



Republican Congressional Candidates Back Trump

By David Propper

As a Republican Primary nears for the 18th congressional district later this month, both candidates in the race have vowed to support the presumptive Republican nominee for president come this November.

Both Orange County resident Ken Del Vecchio and Somers resident Phil Oliva have pledged their support to Donald Trump, the expected Republican candidate to lead the top of ticket for Republicans this election cycle. And in a year where many voters have firmly shown the need for "outsiders" to run for office, both Republicans believe they fit that mold to go up against Democrat and incumbent Sean Patrick Maloney.

Del Vecchio, in an interview, claimed to be the first congressional candidate in the country to endorse Trump for president, while "everyone was so afraid."

There were several reasons Del Vecchio quickly supported Trump, arguing Trump, "tells it like it is" and is "completely honest." He also described Trump as someone who has an "extremely" successful business career and is very intelligent. Del Vecchio said it's only a "fallacy" that Trump can't get along with people and treat women poorly.

The greatest motivating factor, Del Vecchio said, is that Trump is not a political insider.

"He's a person without filter, will just brashly and firmly present his point of view and he will just carry them out," Del Vecchio said. "Right now, this is the kind of leadership the United States needs because we're so completely upside down."

Del Vecchio also said he agrees with most of what Trump proposes, and

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Relay For Life In Mahopac Shines Bright



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A hot and humid June day didn't stop hundreds of people from Mahopac and the surrounding region from embarking on another successful and inspiring Relay For Life at Mahopac high school Saturday into Sunday. More than \$170,000 was raised, according to the relay page, another impressive mark. Run by The American Cancer Society, Mahopac once again proved it's among the top fighters against the deadly disease. Survivors, donning purple shirts, walked around the high school track, an inspiring reminder the disease is beatable.

Why Can't My Daughter Go To Brewster Schools?



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The state-line between New York and Connecticut runs right through Barbara Evans' home on Milltown Road. Evans wants her daughter to attend Brewster schools.

By David Propper

Barbara Evans' daughter was about to start a new chapter in her school career.

About to start her freshman year at Brewster High School last September, she had already toured the school and Brewster officials had given her a class schedule. Then, just before her first day of classes, the Evans family was told she was not eligible to attend. Living on the New York/Connecticut border between Brewster and New Fairfield, Brewster officials contend education law dictates she isn't allowed to go to Brewster schools after she spent several years in the New Fairfield school system.

But Evans, who lives on Milltown Road, isn't satisfied with that determination,

and is ready to fight it in hopes of getting her daughter in Brewster by the start of next school year.

Evans said she wants to move her daughter from New Fairfield to Brewster because of unbearable bullying at her current school. The bullying got so bad that her daughter, a freshman at New Fairfield High School, had to change her entire class schedule midway through the school year and eats lunch in the guidance counselor's office.

"A straight A, B student, her grades have dropped, she has anxiety, she's going through all these problems," Evans said. "And I, as a parent, need to do what's best for her and I know that I have every right

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when asked what he disagrees with, he responded, "I think it's more important to talk about the things that are part of my platform and if one wants to conclude that something is different, they may."

Oliva said in an interview that voters have spoken and it's connected to the anger and frustration in the country. He said voters appreciate Trump's straight talk, even if he's not a polished politician. And they'll give him a pass on some of controversial things he says, because they want to try something different.

"He's talking about bringing jobs back, securing the border, strengthening our national defense," Oliva said. "Some of the things that I'm talking about, I talk about it in a little different way."

While Oliva supports Trump, he noted he doesn't agree with everything he has said and done, though he didn't offer specifics.

"I'm my own person and I'm running by myself for this congressional seat," Oliva said. "I support a lot of the things he's saying, I don't support everything he says and I think there's a better way to convey the message."

Though the two candidates both agree that Trump is the best candidate come the fall, the two differ on which candidate is the political outsider in this congressional race.

Del Vecchio, a former judge and prosecutor, called Oliva an "ultimate, ultra political insider," while "no one has any control over me, ever, under any circumstances." He noted Oliva has worked for former Governor George Pataki and is an aide to Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino. Del Vecchio said he is the chairman of a well-known film festival, creating many jobs in the region and infusing money into the local economy.

"I like Phil Oliva personally," Del Vecchio said. "But we're two completely



Ken Del Vecchio



Phil Oliva

different candidates."

But Oliva, who was nominated by the GOP committee members, rejects that "political insider" label, pointing out Del Vecchio is the candidate who has run for a few different elected offices when he lived in New Jersey. Oliva said he has worked in the private sector for many years and has never run for office before. He also vows to term limit himself to four terms if elected.

"He's a perennial candidate. I'm running not just because I'm desperate to be a congressman," Oliva said. "I'm desperate to get the country back on the right track."

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Q: Can I afford the advanced LDCT screening?

A: The screening is covered by Medicare and most commercial insurers. If you meet the criteria, and don't have commercial insurance or Medicare, NWH can help – with many payment options and below-average pricing. If you can benefit from the screening, we make sure you get it.

Q: What steps should I take?

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Patterson Relay Chair Inspires Hope Through Tough Fight

By David Propper

Nicole O'Brien has remained a source of strength throughout unimaginable adversity.

That strength will be on display this weekend when O'Brien leads the Patterson Relay For Life as its honorary chairperson as she continues her third bout with cancer. Participating in Relay For Life in either Mahopac or Patterson for many years, O'Brien will have added responsibility this year for an event that has already raised more than \$64,000.

O'Brien was first diagnosed in April 2014 with Uterine Leiomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive cancer that only 1 in a million people get. It was discovered during a routine hysterectomy and found in the pathology report.

For a year and four months, she was cancer free and going to check-ups regularly to make sure the cancer

remained out of her body. But in November 2015, doctors once again delivered bad news that the cancer had returned, this time in the form of a large tumor in her abdomen.

It was removed in December and then, with her voice trailing off to exasperation, O'Brien said for a third time, the cancer was back three months after all that surgery. This time it's located in her lower pelvic region and is not operable.

"Frustration, disappointment," O'Brien, who has a 14-year-old son, said. "A lot of emotions go through your mind."

Since January, O'Brien has been going through chemotherapy and starting this month, she'll be going to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City for trials in hopes of eradicating the cancer once and for all.

O'Brien's mother and father both fought cancer as well. Her father died

from it and her mother is currently battling it again.

"It surrounds me," she said. "Cancer surrounds me."

O'Brien noted the difficulty in treating her cancer is how unknown it is. Unlike more common cancers like breast cancer, there is little research and expertise in the area, especially outside of New York City.

By attending and donating to events like Relay For Life, run by The American Cancer Society, O'Brien hopes that the money helps other medical centers attain the necessary tools and knowledge that places like Sloan Kettering can boast.

O'Brien, who still works, said she's gone to local doctors in the region and they've told her to go to the city because her type of cancer is not seen around here. When her abdomen surgery was done, no doctor around here was willing to perform it and she had to go to Mount Sinai in the city for the procedure.

While the treatment is only a train ride away, it makes a difference to be treated locally, O'Brien stressed.

O'Brien said her support system has been invaluable with the help of her mother and son. Putnam County Law Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner is the Relay team captain and many of O'Brien's friends and colleagues are on the team, some of whom are cancer survivors.

Living right down the road from the



PROVIDED PHOTO

Patterson resident Nicole O'Brien is this year's honorary chairperson for Relay For Life in town.

Patterson Fire Department where the event takes place, O'Brien will make the short trek there this weekend. Despite all the hardship, her resolve and hope remain firm.

"There are people who have been in remission for ten years," she said. "And those are the stories I read. I don't read the other ones. I definitely have a good outlook."

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for my child to go to Brewster.”

She said she only sent her children--three of them--to New Fairfield after moving back to the area because that's where she could find daycare at the time.

Evans paid more than \$1,500 in taxes to the Brewster school district last year. The Town of Southeast assessed her property as vacant, even though she claims some of her actual house is on the Southeast side of the border.

Evans is currently a renter of her home, but because her family owns the property, she said she is close to purchasing the deed to the property. After the sale goes through, Evans said she is going to attempt to reenroll her daughter in the Brewster school district after an attorney told her being a homeowner would help her chances.

Even more puzzling to Evans, she has previously sent two of children, including the one she wants to enroll in the district now, to Brewster schools from the same exact address and as a renter when they first started school. Her daughter was enrolled for kindergarten and first grade before the family moved to Florida for a short time.

The only difference, Evans noted, is the bus picked her children from Creative Kids Childcare Center, a daycare fully located in Brewster, and not her home on the border. If where the bus picks her up didn't raise red flags, Evans doubts there would have been an issue with her going to Brewster.

