



PV BOE Recognizes Student Led Soccer Program



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The Putnam Valley Board of Education and Dr. Fran Wills, Superintendent of Schools, recognized the MAGMAH soccer program at a recent Board of Education meeting by presenting the current leaders with the Pride in Putnam Valley award. MAGMAH was founded in the spring of 2013 by six 10th graders who wanted to develop a soccer program for children with special needs in Putnam Valley. Since that time the program has continued to grow, expanding the number of participants as well as the number of student volunteers who coach and lead the program. The MAGMAH program focuses on providing special needs children with an opportunity to be physically active in a non-competitive, enjoyable environment, where developing social skills is matched with developing soccer skills. Wills said, "It is clear that the founders, and the leaders that have followed, have been deeply affected by their work with this program...This is a program that is so rewarding for all who participate, either as a leader or a player. MAGMAH highlights the potential of all students." The MAGMAH program is open to special needs students in 1st grade through 4th grade and runs two 1-hour sessions for 6 weeks in the fall and for 8 weeks in the spring. Volunteer leaders and coaches are all Putnam Valley High School students. Additional program information can be obtained through the PVCSD Special Education Department, (845)528-8130 x1318. Current coaches are pictured above with the founding members, Madyson Winogradoff, Ashley Volpe, Grace Mazza, Max Martins, Anders Spittal and Harrison Deegan, (MAGMAH) and current leaders, Morgan Winogradoff, Lukas Azcue and Marc Zadrima. Not pictured: Meredith Conlin, Maddie Deegan.

At Last Minute, Democrat Jumps Into Sheriff's Race

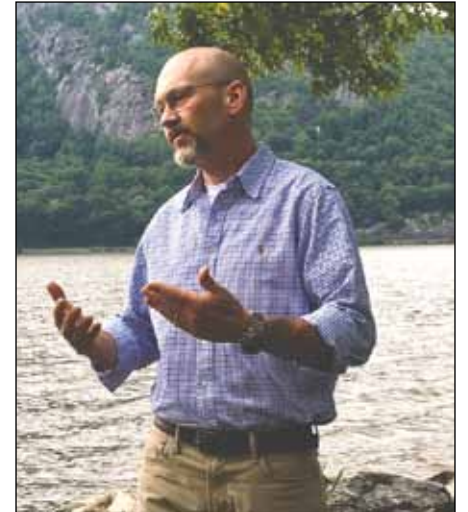
By David Propper

In the ever-interesting race to lead the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, another candidate has jumped into the fray giving the county's Democratic Party its first standard-bearer since 2009.

Robert Langley, a Garrison resident and retired county sheriff's investigator, announced his candidacy last week as members of the county's Democratic Committee rushed to collect enough signatures to get the first-time candidate on the ballot. He joins incumbent Sheriff Don Smith, a Republican seeking his fifth term, and Republican challenger Andrew DeStefano, a retired NYPD captain, in the race for Putnam's top law enforcement job.

Stressing it's time for a change, Langley said he wants to bring "integrity and

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Garrison resident and former sheriff's investigator Bob Langley.

Legislator Proposes Senior Community Center in Kent

By Anna Young and David Propper

Putnam County Legislator Toni Addonizio announced her request to build a senior community center at the former Dill's Best Building Center property in Kent during last week's audit committee meeting.

For years, the longtime Kent resident has seen a need for a senior community center, expressing how seniors are underserved within the town. During a legislative audit committee meeting on June 26, she called the potential center a "great opportunity" for the senior population in town.

"When I ran three years ago, everybody voiced their opinion on how disappointed they are that they don't have anything to call their own," Addonizio said. "This could be a place for (seniors) to meet during the day and will provide an opportunity to stay active and socialize."

Currently, the nearest senior center for Kent residents is located on the Donald B. Smith Campus on Old Route 6.

After contacting the property owner, she was told the 6,000 to 8,000 square foot property had been donated by the

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Lakeview Community Church and would be off the tax records if she were to move forward with the project.

(Dill's couldn't sell the property so it gifted the parcel of the land to the church.)

"The owner is on board because he wants to give back to the community," Addonizio added. "This is the perfect opportunity to enhance the Town of Kent because that building is currently an eyesore."

Legislators on the audit committee approved Addonizio's request to apply

for a \$300,000 non-matching grant from the New York State Community Development Block Grant program in order to move forward with project plans with part of the funding going toward a feasibility study.

When Legislator Neal Sullivan asked Addonizio what town officials thought, she said she hasn't been able to speak with them because the grant came up recently.

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming said as of Monday she hasn't heard from Addonizio, but would be in favor of anything that benefits town residents.

Fleming said speaking with residents

over time, she's been told a community center would be valuable for the town so residents of all ages can attend it, rather than a senior center. She noted finding state or federal grant money for a community center has proven to be difficult.

"I would think if a legislator wanted to do something in the town that I'm supervisor that she'd reach out to me," Fleming said "I welcome the opportunity to sit down (with her.)"

Addonizio said she hasn't reached out because the grant hasn't passed through the full legislature yet and it was

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Legislator Toni Addonizio

premature to discuss the project until it went forward.

At the next economic development committee meeting on July 11, a public hearing is expected to be held as legislators meet again to discuss the submittal of the grant application. (The agenda for the meeting hasn't been posted yet.)

Lawmakers seemed receptive to the idea of going for the grant and will vote to approve it at the full legislature meeting Wednesday.

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Q: How does breastfeeding benefit my baby?

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

Q: What are the benefits for mom?

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

Q: How do I succeed at breastfeeding?

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

Coast Guard Suspends Plan to Create Anchorages in Hudson

By Rick Pezzullo and David Propper

The U.S. Coast Guard has decided to temporarily suspend plans to create 43 new anchorages in 10 locations along the Hudson River from Yonkers to Kingston.

After reviewing more than 10,200 comments that were received from elected officials and residents during a comment period that ended last December, Rear Adm. Steven Poulin, commander of the First Coast Guard District, announced last week the Coast Guard was suspending "future rulemaking decisions" and directing a formal risk identification and evaluation of the Hudson River, known as

a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA).

The PAWSA process is designed to identify major waterway safety hazards, estimate risk levels, evaluate potential mitigation measures, and set the stage for implementation of selected measures to reduce risks.

The Coast Guard was proposing to use more than 2,000 acres of the Hudson for barges.

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

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, during a teleconference call, called the change in course a "major victory." He said the decision effectively ends the Coast Guard's proposal.

Maloney said he couldn't think of anything he's tried harder to kill than the anchorage plan. He noted the hundreds of residents' comments were critical to stopping the Coast Guard from going forward. About 95 percent of comments



Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney

submitted were against the coast guard's plan, Maloney said.

"This proposal was a bad idea from the start," he said. "This was a bad idea, we didn't want it, we were going to work tirelessly to kill it and we won that fight."

When pressed on whether the proposal is actually dead, Maloney stood by his assertion. He said the Coast Guard is pursuing another process that will look

at the issue in a different way. Maloney stressed he doesn't believe any additional sites on the Hudson River are necessary, pointing out there are already two sites on the river and that is sufficient enough.

Maloney vowed to continue to watch developments "like a hawk."

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown), who held an informal public hearing last October in Croton on the proposal, also rejoiced in the Coast Guard's decision.

"It is long overdue for the Coast Guard to withdraw this ill-conceived proposal. This is one ship that should have never left port," he remarked. "After having been one of the first elected officials to bring attention to this issue as the former Chairman of New York State's Administrative Regulations Review Commission, we have shown that by holding public hearings, press conferences and launching a petition drive that garnered more than 2,000 signatures, you really can fight City Hall."

Philipstown Democratic Committee chairman Lithgow Osborne, who organized a forum last year on the anchorage proposal, said Hudson Valley residents can "breathe a sigh of relief now that we know that the proposal to allow barges to park on the Hudson has been halted."

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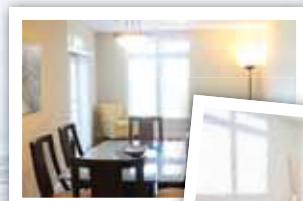
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Tendy Stops By Patterson with Update on DA's Office

By David Propper

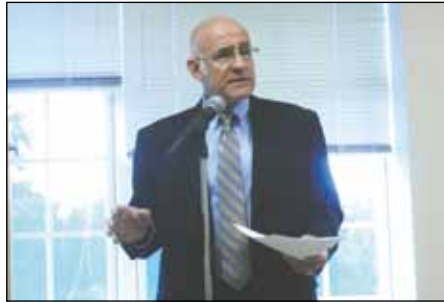
Appearing during Patterson's town board meeting last Wednesday, Putnam County District Attorney Bob Tendy updated residents in town about work the law enforcement agency has been conducting since he took office in 2016.

Tendy, the former Putnam Valley supervisor, attended his first town board meeting since taking his new job. He said he hopes to visit each town at some point after speaking at several civic groups and finding the discussions productive.

Much of Tendy's talk centered around the drug epidemic that's hit the county hard in recent years. He warned that even using marijuana has become riskier than it might have previously been because recent batches of the drug have been laced with "some type of poison." He said it could be laced with a stimulant or chemical component like nail polish remover. Those chemicals can lead to seizures, a coma, psychosis and even death.

In recent weeks, Tendy's office has received independent verification that young adults have suffered adverse effects from laced marijuana.

"The kind of drugs coming into our country now and I don't mean to say this in a flippant way, 'it ain't what it used to be,' a candid Tendy said. "It's a lot more dangerous."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO
District Attorney Bob Tendy at Wednesday's Patterson town board meeting.

In a follow up email to The Putnam Examiner, Tendy said while laced or synthetic marijuana isn't particularly new, it does show up periodically and usually from one supplier and sold in one location. Users that smoked the laced drugs had "very unpleasant" experiences with serious side effects, but with lab results pending, Tendy couldn't elaborate.

