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Putnam and Carmel Face Lawsuit Against Exonerated Man

By David Propper

Free from prison after a wrongful conviction locked him up for almost eight years, William Haughey intends to file a federal lawsuit against New York State, Putnam County, and the Town of Carmel.

Claiming he was falsely arrested and imprisoned, Haughey is also taking the state to the NYS Court of Claims for \$25 million, on top of the federal action. His grievances, in a notice of claim obtained by The Putnam Examiner, include abuse of process, fabrication of evidence, violation of his rights, cruel and unusual punishment and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The Carmel comptroller's office confirmed it received a notice of claim and Putnam County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner also confirmed the law department received a notice of claim.

In the claim, it asserts Putnam and Carmel participated in negligent hiring, retention, training, discipline, and supervision in connection to the Bureau of Emergency Services and police agencies at the time of the incident in 2007.

Haughey, who now splits time between Florida and New York, was wrongfully convicted of setting a fire at Smalley's Inn inside the bathroom in March 2007. He was found guilty in April 2008 and sentenced to ten years.

He was exonerated and released this May after it was determined he was put away with faulty evidence that throws much doubt into whether an arson actually occurred.

Haughey's attorney, Rita Dave, called it "an utter disregard for what took place," adding, "they just decided to say, hey, sure, it's an arson. You think this guy

did it, sure we'll arrest him.' That's what happen."

"This was never an arson," Dave continued to state. "And it was investigated improperly."

Dave said the individuals that looked into the fire weren't trained correctly as arson investigators and protocol wasn't followed.

The claim states a level 1 fire investigator at the time, Robert Geoghegan, provided flawed testimony when he said the fire was incendiary in origin and it didn't have an electrical or other cause. He inspected the fire 13 hours later, the claim states.

Because Geoghegan kept his investigation to the bathroom and space between the bathroom's ceiling tiles and plywood layer above, he couldn't rule out unintentional cause, the claim

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

William Haughey is suing Putnam County, the Town of Carmel, and New York State after he was wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for almost eight years.

War of Words Ensnue After McDonough Booted from CON Line

By David Propper

The race between Republicans Kevin Byrne and Suzi McDonough heated up last week after McDonough was thrown off the Conservative line ahead of September's 94th district assembly primary.

McDonough, a Carmel councilwoman and Mahopac resident, was tossed from the Conservative line by the New York State Board of Elections after she submitted signatures that were challenged by a Conservative Party member from Yorktown. According to a state BOE spokesman, McDonough needed 112 signatures and after the challenge, only had 65 that were valid. She submitted 232 overall.

In a press release, Byrne, a Mahopac resident, accused McDonough of photocopying signature sheets to reach



Kevin Byrne



Suzi McDonough

the necessary benchmark and called the findings "extremely disheartening". Byrne noted he collected more than 230 signatures from Conservative Party members to get on the ballot. He has already secured the Independence and Reform lines going into November.

McDonough's petitions, review by The Putnam Examiner, show that after the first 20 pages of signatures, those 20 pages were repeated again but numbered differently. For instance, the signatures on page one were the same as the signatures on page 21. The pages were numbered up to 40, with 20 pages the same.

He called McDonough's issues with the signatures "the kind of behavior that, sadly, we've come to expect from corrupt politicians in Albany."

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It is free admission and parking taking place at the Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park – Nimham Fields on 201 Gipse Trail Rd. in Carmel.

Grand Entry begins at noon and Nimham Pow Wow gates open at 10 a.m. Drum performances include the Nimham Mountain Singers, Red Storm Drum & Dance Troupe, Pretty Elk Singers, and Northern Light. There will be Native American drumming, dancing, storytelling, teepee, food vendors, arts & crafts vendors, pony rides, Skyhunters in

Flight birds of prey show and renowned flutist, Joseph Firecrow. Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Big Barn there will be a hand drum competition; admission is a \$1 donation for the competition. 100.7 WHUD DJ Mike Bennett will be at the Pow Wow Sunday noon – 2 p.m.; register to win dinner for two.

Donations are welcome: proceeds go to HOMH (Honor Our Military Heroes) and Semper Fi Odyssey – a six-day, holistic transition-assistance event with a curriculum designed to get participants ready for life after military service while preparing them for success, run by Retired Major General T.S. Jones (USMC) in the



RENÉE FLEURY PHOTO

The line-up before Grand Entry, which officially opens the Daniel Nimham Intertribal Pow Wow, is the time for brothers to make last minute face paint and regalia touch ups. Dancers hail from all over the East Coast and Canada.



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A little girl with a feather in her hand as performers dance around her from last year's Pow Wow.

Pennsylvania hills and free to any military serviceman or woman discharged due to injury or illness. Previous Pow Wows have helped raise over \$24,000 for U.S. veterans. All donations to the Pow Wow, HOMH, and Semper Fi Odyssey are tax deductible. For more information on Semper Fi Odyssey visit http://www.outdoorodyssey.org/?page_id=1056.

Nimham Pow Wow Support provided by H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment, along with several local

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Q: How does breastfeeding benefit my baby?

A: There are many benefits, which continue as your baby develops. The World Health Organization (WHO) finds that babies who are exclusively breastfed have fewer ear infections, serious illnesses and allergies than those who were not breastfed or were partially breastfed. Moreover, the AAP reports a more than one-third drop in the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome among breastfed infants. Breastfed babies are also less likely to become obese adolescents or adults. Interestingly, the composition of breast milk changes over time to support baby's ongoing developmental needs.

Q: What are the benefits for mom?

A: The advantages for mothers are numerous. Breastfeeding women often find it easier to lose their pregnancy weight quickly. In addition, the WHO finds that women who breastfeed lower their risk of breast and ovarian cancers. Breastfeeding also decreases a woman's risk of developing both Type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis. There are also important psychological and emotional benefits: nursing offers peaceful downtime that can have a restorative and meditative effect on the busy mother of a newborn.

Q: How do I succeed at breastfeeding?

A: Some new mothers worry they "won't do it right." Others are concerned about painful, sore nipples or that their baby won't get enough milk. First-time mothers are often unsure how to continue breastfeeding once they're back to work. Preparation is the key to success. I advise every expecting mother and their partner to take a breastfeeding class in the last trimester of pregnancy. You'll feel empowered and gain confidence by learning what to expect during the first weeks with a newborn. You will be ready to experience this intimate act of love between mother and baby.

State Audit Critical of Putnam Valley's Budget Process

By David Propper

An audit by the New York State Comptroller's Office revealed the Putnam Valley school system could do a better job of reducing the tax burden on district property owners and increasing transparency concerning expenditures.

In the audit report reviewed by The Putnam Examiner, the state comptroller's office criticized the district and school board for not reducing taxes more and offered recommendations to improve the budget process. The scope of the comptroller's audit spanned from July 2010 to February of this year.

The report indicates the district allotted more funds than necessary into reserves rather than reduce the budget district voters determine each year. From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the district accumulated more than \$2.6 million in operating surplus. Although the board allotted fund balance to fund operations, the fund balance appropriation was not used toward operations and instead went to increase reserves and debt service at year-end.

The board also used operating surpluses to increase reserves that were overfunded by \$1.5 million as of June 30, 2015, to make unbudgeted transfers totaling about \$4.6 million to debt service fund at year-end each of the last five years, according to the report.

The district has six reserves set up

properly, but didn't set up policy at the time to dictate how much money would be put aside for each reserve fund, the reports states. The district transferred surplus funds to three reserves, rather than fund through budget earmarks, diminishing transparency, the reports states.

The district went over its fund balance statutory limit, ranging from 8.1 to 12.7 percent, the reports states. Any excess should go back to the taxpayers, the reports notes.

"We expect the district's unrestricted fund balance will continue to exceed the statutory limit, which will contribute to real property taxes being higher than necessary," the reports states.

Resident Dan Vera, a watchdog of the district, said the district overtaxed residents and on average a reduction of \$900 per household could have been attained this year. He called the findings "pretty upsetting" and described the \$100,000 overall reduction an "insult." He placed the blame on both the administration and the school board.

"I'm sure they had good intentions," Vera said. "But it's not fair."

The comptroller's office recommended the district and school board identify surplus fund balance that could go toward district needs or lower property taxes; stop

adopting budgets with appropriations of fund balance that doesn't fund operations and include transfers to the debt service fund in the annual budgets; put in place a reserve fund policy that gives clear intent regarding the purpose, use, and replenishment of funds; and make sure the amounts reserved are justified and necessary.

In the district's response, it detailed how it's already rectified some of the practices criticized by the state comptroller and explained actions the district has taken.

The district noted the past two budgets, the tax levy has been reduced each year, which is rare for Hudson Valley schools to accomplish. The district is also using surplus to fund small capital projects under \$100,000 and unexpended funds will be put toward resources at appropriate levels, the district states.

The district vowed to review reserves on an annual basis to make sure they're justified and since the audit report, the district will review everything again. The district would also adjust the recording process to ensure clarity with each transaction.

The district noted it adopted a reserve policy in April that outlines the purpose and use of reserve funds by regulatory definition and would continue to research appropriate policies.

In a statement on the district website, the district noted there were no findings of fraud, waste, or abuse and all the budgetary practices have been noted as being legal.

The state began consistently auditing schools throughout New York more than a decade ago, the statement noted.

In an interview, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills pointed out the district voters approved a capital reserve fund last year and there is no money in it yet. The district also has three auditing entities in place to ensure its fiscal practices are standard, she noted.

Wills added the school board would be voting this month to return more money to taxpayers on top of the \$100,000 already decreased. A sum of money has yet to be determined.

"The District has put monies into reserve funds and while the Comptroller has criticized the District for not spending out of these funds each year, having some monies in reserve funds is important to the District's bond rating in financial markets," part of the statement read. "We are committed to placing the District in a position where its bond rating is not diminished by depleting lawfully maintained reserve funds because the Comptroller expects that they will be expended from each year."

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Newly Formed 'Reclaim New York' Holds First Event in Hudson Valley

By David Propper

With New York State facing an "affordability crisis," a newly formed organization hosted a presentation Thursday night in Mahopac to "educate and engage" residents in the community about how that trend can be reversed.

Reclaim New York, a non-partisan organization focused on the burdensome costs associated with living in the state, explained just how much money goes toward government at every level and what every-day residents can do to start changing the trajectory. The event, held at the Mahopac Public Library, was the first time Reclaim NY was in the Hudson Valley and 13 participants attended.

Regional director for the Hudson Valley, John Lange, noted New York has the second worst income tax in the country, excise taxes is 39th worst, property taxes is 47th worst, and sales tax is 42nd worst in the country. The cost of living is second highest in the country, only trailing Hawaii.