Evans argued other families in homes also on the border have been allowed to send their children to Brewster without any issues, frustrating Evans even more because “I feel like I'm the only one being told no.”

The district, in a February letter written by business administrator Victor Karlsson, stated that based on information and documentation provided by Evans, including her driver's license (Connecticut issued), utility bill, and a notarized letter from her landlord, as well as property tax records, indicated



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The Evans household has two mailboxes. One for Brewster and another for New Fairfield.

the household under education law is in Connecticut.

“Your children are not considered legal residents of the District, and are not eligible to attend school in the District at this time,” Karlsson wrote, adding Evans has the right to provide further proof of residency at any time to the district or appeal to the state education commissioner.

In an email to The Putnam Examiner, Karlsson further explained the

Commissioner of Education established rules that a property intersecting two New York school systems do not apply to property intersecting school districts in two different states.

“The laws of New York do not provide a mechanism for the school district to collect taxes from the other state for the portion of property located outside of New York,” Karlsson wrote. “Based on the property assessments, we determined that the home is located, for purposes of

residency under the Education Law, in Connecticut and not in New York.”

Elected officials have also caught wind of the issue.

Putnam County Legislator Roger Gross met Evans at an Elks Club event recently and offered his assistance. Gross, who worked as a teacher in the district for three decades and was a school board member for several years, said he hopes the district takes another look at the issue. Southeast Councilman Bob Cullen, at a March school board meeting, asked the school board about the situation, stressing he doesn't want an ongoing legal battle that could result in more expenses for the district.

“There appears to be ample evidence that a number of households are taking advantage of questionable residency requirements,” Gross said in an email. “The family in question has a strong case for reevaluation to gain such requirements.”

Evans said she's spoken informally with Superintendent of Schools Tim Conway--both are in Brewster Rotary--and he's told her the district must abide by what its attorney deem to be correct. She is also in the Brewster Elks Club and owns the Shell Station on Route 22.

“To me, she's a student that Brewster needs,” Evans said of daughter. “She's a go-getter, wants to help, and she's a good kid.”

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Recreation Center Plan Moving Forward in Putnam Valley

By Neal Rentz

A plan to construct a recreation center in Putnam Valley is moving forward.

At their June 1 meeting the town board agreed to schedule a vote on June 8 to approve a \$98,100 contract with Architectural Visions PLLC. The firm would be responsible for architectural, mechanical, plumbing, lighting design, structural plans, as well as the design phase, construction drawings and construction observation.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio said last week the town received three bids. Liscum

McCormack bid \$286,000 and another bidder did not reply to the town. The money would come out of the Parks and Recreation fund that the town already has, Oliverio said.

Following last week's meeting, Oliverio said the recreation center would be located next to the Town Park, which is located at 156 Oscawana Lake Rd.

Smoke Fee Park

The town board has scheduled a public hearing for June 15 on a plan to ban smoking in the Town Park.

If the law is enacted, it would go into effect on Oct. 2. Oliverio said Oct. 2 was chosen because there are upcoming events that are expected to draw both residents and non-residents to the park and the board does not want to punish those who do not live in Putnam Valley that would not be familiar with the law if it were enacted earlier.

The law is proposing \$50 fine for those who smoke in Town Park.

Civil Fees

The town board is considering imposing



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio at the June 1 town board meeting.

finer for such offences as illegal dumping and zoning violations.

While there would be no fines for "something done in all innocence," the first "mindful violation" would carry a maximum \$1,500 fine for various violations, a maximum \$3,000 for the second violation and a fine of up to \$5,000 for the third violation.

Illegal dumping would carry a fine of \$50 per yard.

Oliverio said town judges will determine the fines based on the particular cases.

Councilman Steven Mackay called for a "90 day grace period" before putting the fines into place, a sentiment shared by Oliverio. A public hearing on the proposed fines will be held in August.

Joint Lakes Commission

Also at last week's meeting, the town board agreed with a proposal from Oliverio to form a joint lakes commission, which would consider issues the individual lake communities have in common.

Oliverio said he wanted the new commission to be formed over the summer. A resolution was not needed to form the commission.

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Mahopac Residents Sue Town Over Kirk Lake Property Work

By Arthur Cusano

A group of around 30 Mahopac neighbors have filed an article 78 lawsuit against the town of Carmel, alleging the town's Environmental Conservation Board (ECB) incorrectly allowed a neighbor to build a dock on Kirk Lake in what they maintain is a wetlands area.

The lawsuit, filed in Putnam County Supreme Court in February, alleges that resident Jay Moskowitz of Tennis Court Road, which runs along Kirk Lake, built a dock on the lake in an area the town had previously prohibited any

development.

Michael Caruso, the group's attorney, stated in a press release the Carmel Planning Board responded to environmental concerns over development at Lakeview at Hill Farm in 1997 by voting to create a Conservation Barrier of 100 feet buffer along a portion of the western shore of the lake. The town rejected a similar dock in 2004 on those very grounds, the plaintiffs argue.

"Our position is that even if the court decides that there were procedural irregularities or defects in that process

of issuing that wetlands permit by the ECB, in which we're asking it be sent back for review, there is still the problem that he doesn't have the legal right to put a dock in that location," Caruso added by phone last week.

Under town law, nothing could be constructed along a certain western tract of the shoreline, and that owners of property extending to the shoreline were restricted from touching anything within that 100-foot buffer, in order to protect the lake. That buffer zone is shown on subdivision maps, they stated.

Caruso said Moskowitz argues no one has authority over the dock he built because it is situated completely in the water body.

Carmel Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt and the town are not commenting on the lawsuit on the advice of their legal counsel, according to the supervisor's administrative assistant. The Putnam Examiner could not reach Moskowitz for comment. In an opinion column in the Mahopac News, Moskowitz argued he's done everything within the law and there is no evidence that the environment has been adversely affected.

The dock began to be built in February 2015 and was put before the environmental conservation board before when neighbors complained to the town, according to Caruso. The issue was directed to go before the zoning board of appeals and the building inspector for further review, but the issue did not appear on any meeting agendas until the Jan 26. ECB meeting, where it was approved without any input from the public.

"The Environmental Conservation Board astoundingly decided that the original permit application had not been denied. By creating this fiction, the Environmental Conservation Board was then able to circumvent the public, ignore the environmental study, and avoid any consideration of the consequences of their actions," Caruso stated in the press release.

The lawsuit is aimed at the town, Caruso said, but also Moskowitz, who the neighbors say has not been respectful of the lake they share.

"All the homeowners feel that they try to manage the lake amongst themselves in a respectful, conscientious manner," Caruso said. "They feel they've been respectful of the ecosystem. They've tried to populate it with native fish species and kept a careful eye on it ecologically. They feel this homeowner has not been observant of the restrictions for development."

David Propper contributed to this report.

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Heroic Lakeland Grad Inducted into State Veterans' Hall of Fame

By Rick Pezullo

Major Clayton O. Carpenter, a Lakeland High School and West Point graduate who was killed in January 2014 flying a helicopter in a training mission in Georgia while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, was recently inducted in the New York State Veterans' Hall of Fame.

Carpenter, who was 30 when he died, was nominated by State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) as the 40th Senate District's 2016 inductee. An award honoring Carpenter's distinguished military career was presented to his mother, Colette Carpenter, during a May 24 ceremony in Albany.

"There is no question Clayton Carpenter has earned our enduring gratitude for his bravery and the leadership qualities he exemplified," Murphy said. "Major Carpenter may have been too humble to speak about his own accomplishments, but now generations to come will know about his bravery, his incomparable service record and his devotion to his country."



Major Clayton O. Carpenter.

A scholastic athlete at Lakeland, twice serving as the team captain on the boys' track and field team, Carpenter's photograph and biography will become



NYS Terrence Murphy with Clayton's mother Colette Carpenter.

part of a special on-line exhibit.

"My family and I are honored to see Clayton inducted," Colette Carpenter said. "Although Clayton is no longer with

us, I know he would be humbled by this honor. Clayton was committed to serving his God, his country, and his family. He made the ultimate sacrifice when he took action that saved the lives of his crew members. Clay would say he was only doing the right thing. With this honor, Clay's bravery will always be remembered and appreciated."

In June 2008, Carpenter was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment in Hawaii. Three years later, he earned a place with the Night Stalkers, an elite operations unit which flies missions behind enemy lines. He met the love of his life, Laura Somerville, of Nashville, Tennessee, while stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky.