The DA's office tries to speak with marijuana users that have suffered bad side effects from the laced drug in hopes of tracing it back to a certain location or brand name that can lead to arrests, Tendy told the Patterson town board.

He said the DA's office is working with local law enforcement like the county sheriff's office, New York State Police and federal authorities around the clock to track these drugs from the source

and supplier. Tendy said there have been recent reports of laced marijuana in Mahopac.

Tendy, in his email, also stressed border security is crucial to stop the influx of some of these drugs.

"We really do need border security--it isn't an ethnic issue at all, it's a national security issue and I wish some of our national elected officials would realize it and stop using border security as a political tool--because it has nothing to do with that," Tendy told The Putnam Examiner. "More secure borders will have a definite and positive impact on the amount of illegal drugs coming into our country, particularly heroin and cocaine, but also many other drugs. It will help save a lot of lives."

Tendy encouraged drug addicts to seek assistance and there is help available to residents that are in need. When addicts reach out to the district attorney's office, Tendy said his staff points them to the appropriate agency that can help them. All calls are confidential.

"There is hope," Tendy said.

Security Guard at Next ZBA Meeting

Over the last several years, the lack of civility in politics and government, from the national to the local levels, has continued on a downward spiral. During the most recent Zoning Board of Appeals

meeting in Patterson, the incivility stood out.

While Councilman Shawn Rogan didn't go into too many details, he said heated words occurred when one application before the ZBA came up. An unidentified person before the ZBA got a "little bit boisterous and a little bit threatening," Rogan said.

It apparently got so ugly a work place violence report was filed by town employees. The person only calmed down when legal counsel told him if a law enforcement officer were present he would have been asked to leave the meeting, Rogan said.

The meeting wasn't videotaped, but is audio recorded like all town board, planning board and ZBA meetings at town hall.

"Several people felt there was a threatening undertone," Rogan said. "They didn't feel safe at the meeting."

For the subsequent zoning board meeting, a Patterson Justice Court officer will attend as a security. Supervisor Rich Williams said the town looked at several options for security and this route was most cost effective.

"It's unfortunate, but people get passionate about what they're talking about," Rogan said. "But we certainly need to have a decorum of respect to continue the town's business."

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With Skepticism from Lawmakers, Ride-Sharing Enters Putnam

By David Propper

At 12:01 a.m. last Thursday, ride-sharing services finally expanded to all of New York State, including the rural roads of Putnam County. But county lawmakers a week before didn't seem unanimously in support of it and could still seek changes that affect the new service.

Following bipartisan support from New York legislators, companies like Uber and Lyft were allowed to operate throughout the entire state starting on June 29 unless a county opted out of it. Several taxi and limousine owners and employees that serve Putnam residents urged county lawmakers to stop those ride-sharing companies from entering the county during a rules committee meeting on June 22.

Legislator Joe Castellano said there are a lot of moving parts with ride-sharing coming to the county and unlike other rural areas, Putnam has many taxi services for residents.

Legislator Neal Sullivan added there are underlying hazards that await ride-sharing customers in case the driver doesn't have the proper insurance. But he noted the balance is tough because many residents want to use Uber and Lyft.

"You're really driving as a passenger unprotected," Sullivan said.

Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino said customers that ride with Uber or Lyft don't have the same consumer protections, as does a passenger with a taxi or limousine company.

Legislator Carl Albano said the county should opt out because the public needs to be protected.

"You got to have regulations, you got to have a set of rules that everybody goes by," Albano said.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra voiced support for the ride-sharing services because she said it would make it easier for her constituents on the west side of the county to reach other destinations more affordably.

She said she'd like to see ride-sharing explored more.

"It's impossible for someone to come over (to Carmel) for a medical appointment or the health department from the west side," she said. "Uber would be a lot more reasonable for them to get around the county."

Most lawmakers agreed more research and input is necessary before a final decision is reached. They were waiting to see what Westchester County did because the county threatened to disallow ride-sharing companies, but reached a deal last week to allow them in. No action was taken by Putnam before ride-hailing started on Thursday.

Ruth Ayala of Carmel/Mahopac Taxi urged lawmakers to prevent ride-sharing from coming to the county. She suggested the county put regulations in place and then welcome those companies willing to

conform to the new rules. She said public safety is most important and argued Uber and Lyft don't need to pay the same fees and insurance as a regular taxi business.

"We won't be able to compete with Uber prices," Ayala said. "We want to make sure we have fair competition."

Ride-sharing companies have been opposed to further regulations like background checks contending that their own vetting process along with the use of technology delivers at least the same level of protection.

"What's important for our company

is to think about safety holistically," said Josh Gold, New York policy director for Uber. "It's not only about the background screening, it's about the technology after you get into the ride, before and after you get into the ride."

Gold said that through the Uber app the customer sees the car make and model, license plate and photo of the driver. The car can also be tracked through GPS so the customer is alerted to head outside only as the driver approaches the address.

Furthermore, the passenger rates the driver and vice versa, and that information

is shared within 24 hours, he said.

Several other taxi or limousine drivers spoke out against Uber and Lyft during the rules committee meeting.

Eric Mass, a driver for Alleys Way Car Service, said if Uber and Lyft want to enter the county's market, they should pay a fee to the county and each car service company.

He said the proposed fee would be a "great barrier" to stop ride-sharing services from entering Putnam.

Martin Wilbur contributed to this report.



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compassion" to the sheriff's office.

"I'm not a politician. I never have been," he said. "Just a person that wants to do the right thing."

When asked to elaborate on his statement about bringing integrity back to the department, Langley spoke generally that while you don't have to like everybody, you shouldn't go after anyone maliciously.

When asked about Smith's retraction and apology letter to former district attorney Adam Levy over the Hossu rape

case, Langley simply said, "we choose our own paths." He said dishonesty within Smith's office and residents paying the price for his mistakes motivated him to run.

"I'd say it's a disappointment that something like that was done," Langley said. "A young prospective district attorney's career is likely destroyed by that. The damage is done and we cannot turn the clock back on that."

Langley, a lifelong Putnam resident, served with the sheriff's department from 1984-2007. Langley was a criminal investigator assigned to forensics and

identification and was a member of the K-9 unit. He also was a training officer in emergency communication. During his tenure, he received several commendations and was even part of a unit that was a security detail for Pope John Paul II when he visited Yonkers in 1995.

He has also volunteered for the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, Garrison Fire Company, and Continental Village Fire Department. He grew up in Carmel and graduated from Mahopac High School.

When addressing the drug issue in

Putnam, Langley suggested increasing drug counseling for addicts to slow down the demand for drugs and educating young people in school about the dangers of drugs.

"If we reduce the demand, we won't have drugs coming into the county as they are now," Langley said.

Additionally, he said highway interdiction would also curb the amount of drugs entering Putnam.

Langley worked for Smith for about five years. When asked to describe his relationship with Smith, he declined comment.

The last time a candidate was on the Democratic line for the sheriff's seat was when Kevin McConville ran and lost in 2009 against Smith. In 2013, a Democratic candidate couldn't be found and that looked to be the case again this year until a last ditch effort found Langley, who changed his registration from Republican to Democrat in Dec. 2016.

Smith, when reached for comment, welcomed a Democratic opponent into the race.

"Sheriffs are known as 'the peoples' law man' and as such, elections are a very important part of the process," Smith said in an email. "For those reasons, I welcome and respect the fact that the people of Putnam County deserve to have a choice in selecting who will serve as their Sheriff for the next four years."

He agreed with Langley's assertion that a sheriff's office needs integrity and compassion, arguing his office has provided that to Putnam residents during his tenure.

"I am truly humbled and appreciate so much the continued strong support I am receiving from the great people of Putnam County," Smith stated.

Besides the newly emerged Democrat running, Smith is facing a challenge from within the Republican Party. DeStefano has been collecting signatures to get on the ballot daily. He called on Smith to either resign or drop out of the race when the retraction letter came to light last month.

When reached about a Democrat entering the race, DeStefano said he thinks it's great.

"I wish him luck," DeStefano said.

The Democratic Executive Committee held a meeting on June 26 to vote to nominate Langley as their candidate this November. Democratic Committee chairman Jim Borkowski said in a statement Langley's life has been dedicated to serving the community.

"He is perfectly qualified, and has the moral compass which neither Republican candidate can match," Borkowski, who ran for sheriff in 2009 as a Republican, said. "Bob Langley will restore integrity and credibility to the leadership of the Sheriff's Department."



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Murphy Sponsors Legislation for State to Acquire Montrose VA

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) has sponsored legislation calling on the state to acquire portions of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Affairs campus from the federal government.

The bill was unanimously approved by the Senate on June 15 and was sent to the Assembly.

"The Montrose VA Hospital is sacred ground. For many of the veterans who have lived at the facility it is the only home they have known for many years,"

Murphy said. "This legislation will authorize the Commissioner of Health to acquire the portions of the site so they can be repurposed for increased medical services for veterans and other programs, such as job training, education, new skills development and services for our female veterans."

Once known as Crugers Point Park, the land off Route 9A was optioned to the Veterans' Administration by Westchester County Executive Herbert Gerlach on February 13, 1945 for construction of the first veterans' facility in the nation. The

land was deeded for veterans' services and today also hosts the New York State Veteran's Home at Montrose.

In recent years, many services at the facility have been moved to other locations and some buildings have fallen into disrepair. Local officials have also been fighting rumors of the land being sold for development by private investors.

"We cannot ask those who have given so much to all of us to travel long distances for these services just to construct luxury condominiums," Murphy said. "This land should continue to be used for veteran's



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The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Affairs campus

services. We are the land of the free because of the brave and we should not be sacrificing the care of our local heroes so the federal government can make a profit on land development."

