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## Sheriff Officials Furious at Leg. Over Delayed Votes

By David Propper

Putnam County Sheriff Department officials are fuming after the county Legislature failed to move forward a memorandum of agreement with the sheriff's Patrol Benevolent Association and the establishment of a new union within the department leaving the two proposals in limbo.

During a committee meeting last Thursday, Legislature Chairwoman and Personnel Committee Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino asked if committee members Carl Albano or Paul Jonke wanted to make a motion to move the memorandum of agreement (MOA) or a new commissioned officers' union forward, and both times the room fell silent. The non-actions came after lawmakers were in executive session for almost an hour.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Undersheriff Paul Boscia spoke up for his department men last week.

As a result, both items will remain in committee going forward and led to harsh words from the second-in-command at the sheriff's office.

Undersheriff Paul Boscia and several other high-ranking sheriff officials were on hand for the meeting and weren't happy. In a strong rebuke, Boscia told lawmakers their actions were a "slap in the face" and called the delays a "travesty."

He then asked lawmakers, "What do we do, I'm just curious when everybody calls for the police to help, something that everybody always wants?" Nacerino responded, "I'm not going to comment on that because I don't think we're going to come along that conversation with the non-action that was just taken."

The proposed union is currently being reviewed by the New York State Public

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## Town of Carmel Officials Face Tax Craze

By Neal Rentz

A standing room only crowd consisting of angry residents packed the Carmel Town Board meeting for a discussion of the proposed property revaluation on March 22.

Roughly 13,000 disclosure notices were mailed out on March 1, which showed large property tax hikes for some property owners, many of whom said last week they could not afford them. Those disclosure notes have led to high tension in the town and furious property owners with many living near lakes.

Town board members said they were open to potentially entering into a process of having the higher property taxes phased in over a few years if the tax rolls are accepted by town real property assessor Glenn Droese.

Edye McCarthy from McCarthy Consultants, which is working with town, said the final tax rolls need to be accepted

by the real property assessor by May 1.

John Wolham, regional director of the state Department of Taxation and Finance, said the state recommends municipalities do revaluations at least every three to five years. The purpose of a revaluation is to assure property owners are paying their fair share of taxes, he said.

"The goal here is equity," he said.

All but one of the many residents who spoke about revaluation sharply criticized the effort, which was prepared by Vision Government Solutions. Businessman and resident Mike Barile and many other residents criticized the town board for putting revaluation as the last item of last Wednesday's meeting agenda, which included a voting session, postponed from the previous Wednesday due a snowstorm, and a work session. Barile and others who spoke at the meetings said

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A standing room only crowd attended the Carmel Town Board meeting on March 22 to discuss revaluation.



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# Patterson Town Board Votes to Approve Patterson FD Contract

By Anna Young

The Town of Patterson and the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department finally reached an agreement on a new contract during Wednesday night's town board meeting.

The town board voted to approve the new contract subject to revisions satisfactory with Supervisor Richard Williams and town attorney consistent with the discussions with the Patterson fire department.

The department is subject to receive under \$800,000 for the fiscal year that starts in April.

"We've talked about it and we're happy with the changes that we requested that were made and we're good with it," Eleanor Smith, Patterson fire department president said during the March 22 meeting.

A vote on the contract has been delayed numerous times by town board members with a lack of communication apparent between the two sides.

After the board requested additional financial information, Smith submitted the final paperwork during the meeting, stating she had to take the day off from work in order to gather the numerous documents the board requested.

Following recent fire department scandals within Putnam County, including the former treasurer of the



The Patterson Fire Department firehouse.

Patterson department pleading guilty to stealing more than \$1 million from the department, Williams believes gaining all financial information will create greater transparency between the board and the department.

Smith also added that incorrect dates and scheduling information within the contract need to be corrected and the town attorney and department attorney will need to put those changes in place.

"I think the contract is good, we just need to put in the changes and sign it,"

she said.

The town board meeting also briefly updated residents on the start of the town wide EMS program that began last week.

Williams said on March 20 at 7 a.m., the town's new ambulance service started up.

"We've done a number of calls, they've all been handled professionally and we look like we're off to a good start. And that could in part be attributed to Father Gill blessing the ambulance on Saturday," Williams said. "But there's always more



Patterson Supervisor Rich Williams.

work to be done."

The town board also voted unanimously on an RFP to install lights in the vehicles so the new EMS administrator has lights and a radio.

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# Former Mahopac Chamber CEO Responds to Grand Larceny Charge

By David Propper

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO/executive director was terminated from her position Tuesday and arrested after she was accused of stealing from the business organization.

Erin Meagher, 26, of Brewster, was charged with grand larceny, a felony in the 4th degree. She's accused of misappropriating funds from the chamber, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's investigators arrested Meagher, also a Village of Brewster trustee, and gave her an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Town of Carmel Justice Court on April 11.

The investigation was a joint effort by the sheriff's office and the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, according to the sheriff's press release.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Glasser said Meagher is alleged to have stolen more than \$1,000 from the non-profit. District Attorney Bob Tandy said he's personally recused himself from the case because of he knows Meagher well. According to Meagher's website, she volunteered for Tandy's district attorney campaign in 2015.

Meagher, in a statement to The Putnam Examiner, said she looks forward to clearing her name.

"I was heartbroken to learn that my



Erin Meagher

reliance for guidance and correction on long standing chamber members proved misplaced," Meagher said. "I believe that I was targeted because of my youth and political affiliation with numerous organizations."

Meagher's attorney, Kevin Reverri, said Meagher would be vindicated when all the facts are released.

"Ms. Meagher is stunned that members of the chamber that she served for over a year is launching a smear campaign and deceptive political attack against one of the youngest elected officials in New

York State," Reverri said. "Ms. Meagher has acted in complete good faith and full cooperation; submitting to a recorded interview, giving consent for forensic review of all her computers, and actively working to assist investigators in sorting out the complaint levied against her."

In a statement sent out by Joseph Tock, the counsel of the Mahopac-Carmel chamber, he said Meagher used the chamber's debit card as "her personal slush fund" to purchase clothes including jewelry, dresses, and Stich Fix personal styling services. Additionally, she bought Kate Spade handbags and Ivanka Trump shoes with the chamber card, Tock alleged.

"She even flaunted her ill-gotten apparel at chamber and community events," Tock wrote in an email to chamber members.

Meagher fabricated invoices from Amazon in an attempt to deceive the Board of Directors, according to the chamber statement. Tock wrote the executive board--made up of volunteers--recently uncovered the scheme.

"It is disheartening that she stole from the more than 390 chamber members and has shattered the trust of our community," Tock, a local attorney, wrote.

In a follow up phone call, Tock said he couldn't delve into further details, including when exactly the executive board discovered the alleged theft,

because the investigation is ongoing.

Tock wrote the executive board continued to work with the district attorney's office and the sheriff's department last Wednesday "to prosecute her to the fullest extent of the law."

Glasser said neither the district attorney's office nor sheriff's office had any involvement in drafting or releasing the press release sent out by the Mahopac chamber. Glasser also couldn't reveal when chamber officials contacted law enforcement because the investigation continues.

"If it's determined that more or different charges are warranted than they will be brought," Glasser said.

Meagher has been active in the community and the Putnam political sphere for several years. She was a past chairwoman of Founder's Day in Brewster and has been involved in several other events and committees concerning the village. The Carmel High School graduate is also on the executive board for the Southeast Republican Committee, serving as secretary.

Meagher ran for Brewster trustee in 2013, losing by a slim margin, but won when she ran again two years later, receiving the most votes out of the four candidates running. This is her second year on the village board and her seat is up for election this year.

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without changes revaluation would result in significantly higher property taxes, hurting the town.

Barile, who is running for town board, said the revaluation process was rushed to make the May 1 deadline for the tax rolls. "The process should have been finished nine months ago" to give property owners time to challenge their tax assessments, he said.

Barile also told the town board New York City should be adequately taxed for the property it owns in Carmel.

Resident Tom Martin said the process should not have been started because, "the reval was going to hurt the town." Resident Meghan Delassandro said if her family's proposed property taxes were not reduced they would be forced to move out of the town.

Bill Shasty, who owns a mobile home park, said the revaluation would hurt his clients. "It needs to be redone," he said.

Resident and business owner Charlie Melchner said the community is at stake with regards to this reassessment.

"A lot of us are very concerned with what's going on in our community if this tax goes into effect," he said, urging the board to give the tax assessor time to get the project correct.

Robert Buckley was the only resident



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The Carmel Town Board at its March 22 meeting, which included a three-hour discussion of the revaluation.

who said he agreed with the revaluation. According to Buckley, 43 percent of Carmel property owners, including him, saw their taxes go down and 30 percent saw their taxes remain about the same. Under revaluation some property owners saw their taxes in the preliminary notices they recently received go down by as much as \$8,000, he said.

"The people who aren't here" who saw their taxes decrease or stay the same need to be considered by the town, he stressed.

## Town Board Members Comment

Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said he first proposed doing a revaluation five years ago to make sure property owners were paying their fair share of taxes.

