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First Female Police Sergeant Appointed in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Carmel resident Laura Smith made history in February 2007 when she became the town's first female police officer.

Smith continued to break ground on June 7 when the town board voted unanimously to appoint her to become the town's first woman police sergeant.

Smith was praised at last week's meeting by Supervisor Kenny Schmitt, who read a written statement from town Police Chief Michael Cazzari. Smith has been serving Carmel since the age of 17 when she became a volunteer firefighter with the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, Schmitt said.

In 2005 Smith was hired as an EMT for the town's Parks and Recreation

Department, Schmitt noted.

"She is well known and well-liked by the residents of this community," Schmitt said. "She is truly a homegrown officer who has brought a sense of civic duty to her chosen profession as a police officer and to her community."

"I know she's going to do a great job," Schmitt added. "She'll be a great leader in the police department as a sergeant."

Smith was accompanied last week by many supporters, including her husband, Brian Lena, her mother, Suzanne Smith, and her brother Carl Champagne,

Following her appointment, Smith said, "This is a proud moment. I've been looking forward to this moment for much of my career so I'm very excited that Chief



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Carmel resident Laura Smith, standing third from the left, was appointed as the town's first female police sergeant by a unanimous vote of the town board on June 7. Also shown above are, from the left, Deputy Supervisor Frank Lombardi, Councilwoman Suzi McDonough, Police Chief Michael Cazzari and Supervisor Kenny Schmitt.

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Four Eagle Scouts and Friends Honored Together



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On June 3, the Brewster Elks Lodge 2101 hosted the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Troop 12. Pictured (from L to R) are BSA District Commissioner Lenny Arcuri, Eagle Scouts Maurice Pierre, Jeb Perera, Justin DiBari, James Hosey, Scoutmaster Maurice W. Pierre, and Committee Executive Peter Priolo, (front) Color Guards Cooper Carlyle and Luke Shkreli of Pack 1 Brewster. The Eagle Scouts have all done their service projects for local organizations that provide services to the community and have the distinction of being involved in Scouts together since they were Tiger Cubs in 1st grade. Even though each boy earned their Eagle Scout rank over the past two years, they chose to forgo individual acknowledgement and have the Court of Honor ceremony together as a troop. The boys managed every aspect of their projects and raised money through fundraising, donations, and redemption of recyclables. Not only have all the scouts taken part in numerous community service and volunteer activities through scouting, they have also far exceeded the community service hours required by their individual high schools. Here are but a few of the different organizations the boys volunteered service hours over the years: Appalachian Service Project, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the Putnam Humane Society, St. James the Apostle Church, the Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, Relay For Life, Elks Lodge, Camp Herrlich, U.S. Park Service, Youth Service Opportunities Project, and the Brewster Community Food Pantry to name a few.

Debate Over PV Rec. Center Reaches Fever Pitch

By David Propper

The battle over the proposed recreation center in Putnam Valley reached its peak when a public hearing was held Wednesday night ahead of next month's vote on the indoor facility.

The recreation center would cost \$3.8 million through a bond. Town officials and supporters have argued the center would eventually pay for itself with the revenue it generates and would only cost homeowners on average about \$24 each year for two years and over time that amount would decrease. The center would also provide a spot in town sorely needed for sports and activities, advocates contend. But opponents argued the bill to build the center is too high and adds more of an undue tax burden on homeowners. Additionally, they argue the recreation center isn't actually needed.

A voter referendum is set for July 13 at the Putnam Valley ambulance building to finally decide the fate of the center. Residents away will be able to pick up an absentee ballot in a few days at town hall. The town board unanimously approved a bond in April, but a coalition of residents was able to collect enough signatures to force a town wide vote on the matter.

Recreation Committee chairman

Phil Keating said the recreation center has been discussed in town for two decades. Keating said an engineering firm determined a building could be built at Town Park. Keating stressed the cost is only an estimation and the maintenance for the finished center would be around \$50,000 annually.

Keating explained while the town works with the school district for its athletic facilities, it's difficult because the school uses the gyms and fields most of the time.

"The building is being put up for the residents of Putnam Valley," Keating said.

Parks & Recreation director Frank DiMarco said there would be a wide array of programs and activities at the proposed center. DiMarco said he believes the town day camp should remain at its current location, contrary to Supervisor Sam Oliverio's assertion that the camp should be at the new facility.

Putnam Valley residents were split on whether they wanted the recreation center.

One resident said she thinks the process leading up to the bond decision was done with a lack of transparency. She said many homes are foreclosed because residents can't afford the taxes and the school and

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Brewster Mayor, Three Trustees, Demand Meagher Resign

By David Propper

Calls for Erin Meagher to resign from her Village of Brewster trustee position continued last week, as the four other village board members demanded she step down.

Meagher pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge last month and admitted to taking about \$3,000 from the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce in her former position as chief executive officer. Since she agreed to a plea deal that resulted in restitution and community service, Brewster Mayor Jim Schoenig and three other trustees have

demanded she resign from the board, though Meagher has refused.

During Wednesday night's meeting, the four other board members renewed their calls to see Meagher leave the board, noting because she was technically convicted of a misdemeanor, she couldn't be legally removed from the board (according to New York State law, any elected official guilty of a felony must be removed from their position.) They passed a resolution unanimously requesting she resign from the board and argued she violated the village's code of ethics when she admitted guilt

in the chamber case. Meagher was not in attendance for the meeting.

The village even created an event on Facebook about the meeting titled "Public Board Meeting: Resignation of Trustee Erin Meagher" and shared it on the village's official Facebook page.

Meagher was originally charged with a felony larceny charge, before it was reduced.

Schoenig read a statement where he questioned why she would plead to a crime if she claimed she was innocent of the charges and said she failed to uphold the oath she took when sworn in two years ago.

"If I were innocent it'd cost me every dollar I have to clear my name," Schoenig said.

Deputy Mayor and Trustee Christine Piccini said Meagher was able to avoid a felony because she agreed to a lesser charge, but still committed a crime in conflict with honesty and good morals.

Trustees Mary Bryde and Tom Boissonnault also chimed in calling on her to step down.

"I think it's time that she does the right thing for the village," Boissonnault said.

While a no-show at the meeting, Meagher sent a letter to the board explaining her absence and stating, "I will continue to represent my constituents as is my sworn duty." She pointed to

"partisan politics" as to why she didn't appear at the meeting.

"I do not have any faith that my presence at tonight's meeting will serve any purpose but further disruption and deviation from the duties of this body," Meagher said.

Addressing her legal troubles, Meagher said the matter was resolved in Town of Carmel Justice Court and is not related to her duties as a trustee in the village. She added the plea agreement, which doesn't include jail time, "demonstrates the wild inaccurate and exaggeration of the allegations."

She was accused of using the chamber's debit card as a "personal slush fund" to buy clothes and other items for personal use.

Schoenig called the letter from Meagher offensive and claimed the past few months proved that Meagher, 26, was too young and immature to hold elected office. Residents who attended the meeting also spoke out, demanding Meagher step down from her post with a few residents arguing she hasn't attended enough meetings.

When she ran in 2015, she was the top vote-getter in the village election. Meagher and the rest of the village board have been at odds long before she won with no shortage of animosity between them.

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Nearly 100-Foot Crane Center of Zoning Debate in Southeast

By David Propper

The Town of Southeast has faced some divisive and complex zoning issues the last few years. This time, the question is whether a nearly 100-foot crane is a permanent structure.

Currently, Morrow Equipment, which is looking to have a business in the Dykemans commercial district, is requesting the Zoning Board of Appeals determine if a 98-foot crane is a structure or not. Because only structures--and not pieces of equipment--have a height limit, if the zoning board rules in favor of Morrow, it'll make it easier to get their site plan approved in front of the planning board.

If the zoning board denies Morrow Equipment's request and upholds the town building inspector's opinion that it is a permanent structure, then the company will need to seek a variance from either the planning board or town board, which would result in additional hurdles. The height limit for a structure in that area is 35 feet.

A public hearing about Morrow's request was held last month with many residents in the area affected coming out. The next ZBA meeting is June 19 where a decision could be made.

Building inspector for the town, Michael Levine wrote to the planning board in March that the crane would

require a variance because it "clearly meets the criteria and definition of a structure." Levine wrote the crane is an on-premise installation and would require a location on the ground.

According to the town zoning code, a structure is defined as a building or thing that is constructed that requires a location on the ground or attachment to something having a location on the ground that is taller than four feet, Levine wrote.

"While the crane is mobile, it is only mobile within the limits of the rail system that requires a location on the ground," Levine wrote.

Resident Rick Feuerman, who is president of Concerned Residents of Southeast, said the crane would be bad for the town and a burden on the residents that live near the proposed location.