At the time of his death on January 15, 2014, Carpenter was a captain. He was posthumously promoted by the Army to Major. He received numerous awards and decorations. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on March 5, 2014.

Forty-Four BOCES Students Inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Forty-four students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society last week, having demonstrated scholarship, character, leadership, service and skill at an exemplary level.

The event, held at Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES' Yorktown campus on May 26, was attended by BOCES administration, Tech Center faculty, students, friends and family members. In addition to those students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, more than 80 students received scholarships and awards.

"The honor that you are experiencing tonight is something that I want you to remember," said BOCES Superintendent Dr. James Langlois said. "It's something I want you to remember for a long time. There will come other times when you are honored and recognized, and those times too, you should remember and treasure...these moments of recognition will become a real touch stone for you."

To be eligible for induction into the National Technical Honor Society, students had to maintain a 90 or better average in their course of study at Tech and an average of 80 or better at their home school district.

Before lighting a candle to represent 'Skill,' Brewster High School's Jose Cazarz, a student in the Small Engine/Motorcycle Technology Program, took to the stage's podium to talk about the benefits of a Tech Center education.

"National Technical Honor Society students have an advantage over other high school students because they are developing skills to guide them through college and their careers," Cazarz

said. "Whether it's building a house in Carpentry, saving a tree in Urban Forestry or comforting a child in Early Childhood Education, Tech Center students gain skills few others do."

The following students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society:

Brewster HS: Yash Patel (Architectural Design and 3D Modeling); Mikayla Luby (Baking and Pastry Arts); Yexsi Ramos (Certified Nurse Aide); Coleen DeLanoy (Child Development and Education); Gina Primavera (Cosmetology); Alexxis Prinz (New Visions Health); Jose Cazarz (Small Engine/Motorcycle Technology); Danielle Minella (Sports Medicine)

Briarcliff HS: Sabrina Panarese (Cosmetology)

Carmel HS: Jennifer Pinna (Child Development and Education); Gabriella Petrillo (Fashion Design and Merchandising); Justine Coapman (Preservation/Restoration/Commercial Masonry); Daniel Esposito (Television Production); Rebecca Rodriguez (Television Production)

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Fox Meadow: Nicholas Mauro (Carpentry)

Haldane HS: Sophia Traina (Fashion Design and Merchandising);

Hendrick Hudson HS: Timothy Scott (Auto Mechanics); Olivia Gilman (Fashion Design and Merchandising); Ariana Kingwood (Fashion Design and Merchandising); Grace McMurrin (New Visions Health)

John Jay HS: Jason Doherty (Computer



Brewster's Jose Cazarz speaks to his fellow students about the Tech Center's many opportunities.

Graphics); Lauren Eaker (Computer Graphics)

Lakeland HS: Alana Milazzo (Culinary Arts); James Rathschmidt (Culinary Arts); Marcial Quinones-Cardona (Law Enforcement)

Mahopac HS: Kyle Petersen (Auto Mechanics); Jacqueline Moskwiak (Baking and Pastry Arts); Cabrine Servedio (Certified Nurse Aide); Jessica Paternoster (Computer Graphics); Rachel Fleischer (Fashion Design and Merchandising); Vincent Russo (Law Enforcement); Kristin Komendowski (New Visions Engineering); Michaela Meaney (New Visions Health); Rachel Zupan (New Visions Health)

North Salem HS: Valentina Garville (Child Development and Education)

Ossining HS: Erika Vera (Medical Assistant); Daniela Rodrigues (New

Visions Health); Karen Sanchez (New Visions Health)

Peekskill HS: Brooke Maxwell (Law Enforcement); Katherine Zambrano (Law Enforcement)

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Somers HS: Nicole Quigley (Cosmetology); Alexa Jaye Lurie (New Visions Health)

Walter Panas HS: Briana Iamiceli (Fashion Design and Merchandising); Katrina Newman (Law Enforcement); Pamela Fenton (Sports Medicine)

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Seven Stars School of Performing Arts Brewster

By David Propper

Donna and Nicole Aravena, mother and daughter, had a good problem on their hands a few years ago.

With more students pouring into their Seven Star School of Performing Arts since Nicole opened more than a decade ago, the original location for the school was getting too small. Offering a wide range of dance, vocal, and theater classes for students of all grades in the Brewster area, Seven Star School has become a staple in the community for performing arts, but needed a new place to call home.

Looking at a bunch of different properties in Brewster, Nicole was at first hesitant to occupy the building she does today along Route 312. She originally turned the Route 312 location down, but as she kept driving by it, she became more drawn to it. Close to the Brewster schools, she changed her mind and hired an architect lay the groundwork for the new spot.

The current layout is double the size of the studio's first location, which was on the corner of Main Street and Route 22 in Brewster. There are five studios, a storage room, a costume room, and a lounge area for parents. The building used to house a doctor's office, a software company, and a bakery, Nicole said.



Donna and Nicole Aravena, mother and daughter, stand inside one of the spacious dance studios that is filled with kids during the afternoons and evenings.

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"Ever since we've been open, we've been very lucky the Brewster community just took us right in," Nicole said. "We've got a lot of things going on."

The support was so evident, that when the studio was a little behind in getting everything put together, six "dance dads" with the help of a Donna's husband and Nicole's husband assisted in the final steps of the project, like building the downstairs

floor. It took the dance dads about ten days for the final project to be completed. Overall, it took about a year and half from when Nicole attained the space. The studio first opened in August 2014.

"That's the most special part of our school," Nicole said. "How the families all work together and it's a great community."

Nicole, who started dancing when she was 3, began teaching dance when

she was in her 20s, renting a downstairs room in a church for six months. Then she moved to the Route 22 location for 13 years and convinced her mother to work at the school, too.

Donna held back at first, knowing the studio would need 120 students in order to cover all the expenses with another person on full-time. That benchmark was no problem, with the studio taking off and Seven Stars getting 225 students in the first year. Donna first worked for a doctor's office and then would work for the dance studio in the evening before she eventually decided to work at Seven Stars full-time.

"They start with one class and it's just something that's fun," Nicole said. "And then four years later they're in 14 classes. I think kids fall in love with it. It's so good for their mind and their well-being and they find a good group of friends."

Donna said while the joy of dancing is the reason many students join, "it's the friends and relationships that they make" that leave lasting impressions.

"It's all clean cut here," Donna said. "They have a great time. It's real good fun."

Seven Stars School of Performing Arts is located at 509 Route 312 in Brewster and its number is 845-278-0728.

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Letter to the Editor

PV Residents Should Resist Library's Proposed Referendum

The Putnam Valley Library is going to try again to get the 414 referendum passed this year. They will be coming around to your homes and businesses with their petitions to be signed so they can get it on the ballot for November's election. This referendum will be to increase their funding, through our taxes, and take the decision of how much is budgeted away from our elected Town Board. They will be asking for \$320,000 with a promise not to increase this for three years. Our current allocated amount of our taxes through our Town Board is \$292,222 for the Library. While the increased number is important, the referendum itself is even more important. Taking the control and the decision of how are taxes are spent away from our elected officials, the Town Board, is monumental. We need the

experience of the Town Board to watch over our hard-earned tax dollars not an unelected Board where the taxpayers have no clue as to their background and experience with budgets and running a library.

If the referendum gets past, the Library Board will decide how much we will be taxed to support whatever is on their wish list. The taxpayers of this town will have no recourse on the decisions the Library Board make when spending our tax dollars.

Most importantly, the current board members will not consider having the Library Board be elected officials with the proper background and skills needed. This leaves us taxpayers with no accountability for our tax dollars. My feeling is if the referendum is passed and the Library

Board decides on how much of our taxes will go to the Library's budget, then that board should be vetted and elected by the taxpayers.

There will be a meeting at the Library on June 14, at 7:30 p.m. I urge all of you, your neighbors and friends to attend. Our voice and opinions must be heard.

We also should contact our Town Board members to insist that our Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio recuse himself from any and all Library issues since he is in a relationship with Pricilla Keresey, the President of the Putnam Valley Library Board.

Before you know, we will have another \$48 million service we will be paying. Those of you, who know the history of our school campus, know what could happen, especially with a Board that is not elected

by the taxpayers.

I also urge everyone to go to the library and take a look at the books, computers, what programs and services are provided, and the disrepair of the property. All of this should have been corrected long ago and with ample funding from the taxpayers and the large amount in their reserves, a sure sign of mismanagement. Last year they went out for a 414 but there was a substantial error in some of the figures and had to pull out. Do we put our faith, trust and taxpayers money in this self-appointed board?

