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## Legislators Approve Butterfield Lease, But Deal Not Sealed Yet

By David Propper

With emotions running high, the Putnam County Legislature approved the latest lease deal that would allow the county to operate a new senior center at the Butterfield redevelopment in Cold Spring and an \$800,000 bond to pay for some of the interior renovations.

In a 6-3 vote for both the lease deal and the bond, the county edged a little closer to sealing a final deal with developer Paul Guillaro for 6,000 square feet at the controversial Butterfield campus. The project originally anticipated a \$500,000 donation from Garrison resident and former FOX News chairman Roger Ailes, but he pulled out after legislators didn't approve a charitable donation agreement with him following sexual harassment allegations leveled against him.

Attending the meeting included a dozen Philipstown seniors, more than 30 union carpenters hoping to get work from the

project, and a myriad of residents opposed to the deal, many from Philipstown.

The overall project was estimated for \$1.5 million, but is now reduced to \$1.3 million, according to county officials. In a Sep. 1 memo from deputy county executive Bruce Walker, costs include \$300,000 for wood stairs, insulation and outside loft stairs for the one story building, \$100,00 for bathrooms, \$45,000 for lights and fans, \$25,000 for a gas fireplace and glass front and another \$25,000 for tables, chairs, and banquet equipment.

Legislators worked on minor details to the lease Monday night during the Physical Services Committee meeting and a special full legislative meeting is slotted for Wednesday night on the third floor of the county office building to approve it.

During the Sep. 6 meeting, Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said there is no

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
Cold Spring resident Michael Robinson spoke out against the Butterfield lease deal last week.



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Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra makes the case for the new senior center at Butterfield.

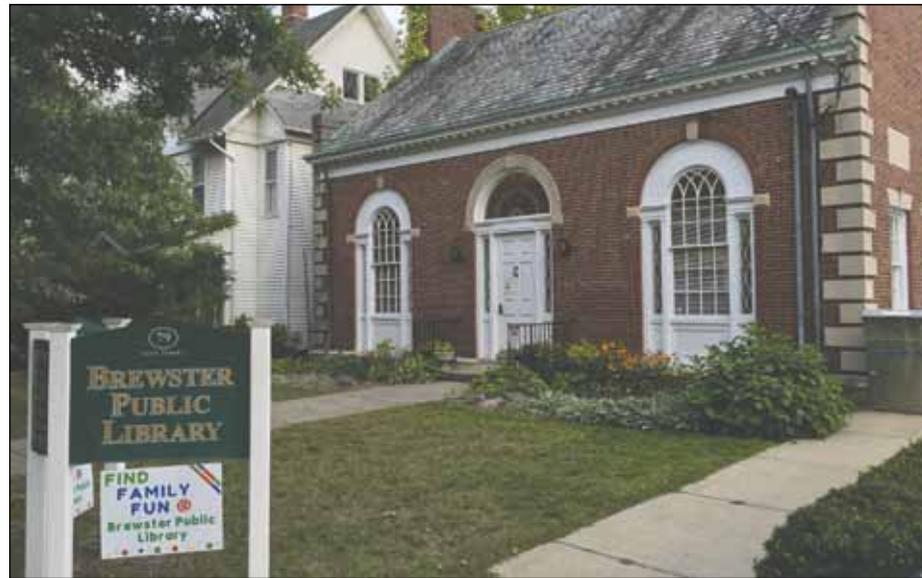
## Brewster Library Seeks Building Expansion, Voter Referendum

By David Propper

In hopes of doubling its size, the Brewster Public Library wants to put a referendum out to voters sooner rather than later that would provide funding for the large-scale expansion.

Library officials and trustees came to the Thursday Southeast town board meeting in hopes of convincing the town board to hold a special election that would determine if voters want almost \$3 million worth of renovations done on the old library along Main Street. The library board would've liked to see the referendum on the ballot for this upcoming general election, but the deadline was missed to have it placed.

Currently, Brewster library director Gina Loprinzo said the library is falling short in providing services to residents because of the lack of space. The programs



The Brewster Library could double in size if a voter referendum is passed.

DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

the library offer simply don't have the room to accommodate everyone that wants to take part, Loprinzo said.

The current library is about 4,000 square feet and under the proposed expansion, it would be about 8,000 square feet. The expansion would also provide more private areas for library patrons and staff. Right now there is only one private room in the entire building and the director doesn't even have an office.

The expansion would also help the library become American with Disabilities Act compliant.

"We'd like to grow and continue to meet the needs of the community," Loprinzo said.

While 30 percent of town residents have a library card, some are going to out of town libraries like Kent, Patterson

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or Mahopac, all significantly larger than Brewster, Loprinzo said.

Loprinzo noted there are already many issues with the current building that include the need to replace windows and light fixtures, as well as other critical repairs. She noted library trustees wouldn't overtake those minor projects if a mass renovation were on the horizon.

A grant has also been applied for, Loprinzo said, that could go toward a portion of the expansion.

Loprinzo said the library board would

like to see a special election as soon as mid-winter or early spring, though the town board didn't seem very receptive.

Supervisor Tony Hay said he wasn't in favor of special elections because people don't come out to vote in them. The average household assessed at \$331,000 would pay on average \$32 per year if the referendum goes through, Hay said, and it would likely result in the town busting the tax cap.

Councilman Bob Cullen said he thought special elections can't be held for town matters, according to town law, though he wasn't sure if that was

connected to the library, too. He added a special election would be pricey for the town compared to the general election that Putnam County pays for.

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt said she wanted the process to be transparent and homeowners should know how the project could affect their tax bill.

She questioned why the library wanted a 50-person auditorium when Studio Around the Corner, which is next door, has a 69-person theater. She suggested consolidation where it could be achieved.

After the meeting, Brewster library trustees were disappointed that a special election seemed unlikely to get town board approval.

Trustee Peter Carey said by putting a referendum out to the voters as soon as possible, it would allow the library to apply for grants before deadlines pass. Those grants would defray costs to town taxpayers, he noted.

"The voters should be the ones that decide," Carey said. "And I understand



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
Library director Gina Loprinzo speaks at a recent town board meeting.

the board's thing about turnout, however if people really want something, they'll turn out and vote and if they don't want it, they'll turn out and vote."

Trustee John Blaser said in other communities, the library is the center of town. He would like to see that happen in Southeast.

"Southeast doesn't have a center," Blaser said.

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#### Q: What are the most common sports-related knee injuries?

A: There are three:

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- Damage to the medial collateral ligament (MCL), which keeps the tibia (shinbone) in place, usually consists of a partial tear.
- Made of cartilage, the meniscus is the knee's "shock absorber," and a tear causes pain and dysfunction.

#### Q: When should an athlete seek medical attention for a knee injury?

A: If, after two or three days, your knee is swollen; you are limping; you can't put your full weight on the leg; or you are in pain, head to the ER for an x-ray to determine if there's a break or fracture. Whatever the outcome, you should see an orthopedic specialist without delay. Knee injuries often require surgical repair, and left untreated, can have long-term consequences.

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therapies. The three injuries mentioned here require different treatment, and we are deeply experienced in each. An injured ACL must be surgically replaced with a new ligament taken from the patient's own body. An MCL injury normally heals with physical therapy, while a meniscus tear requires surgical repair.

#### Q: Is it possible to prevent sports-related knee injuries?

A: Female athletes are much more likely to suffer an ACL injury. The good news is that a specific 20-minute warm-up called a neuromuscular injury-prevention and performance enhancement program can dramatically reduce ACL injuries among female athletes. Inquire at the local gym for personal trainers who have been trained in this protective conditioning program, and can offer it outside of normal practice. Male athletes can also improve stability from the warm-up.

Parents also need to monitor the number and type of sports a young athlete is involved in. It's important to offset activities that stress the knee with others that offer respite. Be aware: Playing sports year-round with no break can stress the knee to the point of injury.

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# Negative Declaration Approved for Barrett Hill Housing Proposal

By David Propper

The Southeast town board, by a slim majority, voted to approve a negative declaration for the Barrett Hill housing project at its meeting last Thursday as the proposal moves forward.

In a 3-2 vote, with Supervisor Tony Hay and Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt voting against it, developer Harold Lepler got over another hurdle to build the workforce units originally meant for senior housing. The board also set two public hearings for Sept. 22 related to the project that would pass a local law establishing a multifamily work force housing district and mapping the district for 41 Mt. Ebo Road North in town where the development would be built.

The Southeast planning board also backed the 168-unit project, as long as several revisions were included. The planning board recommended there be no time limit imposed on marketing the priority units and it should remain subject to the 99-year restriction, even if the target audience isn't reached.

The planning board also wrote it's unclear why non-affordable housing units would have a preference list and the percentage of affordable housing units should be of the total housing units, as opposed to a percentage of the preference housing units.



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Councilman Bob Cullen and Supervisor Tony Hay at last week's meeting.

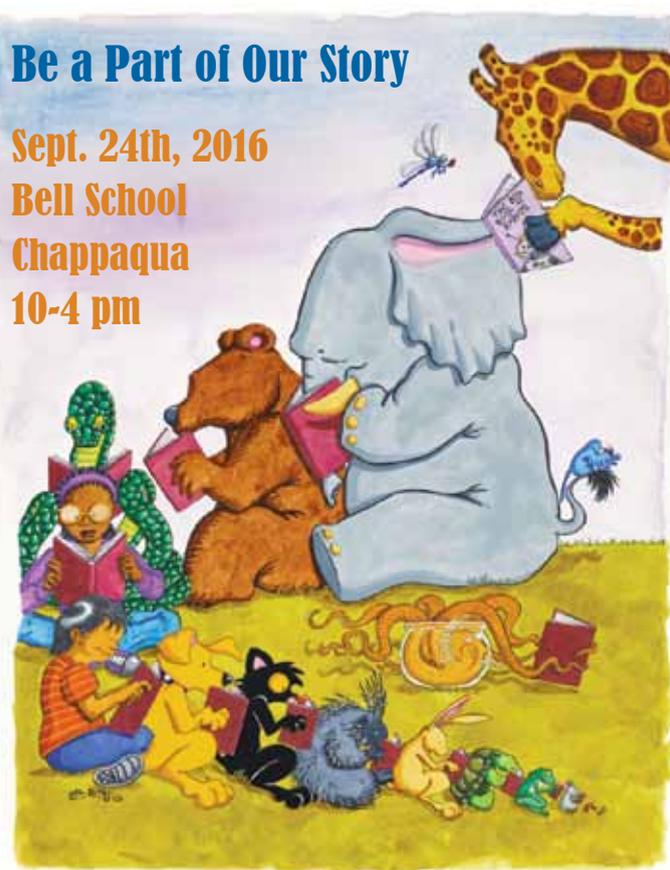
Right now 17 units would be affordable and 50 units would be priority on the 25-acre parcel.

The planning board also stated the proposed zoning should more clearly define "bedroom" so common areas and dens are not converted into bedrooms and there should be a limit on the number of people to a unit, depending on the size. The proposed zoning should also require payment of recreation fees, the planning board noted.

Supporters of the project say it will provide needed housing for emergency volunteers, physically disabled, veterans, and town and school employees. Opponents believe it goes against the town comprehensive plan and could lead to a mass influx of school children and higher taxes.

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other location in Philipstown that can serve seniors as well as Butterfield. The United States Post Office, also leasing at Butterfield, has been working out of a trailer for two years because there is no place for them to go. She said seniors deserve a center with "dignity."

"We cannot let this opportunity pass us by," Scuccimarra said.

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino refuted that the process has been shrouded in secrecy and stressed legislators have been meeting for years over the Butterfield proposal. She said the legislature determined leasing a space at Butterfield would be more cost effective than owning a building.

Additionally, Nacerino stressed not one constituent from her district has called or emailed to complain about the deal.

"No one will argue that this is not an expensive endeavor," Nacerino said. "But the costs are aligned with other senior centers."