Putnam County has the 11th highest property taxes in the entire country, Lange, who ran for a short time for congress as a Republican, said. The average property tax for a Mahopac resident is just under \$11,000. (Westchester County has the highest in the entire country.)

The state is ranked 49th in business climate in the country and the recent



Reclaim NY's regional director John Lange speaks at last week's event.

minimum wage hike will make it even worse, Lange said. The raise, which will go up to \$15 per hour in Westchester and \$12.50 in Putnam after a few years is expected to cost 500,000 jobs, he said.

Lange particularly slammed state government in Albany, calling it a place for cronyism and handouts. State employees on average make 40 percent more in salary than private sector workers in the state.

"If you're private business, why do you want to come here," Lange, a Bedford Hills resident, said. "The thing to do in New York is you work for the government."

The state also spends more than double the national average in education, yet is ranked only 17th country-wide, Lange noted, questioning if the money is spent the correct way.

Since 2000, 1.8 million people have migrated away from New York, Lange said, adding it'll just result in more revenue leaving the state and taxes going up for remaining residents.

Part of the problem, Lange said, is the pathetic voter turnout. In the mid-terms only 29 percent of registered voters casted their ballot in New York, fourth lowest in the country. Lange said residents have become accustomed to high costs and bad government and it allows elected leaders to do whatever they want without accountability.

Lack of transparency also leads to higher costs, Lange explained.

To improve New York, Lange said government should make files easily accessible, implement term limits, strip lawmakers of their pensions if convicted of a crime, simplify and flatten the tax code, lower the tax rate, reduce unfunded mandates and put in place pension reform and reform step increases.

He wants residents to be citizen watchdogs, being the eyes and ears on the ground with the help of Reclaim NY. And he also stressed, changing the



Residents at last week's event included familiar faces and elected officials like Ken Schmitt and Suzi McDonough.

government's culture would not be an easy fix.

"It's going to be a long road," Lange said. "Nothing is going to happen overnight."

Many residents at the forum decried the apathy many community members already feel. Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt and Councilwoman Suzi McDonough noted that during budget time, the town board is lucky to get three concerned residents speak up and would like more input.

In an interview prior to the discussion, executive director Brandon Muir explained the organization's core mission is to help residents understand policies affecting them and encourage them to engage more with government at every level.

Reclaim New York started in 2014, but only began programming last fall. During the first year and a half, much of the work was getting the information about affordability in the state together. The group conducted a "massive study" that included census bureau and state comptroller data, taking an academic approach to the study.

"It was very clear (regardless of what you're making)," Muir said. "Households are actually struggling to save money."

In all of the four tax types—income, property, sales, and excise—New Yorkers face high rates in all categories, Muir said, explaining why it's only logical residents struggle to afford to live here. Entrepreneurs and business owners also have a hard time starting and keeping businesses in New York because of onerous costs, he added.

Muir stressed the organization has no plans to support Democrats or Republicans seeking office.

"What we're seeing is whether it's Republicans or Democrats, we're getting a lot of bad policies out of Albany, New York City, local governments as well," Muir said. "The consistent factor in that we see very low civic engagement and our hypothesis is part of the problem is people don't believe they can make a difference."

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states. Geoghegan didn't investigate the smoke-heater vent, and didn't examine wires and circuitry the smoke heater vent was connected to. He also failed to determine whether the inn was equipped with a circuit breaker or fuse box, failed to inspect the fire damage above the plywood layer and didn't document the whereabouts of the supposed paper material that witnesses claimed was removed or fell from the ceiling, the claim states.

"Just took at face value that this was an arson and that Haughey started the fire," Dave said. "He never looked for anything else."

During his criminal trial, Haughey's counsel didn't secure an arson expert on his behalf, depriving him of an effective

defense, the claim states. He was found guilty under the prosecution of former district attorney Adam Levy.

"The mere fact that the owner of the establishment had fixated upon the defendant was an instrumental factor in bringing about Haughey's false arrest and wrongful conviction," the claim states.

The claim noted current District Attorney Bob Tenny stated there was "nothing suspicious" about Haughey's actions the night of the incident. Tenny was helpful in getting Haughey released once he took office in January and reviewed his case.

Smalley's Inn owner Anthony Porto Jr. maintains that Haughey set the fire after the two men got into an argument that same night. He believes that Haughey



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The bathroom at Smalley's Inn that is now the center of a multi-million lawsuit.

was the first patron to rush into the bathroom where the fire took place to put it out because he's the one who set it.

Dave said she hopes to negotiate a settlement with the parties for a reasonable money figure. While the state has a dollar amount attached to its lawsuit, Putnam and Carmel do not

because of its size. She plans on reaching out to the parties included in the near future.

"And at any given time, I'm ready to sit down," Dave said. "I don't think this should go to trial and I don't think this should be protracted."



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A Byrne campaign surrogate, Yorktown Conservative Party member Frank Cassidy, filed the objections with the state BOE. He said he was shocked to find a state assembly candidate "would do something so dishonest and careless."

"In my opinion," Cassidy added, "this should invalidate her as a candidate from all party lines and disqualify her as a candidate altogether."

But McDonough, despite the set back, isn't backing down and demanded Byrne's campaign apologize for his strong accusations. She also had an explanation why the pages appeared photocopied.

McDonough, in a statement, called Byrne's assertions that she participated in petition fraud "slandorous" and "outright lies." Her campaign manager, Antoinette DeBellis added the comments made against her candidate "are beyond pale."

"This is sickening, and while I will continue a positive campaign, my opponent should be ashamed," McDonough added. "Fiercely independent, the insiders both here and in Albany know that I cannot be controlled and that I am here for the people of this District. I am proud to have integrity and real grassroots support, not being endorsed by proxies or some political figures is fine with me."

'People are sick and tired of these dishonest tricks, and of politicians who don't take responsibility for their actions.'

- Kevin Byrne

After The Putnam Examiner reached out to her for an explanation, McDonough's campaign asserted the reason she was booted from the Conservative line was on technicalities and out of her control. In a statement, DeBellis said the campaign submitted 130 signatures and a copy to the Republican Assembly Campaign Committee (RACC).

"(RACC) were responsible for submitting and submitted the petitions to the board after that point," DeBellis said. "If both the copy and the originals were submitted it was an administrative error and not one that this campaign nor the candidate made or had any control over."

The person who submitted the petitions and listed as the person to correct

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- Suzi McDonough

deficiencies is James Walsh, who is part of RACC. Messages left for him at RACC were not returned before press time.

But Byrne isn't buying it, calling her comments, "deeply disappointing."

"My opponent, having been caught fraudulently stuffing photocopies into her petition, at first denied it altogether and is now blaming her Albany insider advisors," Byrne said in a statement. "What will her next excuse be? The bottom line is that the people are sick and tired of these dishonest tricks, and of politicians who don't take responsibility for their actions. Rather than lash out at me or blame others and play the 'victim card' she should come clean with what she did and apologize to the voters of this district."



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Crossroads at Baldwin Place Receives Town Board Approvals

By Neal Rentz

Over the objections of a local resident representing six homeowners, the Somers Town Board voted unanimously for a series of resolutions requested by the developer of the proposed Crossroads at Baldwin Place on Aug. 4.

The development would be located on the site of the National Golfworx driving range on Route 6.

Ken Kearney, founder and president of the Mahopac-based The Kearney Realty & Development Group, has proposed a roughly 24,000 square foot commercial office building, which would include offices for his company, with 12,000 square feet on each floor. He is also seeking to construct three residential buildings, totaling about 60,000 square feet. The first building would consist of 24, one-bedroom units of senior housing; the second building would contain 24 one-bedroom units of senior housing; and the third building would consist of 12 two- and three-bedroom units, with eight of the units to be set aside for affordable housing, which Kearney said previously could become part of the county's housing settlement with HUD or for the town to use toward its requirements under the Angle Fly Preserve agreement.

The senior housing is intended for those 55 and older.

Kearney also proposed a series of infrastructure improvements to the Baldwin Place area, including construction of about 2,000 feet of sidewalks along Route 6 to connect the northern and southern portions of the road, two pedestrian crosswalks on the road, and the extension of the current Westchester County sewer line in area to Mahopac Avenue. The infrastructure improvements would be helpful to not only his development, but would encourage future commercial development in Baldwin Place.

The county Board of Legislators would need to provide its approval to include the development and other neighboring properties in the county's sewer district.

Because the development is proposed in a neighborhood shopping district the town board would need to make a zoning text change to allow the commercial building to not be required to have housing on the second floor.

The proposal will also be forwarded to Westchester County and the Town of Carmel because a half-acre of the property is located in the Town of Carmel.

Last week the town board held a public hearing on its resolution to ask the county to allow not only the properties that would be included in the mixed used development into its sewer district,

but 12 other adjacent properties located in the Route 6 corridor, including two residential properties.

Rich Williams from Insite Engineering said the developer is seeking to extend the sewer district from Mahopac Avenue to the county line.

Several commercial property owners who would be included in the expanded county sewer district said sewers would allow them to increase business development on their lands. Ralph Hurd said including his property in the county district would increase the values of this and adjacent properties, which now have limitations because they are on septic.

Another property owner, Paul Iacuone, agreed with Hurd, saying, "This issue is critical to us."

The one resident who opposed the proposal to expand the sewer district was Mahopac Avenue homeowner Dennis Persico, who said he and other residents in his neighborhood also opposed the zoning text change being sought by the developer. Persico said if 30 additional housing units were constructed property values would be reduced in his neighborhood. However, Persico and his fellow homeowners would be willing to not oppose the development if their six homes were included in the county sewer district. Having sewers for their homes would be an "offset" to the negative

impacts of the proposed development, Persico said.

But Kearney and town Supervisor Rick Morrissey opposed including the six homes into the petition requesting the expansion of the sewer district because they believed the county would not approve the request if it included the current homes.

After learning that the town board and the developer were not interested in asking the county to expand the sewer district to include the six homes in his neighborhood, Persico said he and his fellow homeowners would consider filing an Article 78 law suit against the town if it okayed the zoning text amendments sought by the developer.

Despite the criticisms voiced by Persico, the town board voted unanimously to extend Somers Sewer District #1 to include the land that would be part of the proposed development and to petition Westchester County to expand its sewer district, which would need to be approved by the board of legislators.

The town board also voted unanimously to modify the parameters of the Neighborhood Shopping District, which included the approval of the community benefits package of infrastructure improvements proposed by the developer.



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Letter to the Editor

Legislator Clarifies Butterfield Senior Center Remarks

I would like to clarify and correct the misinformation stated in a recent Lohud article.