Dan Vera
Putnam Valley

Obituaries

Gregory T. Coccaro

Gregory T. Coccaro, 66, of Brewster, died on May 31, with his loving wife, Marlene at his side. Mr. Coccaro was born on June 5, 1949 to Albert and Dorothy (Brown) Coccaro in New York City. During the Vietnam Era, he was a Sergeant with the US Army and proudly served our Country from 1968-1970. He Owned and operated the North State Custom Collision Repair in Bedford Hills. On October 5, 1997 he married the love of his life Marlene Abud in Somers. In his spare time, he was an avid golfer and for the past twenty years along with his wife, together they built a beautiful dream home in the Catskill Mountains. Gregory was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many he will be dearly missed. He is survived by his devoted wife, Marlene, his four beloved children; Kimberly Cutter, Christopher Cutter, Gregory A. Coccaro, and James Coccaro, his siblings; Douglas Coccaro, Audrey Lewis, Ronald Coccaro and Kenneth Coccaro and three adoring

grandchildren; Sophia Alzugaray, Aiden Cutter and Alexander Cutter all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart

Pauline L. See

Pauline L. See, 79, a longtime resident of Carmel, died on June 1, at Putnam Hospital Center. Pauline was born on October 31, 1936 to George F. and Grace Roberta (MacLachlan) Brainard in White Plains. Mrs. See was very active in her Church, the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. As a value member in the Church, she was a former Deacon and was part of the Dorcas - Women's Bible Studies Club. Before she retired she was employed first at the Reader's Digest in Chappaqua, and later at the Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Susan, her siblings; Edward, Gladys and Elizabeth, her two cherished grandchildren; Rebecca See, (her future husband, Colin Phelan) and Kenneth See and many nieces and nephews. She

is predeceased by her beloved son David George See who had passed in 1999, her three brothers; George, Fredrick and Robert and her sister; Margaret.

Eugene F. Grady

Eugene F. Grady, Jr., 71, of Mahopac, died on June 1. Gene was born on October 30, 1944 to Eugene and Marie (Pascucci) Grady, Sr., in Yonkers. On October 7, 1984 he and Wendy Grady were married and enjoyed the blessings of a long and loving marriage. Together they shared the love and joy of their children: Jennifer, Alison, Sean, Elizabeth and Vanessa. Before he retired, he was employed by the Steamfitters & Plumbers Union, Local 21 in Peekskill. In his spare time, Gene enjoyed golf, gardening, and travel, but most of all spending time with his family, friends and his devoted companion, Sadie pup. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He is survived by his soul mate, Wendy, his five beloved children; Jennifer (Sammy), Alison, Sean

(Angela), Elizabeth (John) and Vanessa (Blake), his sister Cookie (John) and seven cherished grandchildren; Olivia, Joshua, Leland, Scarlett, Addison, Gianna, and Ava, all of whom he adored, with each child holding a special place in his heart. He will be dearly missed by all who have known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family will continue to grow in our hearts.

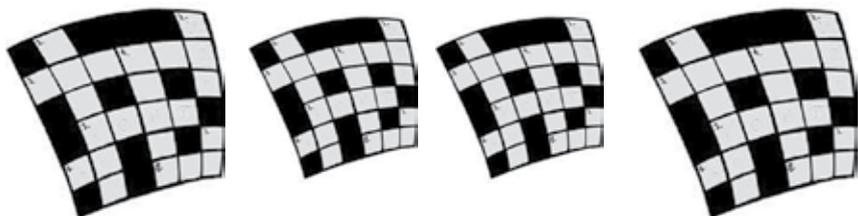
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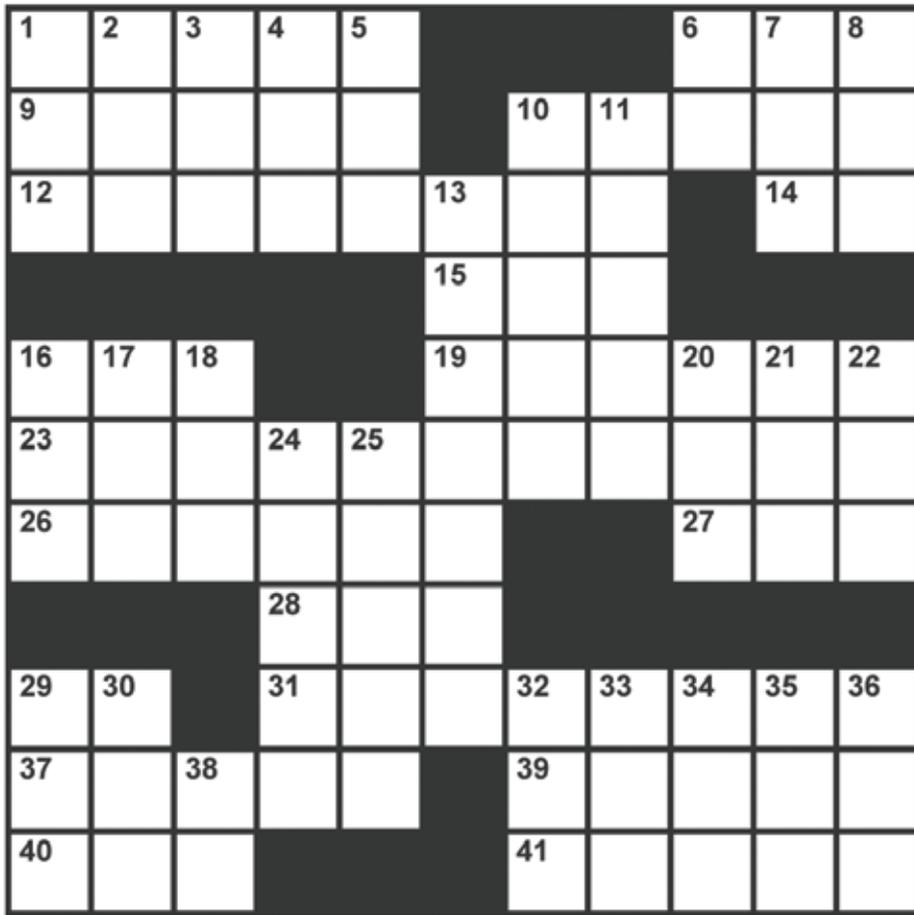
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 14

Across

- 1 Chill-inducing
- 6 Bumbling one
- 9 Dough
- 10 Dance that takes two
- 12 Free from a sealed state or Somers wine &
- 14 Gold in French
- 15 Makers of the Athlon processor
- 16 Band Aid alternative
- 19 Transfer, as a computer file
- 23 Somers American restaurant
- 26 Formulated method
- 27 Winter setting in NYC
- 28 1994 World Cup host
- 29 Promo
- 31 Jurassic beast
- 37 Spread
- 39 Stout detective Nero
- 40 Pride
- 41 "Cats" T.S.

Down

- 1 Kiwi walk-alike
- 2 Time in history
- 3 Sinbad's big bird
- 4 United Nations agency, abbr.
- 5 Piece of corn
- 6 Broadcasting
- 7 "Long, long ____"
- 8 In favor of
- 10 Metronome settings
- 11 Mix up
- 13 Andy of "Taxi"

- 16 Pack animal
- 17 Overmodest
- 18 Middle of the alphabet letters
- 20 Madrid cry
- 21 Magazine's bread and butter
- 22 Summer clock setting, abbr.
- 24 Short musical piece
- 25 Pine exudation
- 29 Astonish
- 30 Archaeological site
- 32 Be indebted
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- 34 Aka, Cassius Clay
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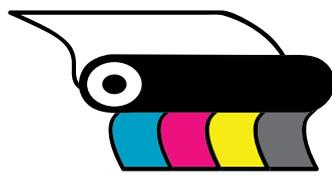


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Carmel Woman Gives Birth in Car on Way to Hospital



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Candice Belardi with her sons newborn, Joshua Haviland and big brother, Justin Haviland, 4.

Crossword Answers

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A pregnant Carmel woman had quite the birthing experience when she was on her way to Putnam Hospital Center and wound up having her baby in the car. "I started having contractions around 5 a.m. and then all of a sudden at about 7 a.m. they got really bad and really fast," recalled Candice Belardi, from her hospital room. "We got everyone in the car and their dad is telling me 'don't push' but I had one contraction and the head was out and the next contraction the body was out."

Joshua Lewis Haviland was born at 7:50 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, while driving along Hughson Road, a mile or two from Putnam Hospital Center. The newborn, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces is doing great, she said.

After delivering the baby, Belardi said she wrapped him in her boyfriend's shirt as he kept driving to the hospital.