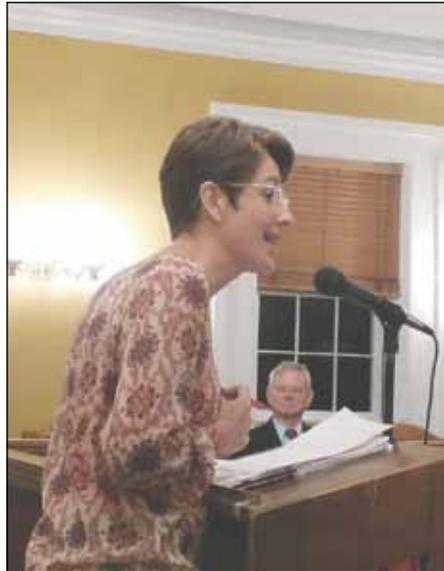
Legislator Carl Albano said Philipstown seniors have been underserved since he took office six years ago and Butterfield was the only viable option for a better center. He said the Common Area Charges were about eight dollars a square foot, with five of those dollars going toward taxes.

Albano said ire toward the lease was due to "misinformation" and "politically motivated."

Legislator Toni Addonizio said the Cold Spring senior center would be the cheapest to operate compared to the other three current centers in the county. Legislator Joe Castellano noted the county is paying a significant discount compared to lease deals the developer has made with other entities looking to secure space at Butterfield. Guilaro would lease the county the space for \$13 per square feet at the start and rise to \$17 per square feet by the end of the deal.

"It's a great deal for us," Castellano said. "It's the only deal in front of us now."

But not everyone was on board, which has led to tension not just between the



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Cold Spring resident Kathleen Foley list numerous issues with the proposed senior center in Cold Spring.

public and the county lawmaking body, but also amongst legislators.

Legislator Kevin Wright, who originally supported the project, said he changed his mind after the location of the proposed center moved from a new building to the older Lahey Pavilion.

"I do not believe it is a choice between this or nothing," Wright said. "It is not a beneficial deal for all seniors in Putnam County because of the costs."

Legislator Roger Gross called the lease deal a "mess" and said the dynamics have changed around the center since the county lost the Ailes donation and he also questioned if state grants would come through. He was concerned after 15 years the county would have no guarantee of the senior center and voiced support to expand the American Legion where the seniors meet now.

Legislator Dini LoBue feared the costs for the project would be more than originally estimated similar to Tilly Foster Farm's renovations. She argued the legislature never really explored other options.

LoBue said leasing is a "lose-lose" situation and owning a facility is



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Philipstown seniors watch as the fate of a senior center is decided.

important and can be used for other activities without restriction. The county's spending has been "reckless," LoBue said, with Butterfield another example of that.

In an interview, County Executive MaryEllen Odell commended the legislators that voted for the lease and bond and said they "understand the importance of making sure the senior center happens."

She said that lease deal is actually below market rate and it's the best deal the county could get. She said opposition to the senior center is actually opposition to the entire Butterfield project and argued much of the controversy is because of "mistruths and misrepresentation of facts."

Odell also said various municipalities on the west side could waive the taxes they would get from the senior center to lower the costs even more.

Residents, on both sides of the contentious issue, once again had strong feelings over the lease deal and bond proposal.

Linda Ann Ewing, secretary of the Philipstown senior club, said the seniors have been the "political football kicked around" throughout the Butterfield debate. She said seniors need activity and stimulation to live a fulfilled life and the current center doesn't fit the bill.

She admitted the lease deal could be better, but right now, this is the best the county has.

"We could push back plans, we could argue, we could work it all out in the next ten years," Ewing said. "And we would lose 20 of our seniors in the process. We don't get younger, guys."

Cold Spring village trustee Lynn Miller said she couldn't believe the exorbitant amount of money the county will spend on a kitchen for a limited number of seniors. She said she's built eight kitchens during her food service career and none of them were even close to a \$200,000 bill that Walker communicated on the memo.

Office for Senior Resources director Pat Sheehy insisted the kitchen would not cost that sum of money. She said the price tag existed when the county was going to include a cooking class kitchen for the seniors that is now scrapped and when Ailes was going to donate \$500,000.

Carmel resident and senior Amanda Famiglitti said residents speaking out against the lease deal aren't against seniors,

but have concerns over the contract the county has with the developer. She said the problem is pushing a lease forward that many in the community have complaints with.

Cold Spring resident Kathleen Foley who rattled off all the expenses connected to the project, told legislators they have "thrown their fiduciary responsibilities out the window."

"It just doesn't add up," she said.

Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy said he cares about seniors, but doesn't believe most legislators are thinking rationally about the lease agreement. Merandy said the only reason the county zeroed in on Butterfield for the new center was because Ailes was going to donate money toward it. He believes the seniors have been used to advance the Butterfield redevelopment and encouraged the county to explore other locations.

Former Cold Spring trustee Stephanie Hawkins chided most legislators for their lack of rigor and intellectual inquisition toward the lease. She called the lease "rubbish" and said most of the legislators are "not credible."

## Senior Resources Office Accused of Mixing Government with Politics

Some legislators are calling on the New York State Attorney General's Office to look into Putnam County using a senior resources bus to transport seniors from the west side of the county to the Historic County Courthouse in order to attend the meeting where the latest lease deal and bond were approved.

Wright said the busing issue, in which a dozen seniors were bused over from Philipstown for the meeting, should be referred to the county Legislature's rules committee, which would then ask the AG's office to offer an opinion on the matter. LoBue, rules committee chairwoman, said she plans to go ahead with getting an AG's opinion, and called it "absolutely troubling."

"It doesn't seem correct to me," Wright said.

The revelation came to light when Hawkins said she saw the seniors get off a senior resources bus when she arrived the same time. Garrison resident Lithgow Osborne even got the license plate number of the county bus and read it into the record.

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# Politicians Continue Pressure on Coast Guard Barges Plan in River

By Rick Pezzullo

Area officials last week continued to apply full court pressure on the U.S. Coast Guard over a proposal to anchor dozens of commercial barges in the Hudson River from Yonkers to Kingston.

With the river in the backdrop at George's Island Park in Montrose, state senators Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) and Sue Serino (R/Hyde Park), joined by about a dozen other regional elected representatives, announced they would be hosting a public hearing on Wednesday, October 19 at Croton Village Hall to outline the Coast Guard's proposal.

"The Hudson River has been designated an American Heritage River that needs to be taken care of. People come to the river to reflect. People don't need to reflect on these permanent barges."

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina said municipalities and private entities have invested millions of dollars in redefining and enhancing waterfronts along the Hudson in recent years.

"This is horrible," Catalina remarked. "It would just be a shame and a giant step backwards if their plan was allowed to go forward."

There is currently only one anchorage

ground for vessels along a 100-mile stretch in the Hudson River from New York City to Albany. The Coast Guard, which has noted the plan is only in an exploratory phase, has publicly stated the proposal was initiated by the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ Tug and Barge Committee, the Hudson River Port Pilot's Association, and the American Waterways Operators.

"We're all in this together," said Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker. "We have to let the Coast Guard know we're not going to stand for this."

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Astorino said it's clear the Coast Guard is taking notice of the concerns being raised since it extended the public comment period from September to December.

"The good news is we won the first round," Astorino said. "People need to know that the proposed anchorage is a mooring where multiple commercial vessels can drop anchor. These barges could stay there for a very long time without having to move at all. We have a dangerous place, the New York area, which could become more dangerous."



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Regional public officials from the state, county and town level gathered to pan the US Coast Guard's plan to place dozens of the commercial barges along the Hudson River.

Two of the 10 sites being considered by the Coast Guard are located within the borders of the Town of Cortlandt: approximately 127 acres in the Montrose region that would accommodate as many as three vessels, and approximately 98 acres between Tomkins Cove in Rockland County and Verplanck that would also handle up to three vessels. The Coast Guard is proposing to use more than 2,000 acres of the Hudson for barges.

An online petition created by Murphy in July opposing the plan has been signed by more than 1,600 residents. Murphy said residents should not have to wait until the spring for the Coast Guard to hold hearings to learn about the details of what he views as a major threat to the environment.

"The public deserves to know about the dangers behind this issue," Murphy said. "This is a security issue. We want to know what their actual intentions are."

Last month, a new organization of municipal officials called the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance was announced. The alliance includes the towns of Cortlandt and Ossining, the villages of Ossining, Buchanan and Briarcliff Manor and the City of Peekskill. An online petition on www.change.org was also launched by the alliance.

"It's so important that we stand united," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

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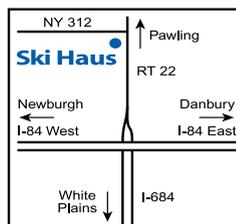
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# Murphy Announces Funding Stream for Putnam's Lakes

By Andrew Vitelli

Senator Terrence Murphy announced legislation Thursday to create a funding stream for flooding and watershed issues in lake communities in Putnam County.

Murphy was joined by officials from throughout Putnam at a press conference at Lake Mahopac to discuss the available funding.

"We know how expensive it is to keep these lakes as great as they need to be and as they should be," Murphy said. "The reality is that it's a very expensive proposition for the county and for the municipalities."

The funding, Murphy explained, would be available through the state's Environmental Protection Fund, which was increased to \$300 million this fiscal year. By designating lakes in the towns of Carmel, Southeast, and Patterson as inland waterways, the county and local municipalities can apply for EPF money.

"He's done the heavy lifting, and he's made sure that our region, particularly Putnam County, has the ability to access these funds," Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said. "What the senator has done is given the people of Putnam County and the leadership an opportunity

to help us relieve some of the financial burden and move ahead and help us keep our beautiful lakes and streams clean and free of pollution."

Designated waterways include Lake Mahopac, Teakettle Lake, MacGregor Lake, Secor Lake, and Glencoma Lake in the Town of Carmel; Lake Charles, Lost Lake, and



ANDREW VITELLI PHOTO

Putnam County officials joined State Senator Terrence Murphy as he announced a new funding source for lakes in Putnam.

Putnam Lake in Patterson; and Tonetta Lake in Southeast.

"With this sort of funding, we can hopefully expedite maybe some of the improvements in [Putnam Lake] that we've been pushing off for a little bit," Patterson Supervisor Richard Williams said. "We have a lot of waterways in Putnam County and especially in the Town of Patterson."

Murphy was also joined by Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith, County Legislator Carl Albano, Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt, Carmel Councilmember Suzi McDonough, Executive Director of the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce Erin Meagher, and Ed Barnett, who served as Putnam's watershed coordinator.

"The business community really does support this initiative," Meagher said. "It is a great opportunity, especially for Lake Mahopac, to be revitalized in all sorts of areas, and especially with our vibrant restaurant district and tourism opportunities."

The funding, Murphy said, can be used for flood mitigation, economic development and water quality issues.

"It is a tedious process, but the reality is that we're allowing our local municipalities and our county to access these funds now," said Murphy.

Sheriff Smith added, "I think this is a very good day in Carmel and all of the towns and villages in Putnam County, because this is really about protecting the environment and about protecting these great lake resources and protecting wildlife, and also revitalization."

The Environmental Protection Fund was created in 1993 to fund environmental programs in New York State. After seeing its funding nearly halved between 2008 and 2011, the EPF have more than doubled since 2013. In the 2016-2017 budget, the \$300 million allotted represents a \$123 million increase.



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The epic weekend continues Saturday morning, when the Fireballers line up on Route 6N at 7:00 AM to prepare for the last leg of their journey to Massachusetts. Join us in wishing the contestants luck, and bidding them farewell as they motor off onto their journey.

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## Event Schedule

### FRIDAY, September 30th

- 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Fireball Run Finish Line Ceremonies
- 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Italian American Club of Mahopac Evening in the Piazza

### SATURDAY, October 1st

- 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM Fireball Run Starting Line Ceremonies
- 10:30 AM Italian American Club of Mahopac Columbus Day Parade
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# Charter Change Over Planning Commish Qualifications Fails

By David Propper

A Putnam County charter change to reshape the qualifications for the commissioner of planning, development and transportation was struck down last week by legislators during their full legislative meeting on Sep. 6.

Although a slim majority--five legislators--voted for the measure, any charter change needs at least six legislators to vote in favor to clinch a supermajority vote. The charter change would have stripped requirements that the planning commissioner need a master's degree in planning and throw out eight years of practical experience in municipal planning and four years of supervision of planners.