With regard to David McKay Wilson's 8-3-16 article concerning the Butterfield Putnam County Senior Center, I'd like to point out that the information stated in a recent Lohud article is inaccurate and misleading regarding my thoughts. As a result of the meeting, I never suggested the county seek to buy a building instead of renting from Paul Guillaro. I did state

that when we decided to create a new senior center in Cold Spring some years prior, I would have been receptive to purchasing a building if the circumstance were right. I also stated that no such option was available to us. No sites were offered and although the VFW building was mentioned, I do not recall it being formerly offered for sale. Additionally, it was determined that the building did not have the potential to accommodate the type of center we were considering. The

proposed Butterfield site was an ideal location and I was glad that developer, Paul Guillaro, offered it to the county for rent.

Contrary to one legislator's statements, I know of no other potential sites for purchase or rent at this time. I have every intention to see if the county can move forward with this project as I still feel this is a much needed facility for our seniors in Philipstown /Cold Spring. I feel the Butterfield site is ideal.

The Ailes offer was quite generous and it would have gone a long way for our seniors on the west side of the county.

I plan to explore all possibilities to continue with this project for our seniors on the west side of Putnam County.

Carl L. Albano
Legislator District 5

Obituaries

Mario A. Antoci

Mario A. Antoci, 90, of Carmel died August 6, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Antoci was born May 5, 1926 in Bronx, to Tina (Tomani) and Guiseppe Antoci. On April 19, 1947 he married the love of his life Gloria Gent in Bronx. Mr. Antoci proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army from 1944 until 1946 as a member of the 7th Army's 63rd Infantry Division. His last five months were spent as a prisoner of war in Germany. He worked as a Tool and Die Maker and later worked as a Project Manager for IBM in Fishkill. He was a member St James the Apostle Church and of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Lakes Council #6318, VFW Carmel, and volunteered at the Montrose VA Hospital in Montrose. Mario is survived by his beloved wife Gloria, his loving daughters Linda Lloyd and Joanne Colombo, his five adoring grandchildren Gabriel Lloyd, Mathew Lloyd, Brianna Lloyd, Katharine Maloney and Thomas Colombo and four great grandchildren.

Maria DiLeo

Maria Speranza Iulianetti DiLeo, of Brewster, died Sunday August 7, at Putnam Hospital Center. She was 73 years old. Maria was born on October 13, 1942 in Alanno, Italy, daughter to the late Agostino and Lina (Iulianetti)

Speranza. At the age of 5 she was adopted by her Uncle John Iulianetti and Aunt Catherine LaGala. In 1956 when she was 13 years old she came to America to live with her Uncle and Aunt. She graduated from Brewster High School and received a language degree from Latin America Institute. A chance meeting at the Latin America Institute on Madison Avenue, NYC her face-to-face with Christopher C. DiLeo. Christopher and Maria married on April 23, 1963 and moved to the Bronx while Christopher finished schooling. In 1971 they moved to Brewster where they raised their two sons. For over 20 years Maria worked for Commerce Overseas Corporation in Elmsford as a Translator Interpreter for 4 different languages. She was also a translator with the United Nations. She will be greatly missed by her survivors including her loving husband of 52 years Christopher and her sons John (Felicia) DiLeo of Patterson, Christopher N. DiLeo (Jennifer) of Hopewell Junction, her siblings Luciana Speranza DiGiandomenico and Flaviano Speranza, 3 grandchildren; Michael, Andrew and Nicholas, 2 nieces and 2 nephews.

Robert Reichert

Robert Reichert, 90, of Mahopac, died on August 08, at Putnam Hospital Center. Mr. Reichert was born on July 17, 1926 in Brooklyn. During World War II, he proudly served our Country with the US Army. He was self-employed as a Painter in Mahopac. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Dena (nee Morini) Reichert.

William Brown

William Brown of Brewster, died after an extended illness on August 10. Devoted husband of ever-caring Janice. Cherished father of Geoffrey and Douglas and their wives Sarah and Stephanie, respectively. Adored grandfather of Alexander, Isabella, Gareth and Gavin. Beloved son of the late Ernest and Harriet. Brother of Richard and the late Ernest. Family, gardening, classic car restoration, home improvement and dry wit were the joys of his life. His family encourages all who knew him to raise a

glass in his memory. Known for saying "When you're young and you don't have grass to cut, you can do lots of things."

Mary Vicario

Mary Vicario, 93 died August 11, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Vicario was born April 30, 1923 in Bronx, to Rita (Oliveri) and Michelle Ambrosecchia. She worked as a Seamstress for Lincoln Hall in Somers. She was the President of the Ladies Auxiliary Italian American Club, Secretary of the Columbiettes, a member of Alter Rosary Society of St. John the Evangelist Church, the MVFD Ladies Auxiliary and RSVP Mahopac Seniors She was pre-deceased by her beloved husband Pasquale. She is survived by her loving children Anthony (Lorraine) Vicario, Rose Mary (Daniel) Impieri, Michael (Ann Marie) Vicario and Nancy (Daniel) Gagne, her adoring 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grand children and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Her siblings Nancy Dagostino, George, Christopher, Emanuel and Brunetta. She was pre-deceased by her children Patrick (Carol) and Rita Vicario.

Malcolm Beal

Malcolm T. Beal, Sr., age 90, a lifelong resident of Brewster, died August 12, at home surrounded by his family. Malcolm was born on November 7, 1925 in Brewster, to Philip and Helen (Tuthill)

Beal. He graduated from Brewster High School. Malcolm proudly served his country in the Army Engineers on the Aleutian Islands during WWII. On March 21, 1946 Malcolm married the love of his life, Marjorie Lane at the First United Methodist Church of Brewster. Malcolm was Owner and Operator of P.F. Beal & Sons Well Drilling in Brewster. He had worked with the company until his retirement in 1981.

Malcolm was a past member of the BPO Elks #2101 in Brewster, the Milltown Rural Cemetery Board of Directors and The Brewster Lions Club. He had also served on the Pawling Savings Bank Board of Directors, a past trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Brewster and was past Fire Commissioner, having been recognized by the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department. Besides his wife Marjorie of 70 years, Malcolm is survived by his four children, Malcolm T. Beal Jr, and his wife Nancy of New Lebanon, Perry Beal and his wife Leslie of Hillsdale, Phyllis Moore and her husband Raymond of Kennesaw, GA and Faith Lundy and her husband Christopher of Brewster. Also 16 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Philip E. Beal III. Contributions in Mr. Beal's memory may be made to Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, Inc., 540 White Plains, NY 10591.



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Lawrence Zacks-RE/MAX Somers

By David Propper

To find the perfect house, real estate agent Lawrence Zacks, owner of a RE/MAX branch in Somers, learns as much about a buyer's background as possible.

Depending on if a buyer grew up in a cramped apartment in the city, or dozens of acres on farmland in the mid-west, Zacks needs to know everything about the family he's helping. His willingness to learn as much as possible about his clients makes him good at his job.

"The same words have different meaning to different people," said Zacks, a Mahopac resident. "You really have to find out what they're saying by asking questions."

Covering real estate from central Westchester to Putnam, Zacks has been a lifer in the business, celebrating his 25th year with RE/MAX this year. Interested in real estate from a young age and someone who wanted to own a business, the profession just fit for him. Growing up in the area, Zacks knows every crook and cranny from White Plains to Patterson. He's worked with 2,000 past clients and his "bread and butter" is the single-family house.

"I help them find and buy one, help them sell one, help them get it ready for

market, help them stage them" Zacks said. "Help families find their dream home to raise a family based on what their criteria is based on what their needs are."

When Zacks first got into real estate, interest rates were about 15 percent and owners were holding mortgages and since then, he's seen five instances of the market go up and down. Right now, almost a decade after the housing crisis, Zacks describes business as booming, noting this is the best eight-month period since 2007. Sales are now 50-75 percent.

Just recently Zacks was spearheading a \$4 million property in Armonk on a private lake, and just sold a house in Patterson in seven days for full price. The fastest he ever sold a home was in one hour.

Since the Great Recession, Zacks noted most houses sold are to first-time buyers. A lot of the middle and top of market houses have yet to come back strong, Zacks said, with banks tightening up.

"It's very interesting and the people that you deal with are very interesting," Zacks said. "No two days are the same. All the houses are different, all the people are different."

To make buying or selling the best experience, Zacks has a team of mortgage

experts and lawyers that makes the process easier and less stressful. Armed with a four-year business degree and psychology minor, Zacks has the tools to help people. He thrives on challenge and hard work.

Growing up, he would do chores for people in the community, meeting new people and giving tours of the neighborhood.

Knowing he wanted go into his own business and help folks, he felt real estate was a "natural extension" of that.

His desire to run a business came from his family's business, which was a dental laboratory that made tooth caps and dentures. Zacks was the delivery boy, getting dentists throughout the region the items they requested for patients. During



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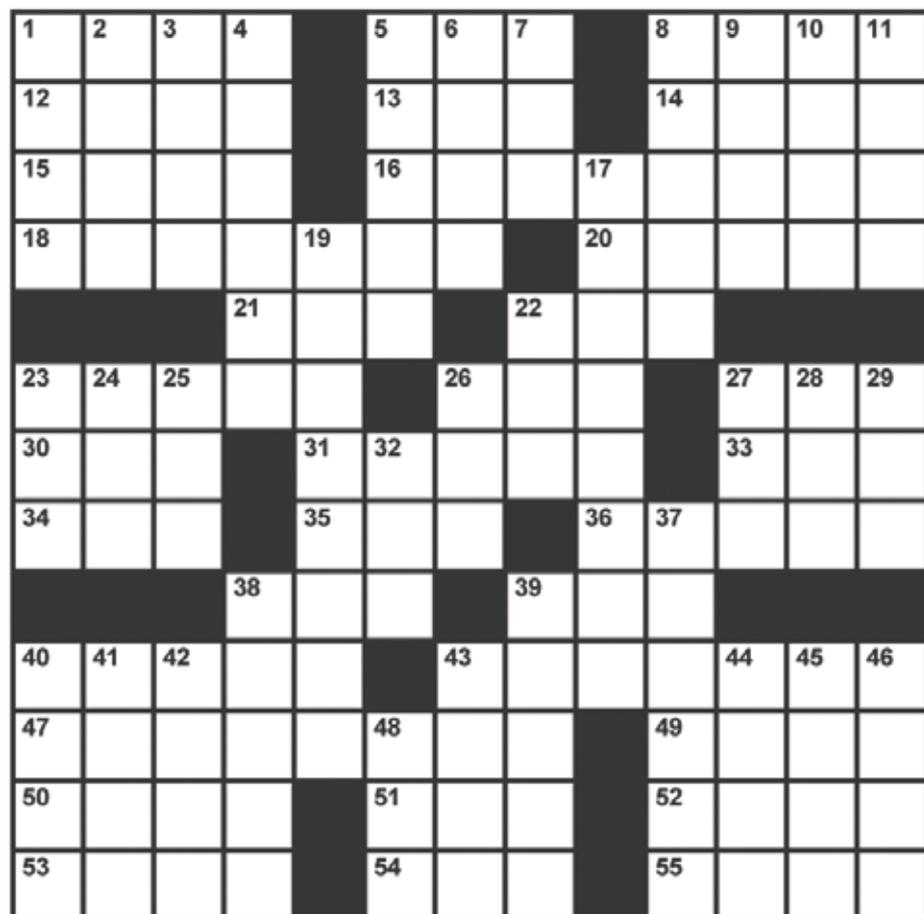
Lawrence Zacks has been with RE/MAX for 25 years. For part of that impressive tenure, he's worked with Steven McDonnell and Jeanne Byrne.

that time, Zacks learned all the roads and the shortcuts. He also learned about customer service, which is critical to real estate.