Belardi has two other children, ages 4 and 8, who were in the car at the time of delivery.

"The kids were like 'he's crying, how cute,'" she said.

Belardi is still stunned by her birthing experience, she said, adding that her previous deliveries were much longer.

"It was crazy, even thinking about it now," she said. "How does that happen?"

Carmel HS Students Win Top FBLA Awards

Carmel High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter returned from its recent New York State Leadership Conference (NYS SLC) in Rochester with the state's highest honor – securing first place as “Chapter of the Year”. The CHS students were also honored for their numerous district- and state-level accomplishments by Superintendent of Schools Andy Irvin and the Board of Education at the recent Carmel Central School District (CCSD) Board meeting held on Tuesday May 3.

FBLA is a nationwide club that strives to improve the community and teach members professional skills. FBLA prepares students to enter the business world confidently and capable of success. The CHS chapter is a part of District 3N of NYS FBLA. The following is a list of the 2016 awards –

- 1st place: Chapter of the Year: Elaina Nacinovich
- Outstanding Officer of the Year: Chris Pereira
- 1st place: Future Business Leader: Chris Pereira
- 5th place: Future Business Leader: Gerry Hamilton
- 2nd place: Public Service Announcement: Meredith Jennings and Sarah Stec

- 2nd place: Parliamentary Procedure Individual: Sarah Stec
- 5th place: Parliamentary Procedure Team: Liam Cassidy, Meredith Jennings, Elaina Nacinovich, Edward Stanley and Sarah Stec
- 5th place: FBLA Principles and Procedures: Rahul Atluri
- 2nd place: Chapter Business Display: Meredith Jennings, Elaina Nacinovich and Sarah Stec
- 1st place: Recruitment Video: Elaina Nacinovich and Michael Wilder
- Early Bird Challenge Award: Michael Wilder
- Venerating Veterans Award: Michael Wilder
- 1st place: Connecting with the Community: Michael Wilder
- 2nd place: Project \$: Sarah Stec and Michael Wilder
- 3rd place: Education is Key: Elaina Nacinovich, Juliana Nacinovich and Sarah Stec
- College Knowledge: Emma Danvin and Michael Wilder

For more information on CHS FBLA, visit: <http://www.carmelschools.org/groups/carmel-high-school-fbla> For more information on FBLA, visit: <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/>



Pictured (l to r): Martin Maegan, Alicia Briley, Amanda Gregis, Christopher Pereira, Juliana Nacinovich, Gerald Hamilton, Elaina Nacinovich, Sarah Stec, Michael Wilder, Meredith Jennings, Edward Stanley, Rahul Atluri, Liam Cassidy

Carmel High School Top Students Impress

Carmel High School Principal Louis Riolo is pleased to present the top 10 percent in the class of 2016 and the colleges and universities that they will attend:



Name		College
Jillian	Aiello	Ithaca College
Alison	Beachman	George Washington University
Jessica	Block	SUNY Geneseo
Emma	Cassidy	Fordham University
Colleen	Cawley	Villanova
Carli	Ceckanowicz	University of Connecticut
Margaret	Chan	University of Rochester
Kate	Cruite	Northeastern University
Gianna	D'Ambrozio	Providence College
Tierney	Day	SUNY Buffalo
Samantha	D'Orazio	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Kayla	Fuhst	Providence College
Sean	Harrington	University of Maryland
Alexander	Kaplan	SUNY Buffalo
Caitlyn	Long	Northeastern University
Jeremy	Lovelett	Ithaca College
Claudia	Maslosz	Binghamton University
Michael	McCormack	Binghamton University
Carl	McDonald	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Tara	Micale	University of Hartford
Brandon	Miletti	Worcester Polytechnical Institute
Joseph	Millard	University of Connecticut
Frederick	Pachonka	SUNY Oneonta
Christa	Pease	Manhattanville College
Kaleigh	Pitcher	Binghamton University
Hana	Riddle	Purdue University
Benjamin	Rubin	Northeastern University
Jack	Ryan	University of California
Tess	Seip	McGill University
Callie	Sorrento	Western Connecticut State University
Brian	Sposato	Rensselaer Polytech Institute
Erika	Wahlers	Western Connecticut State University
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Enjoying the Benefits of Occasionally Unplugging at Home

When it comes to technology, I may not be cutting edge, but I try my very best to adapt to what's new as quickly as I can. What choice does one have in today's business world, or social whirl, for that matter?

From the first cube-like Macintosh in my home office to my current social media presence for business, I have always been ready for the next thing. But what's this I'm hearing about the benefits of occasionally unplugging digital devices at home?

The trend of establishing digital-free zones at home or work is small but growing. The New York Times recently reported that there is really no such thing as effective multitasking, and those who think they are good at it are really just distracted.

"Monotasking," formerly known as "paying attention" or "not procrastinating," is the new buzzword, and some business leaders are making a point of turning off digital distractions to get their work done faster. Without the constant ping-pong of e-mails or texts, according to this theory, your focus will be much greater and productivity will soar.



By Bill Primavera

As a real estate agent who wants to respond quickly to clients, the digital-free movement is not one I am willing to embrace, and I imagine doctors, plumbers and parents – anyone who needs to be "on call" – would agree. But then, I realize that my colleagues and I already limit our screen time when need be, even if we are available to answer all our calls and texts. For example, when I am showing houses, all my attention will be focused on my buyer client, but between houses, if I am in a separate

car, I may take or receive other calls. Likewise, when my wife calls when I am working on the computer, I stop for a moment and listen to her, and I abstain from simultaneously responding to e-mails.

In other lines of work, turning off the smartphone and avoiding Twitter and Facebook for a designated block of time each day can make sense, especially if the task at hand is to write long reports, build something by hand or balance the books. To that end, the programs getcoldturkey.com or freedom.to can help monotasking by temporarily blocking Internet or social media access.

Establishing digital-free zones in the home is a different matter. The proponents are usually not as concerned with productivity as with emotional connection and quality time with family. I have read about some households where virtually all electronic stimuli are banned. They don't have televisions, tablets or Wi-Fi. For many families, and I know for mine, such a drastic lifestyle change would be too extreme. Other variations, however, seem more doable. In fact, you may be doing them already.

No devices at the dinner table (or during the family activity of your choice). Many years ago, our family had a "no reading during dinner" rule. Sometimes it was hard to resist temptation, but the end result was that we had more evenings of talking together. Today, the rule is updated to "no smartphones," but I admit that we frequently have the television on. Sure, you may want to socialize online, but studies have found that an overreliance on social media can actually increase feelings of loneliness.

Unplug during certain set hours. Maybe you have a no-screen-time rule in the mornings to help everyone leave the house promptly, or maybe you turn off devices an hour before bedtime to help sleep better. If this is already working for you, you might add more unplugged time to your schedule (e.g.

Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.). Adopters of this habit have reported a rekindling of hobbies and interests that had been left to languish once the distraction of the Internet entered the home.

Make a physical space free of digital devices. This can be a comfortable room in your house without screens or chargers. Some households even set up a basket by the door where you can put your phone before you walk in. The space could be set aside for crafts, reading (on paper) or entertaining, and you might notice a different feeling when the online world is not competing for attention.

I am quite happy to watch my favorite movies whenever I choose, and I never want to be away from my phone, but I am perfectly willing to unplug if it brings me closer to my clients, family and friends.

Now that I think about it, I haven't practiced playing the piano in weeks. Surely unplugging for an evening will give me the time.

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The Conflicted World of Collecting High-end and Rare Objects



By Nick Antonaccio

We live in a society that knows no bounds in taste for revered objects. And there are those who have an insatiable craving to own the precious objects that reflect a refined palate, or a self-indulgent, self-aggrandizement. In many cases, the desire to own highly regarded objects goes unrequited for lack of financial wherewithal. For others, money is no object; they have the means, and egos, to satiate their appetites for rare or highly regarded objects.

These objects tend to center in specific hard assets, be they objets d'art (paintings, sculptures) or rare collectibles such as cars, books, coins, autographs – and wine.

As a result of the wild swings in the global equity markets during the Great Recession, a number of investors have turned to rare objects as alternative investments. There is now an index, the Knight Frank Luxury

Investment Index, which tracks the changing values of defined categories of rare objects.

There have been numerous examples of the escalating value of these luxury investments, and of the high-net-worth investors for whom cost is no barrier for seeking self-aggrandizement. The offerings and results of Sotheby's and Christie's auctions over the past five years bear this out.