Meanwhile, Murphy sponsored a second bill called "New York's Own Combat Veterans Healthcare Choice Program Act," which would create healthcare savings accounts for New York resident combat veterans.

Pawling Man Arrested for Cemetery Theft

By David Propper

A Pawling man was arrested last month after it was discovered there was a "sizable loss of money and supplies" from the Raymond Hill Cemetery located in the Carmel.

Robert Bauer, 47, was arrested and charged with grand larceny in the 2nd degree, a class C felony, forgery in the 2nd degree, a class D felony, and falsifying business records in the 1st degree, a class E felony, according to a New York State Police press release.

Bauer is accused of stealing more than \$250,000 in money and equipment from the cemetery and submitting inflated invoices from actual companies to reflect the purchase made by Raymond Hill Cemetery, according to state police.

A forensic audit done by the state police showed Bauer conducted his alleged scheme for eight years between 2007-2015.

The investigation began in January 2017 when the Putnam County District Attorney's Office contacted state police after the local office was alerted to an issue in the cemetery. The joint investigation is ongoing and more charges against him are likely, state police said. Anyone with information are asked to contact investigator Michael O'Flaherty at state police Brewster by calling 845-677-7300.

Bauer was remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250,000 and \$500,000 bond and is set to appear in Town of Carmel Justice Court on July 11.

IT'S TIME FOR SHERIFF TO GET OUT OF TOWN

When people lie to us, we rightly feel betrayed.

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Sheriff Donald B. Smith lied repeatedly about Adam Levy. And Alexandru Hossu.

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Smith wants YOU, the Putnam County taxpayers, to fund the legal settlement that was just reached between the County and Mr. Levy.

The County Legislature on June 22 approved \$125,000 in settlement expenses.

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The full Legislature meets on **Wednesday, July 5.**

Call/email --and demand from your County Legislators today -- that they take action to remove Smith from office.

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- District 9 – Legislator Neal Sullivan

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**Business
of the Week**

Las Mananitas Brewster

By Neal Rentz

Brookfield, CT resident Jose Hernandez, the manager of Las Mananitas restaurant, said last week his eatery serves authentic Mexican food.

"It's not like Tex Mex," Hernandez said last week. "Tex Mex is more like burritos and chimichangas," he said.

The eatery, which has been open for nearly six years, offers such items as the chocolate-based mole sauce and other chili sauces featuring ingredients imported from Mexico, Hernandez said.

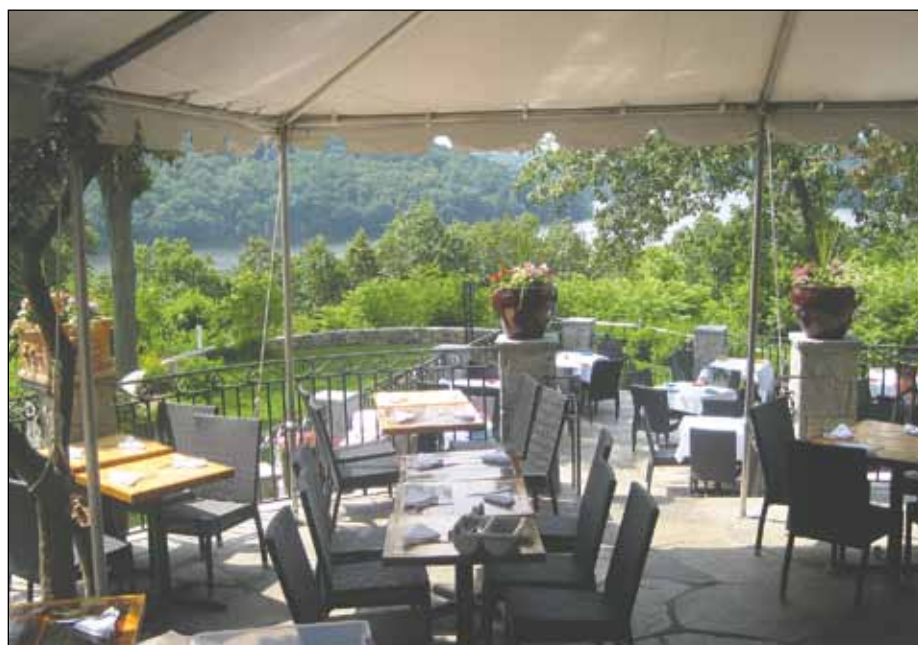
The extensive lunch and dinner menus include appetizers, soups, salads, and a wide variety of entrees, including steaks, seafood and vegetarian options.

"We try to put a little of everything (on the menus) so people will be happy," Hernandez said. Special are also offered, he noted.

Some of the customers' favorites include the skirt steak topped with chipotle sauce and pork Osso Bucco served with black beans and rice, Hernandez said.

Hernandez noted that the restaurant's customers come from "all around," including Westchester and Putnam counties and Connecticut.

One of the features of the restaurant is its large outdoor seating area overlooking



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The patio overlooking a portion of the New York City Reservoir at Las Mananitas restaurant in Brewster.

the New York City Reservoir that is open in the spring, summer and fall. "We have a nice, beautiful patio with the best view in town," Hernandez said. "If the weather is good, you're more than welcome to sit outside."

Every year the owner of the restaurant brings something new to the eatery, Hernandez said. This year improvements were made to the patio dining area, he said.

Hernandez explained why he felt the

restaurant has been so successful.

"We treat the people like family," he said. The establishment provides "nice service, a nice view, (and) nice drinks," he said.

Hernandez said the restaurant strives to make people "go home happy" and come back with more friends in the future.

Las Mananitas is located at 1250 Route 22 in Brewster. For more information call 845-279.4646, send an e-mail to tolasmananitas2012@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.lasmananitasrestaurant.com>.

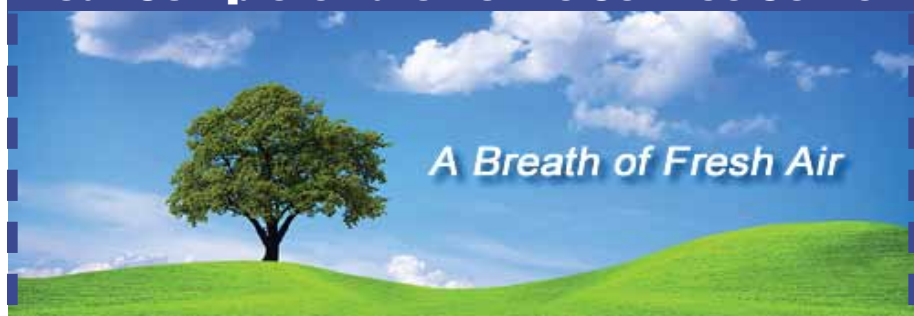


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Letters to the Editor

Putnam Taxpayers Should Not Pay Levy vs. Smith Settlement

Sheriff Don Smith recently lost a defamation case to former County District Attorney Adam Levy and has issued a public apology. On June 13, 2017 in his own words Smith wrote:

"Today, I retract these releases unequivocally and apologize for the statements contained therein. These statements were untrue and I should not have made them."

"I recognize that my statements spawned substantial litigation."

Indeed. And thanks to eight Putnam

County Legislators, Putnam County residents are picking up the \$125,000 tab. To be clear, the settlement is not covered by insurance and even though Smith was sued personally, he has refused to pay the entire settlement himself. This is unconscionable. Sheriff Smith should be responsible for his own mistakes just as all residents in Putnam County are held accountable for their own. This is a bailout- plain and simple. And this bailout will likely impact a \$45 million federal civil rights lawsuit already filed

against Putnam County.

What exactly is the message sent by the Putnam County Legislature? The message received seems to be that if you're a "friend" the legislature is willing to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars on your defense and bailout. Even worse, it appears that the Legislature condones the sheriff's clear abuse of power. Because no matter what these Legislators say, they did not insist that Sheriff Smith cover his own settlement. In fact, despite the Smith's complete breach of trust, the

Legislators didn't even bother to insist on his resignation.

Putnam County deserves better.

Lynne A. Eckardt
Brewster

Editor's Note: Eckardt is a councilwoman in the Town of Southeast, but this letter is sent in a personal--and not official--capacity.

Misinformation Hurting American Politics and Dialogue

"Truth is suggestive," someone once said, "but facts truly exist." Today we live in a world of alternate facts, and false news. This misinformation, in most cases, is not created by the media, but by people who have no compunction in lying to either cover up or to have you believe something, or simply do not care what they say, nor the effects it may have. And, through social media, such misinformation can be spread, and come to be believed, widely affecting peoples' decisions. Unfortunately, it is practiced routinely by some in our federal government, and at the highest levels. The media must report it as stated; that is their job to do so. When asked in a recent interview how well he thought the press was presenting the news in these unprecedented times, notable Pulitzer

Prize Winner and American historian David McCullough replied, "I have never seen such fine reporting." So much for the cries of some that false news is all the media's fault.

Misinformation did not begin in the last few months; there have always been those in the political arena (both Democrats and Republicans) who have lied at times to benefit themselves. A famous lie that President Clinton will never live down is, "I did not have sex with that woman." He was impeached for that lie. Public dissemination of false and misinformation began seriously under the primary campaign of George W. Bush. His campaign circulated many lies about his opponent, Senator John McCain. Carl Rove, adviser to Bush, while campaigning in South Carolina, invented a uniquely

injurious fiction for his operatives to circulate via a phony poll. Voters were asked, "Would you be more or less likely to vote for John McCain...if you knew he had fathered an illegitimate black child?" This was no random slur. McCain was at the time campaigning with his dark-skinned daughter, Bridget, adopted from Bangladesh. Many think the slur lost McCain the election in South Carolina, which had he won may have changed the outcome of the primary election, and made him the GOP candidate for president. Possibly the most harmful lie the Bush administration manufactured was there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and the country was harboring Al Qaeda. None of it was true. As a consequence of this deception, the US started a war that should never have

happened, and eventually paid dearly in American lives and tax dollars.