"This is an eyesore to everybody else," he said, adding later. "It doesn't benefit anybody else in the town."

Feuerman said he believes "100 percent" the crane is a structure in Southeast town zoning code. If the crane is not ruled a permanent structure, the town will also get less taxes from it, Feuerman added.

But attorney for Morrow Equipment Richard O'Rourke argued that according to the code, the crane is "mobile equipment" that is located on wheels positioned on rail tracks which allows it

to move horizontally. The crane will be used to load and unload trucks and stack crane inventory in the storage yard, he added.

"The electric mobile crane is not fixed or set in one single location on the site, it is mobile and located on wheels to move around the equipment yard safely and efficiently," O'Rourke said. "This electric mobile yard crane moves; it is similar to a locomotive."

O'Rourke said he believes Morrow's position will prevail, but the company would consider options for appeal if the zoning board sticks with the building inspector's opinion.

"When completed the project will be a significant improvement over existing conditions in the Dykemans commercial zoning district and set the standard for future beneficial, well designed, well landscaped commercial development," O'Rourke added.

Resident near the proposal, Melinda Montanaro, said the crane would be erected 365 days a year and other neighboring town codes would consider the crane a permanent structure.

"The main point is it is a permanent



CRSE PHOTO

The Millwood location of Morrow Equipment in Westchester taken by Concerned Residents of Southeast to give residents an idea of what the Southeast proposal could look like.

structure and we need to keep within our code because the code was written to keep the best interest of the town and the residents in mind," Montanaro, who is running for town board, said.

Feuerman fears that if the crane is allowed in Southeast, it could lead to a rippling effect of other tall structures entering the town. There are four other areas designated Economic Development (ED) zoning close to residential areas, Feuerman said, which could lead to other tall pieces of equipment in town.

"Once you set a precedent that this is allowable in that area, it could be allowed in the other four different areas that's zoned ED," Feuerman argued.

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Putnam Valley Teen Dies in Motorcycle Crash

By Anna Young

Carmel Police confirmed a Putnam Valley teen, Raphael Teixeira, died Friday afternoon after his motorcycle collided with a tractor-trailer on Route 6.

Lt. John Dearman said officers responded to the accident in front of Mahopac Railroad Tie at 3:48 p.m. for a personal injury incident. Mahopac Volunteer Ambulance Corp. personnel transported Teixeira, 19, to Putnam Hospital where he was pronounced dead

due to injuries he sustained from the crash, Dearman said.

Teixeira was a recent Mahopac High School alum. According to a GoFundMe page set up, Teixeira loved cars and enjoyed building them. He was on his way to the local DMV when the accident occurred, according to the page.

So far, more than \$10,000 has been contributed to cover funeral costs and payments on his Dodge Charger Hellcat that has sentimental value for his family

now that Teixeira is gone.

"Raphael was a genuine spirited man, who accepted all with open arms and an open heart," the GoFundMe page stated.

Route 6 was shut down from McMahon Place to East Lake Blvd for approximately three hours while Carmel Police and deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office investigated the scene, according to authorities.

The initial police investigation and statements from independent

eyewitnesses revealed that the motorcycle was travelling northbound at a high rate of speed while using the shoulder of Route 6 to pass cars that had slowed in traffic, police said. Teixeira collided with a tractor-trailer that was making a right hand turn into Mahopac Railroad Tie from the northbound lane, police said.

Police said the driver of the tractor-trailer truck was uninjured and released from the scene following the investigation.

David Propper contributed to this report.

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Cazzari has afforded me the opportunity to become sergeant."

About three years ago she took the civil service promotional exam that made her eligible to become a sergeant, Smith said.

Smith said she was not intimidated when she sought to become a police

officer.

"I don't really consider myself as a trailblazer," she said. "But at the same time, I think that it was a needed position."

Sometime in the future Smith said she would consider seeking a police chief position.

"Let's reach for the stars," she said.

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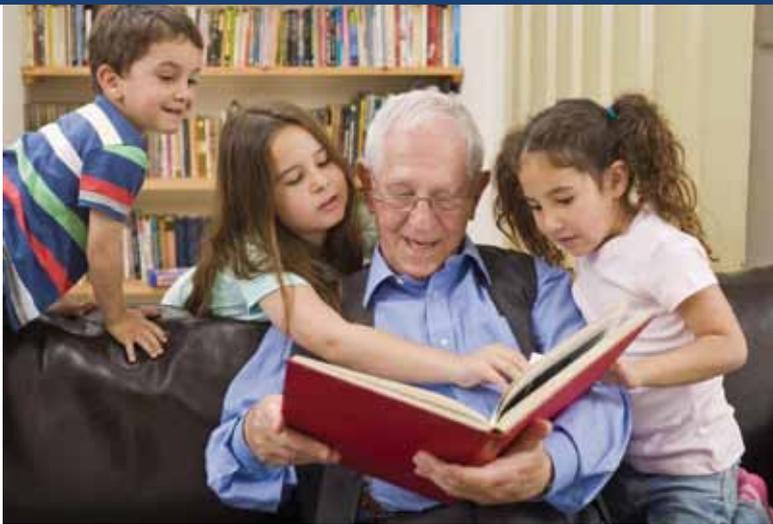
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town should work together to better use its athletic facilities.

Resident Dan Vera questioned how much the bond would approximately cost each year. He said residents needed to see hard numbers attached to the center ahead of the vote next month. While services in town have improved across the board, Vera stressed it comes with a larger tax bill that negatively affects people like seniors on fixed incomes.

Resident Patty Villanova, who

spearheaded the petition collection for the referendum, said proper hearings weren't held and the bond was executed in back rooms. She called the recreation center unnecessary, poorly planned and fiscally irresponsible. No surveys or true feasibility studies have been conducted, she argued.

"The taxpayers have not been given any choices, including the option of doing nothing and not spending the money," Villanova said. "We have been fed a lot of misinformation, half-truths and phony statistics."

Resident Dawn Powell said the town should have held more meetings to gather resident input. She noted close to \$4 million could be spent without a real vision and there are local businesses that offer classes that would be in the center.

Supervisor Oliverio argued that public meetings were held and he ran on this issue during his campaign for supervisor. When he was an assistant principal at Putnam Valley High School, he said students always asked him why the town didn't have a recreation center.

"I do believe this building will make a

'Even if I never use it, I think this is good for the community.'
-resident Priscilla Keresey



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profit," Oliverio said. "This will add to the value of the community."

Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel said the hope is that the facility eventually pays for itself. She reminded residents that the town wouldn't have a Town park presently if not for a bond a past town board put forward many years ago.

A Lake Peekskill resident in support of the project said the recreation center would be a focal point in town where children can go and even adults can take classes.

"They need a central location," she said. "They need something to tie us all together."

Resident John Orlando, who has coached for a several years, said there is a need for an indoor recreational space in the town. He said local teams have had to rent space in other towns outside of Putnam County to practice and play during the winter.

Resident and planning board member Tom Carano said the issue comes down to quality of life and the cost isn't as steep as some have argued. By having this facility, it would improve residents' lives, he said.

Resident and library board president Priscilla Keresey said residents also have a responsibility to keep up with what's occurring in town and elected officials have been accessible if there are any questions about the center. She argued she's willing to pay more taxes in order to contribute to the community.

"Even if I never use it, I think this is good for the community," Keresey said.

A few days after the meeting, Oliverio said he feels good about residents voting for the center and predicated the referendum will be an "overwhelming success."

"We need this building," he said. "This isn't a 'want.'"

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New Water Supply for Peaceable Hill Means Some Usage Hikes

By David Propper

A plan to create a new water supply system in Southeast is expected to lead to a rate increase for some water users in the Peaceable Hill district of town.

Levon Bedrosian, the town's special district manager, said Thursday night the cost for the new water supply would roughly be \$3.4 million for the entire project. The final estimate comes after working with several New York State agencies and going out to bid with a final design plan.

Residents in the district will pay an average of \$2,022 per household annually. Instead of a flat rate for each house -- the practice done in each water district -- Peaceable Hill households will get a 5,000 gallon allowance where the rate would be \$395 per quarter, but it then will be 1.1 cents per gallon over that benchmark, Bedrosian said. Most households use about an average of 15,000 gallons of water each quarter. Overall, there are 144 households in the district.

"How can we be the fairest to the people that use the least amount of water and how can we be fairest to the people that use the most amount of water without gauging one or the other," Bedrosian said.

