhea Franke

Beloved husband, father, son and brother, Robert Rhea Franke of Mahopac, died on Monday, June 13, at the age of 49. He was born on Long Island, the son of Robert and Linda (Lawson) Franke and grew up in Medford, NY. He graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School, and LaGuardia Community College focusing on Veterinary Medicine and most recently worked for MV Transportation (Putnam Transit). Rob shared many passions with his friends and family including, the Red Sox, cooking, wet shaving, politics, animals, music, gaming and history. He loved his family fiercely and he lived his passions. Rob is survived by his wife of 17 years, Karen (Goodwin) Franke, his son August, his mother Linda, his brother John and his wife Lisa, his sister Rachel and her partner Rodney Hosking and his many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, friends and neighbors. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice or the August Franke 529 College Savings Plan at Fidelity Investments, <http://go.fidelity.com/8mpc>. For questions, please contact Karen at kfranke11@verizon.net.

Steven Dudowitz

Steven Dudowitz of Mahopac, a

dedicated family man and mentor to many, tragically passed away Monday, June 13th after fighting the complications of heart failure for four weeks. He was 55. Dudowitz was born in Brooklyn on August 24, 1960 and attended Lincoln High School where he was a linebacker on the famed football team. He continued playing football at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania where he majored in business administration. He began his brokerage career in 1979 in the mailroom at LF Rothschild where he worked for nine years before its infamous demise in 1988 after the stock market crash the year prior. Dudowitz worked as an operations manager at Smith Barney and SG Warburg surviving various mergers. He became an AVP of operations at UBS Investment Bank where he worked for 10 years until 2005.

Dudowitz began working at Seaport Global Securities in March of 2005 where he eventually became the Director of Operations. He was respected by newcomers and experienced colleagues alike. He created the internship program at Seaport which led him to mentor of many beginning their careers in brokerage. The dedication and compassion he showed to those who worked with and for him during his 37 years on Wall Street was unparalleled. While he loved his career, Dudowitz's real passion was his family. He met his wife Juliet Dudowitz in 2001 online when match.com was in its infancy. Advertised as a "dog-lover", Juliet, who's less fond of dogs, was initially interested, but didn't reach out. To her surprise, he contacted her and after fielding him for a few dates, she let him take her out to see the movie, Serendipity. They would spend the next 15 years together.

In 2004, the Dudowitz's daughter, Stephanie, was born. Juliet has a daughter from a previous marriage, Alexia Faulkner, who Dudowitz loved just as his own. Ever the attentive father, when his girls made the Mahopac local and travel softball teams, he built them a batting cage in his back yard where they spent countless hours practicing together. He truly lived for his daughters and wife. One of Dudowitz's greatest passions was tending to his home, particularly his backyard. His lawn was pristine and garden well-tended. He owned ATVs with various attachments for tending his expansive lawn which he housed in his barn. He personally laid rocks and planted foliage around his pool and dutifully protected sensitive plants from deer in all seasons. His garden contained an abundance of tomato plants, as many Brooklynites do, that he made sauce out of every August and would last through the winter. Dudowitz loved the beach most of all - he could be found sun-bathing and swimming all day. His friends and colleagues knew him for his German potato salad full of vinegar and bacon but his favorite food of all was pizza. He

enjoyed cigars, rum and cokes and the occasional espresso martini. In his free time he enjoyed watching sports as he was a huge Mets, Rangers and Giants fan collecting all sorts of memorabilia over the years. Dudowitz is survived by his wife Juliette, daughter Stephanie and step-daughter Alexia Faulkner; his father Al Dudowitz and his wife Mimi; his mother Doris Deane and her husband Jimmy; his sister Monique Benetatos Davies and her husband Hal, and his nephews Jimmy, Joey and Peter Benetatos.

Mary Giordano

Mary "Marie" Giordano, 83, died on June 14, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 6, 1933 to the late Frank and Antoinette (Nardone) Gasparino in Mt. Vernon. On August 8, 1952 she married the love of her life, John Giordano in Maryland, and together they were blessed with three children; Nancy, Ron and Maryann. Marie was a homemaker and dedicated her entire life to her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and a friend to so many. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved, her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family will continue to grow in our hearts. She is survived by her devoted husband of almost 64 years John. Her three loving children; Nancy Metcalf, and son-in-law Todd Metcalf, Ron Giordano, and daughter-in-law Rosalyn Giordano and Maryann Giordano. Her three siblings; sister Frances Loffredo, brothers August and Martin Gasparino and sister-in-law Nancy Gasparino; Marie is also survived by her cherished grandchildren; Danielle, William and Amanda all of whom she adored and each grandchild

held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her brothers; Philip and Nicholas Gasparino, sister-in-law Eleanor Gasparino and brother-in-law Louis Loffredo.