"I've always loved to be outside," he said. "I love talking to people and showing them around so I love that."

Zacks can be reached at 914-557-6073 or his office at 914-243-5200. His office is located at 249 Route 202 in Somers.

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 14

Across

1. Hey! Over here!
5. Express thoughtful hesitation
8. Belonging to actor Mineo or Lincolndale Pizza & Pasta
12. Belly laugh
13. "Close to ___", Bacharach song
14. Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
15. This and that
16. Hat for a siesta
18. Sage
20. Out of bed
21. Video camera action
22. Vaudeville singer's prop
23. Printing equipment
26. Bow
27. Cover
30. Overly
31. Cashew family tree
33. Walking on ___
34. Beard of barley
35. Egyptian snake
36. Top
38. Andean tuber
39. Matterhorn, e.g.
40. Kind of battery
43. When you need a hair salon in Mahopac immediately, ___
47. Carpentry shop worker
49. Capital of France?
50. Auxiliary
51. A little bit of work
52. Yemen city
53. Model Kate
54. Bat wood
55. Log some z's

Down

1. Whizzes
2. Stag
3. Journey by water
4. Military personnel
5. Green tea type
6. Satellite of a planet
7. Silent
8. Minute groove
9. Roman war god
10. Italian money, once
11. In a bit
17. Vegetable often served with dip
19. Blowout on the court
22. Garment under a blouse
23. School grp.
24. Lineup
25. Period in the earth's history
26. Guitar's "juice" source
27. Bebopper
28. Assistance, usually financial
29. Country-club coach, usually
32. Miracle on ice winners
37. Rise up
38. Where to find dates?
39. Used to express disgust
40. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
41. Its three largest cities start with C
42. Covers
43. His and ___
44. Stocking shade
45. Mispickel and galena
46. Habit
48. Pastoral place

Back to School Guide

BOCES Hosts Women in Educational Leadership

Seventy-six percent of teachers nationally are women, yet only 27 percent hold the top job of school superintendent. Statistics like that led Jazz Conboy, general counsel of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, and Lynn Allen, assistant superintendent of Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES, to organize a retreat entitled "Supporting Women in Educational Leadership."

The daylong event, held Thursday at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff, brought together female school

leaders from across the state to network, mentor, reflect and as Sheryl Sandberg has famously said, "lean in." Attendees included superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors, principals, assistant principals and others.

Participants explored best practices for mentoring and being mentored in the workplace. Deborah O'Connell, assistant superintendent in Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, urged attendees to think about the qualities of a truly good mentor. To which, participants said, good

mentors were trustworthy, approachable, expert, non-judgmental and generous with their time, among other things.

"Instead of trying to find and define a mentor, look at the landscape, know where you want to go and look for the resources who will help move you forward," said O'Connell. "If you excel at defining your goals, the mentor will follow."

She also said that women have to get better at sponsoring one another. That means highlighting a female colleague's accomplishments and skills and providing access and opportunity for her to advance.

Frances Wills, superintendent of Putnam Valley Central School District, and Diana Bowers, superintendent of Haldane School District, led a session on the critical need for courage in leadership. Wills spoke about taking inspiration from female leaders like Eleanor Roosevelt and Anne Frank when she needs courage to tackle a situation.

Conboy said she was motivated to do something to support women in leadership not only by the lack of female school leaders but by the stories she heard from female superintendents who seemed to face more hostility in their positions than their male counterparts.

"I was hearing from superintendents who required a police escort after board

meetings," she said. "I thought we need to do something to change the landscape. We need to do more to support women in leadership, to identify, cultivate and develop leadership potential in women educators."

Judging by comments from attendees and the fact that a second retreat will be held to accommodate all those who wished to attend, it would seem the retreat was a success.

"This workshop has really helped me to not only reflect on my past and the great mentors I have had along the way, it has better prepared me to be an effective mentor to others," said Nicole Wolfe, assistant superintendent at Union Endicott School District. "It really has been an inspiring day."

Natalie Doherty, assistant superintendent for Pupil Personnel and Human Resources in Putnam Valley, said "This workshop has made me realize that I should have more confidence in my ability to mentor people now that I have had an experience of having a true mentor. It has brought mentoring full circle and helped me to see that I should pass it along, that I can be a strong mentor."

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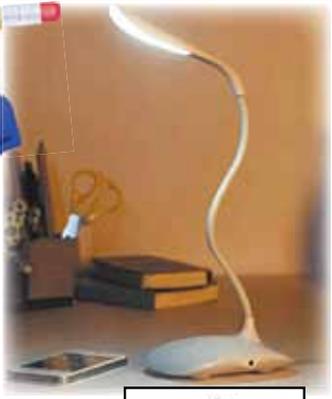
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Huntington Learning Center has teamed up with the Coalition for the Homeless for its annual drive for homeless students, called Project: Back to School. This program collects school supplies and distributes more than 3,000 new backpacks filled with pens, pencils, notebooks and other items for homeless students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

Established in 1981, the Coalition for the Homeless is the nation's oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless men, women and children. The Coalition helps more than 3,500 homeless New Yorkers each day living in extreme poverty, offering a variety of programs that address immediate needs and help men, women and families overcome long-term barriers to employment and stability.

For the month of August, Huntington is collecting school supplies at its centers in the Bronx, Brooklyn (Park Slope and Bay Ridge), Queens (Flushing), Upper West Side and Staten Island. Community members are encouraged to bring new school supplies to any of these drop-off locations by August 31. View the Coalition for the Homeless Project: Back to School flyer for a detailed wish list of items for pre-kindergarten to first grade, elementary school, middle school and high school students. In-kind

donations for the purchase of school supplies are also welcome, or individuals can make direct donations at www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/donate-back-to-school.

This is the first year that Huntington and the Coalition have partnered in Project: Back to School. Anne Huntington, head of public private partnerships at Huntington Learning Center, says that the company always looks for ways to give back to its communities and support programs that align with Huntington's mission to give every student the best education possible.

"We invite our Huntington families and all New Yorkers to join us in this effort and drop off supplies or in-kind donations at one of our participating centers," she said.

According to the Coalition for the Homeless, more than 83,000 New York school children experienced homelessness at some point in the past year. This is the ninth year of Project: Back to School, which helped more than 3,000 homeless students get the supplies they needed for school success in 2015.

Learn more about Project: Back to School at www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/2016-project-back-to-school.

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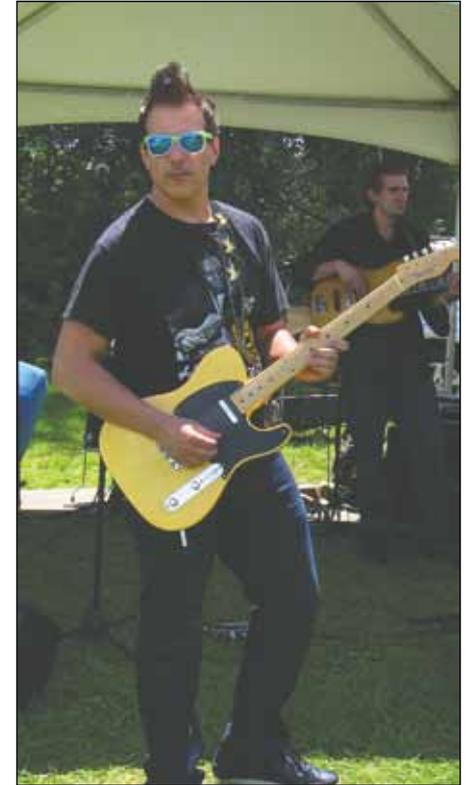
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How Lucky We Are to Live Right Here!

Just recently I had the pleasure of introducing the Hudson River Valley area to a couple who will be relocating here and what a pleasure it was to again remind myself of all the joys my family has enjoyed living here for many years.

In real estate, when we talk about location, normally we are referring to the town, neighborhood, and street address of a property. We should also consider how the natural and cultural resources of our region influence and enhance our lifestyles, not to mention the value of our homes.

This is a somewhat arbitrary, even personally biased, list of attractions and activities which I feel make our region exceptional. It can serve as a starter kit for bragging points about the benefits of living here when we consider marketing our homes, or just as a gratitude list for the simple pleasures we have available to us on a day-to-day basis.

Whenever I'm introducing clients to the region from the city or another part of the country, I like to have them in my car, rather than following me in their cars, so that I can extol the wonders of Westchester and Putnam counties, the areas in which I specialize. In upper Westchester, one of my favorite areas to point out is the



By Bill Primavera

Croton Reservoir Bridge on the Taconic. While crossing the bridge, with the great views of water and imposing, wooded mountains, I always say, "Couldn't you mistake this for Vermont? And here you are, less than an hour from New York City!"

Sure, we have our share of problems projecting the human condition, and a healthy dose of property taxes, but the aesthetic, recreational and cultural opportunities here ameliorate the bitter with the sweet a hundred fold.

We nearly have it all, and anything lacking can be secured

readily through our close proximity to the city on one end of the living spectrum and more remote countryside on the other. For business commuting we are situated favorably to the major airports and reliable train lines, as well as beautiful parkways.

Consider our abundance of open space, protected zealously by both Westchester and Putnam through its parks like Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River, land on which the legendary 19th century Leatherman traveled, the Rockefeller State Preserve in Tarrytown, of particular interest to birders and anglers, and the rugged 15,000 acres of Fahnestock Park in Putnam.

We are also beneficiaries of the

engineering feats of building reservoirs, the Croton Dam and the Aqueduct, all responsible for great water views and additional, undisturbed space.