Schmitt said he supported looking at "a phase-in" for local property owners who would have their taxes go up as a result of revaluation. He said there have been enough concerns in his mind to question if the evaluation was done fairly and balanced.

"Maybe we got it right," Schmitt said. "I have some concerns."

A phase-in for the town would have to approve by the state Legislature.

Councilman John Lupinacci said he agreed with the supervisor proposal to potentially seek a three-year "phase-in" for those who would see their taxes go up under revaluation. He said property owners who would have their taxes stay the same or go down would not be affected by a phase-in. He encouraged taxpayers to grieve their taxes if they remain unhappy with the spike.

Councilwoman Suzi McDonough said the aim of revaluation should be "to make it fair" McDonough said she was not ready to accept the revaluation yet.

Councilman Frank Lombardi applauded Droese, who has been working seven days a week on the revaluation. Under any revaluation process "not everybody will be happy," Lombardi said. He encouraged everyone to go through the process because it could only help property owners.

Councilman Jonathan Schneider noted he understands the ramifications some residents could face, but the town board must try to represent the town as a whole. The goal is to make sure the town as equitable as possible, he said.

"The project is good," Schneider said.

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Employment Relations Board (PERB), which could make a decision whether the labor union should be created.

Boscia, in an interview afterward, ripped the lawmakers for holding up both the PBA contract and the formation of a commissioned officers union. He said even if the two resolutions are advanced to the full legislature and are still voted down, he at least wants residents and sheriff officials to know where certain lawmakers stand on the two issues.

When addressing the PBA contract, Boscia said both Sheriff Don Smith and County Executive MaryEllen Odell support the new deal. Now, the county Legislature has the final say, which seems to be a difficult sell for the nine lawmakers.

Boscia accused both the finance department and personnel department of "going rogue" because he believes their opinion differs from what the county executive wants. He said he knows both personnel director Paul Eldridge and finance commissioner William Carlin were against the contract and complained while the two department heads were part of the executive session, no one from

the sheriff's office was represented even though Boscia said he was originally invited.

As for the proposed commissioned officers' union, Boscia noted that the four captains and one lieutenant currently don't have the protection of a union. Those five sheriff officials want the same benefits they had before they were promoted to the current position, Boscia said.

"There's really no incentive to become a boss," Boscia said. "There really is no reason to be a captain here except personal satisfaction and doing the right thing."

Sheriff Smith said in a statement he was very disappointed the personnel committee delayed both the proposed PBA agreement and the recognition of the commissioned officers' union.

Smith urged lawmakers to discuss these topics out in the open where each one could explain whether they support or oppose the proposed contract and new union.

"The citizens of Putnam County and the hard-working men and women of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office deserve a fair airing of the issues and a public

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# Cold Spring Mayoral Race Goes to Absentee Ballots

By David Propper

The winner of the mayoral seat in Cold Spring won't be determined until today, with the vote tally too close to call last Tuesday night.

Incumbent Mayor Dave Merandy is holding on with a 22-vote edge over challenger Alison Anthoine following village Election Day results. The two candidates, whom engaged in a spirited campaign season, will find out today (Tuesday), when the absentee ballots are counted at the Putnam County Board of Election at 3 p.m. Merandy checks in with 369 votes and Anthoine has 347. There were 60 absentee ballots were sent out and as of last Monday at press time, 41 were returned.

Reaction amongst the two candidates was in stark contrast last week.

Merandy declined comment about the tight race going to absentee ballots until the final tally is counted and a definite winner if determined.

Meanwhile, Anthoine said she was thrilled the election was as close as it is, especially because she called it an "impulsive decision" to throw her hat into the race. As a recent Cold Spring resident going up against a lifelong resident, Anthoine called her small deficit going into absentees "truly incredible."

"I consider this a victory just for the fact I came out to bridge the gap between



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
Current Mayor Dave Merandy waits as results come in last week with wife and former trustee Stephanie Hawkins.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
Candidate for mayor Alison Anthoine (left) was happy with her performance last week. Next to her, Peggy Schatzle lost in her trustee race.

the various factions in the community and I've clearly done that," she said. "I've succeeded at that even if I don't win."

Anthoine said her goal was to appeal across the spectrum to every group in the small village and what she achieved "has never been done before."

As for the trustee spots, incumbents Fran Murphy and Marie Early earned another two years in office after easily surpassing challenger Peggy Schatzle. Murphy garnered the most votes with 487 and Early collected 398. Schatzle finished

with 327.

A euphoric Murphy said she was happy the campaign was over, describing it as "interesting" because of the tendency for residents to throw out information that was unverified rather than factual.

"I'm really thankful," Murphy said. "I think people like me, I think people trust me and that makes a difference."

Murphy said she's keeping her fingers crossed for Merandy, noting she's enjoyed working with him the last two years.

But she said she'd be ready to work with Anthoine if she pulled off the upset.

Early said the job the village board has done the last two years was a "compelling argument" to voters that warranted her return to the board. When addressing the tight mayoral race, Early said she thought the federal lawsuit stemming from the Butterfield development had a "significant effect" on the election.

Early ran with Merandy on the People's Party line.

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explanation from legislators of where each one stands on these issues," Smith stated. "These matters will directly impact how well the Sheriff's Office will be able to attract, retain and promote the highest quality personnel."

But lawmakers contend the deal is bad for Putnam taxpayers.

Nacerino, who is in her second year leading the legislature, said the personnel committee didn't move the MOA to a full vote because the "unanimous opinion of the Legislature that this MOA is unequivocally unsustainable, and we were unwilling to ask our taxpayers to shoulder the enormous burden that the agreement would have required of them."

Nacerino said she hopes the two sides can go back to the negotiating table to craft a deal that is fair and equitable to both deputies and taxpayers. She stressed the entire legislature has the utmost respect for law enforcement and the sheriff's department despite the setback.

*"These matters will directly impact how well the Sheriff's Office will be able to attract, retain and promote the highest quality personnel." - Sheriff Don Smith*

When addressing Boscia's suggestion that Eldridge and Carlin went rogue, Nacerino called it "preposterous."

"Let us not forget, we all work for the people of Putnam County," Nacerino added. "These two gentlemen were simply doing their jobs by providing necessary information to the Legislature to enable us to make an informed decision. They are

both outstanding long term employees of the County of Putnam."

Nacerino said the legislature rebuffed the proposed commissioned officers' union because to create another union for just five individuals "would be unduly onerous both monetarily and operationally." She said the legislature would honor whatever decision is reached by PERB.

In stark contrast to Nacerino, Odell, in an interview, confirmed her support for both the proposed PBA contract and the proposed union.

The county administration has been talking with the PBA leadership for about a year, Odell said, and she believes the proposed six-year deal is a fair compensation package.

"In Putnam County, we're very responsible to law enforcement because they're so important," Odell said.

Odell said she looks forward to working with legislators and the sheriff to get the deal through and perhaps legislators

just needed more time to review the details of the deal. When asked about Boscia's comment accusing Eldridge and Carlin of defying the county executive administration, Odell said the comment was likely just a reaction to being taken by surprise by the outcome Thursday.

Regarding the commissioned officers' union, Odell said she was "100 percent" in support of it, calling the five individuals incredible that have come through the ranks of the department.

Boscia said the four captains might be the best the department ever had, but if the commissioned officers' union continues to be stymied, they might leave imminently.

Sheriff officials on hand for the meeting walked out in frustration as the meeting came to a close and were still steaming outside as lawmakers left the county office building.

"These guys are furious," Boscia said. "We couldn't fathom this."

## Forum Addresses Pros, Cons of State Constitutional Convention

By Martin Wilbur

During the past few months, most Americans following politics and public policy matters have likely been fixated on Washington.

But New York residents will be faced with a critical decision next fall that could potentially reshape state government, the courts, pensions and scores of other issues.

A statewide proposition will be before voters in November's general election asking whether a constitutional convention should be held to explore making revisions to New York's constitution.

On Saturday morning, the League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns held an informational forum at the Greenburgh Public Library featuring former Pleasantville mayor and Westchester County legislator John Nonna, Pace University Law School Professor Nicholas Robinson and Jay C. Carlisle, a professor emeritus at Pace Law School. They addressed the pros and cons of a convention as well as what would happen if voters approve the proposition.

Originally written in 1777, the state constitution served as a model for the creation of the U.S. Constitution. While the panelists agreed there are many strong portions of New York's constitution – the state university system was created out of the 1894 convention and environmental protections were later created to protect forests in the Adirondacks and Catskills – there are parts that have become badly outdated through the decades.

"Jefferson said each generation should change the constitution," Robinson said. "Let's get into an intergenerational debate,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Left to right, panelists Nicholas Robinson, John Nonna and Jay Carlisle talk about the possibility of a state constitutional convention during a League of Women Voters forum Saturday in Greenburgh. A proposition will be on the ballot this November.

generation to generation, not to throw out the constitution but to fix it."

Carlisle said the current court system, also created in 1894, is among the most unwieldy in the United States, with at least 11 different types of trial courts. The state constitution calls for four appellate divisions but the Second Appellate Division has more than half the state's population. Furthermore, state Supreme Court justices must retire by 70 years old, something that may have made sense over 120 years ago but not in the 21st century, he said.

