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The Battle Over Butterfield's Senior Center Not Over Yet

By David Propper

For the second time this month, there was more cross-talking and even cross-shouting between Putnam County legislators and residents from Cold Spring and Garrison with the proposed senior center at the Butterfield redevelopment the center of contention.

With Garrison resident and former Fox News chairman Roger Ailes and his hefty \$500,000 donation out of the picture, legislators moved forward last week with an \$800,000 bond proposal that would ensure a new Cold Spring senior center. The Physical Services Committee moved the bond forward and also four amendments to the Butterfield lease between Paul Guillaro and the county that still needs to be executed.

The lease has been controversial, with opponents of the project arguing it is too

pro-developer. While the county refuses to release the lease publicly until it is fully executed, it has been obtained by news organizations like The Putnam Examiner and The Journal News and put online. The lease has been approved twice by the legislature, but has yet to be executed by County Executive MaryEllen Odell and won't be until the legislature approves four amendments to the contract.

The county plans to lease 6,000 square feet in the Lahey Pavilion along Route 9D for 15 years. In the first year of the lease, the county would pay \$77,700 in rent and then there would be an annual increase of 2 percent or the consumer price index, depending which is higher.

The county would pay an annual \$50,000 charge for common area maintenance and also pay toward water,

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Cold Spring residents Stephanie Hawkins (left) and Donna Anderson both spoke at a Physical Services Committee meeting last week, but had differing opinion on the Butterfield lease.

Carmel Police Cleared in Stun-Gun Death of Mahopac Man

By David Propper

The Town of Carmel Police Department has been cleared of any wrongdoing after their interaction with a Mahopac man resulted in his death in 2015, according to the New York State Attorney General's Office.

In a press release sent out Friday afternoon, state AG Eric Schneiderman announced there was no criminal culpability in the death of 38-year-old Joseph Seguin by Carmel police officers. Carmel police had hit Seguin repeatedly with a stun-gun that led to his death in hopes of subduing him and making an arrest. The investigation revealed the use of force by officers was justified because of Seguin's repeated and at times violent resistance to arrest. The incident took place Nov. 20, 2015.

In the AG's report, according to civilian and police accounts, Seguin kicked and punched officers and grabbed a dog cage that contained a pit bull. When officers finally were able to free Seguin's hands from the cage, he locked his hands beneath his body to prevent officers from slapping handcuffs on him, the reports states.

Officers had warned Seguin he would be tasered if he continued to struggle, according to the report. One officer tried to deploy his taser in "drive-stun" mode, which is pressing it against Seguin's skin, but it malfunctioned and had no effect, the report states.

One officer tried to use a pain compliance technique, but it didn't work. And although another officer tasered

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Mahopac Residents Strongly Oppose Proposed Cell Tower

By Neal Rentz

A group of local residents expressed concern and outright opposition to Putnam County's plan to construct a cell tower during an Aug. 24 Carmel Town Board meeting.

The county is seeking to put up a new 180-foot tall tower on county-owned property on Hill Street in Mahopac. On Aug. 2, the county Legislature voted to delay going forward with a SEQRA review of the Hill Street proposal, as well as a proposal for a tower on a Town Park Lane spot in Putnam Valley, but will begin a review of the 29 Milan location in Southeast and 112 Old Route 6 location in Carmel.

The county is working with Homeland Towers to improve wireless service for emergency responders and have

a \$3.5 million grant from the federal government, which expires at the end of 2017, to work with.

Town Supervisor Ken Schmitt said there was a need for the cell tower. "We do have a problem with communication," he said. "There are dead zones."

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker said "a risk assessment" was conducted for the county. Currently, there is difficulty for police and emergency responders to communicate, he said. The towers are being sought by the county due to the current "lack of coverage" for communication for police and other first responders, he said.

Anthony Sutton, commissioner of the county's Bureau of Emergency Services, also told the town board the cell tower

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sewer, electricity and other utilities.

There was an argument over the amount of property taxes the county must pay. Legislator Dini LoBue, who is against the lease, said the county must pay 52 percent of the overall property taxes attached to the parcel which would equal \$30,000. But Legislator Ginny Nacerino and county deputy attorney Andrew Negro argued the county is only paying half of the Lahey Pavilion, which is 12,000 square feet overall.

In the lease it states, "The additional rent which the tenant will be liable for at the commencement of the lease agreement shall be equal to 52.0833 percent of the total tax amount application to the tax year in which the lease commences."

The county could also pay \$61,000 to the developer to put in heating and air conditioning as part of the amended lease.

Many residents that spoke slammed the proposal, while a handful of seniors and a large group of union workers showed support for it.

Cold Spring resident and senior Donna Anderson presented a petition that she claims had a little more than 300 signatures demanding the lease be signed. She said 30 percent of area residents are older than 60 and by 2024, 35 percent of residents will reach that age. She said the current center is "inadequate" to address



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra listens as residents address the Butterfield lease.

the growing senior population.

Shirley Norton, another Cold Spring resident and senior, encouraged the legislative body to sign the lease and added she trusted her representatives to do what's best for the county.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said the Butterfield development was being built no matter what, and he wanted to see county tax dollars go into the senior center at the proposed location. He urged the legislature to make sure the best deal possible is signed and said he didn't think the county should go back to "square one." Owning property and building a new senior center would also have large costs associated with it, he noted.

"Public works is never cheap," Shea said.

Union leader Ed Cooke, a Mahopac resident, said the union was in support of legislators signing the lease, which would result in jobs for workers. In making the case for a rented space, he said a county-owned building would result in renovations that would also cost money, while the developer would be in charge of any updates for the rented center.

Office for Senior Resources Director Pat Sheehy said the current center is overcrowded. She said the past director and staff looked at other sites in Philipstown and couldn't find anything, and Butterfield was the preferred placement.

While residents are entitled to transparency, Sheehy said legislators must be trusted to review the lease deal and make the best decision, rather than residents pouring over the terms.

"It's very easy to poke holes in things," Sheehy said.

Many residents didn't agree with that assessment and presented a litany of issues they had with the lease.

Cold Spring resident Lourdes Laifer said the senior center would cost taxpayers more than \$4 million for the duration of the 15-year lease. And once the lease comes to a close, the county would still have nothing to show for it except signing another lease because the space isn't owned, unlike the other senior

centers in Putnam.

"I think this lease deal is good for the developer," Lourdes said. "but lousy for the taxpayers."

Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy slammed the lack of transparency and described the terms of the agreement "ridiculous."

Philipstown Deputy Supervisor Nancy Montgomery said local officials should have been given more information about the lease proposal. Montgomery said the town signed a letter of intent to be part of the senior center process a few years ago and a year later she was pushed out of the process. Montgomery argued the agreement with Ailes would have put union people "out of work" because of the strings attached to Ailes' donation.

Lithgow Osborne, a Garrison resident that ran against Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra and lost last year, told legislators they've "really fallen down on their job" outside of LoBue.

Former Cold Spring trustee Stephanie Hawkins expressed deep concerns about the lease. She noted the county is willing to pay above market rent rates and high common area maintenance costs and four times the county's share of property tax. The county is also accepting work and expenses with taxpayers' money typically handled by the landlord.

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The Pain Of An Ankle Sprain

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

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

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

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

Q: What can I expect from rehab?

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

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

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In Rare Move, PV School District Further Reduces Taxes

By David Propper

After a New York State Comptroller's Office audit made recommendations to the Putnam Valley school district to improve its budget process and reduce taxes, the Putnam Valley Board of Education took action in light of the report last week.

Homeowners in the Putnam Valley school district are in for a pleasant surprise when they receive their tax bill next month after the school board opted to lower its tax levy even more than the original budget that was voted on in May.

District treasurer Jill Figarella told the school board Thursday night the district financials indicate there will be a surplus of \$870,000 this year and that the tax levy should be lowered an additional \$370,000. Figarella also recommended the board allot the other \$500,000 into the newly formed capital reserve fund.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Three school board members and Superintendent Fran Wills were at last week's board meeting.

The board voted 3-0 in favor of both proposals. (Two board members were absent.)

The overall tax levy reduction would now be 1.3 percent, Figarella said. Over the last two years the decrease has been 1.8 percent or \$651,000, she added.

She noted reducing the tax levy so close to tax bill time is not something the district usually does. (Putnam Valley is the only school system in the county to reduce taxes two years in a row.)

School board member Guy Cohen said lowering the tax levy was discussed at the most recent audit committee meeting and the committee "strongly supported" the recommendation. Board vice president Joseph Ferraro said the possibility of lowering the tax bill even more started when the board adopted this year's budget in April and based on projections back then, they thought there might be surplus to lower the levy even more.

Board member David Spittal said he was concerned as the tax cap continues to get less flexible, that giving money back to the taxpayers would make future budgets tougher and potentially increase class sizes. He supported the move put forward because he felt it was "conservative and fiscally responsible."

"And some people would ask why not

more," Spittal said. "My answer would be for the fiscal responsibility (of the district) I would think about the long term."

Ferraro also said it was important to put money into the capital reserve fund so the district is prepared for any capital expenditures it might need to address as part of the five-year physical plant plan or any other project that might come down the pipe.

Figarella also went over the first reading of a policy change connected to the school district's fund balance and reserve funds, following guidelines made by the audit.

The audit had called for better transparency with voters about where funds were going during the budget process and not putting too much money in reserves and fund balance. The audit reviewed the district from 2010 to February of this year.

Figarella noted in 2016, out of the 230 school systems the comptroller's office audited, 109 had similar or the same recommendations that Putnam Valley received. Putnam Valley was already working on policies the audit suggested prior to the report being released, Figarella added.

"While we appreciate the comptroller's recommendations, we also recognize the necessity to maintain strong reserves," she said.

Cohen noted unforeseen costs like an additional student or students moving into the district after the budget passes are one of the reasons why it's important to have strong reserves. The timing between the state budget, which gives funds to school systems, and school district budget also makes it hard to predict costs, he said.

"I think one of the keys is the uncertainty," Ferraro added.

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was needed to improve communication for emergency services workers.

"I think we all understand the need for this," Sutton said.

Homeland Towers would lease space on the proposed tower with phone companies and the county would receive a portion of the monies generated to improve communications for first responders, Sutton said. The cell tower proposed for Mahopac would be made to resemble a tree, similar to the towers located on the Hutchinson River Parkway, Sutton said.

Councilwoman Suzi McDonough asked if there would be health risks associated with proposed tower. Sutton said there was "no conclusive evidence it's harmful" to local residents unless someone climbed up the tower.

The county Legislature would need to declare itself as the lead agency for the environmental review of the project, Walker said. The approval process could be completed next year, he said.