Charles R. Howe

Charles R. Howe, of Brewster, died Tuesday June 14, at Putnam Hospital Center, Carmel, with his family close. He was 82 years old. Born July 19, 1933 in Staten Island, one of 6 children to the late Joseph and Ruth (Schumacher) Howe, Charlie graduated from St. Peter's High School in Staten Island and Fordham University. He honorably served in the US Army during the Korean War. Charles and Joan P. Curley were married on October 15, 1960 and moved to their home in Brewster in 1969. Joan predeceased Charlie on March 14, 2016. Charles was a Vice-President at Emigrant Savings Bank in Manhattan for 35 years before retiring in 1995. He was a Cub Scout Pack Master of Pack #119 in Brewster, and a Scout Master of Brewster Troop 1. Charlie was an active parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Charles is survived by his 5 children: Chip and his wife Nancy of Stamford, CT; Mary and her husband Kenneth Rhuda of North Salem; James and his wife Dina of Norwalk, CT; Matthew and his wife MaryAnne of Hopewell Jct; and Joan and her husband Michael Nicholson of Stamford, CT; 11 grandchildren; and his siblings, John Howe, Ruthanne Malnati, Paul Howe and Frances Johnson. Charles was predeceased by his brother Joseph Howe and his grandson, Michael Howe.

Crossword Answers

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It's Again Time to Dust Off the Subject of Household Dust

Have you ever heard of a dust fetish? I reluctantly admit to at least a keen interest in the subject, having alluded to it a couple of times in my column musings.

Recently I learned about a new study conducted by a group of scientists who had collected dust samples from 1,200 homes across the United States. It revealed that we all cohabitate with a few thousand species of bacteria and about 2,000 species of fungi, most of which originate outdoors and probably come inside via soil particles or as airborne spores.

Add to our skin cells other flaky stuff like fabric fibers, dust mite excrement, hair, pet dander, regular dirt, debris and micro particles and you have a pretty nasty brew that can give people with allergies and breathing problems a real hassle.

For anyone interested in forensic investigation, the study of dust bacteria and fungi can determine whether a home has dogs or cats and the ratio of women to men on the premises.

For those with allergy issues, finding a solution can be a quagmire. While some argue that it's simply a matter of pulling up



By Bill Primavera

carpeting and living with bare hardwood floors to control airborne bacteria and fungi, the authors of this new study state somewhat extremely that "If you want to change your bacterial exposures, you just may have to change who you live with!" Or better yet, "If you want to change the types of fungi you are exposed to in your home, it may be best to move to a different home (preferably far away)."

Well, no wonder we encounter so many people who are sniffing and apologetically tell us, sorry, it's my allergies acting up.

While dust is inevitable, it horrifies some of us, as though its presence on our furniture and floors tells the world something unflattering about us. But some of us just don't give a damn.

You may be familiar with the documentary, HBO movie or Broadway version of "Grey Gardens," in which Jackie Kennedy Onassis' aunt and cousin, Edie Beale, and her daughter are depicted as living in squalor in a neglected ramshackle house with garbage strewn throughout and a hoard of cats and raccoons relieving themselves on the floor. When Jackie

arrives to help remedy the situation and registers her shock at the condition of the property, Edie is dismissive, responding that her daughter "hasn't been keeping up with the dusting."

Is inattention to dust the first degenerative step to chaos in the home? Maybe for some, depending on their mental attitude about it, and in turn, how unkempt homes can affect its occupants.

One survey reveals that 83 percent of us are happier in a clean house and the act of cleaning itself gives 57 percent of the population a feeling of satisfaction. It also shows that 38 percent of women and 24 percent of men experience real stress living in a messy environment.

It would seem that dusting and cleaning can be therapeutic. Psychologists have found that there is a marked difference in mood before and after cleaning, just as with a therapy session.

But beyond the psychological and unhealthy effects of dust, it can do real physical damage to most everything it lands on, from furniture surfaces to those things it clogs up like computer keyboards and vents.

There are fancy and simple ways to get rid of dust. The fancy way is with an air purifier of which there are two types: those with fans that pull air through filters that trap dust and those called

electrostatic precipitators in which an electrical charge is applied to the dust drawn into the device and captured on oppositely charged plates. Both are available as either portable units or as whole-house systems. Prices range from \$100 for a portable model to over \$1,000 for a whole-house system.

Among the houses I've listed or sold, I was aware of only one couple who had a whole-house air purifier system. So, unless people are plagued by allergies, I suspect that most of us dust with old-fashioned elbow grease, using either rags or one of those new magic dusters to which particles cling. Because the latter option can be expensive, a regular rag can be made just as effective if dampened before use and shaken out frequently.

It's funny how the exploratory process can affect you. As I sit at my computer, I'm very aware that between the keys of the keyboard is a lot of trapped dust. Are the raccoons soon to follow?

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A Bounty of Historic Wine and Farm Produce in Our Backyard



By Nick Antonaccio

The history and culture of the Hudson Valley is one of the most storied in our nation's 240-year history of independence.

Through the late 19th century, it was a center of agriculture and industry, as well as a magnet for artists and naturalists. Then the industrial age and mass communications relegated it to increasing obscurity and derision. The focal point for agriculture shifted west and south while airlines, railroads and most recently hi-tech tore down geographic boundaries and dispersed businesses and populations far and wide.

Likewise, new forms of art became decidedly more abstract (and popular) than the landscape paintings created by the Hudson Valley School that were as much travelogues as they were artistic works.

Our Hudson Valley region suffered immensely through these multiple evolutions of American culture and industry. However, in the last 25 years, a slow but steady resurgence has revitalized the reputation, and the

economy, of the Hudson Valley.

