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Appointment of New Councilwoman in Kent Leads to Tension

By Anna Young and David Propper

A new councilperson was abruptly appointed to the Kent town board last week the same night Scott Chin stepped down from his councilman post, leading to tension between Democratic

Supervisor Maureen Fleming and the Republican majority on the board.

As members of the board bid farewell to Chin during Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Paul Denbaum introduced a last-minute agenda item proposing the board select Christine Woolley to fill the vacant seat until the November election.

The board voted 3-1 to appoint Woolley. Chin abstained from the vote due to his immediate resignation from the board. Chin won't continue the remainder of his first term in office because his family is relocating. He extended his gratitude to the board and the residents for allowing him to serve the town.

Fleming was visibly caught off guard by the sudden vote arguing how there had been no prior discussion on the topic leading up to the March 20 meeting. She

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'We appointed someone who we knew was competent and would be a real asset without having to worry about any political blowback.'

—Councilman
Paul Denbaum

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Cold Spring resident Rosina Rinaldi Parcesepe will hit triple digits this week when she turns 100-years-old on March 31. Parcesepe, who came to America in 1956, attended a big birthday bash at the Villa Barone Hilltop Manor on March 24 where about 200 guests celebrated her. And the 25-year Cold Spring resident even sang two songs in Italian for the crowd with five generations (including her great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren) of her family on hand.

Danbury-Brewster Sewer Line Deal Still in The Works

By David Propper

Questions have arisen about the status of a sewer line project along the Brewster-Danbury corridor after Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said there was an "agreement" with the county and City of Danbury at her annual state of the county address.

While Odell mentioned an agreement was in place, according to an article in The Journal News last week, no documents exist to suggest there is a definitive green light for the proposed sewer line that would connect 3.5 miles of commercially zoned land to Danbury's sewer system, which has excess. The Danbury City Council, which would need to approve any deal reached between the county and Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton, hasn't approved a deal, but has voiced interest in talking with Putnam about the county using excess sewer from the bordering Connecticut city.

In an interview, Odell defended using the term agreement during her March 15



County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton, along with several county legislators and a couple of business leaders, at a fundraiser for Boughton at Tilly Foster Farm last year. Putnam and Danbury could strike a deal where Putnam would get excess sewer from Danbury.

speech.

Odell said the Danbury City Council unanimously approved a 2016 resolution to create a negotiating team to go into an inter-local wastewater treatment agreement with Putnam County. The resolution also stated Danbury would start a task force with Putnam representatives to look into "recreational and other educational, law enforcement, and other matters."

"They use the word 'agreement,'" Odell argued. "So if they're using the word 'agreement' why would it be inappropriate for me to use the term 'agreement.'"

While Odell mentioned an agreement during the tail end of her annual state of the county address, she said she never announced there was a "formal" or "written" agreement. Until engineering and other feasibility studies are completed, Odell said she and Boughton thought it would be irresponsible to enter into a written deal.

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pressed that appointing someone without going through the appropriate vetting process was improper and suggested the next highest vote-getter in the previous election should be appointed. (The next highest vote getter would be Democrat Stephen Papas.)

“To give this position to somebody without any input, from the public without any public discussion of this is really cronyism because this is clearly a very active member of the Republican committee who has previously served,” Fleming said. “I’m kind of shocked at the manner at which this was done because this board has always been collaborative and open in their discussions, open to the public.”

She added she was not asked to put the resolution on the agenda prior to the meeting, despite a lengthy executive session that night.

“Clearly the Republican members of the town board have discussed this previously since everyone but myself was



Scott Chin stepped down from the Kent town board last week.

prepared for this,” she added. “I am really shocked at the party politics that are being played here. I have been supervisor for four and a half years and have never experienced this before.”

Woolley was elected twice to the board until her resignation in the early 2000s. She is currently the head of the Putnam County Motor Vehicle Bureau.

Denbaum defended the way the board appointed Woolley, arguing he didn’t want to see the appointment delayed for several meetings when three board members were already all in agreement with the choice. He said while the town board is almost always transparent, there are occasional politically delicate issues that require conferencing among colleagues where a prompt decision is made.

He described Woolley as a “very well-respected” person in the community and in Putnam government. The Republicans that voted for her thought her knowledge and experience would be a great asset to the board, Denbaum said.

Most importantly, Denbaum noted Woolley has said she has no intention of running for the seat this November and would only serve these nine months.

“So, we thought that kind of took the politics out of it,” Denbaum said. “We appointed someone who we knew was competent and would be a real asset without having to worry about any political blowback. She’s here to do a job for nine months.”

In an interview, Woolley confirmed she would serve for nine months and would not seek election for a full term. She said she resigned from the board many years ago due to medical reasons.

She said she was approached by town

board members about serving the rest of Chin’s term because she had past experience as a councilwoman.

“They felt that I could probably work well with the board that’s up there now and I think I can,” Woolley said. “And I have a little bit of experience. I more or less keep up with the latest of what’s going on in the Town of Kent and there are a lot of items coming up that I think they need a full board to make the decisions.”



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-Supervisor
Maureen Fleming



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Putnam Legislature Wants New York Stake to Provide School Safety

By David Propper

With school shootings becoming all too commonplace in the nation, Putnam County lawmakers demanded that New York State put more money forward to keep students safe last week.

During a protective services committee meeting last Thursday, legislators voiced unanimous approval to lobby state lawmakers to provide funding to place a school resource officer (SRO) in every elementary and secondary school in the state. The statewide sheriffs association is also pushing for state legislators to fund SROs in every school in New York.

Currently, the county pays \$624,000 toward the \$1.35 million total cost of the SRO program in school districts in Putnam. An SRO is a deputy with the sheriff's department who attends a school building each day.

Some schools have SROs, while others have a special patrol officer, who is commonly a retired law enforcement official that is paid at a lower rate.

Sheriff's captain James Babcock said the SRO program is one of the most important programs in the county. He noted Sheriff Robert Langley felt officers are needed in schools and the sheriff's office is looking to place SPOs at elementary and middle schools throughout the county.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said if the county can get funding from the

state, in light of the shootings that have occurred, it would be a "no brainer." Legislator Neal Sullivan, who also supported the memorialization, said Putnam was at "the forefront" of the SRO program.

Legislator Bill Gouldman brought up a school shooting in Maryland recently where an SRO acted quickly and shot a 17-year-old gunman after he fired at two students, injuring both. He said while Putnam Valley high school and middle school share an SRO on one campus, the elementary school doesn't have one. The high-middle school campus and elementary school is at least five minutes away, Gouldman said. He inquired with Babcock to see if the sheriff's office could have a deputy near the elementary school.

Babcock said there was a process underway to interview SPOs to be stationed at elementary schools.

Legislator Toni Addonizio noted SROs assist in other areas of the daily school day, including preventing bullying. Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who works at Brewster High School, also fully supported the resolution. She said just having a patrol car outside of schools can be a deterrent, which an SRO provides.

"I don't think you'll find anybody in law enforcement that's going to disagree with that," Babcock said.

Putnam District Attorneys Office Locks Up Conviction on Burglar

By David Propper

A Connecticut man that burglarized a home and then tried to evade justice by fleeing the country was convicted earlier this month, Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy announced last week.

According to a press release from the district attorney's office, Anthony Magliocco, 29, was found guilty of burglary in the 1st degree and bail jumping in the 2nd degree. A jury convicted him on Thursday, March 5.

On Aug. 28, 2014, Magliocco arrived at the victim's home in Southeast and entered without warning, the DA's office stated. He was accused of immediately attacking the female victim, telling her that he had come to kill her. During the attack, Magliocco forcefully prevented a witness from calling 911, but then fled once the victim was able to call for law enforcement's help.

New York State Police responded to

the scene and quickly reached out to the Newtown, Ct. Police for help in arresting the defendant, the DA's office stated.

During proceedings, Magliocco failed to appear in court and instead took a flight from JFK airport on Long Island to Russia, according to the DA's office. He was apprehended again on an arrest warrant almost one year later when he returned from Russia to Los Angeles.

Tendy, in the press release, thanked the jury for their careful attention during the trial, which took place while the county suffered power outages from recent storms. Magliocco is being held without bail while awaiting sentencing that is set for April 25.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Chana Krauss, Tendy's second-in-command, tried the case successfully. In the press release, she thanked the state police, Newtown police, and US Customs and Border Protection for their assistance.

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When asked if she should've been more specific with the status of the project, Odell said she could have possibly said the two sides are in discussions, but then she said she believes that description isn't completely accurate.

"It's a very complex project and when we've done all of the research and analyzed what's beneficial to all of us then we'll enter into this formal agreement," Odell said. "We're doing responsible governance on this project. We're doing everything the right way."

A state grant worth \$1.2 million was also announced by the county in December to go toward the sewer line. The grant has yet to be awarded, but could come in May or June, deputy commissioner of planning Sandra Fusco told The Journal News. Though the state grant requested what approvals Putnam would need, it didn't include necessary approvals from the Danbury City Council, according to The Journal News. Fusco told the daily newspaper that because the application was to New York, the county only listed approvals needed within the state.

The sewer line has been touted by county officials as crucial for business development in the area. Too many shoppers from Putnam travel outside of the county rather than shop local because there is a lack of retail, advocates of the sewer line have claimed.

One beneficiary would be well-known developer Paul Camarda, who has a Stateline 45-acre project that's approved for that corridor, but it has been in limbo since 2010.

In an interview, Camarda noted the sewer project would make Putnam more competitive in attracting shoppers. He noted it would be a positive addition for the entire corridor and several property owners that want to upgrade their businesses.

He said his Stateline project doesn't require sewer, but admitted it would provide "flexibility" for the property and allow him to pursue restaurants at that location. The Stateline project is dormant because the economy is still in recovery and consumers are turning more often to online stores rather than brick and mortar retail, he said.

Legislator Paul Jonke, who is on a task force regarding the sewer proposal, said while no contract has been signed, there's been a "meeting of the minds" about a deal and officials from Putnam and Danbury are motivated to find common ground. Jonke said Danbury officials have, at the very least, committed to charging Putnam the same amount of money they charge other local governments that are adjacent to Danbury and use their sewer.

He said that business and property owners along the corridor where the

sewer would be implemented have been supportive of the possibility, instead of continuing with individual septic tanks.

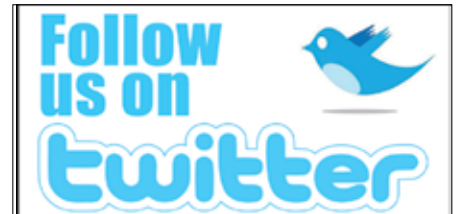
"They're restricted to what they can build and use their properties for," Jonke said of parcel owners.

He added the Village of Brewster could use the sewer when its urban renewal project comes to fruition.