It is my fear that over time if lying and misinformation continues at its current level, the public and media will begin to accept it as normal. And if we hear a lie repeated often enough, will we begin to believe it as a fact? Yale Professor Timothy Snyder, in a recent article in "In These Times" magazine, eloquently sums up what democracy has to lose through the use of misinformation: "To abandon facts is to abandon freedom. If nothing is true, then no one can criticize power for there is no basis upon which to do so. If nothing is true, then all is spectacle."

Phyllis Hoenig
Mahopac

Putnam CTC Is Proactive When It Comes to Medication Disposal

Prescription drug abuse is on the rise throughout our nation and Putnam County is not immune. In an effort to combat the spread of this problem, the Putnam Communities That Care (CTC) Coalition has taken on the task of providing the citizens of Putnam with an easy and safe way to dispose of unused or expired medications. This not only prevents people from taking these medications from their medicine cabinets but it also protects the environment caused by flushing medications down the

toilet or disposing of them in your trash. Medicines that are flushed down the drain or that leach from landfills eventually end up in our waterways. Pharmaceuticals have become a significant water pollutant nationwide.

We hold two Medication Take Back Day events every year at the Putnam Hospital Center in conjunction with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the PHC and the County Health Department. Putnam CTC has also purchased and placed MedReturn boxes throughout

Putnam County in the following locations: Carmel Police Department, Kent Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Office in Carmel, Philipstown Town Hall, Putnam Valley Town Hall, Patterson Town Hall, and in the lobby of the Kern Building in Brewster. The boxes in the police departments are open 24/7. In Philipstown and the Kern Building in Brewster, the box is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Putnam Valley, the box is open Monday-Friday 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. and in Patterson, the box is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those boxes can take all unused or expired prescription medications, OTC medicines, prescription ointments, pet medications and vitamins. They will not accept any needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, lotions, liquids or IV bags.

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

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1. Pique condition?

4. "Zip your lip!"

10. ____ school

11. Big name in small planes

12. "Andy Capp" cartoonist Smythe

13. Ruth,Gehrig & Jeter would "wax" poetic at this JV Mall location, goes with 21 down

14. Carmen from "Baywatch"

16. Mont Blanc, e.g.

18. Verbal expressions of understanding

19. Nobel Institute setting

20. Great view

23. Spread a wet substance

24. Software delivery model

25. Roman 102

26. Coast Guard officer: Abbr.

27. Where the "sharp" handyman buys his tools in Carmel, goes with 3 down

31. Styles

33. Senior to junior

34. Dracula portrayer

35. Environmental watchdogs

36. Brand of allergic reaction treatment

37. "Maggie ____" (1971 Rod Stewart chart-topper)
6. Annapolis inst.

7. "Bad boy!"

8. Nervous feeling

9. Spanish dish

15. Bamboozles

17. ____ favor

19. Bypass

20. Compass point

21. See 13 across

22. Relax

23. Jams with the band

25. Wish of doom

27. Chicken abode

28. The same, in footnotes

29. Wine valley

30. Aussie greeting often followed by "mate"

32. Special effects maker: (abbr.)

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1. Hungarian patriot Nagy

2. Stagger

3. See 27 across

4. Grass cutting implement

5. Gets word

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Obituaries

James McMorrow

James Kevin McMorrow of Carmel, died on June 26 at his residence. James was born on August 23, 1949 in Dobbs Ferry, to Mary Kate Kelly and Martin McMorrow. He married Kathleen Manning-Valletta on October 9, 2005 in Southeast. He was educated at Archbishop Stepinac High School and Manhattan College, where he received a B.S. and M.S. in Engineering. Jim was an associated member of Carmel Rotary Club and Cornell Cooperative Extension. He was also Al Lotrerchiano's left handed, right

hand man. Jim enjoyed being a member of the Sedgewood Golf Club and being a dedicated mentor. Jim has lived in Carmel for 15 years; he previously lived in Dobbs Ferry. He was a civil engineer for MTA NYC transit for 33 years. Jim is survived by 2 children, Kelly Valletta (Chester Knebel) and Megan Knolker (Michael Knolker.) He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, John McMorrow of Venice, Florida, Martin McMorrow of The Villages in Florida, and Mary Sandak (Michael) of Chestnut Ridge. Jim is survived by two grandchildren, Shayla and Nathan Knolker. He is survived by

nieces and nephews, Eileen and Edward Molz, Dawn Marie and Kevin Stoddard, Michael Sandak, Kathy Messina, Kelly and Stephen Hodulik, Allison and Thomas Kissane, Meredith and Douglas Dupas, John and Cathy Sandak. Jim is survived by his grandnieces and nephews, Erin, James, and Olivia Molz, Ryan, Grace, Charlotte, and Griffin, Stoddard, Sydney and Sean Sandak, Kathryn, Sarah, and Emily Hodulik, Charles, Mary, Thomas, and Elizabeth Kissane, Caroline, Jack, and Douglas Dupas, Jake and Will Sandak. He is predeceased by his parents.

Johnny Keefe

Johnny Keefe a life-long Brewster resident died peacefully Monday June 26, at Regional Hospice in Danbury, CT, with his family at his side after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was 52. He was born February 9, 1965 in Fort Knox, Kentucky son of Leokadia (Duvenage) Dunn of Brewster, and the late Eugene Keefe. He attended Brewster High School. In 1985 he began working at Brewster Transit Mix as a driver working there until he retired in 2013. On September 27, 1987 he married Annette DiVenuto at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Johnny was a past member of the Brewster Fire Department and a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Besides his wife Annette and his mother Lee, Johnny is survived by his son Korey Keefe of Brewster, NY, daughter Kayla Keefe and her fiancé Brandon Morabito of Brewster, sister's Linda Benzi and her husband Jim of Hyland and Christy Gehrisch and her husband Pat of Findlay, OH and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Billy and Robert Keefe.

Brian F. O'Keefe

Brian F. O'Keefe of Mahopac, and formerly of Somerset, died suddenly on June 26 at the age of 57. He was born in Queens; the son of William and Doris (Walenta) O'Keefe, Sr. Brian received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Siena College and worked for Philips Electric in New Jersey before relocating to Mahopac. He is survived by his brothers Bob of Columbia, MD and Bill and sister-in-law Noreen of Mahopac, as well as by his two nieces Siobhan (Dave) Haddeland of Warwick, RI and Aileen (Jim) Huvane of Ossining. The family is most grateful to his caregiver Ernest Akahoho for his dedication and care for Brian. Brian was an avid fan of both the NY Yankees and Giants. He enjoyed the company of family, friends and his Siena classmates who would visit with him at his condo.

Phillip M. DeLuca

Phillip M. DeLuca, a lifelong resident of Mahopac, died on Friday June 30, at the age of 75. He was born in Peekskill, on April 10, 1942, the son of Michael and Olga Comilloni DeLuca. Phillip graduated from Mahopac High School in 1962 and was a school bus mechanic for the Mahopac Central School District for 42 years, retiring in 2006. He is survived by his daughters, Kathy L. Bucey (Michael) of Pleasant Valley, AnnMarie Ramirez (Rudy) of Mt. Kisco, NY and Robin Cable (Tracy) of Hopewell Junction, his sisters, Thomasina Christiansen and Marie Schmidt and his grandchildren, Hunter, Morgan and Gage. He was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth.



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Women of Distinction Ceremony Celebrates Women in 40th Senate

A television producer, an environmentalist, an EMT and a pair of Town Clerks were among the fourteen women honored last night at Mt. Kisco Elementary School by Senator Terrence Murphy as recipients of the 2017 40th Senate District's Women of Distinction Award. The ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of women throughout the Hudson Valley who have made their communities better places to live through their achievements in business, charitable works, and education.

"These exceptional female leaders were nominated by their peers and fellow community members for their exemplary service, tireless effort, and ability to inspire positive change," said Murphy. "Our honorees are held in the highest esteem by family, friends, and colleagues, and it is my privilege to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments."

Caroline Murphy, a registered nurse at Northern Westchester Hospital for the past 25 years and the wife of Senator Murphy, served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

"Tonight we honor fifteen exceptional women from around the 40th Senate District. These women are successful businesswomen, entrepreneurs and volunteers whose work has improved the lives of others on the community," said Caroline Murphy. "Their dedication, ingenuity and leadership qualities have made them role models for young women looking to make their own mark in today's world."

Yorktown resident Paula Miritello, Senator Murphy's Statewide Woman of Distinction honoree for 2017, was guest speaker. Ms. Miritello spoke about "My Brother Vinny," the charitable organization she founded in 2013 that furnishes apartments for formerly homeless veterans. To date, the organization has

helped over 440 veterans.

The 2017 Women of Distinction Award recipients from Putnam County are:

Amy Campanaro (Brewster)

Amy is the Executive Director of the Southeast Museum and an Adjunct Lecturer at Western Connecticut State University. She was a panelist at the Researching New York History Conference in 2015, and was awarded the Putnam County Historian's Office Award for Exemplary Work in 2011. She is a member of the Old Southeast Church Cemetery Board and the Tilly Foster Advisory Board, and is past President of the Lower Hudson Conference.

Edith Keasbey (Patterson)

A staunch advocate for the environment, Edith is a member of the Patterson Environmental Conservation Commission, as well as Friends of the Great Swamp and Putnam County Land Trust. Among her most notable accomplishments is bringing greater recognition to the Great Swamp and fighting to prevent a landfill from being placed in the center of Patterson. She and her late husband donated Tom's Path Preserve and Sterling Farm Preserve to the Putnam Land Trust.