The wine industry in this bounteous region, which stretches from Westchester to Rensselaer counties, shares the long history of other agricultural products.

The French Huguenots planted the first grapevines in New Paltz in 1677, primarily for their own consumption. These small, home wineries were the trend for nearly 200 years. It wasn't until the mid-19th century that commercial wineries were established. One of these, established in Croton-on-Hudson, was a primary source of altar and medicinal wines, in addition to local produce, for New York City merchants. Long gone, the underground caves used to cellar their wines have survived, in what is now a Westchester County park.

Today, dozens of wineries are in full operation in the region. Less than 90 minutes away, Benmarl Winery, Millbrook Wines, Cascade Mountain, Robibero, Glorie Farm, Warwick Valley Winery and Clinton Vineyards have garnered a strong local following. Several wineries have banded together to enhance tourism; the Shawangunk Wine Trail is an organized way to take in the bounty of the lower Hudson Valley.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

During the summer and fall, Hudson Valley wineries are popular weekend destinations for tastings, picnics and concerts – and of course many panoramic views of the Hudson River. I

encourage you to consider a staycation for a wonderful outing that will enhance your appreciation of the heritage and satiate your palate for fine wine and food.

The unique climate, soil and geography of the region make it difficult to support the more familiar grape varieties, such as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. While there are excellent representations of these grapes, the local hybrids are the stars. Varieties such as Seyval Blanc, Baco Noir, Traminette, Marquette and Chambourcin produce unique aroma and taste profiles that are popular in tasting rooms across the region.

Just as the Hudson River supports the revival of the wine industry, it is even more evident in the farm produce of the region. The climate along the hills and vales of the region is more temperate than that of inland areas. Maritime breezes and sunlit hillsides provide ideal conditions for wineries, but also for fruit and vegetable farmers.

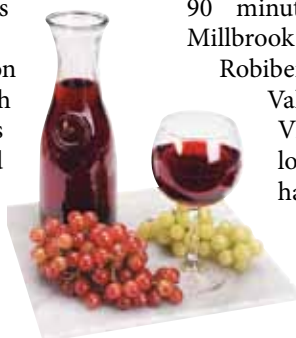
On any given in-season Saturday, there are more than 70 farmers markets throughout the Hudson Valley, including 20 in Westchester. These local

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purveyors have revived the agriculture industry of the 19th century, once again becoming a food supply for the New York metropolitan area. Consumers seeking naturally produced fresh farm products, raised responsibly with care, are sustaining the new organic locavore movement, from Westchester to New York City and beyond.

We are blessed in Westchester to be logistically located to enjoy the bounty of the Hudson Valley. A trip to local wineries is an intoxicating adventure to appreciate the wonders of nature at her best.

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



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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUSIC LECTURES LLC FIRST:The name of the Limited Liability Company is MUSIC LECTURES LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND:The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:**The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Westchester. **FOURTH:**The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:**The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose. Dated: May 23, 2016

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK WESTCHESTER COUNTY
the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by NOTICE OF
Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven of the
FORECLOSURE Real Property Tax Law by the Village/Town of Mount Kisco
INDEX NO. 2513-15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 31st day of May, 2016, Robert Wheeling, Village Treasurer of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Enforcing Officer”, of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Tax District”, pursuant to law filed with the clerk of Westchester County, a petition of foreclosure against various parcels of real property for unpaid Town and County taxes. Such petition pertains to the following parcels:

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| 69.51-2-2-122 | LORRIANE SMARIO |
| 69.56-2-7 | JAD & LYNN BARGHOUT |
| 69.64-4-1 | THE HEARTH AT MOUNT KISCO LLC |
| 69.72-4-8 | JAMES H. LEE, SR. |
| 69.75-1-3 | ROSWELL D. REGAN |
| 69.75-1-7 | ROBERT & SIOBHAN ZANIEWSKI |
| 69.80-4-2 | CARMELO & VINCENZA CAMBARERI |
| 69.81-3-2-1 | CONSTANCE BASHORE |
| 69.82-1-4 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.23-1-5 | RICARDO & MARIA RODRIGUEZ |
| 80.23-4-15 | JAMES H. LEE, SR. |
| 80.25-3-20 | PETER KOMAR |
| 80.33-2-4 | PETER D. KOMAR |
| 80.33-3-2 | JOSEPH & RAY SAROKEN |
| 80.33-6-6 | PETER D. KOMAR |
| 80.34-3-17 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.40-3-3 | CHARLES BOEHMER |
| 80.55-1-2-.1/4 | RADIO CITY VENTURES,LLC |
| 80.56-1-4 | LINDA LUCADAMO & DANIEL DIMARINO |
| 80.56-3-15.1 | SPENCER & CO, INC |
| 80.57-2-8 | CARMINE CONTE |
| 80.57-4-11 | CARMELO & VINCENZA CAMBARERI |
| 80.64-1-22 | JOSEPH OLIVERI |
| 80.72-4-18 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.80-1-15 | UNKNOWN OWNER |

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of such petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to Joann Cerretani, **RECIEVER OF TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE/ TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO, 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York, 10549.** In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 31st day of August, 2016.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in such petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the office of the county clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in such petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default. **Dated: Mount Kisco, New York May 31, 2016**