Right now, the district gets its water from the Village of Brewster. If a property uses 5,000 gallons they pay \$265 per quarter; if they use 15,000 gallons they



Resident Susan Berman and special district manager Levon Bedrosian at last week's meeting.

pay \$495; and if they use \$25,000 gallons they pay \$725. Under the new proposal, 14 users that use 5,000 gallons will pay \$130 more each quarter, while the users of 15,000 gallons will pay about the same and 25,000 gallons will see a slight decrease.

The construction of the new water supply would be done within the year approximately, town officials said. A contract should be signed by the end of the month.

Supervisor Tony Hay said when coming up with the pricing formula, the town tried to sympathize with senior citizens.

But he noted the capital costs need to be covered by all district residents leading to the uptick in water usage cost for some users

"We tried every which way to get this as low as possible," Hay said.

About six years ago, Hay said the Peaceable Hill district was "deep in the red" and the other districts in town have been helping them pay it off. This year, the Peaceable Hill district should finally get back even, but there is no money for reserves, Hay said.

Councilman Bob Cullen said eight years ago Peaceable Hill residents informally

said they wanted to have their own water supply rather than rely on the village. The point is for the Peaceable Hill residents to "control their destiny," Cullen noted.

Resident Susan Berman said residents are upset that the price for the project went up \$1 million from the original estimate and that caught them off guard. A few other residents also voiced concerns for the usage hike with resident Miriam Yekutieli calling it a "very bitter pill to swallow." Another resident said he thought the rate increase was "a little heavy" and wanted his objection to the hike known.

Resident Jack DeCicco asked if it were possible to scrap the entire project and continue getting water from the village, because "it's cheaper to go through the village." But town officials signaled that they are moving forward and the price of water could increase even if the village continued to provide it.

Councilwoman Liz Hudak said with the revitalization plan in the village, it could lead to higher water cost. She said the town and village have had differences of opinion because of speculation the village was adding in cost for water usage to pay for other departments in the municipality.

"With the village, you don't have a focus control," she said. "You don't vote for village officials."

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Plans Underway for Future in Area Without Indian Point

By Anna Young

The Indian Point Closure Task Force met for the first time on May 31 to discuss the next steps in handling the many impacts the nuclear plant will have in the surrounding communities when it closes in 2021.

The task force, comprised of state, local and labor representatives, gathered at Cortlandt Town Hall to deliberate how they will provide guidance and support to the communities, taxing jurisdictions and employees affected by the planned closure of the 240-acre site.

"With the four years that we have, this task force is convenient and we have an opportunity to plan for an orderly transition," said Tom Congdon, Deputy Chairman with the Department of Public Service. "I am a true believer in collaboration. I think we have the right people on this task force that will help this region and the employees transition for a future without Indian Point."

In January, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Entergy and Riverkeeper stunned officials and the public when it was announced Indian Point, located in the Village of Buchanan, would cease operations in 2021.

The announcement sent immediate shockwaves throughout the area since Entergy is major funding source, providing 33 percent of annual revenue



State Senator Terrence Murphy represents the area where Indian Point is located.

to the Hendrick Hudson School District, 46 percent to the Village of Buchanan, 64 percent to the Verplanck Fire Department, 28 percent to the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, two percent to the Town of Cortlandt and one percent to Westchester County.

"We have a lot of work to do, there's a lot at stake here," State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) said. "We need to

stay on top of this."

As part of the settlement agreement with the state and Riverkeeper, Entergy agreed to commit \$15 million, starting in 2020, to local communities for environmental protection and a community benefit fund to help offset the loss in revenue.

Murphy also aided in starting a reserve fund for the Hendrick Hudson School District starting this year to help the school transition once the plant closes.

"I have become increasingly optimistic about what life looks like after Indian Point," said Joseph Hochreiter, Superintendent of Hendrick Hudson School District. "Very talented and committed people are working on this matter and they are working very seriously and diligently."

Members of the task force also feel with the loss of over 1,200 union jobs, Entergy needs to take care of their workers by providing job opportunities and other options.

"These people have been loyal to Entergy since they bought the site and I hope that Entergy is loyal to those folks on keeping that work on a local level and remain dedicated to helping these people out," said Tom Carey, president of the Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO.

Officials stated that workers would remain employed until the shutdown with

Entergy offering jobs at other facilities outside of the state. Exelon Nuclear will also provide employment opportunities and state utilities will offer worker-retraining programs to place personnel into New York State utility jobs.

A rapid response team will also be on site providing individual career counseling in order to provide an employment plan for every individual.

With approximately 40 percent of employees eligible for retirement at the proposed date of closure, employment impacts will mitigate overtime, said Mario Musolino, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

With Indian Point generating at least 2,083 MegaWatts of power, Congdon said there are at least seven known projects throughout the region consisting of 4,630 MW that will supplement the nuclear plants loss of energy.

"When you look at the full sweep of options from a reliability standpoint, the public service commission are very confident that there will not be negative reliability impacts associated with the closure," Congdon added.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) will also be issued to seek a national expert on nuclear decommissioning. This expert will advise on potential options and timelines and identify reuse and redevelopment opportunities.

Entergy has set aside \$1.78 billion in a decommissioning trust fund for the three units comprised within the nuclear plant. One facility has been closed for years, while the second is scheduled to undergo its final refueling and maintenance outage next spring before it permanently shuts down by April 30, 2020. The third unit received its second-to-last refueling outage recently, returning to service in May.

Entergy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have not yet made a final determination on the ultimate decommissioning approach for the three nuclear plants.

The task force will meet again on September 28.

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Obituaries

Anthony Cellamare

Anthony Cellamare, 57, of Brewster, died at Danbury Hospital Center on June 4, after a brief illness. Anthony was born on May 9, 1960 in the Bronx, NY, son to Josephine (Mazza) Cellamare, of Brewster, and the late Lorenzo 'Larry' Cellamare. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Yonkers and continued his education at Manhattan College in the Bronx receiving his Bachelor's degree in marketing.

On March 17, 1991 he married the love of his life Linda A. Kratz in White Plains.

Mr. Cellamare worked over 20 years for the City of Yonkers in the tax and engineering departments. Following retirement from the City of Yonkers he worked for Anna's Limousine. Anthony took great pleasure being with and around people. Anthony was the past president of John D. Calandra Lodge #2600, Order Sons of Italy in Yonkers. At the time of his retirement from the City of Yonkers he was a Board Member of the Tax Review Board of the City of Yonkers. He was a founder the New Fairfield Men's Bocce League. Additionally he served in numerous civic and community organizations supporting K-12 activities, scholarships and tireless fundraising for Cooley's Anemia. He was also a dedicated Yankees, Rangers and long-suffering Jets fan.

Mr. Cellamare is not only survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Linda, and his mother, Pina, but also his daughter; Trilby A. Cellamare, his brother Robert Cellamare and his wife Emanuela of New Fairfield, CT and his niece and nephew Erica and Robert Cellamare.

Marco DelGatto

Marco DelGatto, 85, of Brewster, died peacefully on June 6 at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. Marco was born March 16, 1932 to Nicholas and Lucia (Machina) DelGatto, in the Bronx. Marco attended school there and completed high school. In 1955 he married Arlene Maldocker at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, also in the Bronx. They raised their family there and in 2003, moved to Brewster. Marco is

predeceased by his beloved wife Arlene, and survived by two daughters Laura Piacquadio of Brewster, and Diane Scherel of Cortlandt Manor. He is also survived by a brother Nicholas of Greenwich, CT, four grandchildren; Christina Wiesner, Jillian McEntee, Joseph Piacquadio, and Daniel Scherel. Additionally, four great grandchildren, Trevor Scherel, Mason and Jocelyn Wiesner and Caroline McEntee. Marco worked as an Electrical Technician for 40 years for Con Edison in New York. After retiring in 1992, he traveled around the world with his loving wife and in his final years he continued to travel with his constant companion, brother Nicky visiting numerous countries. He lived life to the fullest and had no regrets.

Vera Lavena

Vera Lavena of Mahopac, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 6 surrounded by her family. She was born on September 4, 1936 in Udine, Italy, the daughter of Ausilio and Teresa "Gina" (Lovisa) Cainero. On August 30, 1958 she married Warren Lavena in the Bronx; they were married for 58 years. Vera worked as a Secretary to the Principal at Lakeview Elementary in Mahopac for over 20 years. She was a wife that any man would dream of, and she embodied all of the attributes of a perfect mom. She was caring, thoughtful, hardworking, compassionate, loving, and so much more. She was also an adoring grandmother, who cherished her grandchildren. Vera liked to express her love for others through her cooking. She was a magnificent cook, and if we could ask her now, she would probably say that it was her cooking that made her most proud. And all who knew her, also knew one thing for sure, Vera Lavena certainly had a great sense of style. She was a good neighbor and a good friend, and the prime of her life was spent loving the tree-lined street she lived on. She was a woman, who through her journey as a mother, a wife, a sister, a daughter, a co-worker, and a friend, never lost touch with her sense of self. When she wasn't doting on her family, her favorite activities were

walking and hiking. It was her escape. And she relished her time in nature. She is survived by her husband Warren; her daughter Diana Naughton; her sons Warren (Susan) and Garibaldi (Bernard); her grandchildren Samantha, John, Kyle, and Warren; her brother Anthony (Toni) Cainero and nephews Denis, Robert, and Steven.