Lynne Mongon (Carmel)

A secretary at the Mahopac Middle School guidance office, Lynne has volunteered for the McDonough Foundation, which helps those affected with cancer. She organizes a Christmas "wish tree" to provide presents to needy families, has sent bikes to Haiti for those in need, and is involved in Mahopac's Relay for Life. Lynne is also well known for "Lynne's Sweet Treats," her baking business that helps raise funds for her charitable causes.



PROVIDED PHOTO

Senator Terrence Murphy with this year's Women of Distinction.

Joanne Riccoboni (Southeast)

A stay-at-home mom for the last twenty years, Joanne home-schooled four children. She joined the 4-H Youth Development program of Putnam County and has since directed programs at Comcast, helping over 30 students learn television production. She and her students have provided a wide range of

programming, including "Drug Crisis in our Backyard," a talk show about the drug epidemic in Putnam County.



Putnam Community Service Network Award Nominations Underway

Is there someone, a person or an organization, that has taken that extra step, given support when needed, made an impact on you or someone you know? The Putnam Community Service Network (PCSN), an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, would like to recognize them at the PCSN's 32nd Annual Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 4th at 9 a.m. at Putnam County Golf Course, in Mahopac.

Award nominations are being sought for individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and/or community services in Putnam County. Award recipients and all of the nominees will be honored at the

PCSN Awards Breakfast. It's a great way to express your appreciation to an individual or organization by nominating them for an award.

The 10 award categories include distinguished service-individual and organization, volunteer service, professional career recognition, excellence in communications, outstanding service, community service networking, public service-individual, youth and advocacy. The deadline for completed applications received is Friday, August 18, 2017. Award criteria and the Nomination Form, as well as additional information, may be obtained by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County at 845-278-6738 or online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events.

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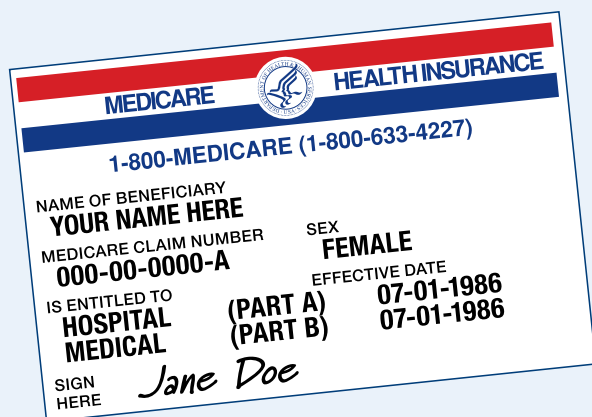
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Putnam County Welcomes Newest Citizens

Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti hosted a Naturalization Ceremony on Wednesday, June 28 at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Historic Courthouse, in Carmel. Clerk Bartolotti administered the Oath of Allegiance to 32 new citizens from 20 different countries.

Prior to the ceremony, the County Clerk's Office greeted the new citizens and presented them with important information about passports and voter registration.

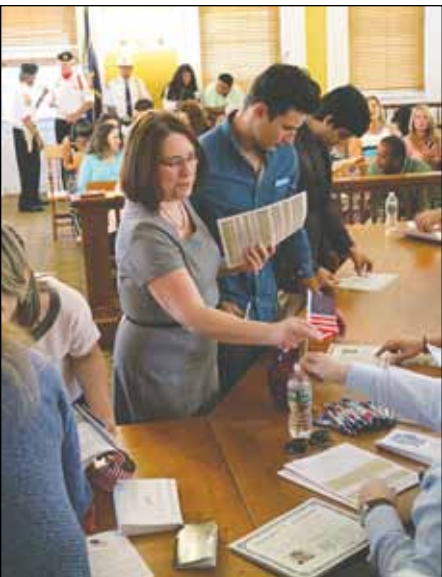
The Naturalization Ceremony was opened by the American Legion Post 1080 Color Guard. The Hon. James T. Rooney, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court and Putnam County Court Judge served as the officiating Supreme Court Justice and offered court remarks. Undersheriff Paul Boscia led the opening prayer.

Mr. Art Hanley, Deputy Director of Putnam County Veterans Affairs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. William Becker, an organ donor recipient and outspoken champion in the organ donation movement, gave the Keynote Speech. Samantha Altman, a senior at Carmel High School, presented the gathering with beautiful renditions of the "Star Spangled Banner" and God Bless America."

After the ceremony, a coffee and cake reception was held to welcome our newest citizens.

Any citizens wishing to view photos and video of the ceremony are encouraged to visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk or visit our Facebook page.

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Town of Carmel Police Blotter

On April 28, Carmel Police arrested Kimberly Rodriguez, 34, a resident of California after she was picked up by the New York State Police and it was determined that she had an active arrest warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. She was arraigned by a judge and released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 2, Carmel Police arrested a 23-year-old Mahopac man after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident and investigation determined that he was operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 3, Carmel Police arrested Jason Fell 43, of Mahopac after he was picked up by the New York State Police and it was determined that he had an active bench warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 4, Carmel Police arrested Lennox Miller 41, of Carmel after Yorktown Police picked him up on an active bench warrant out of the Town of Carmel. Mr. Lennox was arraigned by Judge Spofford and remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility on \$500 cash bail.

On May 5, Carmel Police arrested an 18-year-old Putnam Valley woman after she was stopped for a traffic violation and it was determined that she was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. She was charged with suspended registration, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 8, Carmel Police arrested James McNab 32, a homeless male receiving a complaint of a suspicious male it was determined that Mr. McNab had an active arrest warrant out of Yonkers City Court. Carmel PD officers detained the subject until he was picked up by Yonkers PD.

On May 12, Carmel Police arrested a 19-year-old Mahopac man after officers stop to investigate a suspicious vehicle. Upon investigation it was determined that the defendant was operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 2nd degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 20, Carmel Police arrested Joseph Kuhar 23, of Mahopac after officers stopped him for traffic violations and investigation determined that he was operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC Higher than .08. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 22, Carmel Police arrested a 39-year-old male from Brewster after officers stopped him for traffic violations and investigation determined that he was operating his motor vehicle while his license was suspended. He was arraigned by Judge Spofford and remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility \$1,000 cash bail.

On May 22, Carmel Police arrested a 34-year-old Carmel man while officers were conducting a truck inspection and it was determined that the defendant was operating a vehicle while his license was suspended. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 3rd degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 23, Carmel Police arrested an 52-year-old Mahopac woman after she was stopped for a traffic violation and it was determined that she was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. She was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 3rd degree, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 24, Carmel Police arrested a 23-year-old Brewster man after officers

stop to investigate a suspicious vehicle. Upon investigation it was determined that the defendant was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. He was charged with suspended registration, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 25, Carmel Police arrested Michaela Benova, 33-year-old from Mahopac, after she was involved in a motor vehicle accident and investigation determined that she was operating her motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. She was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 1st degree, an E felony, Driving While intoxicated and aggravated driving while intoxicated with a BAC Higher than .18. She was arraigned before Judge Spofford and held County Correctional Facility on \$1,500 cash bail.

On May 26, Carmel Police arrested a 24-year-old Mahopac man after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident and investigation determined that he was operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the 3rd degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 27, Carmel Police arrested a 20-year-old Katonah man after he was found driving his truck on town property causing damage to the soccer fields. He was charged with criminal mischief in the 4th degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 28, Carmel Police arrested an 18-year-old Mahopac man after he fled the scene of a motor vehicle accident he was involved in and investigation determined that he was operating his motor vehicle without a driver's license. He was charged with unlicensed operation, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, operating an unregistered vehicle, operating an uninsured vehicle and unsafe backing, all vehicle and traffic law violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On May 29, Carmel Police arrested an 40-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for a traffic violation and it was determined that he was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. He was charged with suspended registration, a misdemeanor. He was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

PV Business Network Awards First Scholarship Fund

The Putnam Valley Business Network awarded their first scholarship fund to the 2017 recipient who graduated from the Putnam Valley High School. "We are so proud to award our scholarship fund to an outstanding, accomplished, and gifted young lady," Ellen Hayes, President of the Business Network said.

Aurora Sopow-Alleyne received a \$500 scholarship award Wednesday, June 14 at the Putnam Art Center. Aurora graduated from the PVHS as a member of several Honor Societies including National Honor, Spanish National, French National, Science National and the Honor roll. She was a member of several clubs and through these activities, she held leadership positions as Vice President, Treasurer, and Class Representative. Aurora has a great love for science, which was inspired by her physics teacher, Mr. Ludo. In her essay submitted to the PVBN, she stated "Everything we know about science is all from the basis of preset human perspective, ideas built on the foundation of creativity and intelligence." This powerful idea has inspired Aurora to attend Iona College this fall where she states that she "would eventually be involved in new developments in the medical field, work to improve the field as whole, better herself, and help others."

The newly formed PVBN raised the



Aurora Sopow-Alleyne

funds for this scholarship through networking events and a fundraiser last fall. Hayes has set a high goal for next year in hoping to award four \$500 scholarship. She encourages businesses to attend the PVBN's events not only for the wonderful networking opportunities but also to support these well-needed scholarship funds.



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The Pros and Cons of One-Story Vs. Two-Story Living

It's been almost three years since I gave up two-story living in a colonial single-family house for a one-floor luxury condo. The most noticeable difference during that time is that I've gained weight.

For most of my life I've lived a two-story existence, having to climb stairs any number of times during the day as a matter of course. The exception was for brief periods when I lived in New York City in an apartment building on one level, 14 stories up, but of course, with an elevator.

Another rental experience on one level, thankfully short, was a five-floor walk-up that was a challenge for visitors who first had to catch their breath before we could embark on any kind of civil discourse.

Other than that, I subscribed to the credo that one of my first customers laid down: to show him only two-story houses where he didn't eat and sleep on the same floor.