We have facilities for swimming in the summer and cross-country skiing and skating in the winter. There are many trails for hikers and bikers, crowned by the North County Trailway, constructed on the former route of the old Putnam railroad line and stretching from Eastview up to the Putnam border. Another long stretch of walking and biking is offered by the Old Croton Aqueduct Trailway, with some sections suitable for horseback riding.

Golf enthusiasts tell me that our courses, both public and private, both cheap and very expensive (courtesy of Mr. Trump) are among the best. Speaking of Mr. Trump, while I dislike having to read announcements on larger-than-needed signs on the Taconic, I do appreciate his donation of 436 acres straddling the two counties, formerly planned for development, and hopefully someday will be available as parkland.

Our preserved farmlands, such as Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster and Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown Heights, provide still more open space and offer education about the way our agrarian ancestors toiled for a living.

There are truly unique recreational activities such as that afforded by the Art Deco gem, Playland, in Rye, and, on the other side of Westchester, the Hudson

River towns offer many activities from river cruises to historic attractions maintained by Historic Hudson Valley.

For entertainment, we have the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, with productions as good as anything on the Great White Way, the Emelin in Mamaroneck, and truly unique resources like the Jacob Burns Center in Pleasantville, the Paramount in Peekskill, the Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase, and the summer Shakespeare program at Boscobel in Garrison.

What I like best about our region is the diversity of people and housing opportunities in our cities, towns and villages. Distinctive small cottages and sprawling mansions can be found in the same communities as capes, raised ranches and split levels, nicely tucked in together, each vying for its own unique value proposition.

And, if things get a little too tight, we are surrounded by a great wealth of facilities to stretch out, both physically, aesthetically and intellectually.

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Law Book: Do You Know What Your Revocable Living Trust Says?

By Salvatore DiCostanzo

Estate planning documents need to be regularly reviewed. I often tell clients to review their estate plan every three to five years or upon the occurrence of a significant life event such as a birth, marriage, divorce or death. Documents should also be reviewed for changes in the law. One of the benefits to connecting with us, whether you are a client or not, is that you can receive our monthly newsletter, thus, increasing your awareness of any significant changes in the law. But sometimes, the most important reason to review your documents is simply to confirm the viability of the planning you have done. I find this to be very true in the case of revocable living trusts.

One of the most misunderstood estate planning documents is the revocable living trust. I meet with many clients who have created revocable living trusts and were under the impression that their affairs were in order, but unbeknownst to them, they were merely delivered a cookie-cutter document that avoids probate but in doing so, may or may not meet their goals and objectives, or worse, complicate their estate plan. If you have a revocable living trust, you may be one of those individuals.

I see many revocable living trusts with



overly complicated archaic language that is irrelevant to the estate and complicates matters. For instance, when the federal and New York State estate tax exemptions were much lower, there was good reason to draft documents with language that saved estate taxes. This usually involved setting up special types of trusts upon the death of the first spouse. Now that the exemptions are at levels that practically eliminate the estate tax for many, these trusts are no longer needed. However, many cookie-cutter revocable living trusts still have this outdated planning that mandates a trust for your spouse after your death creating administrative complexities and nightmares for your

heirs.

I also see many revocable living trusts that do not contemplate asset protection planning to cover the cost of long-term care. A common planning technique used to obtain Medicaid eligibility for a spouse is call "spousal refusal". This is where the assets of the ill spouse are transferred to the well spouse, who then refuses to use those assets for the ill's spouse's care. The majority of cookie-cutter revocable living trusts make this planning impossible because the assets of the trust are usually owned jointly, there are no provisions for the movement of assets from one spouse to the other and in the case of incapacity, the trust does not sufficiently allow for the termination of the trust or any other movement of assets out of the ill spouse's name. This can cost you a lot of money if you get sick someday.

When planning for spouses, it is often necessary to consider creating a special needs trust for a disabled spouse upon the death of the first spouse. Current law does not allow you to create a special needs trust for a spouse when the underlying document is a revocable living trust and many people do not know this.

Finally, if you are someone who thought you were doing Medicaid planning by drafting a revocable living trust, it is important to remember that a revocable

living trust does not protect your assets from the cost of long-term care. For that, you need to consider an irrevocable Medicaid Trust. More information on that can be found on my website.

As you can see, there is good reason to review your estate planning documents on a regular basis, especially your revocable living trust, to avoid being subjected to the consequences of a cookie-cutter documents. We can be reached at 914-245-2440 or by e-mail at smd@mfd-law.com. Please also visit our website at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com.

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My Personal Guidelines for Drinking Responsibly and in Moderation



By Nick Antonaccio

Summer is the season when we tend to party more, eat more and enjoy others' company more than at any other time of year, with the likely exception of the year-end holidays.

It is also the time of year when some of us consume more alcohol. In the interest of protecting you from the many temptations for excessive wine consumption, I offer you below my personal guidelines for drinking responsibly and in moderation.

Wine consumption is one of the more pleasurable components of a healthy diet and a healthful lifestyle. While the Mediterranean Diet has proven that drinking wine will enhance our health, we are also mindful of the terrible effects of excessive consumption.

The key phrase is moderation. However, the effects of wine differ for each of us; therefore, moderation is defined differently for each of us. We must know what our individual limits are and incorporate them into each wine experience

we encounter. Factors that contribute to our personal limits of alcohol consumption include age, gender, physical condition (health, fitness, weight), ethnicity, medication and family history of alcohol consumption. But there are general guidelines that you can follow. As you might expect, the U.S. government has provided such guidelines.

In its "Dietary Guidelines for Americans," moderation is defined as no more than one glass of alcohol for women and two glasses for men in a single day (a glass of wine is defined as 5 ounces).

Of course, it is entirely possible to appreciate life without wine, but in my opinion wine is more than an alcoholic beverage. It is the common gateway to interactive socializing. In moderation, it creates an environment that slows down our otherwise hectic lifestyle, providing a more mellow state of mind and, in the process, reducing stress levels and perhaps relaxing our latent inhibitions. Not to mention enhancing our appreciation of

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food.

Here are my personal guidelines, based on many years of intense personal research at wine bars, restaurants, family meals and celebrations, holiday celebrations, house parties, tailgating, barbeques and at-home quaffing by the fireplace.

1. Don't start off with a high-alcohol cocktail (or multiple glasses of wine) on an empty stomach (I've learned my lesson).

2. Consuming food with wine is vital. Food absorbs alcohol; without food, alcohol enters your bloodstream faster and stays longer.

3. Be sure the pours are moderate. If I'm sitting down to a meal or attending a long party, I try to limit each pour to three ounces (it takes practice). My rationale: I was raised as a child to finish whatever is placed in front of me - small pours equal small cumulative quantities.

4. Sip your wine. Pacing your drinking permits your body to self-regulate absorption without stressing your digestive process (side benefit: your glass has wine in it for a longer period of time; hosts - and servers, bartenders, friends - hate to see you with an empty glass).

5. Eat protein whenever possible. Cheeses and meats will absorb alcohol

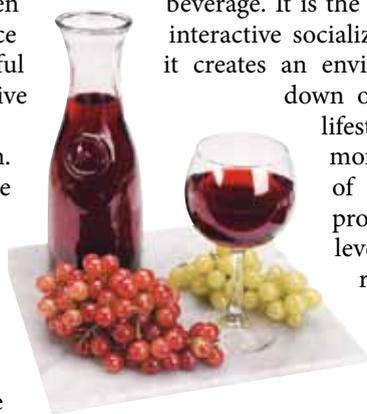
more readily than vegetables and pasta; more absorption equates to slower release of alcohol into your bloodstream.

6. For every glass of wine you consume be sure to drink a full glass (8 ounces) of water. Alcohol dehydrates your body, water hydrates. The more dehydrated you are, the faster alcohol is absorbed into your bloodstream and goes to your brain (where your "drunk" receptors reside).

7. Stop drinking alcohol at least one hour before the end of the function you are attending. Switch to coffee or water. This gives your body ample time to process (mitigate) the effects of the alcohol you've consumed.

Wine has been enjoyed for centuries by many cultures, from the Greeks and Romans to modern Western Europeans. By adhering to a few simple guidelines, it can enhance our health, our food and our lifestyle. Using a common sense approach to wine drinking is a responsible way to continually enhance and enjoy the pleasures of life.

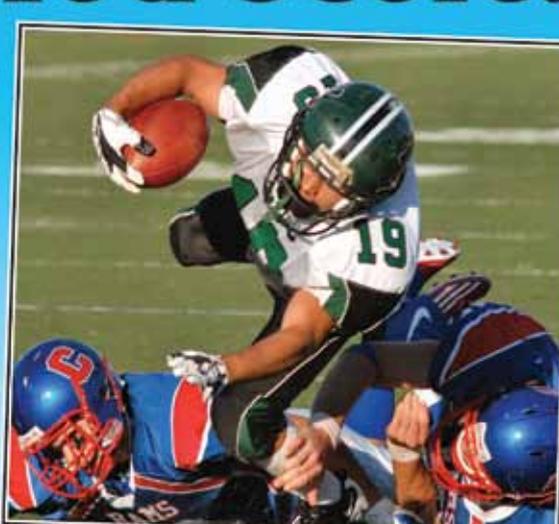
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Support Groups:

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter offers two ongoing activities for families affected by Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Caregiver Support Group is held from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Putnam Hospital Center at 670 Stoneleigh Ave. in Carmel. The support group allows people caring for someone with dementia to share their feelings and experiences with others who understand. To participate in the caregiver support group, call 800.272.3900.

Music Social for people with early-stage Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their family caregivers is held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Mahopac Public Library at 668 Route 6 in Mahopac. The Music Social is an interactive program with Certified Music Therapist Melinda Burgard that encourages people living with Alzheimer's and their family caregivers to get out, socialize and enjoy some musical fun. The Music Social is free, but preregistration is required. Anyone interested in attending should call Care Consultant Lisa Papantoniou at 800-272-3900. The Alzheimer's Association has a 24-hour helpline at 800-272-3900 that caregivers can call anytime for support and guidance. Educational programs offered in the Hudson Valley are listed at www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Senior Classes: The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for seniors holds registration the first Thursday of every month at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours in Mahopac are from 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Putnam Valley registration is from 10 a.m. -Noon. In addition to a variety of computer classes, we also teach classes in iPad, iPhone and Android Basics. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes. Registration is required in person. For more information you can call Judy Kolt at (845) 277-5422 or email her at jak4dogs@verizon.net If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call Judy Kolt as above.