The county will provide regular updates about the project to the town board, Walker said. "We need to get this done," he said.

Despite the county officials' advocacy for the proposed tower, the residents who spoke at last week's meeting voiced opposition to the project. County



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Deputy Putnam County Executive Bruce Walker, left, and Anthony Sutton, commissioner of the county's Bureau of Emergency Services, discussed the county's proposal to construct a cell tower on Hill Street in Mahopac during the Aug. 24 Carmel Town Board meeting.

Legislator Dini LoBue said the county should seek another location for the tower that would be further away from homes. Walker said the county could explore moving the proposed tower further away from homes, but it did not want to move it closer to a school located in the neighborhood.

Scott Road resident Victoria Donnelly passionately expressed her opposition to the project. Residents of her street were not informed about the project early on in the process, she said. "We should have been notified in February," she said.

Donnelly said she was concerned about potential health risks associated with the tower, particularly for her children. Her family should have been allowed the opportunity to sell their house earlier this year if they knew about the project earlier,

she said.

Carmel resident Ann Fanizzi said, "The devil is in the details."

Fanizzi said the town board should have been vocal and expressed its opposition to the county about the proposed tower as Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio had been. "It depends on this supervisor. It depends on this board," she said.

Fanizzi said a full scale environmental review of the project should be conducted.

Allan James Warnecke, a genealogist with the Westchester-Putnam Chapter of the National Society for the Sons of the American Revolution, agreed with the comments from Fanizzi calling for a full environmental review of the project because the tower would be placed on parkland. A full review of the proposal would indicate the county needed an alternative site for the proposed tower, he said.

Local EMS and ambulance volunteers who came to the meeting in support of the project did not address the town board.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mahopac resident Victoria Donnelly spoke out against Putnam County's proposal to place a cell tower on Hill Street during the Aug. 24 Carmel Town Board meeting.

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Seguin again in the lower waist, he kept fighting until the dart-probe mode was activated eight times in 91 seconds and then the officers were able to handcuff Seguin.

He lost consciousness soon after and was rushed to Putnam Hospital Center, where he was pronounced dead in the early morning hours.

Officers had been called to the premises because Seguin had physically attacked a woman and when officers arrived, they witness Seguin assaulting her in his bedroom, leaving her with marks and scratches.

The cause of death according to an autopsy, microscopy, and toxicology

conducted by the Putnam Medical Examiner found Seguin died of "cardiac arrest during an excited state while under the influence of phencyclidine (PCP) after being tasered and handcuffed," the AG's report states.

"The death of Mr. Seguin is a tragedy, and we extend our condolences to his family and friends," Schneiderman said. "Our exhaustive review of this case has concluded that Carmel police were justified in their use of force, including their use of a taser, in their effort to arrest Mr. Seguin."

The AG's office recommended Carmel police craft policies related to officers using stun-guns on those under the influence of drugs.



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DiPippo Sent Back to Jail Prior to Anticipated Trial

By David Propper

Social media posts can get people into all sorts of trouble. In the case of Anthony DiPippo, it landed him back in jail.

The man who is facing his third trial for the 1994 murder of 12-year-old Josette Wright was sent back to jail last week after a judge revoked the \$1 million bail he was out on. Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Victor Alfieri ordered DiPippo to be held in the

Putnam County Correctional Facility with his new trial just weeks away because of several social media posts he put on Facebook about the case.

He had been confined to his home while out on bail.

DiPippo, who had been out for more than a month, appeared to have plenty of opinions he wanted the world to read after sitting in prison for 20 years after he was convicted twice of Wright's murder. DiPippo was convicted along with Andrew Krivak, who is not getting a new trial and remains in jail for the murder.

One post on Facebook by DiPippo slammed his ex-girlfriend, Denise Rose, who he claims perjured her testimony during his and Krivak's trial. He said Rose wrongly put the two at the scene of the crime and accused them of the murder.

"Own responsibility, Denise Rose. It is within your power to bring true justice for Josette Wright and her family and friends," part of the post read. "who have been deceived and misled for far too long and for no good reason."

DiPippo also assailed former Putnam County Sheriff Office officials Pat Castaldo and Dan Stephens. He accused both of manufacturing and falsifying evidence to ensure he was convicted.

DiPippo also posted a recent photo of Howard Gombert, who his defense team

believes is guilty of Wright's murder. Gombert is sitting in jail for unrelated crimes.

Mark Baker, DiPippo's attorney, called the ruling "unfortunate." Baker said his client was never given a direct order to not post on social media or talk out about the case, but still admitted it was poor judgment by DiPippo.

"We just believe that there was no threat intended or made," Baker said.

Baker didn't think the judge would

reverse his decision, even though he intends to request DiPippo be let out during the trial. As Baker said, "It seems he will be there until the jury hopefully returns an acquittal."

Before the new trial was granted, DiPippo was facing 25 years to life after the conviction of second-degree murder. He was found guilty in 1997, but it was overturned in 2011. Found guilty again in 2012, his second conviction was overturned earlier this year.

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Award nominations have been received for individuals and organizations who have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and /or community service in Putnam County. The PCSN Breakfast will recognize all award recipients and

nominees representing a variety of categories including: Distinguished Service, Volunteer Service, Professional Career Recognition, Advocacy, Excellence in Communications, Outstanding Service, Community Service Networking, Youth and Public Service.

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Grant Secured for Drug Crisis in Our Backyard



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State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) announced a \$5,000 grant to support the work of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard at August 17's "Shed the Meds" program at Jefferson Village in Yorktown. Both "Shed the Meds" and Drug Crisis in Our Backyard have been instrumental in helping raise awareness concerning the dangers of drugs and drug addiction. Murphy praised the work of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, which helps individuals and families struggling against addiction. Co-founder Carol Christiansen was on hand to receive news of the grant.

Support Connection Holds Kickoff for Annual Walk

By Rick Pezzullo

Since opening its doors 20 years ago, Support Connection has helped thousands of women and their families cope with the many concerns, questions and fears that accompany a diagnosis of breast or ovarian cancer.

Two of those women, Jane Crossley and Dottie McHugh, are the proud ambassadors for the 2016 Support-A-Walk being held Sunday, October 2 at FDR Park in Yorktown, and they were on hand earlier this month at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt for the kickoff event for the walk, which is the non-profit organization's largest annual fundraiser.

"Support Connection is absolutely fabulous," said Crossley, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in February 2012 and reached out to a neighbor who was one of Support Connection's Peer Counselors who had experienced cancer first-hand. "We were in such shock. You feel like you were hit by a bulldozer. She took away some of the fears and gave us such hope. Wherever you are on your journey, there's always hope."

Crossley has been in remission for four years and has been a regular attendee at Support-A-Walk ever since.

"You see how many people are there for the same reasons and you see so clearly that you're not alone. It's very powerful," Crossley said. "I always wanted to give back to this wonderful organization and now I have the means to do it."

McHugh was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 at the age of 38, just six months after her mother-in-law died from the disease she suffered with for 13 years. She and her family now raise funds for Support-A-Walk as "Ann's Avengers," in honor of her mother-in-law.

"Their resources are amazing," McHugh said of Support connection. "The staff is amazing. I never met anyone who didn't have a smile on their face or a reassuring word. They help you through things you



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

2016 Support-A-Walk Ambassadors Jane Crossley and Dottie McHugh.

wouldn't even think about. Huge things that make a difference. It's my absolute pleasure to represent the walk and give back to them."

Marisa Giuliano, Support Connection's Development and Walk Coordinator, said the money raised at Support-A-Walk represents 40 percent of the funding the organization relies on annually. Even though the walk is held the first Sunday in October every year, donations can be made various ways until January.

"To this day our mission remains the same," said Support Connection Executive Director Katherine Quinn. "We're here to help people. Every dollar you put out will help a woman with breast or ovarian cancer."

Marlene Stager, a Support Connection Peer Counselor, stressed the importance of financial contributions to ensure Support Connection's free and confidential services will continue.

"Support Connection counselors understand because we have traveled that road," Stager said. "We remain available throughout treatment and beyond. We provide a safe place for women to discuss their devastation, uncertainty and fear."

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital was the only hospital to initially greet Support Connection with open arms when it was first established, according to Quinn, and has been a consistent supporter. On Thursday, September 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a "Cooking for Health" class for breast cancer survivors will be offered free of charge by Chef Emilie at the hospital.

To make a donation or learn more about Support-A-Walk, visit www.supportconnection.org, call (914) 962-6402 or send an email to walk@supportconnection.org.



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In Levy's Lawsuit, Sheriff's Captain Must Testify About FBI Communication

By David Propper

As the trial between former Putnam County district attorney Adam Levy and Sheriff Don Smith inches closer, a judge ordered a high-ranking sheriff's official to testify about what he might've told the FBI about Levy.

In court papers, State Supreme Court Justice Robert DiBella wrote sheriff's captain William McNamara must testify about what he told multiple FBI agents about Levy's relationship with Alexandru Hossu, who was found not guilty of rape charges two years ago and was a friend of Levy. Hossu, who

immigrated to the United States, was in the country illegally at the time of his arrest.

Smith must also testify.

While McNamara tried to assert privilege because of a possible ongoing investigation into Levy, "they have provided no evidence that such is the case," DiBella wrote.

"While it may be appropriate for (Smith) and McNamara to assert the law enforcement privilege on behalf of the governmental agencies who may be pursuing the active investigation, they have done nothing to verify whether

there is an ongoing investigation or to obtain assistance from those agencies in asserting the privilege on their own behalf," DiBella went on to write.

Levy's \$5 million lawsuit from 2013 accuses Smith and other sheriff officials of knowingly lying about Levy's involvement in the rape investigation of Hossu to ruin his reputation. After eight years in office, Levy lost his reelection last year to current DA Bob Tandy.

Attorney for Levy, Michael Sussman, said in an email the court's ruling is a "victory for transparency."

McNamara's attorney did not return

an email seeking comment. But in an article in The Journal News, attorney Lewis Silverman said McNamara doesn't feel it's appropriate to testify about contact he made with other law enforcement.

"If he were to do so, the concern is that he might jeopardize any investigation that another agency may be doing," Silverman said in the article.

McNamara is due to give more testimony in a deposition scheduled for Sep. 7, according to Sussman.

Cortlandt Teens Charged with Spray Painting Local Bridge

By Rick Pezzullo

Two Cortlandt teens were charged by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department with spray painting a bridge on Indian Brook Road in the Town of Philipstown.

John Darling, 18, of Cobblestone Lane, and Kevin Dyckman, 17, of Sprout Brook Road, were charged with felony criminal mischief in the third degree, along with making graffiti and possession of graffiti instruments, both misdemeanors, after they admitted to spray painting the bridge, according to Putnam Sheriff Donald B. Smith.