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, a Democratic candidate for county executive, said taxpayers deserve to know how much the project would cost and why the Southeast town board doesn't endorse the plan. She also questioned why Danbury would help Putnam attain sewer

because it could hurt Danbury's economy.

"Putnam County deserves truth, transparency and facts from their County Executive. Odell is not being straight with taxpayers about this purported project," Fleming said. "After months touting this project as if it were a done deal, it is shocking to learn that there is no agreement with Danbury."






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Kent Town Board Strongly Opposes Carmel School's Plans

By Anna Young

The Kent town board is urging residents to vote down a potential bond referendum that the Carmel Central School District is currently considering as the two boards continue to be at odds with each other.

During last Tuesday's town board meeting, town Supervisor Maureen Fleming and Councilman William Huestis expressed opposition toward the district's intent to purchase a large piece of commercial property on Route 52. They agreed that the school district would be removing a valuable piece of land from the town's tax rolls.

The Carmel Board of Education plans to develop the property into a new transportation facility that would provide safer working conditions and alleviate health and safety concerns regarding the existing facility's proximity to Kent Elementary School.

Fleming said the town is limited in areas to develop commercial property and the district is hurting the taxpayers.

"I am disappointed, and I express that because I think that our future and our family's future and our grandchildren's future to stay and remain in our town that is going to be our growth when things are need, be it for Lake Carmel, be it in western Kent, be it for any other needs," Huestis said at the March 20 meeting. "We're limited here."

Both Fleming and Huestis also felt the school board could have better communicated their intent to purchase the property with the board.

The two boards have publicly chided each other in the recent past.

During various school board meetings, trustee John Curzio urged his colleagues to coordinate with Kent officials maintaining that they would be most effected by the development because of the loss of tax revenue to the town. But his pleas were shot down by board members who insisted business isn't conducted that way.

"With regard to communication, we said it was a tough way for us to find out they were taking this piece of property off the tax rolls," Fleming said. "We could have worked for a better solution for the district and the Town of Kent if we had been involved earlier in the process."

She added that the board met with three school board members to discuss the future of the site. She said the school board listened politely, but she didn't feel they were effective in changing their minds. She insisted there would be another referendum on the garage.

Voters soundly rejected two large scale bonds last December that would have cost \$85.6 million but would've paved the way for massive upgrades in facilities across the district. Since the two propositions failed miserably, the school board has been working to put up a smaller bond that prioritizes the needs of the district.

"Vote no," Councilman Paul Denbaum said. "The School board doesn't like you saying vote no, but they can't kick me off their board so vote no."

In an interview, school board vice president Richard Kreps defended the board seeking the piece of property that the Kent officials are against. He said when a district looks into purchasing new property, it has to be careful what it divulges.

"If you let that information out too quickly, it could affect the price of what you're trying to negotiate to get," Kreps,

who noted discussions in executive session need to be kept confidential, said. "That's the reason why we really don't go out to the town."

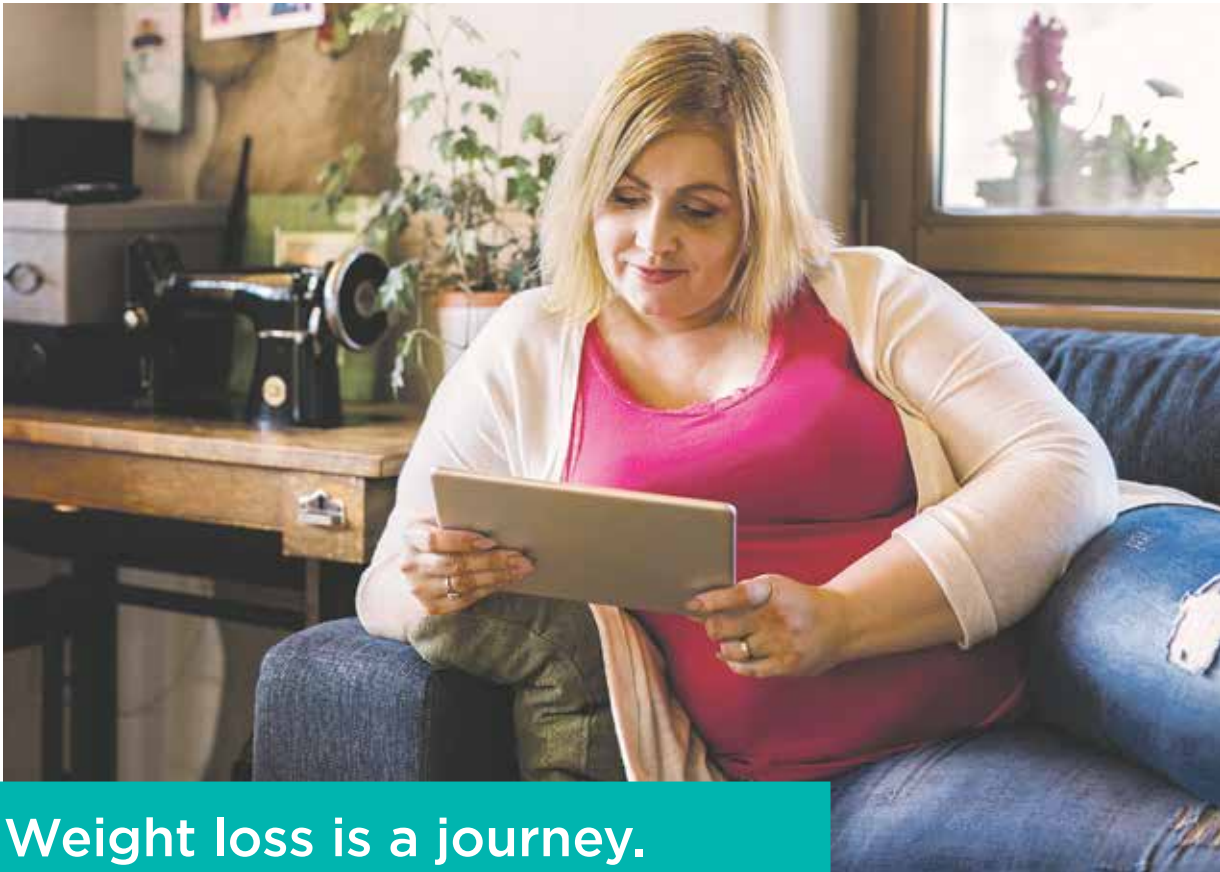
He said a new bus garage is needed because the current location is untenable. He said the current garage is too close to schoolchildren and the possible new spot would help maintain buses more efficiently. There is also the possibility of participating in shared services with other school systems, towns, or the county, Kreps said if the new bus garage is built.

Kreps said if the referendum is put

forth, it would be done in the fall. He said he thinks town board members should remain "cautious" when offering their opinion on a school board matter.

"As a school board shouldn't come out and talk about the plans are for the town," Kreps said. "I think (the town board) should be careful when they do that. Certainly, I guess it's within their right to do it; it's up to them. I would be careful. I wouldn't weigh in one way or another."

-David Proper contributed to this article.



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Ladder Showcase Brings Local Fire Departments Together

By David Propper

For the first time in its history, the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department hosted a ladder showcase featuring different mutual aid ladder companies from Putnam and the surrounding area.

Mahopac assistant chief Jason Kinash, who put the showcase together, said the Thursday night event at the Mahopac department's headquarters allowed different departments to have a firm grasp of the mutual aid capabilities other departments possess. While each truck and ladder have the same overall function, each truck has different features, Kinash said. More than 100 fire department volunteers in the region from 12 fire companies attended. Each truck was explained to volunteers in the chilly weather with every ladder eventually extending into the sky.

The idea for the showcase started when a couple of younger Mahopac members wanted to drive to see the new ladder truck the Brewster Fire Department recently bought, Kinash, and then they wanted to go the Somers department to



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aid is used often. During the day when many volunteers are at their day job, departments in the region give and receive mutual aid when fires strike. Also, with

the new materials used to construct buildings, fires burn hotter and faster so departments need as much water as possible from different departments to get blazes under control, he said.

"You might have to get something or work with another fire department so knowing the works and where their tools are and how everything

works on everybody else's truck always helps you out," Kinash said.

Mahopac Chief William Nikisher said it's critical to know what other departments can provide.

"We help each other out," Nikisher said. "We help them out, they help us out."

Brewster assistant chief Michael Bizzaro said this is the first ladder showcase his



look at a truck. Kinash decided it was better if every interested department came together for a showcase.

"Everybody just learning about the different stuff in their county," Kinash said.

Being familiar with a different department's equipment is important, Kinash noted, especially since mutual



department has participated in. For a few years, the Brewster department didn't have one, but recently bought a new aerial ladder truck, he noted.

The Brewster department bought its ladder truck because of its straight stick feature, which makes it more versatile and easier to handle residential fires,

Bizzaro explained.

Bizzaro said it's important to know what other fire companies in the area have because a lot of trucks have different options and equipment.

"It's just nice to see what everybody else has and broadens our horizon so we know who to call," Bizzaro said.

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Southeast ORV Noise Law to Remain Unchanged

By Neal Rentz

The Southeast town board announced on March 22 that it was not making changes in its noise ordinance regarding off road vehicle use.

Resident Jerry Skalaski of Shady Lane recently made the request to change the law to allow the use of off road vehicles (ORV) for such purposes as snow plowing, lawn maintenance and gardening on private property within 100 feet of another property.

"The first 200 feet of my property is a gravel driveway that is approximately 30 feet wide and abuts both 1 & 5 Shady

to random complaints from other property owners whose property abuts mine. Anytime that I used my ATV to maintain my property I could be in violation of Sub-Section E and subject to the penalties described in Chapter 134-5: Any person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

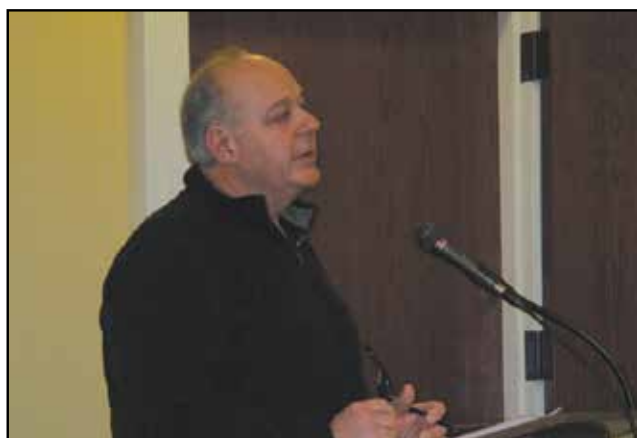
Councilwoman Elizabeth Hudak announced at last week's meeting that she and her town board colleagues would not take any action to change the law. "A lot more research into the issue" was needed before the town board would consider any changes, she said.

Other town board members echoed the sentiment of Hudak, with Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt stating she agreed with Hudak and Councilman John Lord adding, "The law has served its purpose."