ENFORCING OFFICER:
ROBERT WHEELING,
VILLAGE TREASURER TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT KISCO

WHITNEY SINGLETON
Attorney for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco
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SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK WESTCHESTER COUNTY
In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by NOTICE OF
Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven of the
FORECLOSURE Real Property Tax Law by the Village/Town of Mount Kisco
NO. 2514-15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 31st day of May, 2016, Robert Wheeling, Village Treasurer of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Enforcing Officer”, of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Tax District”, pursuant to law filed with the clerk of Westchester County, a petition of foreclosure against various parcels of real property for unpaid Village taxes. Such petition pertains to the following parcels:

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| 69.51-2-2-122 | LORRIANE SMARIO |
| 69.56-2-7 | JAD & LYNN BARGHOUT |
| 69.64-4-1 | THE HEARTH AT MOUNT KISCO LLC |
| 69.72-4-8 | JAMES H. LEE, SR. |
| 69.75-1-3 | ROSWELL D. REGAN |
| 69.75-1-7 | ROBERT & SIOBHAN ZANIEWSKI |
| 69.80-4-2 | CARMELO & VINCENZA CAMBARERI |
| 69.81-3-2-1 | CONSTANCE BASHORE |
| 69.82-1-4 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.23-1-5 | RICARDO & MARIA RODRIGUEZ |
| 80.23-4-15 | JAMES H. LEE, SR. |
| 80.25-3-20 | PETER KOMAR |
| 80.33-2-4 | PETER D. KOMAR |
| 80.33-3-2 | JOSEPH & RAY SAROKEN |
| 80.33-6-6 | PETER D. KOMAR |
| 80.34-3-17 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.40-3-3 | CHARLES BOEHMER |
| 80.55-1-2-.1/4 | RADIO CITY VENTURES,LLC |
| 80.56-1-4 | LINDA LUCADAMO & DANIEL DIMARINO |
| 80.56-3-15.1 | SPENCER & CO, INC |
| 80.57-2-8 | CARMINE CONTE |
| 80.57-4-11 | CARMELO & VINCENZA CAMBARERI |
| 80.64-1-22 | JOSEPH OLIVERI |
| 80.72-4-18 | UNKNOWN OWNER |
| 80.80-1-15 | UNKNOWN OWNER |

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of such petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

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Happenings

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

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:

The Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library currently features the work of 10 digital photographers from Putnam and Westchester counties. This group show will remain on view at the Library through June 30, and can be visited during regular Library hours.

Farmers Markets:

Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market: The Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market hopes to exemplify its connections to the community to provide local economic opportunity as it showcases sustainability. 15 Mount Ebo Road South Brewster. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info: <http://www.hudsonvalleyfarmersmarket.org/>

On-Going Monday's

Artists' Drop-In at Reed Library Mondays 12:30 to 2:00. 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.

New Parent Chat Group at Kent Public Library: Every Monday from 12:30 p.m.-2:30p.m. Moms, Dads, and caregivers are invited to attend. The group focuses on babies, ages birth to three year-olds. It is a great way to to meet new parents and network. It provides a platform to discuss parenting issues, exchange ideas and make friends! Siblings are welcome! This group is facilitated by Child Health Nurses from the Putnam County of Health. Registration is requested, but not required. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

On-Going 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



Arroway Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram opened June 6 at 531 Bedford Rd. in Bedford Hills after leaving its location in Katonah.

time, from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. 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.

On-Going Saturday's

The Ultimate Brooder Co. Presents: Live Poultry & Farm animal market. The First Saturday of Each June, July, Aug., Sept., October. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange. 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. Free admission - Come look and shop!

Upcoming Registrations:

Kids Summer Arts: The Putnam Arts Council is offering our Kids Summer Arts program this July. Multi Arts program features weekly themed sessions including Secrets, Fantasy, and more! Ages 6-13yrs. Certified art teacher Sarah Gilchrist will be one of our teachers. PAC will also be offering a Friday Clay Arts Program which includes the 5 Fridays in July with sessions for ages 5- 14 and up. For of all our offerings, our registration form, and to register visit us on the web @ putnamartscouncil.com. 845-803-8622. 521 Kennicut Hill Rd.

Tuesday, June 21

Summer Reading Programs: Mahopac Public Library offers summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults, with opportunities to win fun prizes and attend end of summer reading parties. Support for many of the summer reading activities, events, and prizes is provided by the Friends of Mahopac Public Library. Registration for children's programs begins June 21 (online and in-person); phone registration begins June 22. For more information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Summer Computer Clinic Series: Desmond-Fish Library. 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights during the summer. The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Ancestry.com. Learn how you can use online tools to research your family tree. This session will cover Ancestry.com for Libraries. June 28th - iPad and iPhone Workshop. Learn how to attach pictures and videos to emails and text messages. Find out how to use Facetime. Explore ways to improve your battery life and enjoy your device more. July 5th - Build Your Own Website. No coding or programming skills? No problem! You can make a free website with Wix's online templates. Learn how you can make a website for yourself or business, including eCommerce. July 21st - Smart Phone and Mobile Device Workshop Find out how to better use your Androids, FitBits, and Smart Watches. Learn how to sync your

devices too!