On August 11 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Deputy Sheriffs Benjamin Levine and Robert Detlefs responded to a report of several male subjects defacing the bridge. Upon arrival, the officers observed freshly painted graffiti "tags" on the concrete bridge support structure but were unable to locate any suspects.

Levine and Detlefs canvassed the area and located a vehicle that matched a description and license plate reported by a complainant in the parking lot of the Appalachian Market on Route 9. The deputies interviewed two males in the vehicle, later identified as Darling and Dyckman, who allegedly admitted to spray painting the overpass.

The officers later recovered a backpack containing six cans of spray paint, the colors of which matched the graffiti colors. Darling and Dyckman were processed at the Putnam County Correctional Facility.

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Letters to the Editor

PV Schools Fiscally Responsible While Providing Great Education

My husband and I purchased our home in Putnam Valley three years ago. Prior to settling in Putnam Valley, our family lived in Sweden, Wyoming, Cortlandt Manor, Garrison, and Saudi Arabia. When my son started 8th grade at Putnam Valley Middle School, he had attended 9 different schools in two different countries, two different states, and three different towns in New York. We have experienced school systems from public school in Sweden to elite private schools catering to expats in Sweden and Saudi Arabia. We have also experienced different school districts in both Westchester and Putnam counties. Given this wider than normal experience with different education systems, our family made a deliberate choice to settle in Putnam Valley. We found the home prices affordable for our family needs, the taxes were lower than surrounding communities, and the school system had so much to offer our family at all grade levels.

It is a truth that should be universally acknowledged that all people, regardless

of their nationality or class status, will complain bitterly about their school system, education in their country, and the taxes they pay—and this is true from Europe to Asia to the United States. Unfortunately, this is also true for Putnam Valley. It is absolutely vital for the community to be involved in discussions on the budget, the quality of education, and the needs of our students. That said, focusing on the negative hurts our school district. There are so many terrific and incredible things about Putnam Valley Central School District that deserve to be enumerated and praised.

Putnam Valley Central School District is a fiscally responsible school district that is very aware of the financial constraints people in our community face. They have lowered taxes while maintaining the quality and integrity of our school programs. They are maintaining reasonable, responsible, and legal reserve funds so that our school is able to pay necessary expenses looking to the future.

Putnam Valley Central School District

has wonderful programs for the students in our community. The laptop program coupled with the technology offerings is a tremendous equalizer for our students. Because our school is so small, our students have more opportunities to play and participate in a greater number of sports, giving less skilled athletes opportunities to improve and to play. With our school's connections to BOCES, students have a wide variety of career paths open to them. We have fully developed music programs in each school. We have a full array of honors and AP courses available. Our school has the most amazing Science Research Program. We have Academic Intervention Services available to struggling students. The needs of children at all levels are being addressed and managed.

I am grateful that my children can get extra help with reading. I am grateful that even if my son isn't the greatest athlete, he still can participate in sports. I am grateful that my kids are able to develop their musical abilities. I am grateful for

the AP program which is challenging my oldest son. I am grateful for teachers who care about their work and their students. I am grateful for a community that wants the best for their children. I am grateful for an administration that works hard to balance our budget, manage the legal requirements on a state and national level, and cares so deeply for our students and community.

Of course, we can always improve in how we manage the budget or the quality of teaching. But from where I am sitting with my experience around the world, we are tremendously lucky to live in Putnam Valley and to have our children attend Putnam Valley schools.

Tiffany Wacaser
Putnam Valley

Wacaser is the parent to five children attending PVCSD schools

Obituaries

Alfred C. Robbins

Alfred C. Robbins, 85, formerly of Carmel, died on August 23, at his residence in Danbury, CT. Mr. Robbins was born on June 24, 1931 to Samuel and Elizabeth (Courtney) Robbins in White Plains. He graduated White Plains High School in 1949. On September 20, 1953 he married the love of his life, Mary Psik in Tarrytown, and together they were blessed with three children.

He proudly served our country during the Korean War with the US Airforce, where he learned his craft of being an aircraft mechanic. In 1994, both he and Mary moved from Carmel, where they spent over 36 years, to Bradenton, FL to enjoy their retirement together. After Mary's passing in 2010, Alfred moved to the Danbury area to be closer to his family. Alfred was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well

as the American Legion. His favorite past-time was spending time with his family and friends. He will be well remembered for his sense of humor, and contagious laugh. He is survived by his three children; Patricia Franklin of New Fairfield, CT, Kenneth and his wife Mary, of Flower Mound, TX, Andrew and his wife Jo, of New Milford, CT, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, with a fifth on the way, along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers; Howard, Charles and Alan.

and long life, Arthur died at age 88 and his health struggles were over at last and he was at peace. He was surrounded the immediate days before with his closest loved ones, his devoted wife, Santa, his four children Arthur, Patricia, Steven and Joann, and two of his grandchildren, Joseph and Isabel. Arthur was born in the Bronx, on July 20, 1928 and was the son of Theodore and Ellen Wagner. He grew up with his siblings Clifford, Mary Lou and Ellen. He attended Samuel Gompers High School in the Bronx and served in the U. S. Army at the close of World War II. He met his wife Santa (Valentinetti) Wagner after he was discharged from the service in August 1947. They married on June 8, 1952 at St. Luke's Roman

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Byrne Would be Refreshing Change in State Legislature

I am proud to endorse Kevin Byrne for New York State Assembly representing the 94th District.

Kevin Byrne personifies what we want and who we need in Albany. He is not just a man of his word, but a man with proven integrity and dedication demonstrated by his actions. He will be a refreshing change to the status quo that has come to define Albany politicians.

Kevin is devoted to family and community. He is a volunteer EMT, President of his local fire department and an avid volunteer. He says his volunteerism "pales in comparison" to those who served our country and holds the highest esteem for Veterans.

Kevin understands our challenges and concerns. Looming taxes and unfunded mandates are driving out retirees and young families away. One of his priorities is to ease the burden so retirees can stay

in their homes and young families can remain in the beautiful Hudson Valley.

Kevin is a fighter, never a quitter. The day after being endorsed by the Republican Party by a 75 percent margin, he was injured in a car accident. He was badly hurt and unable to walk. Armed with a strong constitution, he forged ahead toward recovery with his initial resolve to dedicate himself as the people's candidate in the 94th Assembly District.

We need someone in Albany to fight for us. We need someone who never quits. We need someone who will protect and preserve our quality of life. We need Kevin Byrne.

Ginny Nacerino
Patterson

Nacerino is the Chairwoman of the Putnam County Legislature

Arthur George Wagner

It is with a deep and heavy sadness that we announce the death of Arthur George Wagner, who died on August 25 in Putnam Hospital Center. After a good

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P&K Redemption Center Brewster

By David Propper

Every cent can make a difference.

That's the thought process that the owners of P&K Redemption Center, Cliff Zimmerman (nickname Kippy) and Prince Singh, have been counting on during the month of August. The new business, which is a place where residents can turn in bottles and cans for monetary returns, has been offering six cents per deposit, instead of the usual five cents. With bags of bottles and cans--water, soda, and beer--almost reaching the wall in the warehouse along Marvin Avenue in the Village of Brewster, Kippy wants to show people the best way to return and recycle.

"(We want) to bring people here to show them exactly what we do, which is much better I think and much faster than going to other places," Kippy said. "It's an environmental thing, too."

Every single item--and even in a months time there are thousands of them--is recycled. When a customer comes in, they simply dump their stuff on an enclosed table and Kippy counts it out. Nothing has to be put in bags, nothing has to be sorted, and they don't have to deal with machines that can malfunction on occasion.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Cliff Zimmerman (or better known as Kippy) takes a quick break from sorting bottles and cans at P&K Redemption Center in Brewster

"I'm the machine," Kippy said. "I count them, I sort them, we give you your money and on the way you go."

Throughout the course of the week, the redemption center has trucks come through and pick up the recyclables.

Some of the plastic is taken, melted down and sterilized, and little beads are made out of them. Clothing companies purchase those beads and make clothing out of them. The brown glass bottles are

crushed down, sterilized into tiny pieces and melted into wine bottles. Other bottles are simply reused again to drink from after a proper process.

With all the pollution and garbage on the side of roads and in bodies in water, finding an environmentally sound alternative is important, Kippy said.

Kippy has bounced around to different professional fields over the past many years. He's a hairdresser by trade, but hurt

his back and gave up his business. Then, he worked at IBM in Poughkeepsie for the past 18 years before being laid off in January.

Singh already has three other locations up in Dutchess County and asked Kippy if he wanted to come on board. Singh was searching for another location and after driving around, he stumbled upon the Brewster warehouse as a perfect spot.

Kippy hopes to get more involved in the community and work with the Brewster school system. Students would count and sort bottles and cans and in return P&K Redemption would cut the school a check for supplies. It wouldn't be a lot of money, Kippy said, but it would be something going toward the schools and community members in it.

As for the six cents offer, it ends Aug. 31 (Wednesday.)

"We try to help people, make them understand what we do, why it's good for the environment," Kippy said. "I get the chance to talk to people. I'm a hairdresser by trade, I'm use to talking to people."

P&K Redemption Center is located at 66 Marvin Avenue in Brewster and its phone numbers are 845-476-7366 or 845-302-2233.



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Bottles and cans fill the warehouse where P&K is located. The new businesses in the village has collected thousands of bottles and cans by now.