Resident Dennis Santucci, who lives next door to Skalaski and has been in a four-year legal battle with the town

because an "illegal race track" has been in operation in his neighborhood with the use of off road vehicles less than 100 feet of his land, said last week he agreed with the town board's decision not to change the law.

The town board turned down the request from Santucci that a formal vote be taken at last week's meeting to state the intention not to change the law. Hudak said there was nothing to be voted on.



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Southeast resident Dennis Santucci told the Southeast town board on March 22 he supported its decision not to change the noise ordinance regarding off road vehicle use.

Lane, then opens up to the remainder of my property," Skalaski stated in his past correspondence to the town. "The gravel driveway continues for another 200 feet and is approximately 40 feet from the property line that I share with 1 Shady Lane."

"I use an ATV for the sole purpose of plowing/and maintaining my driveway and property," Skalaski stated. "My concern is that I could be subject



The Southeast town board at its March 22 meeting.

Nelsonville Holds Lone March Election in Putnam

By David Propper

For the first time in decades, Nelsonville will soon have five members on the village board after two additional residents were elected last Tuesday.

Michael Bowman, a former trustee in the Village of Cold Spring, and Dave Moroney, were elected to full terms after topping Rudolph van Dommele. Also earning a one-year term and running unopposed was Thomas Robertson, a current trustee, according to village clerk Pauline Minners.

Bowman received 98 votes to be the top vote getter and Moroney picked up 74 votes. Van Dommele lost by just six votes, collecting 68 votes. Robertson grabbed 96 votes in his quiet race.

In the small village, 132 voters went to the polls, Minners said. For many years,

th board only had three members until the current board voted to expand its governing body last year.

The three men will join Mayor Bill O'Neill and Trustee Alan Potts on the board. Robertson and the new trustees will take their oaths of office in April. This March also marked the first time the Village of Cold Spring didn't hold an election. The village will have its election with the rest of Putnam County in November.

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Alliance for Safe Kids Brings Regional Schools Together

By Anna Young

The Alliance for Safe Kids (ASK) held its eighth annual Save a Life community forum earlier this month at Lakeland High School, bringing the community together to strengthen the safety net supporting today's youth.

During the three-hour event, parents and students from the Yorktown, Lakeland, Walter Panas, Briarcliff, Peekskill and Mahopac school systems participated in a series of workshops where educators, law enforcement, medical professionals, faith-based organizations and civic groups

provided information to recognize when someone may be in harm's way and the resources to help them.

"Everybody is coming together to really offer a message to our youth they are supported," Liz Talbert, executive director of ASK, said at the event. "One of the things we have realized is that when someone feels support they will make the best decisions for themselves and hopefully support others to do the same thing."

With more than 300 students and adults in attendance participating in workshops including bullying, dating, youth mental



health, stress and anxiety, and substance abuse, students felt the workshops spread awareness and encouraged others to look for signs of distress.

"There are so many things you can do to connect with people and to have a fun time instead of putting yourself or other people in danger so just learning about substance abuse and how easy it is and how it connects to mental health is important," Yorktown senior Delilah Anderson said. "I feel a lot of people need to be more educated and this event definitely helps with that."

Yorktown junior Catherine Giblin implemented the Sandy Hook Promise organization, a preventative program that teaches youth and adults how to identify, intervene and get help for individuals at-risk of harming themselves or others, into the district last fall. She said it was imperative to raise awareness to the gun violence occurring throughout the country.

While her exhibit was planned prior to the mass school shooting in Parkland, Florida that left 17 dead, she said being related to someone who was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Connecticut more than five years ago enabled her to want to prevent kids from being isolated and encourage others to speak up if they see something out of the ordinary.

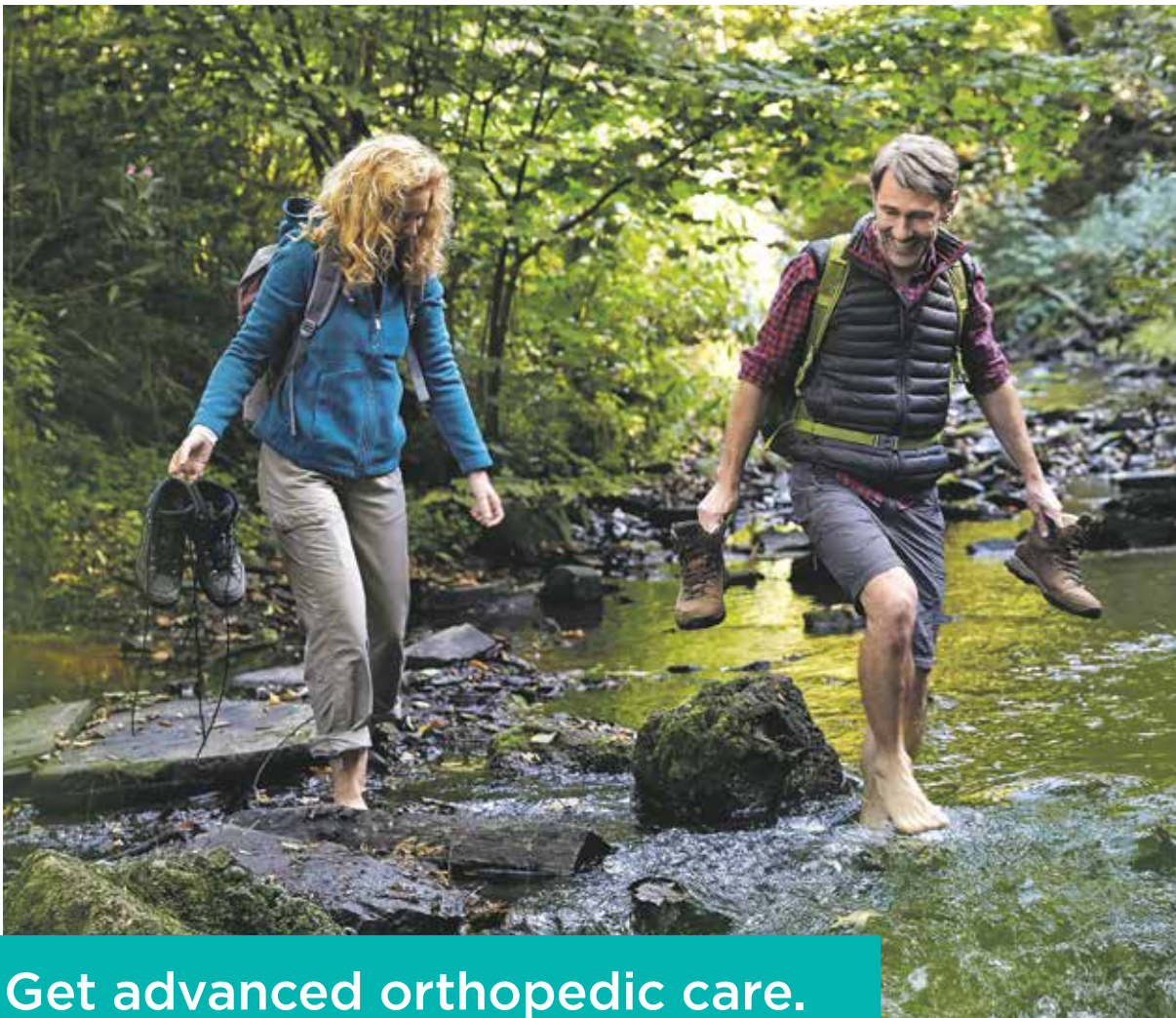
"My uncle started this organization, and as a family member it was really important for me to share it with as many people as I could and try to get a lot of people to know what we're doing and that we're making a difference," Giblin said. "Raising awareness of the gun violence that's happening and showing them the signs and teaching people not only to see the signs of someone who is going to hurt themselves or others but also know the whole issue. Preventing gun violence before it happens"

Keynotespeaker, clinical psychologist Dr. Michael Fowlin, combined his professional acting talents and psychological training to provide attendees with a cultivating and empowering presentation that reinforced ASK's message that acceptance, inclusion, prevention and support are essential.

Through humor and performance art, Fowlin captivated the audience sharing his personal journey of depression, anxiety and self-discovery. He encouraged students to embrace each other, their differences and their emotions, and to never feel like they're incapable of speaking out.

"The part about saving a life comes from the fact that we have to have conversation with each other. We have to take the risk of actually talking to somebody who may be just a little different, odd, whatever, sit on the outside," Fowlin said. "If we can't take a step to reach out to somebody who may be just a little bit different, may not fit in, and realize that we have to understand their pain and their story, then I don't think we're really ready to do the work that's going to be necessary to be able to save each other."

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Prosper Communications Carmel

By David Propper

One of the toughest hurdles a business can face is getting the word out about a product or service they offer. Lisa Kaslyn and Prosper Communications offer public relations chops to make it easier to leap over that obstacle.

Kaslyn, who owns Prosper Communications, marked her business's ten-year anniversary earlier this year. She started her business back in January 2008.

"I help clients tell their story through public relations (PR) strategy development and implementation, including media relations, public speaking, presentation development, search optimized digital content development and social media," Kaslyn said.

After working in the corporate world for many years, Kaslyn started to consider opening up her own PR shop because her job at the time was becoming increasingly toxic and personally unfulfilling.

"It took a while for me to put my doubts at bay, but the need to blaze my own trail and pursue a career that could be molded based upon my unique skills and the lifestyle that I wanted eventually outweighed my hesitation," Kaslyn said.

As a teenager, Kaslyn always had an interest in dispensing news to others. She



Lisa Kaslyn of Prosper Communications.

recalls wanting to become a reporter, but didn't end up pursuing it. Then, when she returned to college in her early 20s, she had an advisor that suggested PR would be a perfect fit for her. Funny enough, Kaslyn at the time didn't know anything about the field.

"I had no clue what public relations was," Kaslyn, of Lake Carmel, said. "Suffice

to say, I took to it like a fish to water."

The company Kaslyn interned for ended up hiring her while she was still in school because of how well she excelled. She loved using her creative side as a writer and storyteller and also got to work with journalists. It was exciting to see the fruits of her labor in newspapers, magazines, and on television, she said.

Currently, Kaslyn stays plenty busy working with large and small businesses and with consultants and non-profits. Clients typically come from Westchester and Putnam counties, as well as New York City and Connecticut. Her expertise includes the photo industry, travel and education, and start-ups in any type of industry.

Her communications firm is doing Amazon coaching for businesses interested in moving into that channel. Prosper Communications also has a new Facebook group called Small Biz Mastermind Rodeo and a podcast called Small Business Rodeo that helps local small businesses deal with challenges they face, along with providing educational content from other businesses that have a solution to their problem, Kaslyn said.

For Kaslyn, challenges for Prosper Communications differ depending on the stage and maturity of one's business. She

said it can be difficult to balance the right strategic communication implementation for clients who can seem enthralled by the latest shiny new social media platform.