Last week I reported on the record-setting auction of a portion of the private wine cellar of William I. Koch. This represented a clear example of the meteoric rise of wine as a rare collectible that has tantalized the imagination of the ninety-nine percenters and the egos of the one percenters.

However, it is not only the respected auction houses that offer rare wines to investors. A subculture of entrepreneurs has emerged, although quite few in number, that is capitalizing on the highly competitive rare wine market. These individuals operate in the underground world of illegal wine trafficking. There have been a number of

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

wine thefts in the United States in the last five years, seemingly centered on specific orders for wines from wealthy investors who seek anonymity.

I've reported on several thefts at the hands of these underground entrepreneurs. This week I can report that arrests have been made involving one of the more infamous rare wine thefts in recent memory.

On December 26, 2014, the French Laundry, located in California's Napa Valley, one of the most highly regarded restaurants in the United States, with an equally famous wine cellar, reported that its wine cellar had been broken into. There were 76 specifically selected bottles stolen. Many other, equally expensive, bottles were passed over. The estimated retail value of the stolen wines was \$300,000 (do the per bottle math for an idea of the value of these bottles).

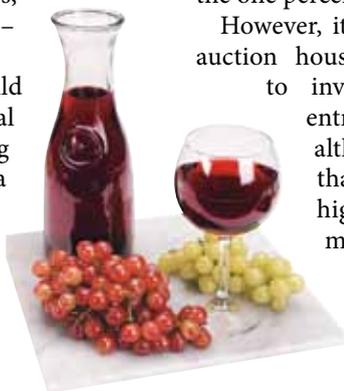
In January 2015, the Napa County sheriff's office received a phone call from an attorney in Greensboro, North Carolina, stating that a client had purchased 66 of the French Laundry wines (identified by published serial numbers on the bottles). The buyer had wired between \$120,000 and \$150,000 in multiple wire transfers (under \$10,000 each, to bypass money

laundering banking regulations) to an undisclosed bank account. The buyer had gotten nervous about his ill-gotten French Laundry wines – and possibly other wines from the same criminal entrepreneurs – and decided to return the wines. Was the unnamed buyer a victim or an unindicted coconspirator? A determined collector or an egomaniacal criminal?

On April 26, 2016, two men were indicted on multiple charges in the French Laundry heist, as well as several other thefts in the northern California area. They each face a maximum sentence of 10 years and a \$250,000 fine. Neither was anticipating buyer's remorse on their illegal sale. Stay tuned for further updates.

The rarified air of collecting rare collectibles attracts diverse individuals. Some living vicariously through the actions of others and a few "others" poised vicariously on the edge of self-aggrandizement.

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



Happenings

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

Book Signing at The Gift Hut: The author of *The Mouse and the Meadow*, Chad Wallace, a rising star from the Hudson Valley, will be signing copies of his new book this Saturday from noon-3 p.m. The Gift Hut is located at 86 Main Street in Cold Spring.

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.

Art by Amanda Lynn at the Kent Library: A display of paintings by Amanda Lynne will be on display at the Kent Public Library through the month of May. Amanda's paintings are a celebration of the beauty of the natural world. She has always felt a strong connection with plants and animals, and has been fascinated by the intense beauty they possess. Amanda

strives to share this love with her audience by observing deeply, with her eyes and the lens of her camera, and creating images with paint that joyfully explore the color, forms, and patterns that natural objects have to offer. Out of respect for the environment, all of her paintings are created on upcycled discarded wooden furniture. Table tops, drawer fronts, and cabinet doors are her preferred canvases.

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 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more info: <http://www.hudsonvalleyfarmersmarket.org/>

Monday's

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

New Parent Chat Group at Kent Public Library: Every Monday from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.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 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.

Tuesday's

Open Computer Help: Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. Do you have computer questions? Then check out Patterson Library's weekly computer help sessions! Sessions will be held every other Tuesday, at their new time, from 1:30 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.

Saturday's

The Ultimate Brooder Co. Presents: Live Poultry & Farm animal market. The First Saturday of Each Month: Next Market is June 4th. June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange. 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. Free admission - Come look and shop!

Save the Dates:

Friday, June 17

Free Putnam Valley's Annual Sunset Concert Series Kickoff. Acoustic Solo Scott Test 6 p.m., Dirty Stay Out Band to follow. 156 Oscawana Lake Rd & Town Park Lane. Open to the public & family friendly. Food & beverages for purchase. All park amenities available during concerts. Other concert dates include: Friday, July 1. Dinner in the Park with Frank & Dean Block Party 6 p.m. Saturday, July 16 50's, 60's Music by Teenchords & 5 Creations 7 p.m. Friday, July 29: Top 40 Cover Vertigo, 7 p.m. Thursday, August 11: Them Bones 7 p.m. Saturday, August 20: Disco Dance Party: Elektrik Company 7 p.m. FMI: <http://pvpr.com>, pvprconcerts@gmail.com or call 845-656-5296. Concerts subject to change.

Tuesday, June 7

Mahopac Public Library's budget vote and Trustee elections. 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, June 10

A LIFE IN ART: Works by Heliodoro Santa Coloma (1931-2013). June 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 from 1 p.m. thru 4 p.m. - or by appointment. Reception Friday June 10 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. free and open to the public

Saturday, June 11

The Mouse in the Meadow: Written and illustrated by Chad Wallace, a rising young star from the Hudson River Valley. Book signing. The Gift Hut 86 Main Street, Cold Spring. noon-3 p.m.

Basically Baseball Collecting: the History of Baseball With Baseball Historian and Collector Michael Adamovich. 10:00 a.m. This free program will be held at the Putnam Valley Grange Hall. 128 Mill Street. Putnam Valley. 10 a.m.

Naturalist-led Great Swamp Canoe Trips:

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m. Two-hour guided canoe trips in the Great Swamp from Green Chimneys launch in Brewster. Adults (14 and older) or children (6-13) are welcome. Great for scouts and less experienced paddlers. Adults: \$27 members/\$32 non-members. Children: \$14 members/\$16 non-members. Pre-registration required. Call Jill (845) 878-9603.

Defensive Driving at Kent Library:

A Defensive Driving course will be offered. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. The cost is \$40, with a portion benefiting the library. Registration is required at www.kentlibrary.org or call 845-225-8585.

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

Straw Bale Gardening with Master Gardeners



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Join the Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County on Saturday June 11th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 1 Geneva Road Brewster and learn to grow vegetables in a straw bale! It's a great temporary small space garden technique with less weeding and the opportunity to use your bale again at the end of the season as mulch. Registration, with a \$15 per person fee, can be done online at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events. For additional information please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738.

Federal Primary Election Absentee Voting Hours

The following are additional office hours at the Putnam County Board of Elections for Republican Primary Countywide absentee voting.

Days/Dates	Time
Tuesday, June 21	Until 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 23	Until 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 25	9 a.m. - noon

Regular business hours for the Board of Elections are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday

Federal Primary Election Day: Tuesday, June 28, polls open 6 a.m. and close 9 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY

shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SHRUB OAK INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 3151 STONEY STREET, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STONEY STREET DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/3/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPARKLICIOUS MOUNT KISCO, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: Robert McGuinness, 28 Main Street Redding CT 06896, Principal business address 333 N. Bedford Rd. Mount Kisco, NY 10549. **Purpose: any lawful act.**

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 pur-

poses, 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:

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
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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
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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**

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Brewster's Hazelwood Headed Back to States



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After running to a second-place finish in the Division 2 3200 race at Thursday's state qualifier at Arlington High School, Brewster senior Kevin Hazelwood is headed back to Syracuse for his sixth-straight NYSPHSAA Track and Field or Cross Country Championships on June 10-11 at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. "This is truly an incredible accomplishment," Bears Coach Joe Scelia said of his star pupil, who clocked in at 9:18.

Carmel's Peter Leads Section 1 to 1st Place at NYS Meet



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For a second-straight year, Carmel's Lauren Peter helped lead Section 1 to a NYS team title, finishing tied for second place at the NYSPHSAA girls' golf championships last Saturday and Sunday at Bethpage State Park where Peter carded a 144 over two rounds (including a 3-under 69 on Day 1). Carmel teammates Caitlin Tully (tied for 22) and Amanda Tully (tied for 30) were also among three Rams to qualify for the field of 81 golfers

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Strong Island-Bound: Yorktown, Lakeland/Panas en Route

Huskers, Rebels Win Regional Titles; Section 11 Champs Next Up in Final 4

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For the first time since 2010, both state-ranked (No.6) Class B Yorktown (16-6) and No.7 Class A Lakeland/Panas (19-2) are heading out to Hofstra University as part of the Section 1 contingent looking to upset the Long Island powers that be for the right to advance to Saturday's NYS PHSAA championship at Middletown High School. Standing in Yorktown's way is Section 11 champion Shoreham Wading River while the Rebels will have to go through Section 11's Ward Melville, one of the most prominent programs in the world.