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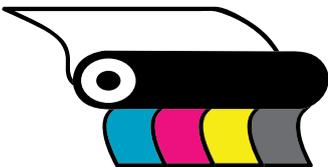
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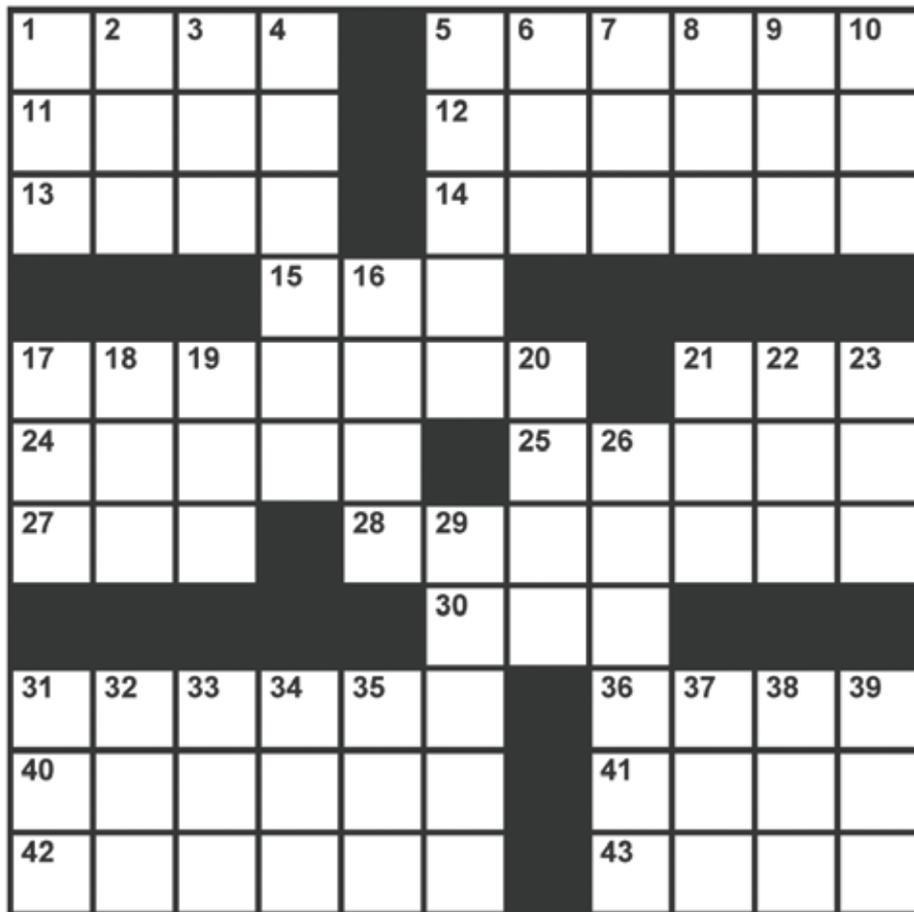


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Catholic Church in the Bronx and this year they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary together. They raised four children in the Bronx and later in their current home of 44 years in Brewster. Arthur who could fix anything, worked as a television technician at Cousins in Pleasantville, and later as an airplane

quality control technician for Safe Flight Instrument Cooperation in White Plains. Arthur is survived by his loving wife, Santa (Valentinetti) Wagner, his four children Arthur, Patricia, Steven and Joann, his seven grandchildren Christopher, Anthony, Rebecca, Brian, Jordan, Joseph and Isabel, and his two

The Battle Over Butterfield's Senior Center Not Over Yet

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"I don't care where you're living in the county," Hawkins said. "If you're paying property taxes this is a bad deal for you."

Cold Spring resident Kathleen Foley said the lease has been read by several professionals in the real estate and legal fields who find it problematic. She added the selling point that the Butterfield project would be a tax positive for the town now looks less likely and called the lease "grossly unfair."

A petition has been started demanding the lease be changed to include a shorter term, no use restrictions, a share of property tax in relation to the space the county uses, lower costs, and a rent to own option. So far, 235 people have signed it.

LoBue said the Butterfield lease was a "bad deal for taxpayers" and "pro-the

developer." She said the seniors have "been used" by the county and instead everything has been done for "people who are politically involved with the county."

"It's an embarrassment, it's dysfunctionality in government," LoBue said, to which Albano cut her off with a few gavel strikes and said "I don't want to hear this negativity."

LoBue and Albano exchanged words for a few seconds as residents booed in the background. Albano said her opinion is not shared by many legislators and misinformation is leading to angst among residents.

As residents walked out, LoBue reminded them the full legislative meeting when the lease would be officially approved is on Sep 6, to which Hawkins replied, "see you then."

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great grandchildren Vivian and Cheyenne and numerous nieces and nephews. Arthur (Art, Artie, Uncle Artie, Dad) was devoted to his family and his family to him. His long-time passions were for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the NY Mets, Star Trek and Sci-Fi movies, Marilyn Monroe, trips to the beach, gardening (his green thumb evident even this year), fishing, chocolate treats of all kinds, and his beloved, ever-growing elephant collection. Even now the favorite uncle of many, he always had a way of making everyone laugh - young and old alike - with specialties like pulling quarters out of ears and doing the egg in the bottle trick. He always had a captive audience with family slides showcasing years of Christmases, birthdays, vacations, communions, graduations and everyday family fun.

Kevin P. Harney

Kevin P. Harney of Sebastian, FL and formerly of Mahopac, died on August 25, at the age of 72. He was born in the Bronx, the son of Bernard and Grace (nee: Lillis) Harney. Kevin worked as an operating engineer for Local 14 in Flushing, Queens for over 30 years. He leaves behind his wife Ellen of 53 years, his son James and Debbie, granddaughters Jaimie and Jessica, brother Jack, sister

Regina, and loving nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his son Kevin, Jr. and siblings Jerry, Jimmy, Ray, Grace, and Bernie. Friends and family are welcome to attend a visitation on Wednesday, August 31 from 4 p.m. -9 p.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, September 1 at 11 a.m. at St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery in Brewster.

Barbara Guglieri

Barbara Guglieri of Carmel died on August 27, at the age of 72. She was born in Brooklyn, on November 2nd, 1943 to Cosmo and Lena (Bagnal) Carbone. On September 20th, 1969 she married the love of her life John Guglieri in Green Point. Barbara has been a long time resident of Carmel where her and John raised their loving son John. She loved to volunteer at Support Connection in Yorktown, NY. Barbara is Survived by her loving husband John; adoring son John and his wife Tracy, two cherishing grandchildren Evan and Kellen. She is also survived by seven brothers and sisters James Carbone, Donald Carbone, Betty Siroki, Lucy Sergio, Patricia Montagno, Theresa Villalva, and Michael Carbone.

Back-to-School Tips When You're on a Budget

Between new clothes and new school supplies, back-to-school season can put a strain on household budgets.

In 2015, families planned to spend \$630 on back-to-school items, according to the National Retail Federation, and this year's numbers are also expected to be pricey. With a little planning, your family can get the most out of your school shopping budget – by taking advantage of sales, comparison shopping, buying in bulk and simply by making sure you don't buy things you already own.

Here are some smart ways families can reduce costs as students head back to class this fall.

End-of-Season Sales. Take advantage of end-of-season sales to stock up. This concept may not help you this fall, but it's a great habit to adopt now for long-term savings. You can stock up on summer clothes now and great fall items once the weather gets chillier. Stores will be offering deep discounts and clearance prices on items that eventually will come in handy for next back-to-school season. Remember to take into account that kids grow quickly!

Add It Up. Bigger ticket school supply items can cost you a pretty penny if you don't comparison shop. For example, required tools like a high-quality graphing

“Families plan to spend \$630 on back-to-school items.”

calculator can come with a price tag of \$75 or more. Get more for your money with an affordable model, such as Casio's fx-9750GII, which retails for under \$50. It offers useful features like a high-resolution screen and compatibility with a personal computer. It is also permitted to be used in such major tests as the ACT and the SAT. More information about calculators can be found at CasioEducation.com.

Take Stock and Buy in Bulk. Don't buy things you already own, and take advantage of bulk discounts for the stuff you need. Before making your shopping list take stock of what school supplies you already have in your closets – your child's backpack – from the last school year. From scissors to folders to unused

or partially used notebooks, you may already have many things your kids need for the year ahead.

For those necessities that kids will need all year long – such as tape, paper, pens, pencils, markers and more – take advantage of bulk sales at discount stores and online retailers. Buying more now can save you cash in the months ahead.

Go Green. Brown bags, plastic baggies and plastic silverware are small expenses that add up quickly. Instead, opt for reusable lunch container alternatives and

a one-time expense. It's not only good for the planet, but kids will get on board if you let them pick items that speak to their sense of style. You'll also save yourself trips to the store.

Don't let back-to-school make a hefty dent in your wallet. At the store, take advantage of great deals and also consider different ways of eliminating perennial expenses.

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New Community Coalition Focuses on Safeguarding Children

“Don’t wait, communicate, make your emergency plan today” is the returning theme of National Preparedness Month which kicks off September 1. This year in Putnam County, the 13th annual observance is getting added attention with the growing efforts of the Community Resilience Coalition (CRC). Agencies from the public, private and non-profit sectors make up the CRC, which focuses on ensuring the safety and well-being of children before, during and after disasters.

“We are fortunate in Putnam County to have first responders and highway

departments that take the safety and well-being of all our residents, young and old, very seriously,” said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. “Children are among the most vulnerable of our community. Anything and everything that we can do to ensure their safety and resilience in times of crisis, we must do. That’s why the work of the CRC and the recognition of National Preparedness Month are so important.”

Research has shown that since children depend on multiple residents and local services, they can be viewed as

an indicator of how well a community is recovering following a disaster. This is the reason behind the CRC, part of the Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative, a research project at Columbia University’s National Center for Disaster Preparedness. The project is funded through a \$2 million grant from GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with Save the Children. Putnam County is one of two sites in the U.S. selected to create a blueprint to keep children safe in emergencies by increasing awareness and strengthening the community. The other site is Washington County in Arkansas.

“This is a unique opportunity for Putnam to strengthen our local network which will serve as a foundation to protect and support our young,” said Michael Nesheiwat, MD, Interim Commissioner of Health. “These dedicated organizations will be building a stronger, sustainable future, but there are also things—practical things—you can do right now to help in the effort in a very personal way.”

For example, most people view emergency preparedness as a huge job, but taking one, first step can make a big difference. Creating an ICE (in case of emergency) card, having emergency supplies on hand, and making a plan to meet or reconnect are some of the easy

steps a family can take. Two of the best resources for taking that first step are at www.savethechildren.org/getready and www.ready.gov.

“Getting accurate information during an event is also key,” explains Anthony Sutton, Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES), “and NY Alert is a good way to start.” This free service from New York State sends both local and state emergency messages. Individuals who sign up can get real-time information about current threats sent to their cell phones. People pick what types of information they want and how they get it, either by email or text. They can change or cancel the alerts at any time. Personal information is completely protected and never shared. Sign up at www.nyalert.gov.

“Residents who wish to help with a community-wide response to emergencies, should consider joining the Medical Reserve Corps,” says Dr. Nesheiwat. “Putnam’s MRC still needs all types of volunteers, both non-medical and medical. For example, help is always needed with important logistical support or administrative tasks.”

Interested residents can find out more information by visiting the Putnam County website or calling the health department at 845-808-1390.

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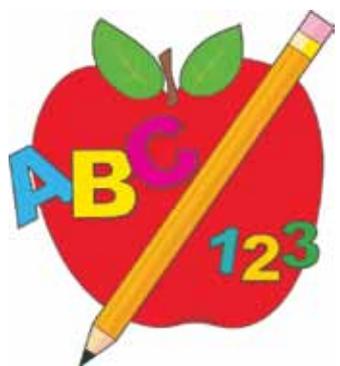
ABCDEF GHIJKL M **Back to School Guide** NOPQRSTU VWXYZ

As Summer Ends, Try Fun Ways to Help Ease Kids Back into Classroom

After a summer of fun, getting back into the swing of the classroom can be difficult for students of all ages and family backgrounds. But parents can help, experts say.