"A 70-year-old man can run for and get elected president of the United States but we can't have a judge in the state Supreme Court (of that age)," Carlisle said.

Convening a convention would also be a chance for the state to create an ethics commission, something New York sorely needs but has been avoided by the legislature, he said.

Under the state constitution, the proposition asking for a convention appears on the ballot every 20 years, said Nonna, a partner in the Manhattan law firm Squire Patton Boggs. A convention was last held in 1967, and by all accounts was a complete failure after political insiders who became delegates took control

and grouped all proposed reforms into a single vote.

Nonna said if voters approve the proposition in November, there will be elections in each of the state's 63 senatorial districts in November 2018 to determine the three delegates who will represent each district.

Any citizen can run to become a delegate from their district as long as they get 1,000 signatures from members of their party if they are a Republican or Democrat. Independents would need 3,000 signatures or signatures equaling at least 5 percent of the voters in the last gubernatorial election in their district, Nonna said. Another 15 at-large statewide delegates would bring the total to 204.

A convention would convene on Apr. 2, 2019, and likely last four to five months. Delegates would be paid at the same rate

as a state legislator for the duration of the convention, he said.

While there are many compelling reasons to have a convention, there may be as many against holding one, the panelists stated.

The estimated cost, which would be shouldered by the taxpayers, is between \$47 million and \$118 million, Robinson said one study revealed.

There is the danger that delegates would also likely be put up and funded by political machines, with the possibility of heavy doses of "dark money" coming into the races, Carlisle said.

While much good could be accomplished with a convention, some citizens fear many of the benefits and protections enjoyed in New York could be taken away. Currently, most unions are opposing a convention, fearful that state pensions could be stripped away.

Others are concerned that longstanding environmental protections could be lost.

However, Carlisle said the best chance of achieving some of the reforms needed in New York is through a convention. The only other way to amend the constitution is through legislation that is approved by the Assembly and Senate for two consecutive years, then have the voters approve a proposition. About 200 revisions have been made over the past 100 years.

"We either have hope or we're too frightened to proceed," Carlisle said. "It's either fright or hope."

To learn more about a constitutional convention, the panelists suggested visiting the League of Women Voters or the New York Bar Association websites.

# Brewster School District Unveils Proposed Budget

By David Propper

The Brewster Central School District anticipates it'll offer a spending plan under the tax cap to district voters this year with the budget vote about two months away.

The budget is totaled at \$95.4 million for the 2017-18 school year, according to Brewster administrators during a Board of Education meeting last Tuesday with the fiscal year starting in July for New York school systems.

Taxes will remain under the New York State imposed tax cap, which is in its 6th year of existence. Overall, spending will jump \$2.7 million, according to district officials. About 52 percent of the budget is spent on instruction, while employee benefits take up 25 percent. More budget discussion will continue on April 4 and a final budget is expected to be adopted on April 20.

For class sizes estimates, at JFK Elementary School the number of students in a classroom would be between 21-23; at CV Starr Intermediate the number would be between 24-26 students; at HH Wells Middle School the number would be between 22-24 students; and Brewster High School the number would be between 17-21 students depending on the class subject.

There have been eyebrow raising demographic shifts within the district, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO  
Superintendent Dr. Valerie Henning (far right) and other district administrators presented the district's spending plan last week.

Henning said, including 29 percent of students that are considered economically disadvantaged from the 2015-16 school year that is up from 11 percent in 2010-11 year. Special education students allot for 14 percent of district students and English as a new language students are up to 7 percent, Henning said. Overall, 29 percent of students identify as Hispanic, but might not be in ESL services.

Notable staffing changes include adding one elementary school teacher at CV Starr, one physical education teacher in the high school and adding two positions concerning mental health wellness.

One mental health provider would be

district wide, Henning said, and another is bilingual.

"Our students require more resources than ever before," business administrator Victor Karlsson said.

The district will also put forward a resolution that would allow them to borrow \$750,000 to purchase eight new buses to replenish a depleting fleet. Two of the buses would be 76 passengers and three of the buses would 48 passengers.

Karlsson said state aid would cover 45.1 percent of the cost of each bus; essentially a "buy one, get one free" deal and the first of five annual payments would be due in 2018-19, not next school year.

While budget season appears to be a smooth ride in Brewster, school board officials still slammed the amount of money it might lose from the federal government.

School board president Dr. Stephen Jambor criticized the federal government's plan to cut professional learning development funding and other possible resources that make its way to

local districts.

Public education across the country could be cut by \$9 billion, Jambor said, calling it "very bad news."

The money that usually goes to public education would instead be funneled to privatization subsidies for charter schools, Jambor said. He warned the entire education model would shift away from public schools.

Henning said the district gets \$1.3 million from the overall money being cut from public schools. The money comes mostly through grants, Henning said.

"There's no way to sugarcoat that," Jambor said.

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## Statement from Maloney Regarding Congress Pulling AHCA

Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) released the following statement after House Republican Leadership cancelled a vote on the bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

"After seven years of big talk about

repealing Obamacare, the best idea these guys have to offer is so terrible they can't even get other Republicans to support it. I've said since day one that I want to get to work and improve parts of the Affordable Care Act. But that means sitting down and

having a real conversation to make things better. Defunding Planned Parenthood, gutting Medicare and Medicaid, cutting off health care for veterans and creating a tax on older people are just dumb ideas, and I hope Republicans in Congress can

drop them so we can move on. We can bring down costs and make this thing work better without kicking people off health insurance – but we need to work together."

## Letter to the Editor

### Putnam Veterans Agency Now Offers Free Civil Legal Service

We are infinitely proud of what we have to offer to our Veterans and their families at the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency. We are persistently trying to expand access to a myriad of services. In recent years we have expanded to have a psychologist from the Vet Center of Danbury meet with Veterans on a weekly basis at the Agency office. Monthly the VA Hudson Valley Outreach Coordinator is in the office to offer on-the-spot registration for VA health care,

appointment scheduling and to answer questions regarding the VA. We are now proud to welcome the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) to our office each month.

The Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will be providing free civil legal services to those who have served under the auspices of their "Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project" In LSHV's own words "They served their country-they deserve equal access to justice at home". The

passion for justice they have will protect Veterans and their family's right to the basic necessities of life as guaranteed by law. There are a host of areas that they will offer civil legal representation in: housing, consumer affairs, Social Securities and SSI Disabilities claims, elder law, domestic violence and public benefits. Unique for Veterans and service members they offer assistance with Veteran Benefits appeals, military discharge upgrades, and military record corrections. LSHV will be at the

Veterans Service Agency on the second Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The more services that we can have in a single office provides the Veteran and the Veterans family with a one stop shopping venue. Again we welcome LSHV to our family.

Karl Rohde  
Director of Veterans Services

## Obituaries

### Joseph P. Campbell

Joseph P. Campbell, a resident of Mahopac for over 50 years, died suddenly on March 19 in Myrtle Beach, SC at the age of 76. He was born in Brooklyn, the son of Joseph and Thelma (O'Donnell) Campbell. On September 12, 1964 he married Louise Svoboda; they were married for over 52 years. Joe was a proud veteran of the Marine Corps and continued his service as a FDNY firefighter for over 20 years. Joe was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time with his close friends in Mahopac and North Myrtle Beach. He was known by many as "Soupy". Joe is survived by his wife Louise, his oldest daughter Dianne, her children Mallory and Hannah, his youngest daughter Lauren and her husband Tom, their children Julia, Thomas and Stacy.

### Carol A. St. Auburn

Mrs. Carol A. St. Auburn, 69, of Stormville, died on March 19, at Rosary Hill Nursing Home in Hawthorne. Mrs. St. Auburn was born on June 8, 1947 to Michael and Kathryn (Sanacory) Howard in the Bronx, NY. On May 15, 1971, she married the love of her life, Michael St. Auburn in Carmel, and together they were blessed with two sons; Michael and Matthew. Before Carol retired in 2002, she was the Director of Global Promotions for Reader's Digest in Chappaqua. In her spare time, Carol was an active community member and was a member of the American Sewing Guild in Dutchess County, a Girl Scout Leader, a CCD Teacher for St. James the Apostle and was the Grand-Queen of the Red Hatters. Her favorite past-time of all, was spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by, her two loving

sons; Michael and Matthew, her cherished grandchild Alexis St. Auburn whom she adored and her four siblings; Michael Howard, Kathryn Casey, John Howard and Barbara Howard and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Michael St. Auburn in 2004. Carol was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and a friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

### Alvin Perla

Alvin Perla, 31, of Carmel, died on March 20, at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla after losing his battle with AML Leukemia. Mr. Perla was born on December 16, 1985 to José and Dora (Montesinos) Perla in Yonkers. Alvin lived in the Carmel area for the past 15 years after growing up in Yonkers. He was an Electrician for Fryer Machine Systems in Patterson. He is survived by his beloved parents, José and Dora, his loving siblings; Juan & Jackie Perla, and Oscar Perla; his nephew and niece, Vaughn and Isabelle; as well as his dog Jake who brought him much joy over the last few years. He will be dearly missed by all of those who had known and loved him including many family and close friends from near and far.