Saturday, June 25

Silent Film Series with Live Musical Accompaniment: Cary Brown presents: An Evening of Cartoons by Paul Terry & Short Films by Buster Keaton. 7 p.m. Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring. 845-265-3040. Registration Requested

Harp Concert: Gilead Presbyterian Church. 9 Church Street, Carmel. 845 225-4586. 7 p.m. FEATURING Alyssa Reit with Elizabeth Ojeda. Tickets at the door: \$20 per family. \$15 per single adult. \$5 per child, under 5 free!

Tag Sale at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Saturday and Sunday, July 2 - 3. Saturday's 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Sunday's 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. New items are added each week. A great way to furnish a first apartment or college students dorm room. Just about everything is available except clothes. See www.seton-parish.org or call 914-528-3547 ext. 0 for directions and more information.

Great Swamp: Have you wondered what happens to the water when it leaves the basin of the Great Swamp? Join FrOGS board members to follow its fascinating flow both to the north (June 25) and south (June 26)! Check our website (www.frogs-ny.org) or Facebook page (FROGS-NY) for details.

Sunday, June 26

Live Music: 4 p.m. Soo Bae, cello and Eileen Buck, piano. A selection of hymns arranged by various composers in styles ranging from classical, contemporary, jazz and folk, as well as a new composition by composer Shinuh Lee. Admission is free,

contributions are welcome. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring. 845- 265-5537.

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.

Celebrate Pollinators During National Pollinators Week



One out of every three bites of food you eat made it to your plate thanks to a pollinator! You can support pollinators like bees, butterflies, birds, and more by creating a bee-friendly backyard habitat. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension educators and Master Gardener Volunteers at Tilly Foster Community Gardens on Route 312 and Prospect Hill Road in Brewster, to learn how you can create habitat for pollinators in your

garden. We'll be observing pollinators in our demonstration beds at the Tilly Foster Community Garden and discussing pollinator-friendly landscape practices that you can use in your home landscape. From beginning backyard gardener to landscape expert, you'll come away with some cool pollinator facts and garden savvy planting ideas. We'll help you take the fear out of bees by showing you the differences between wasps, hornets, and pollinating bees. What's more, we'll send you home with some milkweed seeds so you can create your own backyard pollinator oasis. Dress appropriately for weather conditions; we will be outside in the garden.

The program has a \$15 per person fee and will take place on Saturday June 25th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register please visit our website: putnam.cce.cornell.edu.

Registration page: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PollinatorsGarden_237

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SPORTS SECTION

BODY OF WORK SPEAKS VOLUMES, DONNELLY TABBED ATHLETE OF YEAR

By Ray Gallagher
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When local sports fanatics look back on the impressive high school career of Yorktown High senior Liam Donnelly, it'll be the body of work they hone in on, and the 10 varsity letters he compiled in just two sports; ice hockey and lacrosse. There have been other players with 10 varsity letters, but the vast, vast majority of those guys did so by competing as three-sport athletes.

For Donnelly to have done so in two sports means he started varsity competition as an eighth-grader in two sports, which isn't all that uncommon in small Class C/D schools, but to have done so at a large school like Yorktown, with such promising athletes, speaks volumes about Donnelly's athleticism, his maturity and his ability. This is nothing to sneeze at; it's a major accomplishment, one that makes him a singular standout at Yorktown... the only player in Yorktown lacrosse history to don five Section 1 championship rings.

So when they look back on his career at, uh, let's say the 100th year anniversary of Yorktown lacrosse in 2065, Liam Donnelly should be the only guy there with one on the thumb; barring something crazy like another eighth-grader playing varsity stick for one of the finest lacrosse programs in the world for five seasons.

"I would give anything to put on a Yorktown jersey again but I'm leaving with nothing but love for my town and the community," said Donnelly, the 2016 Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner Male Athlete of the Year. Donnelly edged out Hen Hud senior Mike Smith, a three-sport standout (lax, hoops, football), who was All-Section in football and lax, and Mahopac senior Christian Donahoe, another three-sport stud, who was All-Section in lax and football, as well as a stellar hoops guard.

But Donnelly's body of work over five

years, including a 2016 All-American nod in lacrosse and an All-Section honor in hockey, shed some light on an extremely tough decision.

"He's a great choice," Yorktown Coach Dave Marr said. "This kid shows up 365 days a year asking, 'What can I do for the good of my team' and he's just a great kid. I can't tell you how many times the coaches would look at each other and say 'How did he stop that shot or make that pass.' And he's great with the young kids in the community at all of our clinics."

The fact that Donnelly did things in polar opposites -- scoring goals in record-setting bunches as a center in hockey, and then stopping goals as the starting goalie for two years in lacrosse -- speaks to his versatile nature. On the ice, he totaled 165 career points, including 102 assists and 63 goals.

"Being an All-American in lacrosse and All-Section in hockey is a huge personal honor for me, but before anything else I thank all of my teammates for my individual success," a humbled Donnelly said. "Every day in practice, I had the best teammates that pushed me to succeed. I've been blessed to play five years of varsity sports and I'm going to cherish the memories I've made for the rest of my life."

