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## Carmel Councilman Claims Town Engaged in 'Corruption'

By David Propper

When Councilman Michael Barile was on the campaign trail last year, he promised to shake things up on the Carmel town board if elected. As of last month, that included sending complaints to New York State agencies about town practices.

Barile, a Republican, sent a letter to the New York Attorney General's Office and the state Comptroller Office in March to sound the alarm over what he asserts is "unethical at best and illegal at worst" behavior by town officials. The subject of his complaint is about the conduct of the town board and John Folchetti of J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, who entered into two contracts worth approximately \$1.2 million. Barile wrote he believes the town is in "gross disregard" of its adopted procurement policy, by agreeing to the deals.

"I am writing to you as a last resort, having made every possible effort, as a newly elected town councilman, to remedy the afflictions of what I believe to be corruption in the Town of Carmel," Barile wrote to the AG and comptroller offices.

Barile wrote when the town needed to outsource projects too large scale for the engineering department, it would



Carmel Councilman Michael Barile

follow a procurement policy in place. But Barile said that changed in 2014 when the town signed a contract with Folchetti's firm, "essentially usurping any competition" and the adopted policy. A position was created for Folchetti called "chief consulting engineer" that allowed him to oversee designs and construction of projects and gave him oversight over

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## Gun Safe Storage Law Passed in Philipstown

By David Propper

After more than a year of heated public debate that captured the attention of the entire region, the Philipstown town board signed off on a new law requiring gun owners to safely store their weapons.

In a 5-0 vote, the town board, which consists of five Democrats, approved a gun control measure last Thursday that led to a small group of residents rising in applause and some boos from opponents wearing NRA stickers for the National

Rifle Association. The law states no gun owner can leave a firearm out of his or her possession in a residence if they know that a minor is home. The gun must be locked up in those cases by using a locked container or trigger lock.

Punishment for a violation of the misdemeanor could be a fine up to \$1,000 and/or up to a year in jail.

The vote comes after a marathon public hearing on Feb. 21 that brought out more

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A mix of supporters and opponents of the new safe storage law in Philipstown came out to see which way the board voted last Thursday.

## Science Research Program Soars in Putnam Valley

By David Propper

When Putnam Valley High School student Sarah Broas travels to Pittsburgh next month to compete in an international science fair, it'll be another indication of the progress the district's science research program has made in four short years.

The high school program started out four years ago with just five students, but now has 32 students participating. The labor-intensive program allows students to pursue a category of science research that interests them and work with professionals in the field to better understand their topic.

Working with science teacher Jerry Zupan, the program's advisor, they also get to present their work in front of the public and judges.

Last month, 11 juniors and seniors competed in the Westchester Science



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Teacher Mr. Jerry Zupan with WESEF grand prize winner Sarah Broas.

and Engineering Fair at Sleepy Hollow High School, where 32 area high schools participated. Of the nine Putnam Valley students recognized for their research, Broas, a junior, was the top female competitor.

Her success at the March 17 regional fair allowed her to enter the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh in mid-May. Broas will be one of nearly 1,100 high school students from more than 70 countries to put her work on display.

Broas said she was incredibly surprised she received the green light to go to the international competition next month, but after putting so much work into her project, she was gratified to know it paid off.

Her project, "Development of Decellularized Peppermint Leaf

Biomimetic Scaffolds for Cardiac Tissue Engineering," looks to design a material that can interact with cells and tell them how to develop into functional heart tissue after a heart attack. After a person suffers a heart attack, Broas said, portions of the heart become damaged, including cell deaths.

Her project aims to create a patch grown in the lab that can be implanted onto the damaged area of the heart.

She worked with her mentor Dr. Ipsita Banerjee of Fordham University, where she experienced engineering research first hand on a college campus. She also wrote a 20-page research paper before the March fair.

Broas, who has always had an interest in science, said she's been intrigued about conducting science research since

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# Putnam Health Dept. Urges Testing as Gonorrhea Cases Rise

Cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) continue to rise in Putnam County and around the U.S. In 2017, gonorrhea cases in particular rose in Putnam—nearly 60 percent, with an increase from 17 to 27 reported cases from 2016 to 2017. At the same time both chlamydia and syphilis numbers remained relatively stable, after a dramatic rise of 125 percent in syphilis the year before. In fact, in 2015 the highest numbers of syphilis cases were reported in the U.S. since 1995. These increases worry public health officials both locally and nationwide.

For April, National STD Awareness Month, the Putnam County Department of Health, together with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other partners are reaching out with the message “Treat Me Right.” This theme is meant to underscore the importance of a trusting patient/provider relationship, both for receiving the best care and also for providing it. For patients this includes learning as much as they can about STDs and how to protect themselves; for providers it means building trust by listening to patients in a way they feel heard and respected.