### Salvatore S. Ciralo

Salvatore S. Ciralo, 85, of Baldwin Place, died on March 21, at Putnam Hospital Center. Mr. Ciralo was born on May 12, 1931 to Jack and Lucy (LaCassia) Ciralo in New York City. On July 23, 1953 he married Virginia Fraloli in the Bronx, and together they were blessed

with four children; Jack, Salvatore, Joseph and Anthony. Before he retired, he was a self-employed Contractor/Builder and he truly enjoyed his customers. In addition, he was Real Estate Mogul and had many properties in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties. He is survived by his four loving sons; Jack (Lucy), Salvatore (Denise), Joseph (Elizabeth) and Anthony (Mary), twelve cherished grandchildren and seventeen adoring great-grandchildren all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by two of his siblings; Rosalee Cafra and Thomas Ciralo. Sal is predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years Virginia, who had passed in 2016, his beloved grandson Jake and his two sisters Concetta Ciralo, Mary Unterman who had recently passed. He will be dearly missed by all; yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

### Mary DeFrancesco

Mary DeFrancesco, a lifelong resident of

Mahopac, died on Thursday March 23, at the age of 97. She was born in Mahopac on April 15, 1919, the daughter of Enrico and Letizia Paniconi Veschi. Mary graduated from Mahopac High School in 1937. Hers was the first graduating class in the school that is now Lakeview Elementary School. She, along with her husband Enrico, owned Ricky's Luncheonette in Mahopac for many years. She was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac and a member of the Italian-American Club in Mahopac. On April 21, 1940 she married Enrico DeFrancesco at St. John's. Enrico died on March 31, 1988. She is survived by her sons, Anthony and his wife Anita and Ronald and his wife Sue, all of Carmel, her sisters, Ida Salvastrini, Louise Lotrecchiano and Rita Tyndall, her grandchildren, Richard and John DeFrancesco and Robert and Lisa Holstein and her great grandchildren, Sophia, Giana, Abigail, Ryan and Jake. She was predeceased by her daughter, Linda Holstein, her brother, Gino Veschi and her sister, Enia "Anne" Miozzi.

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# Schech's Pool Spa Patio Brewster

By David Propper

Putnam County's first pool store is still going strong almost 50 years later.

Opening all the way back when Richard Nixon was president, Schech's Pool Spa Patio has been a resource customers in Brewster and Putnam County have been able to rely on with a wide range of services and supplies to make not just summer, but every season enjoyable.

The business has been with the same family since it opened in 1969. The late Herb Schech, a homebuilder, and his wife Irene started the store when Herb realized more and more residents in the area wanted pools. He decided the solution was to open a pool maintenance shop and the success has been evident. Daughter and son of Herb and Irene, Barbara and Edmund Schech, took over and today, Barbara is the owner, but still works with her sister-in-law Barbara Schmitt-Schech and other relatives.

The family atmosphere is contagious, employees like Schmitt-Schech, Kate Corsitto and Bernadette Baker noted.

"If you're not family, you feel like family," Kate Corsitto said.

Schech's Pool offers essentially everything for a homeowner's backyard needs, but installing the actual pool. They



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Bernadette Baker, Katie Corsitto, and Barbara Schmitt-Schech (left to right) all work at Schech's Pool, which still has served the community for almost 50 years.

offer pools services, pool maintenance supplies, training, water toys, spa supplies, spa tubs, grills, and patio furniture. Additionally, it sells massage chairs and firewood for indoor needs.

Corsitto stressed Schech's is a year round store. They have gifts for various holidays and occasions like housewarming gifts

and Easter baskets.

Schech's also offers a wide array of services, making sure to keep up to date on the latest technology. Employees go to training seminars in places like Atlantic City over the winter to make sure they know the newest services and supplies. Even something like pool cleaning has

become high tech, going from simple suction cleaners to robots that clean pools.

Customers can even sample certain products before deciding if they want to make a purchase, including spa hot tubs. One hot tub is filled with water and running indoors during the winter and during the summer one is outside. If a customer wants to throw their bathing suit, they're more than welcome to try it, Corsitto said.

"Trying to keep our customers happy as far as keeping them involved in our business," Corsitto said. "We're here for them. Our job is to serve our customers."

For all the business Schech's Pool does, it also has immersed itself in community organizations and functions. That list includes Brewster Education Foundation, Relay For Life, the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, the Brewster Chamber of Commerce, and partners with Camp Herrlich on occasion.

For a business that started out of the Schech's house, the store has become and remains a community staple.

*Schech's Pool Spa Patio is located at 61 Old Route 6 in Brewster and its phone number is 845-279-6400.*



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The inside of the Schech's Pool displays many gifts and supplies for backyard fun.

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# Haldane Senior Morgan Honored by BOCES for Excellence

To Morgan Hotaling, whose teachers and family laud her devotion to academics and the study of physical therapy, the key is to find what you're passionate about.

"Once you find that, it's not really work; it's just doing what you want to do," the Haldane High School senior said Tuesday night, after she was named a Student of Distinction in a brief ceremony. She received the honor for excelling in the Sports Medicine program at the Tech Center of Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES.

"She's a hardworking young lady; she really goes the extra mile," Tech Center Principal Stephen Lowery told the Haldane Board of Education at its meeting in the district's elementary-middle school.

Morgan, who plays on the Haldane High School softball team, said her interest in physical therapy grew out of her love of athletic activities. Interning at Empire Performance PT in Carmel and Brightman Chiropractic and Sports Medicine in Mahopac, she said the joy in physical therapy work comes from seeing people who start out frustrated by their temporary limitations become happy when they understand that they will recover.



From l., Dr. James Ryan, Superintendent of Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES; Ella Hotaling, Morgan's sister; Allison Hotaling, Morgan's mother; Arthur Hotaling Jr., Morgan's father; Morgan Hotaling; Stephen Lowery, Principal of the Tech Center of Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES.

"When they leave, they're talkative and they have a smile on their face," she said.

Morgan entered the Sports Medicine program setting the bar high for herself and has exceeded all expectations of her teachers, according to one of her instructors, Will Brightman. He said before the ceremony that she is one of his top students both academically and

professionally.

"Morgan consistently demonstrates a level of study and accomplishment in all facets of the curriculum," Mr. Brightman said. "She quickly picks up on material and is able to make connections ahead of all her peers. In health care, this talent puts her in a unique role, especially as it relates to assessments and diagnostics."

In addition to her academic achievement and work ethic, Morgan's positive attitude makes her a role model for other students, Mr. Brightman said. "She has earned the respect of her peers, and I personally believe she has the insight and intellectual capability to become a physician or a therapist one day," he said. "Her willingness to participate on the highest level on a daily basis serves as a motivation to her classmates."

Next year, Morgan will study physical therapy at Rockland Community College, and she eventually intends to earn a doctorate in the discipline.

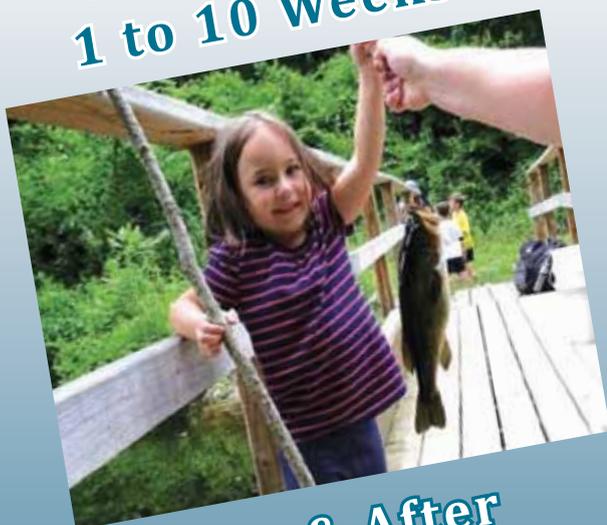
"I see a bright future for her – a very bright future," her mother, Allison Hotaling, said after the ceremony. "She's very goal-oriented."

In addition to her mother, Morgan attended the ceremony with her father Arthur Hotaling Jr. and her younger sister, Emma, who is in sixth grade at Haldane Elementary School.

Haldane Superintendent Diana Bowers joined in presenting Morgan with the medal and certificate that come with the honor.

"Thank you for highlighting her terrific work," Bowers said to the BOCES officials present.

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# The Natural Gifts of Camp

By Richard Louv

Every summer, when I was in junior high and high school, my buddy Pete Sebring would disappear for a few weeks to a camp in the mountains west of Colorado Springs. I resented it. For me, those humid July weeks back in Kansas dragged, and then Pete would come home telling tales of adventure — as if he had been to some alpine Oz.

As it turns out, that camp shaped Pete in ways neither of us realized at the time. He credits his summers in Colorado with giving him a foundation for success and longevity — more than three decades — as a teacher.