The charter change would have opened up the slot for attorney Sandra Fusco to take the position. She's previously worked in the county law department and has been the deputy commissioner for the last six months.

Four legislators voiced strong opposition to the change and that was enough to stonewall it.

Legislator Roger Gross said the charter change was being tailored to one individual and was politically motivated. He didn't want the work of the charter revision committee from several years ago that actually recommended stronger planning credentials undone.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Legislators Kevin Wright and Dini LoBue opposed a charter change for the planning commissioner requirements.

"The idea that the county commissioner for planning doesn't need to be a planner is ludicrous," Gross said. "This is like making a sheriff from an accountant or something."

Legislator Toni Addonizio called several nearby counties and found many of them required credentials like a planning degree and several years of experience in the planning field. Even in Schuyler County in upstate New York, which has a population of less than 19,000, the planning director has a degree in landscape/architect and six years experience in a consulting firm, she noted.

Legislator Dini LoBue called it a

"downgrading" and for 32 years, the county had a planner with a master's degree in planning. She scoffed at the notion that the position is more legal than land use.

"I don't take changing the charter lightly," LoBue said. "We're moving in reverse."

Legislator Kevin Wright said while he supports Fusco, he doesn't for this position. The county law department should be the sole legal advisor to the county government, Wright said, and he doesn't

think department heads should make legal decisions.

He also said the county didn't look for a candidate that fits the current planning qualifications.

Most legislators, by a slim majority, still supported the measure.

Legislator Carl Albano said the work Fusco has done is sharp and he's seen more legal work rather than planning work done in the department. He argued there are cases where a worker can step up "without having what looks good on paper."

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny

Nacerino said current supervisor and past town planner for Patterson, Rich Williams, doesn't have a planning degree and is one of the finest planners in the county. She said if the change doesn't prove to work, there could always be another revision.

"The only (qualification) she doesn't meet is that she's not a certified planner," Nacerino said of Fusco's resume, which drew laughter from residents in the gallery.

"If you disagree and you find that funny," Nacerino shot back. "Then you can keep laughing."



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**Business  
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# KidsPeace Buchanan

By Rick Pezzullo

Founded in 1882, KidsPeace is a nationwide charity in 10 states that is dedicated to serving the behavioral and mental health needs of children, pre-adolescents, teens, young adults and families by providing specialized residential treatment services and a comprehensive range of treatment programs and educational services.

Locally, KidsPeace provides services in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange counties and has an office at 2 Greentown Road in the Village of Buchanan, where Program Manager Kevin Gonzalez and his staff can work closely with the seven children currently in foster homes in Ossining, Mahopac, White Plains and New Rochelle.

"We go above and beyond giving our support to families because we live in the communities as well," said Gonzalez, who has worked in the social services field since 1990. "We help the community by providing these kids with a place to live. The key thing is safety. We're all about safety. These children have gone through a traumatic event being removed from their home. We just don't place kids in a home. We don't want to set anyone up for failure."

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Kevin Gonzalez, program manager for KidsPeace, which relocated to Buchanan from Elmsford about a year ago.

of Family and Child Services, KidsPeace receives referrals of children in need through the Family Court system in each county. KidsPeace then tries to match children with families who go through rigorous background checks, training and home visits.

"You want to be as normal as possible, with the least restrictions," Gonzalez explained. "When we place kids in a home most of our families will consider adoption. We look to see what families will be a good fit."

KidsPeace provides foster care services

for newborns through children 18 years old, although children are permitted to stay with foster families until the age of 21. Gonzalez said the foster families are compensated as if they are employees.

"They are part of our family. They opened up their homes to welcome these children," said Gonzalez, who noted KidsPeace also has respite services available. "They all do it because they want to give back."

Gonzalez grew up in Westchester, moved to Florida and then returned to New York. He said his goal for KidsPeace is to double the number of children they serve within a year and expand the roster of foster families.

"It was a passion I stumbled upon," Gonzalez said. "It pays in dividends when you have a kid come up to you and say thank you, or trust you enough to talk about their feelings. It's unfortunate kids will always be part of the system. We make it clear up front what kind of services we offer. There's a great need for that out there."

Anyone interested in learning more about KidsPeace or possibly becoming a foster family can visit [www.fostercare.com](http://www.fostercare.com) or [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org), send an email to [Kevin.Gonzalez@kidspeace.org](mailto:Kevin.Gonzalez@kidspeace.org) or call (914) 736-1986.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Voters Should Weigh Judge Reitz's Experience

We have known James F. Reitz, Esq., as an attorney, local Justice, and currently our County Court Judge.

The voters here in Putnam County may not know that Putnam has two County Court Judges. They are also our County Civil, Criminal, Surrogate, Family Court, and Acting Justices of the Supreme Court. This makes our County Judges very unique since the other counties have

specified Judges (normally) for each of these areas. Judge Reitz is also the Drug Court Judicial Diversion, and Treatment Court Judge. County Court Judge James F. Reitz stands out with his vision, application, and empathy with Drug Court, Judicial Diversion, and Treatment Court.

From a diamond in the rough we have in Putnam County the "Hope Diamond"

especially for our adolescents, and adults because of Judge Reitz's pioneering vision in Treatment Court a very special man. As a Judge if you can "balance the equities" this is something that is gained by experience. Judge James F. Reitz has that experience, and continues on this great path as all great Jurists. This is what earns him our respect. This road not only has come with experience but one given

by his embrace, and special love for our children as a Judge with Drug Court, and Treatment Court.

So, we both as practicing attorneys felt it was important we shared our thoughts with you.

John Zarcone and Laurence Silverman,  
Attorneys at Law

### Educated Voters Important as Election Approaches

Every year the League of Women Voters hold hundreds of debates and forums across the country, and they compile voter's guides to help residents learn about the candidates on their ballot. Because the public trusts the League's reputation for providing unbiased information to voters, it is vitally important that all Leagues provide a non-partisan platform for candidates to debate. It is especially important in today's climate when mistrust of the media and political candidates seems to grow exponentially.

Candidates running for public office are applying for a job. Debates are like job interviews, and the voters are hiring. Who would hire an employee without interviewing him first? That is why it is

so important that candidates and the voters participate in debates and forums. Declining an opportunity to discuss the issues that matter most to voters is contrary to the public interest.

Research conducted on voter behavior and participation shows that not only does the public expect candidates to participate in voter education activities, but it also found that voters are more likely to vote when they know who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues.

The League of Women Voters of Putnam County has been actively hosting Candidate Forums since our formation in 2008. We strongly believe that our most important mission is to help preserve the

democratic right to vote, and to provide the necessary information so that voters can make an informed decision when they cast their ballots. To that purpose, we are presently making plans to hold a General Election Candidates' Forum on October 10.

Voter services has made the League of Women Voters the foremost nonpartisan volunteer organization in the political arena today. Our local League attends the Naturalization Ceremonies, as they are being held in the historic Putnam County Courthouse, to assist our new citizens to register to vote. You can also find League tables for Voter Registration at our local town Founders Day celebrations, health fairs, senior citizen centers, and at

storefront locations.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Democracy is a government of, by, and for the people."

And since we "are the government" we should consider the weight of that responsibility before casting our votes. Educate yourself about the candidates; attend candidate debates; read the newspapers; watch the news; ask questions. An informed voter is a smart voter.

See you at the polls on Election Day!

Eileen Reilly  
President, League of Women Voters of  
Putnam County

## Obituaries

### Brendan K. Hynes

Brendan K. Hynes of Fishkill, (formerly of Mahopac) died on September 4 at the age of 82. He was born near Ballinasloe, County Galway, Ireland on June 1, 1934, the youngest of 5 sons of James and Catherine (nee: Burns) Hynes. On October 8th, 1966 he married Anne McDonnell in the Bronx, and they were married for nearly 50 years. Brendan and Anne raised 4 children; Kerril, Kathy, Kenneth, and Deirdre and are the loving grandparents of 12. Shortly after immigrating to New York in 1956, Brendan proudly served in the United States Army from 1957-1959, and remained in the reserve until 1963. After returning to New York, Brendan increased his involvement in the NY GAA. Brendan was a proud member of the GAA, holding many positions for Galway including delegate and officer. He captained the Galway Hurling team that captured 3 in row championships from 1964-1966, and he went on to win 5 New York Championship medals with the team. After moving to Mahopac in 1972, Brendan was one of the Founders of the West Put Gaels Football Club and served as the Club's first president. His participation and leadership in the community extended beyond athletics, as Brendan served as President of both

the Emerald Association and the Irish American Club of Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. He was honored as Emerald of the Year in 1990 and was named the Grand Marshall of the St Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Irish American Club in 1986. Brendan was also a member and one of the founding directors of the Irish Golf Course, the Links at Unionvale. Brendan was recently honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the WestPut Setanta Gaelic Football Club in 2016. Brendan's service to the local community was highlighted by his election to 2 terms as Highway Superintendent of the Town of Carmel and his selection as the Person of the Year by the Westchester County Board of Legislators in 1982. The Hynes family operated the successful Greenleaf Tavern in the Bronx for many years, and later opened the Irish Center Pub in Mahopac. He is survived by his wife Anne, his brother John, and his children; sons Kerril (Maryann) and Ken, daughters Kathy Kennedy (Brian) and Deirdre Hynes-Ormond (Chris), and 12 grandchildren. Brendan will be best remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and proud grandfather, who delighted in seeing his children and grandchildren involved in athletics and in the community.

### Ronald D. Keesler, Sr.

Ronald D. Keesler, Sr., age 59 died on September 8th, at Putnam Hospital with his family by his side after battling pancreatic cancer for almost two years. He leaves his significant other (lovingly called his "girl") of 18 years, Linda Amicucci and his four children; Ronnie Keesler, Kayla Keelser, Jaimianne Amicucci, and Michael Amicucci. He also leaves behind his beloved god child Tammy Faccioli, his friend and brother-in-law, Juha Makelainen and his cousin George Williams, who he loved, argued

with and always complained he missed when he was away. In addition, Ron leaves behind his three sisters who he was very close with; Becky Makelainen, Shelly Matthews and Katie James. He is also survived by his former wife, Karen Cappuzzello. Acknowledgements also go to his countless friends and family members who have been there throughout his life. Ron was proud to say "I am a simple man who loves my family". He was raised in Verplank and always spoke fondly of his time growing

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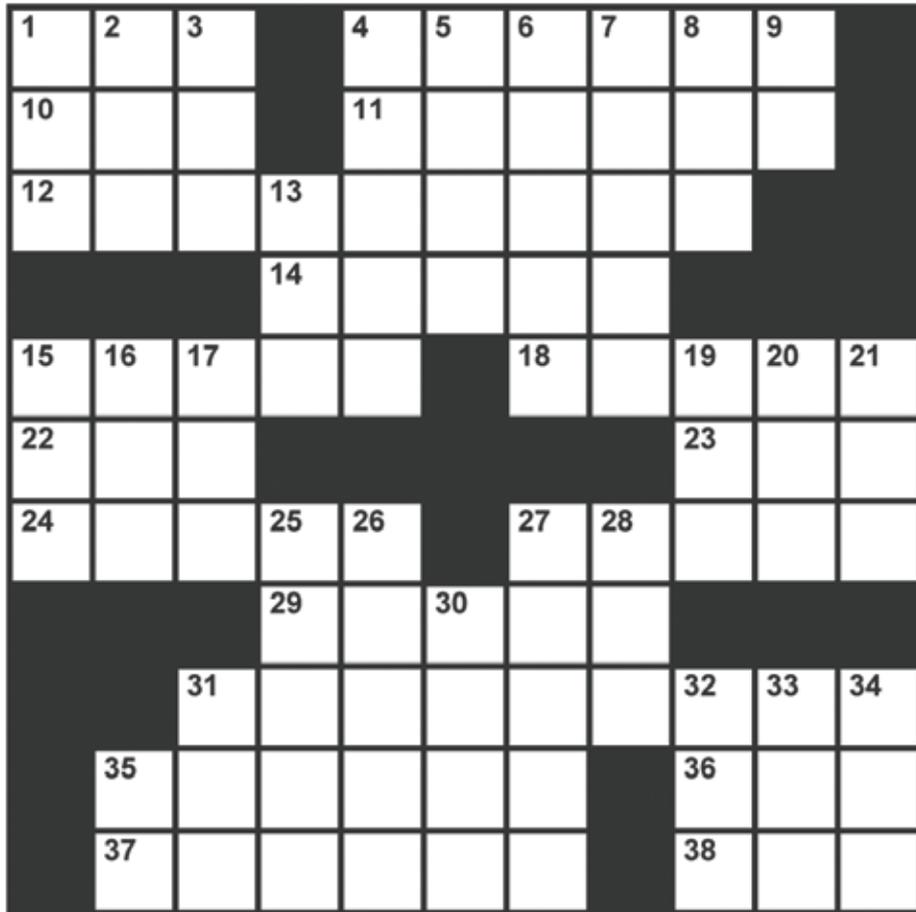
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# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 21