After taking care of business in last Saturday's regional championships at Dietz Stadium in Kingston, the Town of Yorktown, one of the most respected lacrosse hotbeds in the world, will be well represented in the Downstate Finals this Wednesday at Hofstra after the Huskers rocked Section 9 champion Highland, 17-3, for the Region 1 Class B crown and the Rebels did likewise in Class A after a 13-7 drubbing of Section 9's Valley Central.

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The seven-time NYS champion Cornhuskers, winners of 39 Section 1 championships, including six in a row, entered the state tournament with visiting Section 2's Burnt Hills hoping to singe the Yorktown Crop at Charlie



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Rebel sniper Jolo Janavey bags one of two goals he would score in Region 1 title win over Valley Central Saturday.

Murphy Field in what was the final game the Yorktown seniors will ever play on Murph's Turf.

And after a somewhat sluggish start by the Huskers, All-Section middle Kyle Casey doused the flames of Burnt Hills when the junior tallied a career-high 12 points (7G, 5A) to lead the Huskers (14-6) to a 16-9 win. Them Embury boys -- Jamison and Hunter -- were at it again, notching two goals apiece for Yorktown, which led 11-5 heading into the fourth quarter.

Huskers Steven Veteri (1G), Justin Cavallo (1G), Dom Cioffi (1G), Sam Spallone (1G) and Nick Sanfardino (1G) each chipped in with a goal. Husker G Liam Donnelly chalked up nine saves

against the Hills (15-5), who won Section 2 for the first time since 2011.

Usually, the opponents get stiffer as a tournament rolls on, but Section 9, which hasn't done jack in the NYS PHSAA tournament, drew the first round by, giving Highland a crack at Yorktown in the Region 1 championship. Highland never had a chance as a total of 14 different players scored for Yorktown. Sophomore attackman Jamison Embury led the way with three goals and one assist. All-Section junior M Kyle Casey (2G, 2A), Keegan Doller (1G, 1A), Sam Spallone (1G, 2A), Shane Dahlke (2G, 1A), Thomas Donatelli (1G, 1A) and Ty Cunnington (2G) all had multiple points for the Huskers, who showed their

depth off.

With state-ranked (No.4) Shoreham Wading River (18-2) up next, All-Section junior A Cavallo says it's time for Yorktown to kick it in to another gear now, a gear they've yet to grind.

"It's going to be fun and we're going to be playing a lot better competition, so we really have to bring it," Cavallo said.

Yorktown senior captain and 2016 All-American Liam Donnelly was a sophomore on the 2014 NYS championship team that won twice on Long Island, including the state title game at Hofstra. His experience should assist the Huskers against Wading River, winners of nine-straight games after consecutive overtime losses to Syosset and Bayport-Blue Point.

"I think everyone is ready," said

Donnelly, the lone Husker in history with five sectional titles under his belt. "As individuals and as a team, this is the week you look forward to from the first day you put on a Yorktown jersey. I believe every single one of my teammates are ready."

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An old friend paid a visit in last Wednesday's Region 1 semifinal when Section 2 champion Shenedehowa hauled itself down the NYS Thruway for its ninth playdate with the Rebels going back to 2010, and the Rebels improved to 7-2 against the Plainsmen when they failed to control Lakeland/Panas All-American Nick Vazquez in the draw-box. Buoyed by the Hartford-bound Vazquez's



Yorktown's Sam Spallone had a three-point day (1G, 2A) in Huskers' rout of Highland.



Yorktown's Jamison Embury dodges a Highland defender in 17-3 Region 1 championship win.

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Husker pole Joseph Brancato clears zone in 17-3 Region 1 championship rout of Highland at Dietz Stadium last Saturday.

excellence at the X (he was a perfect 8 for 8 on second-half draws), Lakeland/Panas (18-2) controlled the time of possession and nipped the Plainsmen (15-5), 8-7, in a game that featured wire-to-wire action.

Vazquez went 15 of 18 on faceoffs for the game, which led to an awe-inspiring performance from L/P sophomore JoJo Janavey, who dropped a game-high five goals, including the game-winner with 4:22 left in the fourth. Janavey, who has totaled a team-high 62 goals this season, let fly from all angles, but the Rebels will need to take better care of the ball against Section 8's Syosset/Section 11's Ward Melville because when a team wins 83% of its draws, a coach expects a better return than a one-goal win.

Lakeland/Panas, which has 11 sectional title within the district – Panas (1 in 1973), Lakeland (4 in 1983-89-90-91), Lakeland/Panas (6 in 1994-97-2003-10-14-16, since combining in 1992) has never won a state championship and reached the state finals just once when Lakeland defeated Farmingdale, 11-8, in the state semis and lost to West Genny, 10-5, in the finals (1991).

In their first venture back to the NYS Final 4 since 2010, the Rebels will face a Melville outfit totting a No.6 state ranking and a huge win over No.3 Syosset. L/P has only gotten off Long Island once alive, and senior captain Prunty is mindful of the Melville mystique (8 NYS championships) but undaunted.

"To have the opportunity for us to play a Final 4 against Ward Melville is amazing, we are pumped," said Prunty, the last of the three championship-winning Prunty boys and the only one with two sectional titles under his belt. "Melville is a very good team but we have

absolutely nothing to lose, so we're going to come out and play 48 minutes of LP lacrosse."

Against Valley Central (15-4), the Rebs broke open a 3-3 game by playing L/P lax; fast and loose. Prunty admitted the Rebels got off to a slow start (trailing 2-0 in the first) but responded by playing team lacrosse, running hard and sticking shots, including three of his own, one behind-the-back crank just before the half.

Rebel Sean Makar, who has been steady throughout the playoffs, notched a game-high four goals. Shifty JoJo Cortese (1G, 3A), versatile pole Griffin Shiland (1G, 2A), upstart JoJo Janavey (2G) and reliable Drew Thompson (2G), who put the Rebs up for good at 4-3 in the second, all figured in the scoring while G Kevin Dyckman (11 saves) was steady between the pipes. Dyckman will need to find another level on Long Island, as he is sure to see a barrage of shots to date against an outfit the program has faced with little success in the past (they've met in four NYS semifinals previously from 1989-1997, with the Patriots winning each game).

Lindsay, a former captain and All-American on the 1998 L/P team, was present the



L-P senior Joe Cortese dodges a defender in Rebels' championship win over Valley Central.

last time the two met 1997.

"That was a different time and era, not sure a whole lot of that applies to these guys," Lindsay said. "Back then there was Ward Melville and no one else. Sachem was the only other school to ever get off the Island. I think our experience in 2010 going down there against West Islip will be a better focal point for these kids.

Some had brothers on that team, a lot of them were watching in the stands. We'll talk a little bit about the history of this game with our two programs, but it's been 20 years since we've last seen them, so it's exactly that to these kids, history."

And should history be on their side Wednesday, the Rebels would advance to the second state title game ever.



Rebel Sean Makar went off for a game-high four goals in L-P's Region 1 championship win last Saturday at Dietz Stadium.

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Girls LAX Notebook

Comerford's OT Tally Lifts Yorktown to Region 1 Title

Final 4-Bound Huskers to Face Watertown in NYS Class B Semis

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Leave it to Yorktown senior Katie Comerford to find the slightest crack in an opposing defense, just as she

Yorktown will move on to face Section 3's Watertown in the state semifinals at Tompkins Cortland Community College on Friday at noon. It will be the first time the Huskers will play in the state Final Four since 2011.

Comerford, a cunning attackman who sees a path to the goal like few in Section 1 do, credits her teammates for their choice looks.

"Honestly, my teammates just always seem to see me at the right moments and it clicks," Comerford said. "It feels great to being going to Cortland because we have all been working unbelievably hard this season and being able to make it happen means a lot to us."

The Villanova-bound senior netted

a game-high five goals to go with one assist. Her fourth goal, with 18:50 left in the second half, gave Yorktown its first lead of the game.

After killing off a late penalty, Yorktown, the only program in Section 1 to win a state title (4), scored with 1:20 left, with Duff spinning and winning to tie the game at 9-all to force OT.

Duff finished with three goals and an assist while Julia Cook and Michelle Seger each scored once the Huskers, who are now two wins away from a fifth NYS championship.