As for a philosophy she carries with her day-to-day, Kaslyn stressed PR is not advertising and search engine optimization is certainly not about gaming Google's algorithms.

"Think of your business as a media company and plan your marketing in part around storytelling that it not only self-serving but brings value to the community," Kaslyn explained in detail. "A local newspaper or blogger is more likely to be interested in that versus a promotional offer. That's what advertising is for. As you build reputable content, you build your brand as a source of useful information. Posting the information to your website and promoting it via social media will contribute to your organic SEO ranking relative to those keyword phrases that relate back to your core business offerings and expertise."

Kaslyn is teaching a Social Media 101 course March 28th for the Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC). If you interested in learning more, visit their site at wedcbiz.org. Kaslyn can be reached at 845-225-7571 or emailed at lisa@prospercomm.com.

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14. Beige shade

16. Actress Gibbs

19. You don't need to be the "creme de la creme" to be a patient at this Yorktown dental office

24. Grown-up

25. Mooed in a meadow

26. Mexican pyramid builder

27. Murmured

28. Snarky laughs

30. Majority sentiment, abbr.

34. Cornerstone abbr.

38. Singer Easton

39. Neighbor of Vietnam

40. Put up

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5. Nineteenth Greek letter

6. Cookbook phrase

7. World time standard

8. Compass point

10. ___ capita

11. Suppress

15. Get the picture

16. Kid's cry

17. Cutting tool

18. Pothole

20. Without encumbrance

21. W.W. II battle site, for short

22. Letter

23. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Roush

29. Environmental watchdogs

30. Vision benefits provider

31. "So there you are!"

32. Marks

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Obituaries

Austin J. "Buddy" Decker II

Austin J. "Buddy" Decker II of Mahopac, died unexpectedly on March 17, at the age of 75. He was born in Yonkers, on November 30, 1942, the son of Austin and Sophia (Novotny) Decker. On June 12, 1965 he married Mildred McSpedon at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers, and they were blessed with six children. Buddy worked for New York Power Authority and Entergy as an electrical engineer at Indian Point. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and earned the rank of Captain, piloting a B-52 Bomber in the Vietnam War. Buddy was a devoted and loving father and husband who delighted in his grandchildren. He and his wife, Milly, looked forward to hosting Sunday dinners with all of their children and grandchildren each week. He was a pillar in his community, serving on the Town of Carmel Board of Recreation Commission for over twenty years and was an active member in the St. John the Evangelist parish. He was the director of the St. John's CYO basketball program for more than thirty years and devoted countless hours to the overall development of the youth in his community. Buddy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mildred; his children Jim(Judy), Louise, Dan, Theresa Waters(Peter), Leah (Mike McLaughlin), and Ellen Groenwald(Matt); his sister Lou Anne Rogan; and his grandchildren Emily, Erin, Molly, Caitlin, Cameron, Julia, Riley, Austin, Keiran, Alexandra, Ben, and Kacey.

Frederick E. Austin

Frederick E. Austin, 92, of Windsor, formerly of Belfast, died on March 19, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Austin was born on May 18, 1925 to Olin S. and Stella N. (nee Corrie) Austin of Bradford, PA. During World War II, Frederick proudly served our Country with the US Army from 1944 to 1946. After military service, he worked in the Maintenance Department for The Kings College in Briarcliff, NY where he met the love of his life, Mildred Hyatt Wilder, and they married in 1988. Both he and Mildred were very active members of the Red Mills Baptist Church in Mahopac Falls, until they moved out of the area, then becoming members of the Windsor Baptist Church. Fred, as he was known to his friends and family, is survived by his two step-children Arthur and Brenda Wilder, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister and brothers, and his beloved wife Mildred, who had passed away in 2016.

Christopher May

It is with a broken heart and overwhelming sadness that the family lets you know of the passing of their beloved Christopher May. He died peacefully with his wife by his side on

Tuesday March 20, after a 5 year battle with cancer. Born in Danbury, CT on March 31, 1981 son to Sandy and Jo-Anne (Conklin) May. He was a 1999 graduate of Brewster High School and continued his education at Carnegie Melon University receiving his bachelor's degree. On August 26, 2005 he married the love of his life Teresa Mazzotta at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, whom he met in high school. Together they moved to NYC then Carbondale, CO where they lived for ten years before relocating to Rye. He was a devoted husband and an amazing father. Christopher was an entrepreneur, most recently he owned and operated Analyze Advise out of his home in Rye. Christopher enjoyed playing all types of games, whether it be board games or video games. From a childhood playing with his friends to fatherhood teaching his daughters, he shared his passion with all he met. As president of United Way of Battlement to the Bells in Carbondale, CO he used his skill of bringing people together to grow the chapter to help local families. Chris' greatest attribute in life was his generosity, he always made sure to make time for his friends and family, especially his girls. Christopher is not only survived by his loving wife Teresa, and his parents but also his daughters; Abigail E. and Eliza A., his siblings; Jennifer Bongiovanni (Timothy) and Steven May (Caetlin Fox), his grandparents; Alice and John Conklin, Ann May, and Robert May, his nieces and nephews; Evelyn Rooth, David Rooth, Sebastian Sigal and Hayden Bongiovanni, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends.

James G. Bellesheim

James G. Bellesheim, Jr. of Carmel, died suddenly on Wednesday, March 21. He was born on April 27, 1963 in Mt. Kisco. Jimmy is survived by his loving wife, Frances Divirgilio Bellesheim, son, Ryan and daughter, Kayla. Parents, Lucille and James Bellesheim of Carmel. Sister, Kathy Cucchiarella and brother in law John A Cucchiarella, Jr., Brother, Christopher and sister in law, Dineen Bellesheim. Nieces, Jennifer, Samantha and Danielle and nephews, Max and Luke. Jimmy loved boating, fishing, the beach, motorcycles, hanging out with family and friends. Jimmy was a free spirit who enjoyed helping people. His warm smile and ability to always make people laugh will not be forgotten. Jimmy was a Construction Superintendent for the DeMatteis Organization located in Elmont. Jimmy was loved by so many and will be sorely missed.

William "Bill" Montuori

William "Bill" Montuori, 93, of Somers, died on March 23, in the care of his loving family. Bill was born on March 24, 1924 to the late Louis and Rachel (Ruocco) Montuori in Manhattan. He

was the son of Italian immigrants, raised in the depression and part of that greatest generation that worked hard and lived to serve God, Country and Family. During the Second World War, he proudly served in Europe with the US Army Air Corps from 1943-1945. Bill received his Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University compliments of the GI Bill. On September 12, 1953, he married the love of his life, Nora Shannon, and together they raised four children — Marie, Ann, Joseph, and John — in Ardsley, NY. Bill served as Treasurer and Trustee on the Ardsley Village Board, and also served as Finance Chair at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. He worked tirelessly as a CPA for Harrington, Righter & Parsons in Manhattan, NY. In 1994, Bill and Nora retired to Somers, where the main focus of their life was their family and friends. He and Nora were blessed to be able to travel, and enjoy sailing, tennis and golf together. Gathering together to celebrate every birthday, holy day, and holiday remained a cherished family tradition to the last. Bill is survived by his four loving children; Marie Montuori Riffel of Somers, NY, Ann Darcy of Carmel, Joseph Montuori of Mahopac, and John Montuori of Hopewell, and six cherished grandsons, Brian, Kevin, Patrick, Brendan, Joseph, and Kieran, each of whom held a special place in his heart. His sister, Anna Vitello, of New Jersey, also survives him. His beloved wife, Nora, who passed in 2013 and his three beloved brothers, Anthony, Angelo and John, predeceased Bill. Although he will be dearly missed, his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends carries on.

William A. Blenis Sr.

William A. Blenis Sr., a lifelong resident of Mahopac, died on Friday, March 23, at the age of 71. He was born in Mahopac on September 6, 1946, the son of William H. and Anna Head Blenis. William attended Mahopac Schools. He retired from the Town of Carmel Highway Department in 2004 after 40 years of service, primarily as a mechanic but also doing many other jobs at the highway department. William especially enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. On April 14, 1968 he married Barbara Head, his wife of almost 50 years. In addition to Barbara, he is survived by his son, William Jr. and his wife, Meagan of Hyde Park, his daughters, Robin Daley and her husband, Wally of Wingdale, and Melanie Cannizzaro and her husband, John of Mahopac, his brothers, John of Putnam Valley, and Jim of Carmel, and his six grandchildren, Ryan, Jennifer, Katie Poo, Hailey, John Jr. and Evan. His sister, Dolores, died earlier. Visiting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. Private cremation services will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of William may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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The naturalization Ceremony was opened by the American Legion Post 1080 Color Guard. The hon. Victor G. Grossman, justice of the NYS Supreme Court served as the officiating supreme court justice and offered court remarks. The hon. Robert I. Langley, Jr., Putnam County Sheriff, offered welcoming remarks. District attorney Robert V. Tendy led the opening prayer. Mr. Art Hanley, deputy director of Putnam veterans affairs, led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. William Becker, representative from Liveonny and an organ donor recipient, 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 citizen wishing to view photos and video of the ceremony is encouraged to visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk or visit our Facebook page.

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Mexico	1
Morocco	1
New Zealand	1
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in Brewster. This program is open to Putnam County Youth ages 12 to 17 with a registration fee of \$50 for 4-H members or \$80 fee for non 4-H members. A paid fee will hold the registration, which is on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 8 students. Sewing machine ownership is not required and prior participants are not eligible. Please register online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events. For additional information call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738.

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Announcing Putnam Service Dogs' Puppies-In-Training Class

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Puppy #1 (Brooklyn): contrary to our model of using mixed breed Rescue puppies, we chose Puppy #1 from a litter of 7 at a breeder of Standard Poodles in Albany. She approached us, wanting to donate a puppy to our School. We'd had requests for hypoallergenic service dogs, so jumped at the chance.

Puppy #2 (Benji) and Puppy #3 (Bhodie). North Shore Animal League of America (NSALA), brought in a batch of puppies from Tennessee that fit our criteria. Donna Gleason and Nancy Teague chose two puppies out of the six the expert assessor at NSALA thought were the most promising.

Puppy #4 (Bailey) The Mississippi Rescue Group, Homeward Bound, where Allie, our 13 month old star Black Lab mix had come to us through ROAR in Ridgefield, had been following Allie's progress on our PSD FB and Instagram pages. They contacted us about another star Black Lab mix puppy they had. They sent a video of the 7-week old puppy retrieving a ball, wagging his tail when bringing it back. We were sold! Rich Dawkins, a dog loving truck driver, graciously brought the puppy up with him on his weekly drive to New England in his huge truck. We met them at a rest



Puppy #1 (Brooklyn)



Puppy #2 (Benji)



Puppy #3 (Bhodie)

stop in Danbury, Ct. Rich said, "Such an awesome little pup! So very smart and patient. It was a pleasure to ride with him for 25 hours on the road."