For much of the history of single-family homes in America, the preferred style was the simple one-story, ranch-style home, progressing from there to the Cape Cod with two bedrooms and a bath nestled



By Bill Primavera

nicely in the raised roof line of the structure.

But, as families increased in size and we became a wealthier nation, first the split, with half the house rising to two stories, then the colonial, became the preferred style for most of us. One-level ranch houses have remained a good choice for starter homes as well as a preferred choice for seniors who prefer a no-steps option.

Just recently I ran across a checklist online of pros and cons of one- and two-story options. For one-story dwellers, the advantages are:

1. The Lazy Factor. If you're into fitness, it's a benefit; but most of us consider it a hassle to go up and down stairs.

2. The Noise Factor. Most homes don't have noise proofing from above.

3. The Mobility Issue. At some point, many, if not most of us, will not be able to navigate stairs.

4. Renovation Flexibility. Load-bearing walls make knocking down walls a problem. With ranches, it's easier to create open areas.

5. Easy-to-add Skylights. You simply punch a hole in the roof. This is impossible

with a second floor.

6. Easier for Exterior Maintenance. Cleaning gutters 10 feet up is easier than cleaning those that are 20 feet high. The same goes for washing a house, cleaning windows and performing roof maintenance.

7. High cathedral ceilings are easier to add than in a two-story home.

8. More deck or patio potential for more rooms by creating a door.

9. Child safety is an issue with stairs in a two-story house.

10. Easier escape in case of fire.

11. Easier to clean, in terms of not having to lug vacuums up and down stairs.

12. Laundry. No issue of having the laundry delivered up or down one or two flights of stairs.

13. Cheaper to heat. Surprisingly, a one-story home is less expensive to heat and cool.

Advantages of two-story homes are:

1. More Square Footage With Smaller Footprint. In other words, it's cost-effective.

2. Get a View. Sometimes a lot makes it beneficial to put bedrooms on the lower level and have the living area on top for a better view, especially on a sloping lot.

3. Balcony potential. If you like the idea of a balcony off your master bedroom.

4. Separation Between Bedrooms and Living Space. Probably the biggest reason most people claim.

5. Easier to accommodate on most lots that might not be wide enough or big enough for a large rancher while leaving enough outdoor space.

6. The Aesthetics of Stairs. Many homeowners desire a grander foyer effect.

7. Cheaper to Build. Given the roof and foundation are expensive components of a house to build, a two-story house containing the same square footage as a ranch will generally cost less per square foot.

The obvious conclusion to be drawn here is that while the list of advantages for a ranch-style home may be longer, the two-story house would appear more desirable simply because a second story is more cost effective to build, not to mention a built-in aerobics program at the same time.

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A Female Generation Assumes the Reins – 632 Years in the Making



By Nick Antonaccio

There has been a sea change in gender roles in winery management over the past 25 years. The role of women as head winemakers has been slowly expanding. Most

importantly, the perception of women as qualified wine professionals has finally been advancing to a reality.

In my opinion, the country that has fostered the advancement of women in prominent roles in the worldwide wine industry, including those in the most esteemed position – winemaker – is the United States.

One reason for this change is the rise of highly qualified female professionals. But another important element is the relatively young wine industry in our country, and the concomitant lack of generational succession.

Today, women winemakers have risen to head 10 percent of California wineries.

In my opinion, the wine regions that have least fostered the advancement of women is Western Europe. The wine

culture of family wineries in Western Europe is steeped in a tradition of male inheritance and female discrimination. There are wineries that have been owned and operated by the same family for centuries. The mantle of winemaker has been passed down to the first-born male in each successive generation.

Culture and tradition are difficult to change. Until recently.

A woman will assume the helm of one of the most famous, and one of the oldest, Italian family-run wine businesses. Albiera Antinori, 50, one of three daughters of Piero Antinori, the 26th generation of Antinoris, has finally broken through the glass ceiling of Western European winemakers – and business leaders. She will become the chief executive officer this month.

How significant is this achievement? Perhaps a bit of the history of this winery is in order.

In 1385, Giovanni de Piero Antinori began a small family wine business in Tuscany. Today, the 26th generation descendant, Marchese Piero Antinori, leads the business. Piero's influence is legendary. He has successfully expanded beyond the ancestral power base of Tuscany into nearly all of the principal

wine regions in Italy as well as Chile, Hungary, Malta, Hungary, California and Washington State.

But even the Marchese's prowess and insights could not prepare him for the two threats that arose during his tenure – each of

which could have meant the demise of the 632-year-old family business.

In 1966, Piero's father retired, turning over the reins to him, leaving 27-year-old Piero to manage the complex operation by himself. The young and inexperienced Piero was overwhelmed. In 1983, seeking a guiding hand, he sold a minority interest in the family business. Alas, this was not the solution and the business began to suffer.

Further compounding Piero's problem was the influence of an Italian tradition: the role of women in business.

From the first family patriarch to Marchese Piero, every successive generation of leaders was a male. Women simply were not considered for leadership roles. Piero was the proud father of three girls – and no boys. Strongly influenced by Italian tradition, he faced a dilemma.

The family business was on the brink of breaking its six-century legacy of family ownership.

Piero continued to operate under corporate influence for eight untenable, stressful years. In 1991, he made two

difficult decisions: buy back full control of the family business and accept his daughters into the business.

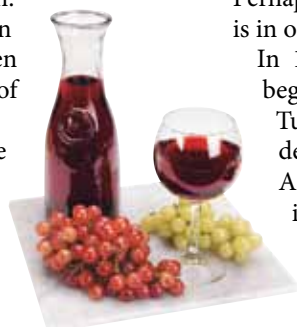
But his three young daughters had never expressed an interest in being part of the family business.

As 21st century women, they were pursuing other interests. Piero would not and could not dictate his daughters' career choices, but he hoped that the example he set and the long heritage of the family business would influence them.

Fast forward to 2010: the daughters had a change of heart and immersed themselves in the family business. When the family announced the succession in leadership last week, it seemed like the natural changing of the guard.

Upon her appointment, Albiera told Wine Enthusiast magazine, "It is important that these decisions are made with the eyes of a generation before and maybe perhaps with the eyes of a future generation also. There has to be respect for the generation after as well as respect for the ones before."

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Thursday, July 6

The Brewster Public Library will be offering a series of art workshops for seniors this summer. Each session will explore a different art technique, such as collage, painting or wire drawing. The four workshops will be held from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, July 6, 20, August 3 and 10. Seniors with all levels of art experience, from absolute beginners to professional artists, are invited to attend. Class size is limited and registration is required. Please register for each class individually. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit www.brewsterlibrary.org.

Explorations, activities, and discoveries in Kent Library's Back Yard. Running for Come along with naturalists from the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee. Starting Thursday, July 6th, 11 a.m.-noon this is a 4-week workshop that will culminate on Saturday, July 29th, 10:30 a.m.-noon when parents can view their child's work and get to experience the outdoors with them. While indoor projects and library books introduce each day, the highlight will be walking and mapping the wooded acres of Kent Town Center. Refreshments included. Topics include Animal Track and Traces, Insects Run the World, Tree Secrets, and What's the dirt on Dirt. Program is for those ages 8-10. Register once for all 5 sessions. Please wear a hat and sunscreen and PLEASE PUT ON BUG SPRAY before session. 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.

Learn all about customizing your very own Funko Pop figure in this hands-on creative workshop! The Kent Library will be hosting this two-part workshop, the first session meets 2 p.m.-

3:30 p.m., the sculpting session. The second session will meet Thursday, July 13th from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. and that will be the painting. You'll take home your very own Funko Pop figure at the end of the two week session. Workshop is for those ages 16 & up - registrations need to be in by Monday, June 26th. This is a messy workshop - where your painting clothes! 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.

Collage Take Wings at Reed Library. 10 a.m. to Noon. Using the popular theme of birds, participants will make a small mixed media collage, focusing on creating an interesting background with color glazing, washing and tinting.

Friday, July 7

The Desmond-Fish Library a Community Potluck and Sing-A-Long with Stacy Labriola on the library lawn at 6 p.m. On Friday night, July 7, 6th through 8th grade future filmmakers are invited to the third meeting of the Reel Life Film Club, screening the Academy Award winning documentary *Spellbound* at 6pm. Pizza will be served! Please RSVP to 845-424-3020. Saturday, July 8th marks the Library's 3rd Annual GARRI*CON, our all-day celebration of comics and the people who love and make them! Come in costume! Take a comics or gaming workshop! Featuring Live Music by the Solar Sound Band, Face-Painting, a Food Truck and More! noon - 4 p.m., These events are all 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 or call 845-424-3020.