Francis X. Spor

Col. Francis X. Spor, NYARNG, Ret. of Mahopac, died on Wednesday, June 7 at the age of 85. He was born in the New York City, the son of Francis and Anna (Madden) Spor. On April 5, 1954 he married Margaret Taskowitz; they were married for 50 years before she passed away in 2005. Frank was a proud veteran of the US Army and served in the National Guard for over 40 years. He had a life-long interest in trains and model railroading and after his retirement he became an avid golfer. He is survived by his sons Francis (Denise) and Stephen; his daughters Susan Erikson, Eileen (John) McMahon, and Mary (Carl) Minieri; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph Spor and his sister Dolores Loesch.

Michael Feeley

Michael Feeley, 67, of Carmel, died on

June 8, at Regional Hospice in Danbury, CT. Mr. Feeley was born on June 24, 1949 to Eugene and Margaret (Sullivan) Feeley in New York City. On October 28, 1967 he married the love of his life; Dorothy Otto and together they were blessed with two children; Dorothy Marie and Patricia Ann. He was employed by Allied Pollution Control of Patterson. Michael was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and a friend to many. He truly enjoyed being with his family and loving his four grandchildren; Raymond, Devin Marie, Hailey, children of Dorothy & Christopher Schwartz, Joey son of Patricia Ann Feeley and Joseph Pires and one cherished great-granddaughter Arabella, daughter of Raymond and Ida. He is survived by his two loving daughters; Dorothy (Christopher) Schwartz and Patricia Ann Feeley, his four wonderful grandchildren, Raymond, Devin Marie, Hailey and Joey and one great-granddaughter Arabella, all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his sister; Margaret Telepan and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Dorothy, who had passed in 2015. His legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him.

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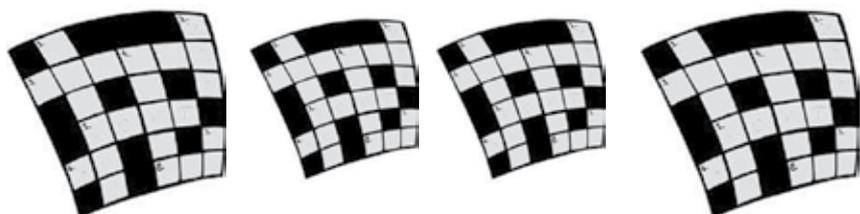
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Business of the Week

Brewster Pastry Brewster

By David Propper

Customers can't get baked goods like they used to -- unless they step inside Brewster Pastry, which has a wide array of delicious pastries and baked treats for any occasion.

Owned by Thierry Danvin, Brewster Pastry offers cakes, pies, cookies, bagels and bread for customers looking for a quick breakfast, to indulge in a guilty pleasure, or in search of the perfect treat for a birthday, wedding or other special occasion.

Danvin opened his bakery almost ten years ago with the decade anniversary coming up this October. When Danvin came to America, he used to travel almost three hours daily to work for someone else, so the Patterson resident decided to simply open his own place.

Danvin, a France native, said his business has thrived and grown over the last decade because of the quality of baked goods and service each customer receives when they walk in the door. They are assisted quickly and get to bite into a scrumptious treat.

"We're an old fashion bakery," he said. "We make everything from scratch."

Danvin learned his trade in France after an extensive apprenticeship and



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Owner Thierry Danvin (center) and two members of his staff, Kathleen Cothren (left) and Sean Taylor make Brewster Pastry the top notch bakery it is.

then accepted a position with Club Med. He later got promoted to the position of Chef Boulanger & Patisser with the company, where he traveled all over the world including Italy, Israel, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Brazil, and several other places before landing in the United States. He trained bakers of all nationalities.

But he noted today there are less bakers learning the best techniques and methods because many people don't want to spend so much time to learn the trade properly. Apprenticeships aren't as common as they once were, he said.

But Danvin is taking it upon himself to teach others. At Brewster Pastry, he has

two apprentices that he's been instructing for a couple years. While teaching others is important, Danvin quipped the more they know, the less he needs to do.

"They learn from scratch, it's a concept that takes time," he said. "You have to like it."

Butter is an important ingredient, he noted and every pastry in his store has it like in France. Brewster Pastry, a Brewster Chamber of Commerce member, buys butter "by the pallet."

Danvin appreciates the customer base that has sustained his pastry shop for ten years. Danvin noted he could use ingredients that are cheaper, but he only wants to serve the very best that his customers are familiar with.

"You pay for what you get and it's good," Danvin said. "If not, I don't make it."

While Danvin would like a bigger location, he has spread his business with the use of a hot dog cart where he serves a French hot dog on baguette bread using a specialty machine that many customers are drawn to.

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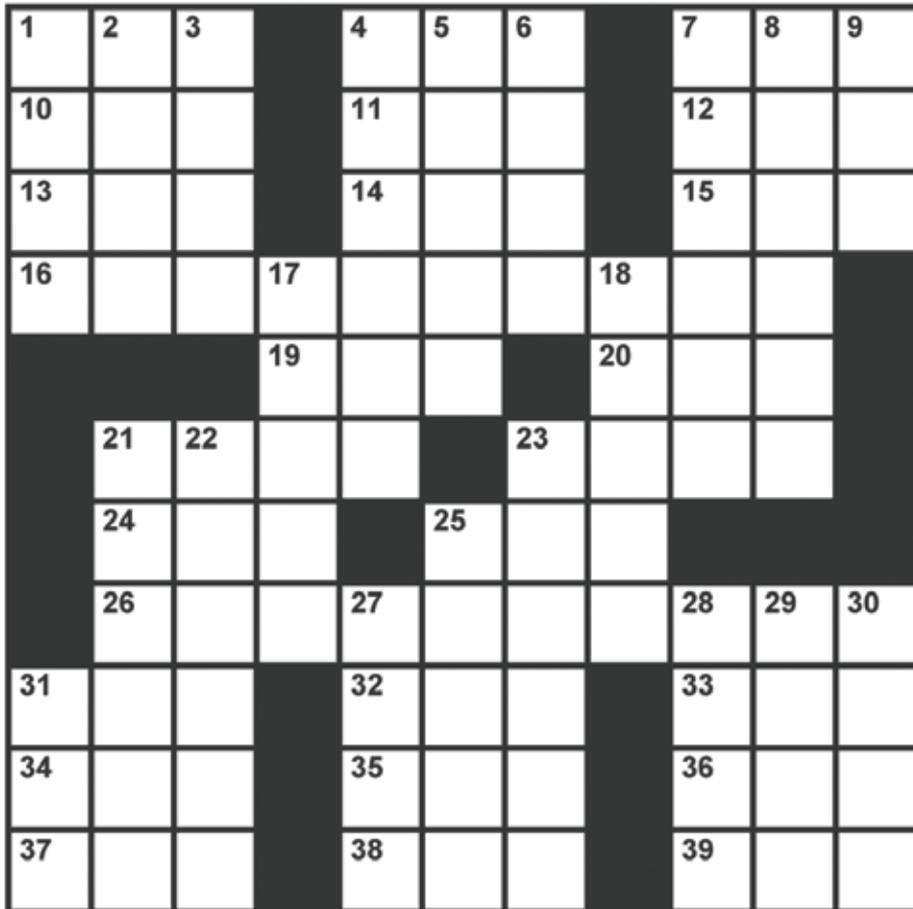
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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 19

Across

1. "One Piece ___ Time" (1976 Johnny Cash hit)
4. Agency Snowden tangled with
7. German pronoun
10. Great deal
11. Not needing a prescription, abbr.
12. Tangle
13. Freudian topic
14. Impair
15. Naval rank: abbr.
16. Actor Joseph or Mahopac fence company
19. "Way cool!"
20. Part of Yellowstone Natl. Park is in it, abbr.
21. Gift tag word
23. Russian "John"
24. Night, in verse
25. Rock for miners
26. Fussy about rules
31. Computer photo, for short
32. Put on
33. "___ a New York minute"
34. M.I.T. or N.Y.U.
35. King, in Portugal
36. Name change indicator
37. Search engine marketing ingredient, for short
38. Abbr. at the bottom of a letter
39. Tax form ID

Down

1. Guinness of "Star Wars"
2. One-piece party garb
3. Minute bit
4. Polite turndown

5. Rise to one's feet
6. Plot unit
7. Marcos of the Philippines
8. Biblical region
9. Hilly suburban area, abbr.
17. Spur
18. ___ and breathes
21. This Mahopac restaurant is the perfect place for "The Happy Family" - La Familia ___
22. Come back again
23. Relating to part of the eye
25. Ancient
27. European river
28. Cookie containers
29. Chemical endings
30. City where William the Conqueror was buried
31. 2nd letter ad

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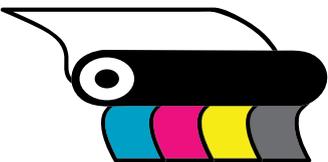


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On June 1, the Putnam Valley High School Make a Difference Club hosted a "Volley for the Valley" Volleyball Tournament for the Putnam Valley Community Food Pantry. The fundraiser was held in the Putnam Valley High School Gym and ran from 3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. The cost of admission was a canned good, non-perishable food item or monetary donation.