Husker G Catherine Calidonna made seven saves, and her teammates -- including Comerford, Duff, Megan Cegielski, Julia Cook, Alexa DelBene, McKenna Duff, Ciara Frawley, Rilea Fusco, Caroline Garti, Emily Hirsch, Caroline Keenaghan, Caeleigh Lampersberger, Carli Mager, Sara Mongno, MaryKate Murphy, Ellen O'Callaghan, Kayla Reilly, Michelle Seger and Ashley Stilo -- are eager to for their piece of the championship pie that has eluded Yorktown since 2006.

It takes a lot to get veteran Coach Ellen Mager excited, but this group has done that and more.

"I am thrilled to be a part of their 2016 journey upstate with these seniors and our talented underclassman, and know that up there it will take not only a lot of skill and effort but some luck as well," said Mager, who has pretty much solidified herself in Section 1 as the top banana when it comes to girls lax. "They have all worked incredibly hard to get to this point and I hope their focus and effort can continue through this last week so perhaps they will be able to add to our program's rich history.

"This is the first one for these kids and the first one in five years," Mager added. "This was the fourth section final for these seniors -- who are near and dear to my heart -- and third for these juniors,



Stout defenders like MaryKate Murphy (9) and G Catherine Calidonna have played huge roles in Yorktown's run to NYS Final 4.



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Yorktown tri-captain Casey Duff simply gets it done on both ends of the field for Coach Ellen Mager's Huskers.

did late in sudden-death overtime in the Huskers' thrilling 10-9 win over Section 2 champion Niskayuna in last Saturday's NYSPHSAA Class B regional championship at Mohonasen High School.

Comparable to the Section 1 championship game against Somers when she scored with only seconds left, Comerford buried the game-winning goal with 53 seconds left; this time off a feed from fellow captain Casey Duff.



Yorktown tri-captain Ashley Stilo and the Huskers await a crack at Section 3 champion Watertown this Friday in Cortland.



Yorktown G Catherine Calidonna has excelled between the pipes despite not having played goalie before this season.



Yorktown A Michelle Seger has contributed clutch goals to the Huskers' state championship cause.

accomplishment for last year's team. We went into last season believing that team could win a state championship and the early results certainly supported that hypothesis. This year's team came into this season with the mentality that they would find a way to win a section title no matter what obstacles came into their path. We, the coaches, are so happy for them. We have had great support from volunteer assistant coaches, Kelsey Sickles and Sarah Scott and having Bridget Sickles join the staff has also been a great addition. The coaches work so hard because they wanted this team (which has a lot of individual talent) to have the opportunity to call themselves champions and to make a lifetime of great memories with their own trip to Cortland."

so for them to finally get over that hump has been tremendous. Last year, just getting to the final (beating a very good senior laden John Jay team) and competing the way did given the injuries we suffered (Concialdi after the first few games of the season and Comerford in the quarterfinals) was truly a great

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Today's Athletes Ain't Got Nothing on Yesterdays



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Put it in the books: Year 27 on the local sports circuit – which began in 1989 at the now-defunct North County News -- is all but over for this local sports-writing/picture-taking photojournalist. And the funny thing is; today's athletes, grand as they are, have yet to catch up (in many

cases) to those I first covered as an aspiring scribe out of Oneonta State. Some of the best athletes I've covered in the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region burst on to the Section 1 scene in my first five years on the beat, excluding at least three possible exceptions: Ossining girls' hoop

to back up the notion that yesteryear's athletes are every bit as good as today's (bearing in mind that this is all coming off the top of the top of the head).

Walter Panas' Tom Cottrell, probably the best three-sport (football, hoops, baseball) athlete I ever saw, was a product of Putnam Valley who crushed it for two years until graduating a Panther in 1993. I can't remember anybody who played three sports as well as he did. T.C. never left the Valley and married Mia Malan, another Lakeland field hockey star. If anybody could match his feats in three sports, it was probably his twin sister Tracy (field hockey, hoops, softball), who also guided Put Valley High to its lone NYS championship in any sport (field

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sets, he remains the end-all/be-all and probably ranks among the best to ever play the game... in the world, not just Section 1. Roy Boy, who married Somers field hockey star Chrissy Bown, is still preaching lax at Ridgefield (CT) High, and owns the American Lacrosse Academy.

Lakeland pitcher Anthony Eannacony, by way of Putnam Valley, remains the best combination of pitcher/sluggo I've ever covered and he left the scene in 1993 as a switch-hitting, power pitcher the likes of which I've yet to see replicated: A combination of 90 MPH fastball and 375-400-foot jacks! Injuries derailed his career at Old Dominion, and the big fella sells sporting goods and apparel to schools and teams throughout the region now.

Peekskill's Elton Brand, winner of two state titles, took the NYS scene by storm from 1994-97, averaging nearly 40 points and 20 rebounds per game his last two years before going on to Duke and becoming the first Blue Devil in history to leave school early for the NBA draft where the Bulls nabbed him No.1 overall in 1999 #StillPlayingProBall and still living large with the 76ers.

Yorktown's Donny Weese, God bless his soul, remains the most electric Section 1 football player I've ever seen in this neck of the woods. A game-breaking threat, Weese was the key cog in each of the Huskers' two NYS championships in 1993-94 when he never took a play off. Can't think of anyone with his speed and game-breaking skills in my 27 years.

So for anyone that says today's athletes are bigger, stronger and faster than those that I first broke in with in the wee-90s, I call #PoppyCock!

More Random Thoughts:

There will never be another A.D like Mahopac's Frank Miele, the last bastion of old-school guys who reminded vicarious dads that the door was simply there to hit

them in the ass on the way out. In one of the most unappreciated administration positions known to man, the job of athletic director is worth every penny when you get a keeper...

Lakeland's Sharon Sarsen, who has been the one constant in my 27-year tenure, is by far the best coach and mentor of young players I've ever seen, and her 10 NYS field hockey titles (7 in a row and running) will more than bear that out, as will the esteem her former players hold her in. Sars runs the best show on the northwest side of Yorktown while Yorktown boys' lax Coach Dave Marr runs the finest act on the south side. These are the two premier programs in my time on the Section 1 circuit, and I have been privileged to be among them...

The biggest change over the course of the last 27 years has been the over-involvement of vicarious parents and the soft underbelly of SOME of the administrations and school boards when dealing with said parents. It used to be about the "Greater Good" and that premise, which should be followed religiously, is a lost art in many programs that has given way to "Political Incorrectness" (as I like to call it)...

Another thing that pisses me off to no end nowadays is the fact that coaches don't insist that their players put their hand over their heart when the national anthem is being played. What's the point of playing the rendition if we don't properly respect it by just standing around? I understand our nation is crumbling around us, but part of the blame lies within those of us who fail to respect what was once the greatest country on earth (and probably still can be). Student athletes and coaches have the power to invoke change, and #HandOverHeart is a simple gesture coaches should insist upon, so get with the program, y'all #MakeAmericaGreatAgain... that's 27 years of calling a spade a spade for those keeping score at home.



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With the power to invoke change, high school coaches should insist their players respectfully put a hand over the heart during the national anthem; kinda like my nephew Kevin did at every game while earning 6 varsity letters and 3 trips to County Center #ShamelessPlug

star Saniya Chong (circa 2012), Lakeland field hockey Olympian Melissa Gonzalez (2007) and Somers grappler Brian Realbuto (2013). They were the best of the best at their respective sports, and still got it going on.

I initially broke in to the sports writing scene covering Hen Hud wrestling as my first prime-time assignment and covered lightweight Anthony Alberti win two NYS championships in 1989-90. I can only think of one wrestler from our N.West./Put. region to match state championship feats with Alberti; that being Somers star Realbuto, a three-time state champion, a four-time state finalist and a five-time placewinner. "Berti" was the real deal and now resides in Pennsylvania.

Let's see what else we can put together

hockey) in 2004.

Lakeland's Ric Beardesley, the most ferocious long pole laxer in Section 1 history, remains the best I've seen at his position since 1991. Though some of Yorktown's poles may have been more technical, I reckon I'd still take Beardesley if I needed one strip, one GB and one menacing rush at the cage. Beardesley now coaches high school lax in the Syracuse area where he's still a walking, talking legend: Slick Ric was also the best trash talker I've ever come upon #WalkedtheWalkTalkedtheTalk.

Beardesley's contemporary, Yorktown middle Roy Colsey (circa 1991) remains the best two-way player in Section 1 lax history if ya ask me. While others have tried to match Colsey's skill

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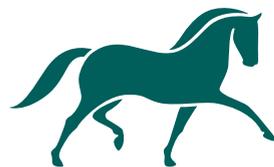
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