Not all the puppies immediately went to their puppy raiser. One of the puppies had treatable and very common issues contagious to other dogs. To protect its puppy raiser's other dog, a vacation relief couple stepped in to care for the puppy while he was being treated with medications from our veterinarian. They had planned to go out of town for President's Weekend, so another vacation relief person stepped in to care for the pup then. After our vet okayed the puppy going to his raiser, he did. Another puppy raiser had booked a 2-week trip to Australia long before she applied to join our Feb 2018 class. A vacation relief person kindly stepped in to care for that puppy the two weeks his raiser was gone.

Training our puppies: Since all 4 raisers live in Westchester, and our Head Trainer lives in Sherman, Ct., our training classes are held at Jesse Lee Memorial Methodist Church in Ridgefield, Ct. The Church is very proactive in helping people with physical disabilities, building access ramps outside homes as one of their

community outreach projects.

Care of our puppies: Young puppies need a lot of veterinarian care - exams, stool assessment, parasite and other issues treatment, rounds of vaccinations, and microchipping. Mill Plain Veterinary Group, Danbury, Ct. with their three veterinary offices meets all our needs with unfailing kindness, courtesy, and a discount.

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CHS Student Recognized by the National Center of Women In Technology

Carmel High School (CHS) junior Hailey Sango has been selected as a 2018 Hudson Valley Affiliate Winner of the National Center of Women In Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing. Sango received one of the top scores nationally on the leadership portion of her application.

Currently, Sango is a student in the Syracuse University Project Advance program at CHS. Upon completion of the course she will earn college credit. Sango is also a member of the FIRST FRC Robotics team at CHS. She was nominated for the award by her technology educator Don Saldicco.

"Hailey is among the first generations of young women participating in STEAM programs like FIRST Robotics and Project



Hailey Sango

Lead the Way in high school. She will be one who will help bridge the gap between women in engineering and the STEM fields," Saldicco commented.

Sango is being recognized for her extraordinary aptitude and passion for information technology and computing. Dr. Sisi Li, the NCWIT Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Mercy College said of Sango, "Her outstanding leadership, exceptional academic history, and forward-thinking ability distinguish her as a remarkable young woman." Sango will now join over 7,000 young women who seek to use computing as a way to make the world a better place.

As an award recipient, Sango is now eligible to become a mentor in the

community to engage younger girls and introduce them to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities.

Sango will be presented with this award at the Hudson Valley Affiliate Aspirations Award Ceremony to be held at Mercy College on April 21.



For Better Home Security, Take Certain Precautions

Now that I live in a condo building with great security, I don't worry about the possibility of a burglary. But for many years, after having had an unsettling experience when I lived in a single-family home in Brooklyn Heights, I thought about the possibility every day.

The distant memory of that morning still makes my blood run cold. When we awoke, my wife told me she had dreamed someone was in our bedroom while we were asleep. Until we were wide awake, we had no idea that this had actually happened.

When we went downstairs, we found that our back door had been taken off its hinges and that an intruder had spent considerable time with us. He (I am just assuming that it was a man, but who knows?) had scoured every one of our rooms, looking for cash. We knew this because every book in our library had been leafed through. He stayed long enough to help himself to the snack foods in our kitchen.

The stranger had even been in my child's room and stole the piggy bank next to her bed. It makes me shudder when I think about what might have happened had I awakened.

At the time, living in a single-family house in New York City with no alarm

system, we were vulnerable to burglary or worse. Never again, I thought. From then on, and following our move to the suburbs, I took all the traditional precautions, as well as some unconventional ones, to guard against robbery and home intrusion.

A while back, I received a forwarded e-mail from a buyer client, a police officer in the Bronx, about preventing burglaries. While I already knew many of its points, I found some of its content new and useful. Credit for the advisory is given to several investigators and criminology professors who interviewed a large number of imprisoned burglars. Here are the tips that resulted.

1. The burglar may have been at your home recently cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters or power-washing your siding and deck. A dishonest individual would use that time to check your home for valuables or weak points.

2. Few of us would refuse to let a worker into our home to use the bathroom. Just make sure your guest doesn't unlock any door or window to gain easy entry.



By Bill Primavera

3. Keep your doors locked. It's obvious, but burglars only need you to forget once. Ditto for engaging your alarm system and closing your windows.

4. When you are away, be sure someone takes in your mail and newspapers. Ask a neighbor to leave footprints after it snows.

5. Burglars very cruelly check obituaries to see when a home will be left unoccupied. Get a house sitter for when you will be away. Use similar precautions when you are having a tag sale or packing for a move.

6. Keep your car keys next to your bed. If you sense that someone is trying to enter the house, press the panic button for your car. With the alarm going off, the intruder won't want to hang around.

A somewhat unorthodox suggestion I once received when asking what I should do if I had the misfortune to encounter a burglar involved the use of wasp spray, rather than pepper spray, for self-defense. Wasp spray can supposedly shoot up

to 20 or 30 feet and is more accurate in hitting its target. I researched this and found that federal law prohibits the use of a pesticide that is inconsistent with its intended use. However, some might argue that this method of self-defense might be compared to a homeowner hitting an intruder over the head with a shovel, which is certainly not the intended use for that tool either.

When I once blogged about the use of wasp spray, I received a stern repudiation from one reader who asked if I really wanted to be responsible for blinding someone, despite the crime involved. It gave me pause and I thought, well, only if my life seemed threatened.

It may be unpleasant to think about the possibilities of burglaries, or worse, the terror of a home invasion, but we know that they happen. Being informed and taking every precaution possible is the smartest thing to do.

While a publicist and journalist, Bill Primavera is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com, and his blog is www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

Ferreting Out Wine Gems Has Never Been Easier – and More Difficult



By Nick Antonaccio

Today's wine market is unlike any in the history of the retail wine trade. Never has there been more wine available at such high-quality levels and at such reasonable quality and price thresholds.

Think about it. When was the last time you opened a bottle of wine, poured it, tasted the first sip and complained about the quality? When was the last time you experimented with an inexpensive bottle and were so disappointed you poured the remaining wine down the drain? Or, when was the last time you splurged on a bottle and were disappointed in the quality of the wine?

This abundance of quality wines represents the epitome of the worldwide wine market in today's economy. The improving global financial markets are aiding in increased sales as well.

As with all markets, much of success is perception. A perception of the source of wine, a perception of the price of wine and a perception of the expansiveness of wine supply chains. While the reality of the wine market is as I've described, there are multiple factors that cloud the state of the industry today.

First, while the proliferation of wines is at an all-time high, the wines being

produced are in the tight control of a small number of mega producers. Consider a statistic I've quoted on numerous occasions: 84 percent of the wine produced in the United States is from 2 percent of the wineries. Now that's economy of scale – and significant savings to consumers. But it makes for a rather homogeneous selection. There's not much diversity in a wine that is produced in annual quantities measured in millions of cases. Yet this is the 21st century business model.

Second, the other 98 percent of the wineries are smaller scale, the majority producing less than 5,000 cases per year. There are more than 9,000 wineries in the United States, nearly half in California. Yet these wines are not well-represented on retail shelves. Why? The top 10 distributors in the United States control over 50 percent of the retail market – and by extension, shelf space. As big businesses their priority is repeat sales. Wineries producing less than 5,000 cases cannot sustain long-term retail popularity. Brand loyalty

is the ever-elusive goal of distributors and winemakers. If they are unable to consistently offer the consumer what he or she wants, the fickle consumer moves on to the next brand. Today, there are excellent wines that are can't gain traction through the current retail model.

Third, wines offerings in the mass media continue to grow. While representing a small portion of annual wine sales in the United States, private label clubs have attracted a loyal following. Have you ever been seduced by an introductory offer of 12 bottles for \$69.95? Have you ever attempted to repurchase the same wine? These private clubs, many of which are promoted under the banners of national newspapers, are enticing but rarely satiate long-term appetites.

Fourth, direct winery sales are beginning to gain popularity. Whether via a club structure, such as the mass media type above, or mailing list subscriptions, this is an excellent means to find small production wines made by passionate winemakers. I am a subscriber to the mailing lists of several California

wineries. Periodically I receive email offerings of new releases. Several wineries require an annual commitment; others are of the pick-and-choose, no obligation nature.

Yet, for all these choices and perception-quashing opportunities, there remain a significant number of wines that fly under the radar. These winemakers are faced with multiple challenges in selling their excellent wines. These include small production, smaller marketing budgets and even smaller capital resources. At times the only means to become aware of their existence is through local word-of-mouth. This requires a trek down dusty, winding country roads. I have undertaken multiple expeditions to several wine regions, notably California, in search of little-known jewels. I have rarely been disappointed. But the challenge is formidable.

I recently embarked on one of these expeditions. I'll regale you with my recent exploits, beginning next week.

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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Mahopac. The course is every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19. For more information, please contact Judy Kolt at 845-277-5422

Fridays:

AARP Tax Help: The AARP Foundation is providing free tax help for low to middle income taxpayers at the library every Friday by appointment only from February 9 until April 13. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 211 or the library at 845-878-6121 ext. 15. You do not have to be a member of AARP to take advantage of this service.

Lenten Season Services at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac: Palm Sunday- March 25- 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. services Maundy Thursday- March 29- 7 p.m. service Good Friday- March 30- 7:30 p.m. service Easter Sunday- April 1- 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. services First Presbyterian Church is located at 411 Rt 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac. For more information: presby411@verizon.net or 845-628-2365.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church: Holy Thursday - March 29, 7 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper Good Friday - March 30, 1 p.m. - Confessions 3 p.m. - Celebration of the Passion 7 p.m. - Live Youth Stations of the Cross Holy Saturday - Saturday, March 31, 8 p.m. - Easter Vigil Easter Sunday - April 1, 8:30 a.m. - Mass 10:30 a.m. - Mass Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church 414 Haviland Dr., Patterson

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April 11: Hudson Valley Food and Wine Experience April 11 Villa Barone Hilltop Manor Presented by Putnam/Northern Westchesters Woman's Resource center To Register: www.pnwsrc.org call 845-628-9284 \$75 per person all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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Tuesday, March 27

Breaking up is hard to do, but at an upcoming workshop titled Cut the Cord at the Desmond-Fish Library, you will learn how saying goodbye to your cable company can save time, money, and your sanity. 6 p.m., Digital Services Coordinator Ryan Biracree will take you through an exploration of how streaming channels and smart devices can get you less expensive, more reliable, and more versatile services. You will get a brief tour of the cordless marketplace, and learn to how to determine which devices or services are right for your home. You will also learn how to make sure to get the content you want and pay for nothing you don't (you may never need to watch a commercial again!). This workshop is part of the library's ongoing Digital Literacy Workshop series. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org.