Fall Book Club:

Beginning September 14: Registration for fall book clubs for kids is now open! Check out the Patterson Library calendar for information about our upcoming book clubs for children of all ages ranging from Kindergarten to twelfth grade! Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Fall Story Time

Beginning September 26: Registration for summer story times is now open! The Patterson Library offers story times for all ages including babies, toddlers, and preschool age children. Go to the Patterson Library calendar to check out the dates and times of each story time and sign up today! Registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Register on-Line:

If you would like free access to e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming music and videos, popular digital magazines and more but have not gotten around to getting a library card yet - good news! It is now possible to register for a Reed Library card online for access to the library's great digital collection without a trip to the library. Visit the Reed Library homepage, www.CarmelLibrary.org, and click "Library Card" to get started. Reed Memorial Library, 845-225-2439.

Lego Club

Thursday, September 22, October 27, and November 17 4:30 p.m. Kids, show off your incredible imagination and building skills by tackling our monthly theme with the library's Legos. For grades K and up. Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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/>

Mid-week Hikes

The leaders offer hikes of varying difficulty to different areas of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Hikes may be followed by a stop for refreshments. Leaders: Ginny Fauci, gefauci@gmail.com 845-399-2170 or Lalita Malik, Lalitamalik@aol.com (845) 592-0204. They will be held every Thursday, weather permitting. Contact the leaders if you are interested in joining these hikes.

Tuesday, August 16

Whole Food Plant Based Living, a prescription for a healthy future. 10:30 a.m. Reed Library. Call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, August 17

Blood Drive: Location: 112 Old Route 6, DBS Campus, Carmel, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mobile Bus Location: 40 Gleneida Ave, Carmel (Behind the County Court House Building). noon- 6 p.m. Registration is encouraged: 845-808-1500 Ext 49320 or 43153

Thursday, August 18

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, will present a Summer Bible Seminar titled, THE APOSTLE PAUL ON CELIBACY AND MARRIAGE (1 Cor 7), given by Fr. Martin Kowalski. It will be held four Thursday evenings from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Seton Memorial Chapel: 8/18 - Celibacy or Marriage: Which is Better?, 8/25 - Marriage: Union of Bodies and Souls, 9/1 - Christian Revolution: Indissolubility of Marriage, 9/8 - Only in the Lord: Paul on Mixed Marriages. This is a free event. All are welcome. Bring your own Bible. For more information, call 914-528-3547, email seton@bestweb.net, or visit us at: Church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Shrub Oak.

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Friday, August 19

End of Summer Reading Ice Cream Bash at Kent Library. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. for the last day of our Summer Reading Program. We're having a Summer Reading Ice Cream Bash!! Make your own sundae and select a free book. No registration necessary. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

Saturday, August 20

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Sunday, August 21

Music: 4 p.m. Attacca Quartet. Amy Schroeder and Keiko Tokunaga, violins, Nathan Schram, viola, and cellist Andrew Yee, cello. Joseph Haydn's Quartet in D major, Op. 76 and Edvard Grieg's, String Quartet in G minor, Op. 27. Admission is free, contributions are welcome. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY. www.chapelrestoration.org (845) 265-5537.

A Look Ahead:

Wednesday, August 24

The Community Conversations: Cold Spring Coffee Pantry, 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring. Philipstown Recreation Center, 107 Glencllyffe, Garrison -Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. Garrison School, 1100 Route 9D, Garrison - Friday, September 30, 9 a.m. St. Philip's Church Parish House, 1101 Route 9D, Garrison - Thursday, October 6, 3 p.m. All are welcome, and child care will be available for the workshop at St. Philip's Church. If possible, please let the Library Director know if you plan attend; call Jen McCreery at 845-424-3020. For those unable to attend a scheduled Community Conversation, a short survey will be available on the Desmond-Fish Library Website at www.desmondfishlibrary.org.

Summer BBQ at Putnam Ridge: Older adults are invited to come to the last Summer "Senior Barbeque" 5 p.m., at Putnam Ridge, 46 Mt. Ebo Road N., Brewster. Come join the fun and bring a friend as we celebrate with entertainer Chip Andrus, a new alternative folk singer and songwriter, who will perform some of his original songs and familiar one, as well. Much of Chip's music is a mix of down to Earth with a dash-of-mystery. From the mountains of Arkansas to Nashville, to New York, his sound is a refreshing mix of acoustic folk, rock, bluegrass and jam band inspirations. Putnam Ridge's award-winning Chef, Carmen Melilli, will create an array of summer favorites to please the palate with a fresh and tasty barbeque fare. Bring a friend or meet some new ones at this complimentary evening of fun! To register, call 845-278-3636, or email bleavy@putnamridge.com for more information.

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FOOTBALL JUNKIES TO GET THEIR FIX

By Ray Gallagher
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The 2015 football season did not produce a single champion or even a championship-caliber outfit last fall, as the locals from the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner regions were shut out in their bids to be crowned or even compete for a championship. Still, we had some competitive clubs who are hoping that 2016 is their year to build upon the foundation they established while giving it their all.

August is that time of year when the blood, sweat and tears of sweltering summer camps might pay the ultimate dividends in November. Devoted coaches, including two first-year bosses at Mahopac and Put Valley, are growing their brand and hoping to see the fruits of their labors, but, recently, winning a Section 1 championship has been extremely difficult for programs in this neck of the woods.

Somers High repeated as Class A champions in 2013, but the region has been shut out the past two years by the powers that be; most notably New Rochelle and John Jay EF in Class AA, Rye and Lourdes in Class A, Woodlands and Dobbs Ferry in Class B and Tuckahoe in Class D.

In 2016, Class AA's Carmel, Ossining



Carmel senior QB Kyle Shilling is working hard to be named the starter on opening day, but the

and Mahopac, Class A's Yorktown, Brewster, Lakeland, Somers, Panas and Hen Hud, Class B's Putnam Valley and Croton and Class D's Haldane will try to alter the pattern of lower Westchester and Dutchess County domination. Here's a glimpse at how they plan to do so.

CLASS AA CARMEL

COACH: Todd Cayea 125-72-1 (23rd year)
LEAGUE: AA-League A

Last Year: 7-2 lost in 1st round of playoffs

KEY RETURNERS: Senior RB David Vega could be one of the best backs in the section if he stays healthy and the Rams get enough push up front, most notably from senior C/DE Joe Kenna, who is solid against the run and the leader of the O-Line, and third-year senior Ryan Sahle. Vega rushed for over 600 yards last season in a crowded backfield and enters as the main horse in the stable. Seniors Ian Hueburtus (WR/DB), Mike Telesco (DB) and Steve Flamio (DB) as well as linemen and returning starters Chris Demme, Nick Rodriguez, Matt Sorbaro are solid veterans.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Nick Heis, Henry Flacco, Ryan Beaushane and Andrew Dileo are considered impact rookies, as is sophomore QB Peyton Cayea.

OF INTEREST: The quarterback competition between senior Kyle Shilling, sophomore Peyton Cayea (the eldest son of Coach Cayea) and junior Aiden Nunez will ultimately define the Rams' season. Coach Cayea insists that as of press time neither of the three had emerged as the clear starter. "Each one of them brings different qualities to the table," the coach said. "It's an interesting situation and will take it one day at a time. Shilling, as the senior, has shown he understands the system and can manage a game. Nunez has a great arm but is untested and Cayea is an athlete who can make plays with his legs."

Coach Cayea, an aggressive offensive

play caller, has developed into one of the finest coaches in Section 1. It may take some time, but the Rams should remain competitive.

"We have no superstars at the skill positions but I believe plenty of talent and it will be interesting to see who emerges from the pack as the season progresses," Cayea said. "I don't believe this to be a weakness just young kids needing experience. Our team goal is to be competitive each week.

Our goals aren't outcome-based because that something that we cannot control. Our goal is to create a great culture in our locker room, stay focused on our standards, keep a positive mindset and the rest will take care of itself."

SCHEDULE: Arlington, at John Jay-EF, Mahopac, Greeley, at Ketcham, at Port Chester

MAHOPAC

COACH: Mark Langella, 1st year
LEAGUE: AA-League A

LAST YEAR: 4-5, lost to Scarsdale in sectional quarters.

KEY RETURNERS: Junior QB Andrew Ryan, Greg Libertino, senior RB Robbie Hoyt (5'11", 175) and senior FB/NG Dino Milazzo (5'7", 180), a two-way starter and talented rusher and run stuffer, who showed in last year's playoffs that he has what it takes.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Junior MLB Justin Munoz is a beast against the run. Junior Joe Dalo can man a corner well and get open as a slot receiver. Senior OT Kevin Duffy is the lynchpin of the O-line.

OF INTEREST: Junior slinger Ryan will be the starting QB and the



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac senior RB Dino Milazzo should lead the Indians' ground game after coming on strong late last season.

beneficiary of first-year Coach Langella's "Air-Pac" attack. Word on the street is that Langella will be taking the offense in a new direction after more than a decade of a ground-and-pound formula under former Coach Tom Donahoe. Ryan is a gifted passer with some promising wide receivers and slot backs.

"I'm very excited about our season coming up," Ryan admitted. "With our new and improved offense, I believe that our team is going to be able to make a real run this year."

Having graduated as much as the Indians did, that would be a tall order but one they believe they can make.

SCHEDULE: at Ketcham, Greeley, at Carmel, at Arlington, Ossining, John Jay-EF

OSSINING

COACH: Dan Ricci, 65-48; 5 years in AA - 16-30, 7 years in A - 49-18, (13th year)

LEAGUE: AA-League B

LAST YEAR: 4-5, lost to New Rochelle in opening round

KEY RETURNERS: FB Shamar Holebrook is a legit stud and the primary option in Coach Ricci's sets. QB Liam O'Connor, RB James Sanchez and WR

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Marc Clase are all viable veterans hoping to build on last season. The O/D linemen have some experience in Hearthon Sewell-Richards, Edwin Bowers, Justin Everette, Dan Miranda and Isiah Dejesus.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: None listed

OF INTEREST: It remains very difficult for Coach Ricci to succeed in Class AA the last five years, and with just 27 players on a Class AA roster this season it will remain a challenge. Ossining's diverse population simply doesn't have the interest in football that it once had when Ricci was winning and/or competing regularly for sectional championships in Class A.

"Our season depends on how healthy we can stay since we don't have big numbers," Ricci said. "This year's league has more teams close to our size with Fox Lane, Greeley, Port Chester and Spring Valley, so I think we can compete in our league. Our crossovers are tough with John Jay (EF) and Mahopac, which will be difficult matchups for us."