After the playing of the National Anthem and introduction of the Middle School and High School charity champion staff, Mrs. Linda Cefaloni, Advisor of the Make a Difference Club, delivered a brief welcome. Sam Oliverio, Putnam Valley Town Supervisor, and Mr. Gary Carney, Founding Member and Treasurer of the Putnam Valley Community Food Pantry were on hand for the presentation, as well as, Mr. Guy Cohen and Mr. Ralph Smith, Trustees of the Putnam Valley Board of Education, Dr. Fran Wills, Superintendent, Sandy Intrieri and Chris O'Conner, Principal and Assistant Principal, respectively, of Putnam Valley High School.

Public Relations Representative, Allison Aylward, from Altice, USA presented a \$1,000 check to Gary Carney, who represented the Putnam Valley Food Pantry. He thanked Altice, USA and the Putnam Valley School District for their ongoing support for needy families in our community. This generous donation represents the Make a Difference Club's first round win in the Charity Champions



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Gary Carney, of the Putnam Valley Food Pantry surrounded by PVHS students.

Competition. Altice, USA, formerly Cablevision, is the sponsor of the Charity Champion Competition, which promotes

volunteerism and helps to raise money for a high school selected charity. Students commit time and money, competing against other schools, and donating the funds raised. This is the third time the Make a Difference Club has won the Charity Champion Competition. Past recipients charities were the Pajama Program in 2012 and Drug Crisis in our Backyard in 2015.

The Make a Difference Club, with the financial support of a grant from the Putnam Valley Educational Foundation, this year sponsored the Rachel's Challenge Program at the high school. A food drive, called Rachel's Pantry, and a Kindness Note Writing Campaign, called Rachel's Mailbox, brought the message of kindness and compassion for others to the students and staff of Putnam Valley High School. The letter writing initiative expressed gratitude to every employee in the District for his/her part in the education of every child. All three school buildings annually sponsor initiatives to support the Putnam Valley Community Food Pantry.

More than 150 participants and spectators donated ten boxes of non-perishable items. Middle School and High School staff members competed the first hour, followed by student competitions the second hour. Free refreshments and prizes were given to all.

A "Dress Down for the Pantry Day" was also held and proceeds were used to purchase additional food items.

Putnam County Young Republican Club Host State Convention

Earlier this month, for the first time in club history, the Putnam County Young Republican Club hosted the New York State Young Republican Convention. Nearly 100 young republican delegates from across the state came to Putnam County to discuss the future of the Republican Party in New York.

"This was a remarkable opportunity for our club. It allowed the best and brightest come to Putnam to discuss ways in improving our state and develop ways to get our message out to all New Yorkers," Putnam Young Republican Club president Nick Fannin said. "It also brought great exposure to our community's historic attractions and local businesses."

At the convention dinner, fellow Putnam YR, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, was

honored as the New York State Young Republican's pick for Assemblyman of the Year as well as Senator Sue Serino as Senator of the Year.

"We are proud to have two of our representatives, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and Senator Sue Serino, honored at the Convention for their public service," Fannin said. "They both work tirelessly up in Albany on our behalf and it is an honor they both truly deserve."



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Putnam Young Republicans enjoying the first night of the NYS Young Republican Convention at the Shilelagh Law Concert at the Putnam County Golf Course.



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Putnam EDC Markets Economic Opportunities Along Former Railway

The rail trails in Putnam County may be all fun and games to recreation enthusiasts, but they mean business to the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation and to many small enterprises along the 12-mile route and beyond. Putnam County EDC President Jill Varricchio is onboard with the economic potential that the 12-mile stretch of paved rail trails have to offer.

“When I look at the opportunities we have on Putnam’s rail trails, I look both ways: To the north, I see Dutchess County’s Walkway Over the Hudson attracting over a million people each year, with about half of them coming from outside Dutchess and Ulster counties. Spending at local stores is up, new jobs have been created and a new county tax revenue stream has been generated.

“If I look the other way, I see the High Line linear park stretching along a deserted elevated train track along Manhattan’s West Side, which has become the second most visited cultural venue in New York City. It’s attracting \$2.2 billion in new economic activity and is projected to raise tax revenues by an estimated \$980 million over the next decade.

“We are somewhere in the middle—and that’s a great place to be,” she adds. “We’re promoting our accessibility to New York City to encourage people to make Putnam County a destination.

Varricchio says that factors once regarded as inhibitors to business



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A map of the Putnam rail trail.

development, such as protected lands along the reservoirs and zoning restrictions prohibiting certain kinds of development, are now stimulating economic activity. Putnam County’s pristine trails are attracting the kind of economic growth people want,” she says.

This is about strengthening the small businesses along the trail, the backbone of our local economy.”

Here’s a tour of some of the commercial and recreational activities the rail trail is driving...

Donna Massaro, the owner of the popular Freight House Café in Mahopac, New York, converted it from a historic railroad station, but she still relies on an old-fashioned approach to promote it. Using chalk, she writes information about her café on the Putnam County rail trail pavement, starting from a quarter-mile away. Then, at the closest point, she’s rigged a clothesline to take and fulfill orders for trail riders who want to remain on the trails. “Our customers love our trails, and I love my customers,” she says. “They’re cycling, walking and roller skating in the warmer months and cross country skiing in the winter. They’re not just local residents—they’re coming from all over.”

Lukas Herbert, who operates Gotham Bike Tours located in Manhattan, recently led participants attending a conference in New York City on a restorative ride on the rail trail in Putnam, something he frequently does. The tour arrived in Village of Brewster by rail with rented bicycles then rode back on a day-long trip. “Tourists definitely spend on the trails,” he says.

Travel on these trails flows in both directions. Kevin Callahan is an avid

cyclist, and he and his wife frequently bike from their home in Putnam County to New York City along trails through Westchester County. An associate broker with Covington Commercial Realty, he is also a board member of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau and a member of the Alliance for Balanced Growth, a Putnam County EDC initiative.

“Putnam County’s proximity to New York City and the fact that it is a transportation hub makes it ideally positioned to take advantage of significant economic opportunities,” he says. “We see people of all ages—joggers, runners, roller bladers, cyclists, cross-country skiers—on the trails.”

Robert Kelly, owner of Pawling Cycle and Sport on Route 22 in the Village of Pawling, is organizing the annual Tour of Putnam community bike ride scheduled for Sunday, July 9. Traversing roads as well as rail trails, “it’s a ride-at-your-own-pace event, [which will] let people see what we have to offer.”

According to a recent study by the Pennsylvania Land Trust, rail trails not only boost spending at local businesses, they also increase the value of nearby properties, make communities more attractive places to live, influence business location and relocation decisions, reduce medical costs by encouraging exercise and other healthy outdoor activities, revitalize

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Tilly Foster Ed. Institute Marks One Year

On Monday, June 5, Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES hosted an open house and year-end celebration of their new culinary school at the Tilly Foster Educational Institute in Brewster. BOCES senior administration officers, teachers, parents, and leaders from the Putnam business community enjoyed food and refreshments prepared for and served by BOCES Culinary students, and listened to featured speaker Chris Devine, Corporate Chef at ACE Endico. This event was sponsored and supported by the Westchester/Putnam Business Sector Partnership and Hospitality Resource Group.



Students from the BOCES culinary program.