"It's easy for parents to feel like there isn't enough time to add more activities to an already packed schedule," said Jon Reigelman, creative director of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL). But, there are many easy ways you can set the tone of making learning fun, ease the back-to-school transition and foster literacy skills at home."

Reigelman suggests seeking out free resources, such as Camp Wonderopolis, a virtual camp and online learning tool available to all families, libraries, schools and community organizations. It can be a great weekend or after-school activity for busy families that can be completed at any pace. The site features "Maker" projects that can be created with items found around the house and virtual, collectible Wonder Cards that can be earned by interacting with the site.



Getting kids into an out-of-classroom learning habit now will set them up for future success. (Looking ahead to winter break or next summer, the program is also a great tool for combatting the learning loss common during vacations!)

For younger kids, NCFL offers these great back-to-school tips for families.

- Choose a letter of the day. Look for the chosen letter in any printed materials you see – the newspaper, street signs, billboards or advertisements. Make up a silly sentence using only words beginning with the letter of the day. (For example: Cats can cuddle. Dogs don't drive. Amy always acts awake.)
- Singing songs can be a literacy activity. Try this twist: Sing short songs several times, leaving off the last word each time until there are no words left. This activity always produces giggles from children and parents alike.
- Play "Guess Who." Describe a cartoon character, celebrity or historical figure. Allow a guess after each detail is disclosed. Expand your child's vocabulary by using unusual

words, and then explain their meanings. Take turns. Listen carefully to your child's descriptions, especially his or her choice of vocabulary. Encourage your child to paint a picture of the character with his or her words. At the end of the game, compliment your child on any unusual or new words used.

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- Talk to your child about his or her day. Pretend to be a television reporter. Try questions like "what was the most surprising (curious, funny, eventful) thing that happened today?" You are

giving your child opportunities to increase vocabulary, recall and reflect, and you are receiving a more detailed version of the time you spent apart. Be prepared to answer the same questions. You and your child will begin looking for events to report to each other.

The beginning of the school year can be hectic for everyone. Help kids get a leg up on their lessons by boosting literacy skills at home.

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New Boarding School Program in Brewster

Longview School, which has been helping Pre-K to 12th grade students thrive since 2001, will initiate a domestic boarding school program starting this fall. Longview specializes in turning students on to learning, often when their previous school experiences have been painful. Longview School has a two-pronged approach to educating students.

Academics

Longview has a rigorous academic program to teach the core academic classes. Although this covers all the traditional subjects, their approach keeps the material fresh and interesting using

- Inquiry-based learning techniques
- Hands-on teaching approaches
- A focus on relevance to students' lives
- The integration of multimedia and computer technology
- The expert use of differentiated instruction techniques
- Implementation of blended learning

Mark Jacobs, Longview's cofounder and director, stated, "We don't believe the standard curriculum provides enough exposure to subjects which are as likely, if not more likely, to lead to students finding life-long passions." As a result, Longview offers a wide variety

of electives rarely seen at the K-12 level. A sampling of these electives include classes such as:

Computer game design, Public Speaking, Comic Book Culture, Computer programming Police Procedure, Leadership, Movie Making, Phone app design, Survival, Sculpture, Cooking, Comedy Improvisation, Philosophy, Woodworking, Current Events, Japanese, Debate, Engineering, Psychology, Anthropology, Real Pirates, Paleontology, Mythology, Live Action Role Playing

Responsibility Building

In addition to teaching academics, Longview's program focuses on building student responsibility. Mr. Jacobs continued "So many students graduate from high school and don't have the life skills in order to succeed as adults. At Longview, we start teaching responsibility and independence from the day a student walks through our door."

Students fully share in all major decision-making at this democratic school through their participation in the school-wide LEGISLATURE, in which each student and staff member has one vote in the creation of the school's rules.

This empowerment is complemented by the school JUDICIARY, a student-run court which resolves issues related to rule-breaking, and the school MEDIATION COMMITTEE, a student-run body that resolves issues of interpersonal conflict. As a result of student empowerment through these and other school systems, adult/student relationships are not overshadowed by a focus on adult enforcement of rules upon students. This allows the staff to form more powerful connections to the students, and to better serve as mentors.

Who Fits Best at Longview

Longview day students are an eclectic mix of gifted, special needs and typical learners, many of whom had simply never fully fit in before joining the Longview community. Although Longview is not a school specifically for students who have special needs, the school has always incorporated these students seamlessly into the community and typically comprising 30 percent to 50 percent of the total student body. The new boarding program is a great fit for students who:

- are interested in fields not usually taught in public schools
- desire small classes (2 to 10 students

per class)

- want the opportunity to make strong connections with teachers who have the time to get to know who they really are
- like to learn through hands-on projects
- are tired of everyone else making decisions for them and are looking for an opportunity to
- take more control of their own lives
- are open to the adventure of living away from home.

Mr. Jacobs concluded, "There are students across the United States who have had an extremely difficult time in school, but when they are placed in a setting where they are empowered and shown that education is more than being stuffed full of questionably useful information, can still thrive in school. For those students, Longview is here to provide a second chance."

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Brewster Troop One Welcomes New Eagle Scout



Earlier this month, Brewster Troop One recognized its newest Eagle Scout John Imor. Surrounded by nine other Eagle Scouts; with his parents John and Barbara with sister Natalie taking photos- John (fourth from right) recited the Eagles OATH & Pledge. Imor, a 2015 graduate of Brewster High School who will be returning this fall to Fairfield University ,for his Eagle project replaced a flag pole at the historic Elks Lodge off Route 22 in Southeast while also creating a reflective area walkway monument in memory of "Friends of the Brewster Elks Lodge". When County Executive MaryEllen Odell presented John with a proclamation from Putnam County she state how pleased and honored she was that This year's honorees were the late Denis Castelli (Vietnam)and Charles Johansen (WWII). Troop One Committee Chair Perry Verrino stated after the ceremony " I was happy to be John's Eagle Coach and proud to receive the mentor pin from him. John led a very challenging Eagle Project and delivered professional results."

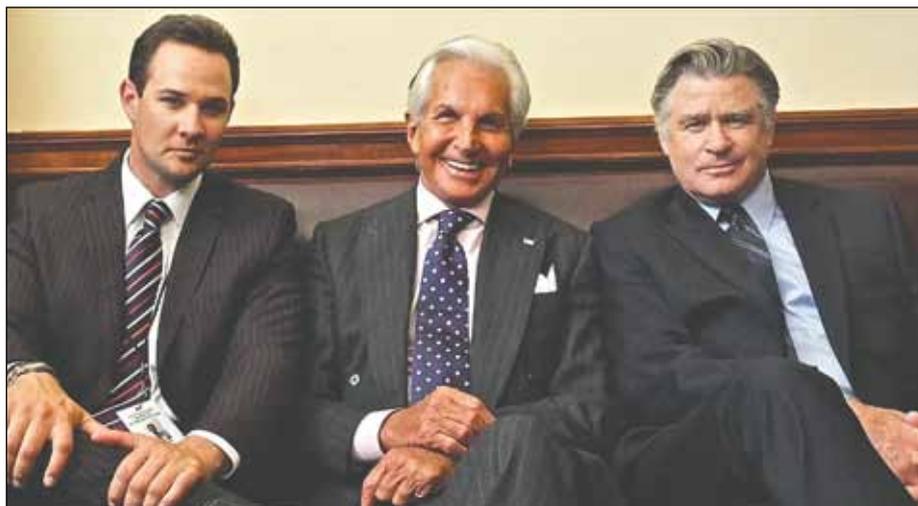
VoB Film Festival Features 'The Congressman'

The Village of Brewster Film Festival (VOBFF) is celebrating its fifth year of showing great independent films and this year will be showing more films in more locations throughout Putnam County, just 53 miles north of Manhattan, with three Metro North train stops, bringing tourist attention to a growing film festival.

The festival received over 150 film submissions this year, which was a record and will also be screening a record number of six different venues. "Every year we seem to have an even greater number of films coming into the festival," says Bob Dumont, Festival Chairman. "We were grateful to have so many film reviewers and volunteers to help us watch, rate and evaluate these projects. But we are especially proud of the quality films we will be showing."

Among the films being shown is "The Congressman" starring Treat Williams, who, as a Maine U.S. Congressman, is at a crossroads in his life personally and politically. "It was appropriate for our times, a compelling story, and is stunning visually," Dumont continued. The film also stars Elizabeth Marvel, Ryan Merriman, George Hamilton and features Kim Blacklock (as lobsterboat Captain Matty Pierce); Kim is a local SAG-AFTRA Actor from Putnam who also leads H. G. Fairfield Arts, a not-for-profit based in Brewster which promotes arts, culture, and environmental stewardship. VOBFF Chairman Bob Dumont reveals; "Kim brought the film to our attention. Once we saw it, we knew it had to be our featured film for our annual fundraiser night during the festival."

"The Congressman" will be shown at the annual "Dinner and Movie" night, which is the Village of Brewster Film Festival's annual fundraiser held during the festival. The event takes place Friday September 2nd at The Bull and Barrel Brew Pub in Brewster. The event sells



Ryan Merriman, George Hamilton, and Treat Williams.

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out quickly and reservations are highly recommended.

This year the VOBFF will also have a new venue - Arts on The Lake in Carmel. Ed Durkee, who is Executive Director of the organization, opened their facility in a very welcoming fashion. "We started speaking last year. One of our board members was active in the screening committee and we are happy to host this event," said Mr. Durkee.

The VOBFF will be doing something new this year. "We have had tremendous success the past four years, but we've never run two events going on at the same time," Bob Dumont announces. This year the festival will show films at both Arts on The Lake and Studio Around the Corner on Sunday, September 4. VOBFF Chairman Dumont notes: "We hope they are both very well attended and will be a true break through for us."

The number of venues makes this festival unique. Only one movie theater is involved in the screenings. The remainder are art studios, farms, and even historic restorations in Cold Spring.

Some of the best of Putnam County is on display during the Village of Brewster Film Festival. This year VOBFF is also expecting a record number of filmmakers in attendance. "We expect to again have a small contingent of people coming from international destinations and a very large turnout from many of the US

based directors and casts." The VOBFF is showing films from 15 different countries.