Magic Tree House Book Club at the Kent Public Library, the book club. 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. We'll be discussing

"Leprechaun in Late Winter" by Mary Pope Osborne. Travel through time and explore history with Jack and Annie on their many adventures. We will discuss the book, learn more about the time they travel to and enjoy making a craft. Club is open to those in 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. 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

Wednesday, March 28

Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees meeting - open to the public. 7 p.m., Call 845-628-2009, ext. 100, if you plan to attend.

Middle School Battle of the Books Meeting: 4:30 p.m. The 2017 Champions of Middle School Battle of the Books competition are aiming to maintain their title for 2018! Come to the first meeting if you would like to join this winning team. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, March 29

The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club: United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Guest speaker, Jim Rothschild will present "United For The Troops". Club 2018 dues of \$20 will be collected. Coffee at 1pm; meeting at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

Trinity Lutheran Church 2103 Route 6, Brewster, Maundy Thursday services at noon and 7 p.m. March 30th - Good Friday services at noon & 7 p.m. April 1st - Easter Sunday services- 7 a.m., 9 a.m. & 11a.m.

Friday, March 30

Twilight Egg Hunt: 6:30 p.m. You're never too old for an egg hunt! Come to the Patterson Library for this after-hours scavenger hunt, where you will find treats and prizes, and decorate eggs too! The hunt begins at sundown. For ages 13-17. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, March 31

Patterson Recreation Programs: For info on these and other programs visit www.pattersonrec.org or call 845 878-7200 Easter Eggstravaganza for kids 10 and under, Saturday, March 31. Doors open at 10am sharp. Do a craft and meet the Easter Bunny. Baskets provided.



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Inquiring Minds Want to Know if Yorktown Can Contend for League, Section Crown

Yorktown senior RHP Alby Ciufetelli was a workhorse on the mound for the Huskers last season, firing 37 innings to the tune of a 1.60 ERA, and he returns this spring as one of three legit arms for Yorktown Coach Sean Kennedy (inset photo), who has good reason for optimism after the Huskers reached the Class AA quarterfinals last year and have won 50 games of the last four seasons. The road to any Class AA title will ultimately run through Dutchess County where reigning Section 1 champion Arlington will have to deal with the likes of new-look Mahopac (the only team to beat the Admirals twice last year) and first-year Coach Myk Lugbauer. Saddle up, gang, the 2018 Baseball and Softball campaigns should be quite compelling... see Baseball/Softball Notebooks

The Road to Boulder Stadium

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With the recent stretch of four Nor'easters in less than three weeks, it hardly seems like it's time to take anyone out to the ol' ball game, but once the Section 1 baseball season begins it could be over in the blink of an eye.

"With this weather we might need everyone to pitch since we'll have to squeeze in 20 games in something like 22 (eligible) dates," Lakeland Coach Bill Casey said.

That's an absurd amount of games to squeeze in to so little time, but that's the hand Mother Nature has dealt, and if managers don't have pitchers who can deal, they could be in heap of trouble, especially with local teams adapting to

Year 2 of NYSPHSAA rules surrounding pitch counts, rest between starts and innings pitched per week.

Aimed at preventing injuries and overuse of adolescent arms, the pitch count regulations limit varsity pitchers to 105 in one day (while capping JV pitchers at 85 and modified at 75). It also details periods of rest, depending on how many pitches are thrown. For varsity pitchers who throw between 96 and 105 pitches, four nights of rest are required. Three nights' rest are required if 66 and 95 pitches are thrown, two for 31 to 65 pitches and one night's rest for one to 30 pitches.

There could, as a result, be a lot of pitchers toeing the rubber who might not normally be asked to do so. Additionally, the newly-enacted NYSPHSAA mercy

rule could also affect who pitches: Beginning this spring, there will be a mercy rule for baseball teams throughout NYS. If the run differential is 10 runs or more after five innings (four-and-a-half innings if the home team is winning), the game will be declared over.

Lots of wheeling and dealing for managers to contend with as they seek their place at Boulder Stadium, home of the Section 1 championships: So have a look-see, won't you...

CLASS AA (Arlington, reigning champ)

It is time to start looking at **YORKTOWN (9-13-1)** as more than just a lacrosse school after the 16th-seeded Huskers upset the apple cart last season by knocking off No.1 North Rockland in the opening round of the Class AA tournament. Mahopac finished off

Yorktown in the quarters, but the bread is in the basket and the Huskers are poised to feed this spring.

Coach Sean Kennedy has three legitimate hurlers toeing the Yorktown rubber this season, and this trio will do significant damage to opposing lineups when healthy, beginning with junior lefty Anthony Fusco. The All-League hurler has already committed to play next-level ball at Albany. Powerful and crafty, Fusco sits at a sturdy 6'3" and 245 pounds, torching gas at 85-87 MPH with some dirty off-speed stuff.

"As a sophomore he only gave up seven hits in 17 innings," Coach Kennedy said. "He might wind up being the most dominant pitcher we have had, and that is saying something with Chris Henry (St.

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John's), Jack Kelly (Manhattan) and Jim Sharkey (Fairleigh Dickinson) over the last three years."

Senior RHP Alby Cuifetelli returns with All-League honors as well. A quick worker who pounds the zone, Cuifetelli fired 37 innings last year to the tune of a 1.60 ERA.

"He threw first-pitch strikes to 75% of his batters and averaged just 16 pitches an inning," Kennedy said. "And he's added 2-3 MPH this off-season to top out



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Mahopac OF Steve Daly will need to be a leader on and off the field for 1st-year Coach Myk Lugbauer's Indians.

around 85."

Opponents will also want to pay close attention to junior lefty Joe Sgobbo, a 6'5" 240-pounder with near-90 MPH gas. "Not many teams know about Joe, but they will soon," Kennedy said. "He will soon gain a lot of attention. We will look to use him more out of the bullpen, so he might not put up some of the gaudy pitching stats, but with our depth on the mound he has the ability to shorten games."

Yorktown has several other core guys that Kennedy admires, including Nick Farda, Tyler McDonell and Chris Sica.

"The kids really think this is a year to make a deep run and I would be disappointed if we don't win a league title," Kennedy admitted. "Section titles are so hard to win, and there is so much quality pitching in the section now. The tournament is a lot about the matchups, but we feel we have the best pitching top to bottom in the section and are set to make a good run."

Yorktown hasn't had the kind of run to produce a Section 1 title since 1995, but 2018 could shake out as a banner campaign if the unit remains healthy and focused on the task at hand.

MAHOPAC (15-8) reached the Section 1 Class AA semifinals as a No.9 seed in Coach Chris Miller's final year as Indian boss, thus ending a successful nine-year run when Miller accepted an admin job at Yorktown High where he became an assistant principal. His departure opened

the door for Indian assistant coach and former Mahopac star Myk Lugbauer, who enters Year 1 of a new era at Mahopac; where baseball has long been a staple of the community.

Having graduated in 2006 before moving on to the University of Maine, Lugbauer, a catcher with a hose for an arm, was also the last "big bat" to come out of Mahopac, which has relied more on pitching, defense and small ball to remain a consistent part of the baseball fabric in Section 1.

"It's been my dream to take this program over and having worked under Coach Miller for as long as I did, I know I'm ready," Lugbauer said. "The tradition here is second to none, starting with Mr. (Frank) Miele, Coach (Frank) Moloney and then Coach Miller."

The Indians were the only team to beat eventual Class AA champ Arlington twice during the 2017 regular season and Lugbauer believes his players have the drive to continue to improve, maybe even challenge for Mahopac's first Section 1 title since 1997 when ace Chris Tantalos guided the Indians to the NYS Final before his tragic passing a few years later.

"We return a good portion of our lineup and we have some new guys coming in that will fill the holes we had nicely," said Lugbauer, a Louisville Slugger freshman all-American, an America East first-team player as a sophomore and a Louisville Slugger preseason third-team All-American as a junior. "We aren't as experienced on the mound as I would like us to be, but I think we have the talent to make up for our inexperience. I think our biggest strength is going to be our defense. We have a bunch of guys who are willing to sacrifice their bodies to make a big play. I think it will be a good year for Pac baseball."

Ace RHP Anthony Simeone will anchor the staff. The senior will also play infield



Yorktown IF Nick Farda brings the Huskers valuable experience for what could be a banner 2018 season.

for the Indians, seeking their first sectional title since 1997.

"Anthony did a good job on the mound for us last year and will be looked at as our ace this year," Lugbauer said. "He is competitive on the mound and isn't afraid to go after hitters. At the plate he will hit in the middle of the order for us. He hits the ball hard to all fields and has good at bats for us."

Senior OF Steve Daly sets the tone at the top of the order.

"Steve is a gritty ball player," Lugbauer said. "He never comes home from a game clean and always leaves it out on the field. He is going to provide a spark for us at the top of the order."

Senior OF Anthony Caminiti has made the biggest jump from last year and will be a middle-of-the-order hitter. Senior P Billy Moeller should also make a significant jump this season. With an increase in velocity, he is going to get a lot of innings as a starter on the mound.

Senior Dylan Brehm's season was ended a bit short for us last year due to injury but will be an everyday outfielder. Junior 1B Kyle Brandstetter has the potential to be a prototypical stud 1B with a sweet lefty swing.

"Dylan can really drive the ball to all fields," the coach said. "He has the potential to do a lot of damage in the middle of the lineup."

"I am really excited about the makeup of our team this year," he added. "We have a good mix of speed and power in our lineup and I don't think there is going to be an easy out 1-9. We have put a huge emphasis on defense this year and we have an extremely athletic group of guys that aren't afraid to lay out and make a play for us."

CARMEL (9-12) hopes to turn around a sub-par 2017 (by Ram standards) and expects a big year out of senior SS Sean McCarthy, an HM All-Section choice. "Sean is steady and consistent in the field and at the plate," Rams Coach Joe Hackert said. "He has the ability to drive the ball to all fields."

He can drive the ball all day, but it won't matter if the Rams, seeded No.14 last year, don't improve their pitching and senior ace Matt Vitro will be counted on heavily to do so.

"Matt is a team player who is soft spoken, who's actions and hustle on the field speak loud enough," Hackert said. "We want to play hard-nosed baseball together as a team."

Senior AJ Gonzalez, a versatile 3B/1B/P, is a team player who hits for power.

"I think he can definitely help us on the mound this year, too," Coach Hackert said. "He is a vocal leader and works his tail off throughout the year."

Other Rams to watch include senior OF Jon Minotti and senior IF/OF Dan Castrovinci, who hope to contend for the Rams' first sectional title since repeating in 1990.

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Carmel SS Sean McCarthy is the backbone of the 2018 Rams.

OSSINING (4-16-1) has been making gains under the tutelage of Coach Scott Delso in recent seasons. The program has had some emotional dealings in the past with the passing of former Coach Bill Casey, a beloved figure in and out of Ossining.