Saturday, July 8

The Kent Public Library is excited to offer an all-new life skills series for teens, how to adult, 1 p.m. 2 p.m. this summer. Students ages 14 & up are invited to choose from a series of five sessions. In Session One (July 8th), students will learn about writing a cover letter, crafting your resume and basic sewing repairs. Session Two (July 15th) is all about saving money through couponing. We'll have the Coupon Queen Susan Samtur!, Susan Samtur (AKA "The Original Coupon Queen"). She has held her Coupon Queen title ever since her appearance on the Today Show in 1978, has been on over 500 television shows, and has written four books (*Cashing In At The Checkout* sold over one-million copies) on couponing and refunding. She returned to the Today

Show in 2014 to continue showcasing her abilities. 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

Sunday, July 9

Tour of Putnam Cycling Event: Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park - 200 Gipsy Trail Rd, Carmel. Cost: \$35 and contact: Robert Kelley 845- 878-740. Help bring cycling back to Putnam and join the community for a fun ride in the country. The new Tour of Putnam has three road routes to choose from of varying difficulty, all showing the beauty of the County. The Routes will be well marked with color-coded arrows on roadways. In addition, signs, traffic marshals and support stations with food, water and basic mechanics will assist for a fun and safe ride. Online registration is \$35 at BikeReg.com and \$40 for day of registration. No refunds (rain or shine). <http://www.tourputnam.org/event/tour-of-putnam-cycling-event-2/>

Monday, July 10

Reading Buddies: 1st through 4th grade, you can participate in Kent Public Library's Summer session of Reading Buddies! Running from daily from July 10th to August 18th. Reading Buddies is a program that pairs teen volunteers with students once a week to practice reading together. Reading Buddy applications are available at the Library. Contact Rebecca Newman, the Children's Librarian, at 845-225-8585, for more information. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Tuesday, July 11

Paint-by-Sticker at Reed Library. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Just like paint-by-numbers, create your own art using stickers! Images for children and adults will be available. Refreshments and fun for the whole family. Walk-ins welcomed, registration suggested 845-225-2439

The Reads at Reed Book Club. 7 p.m. to discuss the book "The Drowning Tree" by Carol Goodman. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Monday's

Therapy Dogs International: Kent Public Library, for the Paws for Reading Program, select Mondays in July & August from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Starting Monday, July 17th. This program is designed to give children, ages 6-10, the opportunity to gain confidence and improve reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. This is a free event. One-on-one 15 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,

Come to the Kent Public Library, Mondays & Wednesdays, July 5th-August 2nd from 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. for our summer session of our Bilingual Storytime. Listen to stories in English and Spanish, sing songs and make a craft project! This is open to all ages. Registration is 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, NY 10512.

Summertime Free Lunch: If you received free lunches in school, come to the Kent Public Library Mondays & Wednesdays in July and Wednesday, August 2nd at 1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Starting Wednesday, July 5 there will be a free bagged lunches. Lunches are only for children, and must be eaten at the Library. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Who administers the program? Nationally, it is the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). Locally? The Putnam County of the Hudson Valley Regional Foodbank is sponsoring this program, and they have partnered with the Cornell Cooperative Extensions, Eat Smart New York, Hudson Valley Region. Registration is required, both children eating the lunches and the adults bring them, must be registered. 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

Wednesdays:

Summertime Crafts for Preschoolers: Brewster Public Library, June 28-August 2, from noon-12:45 p.m. Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to make a summertime craft to take home. Registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/y9mtm9bp>.

Thursdays:

Kent Public Library has a 5-week Tinkerlab series for 4 & 5 year olds. First session starts on Thursday, July 6th from 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. The Tinkerlab will provide playful activities that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration is 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, NY 10512.

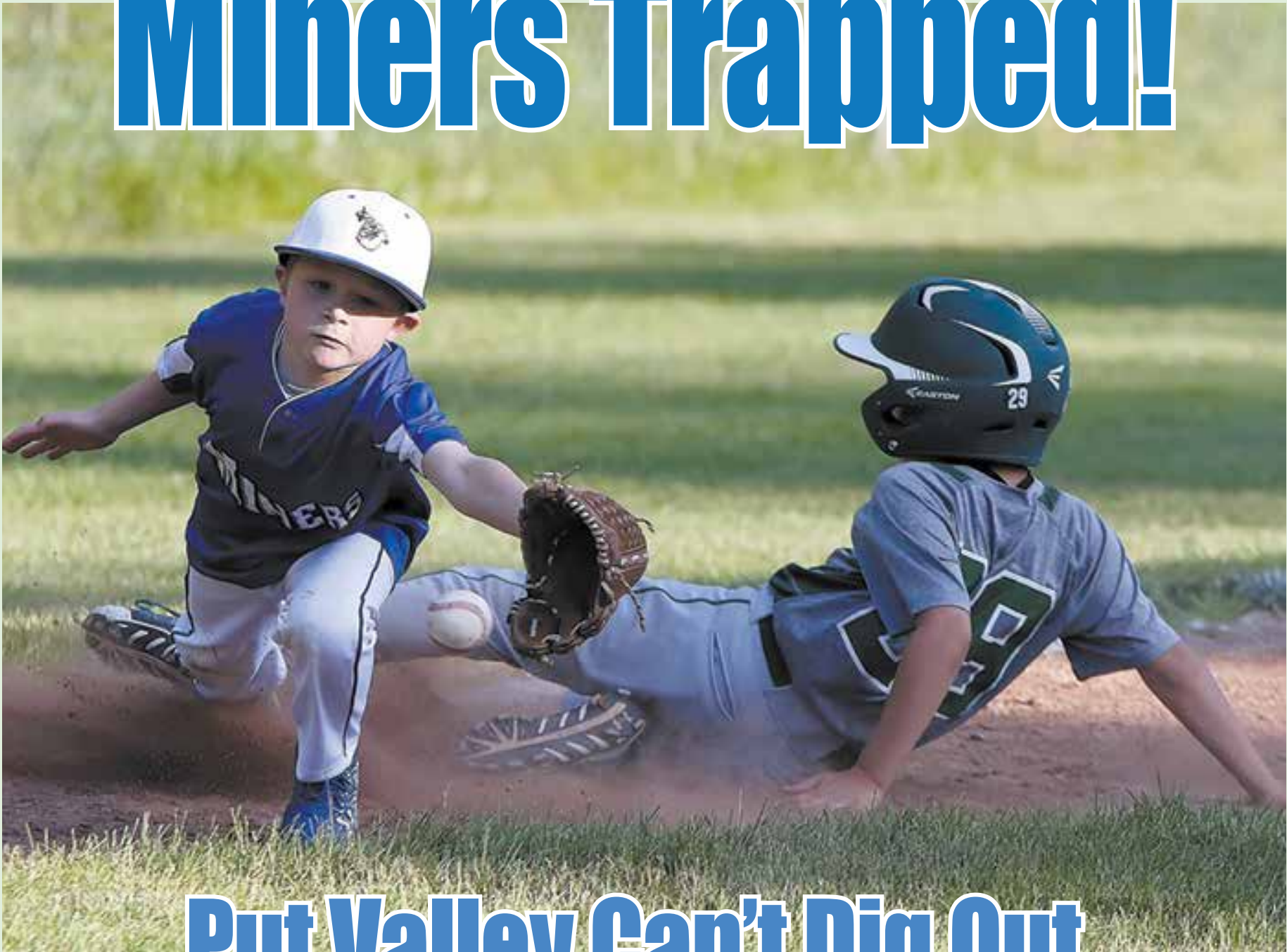
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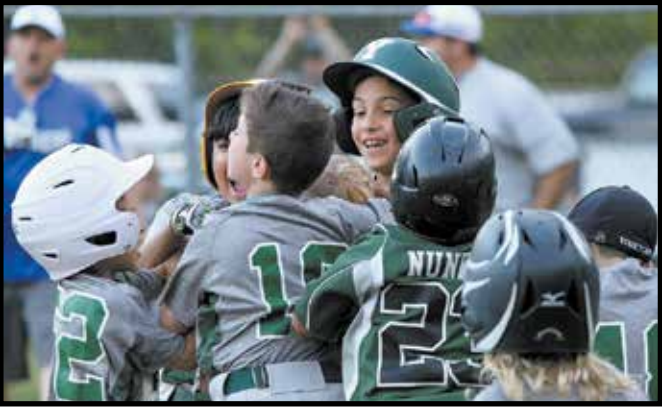
Put Valley Can't Dig Out in 11-4 Loss to Yorktown

RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO (PLEASE VISIT WWW.HVSRPHOTOS FOR MORE)

Putnam Valley Miner 3B Evan Pederson can't get tag down in time on Yorktown's Chris Lanza in the Force's 11-4 Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League 8U win over the Miners last Tuesday at Putnam Valley Rotary Field. The Force improved to 7-1 last week while the Miners stand at 4-2.

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Force Awakens in 11-4 GHVBL 8U Win over Put Valley



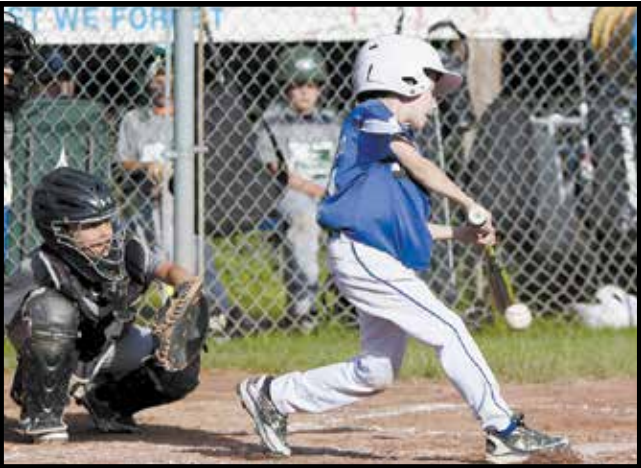
Members of Yorktown Force celebrate a key run in their 11-4 win over the Putnam Valley Miners in GHVBL 8U action last Tuesday.



Putnam Valley Miners 3B Evan Pederson gets comfy as he slaps a lat tag on Yorktown's Justin Servidio in Miners' 11-4 GHVBL 8U loss to Force.



Yorktown Force's Tyler Galante slides into 3B as Put Valley Miner Evan Pederson takes throw in Yorktown's 11-4 GHVBL 8U win last Tuesday.



Putnam Valley Miner Nick Benedetto gets a good cut in 11-4 loss to Yorktown Storm in GHVBL 8U action last Tuesday.



Yorktown Force P Chase Maher delivers in 11-4 win over Putnam Valley Miners in GHVBL 8U action.



Yorktown Force IF Frankie Ofrias awaits throw as Put Valley's Logan Moriarty slides in safely in Ytown's 11-4 win over PV.