Seriously, there's nothing not to like about the only son of Theresa and Mike Donnelly; their boy just gets it. He understands what it means to represent Yorktown lax and what it means to give back. As a two-sport captain, he is revered by his teammates, who look at him as a role model as much as they do the finest goalie or center they've battled with.

"Liam is one of the most competitive guys I've ever played with, but he also gives so much back to our community," All-Section junior attack Justin Cavallo said. "Almost every weekend he would be at the clinics at the high school for the little guys, teaching them everything he knows. To me, he's hands down the Athlete of the Year for his performance

on and off the field. Liam is one of the guys who is always working on getting better, especially on the days we don't have practice. He will be texting us to come shoot on him, or he will be in the gym getting stronger. He was a great captain this year. He always makes us work harder and he really made this a special year."

What Donnelly did, at times, was put the Huskers on his back this spring, carrying a youthful lacrosse unit to the NYS Class B title game where Yorktown suffered a 9-6 setback at the hands of Jamesville-DeWitt on June 11th at Middletown High School. Prior to that, Donnelly was the man between the pipes when the Huskers won their 39th Section 1 title, sixth in a row. As the curtain closed on a very special career, the Huskers captain relayed a very important message for those that return next year and those that hope to don the green and white with the big Y in the middle.

"To the future Huskers, make the most of every moment, every practice, every team dinner, every game... you represent Yorktown," Donnelly said.

Former Huskers have nothing but praise and admiration.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Yorktown senior All-American goalie and NWE-Putnam Male Athlete of the Year Liam Donnelly.

"He's not easy to keep up with," said UMBC freshman and former teammate Ryan Baker, the 2015 Male Athlete of the Year. "I was really lucky to have played with him during my time at Yorktown. He was one of the best teammates I had, and one of my best friends. What separates him from others is his athleticism."

What separates Liam Donnelly from others is what he's meant to the Yorktown community and Husker Nation. Only opposing snipers and coaches won't miss him when he heads off to Rutgers University next year with his goalie stick in hand and a D-I scholarship under his belt.

Sports

Girls Softball Notebook

Lakeland, Hen Hud, Brewster Tore Up Class A Diamonds

By Tony Pinciario

Going into the 2016 season, there was plenty of optimism surrounding the Lakeland Varsity softball team.

The Hornets returned a veteran nucleus, highlighted by seniors Jenna Houlahan, Sarah Fritz, Tessa Lavan and Francesca Elio. When you combined the senior quartet with returning windmill Colleen Walsh, it was easy to understand Lakeland's high hopes.

The Hornets' talent was on display each game as they had a record-breaking year. Lakeland finished the regular season with a 19-1 record, including a perfect 10-for-10 to win a league title. Lakeland opened with three straight sectional wins before meeting up with defending champion Pearl River in the Section 1 Class A final. The Pirates prevailed, 2-1 in an exciting game. Even though Pearl River denied Lakeland a sectional title, the Hornets set a program-standard for wins - 22-2.

Lakeland's success began with Walsh in the circle. The junior went 18-2 with a 1.38 earned run average. Walsh finished with four shutouts, including two in sectionals, and in 132 innings she struck out 187, allowed 79 hits and only 26 earned runs. Walsh also did it with the bat, hitting .438 with 14 RBI.

Lakeland wielded the aluminum, hitting .376 as a team. Junior Amber Badillo led the team in hitting (.514), hits (38), home runs (11) and was second on the team on RBI (37). Classmate Cameron Lischinsky



Junior hurler Colleen Walsh will return to anchor the Lakeland staff next year.

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

finished with a .507 batting average, a team-best 12 doubles, six home runs and 23 RBI. Houlahan drove in 39 runs and scored 41 runs, both team standards, delivered 12 doubles and ripped eight home runs.

As a result of their excellent seasons, Lakeland was well-represented with all-section and all-league honors. Walsh, Lischinsky and Badillo were selected all-section and all-league. Krista Verrino and Houlahan were named all-section honorable mention as well as all-league. Junior Olivia Knopf and Fritz also earned all-league honors.

"This group of young ladies played consistent throughout the year, starting in the circle with our pitching and catching positions along with our solid defensive effort game in and game out," Lakeland co-coach Joe Chiara said. "We had a huge year on the offensive end hitting 39 home runs and scoring 232 runs, while only giving up 42 all year long."

"Our team's focus throughout the season to accomplish goals that were laid out in

our pre-season meeting would be the most rewarding. We return a good core of veteran players so we are hoping to not only get to the finals but win the section in 2017."

Hen Hud flew under the radar this season, but the Sailors stood up and took notice in sectionals.

Hen Hud opened with a dominant win over Nanuet before shocking third-seeded Brewster, 1-0 in a quarterfinal game. Hen Hud would play Pearl River in the semis with the Pirates having the last word, leaving the Sailors with a 19-4 record.

"My girls played extremely well this season and their record shows this," Hen Hud coach Kurt Thomas said. "The girls worked hard day in and day out in practice to improve their hitting, base-running and defense. Every single player on this team mentally was focused on winning and willing to put the team before themselves. I couldn't ask for a better group of girls to coach and I'm truly going to miss my three seniors who will be graduating."