Pride senior P/OF Michael Laitman, the team's No.1 pitcher, has been through all of it.

"He is always looking for the ball against any team and is a battle-tested varsity player," the coach said of the three-year player. He has a bulldog mentality to go after any hitter in any situation. He will anchor our pitching staff as well as hit in the middle of the lineup for us."

Junior SS Matt Miniham will batten down the hatches in the infield. "Matt is a true leader for our team, the first one in the gym and last one out. We only graduated four seniors last year, so we are leaning on our upper classman and their experience to help improve on our four-win season from a year ago."

For that to happen, newcomers AJ Manicchio, a sophomore LF/P, will need to come of age, as will Pride freshman Joey Bossinas, the starting 3B and next big thing at Ossining.

"Joey has some of the rawest power you will see," the coach said. "The kid can hit the ball well out of the park with ease."

Nothing's been easy for the Pride of late, but that can turn around quickly.

CLASS A (Pearl River, reigning champ)

LAKELAND (16-7) P/1B Joe Vetrano could become one of the top players the Hornets have had in a decade or so, and he'll be the ace Coach Bill Casey relies on to get the Hornets back to the finals after being eliminated in last year's semifinal round. The RHP is a sophomore who is equally proficient at the plate with a next-level exit velo. HM All Section as a freshman, Vetrano hit .377 with 16 extra-base hits, including four dingers.

"Joe works hard every day at practice," said Casey, who watched Vetrano suffer

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a knee injury during basketball season, from which he has healed. "He has power and speed and will be on the mound a lot more this year. He is bigger and stronger than last season so we expect big numbers from him again."

Likewise, sophomore P/CF Evan Berta is a year wiser and stronger after playing nearly every game as a freshman. Defensively, Berta is a solid CF and appeared on the mound in seven games last year, a number that will likely go up this season and in the years to come.



If opponents don't know Lakeland P Joe Vetrano, they best familiarize.



Panas OF Tim Feliz will need a big season if the Panthers are to be a factor in Class A this season.

"We expect him to be in the starting rotation this year and to improve at the plate," Casey said. "Evan also has good speed. Just like Joe, Evan has come into this season looking bigger and stronger than last year. He looks ready to go and, I expect him to contribute a great deal both offensively and defensively."

Senior P/RF Eric Portella will be one of the players expected to pick up for the loss of 12 seniors to graduation. The Mount Saint Vincent's-bound Portella primarily pitched in relief last year with a few spot starts.

"We are expecting him to contribute even more this year," the coach said. "He has a rubber arm and if he had his way he

would pitch every day. We also expect him to contribute offensively this year."

Two players to look out for include versatile senior Matt Schenk and junior SS Leo Cummings.

"Matt played off and on last year and had some big moments," Casey said. However, this year we expect Matt to be a major part of this team. He has speed and power. As a sophomore last year, Leo only had 14 plate appearances on varsity, but he has some big shoes to fill."

Cummings will be replacing two-time All-Section SS James Houlahan.

"We are a young team and with the exception of Vetrano, Berta, Schenk and Portella everyone else on this team either saw little or no time on varsity last year," Casey said, "yet this group is fun to be around and get along well with each other. They practice hard and want to get better."

After being a No.5 seed last year, Lakeland's goal is to compete and challenge for its Section 1 Class A crown since 2010.

HEN HUD (17-5) has been on quite the regular-season tear the last two years, under former Manager Dutch Pritts, but the post season has been cruel to Hen Hud, the No.2 seed last year, which was ousted in the quarters last year and hasn't won it all since 2000.

New skipper Van Vourliotis, Pritts' former assistant, inherits a team that lost a slew of seniors but keeps the veteran Pritts as his assistant.

He'll rely heavily on All-League senior OF Jack Kelly, a four-year starter and Sailor captain.

"This year he's been asked to expand his positions to first and second base as well," Vourliotis said. "Jack has an amazing team-first attitude. He led team last year in hitting and was selected captain by his teammates this year."

Other players to watch include senior IF Matt Imimbo, who saw very little playing time as a junior but has a solid glove and high baseball IQ. "Matt will have the opportunity to have a significant defensive role in the infield this season," the coach said.

A youngster we'll be keeping close tabs on is freshman Nick Hiltley, a middle IF who plays multiple positions, including SS, 2B, 1B, OF and P.

"He has all the potential in the world, looking forward to seeing him grow and get better in the years ahead," the coach said of the future shortstop, who succeeds a long lineage of top-notch Olesczuk and, most recently, Michael Crowley, all four-year players.

"The student-athletes of the Hedrick Hudson baseball program have worked extremely hard over the course of the off-season and continue to do so in order to get prepared for the regular season," Vourliotis said.

PANAS (14-9) Coach Anthony Fata enters his 18th season having been around the Section 1 block once or twice. Among

the most veteran coaches in the region, Fata returns a unit that won two playoff games last season but lost two of the horses that brought them there; pitchers Mike Cox and Brian Dineen.

Their replacements are a work in progress but senior Jake Jemty figures to be a primary fixture in the rotation. What is actually known is that senior OF Tim Feliz is one of the top OFs around, senior C Pat Kelly is a worker behind the dish and senior OF John Young sets a grinding tempo the Panthers feed off. The trio provide the lineup with ample pop.

Newcomers Diego Urreta (3B) and Lucas Feliciano are solid on the right side for the Panthers, who earned a No.13 seed last year and will work out of League II-C with Brewster, Somers, Lakeland and John Jay CR.

"I suspect we'll be a very tough, competitive, hungry team," Fata said.

SOMERS (6-15) had a down year by its standards, and it'll be tough for Coach Joe Wooten to turn it completely around in 2018. As the No.21 seed, the Tuskers failed to crack the field of 16 and will rely on junior RHP/3B Logan Carriero (Jr.) and senior OF Chris Boncardo to do so.

"Logan projects to be our No.1 starter on the hill," said Wooten, who guided the Tuskers to three-straight sectional titles from 2007-09. "His commitment to the position along with a budding right arm makes Logan a valuable member of our team. He also projects to be a run producer in our lineup this year. While Chris is a returning starter. We project Chris to create and drive in runs this year. Chris is a heady base-runner who we trust to take what the defense gives him on the base paths. Our team goals remain the same each year. We want to get better each day. We want to enjoy each other's company, care for each other, and send our seniors out with special memories."

BREWSTER (3-16) OF Tim Holler hopes to lead the 2016 sectional runner-up Bears to a more 2016-like campaign than the hard-luck year the Bears had in 2017 when they failed to qualify for the tournament.

CLASS B (Magnus, reigning champ)

CROTON-HARMON (11-12) wore the glass slipper all the way to its second-straight Class B Final 4 last year, but Coach Eric Rosen's upstart Tigers eventually ran out of gas in the semis after grueling two-day affair with rival Briarcliff. The Tigers, who haven't won it all since 1981 (the last of 5 in 6 years), aren't in that position, though, without a pair of game-saving catches by OF Grady Stevenson, now entering what should be a breakout junior year in CF. "Grady struggled at the plate and hit about .250 for us last year but has a lot of potential that I think will be on display this year," Rosen said. "He saved our bacon during the first and second round of the playoffs last year with two game-saving catches. Nobody knows who he is yet in Section 1, but by this time next

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month I believe people are not going to want to pitch to him. We anticipate a big breakout year from Grady this season."

The same can be said for sophomore Max "Bubba" Luke, an All-League P and corner IF with pop. "Max was our best hitter last year," Rosen said. "He will most likely anchor our pitching staff. We expect a big year from "Bubs". We expect to put a lot of runs on the board this year with Grady and Bubs in the middle of our lineup. It's the attitude and work ethic that excites me most about these two. They bust their tail every day to improve. We are very excited to see what they will do this season and beyond."

PUTNAM VALLEY (15-7) will rely on two junior hurlers to manage the bulk of the innings on the hill, including TJ Brescia and John Millicker, each of whom play the infield as well. If either or both aren't consistent as the No.1 and No.2 of the pitching staff, Tigers Coach Joe Natalie would be in for a long year. If they can dominate, as each has shown at times, the Tigers have something to build upon.

Seeded third in last year's Class B tourney, the Tigers reached the Final 4 only to lose to No.3 Edgemont, who lost to champion Albertus Magnus in the finals.

Senior IF/P Ben D'Adonna, plus juniors Bobby Kroboth, Alex O'Brien, Matt Carlsen and Frank Curran will round out the staff and provide an ample veteran presence, as will C Mike Gaitan. Without a JV team behind them, the Tigers will carry 20 players this season, some of them not quite ready for prime time so patience will have to be a virtue.

CLASS C (North Salem, reigning champ, now in B)

HALDANE (11-10) is built for now, ready to return to championship form (a three-peat in 2014) with Aidan Siegel Sr. (Catcher), Anthony Sinchi Sr. (P), Dan Rotando Sr. (CF), Devin Siegel Jr. (P/OF), Matt Mikalsen Jr. (2B), Adam Hotaling JR. (3B/P) and Kyle Kisslinger Jr. (OF/P). Deep on the hill, Coach Tom Virgadamo's team hopes to contend with Tuckahoe in a revamped Class C, that will also feature a double elimination playoff.



Put Valley senior C Mike Gaitan will need to lead the youthful Tigers this season.

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Softball Notebook

Yorktown, Lakeland Seeking Championship Encores

By Tony Pinciario

The 2017 softball seasons were one of the best in history for teams in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam County regions. Replicating these championship feats won't be easy.

CLASS A

After a disheartening loss in the 2016 Section 1 Class A championship game, **LAKELAND** had its turn to celebrate.

The Hornets achieved the ultimate sectional goal -- winning the Class A title with a dominant 15-5 victory over Eastchester. Lakeland, powered by pitching and offense, went on to capture its first-round state game, 18-0 over Section 9's Goshen, before a difficult 2-0 loss to eventual state champion, Maine-Endwell (Section 4).

Lakeland finished with a program-record 24 wins and just two losses.

The only drawback to the 2017 season came in June, when Lakeland graduated Amber Badillo, Cameron Lischinsky, Krista Verrino, Olivia Knopf and all-state pitcher Colleen Walsh, who is playing at Sacred Heart University.

Even with the graduation of this group, Lakeland Coach Joe Chiara, and fellow Coach Steve Fallo, welcome back an experienced nucleus looking to make it consecutive sectional titles.

Senior captains Jessica Ascencio (IF), Kayla Bugeya and Lauren Reichelt headline the returnees. Ascencio knows all about winning sectional titles, having been a member of four for Lakeland field hockey coach Sharon Sarsen.

Now with Walsh throwing fire at Sacred Heart, junior P Claire Fon steps into the circle as Lakeland's No. 1 windmill. Fon went 5-0 last year. She rang up four shutouts, had an earned run average of 0.23 and struck out 36 in 30 innings.