**Across**

1. "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
4. Died down
10. Grazing area
11. "Corrida" figure
12. What an artist might add to their masterpiece or Cortlandt Manor window treatment, goes with 27 across
14. Blackbird
15. Certain sorority woman
18. Class
22. Barely manage, with "out"
23. Cereal grain
24. Bawls loudly
27. See 12 across
29. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
31. Aquarium fish
35. Began
36. Frigid
37. Make thinner, like mountain air
38. Author Harper

**Down**

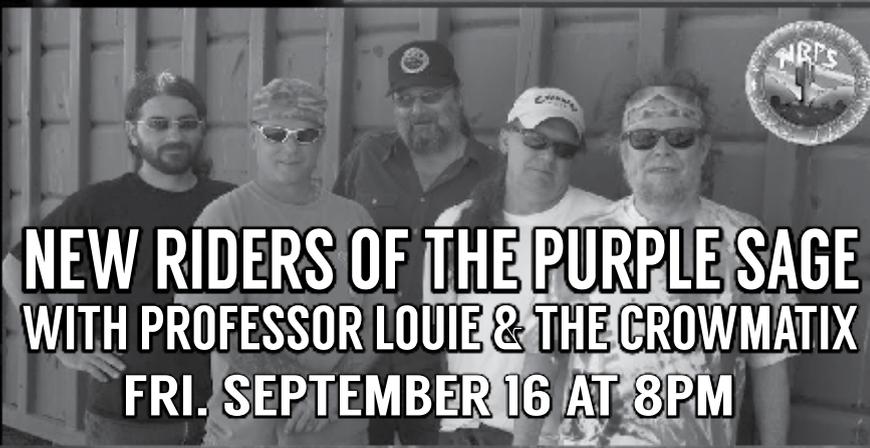
1. Grimm character
2. Floral ring
3. "Holy smokes!"
4. Befuddled
5. Physicist Niels
6. Seed coverings
7. Basic belief
8. A little bit of work
9. Manage
13. Evil spirit
15. Lock opener

16. Alias
17. Bench
19. "That means \_\_\_!"
20. Resinous deposit
21. Biblical verb ending
25. Where to get your small engine repairs in Yorktown, Anthony's \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment
26. Teatime treat
27. Bear in a crib
28. Baseball's Master Melvin
30. Not kosher
31. Masseur's workplace, maybe
32. Be indisposed
33. Rocks, to a bartender
34. Caustic chemical
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# After 15 Years, Three Public Officials Recall 9-11

*Scenes from this year's 9-11 Candlelight Vigil at Putnam Heroes Monument in Carmel*

**Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer, who helped build the 9-11 Memorial in Carmel:**

"I was actually home on September 11, and I was down at ground zero on September 12 and I lost 44 friends that I had worked with in different places in the fire department. I went down there the morning of September 12 and it was like a science fiction movie, it was surreal. I did the concrete work on the monument 14 years ago, I built it with local residents that were city fireman and I never wanted to attend the (remembrance) event but now I'm starting to attend. It hurt too much."

**Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino, who was working for Brewster High School:**

"I remember the look on the children's faces, I remember the distress and I remember everyone not really knowing what happen, when it happen and then teachers crying, staff crying and kids not knowing where their moms and dads were who worked in the city and parents trying to call. People were just so confused and really unprepared emotionally and a normal day turned out to be a day of chaos."



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**County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who was on her way to work:**

"I remember the cars rushing down Interstate-684 passing me and looking and seeing a couple people I knew that were cops and firemen. We knew it was an attack. Obviously we didn't know who, we didn't know why, we didn't know where it's coming from but I think a lot of us were in the moment of just going to work. I was going to do a closing and then when I started seeing all these first responders literally going by me at a 100 miles per hour, if not more on 684 I realized that this was a very, very, serious situation. I just turned around, went back here to Carmel and picked my kids up from St. James and that's when all the phone calls began around who's in the city, who's on the job, has anybody heard from anyone. It was just the waiting and the waiting and the waiting. Probably the thing that I remember the most over the days after was looking at the sky and not seeing any planes--it was very eerie to not have any planes fly over. It was our generation's Pearl Harbor."



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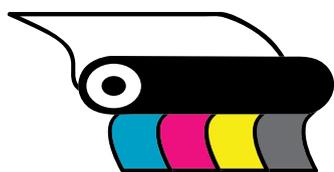
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# PV Business Network Gets Off the Ground

On August 17, the Putnam Valley Business Network, the local Chamber of Commerce for Putnam Valley and its surrounding areas, publicly announced its formation. President Ellen A. Hayes introduced her Board of Directors, who have put in countless hours of work launching this Business Network. The Board of Directors are Eileen Reilly, Vice President, Zachary Cosentino, Treasurer, Dan Vera and Rae Etherington Trustees along with Trustee Henry Boyd, of Boyd Artesian Well Company and President of the Kent-Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Julie Boyd who has served as a valued consultant to the Network. These dedicated, hard-working individuals are ready to help you promote your business and grow your clientele.

PVBN's mission is to promote businesses in Putnam Valley and its surrounding area. As in any community, people seek personal referrals for all types of services, while Putnam Valley does not have a lot of noticeable storefronts, what they do have are numerous home based



businesses that service the county. We have all types of home based businesses that include plumbers, electricians, landscapers, accountants, lawyers, doctors, pharmacists, pizza, travel and insurance agents. The Business Network has a newly developed website which will be a welcome resource to our community.

The website includes our member's businesses with a drop down menu by business type for whatever services you require. The website also features a calendar of events of our networking opportunities and general meetings that will be scheduled throughout the year. General meetings will feature guest

speakers that will educate and help you build your business. The PVBN will help promote new businesses opening in the community or special events at your business whether it is store front or home based.

Membership in the Business Network also gives you an automatic membership to the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. The Network is also working closely with other area Chambers in the county as well as the Gateway Chamber in Westchester.

Mark your calendars for PVBN's 1st Networking Opportunity on September 28 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Char's Steakhouse. There will be plenty of networking opportunities, a buffet, and a cash bar. Come meet your local business owners and our dedicated Board that will be working very hard to promote Shop Local. Please contact President@PVBusinessNetwork.org or visit our website at PVBusinessNetwork.org for membership information.

## Legislators Approve Butterfield Lease, But Deal Not Sealed Yet

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But Odell said the county wanted to make sure seniors that wanted to attend the meeting traveled in a safe manner, and an invoice would be assessed to the residents that used the transportation. She said the charge would be market rate.

"There's no need to go to the attorney general," Odell said, adding. "(The seniors) were amenable to being invoiced.

Hawkins, a former village trustee, also brought to light that a lunch calendar printed by the county for seniors mixed politics with government.

On a calendar distributed to seniors that get lunch from the county in Carmel, it informed them about the full legislative meeting date, time and location and encouraged them to come out in support of the lease deal.

"The agenda will include the finalization of the Butterfield Lease for the new Cold Spring Senior Center," the notice on the lunch calendar, obtained by The Putnam Examiner, reads. "All seniors are encouraged to come and offer their support for this important project."

"I think it's distressing to know the nutrition center is sort of masquerading as a sometime political entity," Hawkins

said. "I think it's improper."

Wright said he also wanted the rules committee to look at the calendar notice, as well, because he doesn't think a department should lobby constituents to take action that could affect the outcome of legislative deliberation. He doesn't believe it was done intentionally by the office, though he called it "highly inappropriate" none the less.

## Obituaries (continued)

up in the small Hudson River based town. Ron enjoyed hunting and fishing and playing high school football. Growing up in a small town, Ron appreciated a humble lifestyle, often reminding people of his modest upbringing. He was known for having an honorably sound moral foundation. He worked hard to make a living and was always close to his friends and family (especially his mother). He believed that John Wayne and the Rifleman were role models. In his later years, Ron was content with good friends, family, a couple chili dogs and some NY lotto scratch-offs. His idea of a good time was out on a lake with a fishing pole, or on the Hudson, crabbing. Ron was a lifelong Mets and Giants fan. He was always there for those close to him (just think of how the Mets treated him and he was always loyal). He also loved his pets and cared for the neighborhood animals. There are fond memories of him with his goat, Suzie, his dog, Jessie and his chickens. He cared for the local stray cat, fed the wild birds and each summer, Ron would save a snapping turtle crossing the road.

Ron Keesler always wanted to have a

cabin in the woods and all who knew him are welcome to join us on his new journey to his cabin in heaven. As per his request, visiting will be from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th at Joseph J. Smith Funeral home located at 692 US Route 6, Mahopac. During the service intermission, we invite all family and friends to our house at 430 Bullet Hole Road, Mahopac NY 10541 for one last traditional family party celebrating Ron D. Keesler. He will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Putnam County Children's Committee P.O. Box 187, Carmel NY 10512) or Putnam Humane Society (P.O. Box 297, Carmel NY 10512).

### David W. Smith

David W. Smith, age 79, a resident of Carmel, died Thursday, September 8, at his daughter Robin's home in Brewster, surrounded by his family. David was born on November 1, 1936 in Sheldon, VT to Cloyd M. and Lydia (Hendricks) Smith. He attended schools in Enosburg, VT. David proudly served his country in

the Marines from 1958 to 1964. David married the love of his life, Lorraine Austin on June 19, 1959 in Granville. David was a member of the Soft Drink and Brew Workers Union Local # 812,

working as a tractor trailer driver for the Coca-Cola for 25 years, retiring in 2002. David enjoyed fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming and traveling. An avid reader, David could often be found enjoying a book on the history of war. He was a proud family man, supporting his grandchildren by attending many a sporting event or whatever activity they might be involved with. David was a man of few words- a great listener. He possessed a physical and inner strength throughout life, as well as, during his illness.

Besides his wife Lorraine of 57 years, David is survived by his six children, Robin L. Smith-Byron (Jim) of Brewster, Shawn R. Smith (Mary) of Hopewell Jct., Tara Smith Campbell of Livingston, TX, Tanya Farris (Chris) of Carlisle, PA, Stacie A. Nickel (Wayne) of Gardners, PA and Scott C. Smith (Lisa) of Pleasant Valley, NY; a brother Bruce A. Smith of Cortland.

Also 18 grandchildren, Jessica, James, Bryan, Sara, Brittany, Heather, Justin, Zachary, Matthew, Cody, Jesse, Kaitlin, Lauren, Abigail, Mitchel, Rebekah, Tyler and Colby and 7 great grandchildren, Aaliyah, Cayden, Alessandra, Aiden, Eli, Jaxon and Colten. He was pre-deceased by a daughter, Dawn Smith in 1961.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. at Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster. A private cremation will follow. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday, September 16th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. www.Beecherfuneralhome.com.

Please consider making a contribution in David's memory to either: VNSWestchester 360 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605 www.VNS.org. Todd Baird Lindsey Foundation PO Box 724, Carlisle, PA 17013. The Todd Baird Lindsay Foundations' mission is to help elderly people remain in their own homes for as long as possible. For additional information please visit: www.tbl.dreamhosters.com.

# Tree Lover Tells When and if to Plant (and Gripes a Little)

This article might well be titled “The Joys and Agonies of Being a Tree Lover.”