SCHEDULE: at John Jay-EF, Port Chester, Spring Valley, Fox Lane, at Mahopac, at Greeley

CLASS A BREWSTER

COACH: Ed Mulvihill, 22-14, 4th year as Head Coach

LEAGUE: Class A, League A

LAST YEAR: 6-3 lost to Yorktown in sectional quarters

KEY RETURNERS: Senior QB Jack Guida rushed for 911 yards last year and scored 18 TD's overall, making him a legit threat to score at any moment, off any play. With elite speed (a 4.5 40) the D-I-bound prospect is among the top players in the section. Guida has a pair of veteran linemen to keep him upright in Nick Leahy (OL/DL 6'1", 275), a high-motored kid and strongest player on team, and Connor Dignan (OL/DE 6'1", 235), the top offensive lineman on the club. Kicker Kevin Heintz will be one of the top place kickers in the region. Seniors Brian Milano (strong, athletic edge rusher) and Jaden Milano also return with juniors Manny Costales, Justin Jimenez and Tino Surace (all good linemen).

"This is a group that wants to have lofty goals," Mulvihill said. "Putting ourselves in contention come playoff time is a must. Our line is as big as I can remember here at Brewster and with Guida, Buonadonna, and Meissner in the backfield, we will be able to run the ball."

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Senior WR Robbie Peiffer will be in the mix on offense as a runner as well. Junior RBs Michael Buonadonna and Tim Meissner will be in the backfield mix and supply a steady stable of fresh backs.

OF INTEREST: With the graduation of All-Section QB Matt Catalano, Guida's transformation from RB to QB should be seamless, given that fact that his IQ is high on and off the field. He just needs to trust that those around him can get it done.

"We lose Matt Catalano to graduation at

QB (over 3,000 yards passing the last two seasons), so our passing game will need to start over," Mulvihill said. "Hopefully, we can find a good mix of run and pass to be competitive."

"It's been a very good off season for us," Muvilhill added. "Players have worked hard and put in the time to improve. We have some players moving around in different positions so it may take a while for us to gel, but I like the effort of this squad. They have always been a tight-knit group, so our chemistry has also been good. That's a big plus."

Getting to the next level (semifinal or bust) will be even bigger.

SCHEDULE: Lourdes, Byram, at Hen Hud, at Lincoln, Rye, at Eastchester

SOMERS

COACH: Tony DeMatteo, 322-94-1 (47th year)

LEAGUE: Class A, League B

LAST YEAR: 4-5, lost to Lourdes in quarters

KEY RETURNERS: Junior QB Kevin Olifiers and senior RB Messiah Horne (5'10", 180) will be a handful for opposing defenders to contend with; count on that. Olifiers showed a big arm last season but his main weapons have departed. That said, Somers is never out of weaponry under the legend that is DeMatteo, who simply replenishes and reloads each and every season. Horne, who flashes 4.59 speed in the 40 and benches 300 pounds, can break contain and get off the edge with the best in the section. He could, theoretically, bust loose for 1,000 yards and rush for 15-plus scores this season.

"I'm ready to win at all cost, and if that's what it takes, then so be it," Horne said of the eye-popping potential.

Olifiers throws a dirty deep ball and will look for senior WR/DB Matty Pires and junior WR Ryan Elliott, as well as junior TE/DE Jack Gilroy (6'3", 205) and Tim Sweeney as primaries.

Junior OL/DL Nick Gargiuolo (6'5", 250) was a man among boys, despite being just a sophomore last season. His beast mode was more than most opposing linemen could handle and he was just scratching the surface. Expect a monster season.

"We are ready," Gargiuolo said. "We had a great off-season and the effort has been there in our camps."

Senior OL/LB Anthony Lombardi, junior FB/LB Antonio Viera, senior OL/DL Eric Haganoh and OL/DL Dan Vendito are additional veterans with practical experience.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: FS/RB Vincent DiFilippo and WR/SS Connor Gill are names to remember as they broach the varsity scene for the first time.

OF INTEREST: It's been two years since DeMatteo's Tuskers were the class of Class A and last year was a season full of inconsistencies. How the Tuskers could stomp Yorktown like they did in mid-season and then turn around and get thumped by Brewster the next week

and Hen Hud in the season finale was an example of the mind-boggling play of the Tuskers, who look like a team that might battle Yorktown for league bragging rights this year.

Remember, losing seasons don't cut the mustard in Tusker Nation.

SCHEDULE: at Lakeland, Sleepy, at Yorktown, JJCR, at Nyack, Pearl River

YORKTOWN

COACH: Mike

Rescigno, 66-36,

11th year

LEAGUE: Class A, League B

LAST YEAR: 6-3, lost to Rye in semis

KEY RETURNERS: Senior QB Jose Boyer is a polished All-Section signal caller who passed for 700 yards last season with a diverse ability to tuck and run in the read-option. Fast isn't quick enough to describe his speed and he plays a mean corner on defense.

"Jose is just a great athlete," Rescigno said of the captain and Notre Dame-bound lacrosse stud. "Both as thrower and runner, he gets it done."

RB's Brett Makar and Brandon Meyreles had a limited role on the offensive side last year as sophomores, but the Husker staff expects them to make a very big impact



Yorktown junior RB Brett Makar will be among the lead dogs in a crowded Husker backfield.

this year at running back and in the slot.

"Brett is a big and physical brand of athlete and Brandon is quick and shifty," Rescigno said. "Brandon was an excellent corner for us last year and will return to that role. Brett will also return to his role at outside backer."

Senior S/RB Dom Cioffi returns as the corner stone of the defensive secondary.



Brewster senior Jack Guida and Yorktown senior Justin Cavallo will be two-way forces for the Bears and Huskers, respectively.

"He returns at his safety spot where he made a name for himself as a downhill beast," the coach said of his co-captain.

Burly senior TE Max Costello has the softest set of hands on the team. Defensively, he returns to his OLB spot.

"Max had a tremendous understanding of our system," the coach said.

Senior MLB/FB Justin Cavallo absorbs contact and thrives to be in the middle of it.

"Justin has a nose for the ball and a willingness to get to it at all costs," Rescigno said.

Top linemen include Anthony Dicanio, who simply enjoys the battle in the trenches.

"Probably because he usually wins it," Rescigno said. "He's tough as nails."

Massive Tom Carson (6'4", 275) mans the right tackle position, and Steve Veteri, entering his third year at LT, leads the unit.

"Veteri is an excellent leader," the coach said of his co-captain. "He's just a well-rounded lineman on both sides of the ball."

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: In a system that simply reloads, Yorktown has some tough underclassmen on the rise, including DB/WR Christian Torres, who is making a push for a corner spot. "Christian has great speed and physicality," Rescigno said. "If he continues to commit himself he will be a special young player."

DB Jesse Maltzman, fearless LB Pat Patierno and DE Mike Forbes have shown unwavering effort in their first delve into the varsity fray.

OF INTEREST: Yorktown chose Somers as its Homecoming Day opponent in Week 3, and that isn't sitting right with the Tuskers, who shocked Yorktown last season.

After losing one of the greatest tailbacks in Yorktown history (Nick Santavicca), the Huskers begin a bold new era by committee. As the bell cow the past two years, Santavicca was Rescigno's go-to option about 75% of the time while setting

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records that may never be broke. It's time for Boyer and that stable of backs, plus Costello, to pay the piper and continue Yorktown's strong tradition, which began in the 1990s with former A.D. Isabel Costa #TheMatriarch hiring former two-time NYS champion Coach Ron Santavicca,

who ushered in a whole new era. There have been very few lean seasons ever since and the Huskers, who lost to Rye in the 2014 sectional finals and 2015 semis, are poised to do damage.



Imposing Somers junior OL-DL Nick Gargiulo will swallow or inhale opponents this season.

“We had one of the best preseasons we've had since I've been a part of this program,” said Boyer. “Nick was a great player for us, but now we have a handful of guys that will be a threat on every single down. Dom, Brett and Brandon are going to make a major impact both rushing and receiving. Max Costello, our tight end, should have a

big year. For a big guy he has amazing hands. Val will be threat on the defensive side of the ball as a cornerback. One of our big changes this season has been Justin Cavallo playing fullback. He loves to hit and he'll open up a lot of holes this year for us.”

If Cavallo and that O-line can open the holes, these backs will hit them quickly, efficiently and effectively and Yorktown will be Yorktown, which is better than most.

“Our goals always begin with establishing who we are first, Rescigno said. “We have done that this summer. The family is bonded. That is the most important goal for me at this point. Our kids seem to thrive knowing that the bar is set very high. I think that is because we have winners. We have kids that respond to coaching. They are willing to practice well with the expectation of taking a successful season always in mind. More than ever I think we have a group that understands how leadership comes from within the depths of our team. Not just our coaches. Not just guys called captains, but from every single member of this family.”

“We have our long term goals set and we have verbalized them to each other as a team,” the coach added. “And we are going to work like hell to earn them.”

Why should this year be anything different from the past?

LAKELAND

COACH: Rob Cappelli 65-75, (17th year)

LEAGUE: Class A, League B

LAST YEAR: 5-3, did not qualify for playoffs

KEY RETURNERS: Senior RB/DB Sean Makar (5'10", 170) rushed for seven TDs and 505 yards during an All-League season last year.

“Sean is an outstanding runner with great vision,” Cappelli said. “He's great on coverage and has the ability to help support the run off the edge.”

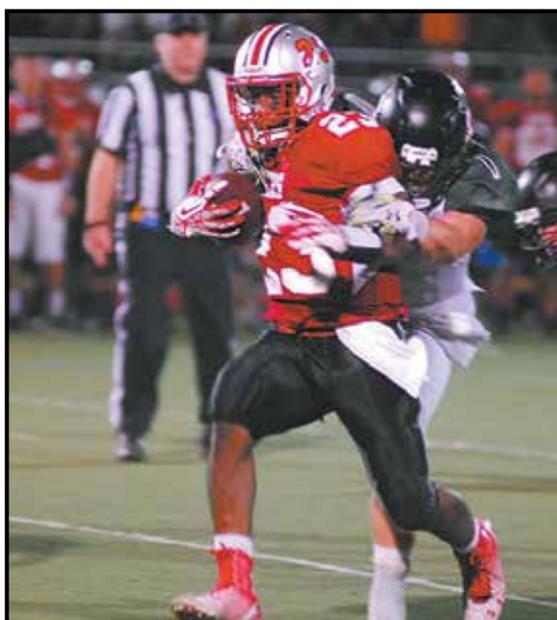
Senior TE/DE Patrick Morelli (6'0", 195) has great hands and smarts. Defensively, he recorded 32 tackles and three sacks last year.

Senior FB/LB Brain Farole (5'11", 215) is a very physical player and solid in short-yard situations.