You can book your tickets at www.VOBFilmFestival.com. The fundraiser night is \$50 and includes a full dinner, dessert, even a mug of beer, and 2 hours of films, including the featured VOBFF Opening Film, "The Congressman." Introduced by the Hudson Valley's own Kim Blacklock, "The Congressman" movie (produced by the renown Fred Roos of Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather" series, will be followed by a Q&A with the audience. AARP claims in their Movies for Grownups Weekend Preview, "Treat Williams Is A Winning Congressman."

If you are looking for something to do Labor Day Weekend, Putnam County has four great days of independent film to enjoy - including panels with filmmakers, 6 locations around the County, and free screenings - in the 5th Annual Village of Brewster Film Festival.

For more information email info@VobfilmFestival.com or go to <http://www.vobfilmfestival.com/>

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Doc's Note: Breastfeeding-A Small Moment with Far-Reaching Benefits

By Kim McKechnie, RN, IBCLC,
Lactation Coordinator at Northern
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Kim McKechnie, RN, IBCLC

We know that in most cases “natural” is better, and breastfeeding is no exception. Breastfeeding your baby is the most healthful way to feed and nurture most newborns, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) backs this contention. The AAP recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby’s life, as well as continued breastfeeding for at least the first year as solid foods are introduced.

Breastfeeding your baby can also lead to broader benefits. Breastfed babies are sick less often than babies who are fed with formula because of the natural antibodies that are passed from a nursing mother to her baby. Breastfeeding protects babies from infections by contributing to their immune system resulting in lower occurrences of conditions such as ear infections, diarrhea, and respiratory infections.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says that we as a country benefit overall when mothers breastfeed. According to a recent study, if 90 percent of families breastfed exclusively

for six months the United States would save about \$13 billion per year because medical costs are lower for fully-breastfed infants than for those of never-breastfed babies.

Fewer sick days for babies also means fewer missed days of work for you.

Another benefit is a cleaner environment – no plastic refuse and a shallower environmental “footprint.”

Not to be overlooked are the many benefits of breastfeeding for mothers, beginning with postpartum weight loss. It’s easier for a woman who’s gained a reasonable amount of weight during pregnancy to lose that weight more quickly if she breastfeeds.

Women who breastfeed, according to the World Health Organization, lower their risk of both breast and ovarian cancers. Breastfeeding also decreases a woman’s risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, as well as statistically lessening the likelihood of her developing osteoporosis later in life.

Having a newborn baby in your life can be a bit chaotic at times; fortunately, breastfeeding also provides psychological and emotional benefits, which cannot be ignored. The built-in benefit of breastfeeding – some peaceful downtime – can have a restorative and meditative effect on the busy mother of a newborn. Breastfeeding provides the opportunity to peacefully nurture and bond with your baby as he or she feels the beat of your heart and warmth of your skin, and learns

‘Having a newborn baby in your life can be a bit chaotic at times; fortunately, breastfeeding also provides psychological and emotional benefits, which cannot be ignored.’

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Breastfeeding is an intimate act of love for both mother and baby, and I feel privileged to be able to witness and help facilitate this beautiful bonding experience.

‘Chapter 31’ Program Puts Real Estate Back on Tax Rolls

In January 2013, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell instituted a program to offset the increasing number of tax lien foreclosures in the county. Known as “Chapter 31,” the program contracts with real estate brokers to sell county owned properties resulting from delinquent property taxes. To date, the program has added \$2.7M worth of assessed real estate back

on the County’s tax roll.

“While the real estate market is making an incremental recovery in Putnam, we are still rehabilitating from the aftermath of the great recession and the inordinate number of tax lien foreclosures that ensued during that time,” said Odell. “We need to recoup those property taxes and diminish the number of “zombie” homes in Putnam,

so we can improve our neighborhoods and property values. The Chapter 31 Program is Putnam County’s way of dealing with this problem now -- We can’t wait indefinitely for Albany or the Federal Government to fix this.”

The Chapter 31 program is expected to continue to work towards recouping property tax losses. A recent sale in Philipstown by Briante Realty Group added another \$496,650 to the County tax roll.

“It’s been a great experience to see properties that were vacant for many years go into the hands of people who quickly bring them back to life,” said Angela Briante, principal and broker, Briante Realty Group. “It’s been refreshing to see the revitalization and we look forward to continued success based on the healthy sales activity we are seeing this year compared to 2015.”

Prior to the program, county owned properties were put up for auction and purchase prices were far below market value, and in some cases, did not recoup the tax revenue outstanding on the property. The Chapter 31 program has yielded greater return on tax lien foreclosures, which ensures replenishment of tax revenue and additional gains used to fund debt service and other community projects.

Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code features an amendment that allows for outside brokers to facilitate the sale of county owned properties. The present brokers under contract with the county are:

Keller Williams Realty Partners, Briante Realty Group, World Homes Realty, Guardian Realty Center, and J. Philip Real Estate.

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The Good, Bad and Questionable Home Inspections Issues

It's happened to many of us in the real estate business. The "engineering" or house inspection prior to a contract signing can kill the sale of a house.

I remember the first time I heard the complaint of a realtor whose engineering resulted in a failed septic system and the bank refused to give a mortgage.

"With a failed septic, it's considered a non-functioning house," my colleague told me. It was quite an expensive ordeal to get the house into functioning order and to move the transaction along.

A bad engineering report can either be a negotiating point or can put the kibosh on the deal. In the best case scenario, buyers are assured that they are getting their money's worth and that hopefully there will be no surprises once the deal is done.

The inspector's job, under the standards of the American Society of Home Inspectors, is to evaluate all readily accessible systems. It includes the foundation and underfloor crawl space, the floor structure, walls, ceilings and roof structure.

The inspection is also conducted on all exterior wall covering and flashing, all exterior doors, attached decks, balconies,



By Bill Primavera

stoops, steps and porches and their railings. Also included are the eaves, soffits and fascias. Inspections extend to the vegetation grading, surface drainage and retaining walls when any of these are likely to adversely affect the building and walkways, patios and driveways leading to dwelling entrances.

Systems included in the inspection are plumbing, vents, flues, chimneys, fuel storage and fuel distribution systems, drainage pumps, sump pumps and related piping. Also included are the electrical system, heating, air conditioning systems, insulation and ventilation.

The big concerns among homebuyers are the "famous five," which are active termite damage, mold, septic, well water and radon. Because most consumers know the least about radon, and because there are such divergent opinions about it, that particular aspect of home inspection warrants further exploration.

If you research radon online, the information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can scare the heck out of you. It cautions that every year radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States among citizens who don't smoke. Further,

the agency estimates that one out of 15 houses in the United States (and as many as one of three homes in some states) have high radon levels.

However, some critics say that the EPA statistics are exaggerated. One local home inspector with whom I researched the subject some time ago said he had serious questions about those statistics. He explained that when he checked the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics on lung cancer and radon, he saw what he felt were some serious omissions. Almost everything the CDC included about lung cancer addressed the issue of smoking, stressing that smoking causes most of the preventable deaths.

"The stuff I read made it seem that smoking accounted for 86 to 90 percent of the deaths and radon was accountable for the rest, by default," he said. "Frankly, I wonder if most people would not be better off spending their money on something else, because I don't think it is as cut and dried as the U.S. EPA makes it sound."

The engineer's understanding was that only 10 to 15 percent of the houses in the country have substantially elevated levels of radon and that even in those houses it would take many years of exposure to develop a serious risk of lung cancer.

The average family stays in a house about 11 years. Stretching the issue to the absurd, the inspector concluded: "It seems that what the U.S. EPA is searching

for is that one family in the high radon house that will stay there for 70 years and stay indoors 18 hours a day!"

The first time I heard the word radon it was when I bought a country home in 1990. At that time I had no idea what it was. But I found that the relatively new home had a high level of it on the lower, partly below-grade level and I decided to install a system for mitigation.

When I called the New York State Department of Health, I was told that when a house is sold the seller must disclose to the buyer if he or she is aware of elevated levels of radon in the structure. However, neither the seller nor the buyer is required to install a mitigation system.

Whatever side of the controversy one may be on, most real estate agents suggest to their buyers that they consider including a radon test in the home inspection. While it is only recommended, I always say better safe than sorry. Maybe it's because I'm old enough to remember when asbestos was considered the top choice for insulation.

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Understanding Today's Wine Bottle Through its History and Dynamics



By Nick Antonaccio

Our family was over for dinner last week and we were enjoying one of my wife's new chicken recipes and a bottle of Austrian Grüner Veltliner. My granddaughter noticed the wine bottle on the table

and asked what was in the bottle.

"Grape juice," I replied. To which she responded: "But it's not in a juice box."

Hmm, from the mouths of babes come inspirations for wine column subjects.

Have you ever wondered how wine bottles evolved to their present-day shape, color and size? Let's review the physiology of the wine bottle.

Shape: Early Greeks transported wine in amphoras, two-handled ceramic jars with a narrow neck, wide body and pointed bottom. This shape served an additional purpose: an easy pouring spout for filling wine vessels. When glass-blowing became popular in the 16th century, the present-day compact and portable bottle shape began to take form.

When you peruse the shelves and racks at your local wine shop, there is a

helpful key to identifying the type of wine that is in the bottle; think of it as an early-detection system. Here are the five basic shapes:

First is the Bordeaux bottle, distinguished by its straight sides and tall, rounded shoulders. This bottle typically identifies the contents as one of the Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec (or a blend) for reds and Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and dessert wines for the whites.

Second is the Burgundy bottle, with sloping shoulders and a slightly broader bottom than the Bordeaux bottle. This shape is typically used for the two prime varietals of the region: Chardonnay and Pinot Noir (the wines of the Loire Valley are also typically stored in this shape).

Third is the Rhone bottle, with a shape similar to the Burgundy bottle, but with more angular shoulders and a bit slimmer. If a bottle displays a coat of arms on the neck it is specifically from the Rhone subregion of Châteauneuf du Pape. Outside of the Rhone Valley, this shape typically indicates Syrah and Grenache for reds and Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne for whites.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

Fourth is the Champagne bottle. Here, invention is the mother of necessity. The walls are much thicker than other bottles and there is a large dimple in the bottom – to adequately control the pressure in the bottle (which is three times greater than that inside a car tire).

Fifth is the German and Alsatian bottle, very distinctive for being taller and narrower than other bottles, and having a very gentle slope to its shoulders. You won't have any difficulty identifying bottles of Rieslings or Gewürztraminer.

Color: Light can be detrimental to the life and quality of bottled wine. Hence, most bottles of red wine are made of dark green glass and white wine a lighter green – a logical choice since red wines are aged longer than whites. Some German and Italian wines are stored in brown glass bottles. Many white and dessert wine bottles are made of clear glass, meant to be displayed naturally – and not generally expected to be aged for extended periods.