The subject of planting trees comes to me each year as we approach autumn because it's the perfect time to plant deciduous and evergreen trees as they enter into dormancy. And, Lord knows, I have done my share of planting trees through the years, even though I bought a property that was more than half wooded.

The idea of planting small, manageable green things and watching them develop over time into sculptures of beauty reaching to the skies in graceful forms and providing shade, has always appealed to me.

When I saw an ad for what turned out to be my dream house in the country, I called the owner and asked if it had privacy, noting that I preferred not seeing any neighbors. He answered, “No matter which window I look out of, all I see is trees.”

How wonderful, I thought, considering that when I looked out of my window in the city, all I saw was one scrawny Ginkgo that had been hit repeatedly by cars vying for the parking space in front of it. The last time I visited the old neighborhood, it



By Bill Primavera

had finally lost the battle to the cars and hadn't been replaced.

But my 1.5-acre property in upper Westchester was laden with generous thickets of sugar maples, honey locusts, ash, black walnuts, cherries and many other species I never bothered to look up. Former owners had planted some old dogwood, ornamental flowering trees and a long row of hemlock.

Having grown up in an urban setting with no trees, I just enjoyed looking at them, often reminding myself of Joyce Kilmer's poetic turn, “I think that I shall never see a poem

lovely as a tree,” and becoming somewhat of an expert in shade gardening.

It wasn't long, however, before reality set in. I learned that trees, especially the big ones, can fall. Or they get sick and have to be removed.

As recently as last weekend when I was returning from vacation, I couldn't turn on to my street because a large maple on the edge of my corner property, which had looked in perfect health, fell across the road, taking with it the telephone, electric and cable wires. Thankfully the utilities companies, then my wonderful local highway department, took care of

the damage, otherwise it would have been costly.

I can't even calculate the amount of money I've spent through the years to have fallen or diseased trees removed. Early in the 1970s, during a very wet season, my dogwoods were all wiped out by a fungus infection. In the '80s, my hemlocks fell to woolly adelgid. Then, a number of my largest maples got “thrip” and slowly withered. One evening we heard a thunderous noise as a half dead pine fell just inches from our house. Each calamity involved the very expensive proposition of dealing with tree removal. I started to feel cursed.

Having become good friends with my tree service provider, I asked him why it seemed that I had such bad luck with trees. He answered simply, “It's just because you have so many of them.”

If there's any moral to this story, I guess it would be to consider the responsibilities that go with a wooded property. If a property is lacking trees and you want some shade, consider their variety, manageability and distance from the house.

There are certain trees that have been very popular either for their beauty or fast-growing habits that, from experience, I would not recommend. Chief among them are the weeping willow, the Bartlett pear and the white pine.

Most people know that the weeping willow's roots are ready to suck all water out of the soil and don't like anything else planted near them. Unless you have a wetland area on your property and lots of space, avoid it.

Many homeowners and professional gardeners regard the Bradford pear as desirable for its pyramidal shape and lovely white flowers in spring, but that characteristic shape also makes it very fragile. Its branches tend to break during storms or strong winds.

The same goes for the Eastern white pine. While they grow fast, they shouldn't be planted close to the road because they suffer from salt burn and sustain damage in winter when their branches become laden with snow.

My favorite tree plantings have been the flowering ornamentals – particularly my crabapples and weeping cherries – that are contained in size and offer the joy of flowers in the spring, greenery until late fall and not much cleanup to worry about.

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## Which is the Better Choice: Wine By The Glass or Buy the Bottle?



By Nick Antonaccio

“May I offer you a drink?” “Yes, I'd like a glass of (white, red, sparkling) wine.”

This seemingly innocuous interchange with a waiter or bartender can be fraught with indecision,

or worse, a hurried choice that has a mediocre result.

In today's dining environment, we've gravitated to watching our wallets as much as our waistlines (they seem to be heading in opposite directions). Restaurants, bars and wine bars understand this. Offerings of wines-by-the-glass at reasonable prices have increased multifold into broader and deeper selections of wines from around the world. But, “I'll have the house wine” is still the typical response when ordering a glass of wine.

Let's change that behavior pattern. Be adventurous. Order wine by the glass with the goal of finding a new “favorite” wine. Better yet, why order a bottle when you can pick and choose multiple wines from the by-the-glass list?

As with most adventures, caution is paramount. Be aware of the pitfalls that lurk as you navigate through this process. Here are my guidelines for how and when to order a glass of wine, whether seated

at your restaurant table or waiting to be seated at the restaurant's bar. Whether meeting friends at your local watering hole or socializing at a wine bar.

First, the benefits.

1) When dining with the special person in our life, we tend to order one bottle for the evening, trying to find a middle ground to satisfy differing food preferences as well as the competing flavors of our first and second courses. We rarely succeed. This situation cries out for a glass(es) of wine perfectly paired with individual dishes.

2) When socializing with friends at a local bar, it's too easy to order generically. Be inquisitive.

“Which red (white) wines are you offering this evening?” Ask the server to describe each - the country of origin and the style of wine.

“The Chilean Cabernet sounds appealing. May I

*You Heard It Through the Grapevine*

sample it?” Your server has been trained to lower the barriers of selection; multiple choices usually lead to multiple glasses.

3) If you're like me, you have a life list of wines to enjoy before you kick the

(ice) bucket. Today many restaurants and wine bars offer high-end wines by the glass. Are they expensive? Yes. Would you otherwise have the opportunity to check them off your life list? Probably not. Besides, \$25 for one glass is an extravagance I can better psychologically rationalize than \$200 for a bottle.

Now, the pitfalls.

1) Financially, wines by the glass yield a low return on investment for you and an extraordinarily high return for restaurants and bars. Here's the math: the typical restaurant or bar pour is 4 to 5 ounces, which equates to 5 to 6 glasses per bottle. The average price to you for a glass of wine is \$8 to \$12. The average cost of that bottle, at wholesale, is \$8 to \$12. The math: the restaurant or bar typically needs to sell one glass to recover their cost of the bottle (not including overhead). The remaining pours from the bottle are profit.

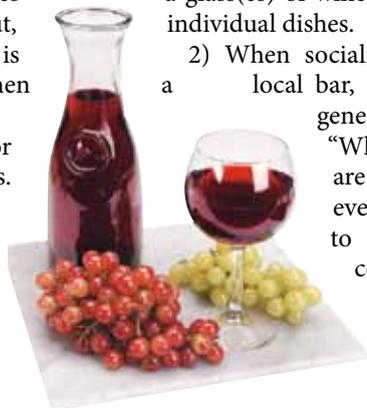
2) “I'll have a glass of the house wine.” My advice: never order the house wine. It may be convenient to do so in the midst

of conversation, but by spending a few minutes being more selective, you will most likely experience a new wine and expand your knowledge and palate - for only \$1 to \$2 more than the house wine.

3) Be sure the wine being poured into your glass is the wine you ordered. Reputable establishments will always present the bottle as they are pouring; this helps you prevent any bait-and-switch tactic.

Ordering wine by-the-glass is an excellent way to experiment with new wines. Employing a financial analysis can result in a cost-efficient experience. Find the right balance and you've created a win-win experience.

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# Happenings

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

## Fall Flu Clinics

**The first clinic is Tuesday, September 20**, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive in Carmel. The second is on Wednesday, October 19, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9; the third is Monday, October 24 from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Carmel Fire Department again. The clinic is open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. The vaccination fee is \$25 for residents under 65 years of age. Those 65 years and older, or with a Medicare card, can receive the vaccine free of charge. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors, aged 65 years and older, as studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population. However, at the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the FluMist will not be available. Proof of residency (driver's license) is required. Pneumonia vaccine will also not be available through the Health Department's public flu clinics. Appointments are not necessary, but a signed consent form is required. Forms will be available on the Putnam County website at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization>

## Wednesday, September 14

**Marine Corps League Meeting: Putnam County Detachment 242.** The Putnam County Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting at the Carmel VFW Hall, 36 Gleneida Ave. (Rte.52) Carmel, NY at 1930/ Meetings are always held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall. If you are a U.S. Marine or FMF Corpsmen Veteran, Reservist or on Active Duty, we welcome you as a Brother. View us at [www.putnammcl.com](http://www.putnammcl.com)

**Is Your House Making You Sick?** Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. 7 p.m. How healthy is your home? Learn about common issues in your house that can put your health at risk and impact the value of your home. Jim Rood, President of Lighthouse Environmental Consultants, will share his 27 years of experience to help you identify and correct and the health risks of these issues in an informative presentation you won't want to miss. Topics will include: mold, radon, asbestos, poor air quality, moisture and water issues. To register or for more information, visit us online at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10. Free program.

## Thursday, September 15

**Tilly Foster Farm Update:** 7:30 p.m. - Carmel Firehouse. 94 Gleneida Avenue. Carmel. Putnam County Legislator, Carl Albano, chairman of the Legislature's Physical Services Committee, will be on hand at the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association meeting to provide an update

on the recent renovations at the County owned Tilly Foster Farm and the new lease with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES. The meeting is open to the public and Mr. Albano will handle questions from the audience.

**More Muslim Journeys**, a continuation of the Library's six part reading and discussion series that will run on Thursday evenings September 15th and December 8th. An introductory session to distribute a program schedule and the first set of books will be held at the Library on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, although pre-registration is required. For more information and to register for the program, please call the library at 845-424-3020.

**Come Have Some Fun and Have a Reading Done:** The Sons of Italy's Fr. Licata Lodge will be hosting this special event at the VFW Hall at 32 Gleneida Ave. Carmel. Palm and card readers, a medium and others will be available. A donation of \$20 includes a buffet dinner and a reading. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. FMI: Michele at 845-225-1144.

## Saturday, September 17

**Cold Spring Lions** will inaugurate its 2016-17 fundraising campaign with an old-fashioned, communal Pig Roast. 3 p.m. at Glynwood Farms. The event will feature professional musicians, dinner, lemonade, beer and wine and a cash bar. Rain or shine for neighborly fun at the idyllic and scenic 225 acre farm. Tickets at \$50 a person can be purchased at [coldspringlions.org](http://coldspringlions.org), or mail to P.O. Box 308, Cold Spring, NY or phone at 914-475-6806. President, Ted Rathjen noted 'that because of generous anonymous sponsors, the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the Philipstown Food Pantry, College Scholarships, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Louisiana flood and Italian quake victims and a number of other programs serving the needs of Philipstown resident.

**Family Fun Day:** Family Fun Day at the Patterson Recreation Center noon-5 p.m. Rain or shine. Free to all. Inflatables, demonstrations, DJ, vendors, workshops and much more. Food and beverages available. Vendors please call 845-878-7200.

**Free lessons on everyday English.** 1 p.m. at the Kent Public Library. The first lesson will be a basic greetings lesson. Both beginners and advanced students are welcome. Some topics to be covered will include but are not limited to... Family, A visit to the doctor, Shopping, Asking for directions, and completing a job application. After completing this course students will speak with confidence. There is no charge for these classes, which will be held on September 17 and 14, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, and

November 5th. A tutor will be providing homework help at the same time for the children of the adults taking these lessons. The Kent Public Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing (off of Route 52) Kent Lakes. For more information or to sign up go to [kentlibrary.org](http://kentlibrary.org) or call 845-225-8585.