“The camp encouraged me to invent activities, such as pioneering, survival hikes and overnights, and identifying native plants of central Colorado,” he said. “Once while picking ground plums, which tasted like raw green beans, we uncovered an ancient hunting site full of arrowheads, charcoal, and flint chips. I also encountered brown bears, coyotes, pumas, and wolves — one white and one black. Only the kids with me believed me.”

I was one of those who didn't believe that Pete had encountered wolves. This morning, I checked the history: The Colorado Department of Resources reports that, while wolves were, by official

measure, eradicated in the 1930s, “there have been sporadic reports of wolves in Colorado over the decades” — none confirmed. They may have been wolf-hybrids or dogs or, just maybe, wolves.

“Their night howls were long, sonorous, and unnerving, Pete recalled.

One more reason I wished I could have gone to summer camp with him.

Still, during those years, I had my own adventures — a free-range childhood spent fishing and chasing snakes and building forts in the woods. Those experiences shaped my life every bit as much as Pete's time at camp shaped his.

Today, too few children and young people have either experience — free-range or camp. In my book, “Last Child in the Woods,” I describe how young people can likely tell you about the Amazon rain forest, but they'll likely be hard-pressed to describe the last time they explored the woods in solitude or lay in a field listening to the wind and watching the clouds move. Nature is becoming an abstraction, something to watch on the flip-down TV

screen from the back seat of a minivan.

In 2005, “Generation M: Media in the Lives of Eight- to Eighteen-Year-Olds,” conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, revealed that children are plugged into some kind of electronic medium an average of five-and-a-half hours a day, “the equivalent of a full-time job, and more time than they spend doing anything else besides sleeping.”

One reason kids aren't going outside as much is parental fear. News and entertainment media have conditioned us to believe that life outside the front door is far more dangerous than it actually is, at least from stranger-danger. Nonetheless, this fear is unlikely to go away, which is one of the reasons parents are likely to value camps even more in the future than they do today. Risk is always a part of life, but camps can offer parents the reassurance that their children will be safe as they receive the gifts of nature.

The physical benefits are obvious. Others are more subtle, but no less important. For example, research shows that nature

experiences significantly reduce children's stress. Free play in natural areas enhances children's cognitive flexibility, problem-solving ability, creativity, self-esteem, and self-discipline. Effects of Attention Deficit Disorder are reduced when children have regular access to the outdoors. Studies of outdoor education programs geared toward troubled youth — especially those diagnosed with mental-health problems — show a clear therapeutic value.

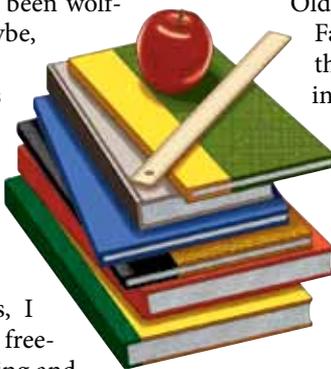
Children are happier and healthier when they have frequent and varied opportunities for experiences in the outdoors.

Nature-oriented camps also help care for the health of the earth; many studies show that nature play in childhood is the chief determining factor in the environmental consciousness of adults.

Clearly there's more to camp than s'mores. Pete could have told us that. In fact, he did.

Richard Louv is the author of “Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder” and chairman of the Children & Nature Network ([www.cnaturenet.org](http://www.cnaturenet.org)).

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# Four Ways to Help Your Children Become Better Students

School can be tough, but parents can help by making sure students have all the tools and study habits they need to succeed. Here are four ways to help raise children's grades.

### Make Space

It may be tempting for kids to stretch out in front of the television while they do their homework, but a dedicated study space will be more effective and help students stay organized. Place a desk or study table in a well-lit area of the home and ensure it has all the supplies your student will need to be successful.

### Make Music

Studies show that learning music is good for the brain. Music education can enhance language development, is associated with spatial intelligence and can even raise scores on standardized tests.

Piano can be fundamental to that education, so offer your child all the benefits of having one in your home. These days, innovations in technology make it fun and easy for children to embrace their inner musician. For example, the CGP-700 from Casio features a 5.2-inch color touch display. This allows young musicians to get creative and easily choose from hundreds of tones, rhythms, and more. Stereo audio recording and



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playback allow musicians to record their practices and learn from their mistakes and successes.

### Make Some Moves

Make sure your kids get plenty of exercise, as physical activity is linked to academic achievement. Adults can encourage the habit by being good role

models. Sign up and train for a 5K as a family. Suggest a bike ride or game of soccer in the park.

Your kids don't have to go out for the varsity team to reap the benefits, but a fitness routine that involves some vigorous activity can help to improve grades.

### Make Math Fun

For many students, math is the trickiest subject. But having the most cutting-edge tools can help students better understand math concepts and enable them to solve the most challenging equations.

Outfit your child with a graphing calculator that offers the ability to draw three dimensional graphs, such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. For example, the PRIZM fx-CG50 from Casio has a cross-section option and a special zoom function that enable users to further examine the graph for even greater analysis, and its picture plot function gives users the ability to plot graphs over pictures of real-life scenes.

From music to muscles to math, consider taking a holistic, multipronged approach to academics.

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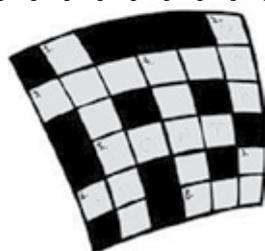
In a joint partnership with South Putnam Animal Hospital's Veterinarians in Mahopac, Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program is sponsoring a 6 week Junior Vet Program Series. This exciting opportunity is open to Putnam County youth 9 -14 years old, membership in 4-H is not required.

This program will be an introduction to explore a career in the Vet Sciences with hands-on-learning and a chance to shadow local Veterinarians. A session of continuous Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. will begin on April 11 and conclude May 16 with a field trip to Northfolk Stables in Putnam Valley.

A tentative schedule will include a tour of the animal hospital, hands-on explanation of the equipment, review requirements on how to keep pets healthy, discuss the heart and other vital organs and how they work, learn how to read animal body language, about animal restraint and safety, and the basics of dog training.

The registration fee of \$100 for non-4-H members, or \$70 for 4-H members, will include enrollment and workbook materials. Prior participants are not eligible. Space is limited to 12 youth on a first come, first serve basis. Early registration is advised. Only a non-refundable, paid registration will reserve space in the workshop.

A registration form is available from Cornell Cooperative Extension at Putnam.cce.cornell.edu or by calling for additional information at 845-278-6738.



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# Lake Mahopac Rotary Announces Annual Doo Wop Show

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Headlining this year's show will be Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legend Charlie Thomas and his Drifters, known for their timeless classics such as "There Goes My Baby", "Up On The Roof", "On Broadway" and "Under The Boardwalk".

The Chiffons featuring original lead singer Judy Mann, will also be appearing and singing all of their memorable hits which include "Sweet Talking Guy", "One Fine Day" and their #1 1963 tune - "He's So Fine".

Making another return to the Rotary Club's shows will be Staten Island's own, Vito Picone & The Elegants, remembered for their doo wop classic "Little Star", which went to #1 in the summer of 1958.

This year's event will be hosted by radio personality Johnny Z of WVOX-AM 1460 and will also feature the Coda Band.

Tickets are available to purchase at Tompkins Mahopac Bank (Mahopac Branch), PCSB Bank (Mahopac Branch) and at Bucci Brother's Deli & Catering located on 926 Route 6 Mahopac. In addition, tickets can be purchased on line using [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) - keywords -



The Drifters

Lake Mahopac Rotary Club. The tickets for this fundraising event are \$35 in advance or \$40 the night of the event.

The oldies show is being sponsored by Silver Sponsor: Tompkins Mahopac Bank; Bronze Sponsors: PCSB Bank; Joseph J Smith Funeral Home, Inc.; The Dwyer Agency; Kobu Asian Bistro; Spain Agency; Miceli Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and Sam's Ceramic Tile, Kitchen & Bath; Bucci Brothers Deli & Catering & Mahopac News.

More information can be obtained by e-mailing the Rotary Club at [lakemahopacrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakemahopacrotaryclub@gmail.com) or calling at (914) 588 - 0394.

# PHC's Rehabilitation Services in Katonah Grows

Putnam Hospital Center's Rehabilitation Services in the Katonah/Bedford Hills area has expanded its hours and added more physical therapists to its roster.

The satellite office now has five therapists providing care to its growing list of patients. They include Hannah Clark Polhill, Drew Polhill and Jeanne Morgante, who all have doctorates of physical therapy; Laura Ann Librera, who holds a master's degree in physical therapy and Tricia Jenkins, a certified hand therapist and occupational therapist.

The center at 160 Harris Road is now open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The 3,750-square-foot facility opened in 2013 to better serve patients in the southern part of Putnam Hospital Center's service area. Physical, occupational and hand therapies are offered there.

The therapists said they had to expand given the increase in patients they were seeing.