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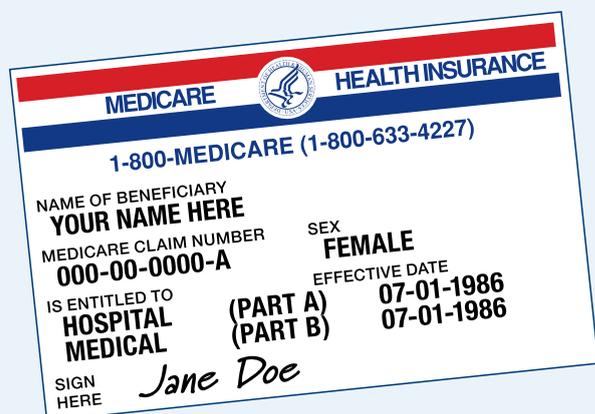


Chef Chris Devine speaking to the group at Tilly Foster.



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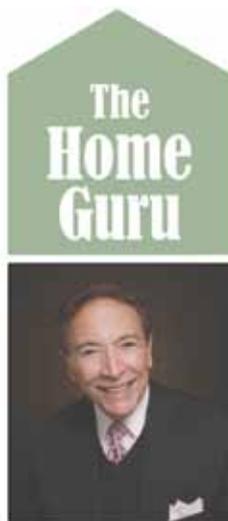
'Staying Put' in One's Home Now Has a Different Meaning

About five years ago, I wrote an article about the advantages of staying put in the same home over a period of years, rather than moving every four or five years, which was the average length of home ownership at that time.

But today when you hear the term "staying put" in real estate, rather than the charming lifestyle benefits of familiarity with the community, the term refers to a lengthening picture for taking that step to upgrade or downsize to a new home.

Data from Moody's Analytics and First American Financial Corporation reveals the median homeownership tenure rose to about eight and a half years last year, up from about four and a half in 2008. That is the longest tenure since Moody's data began in 2000.

When I wrote years ago, I related how my wife and I first moved to our neighborhood as a very young couple, the "kids" on our block, while the majority of other residents were seniors, many of whom had bought their properties when they were unheated summer cottages. By the time we arrived, the houses had



By Bill Primavera

been converted to year-round residences and slowly began to change hands to younger couples.

Then, we watched as those small houses developed larger footprints or were demolished to make room for new construction.

Many neighbors had come and gone, but we have remained constant, and eventually were among the most long-term citizens on our street.

We had become human time machines to the passing world, observing both subtle and seismic changes from the

same perspective, relating to all of our neighbors and service providers as real people and friends rather than the more anonymous existence we experienced formerly in New York City.

As long-term homeowners, my wife and I have developed strong ties to our community and enjoy participating with other residents, pulling together for common causes from preserving open space coupled with smart growth development, and joining forces to clean up the roads on Earth Day.

Our daughter benefitted by being educated in just one school system, remaining friends to this day with children she met in kindergarten.

When I'm walking down a main street in town and someone honks, waves and calls my name, I feel embraced by my lifestyle choice.

All those endearing features kept my wife and I in the same place for so long – more than 40 years – until finally we encountered one of the most prevalent things that prompt people to move on.

A home becomes too small – or too

large; a desire to upgrade; determining that you have made a mistake in the home you purchased; a job transfer; personal relationships (marriage, divorce); neighborhood changes; to see one's family more often (or less often); retirement; health problems; deferring maintenance (preferring to move rather than fixing up); desiring a lifestyle change; and becoming an empty nester.

In our case, we became an empty nester, and our home became too large. Just last

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Another Chapter in Man's Conflict with the Natural Order



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns, I've been reporting on man's seeming interminable conflict with nature for control over the wine industry. Man's ingenuity and science constantly strive to thwart the

balance of nature in the Earth's ecosystem.

Nature's response may be immediate or longer term. I've reported on several of these – from the grafting and hybridization of vines (to improve vineyard viability) that is met with new diseases that level the playing field, to tampering with plant DNA (to improve plant resistance) that is met with natural calamities that force man back to the laboratories for new solutions.

As I was preparing for this week's column, another battle between man

and nature came to mind. A few years ago, I reported on a near-death experience over a century ago, in which man tampered with the natural order. In this case, man was his own enemy, while nature took her normal course in balancing the natural

order.

Herewith I recount this calamity.

In the mid-19th century, in a brief 15-year period, the greatest disaster in the modern history of the wine industry took place in western Europe, wiping out nearly two-thirds of all grapevines.

Picture this: Previously healthy vines in the south of France suddenly develop ominous symptoms – leaves yellow and drop, roots die and grapevines wither. Growers are forced to uproot the dead, diseased plants, burning them in the vineyard fields. The devastation quickly spreads throughout France and then into Italy, Spain and Germany. Centuries-old cultivated and refined grapevines are gone in a wisp of smoke. Producers are bankrupted, unemployment skyrockets, consumers are deprived of their life-sustaining nectar.

What caused this devastation? And what was the ultimate solution?

The cause: A tiny aphid insect, the Phylloxera Vastatrix, began infesting French grapevines in the mid 1850s. Thousands of Phylloxera (phyl-LOX-eh-ra) invaded the roots of plants, weakening grapevines and making them susceptible to fatal diseases. Once satiated, the Phylloxera moved on to the next feast – leaving

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no physical trail. Farmers were confounded, not able to identify the culprit. In a vain attempt to remove the "poison," farmers flooded vineyards, spread chemicals, even buried live toads under each grapevine. All to no avail.

A decade later, the cause was identified.

For years, the French had been importing American grapevine rootstock for analysis and possible hybridization. Little did they know these vines carried the Phylloxera across the ocean. They didn't understand that, whereas American rootstock had developed a resistance to Phylloxera, the native French vines has no such tolerance. As the American rootstock was transported throughout France for experimentation, the Phylloxera was carried along; the devastation spread unchecked.

The solution: In a manner worthy of an episode of CSI Bordeaux, the source of the blight was traced to the Phylloxera carried on the American plants. The French were incensed at the crude Americans for allowing this to happen, and tensions mounted.

Then a solution was proposed. Graft French grapevines onto the American rootstock and replant the vineyards with these hybrid plants. Sacre Bleu. What will this accomplish? The uniqueness of

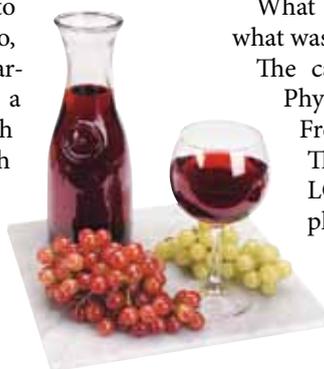
French grape varieties will be preserved and the resistant American rootstock will save the French wine industry.

But now the French were once again incensed. The rogues that caused the problem were now bearers of the solution. Future French wines would be produced in an incestuous relationship with the inferior American rootstock. The French nation would have to acknowledge its gratitude for the survival of its beloved wines to the very culprits that wiped out their vineyards. This was hard to swallow.

But swallow they did. Slowly, very slowly. Nearly a half-century after the invasion of Phylloxera (and one million graftings later), the wine industry in France and across western Europe flourished once again – but with the nagging knowledge of the American presence in the soil and soul of their vineyards. To this day, your glass of French wine may have American roots.

Man challenging nature; the balance of nature prevails again.

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The typical homeowner today is staying longer for other reasons. There seems to be a new normal in the real estate business, where first-time home shoppers find very few new listings and it's a rampant sellers' market when they do. This shift started in the years after the Great Recession in which millions of homeowners either lost their jobs or were stuck in homes worth less than they owed the bank.

Even though the economy and the housing market have improved, economists expect longer homeownership to continue for the next decade or even longer. That is because with a better economy we can expect a steady rise in interest rates.

Another factor in staying put is the low inventory of homes for sale, a 60 percent

decline from its peak in 2007, according to the National Association of Realtors. Additionally, with the Federal Reserve signaling further interest rate increases, economists expect mortgage rates to head toward 5 percent by the end of the year. The higher rates climb, the more tempting it will become for people to stay in place longer.

But, just in case there are homeowners out there who want to jump in at this opportune time to list their homes at top price points and have multiple buyers leap at the chance to bid on them, be sure to give me a call.

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Tuesday, June 13

The Kent Public Library has a number of volunteer opportunities available for teens 14 and older this summer. On Tuesday or Wednesday, June 14th, from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. in the Kent Library there will be a Teen Volunteer Meeting to talk about these opportunities. We will be looking at the summer calendar and reviewing the activities where we will need help in running programs. This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours during the summer months! Please remember to bring a calendar with you! For more information call the library at 845-225-8585 or go to www.KentLibrary.org. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

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Tick Talk : Preventative and Alternative measures against Lyme Disease at Kent Library. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. to discuss the health effects of Lyme Disease and talk about some preventative and alternative measures you and your family can take. Registration is required. Space is limited. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes,

Wednesday, June 14

Official Planting at Community Garden in Brewster: The official planting of the Community Garden Around the Corner was Wednesday, May 24. Right at dusk, members of the community, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County and the Community connection students gathered outside the Studio Around the Corner Director & Vice President of the Cultural Arts Coalition, Judy Marano explained, "It was truly a

joint effort with all hands getting dirty." As the garden grows, the Cultural Arts Coalition will continue with a monthly Seed to Supper lectures. The next in the series will be held on June 14, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner 67 Main Street in Brewster. For more information, visit the Cultural Arts Coalition's Garden Around the Corner's webpage at www.CulturalArtsCo.com, email toscac2010@gmail.com or call 845-363-8330.