**Patterson Library Annual Book Sale:** September 17-25. Weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekends 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A Preview Sale will take place on Friday, September 16th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m., \$50 per person admission fee. Great deals on thousands of books for kids and adults, including best sellers, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs and more. Donations of books, DVDs and CDs are now being accepted. For more information on donating or to volunteer to help with the sale, please call the library at 845 878-6121, ext. 10 or visit [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

**Rent-a-Space Community Tag Sale:** Sat. 9/17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Vendors Wanted: \$25 in Advance, \$30 Sale Day; Table Rental \$10, Set up 8 a.m. FALL RUMMAGE SALE: Thurs 9/29: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri 9/30: (1/2 price) 9 a.m.-6 p.m., & Sat 10/1: \$5/Bag 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations gratefully accepted 9/24: 3 p.m.-5 p.m., 9/25: 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m., 9/26 & 9/27: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appt. 1st Presbyterian Church, 411 Rt 6N (Secor Rd) Mahopac. 845-628-2365, [presby411@verizon.net](mailto:presby411@verizon.net)

**Patterson Rotary Club** is proud to present a two day event with the help of ACME of Patterson, the main event sponsor! This year the Fifth Annual Patterson Blues & BBQ Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18, from noon - 7 p.m. at the Fire Department in Patterson. . The festival, which brings the best blues bands together and features mouth-watering barbecue, is a great end-of-summer music celebration. On Saturday, we feature a full blues lineup that includes Fade to Blues, Dylan Doyle Band, and Arthur James, among others. On Sunday, we have the musical talents of The Soul Proprietors, Sarah Colvin, and Tony T. Entertainment's "Local Legends Blues Jam" featuring Grammy award nominated guitar virtuoso Gil Parris, Tommy "Pipes" McDonnell (Original Blues Brothers) and surprise guests you won't want to miss, plus many more. Check out our website for additional information at [www.pattersonbluesandbbq.com](http://www.pattersonbluesandbbq.com).

## Sunday, September 18

**Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department Sunday Breakfast.** Pancakes (chocolate chip, strawberry, banana, cherries, whip crème, chocolate sprinkles, Eggs, Bacon, Coffee, Tea, OJ will be served. 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Have a meeting and eat breakfast. Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department at 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, NY 12563 (near the

War Monument) Adults: \$6. Children \$3. Contact person: Michael Ercole at 1-845-284-5791.

**Music:** 4 p.m. Thomas Meglioranza, baritone, Reiko Uchida, piano. All Brahms recital including Variations on an Original Theme No.1 and Four Serious Songs. Admission is free, contributions are welcome. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY. [www.chapelrestoration.org](http://www.chapelrestoration.org) (845) 265-5537.

**Sailin Stone to Perform at Mahopac Library:** Sailing Stone is a gifted young band that performs folk-influenced original material as well as Funk, Pop, Rock, Blues, and Folk covers. Their vocals are harmony-driven complemented by a cool acoustic sound. Mahopac Public Library is excited to welcome this local group to the BMM concert series. 2 p.m. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

## Monday, September 19

**Henna at the Kent Library:** Margie Nugent returns to the Kent Public Library 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for a Henna Decorating Workshop. She'll teach adults about henna and decorate each participant. This is an event for adults, only. For those 18 & up! Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

**Community Resources Info Day:** Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by the library to meet representatives from local agencies who will be available to provide information about their services. Participating Putnam County agencies include Green Chimneys Community Outreach Center, Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Outreach Program, MISN Health Insurance Program, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, PC Housing Corporation, Putnam Community Action Partnership, and Office for Senior Resources, and Putnam Ridge Nursing Home. Agencies are subject to change. Agencies interested in participating can contact the library to learn more. Visit us online at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x10 for more information. Free program.

## Tuesday's:

**Watercolor Black and White at Reed Library,** Tuesdays September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Instruction in working with white and black watercolor paints to achieve a unique opaque painting effect. Class is open to both new and experienced art students. Registration is required, preference given to residents of the Reed Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1005  
LECTURES, LLC**

**FIRST:** The name of the Limited Liability  
Company is 1005 LECTURES, LLC (here-  
inafter referred to as the "Company")  
**SECOND:** The Articles of Organization of  
the Company were filed with the Secretary  
of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:** The  
County within the State of New York in  
which the office of the Company is locat-  
ed is Westchester. **FOURTH:** The Secre-  
tary of State has been designated as agent  
upon whom process against the Company  
may be served. The post office address  
to which the Secretary of State shall mail  
process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleas-  
antville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:** The  
Company is organized for all lawful pur-  
poses, and to do any and all things nec-  
essary, convenient, or incidental to that  
purpose. **Dated: August 26, 2016**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE  
KRELL GROUP LLC.** Arts of Org.  
filed SSNY on 8/23/2016. Office loca-  
tion: Westchester County. SSNY design.  
Agent of LLC upon whom process may  
be served and mail to **144 Stone Meadow,  
South Salem, NY 10590. Purpose - any  
lawful act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Pink  
Pulse, LLC.** Articles of Organization  
filed with Secretary of State of New York  
(SSNY) on April 11, 2016. Office in West-  
chester County. SSNY has been desig-  
nated as agent of the LLC upon whom  
process against it may be served. SSNY  
shall mail process to: **Adila Francis, 1 Al-  
exander St Ste 409, Yonkers NY 10701.  
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RE-  
VALORIZER DIVERSIFIED OPERA-  
TIONS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy  
of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2016. Of-

fic loc: Westchester County - 119 Pond-  
field Rd., Suite 924, Bronxville, NY 10708-  
0924. United States Corporation Agents,  
Inc. designated as agent upon whom  
process may be served and shall mail  
process to **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202,  
Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any law-  
ful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JENN  
MANN INTERIORS, LLC. ARTS.** Of  
Org. filed with SSNY on 7/07/16. Office  
location: Westchester County. SSNY des-  
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cess to **Jennifer Mann, 11 Oneida Street  
Rye, New York 10580. Purpose: any law-  
ful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARCU-  
RIAM, LLC.** Articles of Organization  
filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY)  
on 7/14/16. Office in Westchester County.  
SSNY has been designated as agent of the  
LLC upon whom process against it may  
be served. SSNY shall mail process to  
**The LLC, 15 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY,  
10530. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WIN-  
NERS ROW, LLC.** Articles of Organi-  
zation filed with SSNY on 4/28/16. Of-  
fice location: Westchester County. SSNY  
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process may be served. SSNY shall mail  
process to **Hakiem Dixon, 33 Lincoln  
Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose:**  
Winners Row, LLC is a full-service en-  
tertainment company, inclusive of art-  
ist, songwriter, producer and engineer  
management; music publishing; touring  
& merchandising; film & television; new  
business ventures; and a music label.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYRIE  
02, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with the Secy  
of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/2016. Of-  
fice loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as  
agent upon whom process may be served  
and shall mail process to the principal  
business address: **20 Oak Rd., Katonah,  
NY 10536. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ERIKA  
CLEANING SERVICE, LLC.** Arts. Of  
Org. filed with SSNY on 7/26/16. Office  
location: Westchester County. SSNY des-  
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cess may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-  
cess to **Erika Da Cunha, 13 Bent Avenue  
Apt. D, Port Chester, New York 10573.  
Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
MEETING MOUNT PLEASANT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pur-  
suant to a resolution adopted by the Board  
of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cen-

tral School District (the "District") that a  
special meeting of the qualified voters of  
said District be and the same is hereby  
called to be held in said District in the  
Westlake High School Gymnasium, West-  
lake Drive, Thornwood, New York on  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 7:00 a.m.  
until 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting  
on the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION:** Shall the Board of Ed-  
ucation of the Mount Pleasant Central  
School District be authorized to (1) re-  
construct various District buildings and  
facilities, including infrastructure and  
site work improvements, construct and  
reconstruct athletic fields and courts, and  
acquire original furnishings, equipment,  
machinery or apparatus, at a maximum  
cost of \$39,621,180, (2) expend such sum  
for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary  
tax therefore, to be levied and collected  
in annual installments in such years and  
in such amounts as may be determined  
by the Board of Education taking into ac-  
count state aid; and (4) in anticipation of  
the collection of such tax, issue bonds and  
notes of the District at one time or from  
time to time in the principal amount not  
to exceed \$39,621,180, and the levy of a  
tax to pay the interest on said obligations  
when due? The vote upon such proposi-  
tion shall be by machine or absentee bal-  
lot. The hours during which the polls  
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to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long  
thereafter as necessary to enable qualified  
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shall vote whose name does not appear  
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who has heretofore registered pursuant to  
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## Justin Veatch Fund Benefit Fall Concert at Paramount

Forty-five years ago this month the first live album by an American rock band was released. The Allman Brothers double disc record documented their momentous concert at the Fillmore East NYC in March of that year. Fans who were there remember and those who weren't wished they had been after listening to the release celebrating that occasion. On Saturday, October 15, that moment in music can be re-lived as The Justin Veatch Fund brings Live at the Fillmore--a tribute to the original Allman Brothers band--to Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill.

Live at the Fillmore--seven star musicians from Philadelphia--play the music of the Allmans in one of the most distinctive tributes to the early years of The Brothers. Twin guitars, two drummers, percussion and all the rest are the most true-to-form recreation of that musical moment in time. The band features Rick Baldassari (guitars/vocals), Dennis Barth (drums/percussion), Jeff Quattro (B3/piano/vocals), Barron Chandler (acoustic guitar/harmonica/vocals), Mike Mahomet (bass), Lou Maresca (guitar/vocals), and Don McCormick (drums/percussion).

The upcoming concert will also present an opportunity for The Justin Veatch Fund All Stars to strut their stuff at the historic Peekskill Theatre. "We're excited about returning to The Paramount," says

Jeffrey Veatch, president and founder of The Fund, who recalled the success of the Fund's Best of the Eagles concert last October at The Paramount.

"Last year was a blast, but this year we're going to raise the bar," said Fund vice president Thom Iannicari who also serves as concert production manager. "Show up and you will see what we mean."

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Paramount Hudson Valley box office. All proceeds will go to Justin Veatch Fund scholarships and other programs.

The Justin Veatch Fund is a 501(c)3 organization and official New York State charity formed in 2009 following the death of Yorktown High School senior

Justin Veatch from an accidental drug overdose. Jeffrey Veatch, Justin's father, has presented his multi-media talk A Message from Justin--which addresses the issue of substance abuse among young people--to more than 24-thousand

students. Justin's story is also told in the documentary Whispering Spirits which premiered in November, 2014 at the Jacob Burns Film Center and is being screened by community anti-drug coalitions in 36 states.

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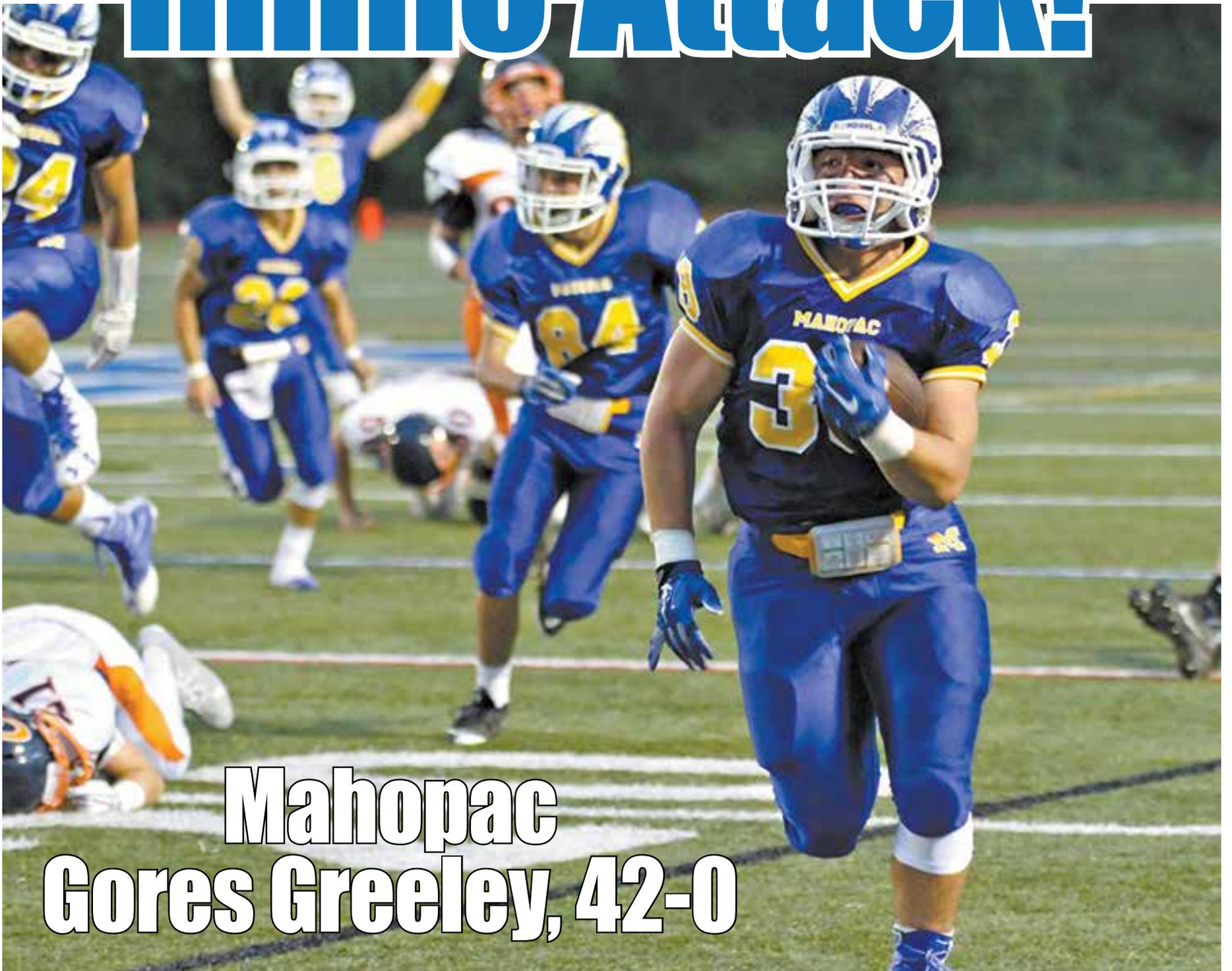
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SPORTS SECTION