Thomas was referring to Gabby Caruso, Shannon Karabaic and Kelsea Gillen. Caruso was chosen all-section and all-league. Ashley Lupi, Candace Crowley and Karabaic were all-league selections.

Caruso was in the circle, shutting down Brewster's powerful offense with 11 strikeouts.

"That was the best game Gabby pitched in her career," Thomas said. "Gabby had pin-point control against Brewster, hitting all of her spots. We also played great defense that day and didn't make too many mistakes to give them extra outs."

Based on the team's 2016 success, Thomas is anxiously awaiting the 2017 season.

"I'm already looking forward to next season because we have very talented young players who all have the potential to be great," Thomas said. "It will be interesting to see how hard these particular players progress in the offseason and what kind of players they will be next year. The future for Hen Hud softball is looking bright."

Brewster and Coach Lisa Delzio registered another outstanding season as the Bears finished 18-4 and shared the league title with Yorktown. Both teams finished 9-1 with losses to each other.

Brewster was on a collision course with Pearl River in the semifinals, but the Bears were upset by Hen Hud, 1-0, in an excellent game.

"I loved coaching this team this year," Delzio said. "We have been blessed at Brewster with a great deal of success for many years which is a direct result of the wonderful, talented young ladies that come out ready to play every spring. I am so proud of the effort the girls put forth all season long and admire their drive and will to win."

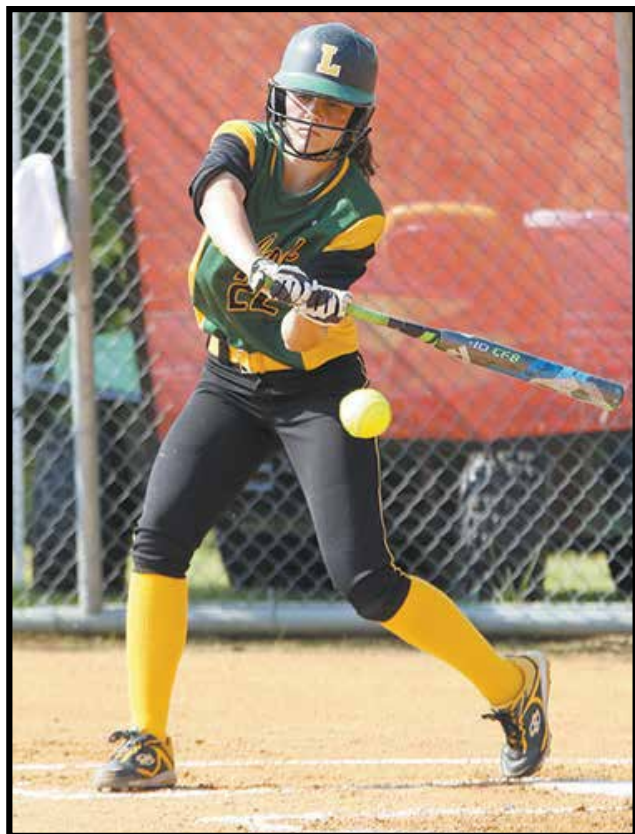
"We have a very strong core of girls coming back next season - six seniors - and a very talented group along with them. I expect us to be very strong once again."

Brewster will graduate a deep, veteran senior class led by catcher Melissa Strano, an all-section and all-league pick. A four-year starter, Strano finished with 43 hits and a .544 batting average. Delzio said Strano also did an excellent job behind the plate with Brewster two pitchers. Strano will play at Manhattanville next year.

Frannie Merkel is among this veteran senior class. Merkel returned to the field after not playing the last two years. Once Merkel contacted Delzio about playing again, the veteran coach was ecstatic. Merkel showed that the two years off meant nothing as she was selected all-section and all-league. Merkel, who will attend SUNY-Plattsburgh and play basketball next year, hit .432, smacked six home runs and drove in 45 runs, both team-bests.

Junior shortstop Kelly Dovi rounded out the all-section trio for the Bears. Dovi, also an all-league selection, scored 28 runs and hit .405. Fellow junior and pitcher Nicole Rosner was an all-section honorable

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Lakeland's Cameron Lischinsky and the Hornets made a run to the Class A sectional finals.

Sports

Yorktown Lax Coach Marr's Suspension a Tad Over Top



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

Uhm, yeah, there was outrage in the Yorktown sports community last weekend when the exclusive news of the one-year suspension of boys' lacrosse Coach Dave Marr came down the pike via @Directrays (follow up, y'all!). Was Coach Marr's reaction to a ticky-tack call in a 9-6 state championship loss to Jamesville-DeWitt a tad over the top on Saturday, June 11th at Middletown High's Faller Field?

Yep, no doubt about it. The reaction/tantrum spawned all sorts of raw emotion at the conclusion of the game, as Yorktown

game's waning moments, with Yorktown ebbing the flow of J-D's fateful run, and the effects of the call – a penalty and change of possession -- were catastrophic for Yorktown.

Coach Marr continued to needle the officials after a Red Rams' goal gave J-D an insurmountable 9-6 lead and he was finally relieved of his duties. Immediately, rumors swirled for a week as to whether the coach would be released outright, suspended or left to go about his day-to-day business as the head coach of one of the finest high school lacrosse programs in the world, which is why this is such a big deal. (Coaching contracts are year-to-year, so he can reapply next year.)