Size: The standard size (750ml/25.4 oz.) has remained constant since 16th century glassblowers first began producing bottles. As legend has it, the

volume capacity of today's bottle was a direct function of the glassblower's lung capacity to blow a single bottle. Larger bottles range in size from magnums (equivalent to two bottles) to bottles with Biblical references: Methusaleh (eight bottles), Salmanazer (12 bottles) and Nebuchadnezzar (20 bottles).

The Old World practicality that dictated the shape, size and color of wine bottles is not as compelling today and I see several changes looming. Wine boxes haven't yet caught the widespread imagination of consumers, but they are gaining in popularity. Likewise, Tetra Paks (juice boxes) and even metal cans are coming into the market. Who knows, I may soon be sharing a juice box format with my granddaughter, but I'd miss the clinking sound of glasses when toasting. Somehow I don't think I'd get used to the sound of plastic on plastic.

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Happenings

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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 Papanoniou 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.

Mahopac Falls Nursery School, located at First Presbyterian Church, 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd.) is expanding their programs for children and young families. In addition to their preschool program for 3 and 4 year old children, in the Fall of 2016 they will add a Mommy and Me program to benefit children ages 18 to 30 months and their caregivers. The Mommy and Me program is a great opportunity for your child to learn valuable social skills through music and play in an educational setting, and adults will have an opportunity to socialize also. Registrations are now being accepted. Call 845-444-6206 or go to mahopacfallsnurseryschool.org for more information.

Art On Display:

Dagmar Swanson, a longtime Carmel resident who is losing her eyesight, has created a series of drawings that are currently on display on the second floor of Mahopac Library. Despite her infirmity, Swanson continues to produce artwork, and remains an active volunteer at her church.

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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.

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Tuesday, August 30

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Thursday, September 1

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Futbol Factory!

Yorktown, Lakeland Eyeing Big Prize on Soccer Pitch

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For much of the past decade, Lakeland High has drawn a lot of the attention when it comes to soccer, mostly because of the consistent nature of Coach Tim Hourahan's program, but there's another program on the other side of town that has stolen much of Lakeland's thunder the last two years.

Yorktown High has made the most of opportunity the last two seasons, reaching the Class A finals in 2014 and the Class AA finals in 2015; coming away as the bride's maid in both title tilts. Those two championship appearances have spawned a rebirth in Cornhusker soccer and made the Yorktown/Shrub Oak region almost as strong as the powers that be in places like Arlington and Bryam Hills.

Yorktown has set its sights on a third-straight championship appearance as the program has grown in both stature and numbers in 2016. Much of last year's team returns (7 of 11 starters), minus All-State goalkeeper Giuliano Santucci, who has rejoined the U.S. Academy system for his senior year. However, junior Mauricio Arango assures the Huskers of a veteran presence between the pipes with very little drop off. Arango was set to start his sophomore year, prior to Santucci's unexpected return last year.

If the defense in front of Arango pans out, the Huskers have a shot at producing another fantastic season under ninth-year Coach Ed Polchinski, who brings back a talented group of forwards and middies in F Alex Kaczor, striker Joey Landicino, M Ankit Patel, versatile M Adam Romanowski and skillful M Enzo Sangiacomo.

Matt Paddos and Sam Arno return as well, having gained experience last year,



Lakeland's Nick Foci (L) and Yorktown's Matt Prado are expecting big years on the pitch this season.

as does technique-oriented senior M Ryan O'Leary and junior Sean Boyle.

With this much experience back, optimism is high at Yorktown, which gave Arlington fits in last year's Class AA finale, losing on a hotly contested call that resulted in a penalty kick and a 1-0 loss to the Dutchess-based powerhouse that has produced 15 sectional and four NYS titles and remains a strong contender for the crown.

The Huskers will work out of League I-D where Port Chester will be a handful to contend with. Fox Lane, Greeley and Ossining round out a very formidable league. Yorktown opens the season in its own tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. against Arlington B. It's a fresh start for a team that has gone through a pair of agonizing finishes of the last two seasons, which the coaching staff believes has built a sense of maturity and belief among a close-knit unit.

LAKELAND is another strong contender in Class A. The Hornets bring back a host of talented players, including senior captains Matias Prando, Nick Foci and Jordan Fein; each of whom have a new outlook on life after a late-season car accident just days before the sectional tournament cut their junior season short in 2015.

That outlook includes a championship drive that affects each and every one of their teammates, who are hell-bent on the "Drive for Five," what would be Lakeland's 5th sectional championship should it come to fruition.

"This Lakeland team is meshing quite well," Hourahan said. "It helps to have so many players returning from last fall that put in the work all off-season during winter league, spring training sessions and summer league. We have some really,

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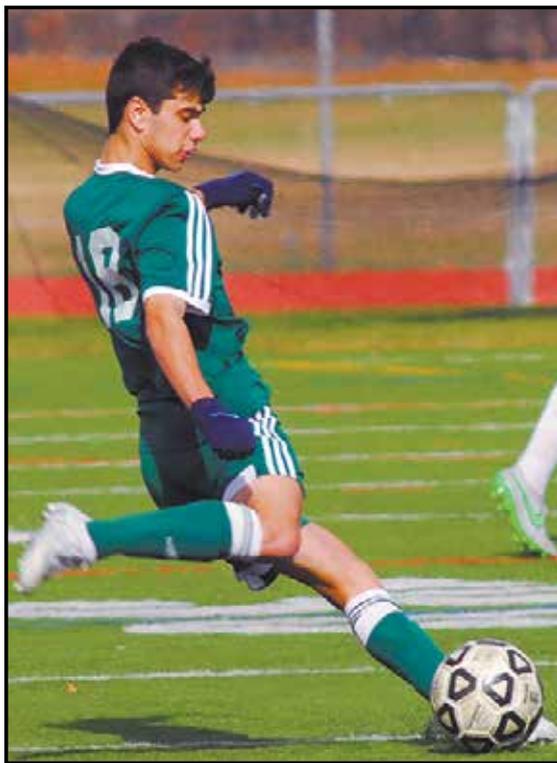
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really good individual talent on this team, but the collective team-first approach, starting with the leadership of our three captains, has the whole program buzzing.”

After finishing 12-5-1 last season with a sectional quarterfinal loss at home to Eastchester, 12th-year Coach Tim Hourahan is counting on the his three captains to lead the likes speedy junior F Dhruv Girgenti, plus returning defenders Kevin Allan (CB), Chris McGovern (CB) and Kadri Haluci (LB), to lead the team back to the Class A Final 4 where they were once regulars. The Hornets were in the sectional semifinals or sectional finals in six of Hourahan’s first eight seasons at Lakeland, and have now suffered quarterfinal defeats in three straight years.

Pearl River, which lost in the Class A state finals in 2015 but graduates a ton of promise, is among the teams to beat, but the Hornets aren’t backing down from anyone this season, including a Pirates’ team they will see on Labor Day weekend.

“After playing in the sectional finals in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2011 (and winning twice), it has been five years now since this program has been back on the big stage,” Hourahan said. “We have had tremendous regular seasons here but are trying to build



Yorktown’s Enzo Sangiacomo has the flash and dash to be among top scorers in Section 1 this year.

a team with great fortitude to advance in the “one-off” games in October.”

Reaching the Final 4 in Class A won’t be easy this year, either; not with defending champ Pearl River, the gold standard at Byram Hills, Rye and section finalists Tappan Zee in the mix.

“Our schedule this year has us playing three of those four teams, so we will get a real sense of where we are going early in



The 2014-15 Section 1 runner-up Huskers are hoping 2016 is their year.

RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

September,” the coach said.

The Hornets will operate out of League II-C with Brewster, Somers, John Jay and Panas.

LEAGUE II-C

SOMERS has plenty to be optimistic about, including MF Nolan Fierro, G Kenny Kurtz and feisty M Jack Maher, one of the better middies in the region. The fifth coach in the past 10 years, Brian Lanzetta, a Somers grad, will lead the Tuskers this season, hoping to provide some continuity and a sense of Tusker Pride.

“I couldn’t be more excited to have sealed this job,” said Lanzetta, who, in 2006 earned All-Section status as the Tuskers’ MVP. “I have worked with a lot of these boys in the community, coaching the youth programs here at Somers and have been a big part of local summer soccer camps here. Many of these boys I have worked with since they are seven, eight years old. The boys and I are very excited for this season. Right now the boys are pushing through pre-season with some tough workouts and are consistently demonstrating their passion for the game. I couldn’t be more impressed with the talent here in Somers. If I was playing against us I wouldn’t

fall asleep for a second.”

The coach expects the 6’4” Kurtz, and two additional six-footers -- center backs Luke Bugoni and Evan Kieltyka – to anchor the defense. Senior Maher

could not advance beyond the field of 16. That could change if LM Hugo Guerra and junior striker Marko Poljak (who returns from academy soccer) can fill the nets this season.

PANAS’ Rob Rohan, a versatile MF/F, has been around a few years now and hopes to lead the Panthers to a respectable season.

LEAGUE I-A

MAHOPAC and CARMEL will compete in one of the toughest leagues in the state, hands down; with Arlington, John Jay EF and RCK. Mahopac senior M George Weiss hopes to lead the Indians back to contention.

Max Lichtman, Davian Robinson and Augie Djerdjaj join Weiss as experienced players who strongly believe in their competitive abilities.

“I truly believe that we have the winning mindset, and our goal this year is to win the section,” Weiss said. “The team is all set on that goal and everyone believes we can do it.”

LEAGUE II-E

HEN HUD Coach Chris Cassidy enters his 12th year off a sub-par 5-10-2 campaign, in which they lost to Brewster in the Section 1 Class A outbracket. With finisher David Perez, hustling Joe Shamash and exciting rookie Ethan Furphy creating up top, the Sailors expect to improve upon that and make a run at the Conference II League E title where Beacon, Lourdes, Peekskill and Sleepy Hollow will challenge.

Senior G Michael Donato, senior D JP Goncalves and juniors D Trevor Dowling and D Noah Schwartz anchor the back line. Senior F Marcus Andre and M Nick Dipietro also return for action.

PEEKSKILL’s Wizard of Oz, Oswald Annang, will score goals in bunches for the Red Devils this season, so keep an eye out for one of the more talented players in recent Peekskill history.



Somers D Evan Kieltyka will bolster the Tuskers’ solid back line.



Lakeland’s Jordan Fein is a skillful two-way middle who hopes to lead Hornets to Class A goodness.

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there were not many open spots, however, Tripaldi did note that sophomore Brianna Viola (forward) is one of the key new players to varsity.