# Rhino Attack!



## Mahopac Gores Greeley, 42-0

BILL KENNEDY PHOTO

Mahopac senior RB Dino "Rhino" Milazzo and a caravan of Indians leave the Quakers in their wake on Milazzo's game-opening score in Mahopac's 42-0 win over visiting Horace Greeley last Friday night. The Indians now turn their attention to a Week 3 when they will pay arch-rival Carmel a visit this Friday night (7 p.m.)... see Grid Notebook

# Sports

## Grid Notebook

# Four Locals Remain Unbeaten in Class A, Two Will Survive

## Week 4 Collision Courses: Brewster vs. Hen Hud, Somers vs. Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
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Week 3, which begins on Friday the 16th, could be one for the ages on the local Section 1 grid circuit, but Week 2 was downright hard to stomach, unless you're a fan of local blowouts. Carmel's 14-9 loss to visiting John Jay EF on the Class AA circuit was one of the few close games in our neck of the woods, but the vast majority of the locals either won big or got gonged.

On the positive side in Class AA, host Mahopac (1-1) worked a 42-0 waxing of Horace Greeley, which is really struggling for a once-prideful program. On the down side, Ossining (0-2) got crushed, 24-0, by an improving Port Chester team that hasn't had much success in recent years, leaving the Pride in a tough position.

On the bright side in Class A, host Somers knocked off Sleepy Hollow, 28-6, in a game that Coach Tony DeMatteo won't be writing home about as he prepares his



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Somers LB Thomas Tooma puts a hurry on Sleepy QB.



Mahopac's Greg Libertino gets one last block from Kamil Sudol (21) en route to his second punt return for TD this season.



Mahopac QB Andrew Ryan rushed for one score and passed for another in Indians' 42-0 win over Greeley Friday.

undefeated Tuskers (2-0) for a Week 3 showdown with undefeated Yorktown (2-0), which also threw in a 35-6 rout of visiting Pearl River.

Host Brewster (2-0) hopped all over Byram Hills in a 48-7 beatdown, getting four touchdowns from QB Jack Guida, who rushed for a career-best 197 yards. Henry Terry added nine carries for 70 yards and two TDs while Mike Buonadonna had 40 yards and a score.

U n d e f e a t e d Hendrick Hudson (2-0), which now preps in earnest for Brewster in what is essentially the Sailors' biggest statement-type game in many years, blew the doors off visiting Lincoln, 46-0.

On the down side in Class A, Lakeland (0-2) and Panas (0-2) are looking like a pair of teams that could be on the outside looking in come playoff time.

Host Lakeland suffered a 10-0 setback to Tappan Zee while the visiting Panthers were sent packing by John Jay CR, 38-13. They both need to turn things around in a hurry, or Week 5 (vs. each other) won't mean much of anything.

### CLASS A

All eyes will be on two games this week, including the sizzling matchup between host Hen Hud and Brewster, plus the white hot bout between Yorktown and visiting Somers. The four unbeatens will



Somers QB Kevin Olfiers fired three TD passes in Tuskers' rout of Sleepy Hollow.

square off at the same time this Friday (7 p.m.) just 11 miles apart, which enhances the likelihood that one could get a look-see at portions of both games if one had to (which this photojournalist just might have to).

Here's what we know: Somers will have its hands full with Yorktown's multi-pronged attack. Husker QB Jose Boyer gashed Pearl River for 124 yards and a score off 14 carries while hitting on 5 of 8 passes for 75 yards and three touchdowns; two to his favorite target TE Max Costello, he of the soft hands and thick frame. The Yorktown defense was menacing against the Pirates, forcing three turnovers, including an interception and a forced fumble by junior DB Christian Torres, who, at 6' 165, has been a nice find for Coach Mike Rescigno's athletic secondary.

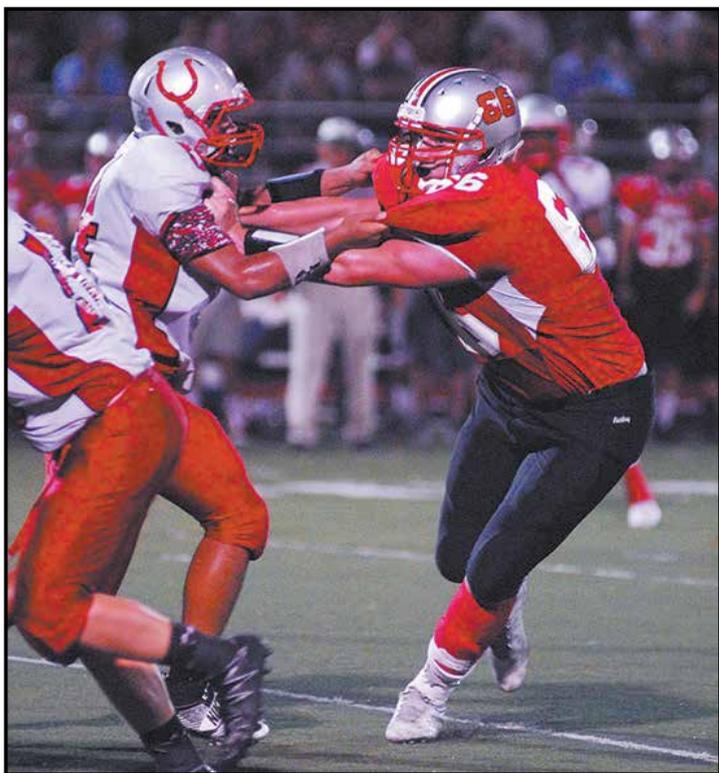
Somers, while it trotted off victorious, did not look particularly crisp on offense as senior RB Messiah Horne sat out the second half. The Tuskers will need a healthy Horne to blow off Yorktown because all Husker eyes will be on Tusker WR Matt Pires if not. Pires has a little Joe Festo in him, which makes him one of the more explosive receivers in recent Somers history, as was the speedy Festo during the Tuskers' sectional championship era (2012-13).

"Me and Olfiers have been working really hard in practice getting the timing down for the routes and it's been paying off so far," said Pires, who scored four touchdowns, including three aerials from junior QB Kevin Olfiers. Pires also took a fourth-quarter punt to the house for the icing on the cake.

"Pires was on fire route and route again," Olfiers said. "He's very fast and has instincts to catch the ball. He runs precise routes and is a very tough kid."

There is mutual respect, but no love-lost, between the Huskers and the Tuskers, two of the upper-tier football programs in Section 1, and the fact that it's Yorktown's Homecoming will only add to what should be a scintillating atmosphere at The Murph where The Crop and Tusker Nation will bring things to a quick and steady boil.

Likewise, the Hen Hud Bleacher Creatures will be out in force and Brewster's teeming fan base will travel well across county lines; bet your last buck on that. The Sailors have a lot going for them right now, but this burly Brewster club will be their first legit test of the season after a pair of



Sleepy had their hands full, literally, with Somers' beastly DL Nick Gargiulo.

laughers with Byram Hills and Lincoln.

"Hen Hud is gonna be a dog fight," Guida said. "We know what our front seven can do to stop the run, and we know

of Jack Attinelly (3 grabs, 15 yards), Peter Maselli (25-yard TD catch) and Marquan Anderson (30-yard TD grab). Defensively, the Sailors saw sophomore LB Jordan Grullon go bonkers, including a pair of Pick-6's he took to the house. Grullon in the real deal, folks; quick, strong, tough as nails. Hen Hud, which gets back-to-back tests with Brewster and Lourdes in Week 3-4, is up for the

challenge, according to Cunningham.

"This game is the biggest game we have played so far this season; everything else we have done this year pales in comparison



Tuskers Jack Gilroy (8) and Jake Graham combine to make stop on Sleepy RB in Tuskers' 28-6 win over Headless Horsemen.

we need to stop the pass. We know we'll be prepared."

We'll see if Hen Hud can get against the Bears what the Sailors got from their personnel against the lowly Lancers: including a grinding ground game led by sophomore RB Manny Carbone (4 carries, 108 yards, 2 TDs) and Peter Maselli (8 carries, 40 yards, TD); the quick-strike passing of QB Nick Cunningham (5 of 6, 70 yards, 2 TDs); and the receiving corps

to this game," Cunningham said. "Leading up to Friday night, we are going to have the best work week that we have had all season. We are just laser focused on one thing, beating Brewster."

#### CLASS AA

Mahopac saw six different players score TDs, including QB Andrew Ryan (9 off 11 for 113 passing yards, 72 yards rushing), who rushed for one and tossed



Somers RB Antonio Vieira gets edge in host Tuskers' 28-6 win over Sleepy Hollow Friday.

another in a must-win situation for the Indians, who still have their work cut out for them in a Week 3 matchup with rival Carmel. The Indians can't get too high off a win against a sub-par Quaker outfit, but had to like the fact that Brendan D'Iorio hauled in one score, RB Dino Milazzo rushed for 58 yards and a touchdown and added a sack. For the second week in a row, Greg Liberto returned a punt for a touchdown, taking off on an electric 75-yard jaunt. Justin Munoz and Ryan Dugan also scored for the Indians, who rushed for 208 yards in all and now prep in earnest for their crosstown rivals, who may be 0-2 but have faced two unbeaten teams - Arlington and John Jay EF -- to open the season.

While this Week 3 game may not have the flair it often does when it's played later in the season, it's still Mahopac at Carmel and it will still produce juice throughout that section of Putnam County where both the Mahopac Maniacs and Carmel

Crazies should fill their respective bleachers in a rare Friday night tilt between two programs that were once considered special in Section 1.

As both strive to return to the days of past glory, Week 3 is make or break for both; as Carmel cannot afford and 0-3 start, just as much as Mahopac can ill-afford to go 1-2. Carmel won't be a pushover after holding John Jay EF, the 2015 sectional runner-up, to just 14 points. Ram Andrew Dileo (100 yards receiving) hauled in a seven-yard pass from QB Kyle Shilling (11 for 17, 148 yards) in the fourth quarter for the Rams' only offensive score, as the Carmel ground game has yet to get in synch

(just 55 yards on the ground vs. Jay) but plans on doing so this Friday.

On the bright side, the Rams, held the Patriots to just seven first downs and they currently hold the rights to the Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy after manhandling Mahopac in last season's finale. That's what's on the line this Friday night; the hardware and the bragging rights, baby!

#### CLASS B

Putnam Valley (0-2) suffered a second consecutive setback, doing so in a fashion that might lead one to believe that Coach Ryan Elsasser's rookie season could be a rebuilding one after a 32-12 loss to visiting Valhalla (2-0). The schedule hasn't been easy out of the gate (defending sectional champion Westlake and upstart Valhalla) for the Tigers and doesn't get much easier, but the overall results are less than anticipated from a PV program that reached the Final 4 a year ago. It doesn't get any easier this week for the visiting

Tigers with perennial power Pleasantville on tap this Friday (7 p.m.).