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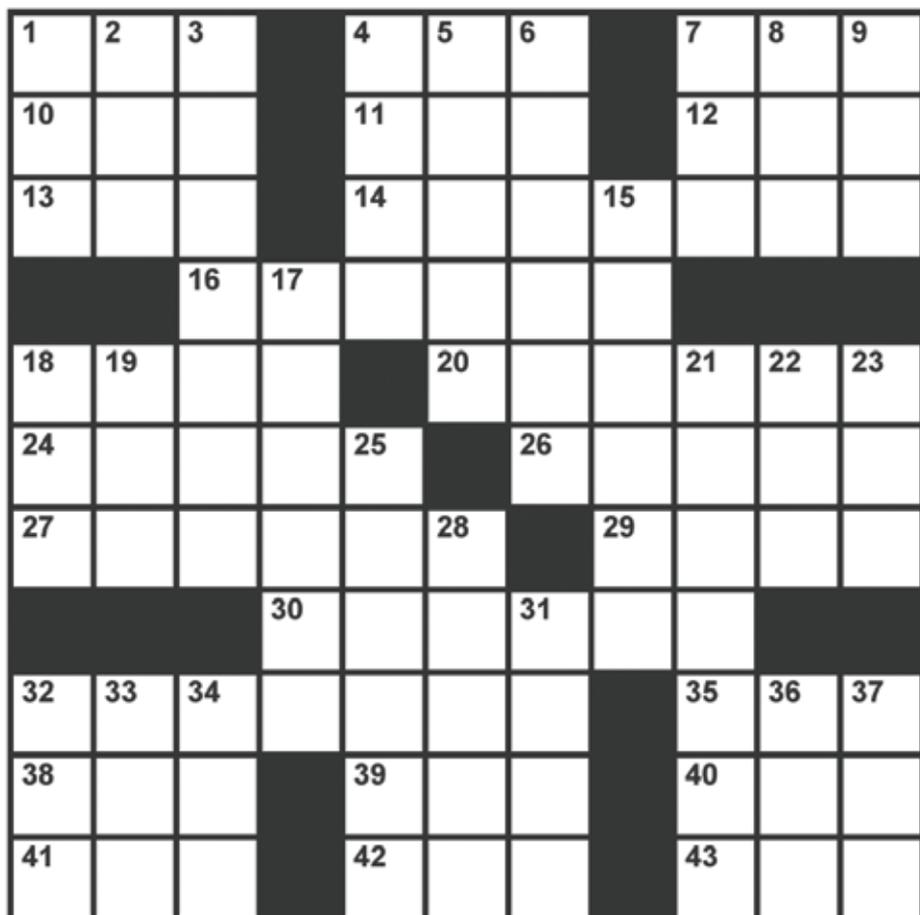
Rehabilitation Services team, from left: Erin Lent, receptionist aide; therapists Laura Ann Librera, Jeanne Morgante, Drew Polhill, Hannah Clark Polhill and Tricia Jenkins; receptionist aide Sarah Gionta.

"It's been so welcoming for the northern Westchester community," Morgante said. "The majority of our patients come through word-of-mouth because of the quality of care we offer."

The center offers one-on-one patient care where therapists give patients about 45 minutes of their undivided attention each session.

To learn more about Health Quest's Rehabilitation Therapy program, visit <http://www.healthquest.org/rehabilitation/physical-rehabilitation.aspx>

# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 19

### Across

1. Windy city abbr.
4. D-Day commander
7. Organization for health issues
10. Popular cooking spray
11. Serbian tennis pro Ivanovic
12. Tones on a scale
13. Vitamin bottle info
14. Leave for the winter, say
16. Food store owner
18. Friendly femme
20. Yorktown "school" for dogs, Canine \_\_\_\_\_ garten
24. Time off
26. One of the Judds
27. Game equipment
29. Tree offshoot
30. High point
32. Westchester & Putnam blue gas suppliers - Suburban \_\_\_\_\_
35. '60s prez
38. Furniture wood
39. Hampton \_\_\_\_\_
40. "Cant" or "hallow" ending
41. No \_\_\_\_\_ ands or buts
42. Sandwich slice
43. German for the

### Down

1. Life saving technique
2. "We've been \_\_\_\_\_!"
3. John Lennon's most famous song
4. Plotter against Cassio in "Othello"
5. Deliver a sharp blow
6. Enter cautiously

7. Cold-weather ailment
8. Dis's partner
9. Hearth remnant
15. Flowery
17. Baggage porter
18. Dadaist Jean
19. Half a rum drink
21. Used a wooden peg
22. Film distributor and record company
23. Ocean oil driller
25. Fix
28. Cher's ex
31. Characteristic carrier
32. Baked taro dish
33. British aviation forces (abbr.)
34. Assents
36. Speller or stinger?
37. Younger than snr.

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# Annual Food Operator's Seminar Held

More than 175 attendees—chefs, caterers, owners and operators of Putnam County's food establishments—gathered in Carmel on March 20 and 21 for the eleventh annual Food Operator's Seminar, conducted by the Putnam County Department of Health. The seminar had representation from all types of restaurants, delicatessens, food shops, institutional food services and other food vendors. They gathered to learn about new topics and trends in the food industry. The event also offers an opportunity for the health department to recognize food establishments for both "lifetime" achievements, as well as those of the past year.

One hot topic on the agenda this year was an update on the recent "Dining with Dogs" legislation. This new public health law, passed by the state legislature, now allows restaurants the option of providing space in an outdoor seating area for clientele who wish to bring well-behaved dogs out to eat with them. Another popular and very practical topic included a close-up look at how flavor enhancement and salt reduction can go hand in hand. Additionally, the health

department took the opportunity to brief food operators on lead poisoning prevention, in relation to renovations and remodeling. These prevention efforts, both in Putnam and the rest of New York State, have been significantly increased over the past year. Lead poisoning can be life-changing and is entirely preventable, and many municipalities have ramped up efforts after the serious problems in Flint, Michigan. Food safety training opportunities, and cleaning and sanitizing bleach alternatives were topics presented by two outside speakers.

The recognition side of the program included the presentation of two Lifetime Achievement Awards. One went to Christine Brady of the Carmel Central School District for 34 years of operational excellence. The second was awarded to Paul and John Aversano of Aversano's in Brewster for 30 years of excellence. A Food Safety Partnership Award was presented to Clock Tower Grill and Health Inspector Commendation Awards for distinguished performance went to Cameron's Deli, Countryside Kitchen, Fresh Company Catering, JP Cunningham's and the Mahopac Central School District. The



A Lifetime Achievement Award went to Christine Brady, center, from the Carmel School District. From left are Rick Carano and Shawn Rogan from the Putnam County Department of Health; a representative from JP Cunningham's, recipient of a Health Inspector's Commendation; Christine Brady; and representatives from Frangelina's Deli & Café and Mia's Pizza, both of which received Commissioner Gold Awards, and Rob Morris, Director of Environmental Health at the health department.

department's highest and most stringent honor, the Commissioner's Gold Award for operational excellence, was distributed to eleven food establishments: Brewster High School, Carmel High School, Community Based Services, Frangelina's Deli & Café, George Fischer Middle School, Henry H. Wells Middle School, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Kent Primary School, Matthew Paterson Elementary School, Mia's Pizza and Watchtower.

The Department of Health's mission is to improve and protect the health

of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit the PCDOH website at [www.putnamcountyny.com/health](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health) or visit the social media sites on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/putnamhealth](http://www.facebook.com/putnamhealth), and Twitter at [@PutnamHealthNY](https://twitter.com/PutnamHealthNY).



Another Lifetime Achievement Award went to Paul and John Aversano, second and third from the left respectively. Health department staff include from left: Rob Morris, Interim Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD; Shawn Rogan and Rick Carano.

## Putnam Passport Saturdays Upcoming

The Putnam County Clerk's Office is extremely proud to host two Putnam County Passport Saturdays this coming April; one at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring New York on Saturday April 8, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and at its office located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti is holding this event as a convenience to our customers who need to obtain a passport in time for the busy summer travel season. County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti can be reached at 845-808-1142 X49301 for any questions or concerns regarding obtaining a U.S. Passport or traveling abroad.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at the Putnam County Clerk's Website located at [www.putnamcountyny.gov](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov). U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone by calling the Putnam County Clerk's Office at 845-808-1142 X49273.

## Patterson Historical Society Seeks Volunteers with Technical Chops

The Patterson Historical Society is seeking volunteers with specific technical skills to assist with or manage ongoing historical projects. Volunteers are sought regardless of age (youth to senior); the requirement is a commitment to complete a particular short-term project or a series over a period of years. Needed at this time are people with the following skills:

Webdesigner volunteer to just assist in the development of a Wordpress-based website that will feature the Society's historical pictures and document scans and written local histories. The website will be the initial step toward a regional network of historical organizations and a digital repository of historical information, interactive maps, images; and also will supply links to resources and historic sites.

GIS-mapping-consultant volunteer to assist local historians in creating historical interactive maps that function as visual, geographic indexes to the pictures, documents, and information in local collections.

Visual-production volunteer to develop videos from interviews, history talks, and the contents of local collections, for postings on YouTube or broadcasts on local community television.



Image of "Cornwall Hill 1800" house.

Also, volunteers are always needed to assist in cemetery preservation, collection and preservation of local historical documents, and preparation of exhibits. Training is provided.