Flag Day at the Brewster Elks 6 p.m. Arrive by 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League to provide Rifle Detail Detachment June Meeting to be held in conjunction with Flag Day at Elks

Thursday, June 15

Stories of my Life Workshop at Reed Library Thursdays June 15 through July 6. Create an altered book using stories from your life, illustrated with images created using a variety of techniques. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Saturday, June 17

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party at the Reed Library. 10:30 a.m. The celebration features Magician Debbie O'Carroll and her Build a Better World Magic Show. Pick up a brochure and learn about all the great things planned this summer at Reed Library! Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Fundraising Father's Day Eve" Spaghetti Dinner which will take place at the Church of the Holy Communion, 1055 Route 6, Mahopac. 5p.m. to 8 p.m., The cost will be \$10/adult and \$5/child to benefit the Buildings and Grounds Beautification Project. For more info, please contact 845.628.6144. Everyone is invited; bring your appetite!

Cookie Walk Sale: Shop for a variety of home-baked cookies at our Cookie Walk Sale -- just in time for Father's Day and graduation celebrations. 9 a.m.- 3p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 6N & Secor Road, Mahopac. Rain or Shine. For more information please call 845-628-2365 or email presby411@verizon.net

Monday, June 19

Free Peer Leader Workshop Training. If you enjoy helping people, don't mind speaking in front of small groups, and want to be part of a community-wide "wellness" initiative, this free training could be for you! The Living Well Workshops provided in Putnam County and other counties by peer leaders, are based on the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program developed by Stanford University. No experience or healthcare training necessary to participate. Leader training dates are June 19, 20, 26, and 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route Six, in Carmel, Putnam County. Lunch and materials provided. Pre-registration and attendance all four days is required. For training details and to pre-register, contact Cornelia Schimert at Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley, 914-666-7616 ext. 1235 or Marlena Hanley, at the Putnam Office for Senior Resources, 845-808-1700, ext. 47121.

Tuesday, June 20

Smartphone Photography. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Come to the Kent Library. Class will be taught by Sergio and Chris, from our Tech Help program. Participants will learn how to take great pictures using their iOS or Android smartphones. Participants will also learn how to keep track of their photos with ease by using online services. Who can attend? Everyday people who want to learn how to bring light to their photos by using advanced features such as HDR and filters. What do you need to bring? Participants will need to provide their own iOS or Android smartphone to follow along. Registration Required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Putnam EDC Markets Economic Opportunities Along Former Railway

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depressed areas by creating a demand for space in what were once vacant buildings, enhance tax revenues and help cut fuel consumption.

Marcela Rojas is Manager of Public and Community Affairs at HealthQuest, a local family of nonprofit hospitals and healthcare providers in the Hudson Valley. She has worked together with Putnam County officials to promote the Get Fit Challenge (GetFitHV.com)—a

six-week initiative in the fall and spring designed to get people exercising for 30 minutes a day. "We want people to get moving toward better health, and the Putnam Rail Trail is a jewel of a place to begin," she says.

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Hunted Down!

Yorktown Falls to Victor, Lose 2nd Straight NYS Title Tilt, Beats Garden City in Semis



BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Yorktown junior M Hunter Embury cranks goal in Huskers' 5-4 NYS semifinal win over top-ranked Garden City last Wednesday at SUNY Albany, where No.2 Yorktown advanced to the NYSPHSAA Class B finals to face No.4 Victor, the Section 5 champions who disposed of the Huskers in a convincing 9-3 thumping at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford last Saturday... see Boys Lax Notebook

By Ray Gallagher
 Examiner Sports Editor
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A pair of grueling one-goal regional victories and the unplanned, off-field issues that plagued Yorktown High last week may have finally caught up with the state-ranked (No.2) Huskers in last Saturday's 9-3 beatdown by Section 5 champion Victor in the finals of the NYSPHSAA Class B tournament at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, NY.

The ad hoc resistance by Yorktown administrators last week to nip the off-field matters in the bud may not have had much to do with the thrashing at the hands of state-ranked (No.4) Victor, but it certainly didn't help that the Huskers were groundlessly in the news for things other

than lacrosse.

The matter, which drew a hit piece in the Journal News last Wednesday, was quickly quelled when Yorktown and Somers administrators deemed an anonymous email – which alleged unscrupulous locker room activity during an unintended meeting on May 25 between the Huskers and the Somers girls' lacrosse team – proved to be unfounded. Still, it was out there and it was a distraction that never should have been, according to first-year Husker Head Coach Sean Carney.

"It was frustrating," Carney admitted after the Victor loss. "A lot went down the day before with the media and the day of the Garden City game, so we tried to keep the kids focused, which was hard. I was worried it could take away our

momentum, but I'm so proud that the boys stayed true to who they are and went out against Garden City and played great. We knew what really had happened and we used it as a life lesson for the boys: Rushing to judgement is never good. We work to teach our boys the right things. They work hard in the community and in the classroom. We have so many stellar students on the team who carry themselves the right way. Being positive role models and selfless people is one of those pillars we preach all the time in our huddle. Our boys never cease to amaze me how they take to that.

"Victor was impressive," Husker Coach Sean Carney said of the three-time defending champions (Class A 2016, Class B 2015). "They were big, strong, athletic

kids. They went on a seven-goal run that we couldn't stop."

Yorktown took a 1-0 lead when senior All-American Kyle Casey (2G, 1A) juked his man and found All-Section junior A Jameson Embury at 8:11 of the first, but the lead was short-lived when Victor scored the next two at 5:40 and again at 5:00 of the first. The lead swelled to 3-1 when the Blue Devils struck again at 2:09 and it stayed that way until the end of the first.

The Huskers coughed the ball up (17 turnovers) over and over and failed to find a rhythm on offense, keeping its vaunted defense on its heels under a scorching sun and giving the Blue Devils opportunity after opportunity, which they cashed in on

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Girls' Lax Notebook

Yorktown Ousted by NYS Champion Garden City, 19-8

Splendid Senior Class Caps Outrageous Careers in NYS Semis

By Tony Pinciario

Little did Rilea Fusco know that when she moved to Yorktown and began playing lacrosse, she would go on to create many outstanding memories with her teammates.

Fusco, along with fellow seniors Michelle Seger, Carly Mager, Emily Hirsch, Lexi Del Bene and Kayla Reilly, were the nucleus of a Yorktown girls' lacrosse team that had an excellent four years.

The Cornhuskers played in four Section 1 Class B championship games, winning the title in 2016 and 2017. Along with these two sectional championships, Yorktown won two regional titles and played in consecutive state final fours. Last year, Yorktown played for the state championship.

Yorktown (12-9) advanced to the state final four the second year in-a-row with a 13-3 drubbing of Section 2 champion, Niskayuna. Yorktown lost 19-8 to eventual state champion, Garden City (Section 8), in the NYSPHSAA Class B semifinal.

Despite the loss, the Syracuse-bound Fusco will graduate as a two-time champion and one of the best players in program history. She will join her older

brother, Austin, a red-shirt sophomore and long-stick midfielder on the men's lacrosse team.

"It's been great and I'm really going to miss them because of the amount of time we played together and spent together," Fusco said.

Fusco and Seger clicked offensively and were lethal on the field and played strong against GC. Fusco had three goals and three assists. She had five of her points during Yorktown's strong finish to the first half. Seger had two goals and Ellen O'Callaghan had a goal and two assists. Kelsey McDonnell and Ciara Frawley also scored

"Michelle and I always had some crazy connections on attack and our chemistry was great," Fusco said.

Seger will attend Boston University and play lacrosse. Mager is off to Ohio State to play and Hirsch will continue her lacrosse career at Skidmore. Del Bene is heading to Northeastern and Reilly is going to James Madison.

Fusco explained that in 2016, Del Bene was going to retire from playing, but she decided against it.

"Lexi played defense and then last year, the goalie did not come back after the

second day of tryouts so Lexi volunteered to be the goalie" Fusco said. "It wasn't surprising to us that Lexi volunteered because she is such a great person. This year, Lexi got her time to shine and she did. She deserved it. I am so thankful for that."