#### NWE/Putnam Examiner Week 3 Grid Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** - This much is true: Only a whisker separates 1-4 in this poll.

**No.2 SOMERS** - Didn't look particularly sharp in win over Sleepy; imagine what they will look like when they sharpen up.

**No.3 BREWSTER** - Bulk up front, combined with sneaky QB Guida, makes for a tough nut to crack.

**No.3A HEN HUD** - Poised to make the biggest statement in years; very possible they do.

**No.5 CARMEL** - Until Rams relinquish Higgins Trophy, they get nod over Pac.



Lakeland RB Sean Makar is dragged down in Hornets' 10-0 loss to Tappan Zee last Friday.

## Sports

## Field Hockey Notebook

# Mahopac Snags Somers Title, Panas Still Surging

By Tony Pinciario

The Walter Panas varsity field hockey team established a base, last year, from which to build on.

The Panthers finished with eight wins, qualified for and won a first-round sectional game. Even though this was 11 months ago, the Panthers have carried that momentum and good vibes into the 2016 season.

"We have always been a hard-working team and to come back in preseason with everyone hustling and constantly working harder, I'm excited for the future of this team," senior and captain Carlyn Mucci said.

Panas opened its 2016 campaign with a 2-1 victory over Brewster and followed it up with a 4-1 triumph over Putnam Valley.

Panas jumped on Brewster with both goals in the first half as the Panthers converted penalty corners. Danielle Merante, who registered a team-leading 22 goals in 2015, resumed where she finished with a goal and an assist. Carlyn Mucci doubled the lead to 2-0 and Lisa Guzzo assisted on Merante's goal.

"We've been working much harder to execute our penalty corners properly and a big part of it is making sure everyone is focused and ready inside the circle," Mucci explained. "We've had some great opportunities, so far, and we've been able to produce."

Senior Jasmine Rosa, making her first varsity start, stopped seven of eight shots for her initial varsity win.

Panas doubled its goal output against Putnam Valley with Guzzo scoring twice, Mucci added a goal and assisted on the other three and Merante finished with a goal and an assist.

Even with a loss in the quarterfinal round of sectionals, Panas turned it into a positive.

"Coming off of our loss last year in the second round, we are determined and focused as a team to make it back there, especially with Coach Trip pushing us

hard each day to achieve this goal," Mucci said. "It's also satisfying seeing everyone really involved this year and most of us have an even better understanding of the game."

**MAHOPAC** flexed its muscle at the Somers tournament, taking the title with a 2-1 win over the host Tuskers. Kim Brower



Panas captain Carlyn Mucci takes a rip in Panthers' win over Brewster.

scored five goals in the tournament and Briana Corace set up both goals in the clincher, including the game-winning goal by Kim Brower, who had four goals in the Indians' opening-round win over Yorktown, with 29:03 left. Mahopac led 1-0 at halftime on a Dominique Milian tally.

"This was a tough game as we were looking to win our tournament but took second place," Pryschlak said. "The team played hard, but we were inconsistent. The first half we made some mental errors, but we corrected them at half time and played a solid second half, scoring in the first minute of play, which gave us some momentum. I felt like we controlled more of the second half giving our offense more opportunities but unfortunately were unable to convert. Again lots of lessons learned but we showed our true potential."

**SOMERS** split its games opening week with a 3-2 victory over North Salem. Katie Campbell had a hand in all of Somers' goals against North Salem as the Tuskers led 3-1 at halftime. Campbell scored twice and assisted on the third goal. Elizabeth Olsen had a goal and Hannah Lustig and Taylor Turchick each had an assist.

"I was happy with the outcome of the game especially since it is the beginning of the season and we are looking for a strong start," Somers' coach Jaime Pryschlak said.

The seven-time defending Section 1 and New York State Class B champion **LAKELAND** Hornets began their quest for number eight with a 5-0 victory over John Jay-Cross River.

Meghan Fahey led the offense with two goals and Cali Cortese finished with a goal and an assist. Kelsey McCruden and Julianna Cappello each had a goal and Caroline Cahill recorded an assist.

Cassie Halpin (two saves) and Kellie Smith (0 saves) each played a half and combined on the shutout. John Jay goalie Hayley Martinsen made 28 saves.

Sleepy Hollow spoiled **HEN HUD's** season-opener as Gabby Delmonico scored twice in a 2-0 victory over the Sailors.

Hen Hud goalie Carole Sinicore made eight saves.

Senior forwards Kelsey Byrne and Toni Ann Rosa did an excellent job getting the ball out on the fast break and midfielder Valentina Espinoza for giving 110 percent on every possession," Hen Hud coach Heather Gallagher said. "We know as a team what we need to work on before our next game."

Gallagher thanked and credited junior varsity players Jillian Attinelly, Katie Doorley, Savannah Lacey and Yash Rijal for stepping up because of a lack of subs.

**PUTNAM VALLEY** had a busy and physically-draining week with three games in the hot, humid weather.

The Tigers opened their week with a 4-1 setback to Panas. Freshman Cyera Daughtry gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead with her first varsity goal. Joanna Pelc started the play with a pass to Caleigh Jacobs, who fed Daughtry.

Putnam Valley and Croton had to endure the unseasonably-warm September weather, Thursday, but it was Croton who came away with a 5-0 victory.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Indians celebrate one of five goals Kim Brower would score in Somers tourney clinching.



Panas Sloane Perry is met by Brewster's Grace Pastore in Panthers' win over Bears.

Putnam Valley played without a few players and closed out the week with a tough 1-0 loss to North Salem.

"We were missing some of our starting players, but our freshmen stepped up," Putnam Valley coach Rebecca Gherardi said. "Susanna Granieri, our backup goalie, had an unbelievable game in goal saving 12 shots. Fellow freshman Isabel Healy stepped up, too, and played an unbelievable game as a forward as she helped move the ball into North Salem's end, as well as coming back to help out on defense, when needed. Junior Joanna Pelc and senior Caleigh Jacobs played strong games, helping to make strong transitions from midfields to the forwards. And sophomore Danielle Cunningham stepped up as a key player in our defense."

**YORKTOWN** lost to Pawling, 3-1 in the consolation game of the Somers Tournament. Katie Vogel scored for Yorktown and Olivia Sanchez stopped four shots.



Mahopac F Kim Brower (R) led the Indians with five goals in two games en route to Somers

# Somers Kickers, Boys/Girls, Killing it on Pitch

By Ray Gallagher  
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With nine starters back from a 20-1 season that ended with their fourth Section 1 championship in five years, the Somers Tuskers are the closest thing Section 1 Class A girls' soccer has to a dynasty and all that firepower and defense makes them the favorite again in 2016. Make no bones about it: It will take a Herculean effort to dethrone the Tuskers if the pieces fit in place again.

"We have many players returning, but right now we are searching for the right mix or combination of new players and returning players and trying to put the pieces in the right places," Somers Coach Paul Saia said. "This can take time, though, especially with the shortened pre-season not allowing for many scrimmages."

Senior co-captains M Melina Couzis (hat trick and two assists) and F Ciara Ostrander (two goals and two assists) led a star-studded cast in the Tuskers' season-opening 8-1 win over visiting Eastchester. Jessica Rodriguez, Ella Beresford and Natalie Walsh also scored for the Tuskers while Amanda Brugger set up to goals.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers Brendan Blanch fires shot on goal against pressure from Hen Hud's Dylan Marques in 3-0 Tusker win.

Hannon Eberts, who leaves at the tail end of a 42-game winning streak, which was snapped by Section 9 champion Goshen in the NYS regionals last fall. When paired with Georgetown-bound All-Section M Jenna Menta and Princeton-bound All-Section D Mary Murphy, the Tuskers have what amounts to the best Big 4 anywhere in the section; a unit that will settle for nothing less than a sectional three-peat.

Midfield/frontline depth comes in the form of Katrina Kurtz, Brugger, Stephanie Righetti, Sloane Ramsey, Dani Cucchiarella, Beresford, Tina Morgante and Ruby Avila; all of which have extensive know-how on the pitch. The defense is as stout as any around, including sweeper Claire Mensi, Brianna Penzo and Caitlyn Lucadamo; all returnees. Senior Hannah Tiso also returns after missing last year with an ACL injury. The goalie tandem lacks experience but remains athletic in senior Lauren Chiriboga and junior Lauren Jockimo.

## BOYS SOCCER

The ladies are not alone in their success at Somers. Rookie Coach Brian Lanzetta has his Tuskers performing at a high level right out of the gate, including a win over his uncle Ed Polchinski's Yorktown Huskers in the finals of the Yorktown

tourney. Sophomore Jon Riina added a goal for the Tuskers, who then went on to the Yorktown Tournament where they walked off with the title after a 1-0 win, courtesy of sophomore Lucas Fecci's goal from Riina with about 33 minutes left. Kenny Kurtz made 10 saves for the shutout.

"We did not match Somers' intensity and did not get into a rhythm until 15 minutes or so," Yorktown Assistant Coach Jason Huff said. "I think it was for the better though because it humbled us and should get us refocused for Monday's match against Mamaroneck.

"Somers is a hungry group of kids and have one of the better coaches in Section 1," Huff added. "Brian (Lanzetta) works with a majority of those kids all year round and he's developing an extremely rich soccer culture there. I wouldn't want to face them in the sectionals."

Somers advanced to the finals of the Yorktown tourney after a 2-0 shutout of Class AA Mahopac. Senior captain Jack Maher and senior Rocco D'Asconio each scored for Somers. Crafty Jared Mazzola had two goals to lead Somers to a 3-0 whitewash of visiting Hen Hud Thursday.

In other action, LAKELAND improved to 3-1 when Chris McGovern scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Luka Rudovic in a 1-0 win over Beacon. The Hornets and Tuskers are looking like legit Class A contenders early on, but there are as many as seven serious challengers -- Tappan Zee (3-0) and Somers (3-0), Lakeland (3-1), defending champion Pearl River (1-1), Byram Hills (1-1-1), Rye 1-0 and Keio (1-1) -- in a field of 27 Class A clubs, according to Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan.

"All seven of these teams will be heard from many times this fall," the coach said. "One week into the season it may be a bit too early to tell how things will shake out. With the nature of our sport being an open tournament it will be a crazy sectional season once we get there. Early on though, Tappan Zee and Somers have had a great first week. I am pleased sitting at 3-1 after four games."

Considering All-Section captain Matias Prando has only played 1-1/2 of the Hornets' four games, that's pretty good. Senior co-captain Nick Foci has led the attack with five goals in four games, including a hat trick in a win over Hen Hud...

Hugo Guerra had two goals and an assist in BREWSTER's 3-0 win over Beacon. The Bears (2-0-1) also tied Harrison 0-0 and defeated Lourdes 2-0, giving senior G Michael Charbonneau his third shutout of the season...

Blaine Fitzgerald notched seven saves in HALDANE's 4-0 shutout of Hamilton, the Blue Devils' first win...

In a 5-2 PANAS win over Gorton, Hunter Mastromonaco had two goals and one assist in the Panthers' (1-2) first win of the season...



Somers' Jack Maher has a step on Hen Hud's Dylan Marques in Tuskers 3-0 win over Sailors.

The Tuskers then moved on to the opening round of the Yorktown Tournament where they defeated RCK, 3-0, behind goals from Ostrander, Danielle Cucchiarella, and Jessica Rodriguez.

The UConn-bound Couzis and the Yale-bound Ostrander are as decorated a duo as there is in Section 1 this season, and the damage these two All-NYS players inflict will be out of necessity minus the services of graduated All-American striker



Somers' Jon Riina (11) battles Hen Hud's Trevor Dowling in Tuskers' 3-0 win over Sailors last Thursday.

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## Mahopac Nips Somers, 2-1, for Tusker Tourney Title

Mahopac senior Briana Corace (R) set up the tying and winning goal for the Indians in last Thursday's 2-1 triumph of Grace Farina (4) and host Somers, which gave it their best shot but settled for second place in the Tusker tourney... see Field Hockey Notebook