Join a dedicated and experienced team of historians in advancing local history. Contact the Society's President, Ron Taylor, 845-319-3071 or by email, [rtaylor@pattersonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:rtaylor@pattersonhistoricalsociety.org), or PHS, Box 534, Patterson, NY 12563.

# The Garage an Essential Feature for Most Homebuyers

If you're like me, every day you pull into and out of your garage, assuming that you're lucky enough to have one, without thinking much about it.

Usually there is a fumbling for the garage door opener, which I never have assigned to a particular place in my car, but the rest is as automatic as driving.

There have been problems with that, such as the occasional times I've mindlessly detached my side view mirrors and streaked my car with paint by sideswiping the door jambs. Better yet was when I attempted to back out of my garage with the door closed, crashing halfway through the door and removing an entire corner of the structure.

When the carpenter arrived to repair the considerable damage, he said, "Your wife did this, right?" Shamelessly I lied. All these years later, I still suffer guilt about that.

Today, living in a large condo building with a broad sweep of a garage door opening, I'm given much more leeway, more than two cars wide.

Just as automobiles changed the way we travel, the garage has changed the way our



By Bill Primavera

homes look, rendering them at least 25 percent larger – and more than that if you consider the "bonus" room that can be built above.

Readers of this column know how I tend to fixate more on the history of things than how they operate, and so it is with the garage. The word didn't exist until the beginning of the 20th century when it was coined from the French word *garer*, meaning to shelter.

At that time, the early automobile had to share the carriage house or stable where buggies and horses were still kept, resulting in a weird transitional phenomenon in which the cars smelled of horse manure when they were taken out for a spin. Eventually, the automobile claimed its own exclusive space and, by 1925, real estate industry sources were saying that houses without garages were slower to sell.

It's still the case today. Most people want a garage when they buy a house.

For protection from the elements, separate outbuildings used as garages were first attached by breezeway to the main house but eventually incorporated into the footprint of the house itself. Along the

way, a couple of neat inventions sped the modern garage's development, namely the folding overhead garage door, invented by C.G. Johnson in 1921. In 1926, Johnson invented the electric door opener to help those who had trouble lifting the doors.

Garage doors were originally made of wood. Some still are, but by the 1970s they were constructed of galvanized steel, then fiberglass, followed by composites such as resin-filled wood and eventually vinyl-covered aluminum. And for ultimate convenience, the automatic garage door opener appeared prominently in the early 1960s, although it had been invented in the '30s.

Today, garages can serve many functions other than housing cars. One friend uses a three-bay garage as a museum of vintage cars, each with a crystal chandelier above it. Another in a house I listed serves as a combination office and workshop, which is impeccably clean and more organized from its painted floor to its stacks of glistening shelves than any professional office.

Many garages are used as workshops, workout rooms and even for business startups. Where do you think Apple, Google, Dell, Nike and Mattel began?

But mostly, the garage is for items that don't fit elsewhere in our homes. In my case, it was always the repository for all my garden tools, since I never had a shed,

and for all my real estate paraphernalia, recyclables and a variety of discarded items waiting for bulk pickup.

Some consider the garage that is part of the house a boon and others an eyesore, especially when it becomes the major focus of its facade, all but obscuring the front entrance. In my town, the architectural review board on which I serve prefers that garage doors face out from the side of the house rather than the front.

Most architects with whom I've discussed garages would prefer that they be separated from the main house once again, perhaps connected by a breezeway for convenience. But homebuyers always prefer that they be incorporated into the footprint of the house, either in front, to the side or underneath.

I have no preferences about how or where to construct a garage or how to use it, but I always advise car owners to buckle up before backing out and, oh yes, make sure the garage door is open.

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## The Dilemma Facing Small Domestic Wineries Selling to Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

Have you walked into wine shops across the Westchester and noticed how many similar wine labels adorn shelves and displays? Especially for wines produced in the United States.

How is it that the selections are so homogenous? Where is the diversity from the 9,091 wineries currently operating across all 50 states?

Retail shops are handcuffed in their choices of wines. Federal regulations have created a three-tier system of wine sales. Wineries must sell to distributors. Retail shops must purchase their wines from these distributors. There are very few exceptions.

This has been the structure since the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. Distributors are the fulcrum for sales of domestic wines. Large wineries, with plentiful product to sell into the retail markets, are the darlings of distributors, whose business models are built on scale. By definition, small wineries suffer the most.

For consumers, large-scale monolithic distributor channels deny a willing retail purchaser the opportunity to discover excellent wines that may not fit the large distributors' business model. It's economy of scale at work in a free market.

Allow me to present a framework around this consumer dilemma. Here are facts I've gleaned from several wine industry reports, notably the 2017 Directory & Buyer's Guide from Wines & Vines magazine.

--Over 81 percent of wine produced in the United States is centered in 65 domestic wineries. Do the math: less than 1 percent of the 9,091 wineries produce the overwhelming amount of wine on retail shelves today.

--At the other end of the spectrum, 94 percent of wineries produce less than 50,000 cases (typically much less) annually.

--The distribution channel of the three-tier system has experienced similar contraction. There are only 675 distributors serving wineries. Four of these companies control 60 percent of all domestic wine sold in the United States. Further, one company, Southern Glazer, accounts for over 50 percent of the sales of these four companies.

This imbalance has been creeping into the marketplace through roll-ups and consolidations. Today's market channels are inverted from traditional demographic relationships. Twenty years ago, there were 3,000 distributors serving 1,800 domestic wineries. That is 78

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percent fewer distributors serving a 505 percent increase in wineries.

So how is a small winery to survive, let alone flourish? Many small wineries are owned by entrepreneurial,

and passionate, winemakers. They are constantly seeking ways to (legally) contravene the existing system. Twenty-first century technology has given a number of them the necessary tools.

Here are business models progressive wineries have adopted.

1. Sell to brokers. These intermediaries have greater scale to influence distributors. This approach produces the lowest profit margin but greater capacity for higher sales volume.

2. Sell in their tasting room. This is more lucrative, as the winemaker sells wine directly to consumers at full retail price, producing the greatest margin. Increased costs include the capital investment of building a tasting room and staffing it.

3. Sell via the internet. This is the most lucrative: full retail price and the least incremental investment. Start-up wineries may resort to crowdfunding until they establish a solid customer base.

4. Sell via wine clubs. Another avenue to garner full retail pricing with an added benefit: a semi-captive, repeat customer

base.

Selling directly to consumers is increasing in popularity among small wineries. A number of wineries have adopted the second, third and/or fourth business models. To better understand the value of selling directly to consumers, it is necessary to understand the pricing structure of the three-tier system.

Consider a bottle of wine on a retailer's shelf selling for \$15. A winery typically sells the wine to a distributor for \$6, assuming one is willing to purchase the wine. By culling a direct-to-consumer following, the winery eliminates the other two components of the three-tier system, enjoying an additional profit of \$9, significantly greater than the profit generated in the traditional channels.

Just as technology has disrupted and transformed so many industries, so too the wine industry. Unlike other industries, however, wine consumers may be the beneficiaries of these changes. The choices are yours.

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# Happenings

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**Mondays: Paws to Read at the Kent Library:** Join volunteers from Therapy Dogs International, and their dogs at Kent Public Library, for the Paws for Reading Program. This is a free event. One-on-one fifteen minute sessions are available by appointment only. Registration is required. To register call the library at 845-225-8585 or stop in the Library. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

**Artists' Drop-In at Reed Library** Mondays from 12:30 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., Artists are invited to drop-in to the library with their pencils, pads and paints for a creative afternoon. This session will provide camaraderie but not instruction. Please call the library if interested, 845-225-2439.

**Tuesdays: Watercolor for Beginners at Reed Library.** Until April 18. 10 a.m. till noon. Learn basic watercolor techniques in a fun and supportive class perfect for beginners. Registration is required and preference will be given to residents of the Reed Memorial Library District. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

**Wednesdays: Coloring for Adults:** 8 p.m., Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, Mahopac Library 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials are provided. Drop-in program, no registration needed. To

register for most programs at Mahopac Public Library, call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org). You must register at the Library for programs that require a fee.

**Thursdays: Basic Drawing at Reed Library.** 10 a.m., to noon. Registration is required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

**Fridays: Multi-Age Story Time:** March 24, and 31. 9:15 a.m., Check out this brand new story time! Pop in on your way to work for this great, interactive story time for families including children ages birth to 5 years old! We will read stories, sing songs, play with shaker eggs, and more! Registration is required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Dance of Joy:** Dance/movement therapy for people with Parkinson's disease. This ongoing group meets on Fridays at 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Seven Star School of Performing Arts. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Marie Carstens at 347-742-6591 or email at [Mccarstens21@yahoo.com](mailto:Mccarstens21@yahoo.com). Pre-registration is required. Registration is \$15 per session, a caregiver or loved one is encouraged to join for an additional \$5.

**Reading Puppies Every other Friday.** Kids in grades K-5 can read their favorite book to an energetic guide-dog-in-training! Sign up for your 15-minute session with Miss Jenn or Miss Kathleen. Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x13.