Fellow junior Amber Lopez can play either shortstop or catch. Last year, she hit .333 and drove in 21 runs. Sophomores Krystal Badillo (OF/P) and Amanda DeClerico complete the experienced returnees.

Chiara has a talented newcomer group looking for playing time. The new varsity players are juniors Allison Dubbioso, Emily McGrath and Nicole Barker (OF), all outfielders, sophomore Sabrina Reichelt (OF), freshman Ava Knopf (IF) and eighth-graders Shannon Scott (IF) and Stella Bale (IF/P).

Chiara, in his 21st season, pointed out Lakeland's strength will once again be pitching and defense.

"We have a group of returning veterans who understand what it takes to win," Chiara said. "We would like to be competitive with our non-league and league games, while preparing for sectionals."

Lakeland opens at Tappan Zee, Wednesday.

When it comes to **BREWSTER** softball the program is synonymous with winning. The Bears are annually one of Section 1's elite and during sectionals you will always see them in the final four. This can be traced to Brewster's strong little league program which has produced outstanding players, highlighted by junior varsity coach Sam Goff, who pitched the Bears to a sectional title in 2003, and Jessica Gogatz, who pitched Brewster to the 2004 Section 1 Class B title.

Last year, Brewster finished 20-2, were co-league champs and were sectional semifinalists, falling to rival and eventual champion, Lakeland.

Coach Lisa Delzio, in her 10th season as varsity coach, graduated four players, including both pitchers. The Brewster pipeline is never dry as nine players making the step up from Junior Varsity will infuse enthusiasm and the Brewster way into varsity.

Delzio does return a talented

nucleus, led by seniors Taylor Riccardi (3B), Francesca Cioffi (C) and Karen Lennox (1B). Riccardi is a fifth-year varsity starter, All-Section selection and was the 2017 league position player of the year. Cioffi and Lennox were both selected All-League last year.

Senior Camryn Gannon (2B), junior Caroline Cherubini (center field) and sophomore Madison Chiudina (infield) complete the super returning six.

"We have nine new players, including two new starting pitchers and two very talented eighth graders," said Delzio, who is 156-42 in nine years. "We have six very strong returning starters. We will be very strong offensively and solid on defense. Our new players will add much depth in various positions and a lot of speed on the bases. I love the leadership from the returning players. I'm really excited about how the ladies have come together and worked very well together in the pre-season. All six returning players have been fantastic working with the newer players and everyone is working hard on improving. Getting our two new pitchers ready will be key."

Brewster opened its season at Yorktown, yesterday.

In his first year at **SOMERS**, veteran Coach Dave Scagnelli produced an offensively-charged team. The Tuskers slugged their way into sectionals where they crushed Beacon before a loss to perennial power, Brewster.

Somers only graduated one player so the Tuskers will once again be wielding the aluminum.

Seniors Jill Carlisto (1B) and Kelsey Lavin (CF) are back for their third year.

They are joined by a deep junior class, highlighted by C Gabby Mazzotta. An honorable mention All-Section pick last year, Scagnelli said she recently committed to Manhattan.

Classmates Nikki Florino (3B), Karly Moscarello (SS), Jazmyn Colon (P/OF), Tori Pagliaro (P/OF), Amanda Polito (utility) and Sabrina Balfe (OF) round out the junior class.

Sophomore Sarah Murphy and freshman Hannah Recine, both windmillers, make the step up to varsity along with sophomore Vicky McEvoy (2B/C). Murphy and Recine join Pagliaro and Colon, giving Somers pitching depth.



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Lakeland OF Krystal Badillo is one of only a handful of returnees for defending Section 1 champion Hornets.

"This year we return eight starters from last year's team, and add two new pitchers to the rotation," said Scagnelli, who was the Scarsdale varsity softball coach before coming to Somers. "With eight starters returning, our defense will certainly be the strength of our team. Gabby Mazzotta will anchor the infield, behind the plate, and will work hard with the pitching staff."

Scagnelli is taking Somers to Florida for spring training during Spring Break. He has lined up eight scrimmages. Somers will open the season, Monday, April 9, against Byram Hills.

PANAS finished the 2017 regular season at .500 (10-10) before a loss to Eastchester in sectionals. That was the somewhat disheartening news.

However, Coach Dale Chappelle and his Panthers have an optimistic attitude going into the 2018 season as 11 players return to the diamond. Of the 11, Sam Recine (OF), Taylor Pisani (OF) and Krystal Maier (1B) are the seniors.

The junior contingent includes Bella Feraca (2B), Gianna Servedio (OF), Madison Maddocks (P) and Jenna Guevarez (OF).

The sophomores are Julia Petrovich (SS), Kat Reynoso (C) and Rae Valt (IF). Olivia Bordenaro (P) is the lone freshman.

Chappelle welcomes four new juniors to varsity this season -- outfielders Brianna

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Lakeland is hoping junior Claire Fon's arm and big bat will carry the Hornets this season.

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Viola and Lexi Lorino and infielders Sam Mills and Tahari Williams.

"We lost two very productive players in Danielle Petrovich and Remi Uretta, but we still have a ton of talent and experience on this young team," Chappelle said. "Our pitching and defense should be strong this year and we have more team speed overall. We played an extremely competitive schedule last year and we expect even more success this season."

CLASS AA

Any opponents looking to win the Section 1 Class AA title this year will have to go through **YORKTOWN**, first and foremost.

The Cornhuskers are the defending champions after defeating perennial power North Rockland in the 2017 title game. Yorktown went on to a state regional win, 5-3, over Kingston (Section 9) before a loss to state finalist Binghamton (Section 4). Yorktown finished with a 19-6 record and were also league champs.

Brittany Giordano (playing at Post University) and Madelana Wrubel (playing at Oswego) graduated, but Yorktown returns five All-Section players. This phenomenal five are: Erica Salveggi (P), Angie Serrano (2B), Brianna Buck (SS), Courtney Cardea (C) and Samantha Riccardulli (CF). The Cornhuskers also return Kaitlyn Bennet (RF) and utility players Reilly Koch, P Julianne Strauss and Erin Gray.

Third-year Coach Ryan Iamurri will have sophomores Allie Cortino (P) and Bella Vano (2B) and freshman Lainie Ornstein making their varsity debuts.



After losing her mom unexpectedly, Yorktown senior Erica Salveggi will dedicate her season to the loved one she lost and it'll be impossible to root against her.

"My favorite thing about this team is that we have no 'superstar,'" Iamurri said. "Someone different will come up big each game we play this year, and your guess is as good as mine for who it's going to be."

"The girls are fun, yet they are serious. They are competitive and they have grit. We got a little taste of how far we can potentially go, and this year we are hungry for more."

Yorktown has pulled together as a player's mother recently passed away, suddenly.

"Honestly, we have had a tough start to this softball season with losing someone very special to the Yorktown family," Iamurri said. "It's been amazing to see this community come together with love and support. My goal right now is that each player feels like they have love and support from the teammate to their left and the teammate to their right because that is more important than the number of wins and losses at the end of a season."

"We have a ton of experience with this team, and the older girls have really done a great job taking in our new players. We've been spending a lot of time on the mental game and goal setting, and learning about each other's strengths and weaknesses as a player and teammate."

Yorktown opened the season yesterday against league-rival, Brewster.

MAHOPAC is primed to continue its progression under second-year Coach and former Harrison softball standout, Amanda Gambacorta.

The Indians finished 8-10 last year and qualified for sectionals and this year, return their starting infield and windmill.

Seniors and captains Kim Astrologo (who will attend St. Thomas Aquinas and play softball in September) is at SS, Madison Della Medaglia is the 1B and Beth Schum is behind the plate. Juniors Abby Mastropietro plays 2B and Kailey Zecca has the hot corner. Freshman P Shannon Becker is back in the circle after a break-out first varsity season in 2017.

With pin-point control, Becker struck out 117 in 102 innings and only issued 16 free passes. She finished with a 1.16 ERA. She also hit .380 and earned All-Section honors as an eighth-grader.

"We return seven starters this year and will look to Astrologo, Della Medaglia and Becker to anchor the team both offensively and defensively," said Gambacorta. "This team is experienced and expects an extremely productive

and successful season this year."

Mahopac has to wait until April 5 before it opens the season at New Rochelle.

CLASS B

In her first five years as **PUTNAM VALLEY** Coach, Rena Finsmith has progressively transformed the Tigers into a budding Section 1 power.

Last year, Putnam Valley went 13-8 and reached the Section 1 Class B semifinals. The Tigers were a veteran team who graduated 11 players,

including six of the starting nine positions.

Even with the graduation departures, Putnam Valley returns junior Sophia Lord (3B) and three All-League players – sophomores Alex Waters (C) and Keiko Waters (CF) and freshman P Emily McKenna. Lord and the Waters are captains.

There is a huge influx of newcomers to varsity, which has led to competition for the vacated starting positions.

Senior Lauren Turner (utility), juniors Gianna D'Addona (OF) and Sonya Garcia (OF), sophomore Sabrina Cross (1B) and talented freshmen Frankie Reyes (SS) and Kathleen Gallelo (2B) comprise the new varsity players.

"This group of kids is very coachable," said Finsmith, who was a standout at Pleasantville for Coach Gina Perino. "The girls work very hard in practice and listen to suggestions made by the coaches. Our captains Sophia Lord, Alex Waters, and Keiko Waters bring a wealth of experience at the Varsity level that they are able to share with their teammates. Emily McKenna returns for her second year on the mound and worked all offseason on improving her different pitches."

While Finsmith has established the varsity program, she has done so without a Junior Varsity team so many of the players come right from modified into varsity.

"The 11 graduates played varsity since their freshman year as we had no JV for several years," Finsmith said. "It's a huge hit to lose six starters for the past four years. Our newcomers are going to have a very short time to gain varsity level experience. We have to learn on the fly and use every single experience as a teaching one so that our newcomers start to feel comfortable at the varsity level."

"The leadership of Alex, Keiko, Sophia, Emily, and Lauren will be invaluable to the newcomers. Assistant Coach Nemecek and I need our veteran returnees to continue to elevate their game even further than what they did last year. We

Softball Notebook



Yorktown Coach Ryan Iamurri had plenty to celebrate last season and expects more of the same in 2018.

will be looking to them to pick up the offensive stats that were lost to graduation and be very vocal leaders on the field.

"Our goals are simple: Show up every day, hustle every day, learn each day, and be competitive in all our games whether we win or lose. We have a short learning curve as the season is jam packed but if we can learn on the fly and hold our own then there is no doubt we can be successful and competitive."

Putnam Valley opens the season Thursday, hosting perennial Class B power and new grandmother, Joan Spedafino. Finsmith returns to her alma mater, 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, to face her former coach.



Brewster senior 3B Taylor Riccardi will provide the pop in the Bears' lineup.



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