“Brian runs with power,” the coach said. “On defense, Brian dominated inside on the run with 44 tackles last year.”

Junior OT/DT Raymond Stretz (6'0", 230) is the lone returning offensive lineman with excellent technique for a man his size.

OG/NT Austin Cassese (5'10", 215) returns from injury as a two-way starter, and C/DE Kevin Moore (6'1", 180) got his feet wet last year. The linemen are hardworking, with awesome hands and quickness, according to the coach.



Somers senior RB Messiah Horne is among the best backs in Section 1 this season.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Junior QB Dylan Semenza (6'1", 185) has shown a strong arm and the necessary potential under center while RB/DB Michael Capozzi (6') is evolving into a good rusher.

OF INTEREST: Lakeland has failed to reach the playoffs the last three years, despite coming away with a winning record. It seems as though the Hornets are always in the mix of playoff-eligible clubs, but they have continued to suffer untimely and costly losses against teams they can ill-afford to lose to.

“We are extremely young and not very big with only four returning starters,” Cappelli said. “However, the off-season commitment has been outstanding. These players have an awesome work ethic and believe in the T-E-A-M concept. These players have been going to camps and lifting sessions all summer. We have a brutal schedule that has us playing Somers, TZ and Nyack the first three games of the season. We hope grow and to get better as a team as the year goes on.”

SCHEDULE: Somers, Tappan Zee, at Nyack, Highland, Panas, Sleepy

HENDRICK HUDSON

COACH: Mike Lynch (19-25), 6th year

LEAGUE: Class A, League A

LAST YEAR: 4-5 (lost in Sectional Quarters @ Rye, 35-16, won bowl game vs. Somers, 24-22)

KEY RETURNERS: Returning skill players are what makes the Sailor coaching staff very optimistic; especially with the addition of a talented crop of rooks. Senior QB Nick Cunningham (captain) was in a split-time situation for most of last season but has assumed total control of the offense since the final three games, throwing two TD passes in a come from behind win on the road against Nyack in the round of 16, and two more in a quarterfinal loss at Rye. He then led the offense by throwing four TD passes in the bowl win over Somers, which only fuels the rivalry. On the season, Cunningham just missed 1,000 yards, throwing for 985

and 10 TDs.

“This offseason I have been very impressed with his leadership in the weight room and at our No-Huddle football camp,” Coac Lynch said. “He has already shown an excellent command of our offense. He understands our protection schemes and is making correct reads in the passing game.”

He also has a game-breaking threat in senior WR Marquan Anderson, who, without question, is the big-play threat in the offense.

“Marquan has the ability to go the distance anytime he touches the ball,” Lynch said of Anderson, who had three plays of over 60 yards last season. “Nick and Marquan have developed a nice relationship from last season and into the summer. Nick feels and trusts Marquan where he knows he can put it up and Marquan will go get it.”

Cunningham's safety valve is senior TE Tom Maloney (captain), who showed unselfishness and versatility last year. Whether is was protecting Cunningham's blind side or catching passes over the middle, Maloney never whined or complained.

“He just did what was best for the team,” Lynch said. “This year, he moves back to his more natural position at tight end and along with sophomore Mike Fasolino, which gives us the opportunity to use some two-tight-end sets, which is a new exciting feature to the offense.”

Junior WR Alan Jackson started every game last year as a sophomore and has stood out during two-a-days, making some of the most acrobatic catches the staff has ever seen.

“He showed last year that he had the talent to play at the varsity level,” Lynch said of 20-catch receiver. “He seemed to really come into his own in the quarterfinal game against Rye catching two TD passes.

Top returning linemen include Senior G/LB- Jake Anstett (captain), who Lynch called and “Old school, throwback-type kid”.

“Jake's a hard worker and a grinder who respects the process,” Lynch said. “He's the kind of kid you love to coach.”

Senior T Nick Whalen has been on varsity since his sophomore season and has rededicated himself to the weight room and the off-season conditioning program.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Sophomore TE/DE Michael Fasolino came up at the end of last season and started in the three most important games of the season (Nyack, Rye, Somers), playing very well against high-level competition. A disruptive force, he is big, fast, explosive, and loves contact.

“If he continues to work hard and remain committed to the process, he has the potential to be one of the best football players that has ever walked through the doors of Hen Hud,” Lynch maintains.

Sophomore QB/CB Manny Carbone



Opposing defenders had best set their sights on stopping explosive Hen Hud WR Marquan Anderson this season.



Carmel C Joe Kenna anchors the Ram line this season after a rugged off-season regiment.

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played extremely well last year on JV, leading a talented unit to an 8-1 record by throwing more than 25 TD passes.

"Manny comes into a very good situation as the heir apparent to Nick," Lynch said. "He can learn from Nick this season and then take over for his junior and senior season. He has a tremendously strong arm, he's very athletic and can be that dual-threat QB who throws a great deep ball."

Sophomore RB/LB Jordan Grullon is a natural athlete, who looks very fluent and smooth as a runner. Expect him to push for time at both positions with competitive instincts you just can't teach.

"All three of these young men will be on the varsity team and are expected to contribute immediately," Lynch said of the talented trio of sophs.

OF INTEREST: There is no doubt the Sailor program is on the rise, both in numbers and overall ability; just ask Somers. What will be interesting to see is whether or not this talented sophomore class can arrive a year ahead schedule against a tough Class A slate.

Team goals include a sectional championship, which is pretty brash given their average recent history.

"We expect the 2016 team to build off of the late season success of last year," Lynch said. "There were a lot of key contributors to our late season surge that return this fall. Anytime a team can go 2-1 against established programs like Nyack, Rye and Somers to end a season there has to be a lot of newly-found confidence and enthusiasm to build off of. Our goal is to be playing meaningful football in late October and early November and this group definitely has the potential to do just that. But as we always tell our guys, stealing a line from Bill Parcells "Potential just means you haven't done anything yet."

Expect that to change this season and in the years to come and anticipate a steady spike at Hen Hud from this season through 2018.

SCHEDULE: at Byram, Lincoln, Brewster, at Lourdes, Peekskill, at Rye

WALTER PANAS

COACH: Dan Patronik (19-21)

LEAGUE: Class A, League B

LAST YEAR: 1-7, lost to Brewster in opening round

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Put Valley senior OL-DL Constantine George will be a menace to football society this season.

KEY RETURNERS: Chris Bizzocco Sr. FB/LB returns as the leader of the defense at LB. He will also take over as the lead back, utilizing strength and smarts to lead a group of youthful running backs. Junior QB Brandon Hodge started all eight games as a sophomore and should return more comfortable in the system.

"Both of these guys have worked hard to increase strength and speed in the offseason," Coach Patronik said.

Junior two-way starter Jacob Liebert returns following a solid sophomore year with great hands and a non-stop motor. He can play any position, according to the coach.

Senior RB/DB Kevin Dyckman returns following an injury that ended his season last year and looks to rebound as a two-way starter and playmaker. Skillful DB Traevon Hendricks returns following his first year playing football with "freakish" athletic ability solid coverage skills, according to the coach. Senior WR Brandon Clarke (6'2") will be Hodges downfield threat as a solid route runner.

Top Linemen include senior Taizon Barrett, who returns having lost 90 pounds and looks much quicker, stronger and motivated. He struggled last year with injuries and appears ready motivated to anchor a resurgent line. Teammate Mason Eyster started all eight games last year, and comes back stronger and faster.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Juniors (OT/DT) Jordan Grossberg (6', 275) has spent the summer getting in game shape should help solidify the line with Austin Gilligan, who, at 6'6" 315 pounds, gives the Panthers a beastly presence up front.

OF INTEREST: After several seasons with a bruising RB leading the way –with guys like John Brophy and "Bazooka" Joe DeLuca –the Panthers couldn't establish any traction last season on the ground. With Hodge and Bizzocco a year the wiser, the Panthers have a couple of finishers on offense. Whether or not they can stop anybody with a new defensive coordinator in place, remains to be seen.

"We're looking to re-establish the program as a real playoff team," Patronik said. "We will be a young

team with only seven seniors. The QB will be better and skill position guys had a productive, positive off-season during 7v7's and camp. Although competitive last year, learning to win games will be our overall goal. We are striving to be a balanced offense with a solid defense that emphasizes special teams. Our goal is to win one game at a time."

SCHEDULE: at Pearl River, at JJCR, Tappan Zee, Yorktown, Lakeland, non-Region

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY

COACH: Ryan Elsasser, 1st year

LEAGUE: Class B

LAST YEAR: 6-3, lost to Nanuet in the sectional semis

KEY RETURNERS: DT/G Constantine "Connie" George (5'9", 230) received All-Section honors after a tremendous junior season, in which he notched 39 solo tackles, including 15 for a loss. He also assisted on 16 tackles and added three sacks with a strong push up the gut. Marc Beck (FS/HB) and Alec McDonald (DB/HB) anchor the stable of backs and secondary. Senior WR Anthony Woods is a 6'2" 185-pound target, who just might open some eyes. Junior OL/DL Mike Gaitan had flashes of excellence last season.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Elsasser is excited to see what rookie QB Travis Anderson will be able to do under center this year as he battles junior Nick Milano. Anderson suffered an injury that cost him his entire lacrosse season last spring but appears poised to do damage. Sophomore RB/LB John Listwan is an absolute beast



Panas QB Brandon Hodge is a year the wiser for his junior season.

who will burst on to the scene rushing hard from the backfield.

"Travis will be returning to us this year with experience under center and John will has been tough as nails in previous seasons and has lived in the weight room the entire offseason," Elsasser said.

Versatile sophomore DE/TE Darnel Shillingford, that's a name to remember as well. A two-way tyrant, Shill fits the bill at 6'2", 200 pounds.

OF INTEREST: Sustainability! Will PV be able to keep up with the Jones' in Class B after losing veteran Coach Matt Mello, who guided the Tigers to their only Final 4 appearance last season. The Tigers lost a ton to graduation but word on the street is they've gotten serious about their off-season training, including both speed and strength under fitness guru John Moljo.

"This team's goal is to win the league and be competing for a sectional title," Elsasser said. "This year's team is full of athletic talent and ready to fight for open positions. We have a very diverse group of multi-sport athletes with a determination for success. They have been working hard during the off-season in the weight room and developing their skills on the turf. We will have a strong and energetic line on both sides of the ball led by Constantine George. All around, we will have a great deal of athleticism within our depth chart. I have a determined group of kids and a fantastic coaching staff of Bob Baker Sr., Nick Lapadula and Joe Natalie."

SCHEDULE: at Westlake, Valhalla, at Pleasantville, Ardsley, at Irvington, Nanuet, at Gemont



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