## Tuesday, March 28

**Mary Cassatt in France.** 6:30 p.m. This multi-media event is presented by Susan Courtney, actress, director, and theatre professor. Ms. Courtney speaks about Mary Cassatt and her journey to become a professional artist in a strict academic system that was opposed to women artists. Ms. Courtney's presentation is part of the Celebrating Women Series, a partnership project with Mahopac Public Library, the Putnam Arts Council, and Southeast Museum. Registration for this program, which takes place at Mahopac Library, is required. To register for most programs at Mahopac Public Library, call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org)

## Thursday, March 30

**The Putnam County Women's Republican Club:** Welcoming all Republicans to its next meeting, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair St., Carmel. We'll discuss our ongoing social media, fund raising and membership efforts.

Jeanette Caruso, 2nd Vice President of the New York State Federation of Republican Women will present the Putnam County Club with its Charter. County Legislator Toni Addonizio will present "Lobby for Life Day," May 3, in Albany. 2017 Membership is \$45 for women (full members) and \$15 for men (associate members). If you'd like more information, please contact Carla Lucchino, President, at 703-477-6390 or email [carlalucchino@me.com](mailto:carlalucchino@me.com)

**The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club Monthly Meeting:** 1:30 p.m., Meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. The speaker is Jean Potter, writer and author of "By the Grace of God - A 9/11 Survivor's Story". Special request for membership dues. Sign in/light refreshments at 1pm. Info: 914-528-5916.

## Friday, March 31

**Hear short 45 min. free interactive presentation;** review materials/approach for pre-teen daughters (Coming of Age workshop 4/23 for girls) on "Bear's Journey to Intimacy," book by NanSea® to increase self awareness with sensitive, yet whimsical story. 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Snow day: 4/7) LakeView Rm at Mahopac Library, 2nd fl. Register for you and daughter's date at Spirit Script: [www.spiritscript.nanseaa@icloud.com](http://www.spiritscript.nanseaa@icloud.com)

**Beaded Earring Workshop.** 4 p.m. Jewelry maker Joan Lloyd will teach participants how to make beautiful beaded earrings; no experience necessary. Make as many pairs as you like, but for each pair you make for yourself, make a pair to donate to the women served by domestic violence shelters in Putnam and Westchester counties. For ages 16 through adult; registration is required. To register for most programs at Mahopac Public Library, call 845-628-2009, ext. 100, or visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org). You must register at the Library for programs that require a fee.

## Saturday, April 1

**Desmond-Fish Library is offering a Babysitting Basics Workshop:** 10:30 a.m. For boys and girls age ten and up. In this free introductory course, participants will learn interview tips, communication skills, ages and stages of young babies and toddlers, safety and first aid tips, feeding and caring for children, including diaper changing. A simple test will be administered at the completion of the course, and certificates will be distributed. This is a four-hour course and participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Instructor, Amanda Tucker holds three teacher certifications, in early childhood, general education and special education, and a master's degree in literacy. Registration is required please call 845-424-3020 to register in

advance. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit [www.desmondfishlibrary.org](http://www.desmondfishlibrary.org)

**DISCOVER THE UKULELE:** Learn to play or just sing-along. Wendy Matthews of The Edukated Fleas will present a Ukulele Workshop and Sing-Along. 1, 1 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. This beginners workshop will introduce participants to the ukulele and its' unique instrumentation. Bring your uke and join us for a sing-along after the workshop. A few ukes will be available to borrow - courtesy of the Fleas. This free program is offered for ages 13 through adult; limited enrollment. Registration is required. To register online visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**Annual Spring Meeting:** 2 p.m. Calling all Friends and Patrons of the Putnam Valley Library. Come spend an afternoon at the Putnam Valley Library to learn more about what the Friends of the Library have been doing, what they have planned for the coming months, and what's new at the library - there's a lot. Share your ideas and suggestions. What services would you like to see added at the library? What museums should be added to the free Museum-Passes program? What new programs and program series would you like to see? How can we make the Putnam Valley Library what YOU want it to be? Enjoy some refreshments, chat with friends (old and new) and then let's all listen to what a professional journalist has to say about a timely topic: David McKay Wilson speaks about fake news! Columnist David McKay Wilson has been writing the Tax Watch column since 2012. This program is free and open to the Public. Putnam Valley Library 30 Oscawana Lake Road.

**Planning a Vegetable Garden:** Patterson Library, 1167 Rte. 311 Patterson. 1 p.m. Learn how to plan a vegetable garden with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Bring the dimensions of your garden and leave with a plan and all the info you need to have a thriving garden this season. To register visit [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click on calendar or call 845-878-6121 x 10. Free program.

**Forensic Scientist, Ted Schwartz** will be discussing various topics in his field. The FREE Science workshop will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. for middle school students and 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. for high school students. Registration is recommended. For more information on this and other Cultural Arts Coalition events, visit: [www.oththeater.org](http://www.oththeater.org), call (845) 363 - 8330, email [TOSCAC2010@gmail.com](mailto:TOSCAC2010@gmail.com)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF YOU-CREATE, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/13/17. 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: **25 Caruso Pl., Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF McAllister & Quinn, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/24/2017. Office: N/A. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **1030 15th St NW, Ste 590W, Washington, DC 20005. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

**FORGEMASTER GAMES, LLC,** Filed w/ NY Dept. of State on January 5, 2017, Located at 622 Midland Ave, Yonkers, NY, 10704, Westchester County. The NY Secretary of STATE has been designated as the agent upon whom may be served may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose Any Lawful Act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KDB PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 2/15/17. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **KDB Property Maintenance LLC, P.O. Box 1669, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 197 FOWLER ROAD, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 13, 2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **Timothy J. Maher, 12 Oak Valley Lane, Purchase, New York 10577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MAGDOM, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 3, 2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **Lori S. Gage, 12 Elskip Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of KP & LM, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 29, 2016, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **1 South Broadway Unit 4F, White Plains NY 10601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** NAME: **SWAT LIMO, LLC.** Articles of Organization filling date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 27 February 2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of

LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to **208 West Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MEDINA CONSULTING USA LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/02/2017. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **77 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ENTERPRISE WEB SPECIALISTS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 03, 2017. Office in Westchester County. 3H Agent Services has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. 3H Agent Services shall mail process to: **Enterprise Web Specialists, LLC 1767 Central Park Avenue #374 Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 926 SJA Realty, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on January 27, 2017. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803. The principal business address of the LLC is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HUTCH95 REALTY MANAGEMENT, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on February 3, 2017. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803. The principal business address of the LLC is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**PUBLIC HEARING 2017-18 TENTATIVE VILLAGE BUDGET PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:00pm, prevailing time, Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pleasantville, N.Y. for the purpose of hearing comments as it pertains to the 2017-2018 Tentative Village Budget. The proposed compensation for the Mayor is \$6,000 and each

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Trustee \$3,500. All persons interested in speaking on this subject will be heard. A copy of the Tentative Budget is available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm. -**JUDITH WEINTRAUB VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE, WEST-CHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NIN-JACATSTUDIO, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/03/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **3700 Campbell Ct., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC,** a foreign limited liability company ("LLC") Cert. of Formation filed with Sect'y of State of DE, Div. of Corps., PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903 on 3/7/2014. Cert. of Authority filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/16. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon

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## Putnam's CAC Welcomes Guest Speaker

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County is proud to present its inaugural Champions for Children Breakfast on Monday, April 3, from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Putnam Golf Course located at 187 Hill St. in Mahopac.

Guest Speaker Matthew Sandusky was sexually abused from the age of 8 to 17 by his adopted father, former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, the subject of one of the most publicized child sexual abuse cases in history. Matthew will share his powerful story, and his journey from victim to survivor.

In addition to raising awareness, Matthew is committed to empowering and educating children to use their voices and to help protect them against abuse. Through the Peaceful Hearts Foundation, which Matthew co-founded with his wife Kim, he advocates for child sexual abuse survivors and campaigns for stronger legislation to fight child sexual abuse.

Eric Gross, a long-time sponsor of the Children's Expo & Public Safety Day and a founding member of the Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc., will be presented with the Champion for Children Award in recognition of his extraordinary service to the children of Putnam County. A renowned local journalist, Eric writes for both the Putnam County Courier and its sister paper, the Putnam County News & Recorder.

"Child abuse is preventable. Each day people make choices that will change the outcome of not only their lives, but the lives of others," said Marla Behler, program coordinator of the CAC. "For change to happen we must all make choices regarding our everyday actions as part of our community. Eric has been an inspiration and an example of the impact one person can have on the lives of many children."

Tickets can be ordered online at [www.friendsofputnamcac.org/champions-for-children/](http://www.friendsofputnamcac.org/champions-for-children/) for \$25 or purchased for \$30 at the door. The Putnam County Department of Social Services is the lead agency in Putnam County dedicated to protecting children. Along with Child Protective Services and Child Welfare Services, the Child Advocacy Center is deeply committed to serving children with professionalism, sensitivity, and compassion. For more information on how you can help prevent child abuse, or on prevention and education programs offered by the Child Advocacy Center, please contact [marybeth.ross@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:marybeth.ross@putnamcountyny.gov) or call (845) 808-1400.



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