Putnam Valley Survives, Advances in 50/70 Little League Tourney



Members of the Putnam Valley 12-U Intermediate (50/70) team celebrate their 12-9 win over Hillcrest in the NYS Sectional Tournament last Sunday in Yonkers where PV's Paul Duggan (3 -for-3, 4 runs, 5 RBI, 4 steals, 3-Run Home Run) set the tone and Matt Jacobson (4- for-4, 4 RBI, 3 steals) was clutch, too. OF Sean Van Ripper had a tremendous defensive play in the third inning, snuffing out a based-loaded situation.

The Reif, the Reif, the Reif is on Fire Mahopac Grad Hurling for Rockland Boulders



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

Mahopac alum an former MLB pro CJ Riefenhauser fires pitch for Rockland Boulders in 6-5 win over Team Cuba last Thursday. Reifenhauser lasted five innings, allowing one run and three hits for the win, his fourth of the year against just one loss. The Boulders are currently in first place in the Can-Am Baseball League, sitting pretty at 31-10. Visit www.rocklandboulders.com/tickets

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Somers' Pires: Resurrection of a Three-Sport Star, Transcendent Tusker Named MALE ATHLETE OF YEAR

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Having covered Somers High School and Section 1 sports for nearly three decades, this scribe could safely make an argument for outgoing senior Matt Pires as one of the finest three-sport athletes in Tusker history: All-NYS in football, All-League baseball, and the starting point guard in basketball. Most student athletes would take one of those honors and find fulfillment, but Pires was a piece of work in all three; a leader and a producer in three prime-time sports.

Game-breaking, game-changing, a man among boys... these were just some of the thoughts echoed frequently by his coaches, and those who opposed Pires, particularly in football. It was these thoughts, these accolades and the numbers he put up in three sports that led to his being named the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner Male Athlete of the Year. (Yorktown's lax/football standouts Jose Boyer and Brett Makar were strongly considered)

It would have been hard to argue against the University of Rhode Island-bound Pires after football season alone; when he co-orchestrated -- with RB Messiah Horne -- a masterpiece that led to a 12-1 season and Somers' only Section 1, Region 1 and NYSPHSAA Class A championships last November.

When Somers' legendary coach Tony DeMatteo calls you one of the best players, top five, in fact, that he's ever coached over the course of 40-plus seasons, folks take notice. When you go for 32.3 yards a catch as a flanker and another 18.2 yards per carry as a jet-sweeping running back and score a combined 25 touchdowns for the Tuskers, including 13 of them on just 27 receptions, folks take notice. When you are honored as the co-state player of the year in Class A by the New York State Sportswriters Association, folks notice. When you are among the most explosive/elusive players in Section 1 football history, folks detect a player of mind-blowing ilk, and that's what Somers had in Pires, a slithering electric eel in pads.

"I've coached a lot of great players, some who went on to play in the NFL, and I don't think I've had anyone who could do more with the touches he had than Matty Pires," said Coach DeMatteo, who is 30 wins away from becoming the winningest coach in NYS history. "This kid deserves

every award he gets."

The awards began to mount shortly after a two-touchdown, 125-yard effort in the Tuskers' shocking 42-6 Section 1 championship beatdown of top-seeded Yorktown in a crosstown showdown that was supposed to be the game of the decade. Somers made sure it wasn't and the legend of Pires blossomed. It went viral in the state tournament where Pires would score five touchdowns in three games, including two in the 25-15 state championship win over Greece-Athena.

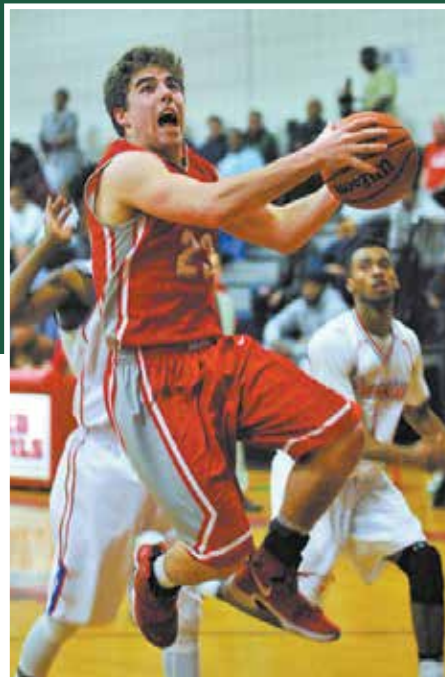
On the baseball diamond, Pires led Coach Joe Wootten's Tuskers in hits, runs, homers, steals, OBP%, SLUG%, walks and doubles while securing team MVP honors. The Tuskers were anything but contenders in 2017, but it wasn't for lack of effort from Pires, a shortstop with great range and a cannon.

"Matt had all the tools to be a successful high school baseball player," Wootten said. "His speed and overall athletic ability set Matt apart. His aggressive approach, bat speed and trained eye allowed Matt to have a solid year at the plate."

On the hardwood, Pires, a point guard, led the 10th-seeded Somers to a solid season (12-11), reaching the Class A quarterfinals before falling to No.2 Tappan Zee in a game where Pires dropped a team-high 16 points. Pires got a late start in hoops due to Somers' football season going through the end of November, but he didn't skip a beat, averaging 6.6 PPG, 3 RPG, 3 APG and one steal. Pires was a force at both ends of the floor for Coach Chris DiCintio, who said Pires was the plug-and-play competitor in any sport.

"I had the privilege of coaching Matty for three years," DiCintio said. "Matty is one of those rare kids that can play any sport and succeed at the highest level with it. He's a tremendously competitive individual that always raises his game when the spotlight is on him. Although he's a quiet leader in the locker room, other players always gravitate towards him. His ability to get other players to raise their game is enjoyable to watch and when Matty gets it going, there's no stopping him."

"Off the court, he's well-liked by anyone that knows him," the coach added. "He is easy going, laid back and very humble. He doesn't get to emotional when things are thrown his way, which enables him to always play in the moment in addition to



Fearless on the hardwood, Pires was the starting point guard on a solid Somers team.



Pires was an All-League SS on the baseball diamond.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers WR Matt Pires delivered the goods on the gridiron where he was named NYS Class A co-Player of the Year.

enjoying life for what it has to offer."

What Pires will offer Rhode Island should be pretty special. Coach DeMatteo expects him to burst onto the DI-AA scene and become a Colonial Athletic Association force to be reckoned with, as he and Horne reunite as freshmen for the Rams.

"There's no doubt in my mind, barring injury, that Matty will be special at the next level," said DeMatteo, who has 334 career wins between Somers and Roosevelt.

In this day and age of specialization, Pires could have rested on his football laurels and rode off into the sunset after football season, but he chose a route fewer and fewer student athletes are going down these days; a three-sport path he'll look back fondly upon for the rest of his life.

"I just never wanted to stop playing," Pires said. "I love to compete and play

sports with my friends. I didn't play football my freshman year because I thought I needed a sport off, but I regretted it. There's nothing better than high school sports, and I just wanted to play as much as possible for this town. By playing all three sports, it definitely made me better at the others; just by having the mental and physical ability to play them all. I'm going to miss playing all three sports all the time, but I'm ready to compete in just football and hopefully be successful at the collegiate level."

DeMatteo believes he will, Somers believes in his future and chances are he'll be taking one back to the house in much the same manner he did in high school, cutting across the gridiron with a distinctive combination of burst and power Somers has rarely seen.

Cortlandt Nationals Survive 10-Inning Thriller, Beat PV Pride, 5-4



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Cortland National P Rocco Disisto fires pitch in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.



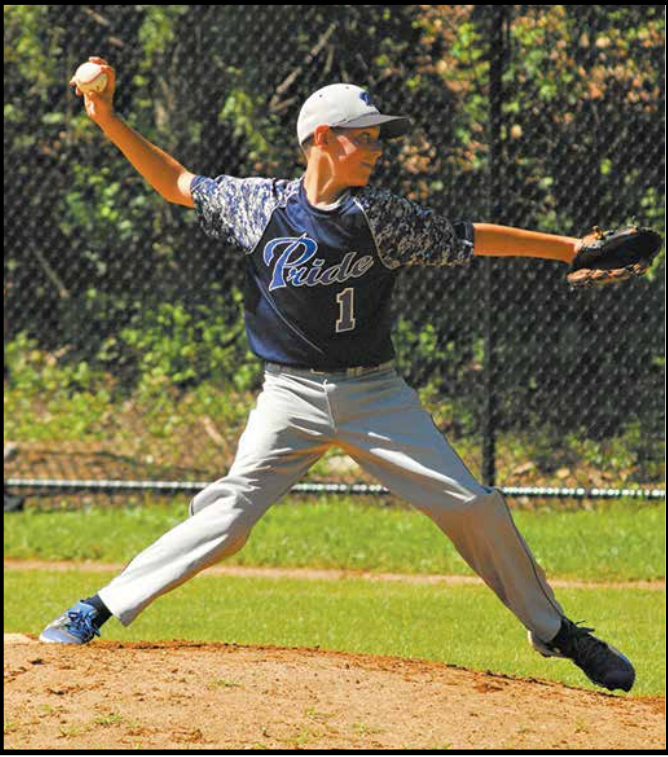
Cortland Nationals' Shayne Naley chugs for 3B before scoring run in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.



PV Pride SS Gabe Astrologo awaits throw as Cortlandt National's Shayne Naley swipes 2B in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.



PV Pride C Matt Caravone slaps tag down on Cortlandt National runner Michael Vaccaro in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.



PV Pride SS Gabe Astrologo awaits ball as Cortlandt National runner David Buscetto swipes 2B in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.



Cortlandt National's David Buscetto slides in safely as Put Valley Pride 3B Matt Borchick slaps late tag in the Nats' 5-4 10-inning win in 14U GHVBL action Saturday.