**Direct
Rays**

and feedback poured in over my feed and inbox. The vast majority of the comments felt the degree of the penalty was too harsh, that one year was a tad excessive.

The CROP, perhaps the finest student body fan base in all of Section 1, dropped this on Twitter: poor call by refs in the 1st place & apparently an even poorer job at handling the situation thereafter. such sad news.

Some cat named "Chach" didn't hold back neither and chimed in succinctly: I don't give a "bleep" what administrator/faculty member sees this. This is "bleeping bull-bleep".

Coach Marr, a former Yorktown and Johns Hopkins All-American, had been ejected from several games in his 14 years at Yorktown, which may have had something to do with the decision. The fact that his transgressions occurred on the big stage – the NYSPHSAA championship – with MSG and News 12 cameras rolling, kind of sealed his fate and left the Yorktown administration with little choice. Yorktown principal Dr. Joseph DeGennaro was not permitted to discuss the matter and declined comment, but if we had the

chance to further discuss the matter, I might have suggested a shorter suspension as opposed to the year-long layoff, which hurts the players more than the coach. A five-to-eight game suspension would have sent the same strong message, yet the 2017 Huskers would still have the benefits of being tutored by one of the game's all-time greats.

To his credit, Marr took the high road.

"I have to pay the consequences for my stupid behavior," said Marr, who is a fiery competitor but as easy-going a guy you'll ever meet off the field. "I didn't put any of us in a good position with that kind of behavior. We should be concentrating on a terrific season and a run to the state finals by these kids and we're dealing with this instead."

And now we're dealing with yet another potential run to the state finals in 2017, provided the seven-time NYS champion Huskers, winners of 39 sectional titles, can somehow turn this unfortunate situation into something that will galvanize Section 1's premier lacrosse program as its run by associate head coach Sean Carney – plus defensive genius Rob Doerr, Mitch Lieberman, Dave Graham and goalie guru Joe Colarusso -- next year.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO
The Yorktown lax family was thrown for a loop last weekend when Coach Dave Marr was suspended one year after his ejection from the state finals on June 11th.

lax alums wondered aloud if Coach Marr had exceeded the necessary limits to make a point regarding an absolutely bogus off-sides call, which, more often than not, is ignored by box officials when two players are changing on the fly. The call came at a pivotal point (8-6 score) during the

and support I have received from my family, friends and the Yorktown Lacrosse Community."

The Yorktown lax community, though upset with Marr's overreaction to the call, has the coach's back. Twitter blew up, #FreeCoachMarr became a thing

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mention pick and all-league. Rosner went 9-3 with a 1.88 earned run average and hit .370. Sophomore third baseman Taylor Riccardi was also all-section honorable mention and all-league.

Coach Rena Finsmith and her players continued the rise of Putnam Valley softball in 2016. The Tigers finished with a 13-8 record and first-round win in the Section 1 Class B Championships.

Putnam Valley knew it was going to be in every game with senior Rachel Stockinger in the circle. The five-year varsity pitcher had four shutouts, including a perfect game, struck out 138 batters in 124 innings and only

surrendered 22 walks. Stockinger was just as dangerous with the bat, hitting .464 with 34 RBI.

Stocking was chosen all-league and all-section. Junior shortstop Allie Dick was an all-section honorable mention choice. She hit a team-leading .569 with 10 doubles, three home runs and 36 RBI. Dick was an all-league pick as were teammates Susanna Granieri, Jessica Pierce and eighth-grader Alex Waters.

"Taking over several years ago and having to teach the very basics to a varsity level team I thought it would take a long time rebuild this program, however, that was not the case," said Finsmith, who

started on Pleasantville's 2001 Section 1 Class C title team. "The girls listened, learned, and improved their skills.

"One of the biggest rewards for the team has been to see the growth they have made as individuals and as a unit. This team is very close to each other and they all get along. Highlights from this season included Rachel's perfect game, a come-from-behind victory against North Salem, and hosting home playoff games.

"We will be losing only one of our players from the 2016 season. However, that player is Rachel Stockinger, our number 1 pitcher, captain, and clean-up

hitter. Looking ahead, assistant coach Stefan Nemecek and I are excited to see the growth many of the current juniors made this year especially Allie Dick and Susanna Granieri (captain). We will be looking to solidify our pitching staff and we have some developing prospects both on the team and in the lower grades. One of the biggest pickups of the year was having Meghan O'Leary switch spring sports from lacrosse to softball. She was able to come in and solidify the middle infield. She and Allie worked really well together and we are looking forward to see the growth and improvement Meghan will make."

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Lakeland-Panas senior All-American and N.West/Putnam MVP Nick Vazquez took it to another level in 2016.



Yorktown senior G Liam Donnelly secured the N.West/Putnam Player of the Year honor after an All-American season that concluded with a run to the state finals.



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Yorktown All-American Jose Boyer stands out as the region's best long stick hybrid player.



L-P Coach of Year Jim Lindsay celebrates Section 1 title with captain & All-NWE-Putnam senior Kevin Prunty.