Winning a second straight sectional champion was special for Yorktown, considering the Cornhuskers had a very un-Yorktown-like year. Yorktown was going through a losing streak in early May which left the team questioning themselves as to what needed to be done to right the ship.

In her final days as Yorktown coach, Ellen Mager addressed it with a unique practice and put her team back on track. The result was Yorktown winning sectional games, highlighted by the victory over Somers, once again, for the title. Then Yorktown added the regional-title victory in convincing fashion and sent Mager out in class, with a ninth sectional title and run to the Final 4.

"With the amount of adversity this team had and that we made it so far, I'm beyond proud of this team and so lucky to have been on this team," Fusco said. "Nobody would have thought we'd get back to

sections with our record and to have gone to the state semis is something special, for sure."

Fusco said she is still coming to grips with the fact that her Yorktown lacrosse is over, however, she is looking forward to her future at Syracuse, as well as seeing her fellow seniors' futures. She will be surfing the internet to check on Seger at Boston University, Mager at Ohio State and Hirsch at Skidmore. Unfortunately, Fusco will not have the opportunity to play against Seger, Mager or Hirsch next year.

Along with playing for Syracuse, Fusco is anxiously anticipating being reunited with her brother, Austin.

"I'm very down about this being over, but when one door closes, another one opens," Fusco said. "I'm happy to have had these memories and shared them with my teammates, but I'm excited for what's to come."

"It's going to be really cool going to school with Austin because he and I are really close. It's something special to go to the same school as my brother, although I didn't think that at first. I'm so proud of him and my brother Frankie. I look up to both of them."

Put Valley Pride Snags 14-U GHVBL Spring Title



Members of the Putnam Valley 14-U Pride pose with their championship banner on Sunday, June 4th after defeating the Patterson Pirates, 4-3, after a walk-off bunt single by Alex Weller, which scored Ryan Singer with the winning run. Teammates Matt Aviles, Gabe Astrologo, Matt Borchick, Matt Carravone, Jake Enea, Matt Jacobson, Jake Listwan, Joey Maloney, Ethan Mounier, Brenden Roche, Singer and Weller were instrumental in a fine regular season (7-1) and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. Put Valley beat the Cortlandt Panthers in the quarterfinals, 8-7, coming back from 7-0 deficit, scoring five runs in the 6th inning to take the lead. Mounier, who got the win in the title tilt, led the way with two hits and three RBI while pitching 3-2/3 rd innings for the win. Astrologo also had two hits. The Pride defeated the Mahopac Indians in the semifinals, 6-2. Jacobson pitched five innings and gave up just one run. Carravone had two hits, and Weller had three RBI.

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again at 8:24 of the second for a 4-1 lead coming from four different scorers.

Alex Mabbet's second goal midway through the second gave the Blue Devils a 5-1 lead, and the hits just kept coming when Victor scored it seventh unanswered goal and ballooned the lead to 7-1 with a minute before the half.

"We turned the ball over way too many times today," Carney said. "We played very hard but we didn't bring our A-game. That's on me. We need to be able to play our best when it matters most. The kids fought hard all game. We only allowed two goals in the second half. We just couldn't

see this talented crop of seniors go. Some have been to three NYS title games in their career with a state title as freshmen. That is flat-out impressive. They should be so proud of upholding that Yorktown tradition."

As the second half began, the Huskers' efforts to regroup were jump-started by a Justin Comerford goal at 5:42 of the third, cutting the Yorktown deficit to five, at 7-2. With an extra-man opportunity and a chance to further trim the deficit, the Huskers turned the ball over again. Resilient as always, the Huskers answered the bell again when All-Section junior M

Hunter Embury made it a four-goal game with 1:45 left in the third.

The game's next goal would be pivotal as the Huskers could ill-afford to lose the shift in momentum, which is exactly what happened when Connor Keenan beat Husker G Louis Ragusa with 4.4 seconds left in the third for an 8-3 lead.

The wind came rushing out of Yorktown's sails, the fat lady started tuning up and the drive for Yorktown's eighth NYS title was effectively all but over.

"It's definitely tough getting this far and not finishing but we will never forget this group," Makar said. "This senior group really should be praised for the way they



Yorktown senior M Dom Cioffi rolls to cage in Huskers' 9-3 NYS title setback to Victory last Saturday

finish or put together our transition game. We had too many drops and tight passes. When we could put it together --their goalie had some fantastic saves. Another day maybe another result. Our team has been playing some fantastic lacrosse. Their D was long and they played good sound D. It just wasn't our day. It's very sad to



Yorktown All-American Kyle Casey makes his move in Huskers' 9-3 NYS Class B title loss to Victor last Saturday.

led all season. I can't put into words how much it hurts right now and much it's going to hurt for the next few days. The deciding factor was possession; they controlled the ball for a lot of the game and controlled the pace constantly. They had studs across the board too, making it hard to defend."

Against top-ranked Garden City (16-4), senior M Don Cioffi returned from a stint on the DL with a bang, lifting Yorktown to a 5-4 win in double overtime in state semis last Wednesday at SUNY Albany. Husker teammate Hunter Embury found a darting Cioffi and the Huskers were in business, returning to the state finals for the third time in four years while evening their playoff record with Garden City at 5-5.

The Yorktown defense, spearheaded by G Louis Ragusa (7 saves) and All-Americans Brett Makar and Jose Boyer, was stout when it needed to be. With Yorktown's power game stuck in low gear, it was a lesser-known trio who found the back of the net, including Justin Comerford, Anthony Altimari and Steven Veteri each scored once.

There is no need for outsiders or media-types to hold the Huskers accountable for failing to meet their ultimate goal of winning its eighth NYS title; because they will do that themselves and the vast majority will be out on that wall adjacent to Charlie Murphy Field on any given day this summer. Because next year starts now at Yorktown.

Lakeland/Panas' Run Ends in NYS Semi Loss to Ward Melville

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Despite a mid-season dip that saw the Class A Rebels lose to Class B's Yorktown, Rye and John Jay CR, state-ranked (No.6) Lakeland/Panas managed to take a quote from the coach's playbook and "play our best lacrosse from late-May through early-June", which is exactly what Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels did en route to the NYSPHSAA semifinals for a second-straight season and third time in four years.

Longstanding Long Island power Ward Melville, the No.1-ranked team in the state, saw the Rebels at their best for a half before taking a 9-6 decision last Wednesday at the University at Albany. Just when it looked like Section

1 Class A lacrosse was going through a downtrodden period this season, two-time reigning champion Lakeland/Panas turned things around and charged deep into the state tournament.

The Patriots (19-2) went on to Rochester for the state finals and defeat Section 5 champion Pittsford, 10-9, in overtime, while the Rebels (18-4) returned south with renewed vigor, knowing full well that the program is on the uptick with three sectional titles in four years and four since 2010.

L/P All-section attackman Tim Fallo had three goals and one assist for the Rebels, who were in a 3-3 game before the Patriots went for five unanswered in the game's critical junction. It was at this point when the Patriots crushed it on GB's, a portion of a 31-15 advantage in

ground balls.

Rebel senior All-American A Sean Makar had a goal and two assists while junior All-Section A JoJo Janavey had a goal and an assist for the Rebels, who lost 16-6 to Melville in last year's state semis. All-Section L/P goalie Kevin Dyckman, who was named the Walter Panas Male Athlete of the Year later in the week, notched nine saves. Lindsay was particularly impressed with the finishing power his seniors showed down the stretch and over the course of their careers, including All-Section LSM Griffin Shiland.

"We were very proud of how our kids performed against Melville," the coach said. "It was a great season, and the kids played hard throughout. The seniors had to come back with high expectations from

last year and they carried that pressure about as well as I could have asked them to. This senior class is one of the most improved, and hardest working groups I've ever had. They went from five wins as sophomores, to only seven losses over the next two years, six of which are to Melville, Yorktown, and John Jay (three of the premier programs in the state). We talk to each group about striving to leave a legacy for the younger kids to follow, and I think this group truly personified that about as well as could be expected."

There are big shoes to fill and the likes of Janavey and TJ Bryan, an All-League sophomore middie, will take the torch and try to build upon what was one of the finer two-year eras -- in terms of sectional and regional championships -- in Lakeland/Panas lacrosse history.

Hoyos Times!



Putnam Valley Senior Takes Medal Stand 2X at NYS Track/Field Meet

Putnam Valley senior Antonia Hoyos capped a magnificent multi-sport athletic career at her second NYSPHSAA track and field meet in as many years by placing third in Class B in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump at Union Endicott High School last Saturday. Hoyos' triple jump went for 36' 3.5" and she sprang 17' 4.5" in the long jump and later posed with PV Coach PJ Keating (inset) on the medal stand as the first girl in Put Valley history do so.