"We are a veteran team with eight returning starters who have at least two years of varsity playing experience," Tripaldi said. "Last year was the first time in several years that this program has finished with a winning record, qualified

Salem, Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Graduation day at **YORKTOWN** was tough on second-year coach Bernadette Gannon as she witnessed her 10 seniors receive their diplomas.

The seniors were integral members of a team that went 9-7 and qualified for sectionals before suffering a tough 3-2 loss to Mahopac in the Class AA playoffs.

Some teams might not be able to



Julia Wanamaker, Kelsey McCrudden, Julia Cummings, Emily Kness & Nicole Orlowski get their turn to keep Lakeland tradition alive.

for sectionals, and was able to win their first sectional game before losing in the second round. I look forward to this team building off last year's taste of success as we have veteran leadership and a dynamic player in Danielle Merante."

Panas will open the 2016 season at Brewster, Tuesday, Sept. 6.

SOMERS begins its second year with coach Jaime Prysclak, who guided the team to a 6-8-4 record in 2015, including a first-round sectional win over Hen Hud.

Somers will look to build off last year behind a core of returnees led by seniors Mary Kate Mollaghan (midfield), Taylor Turchick (forward), Katie Campbell (forward) and Emma McNeil (defense), juniors Tegan Lucchese (forward/midfield) and Elizabeth Olsen (midfield) and sophomore Grace Farina (defense) and Sheridan DeVito (midfield).

"I feel we are picking up where we left off last year, but we are also further along," Prysclak said. "We have good team chemistry and team speed. We've set some long-term and short-term goals. Some of our long-term goals are to make it further in sectionals and finish over .500. The girls are excited and eager and they want to improve. It's fun to coach them because they are working hard every day."

Somers opens Friday (Sept. 2) with its tournament. The Tuskers play Pawling and Mahopac faces Yorktown. The championship and consolation games will be Thursday. Somers also plays North

weather the graduation of 10 players, but Gannon has a veteran group back.

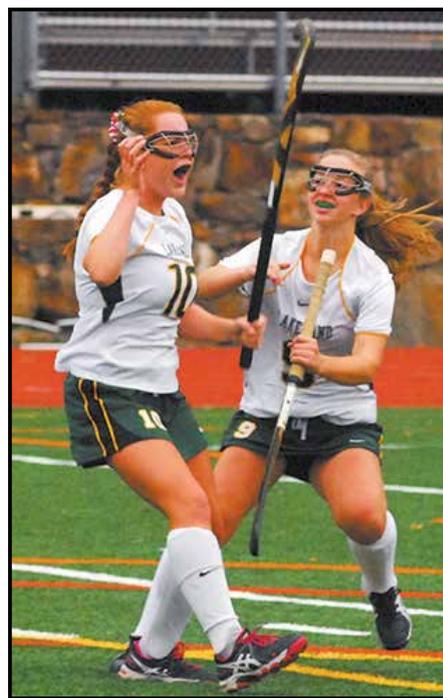
Seniors Lauren Gammer (defense), Natalie Gammer (forward), Sydney Ficarrotta (defense) and Olivia Sanchez (goalie) return. Lauren and Natalie Gammer are three-year starters and Natalie was one of Yorktown's leading scorers last year.

The junior returnees include Caroline Garti (midfield), Caitlin O'Donnell (midfield), Julia Wurzel (defense), Stephanie Gridley (defense), Katie Vogel (midfield) and McKenna Duff (defense).

Gannon, who has 195 career wins between Suffern and Yorktown, has a numerous contingent debuting on varsity this fall. Senior Caitlin Verber (forward), juniors Emily DeRos (midfield), Emma Bilton (midfield), Hannah Bilton (defense) and Gaby Raffa (defense) join the team as does sophomores Isabella Cicinelli (forward) and Sophia Traina (forward).

"Our team has strength and speed, as well as good stick skills, and the girls communicate well together," Gannon said. "The girls and I are excited to build upon what we started last year. This team has the ability to go far if they continue with the hard work that they began during tryouts. They are close knit and work well together. It should be a great season for the Huskers!"

Yorktown plays Mahopac in the Somers Tournament, Friday, Sept. 2. Yorktown will travel to Rockland County to play



Lakeland senior captain Meghan Fahey (10) will be relied upon for scoring and Kelsey McCrudden for two-way play.

Clarkstown South, Friday, Sept. 9.

HEN HUD took a huge step forward in 2015, qualifying for sectionals for the first time since 2010. Even though Somers defeated Hen Hud in the first round, the Sailors established a base to build from.

Second-year coach Heather Gallagher, who was the JV coach prior to moving up last year, has an eager group back ready to continue progressing.

The nucleus is headlined by seven seniors -- Kelsey Byrne (forward), Serena Abraham, (forward), Carol Sinicore (goalie), ToniAnn Rosa (forward), Maeve O'Hara (center mid), Sara Kearney (defense) and Fiona Jackson (defense).

Juniors Andrea Goncalves (midfield), Tanazia Miller (defense) and Jillian Walsh (midfield) complete the returning group.

Last year, Hen Hud did not have a JV team, but this year it does, which is another positive step for the program.

"The girls are going out of their way, coming in at 6:30 in the morning, an hour before practice, to do their running and conditioning and then they come down to the field for three hours of practice. This, on top of the girls playing winter league and summer league. Kudos to them. We are very excited and very optimistic. The girls know if they push themselves they are going to continue to get better."

Hen Hud will open the 2016 season hosting Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday, Sept. 7.

PUTNAM VALLEY welcomed new coach Rebecca Gherardi in 2015 and once the adjustment period concluded, Gherardi had her young team playing well even though the record may not indicate it.

Putnam Valley progressed with each

game and the Tigers were on the opposite side of tough, one-goal setbacks. Putnam Valley also has to contend without having a junior varsity team so many of the girls are making the jump from modified to varsity.

Gherardi is excited about her returning nucleus, highlighted by seniors Kotoe Abe (midfield), Mary Calabro (defense), Caleigh Jacobs (forward) and Susanna Granieri (forward). The juniors are also well-represented with Lauren Turner (goalie) and Joanna Pelc (midfield).

The varsity newcomers include sophomore Danielle Cunningham (defense) and the freshmen trio of Cyera Daughtry (midfield), Olivia Leisengang (defense) and Lauren Seiler (defense).

"We have a dedicated group of girls who are willing to push themselves to succeed," Gherardi said. "We do have a large, talented freshman class, which is going to help our team with their skill level and our numbers. I believe we are going to be a stronger team this year with the depth of our bench. I am looking forward to the great things this team is going to do during our season."

Putnam Valley will host Walter Panas, Wednesday, Sept. 7 in its season-opener.

CARMEL Coach Aislinn Breslin and her team had a 2015 season like Putnam Valley where the Rams played well, improved with each game, but their final record did not show what they achieved.

Breslin is looking forward to the 2016 season based on her returning group, which is led by seniors Casey Gilchrist (midfield), who has started since freshman year, and Elaina Nacinovich (goalie), a starter since sophomore year.

"We have a good group of returning seniors and juniors who are ready to lead a young group of newcomers," Breslin said.

A few of this talented group of varsity newcomers include sophomores Gabrielle Erickson (forward), Julia Stefano (forward), Victoria Pixley (midfield) and Kayla Medina (defense), and freshman Caitlin Tully (forward).

"Our team is a completely different makeup from last year," Breslin said. "There are new skills and talents being brought to the table that I am very excited to continue to watch progress throughout the season."

"With a few younger players on the team I am looking forward to working with the leadership of everyone on the team, including the amazing senior class of 13. I am very optimistic for this season and can't wait to get underway."

Carmel will travel to Clarksstown South for its season-opener, Friday, Sept. 9.

Field hockey coaches are urged to reach out to Field Hockey beat writer Tony Pinciario at tfinch23@optonline.net with stats and comments on a game-by-game basis, or no later than Saturday night with a weekly recap.

Dominant Behavior!

Lakeland Eyes 8th-Straight NYS Title

By Tony Pinciario

Lakeland High field hockey has always been one of the premier programs in New York under the guidance of veteran Coach Sharon Sarsen. However, since 2009, Lakeland has distanced itself from the state.

The Hornets are now a dynasty and the best program in the state as evidenced by an unprecedented seven consecutive New York State Class B championships. Lakeland also stands alone as the field hockey program with the most state championships.

Lakeland went 22-0 in 2015 on its way to lucky No.7, beating Garden City of Long Island, once again, in the title game. The Hornets graduated nine seniors from their latest state-title team led by the quartet of Dana Bozek (Wake Forest), Valerie Perkins (Quinnipiac), Brianna Muniz (Siena) and Julia Kim (Albany), who are all playing collegiately.

Even with the graduation of this talented class, Lakeland is prepared for the 2016 season. The Hornets don't rebuild, they retool and they will do so with a veteran returning nucleus led by seniors Mia Lennon (all-state defender) and her defensive partner Julia Wanamaker, plus forwards Meghan Fahey (28 goals in 2015) and Cali Cortese (17 goals in 2015). Junior Caroline Cahill will headline the midfield unit with junior Kelsey McCrudden.

Sarsen, in her 35th year coaching Lakeland, welcomes a talented group stepping up from Junior Varsity. Sophomores Julianna Cappello



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Members of the seven-time defending NYS Class B field hockey champions, including sophomore Emily Kness (L) and senior Mia Lennon, were hard at work last week as the Hornets began their quest for an unprecedented eighth-straight NYS title last week.

(forward) and Brianna Madison (defender) highlight this group.

Lakeland will receive a lift this season with the return of senior Cameron Lischinsky. Sarsen noted that Lischinsky, also an outstanding softball player, did not play last year in order to play club softball.

Sarsen pointed out that her team's strengths are depth, experience and a full commitment to the team and program.

"We have put in a lot of work and are eager to start our season," said Sarsen, who owns a career record of 575-71-37.

Lakeland will open the season hosting John Jay-Cross River, Tuesday, Sept. 6.

It is difficult for any field hockey program, especially one in the same school district, to get noticed with Lakeland's success. WALTER PANAS began to establish itself as a rising program following a successful 2015 season.

The Panthers finished with an 8-5-5 record and won their first-round sectional game. The Panthers and fourth-year coach Andrew Tripaldi are optimistic for the 2016 because of their experienced returning core.

The seniors have been the impetus behind Panas' resurgence. Seniors Carlyn Mucci (center mid), Jesse Devlin (forward), Julia Gale (left mid), Lisa Guzzo (defense) and Sloane Perry (defense) are all three-year starters. Add in junior forward Danielle Merante, who led the team in scoring with 22 goals last year, and one can see why the optimism is flowing.

With a veteran team back,

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