“The doctor/patient rapport is a key ingredient to all successful medical care,” said Interim Health

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Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D., “and something physicians value when practicing medicine. The resurgence of sexually transmitted diseases is quite serious. If untreated, these diseases can cause severe health problems. The health department is spearheading efforts and partnering with local physicians to increase appropriate testing. In this way we can

stem this trend.”

Gonorrhea is the second most common STD after chlamydia. Nationwide, there have been nearly half a million cases of gonorrhea since 2015, compared to over 1.5 million cases of chlamydia. Syphilis, the third most common, has affected approximately 27,000 individuals during the same time period. The problem with all STDs is that often a person will have no symptoms, or the symptoms may be similar to other problems. For example, a woman with gonorrhea may experience mild symptoms such as pain or burning when urinating, which might be easily mistaken for a bladder infection.

Chlamydia’s skyrocketing increases have resulted in a new public health law and practice called EPT for expedited patient therapy. This encourages physicians treating patients with chlamydia to provide their patients with an additional prescription for their partner (or partners), without examining or even speaking to the partner.

Syphilis has a unique set of challenges of its own. Because it develops in stages, a variety of symptoms may go unnoticed and clear up without treatment. During the initial stage, painless sores develop and through

direct contact with these sores during any sexual activity (vaginal, anal or oral), the disease spreads. Second-stage symptoms may include a faint skin rash, internal sores, fever, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, patchy hair loss, weight loss, muscle aches and tiredness. This is followed by a latent period during which there are no signs or symptoms, but the disease continues. A person can potentially transmit the disease to a sexual partner for up to a year after the initial infection.

Anyone is at risk, but some groups are more affected, including young people aged 15 to 24 years of age, gay and bisexual men, and pregnant women. The good news is that there are medications that can be prescribed for all STDs, and some can be cured. The only sure way to know if someone has an STD is to be tested. Primary care providers can order tests and prescribe the right treatments. For those who are under- or uninsured, Putnam County’s federally qualified health center Open Door provides these services free, or on a sliding scale. The office is located at 155 Main Street in Brewster. Their phone number is 845-279-6999.

For questions about prevention, symptoms or transmission, contact the communicable disease nurse at the health department at 808-1390.

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# Garden Street School Could Finally Be Sold

By Anna Young

The Brewster Board of Education approved a contract last month to sell the Garden Street School for potential residential use.

During the March 27 meeting, the board unanimously approved two resolutions to move forward with plans that would redevelop the vacant parcel that has been closed since 2012.

Kevin Callahan of Covington Commercial Realty is currently working with developer Daniel Martin to revamp the property to provide affordable housing. He said the deed

restrictions limiting the building to education-only purposes were removed to sell the property.

“Going through the building with Daniel, he fully understands what it will take to redevelop Garden Street School into a market rate residential project,” Callahan said. “Walking through Garden Street you can get a really good feeling someone really knows what needs to be done.”

Some parents questioned the project, adding that they wanted to see the building redeveloped for educational purposes. One parent suggested World Heritage Foundation was an interested buyer, but Callahan said they didn’t have the funds to purchase the 60,000 square-foot parcel.

He added that he met with several non-profits, but no proposals were submitted.

“They (World Heritage Foundation) had a very interesting plan for it. It sounded very exciting to me as a mom, as a resident, to see something educational and very nice for the community,” one parent said. “I don’t know if we necessarily want more condos.”

Callahan said the development will comply with Brewster’s vision to attract a younger generation into the area.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Garden Street School in Brewster might finally be sold after it closed a few years ago.

With the board approving the contract of sale, Martin has a 90-day due diligence period to evaluate the building and determine if it’s a viable project. If he moves forward, he will then go before the Brewster planning board for further approval.


“We’re on the road,” board president Stephen Jambor said. “We’ve never been closer.”



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a municipal department, Barile wrote, calling it inappropriate.

In the letter, Barile gave examples where he believes Folchetti's firm (JRFA) shows conflicts of interest.

JRFA is in charge of developing a capital plan to be considered by the town board, Barile wrote, but receives an eight percent fee for the design of all projects under \$3 million.

"This inherent conflict creates a motivation to push for more capital projects and to make certain that they are segmented in such manners as to stay below the \$3 million threshold," Barile wrote.

Barile wrote it was a direct conflict for the town to pay JRFA for percentage fees, based on construction estimates created by JRFA.

Any project more than \$3 million, JRFA has the ability to prohibit engineering firms from providing proposals, "so essentially JRFA gets to deny its competition from bidding of the project," Barile alleged.

Barile wrote that on Dec. 20, 2017, the board in a 3-1 vote with one abstention,

entered into substantially the same contract with JRFA before he joined the board the next month. Supervisor Kenny Schmitt voted against the contract, but town board members Suzi McDonough, John Lupinacci, and Jonathan Schneider approved it.

When the board declared a state of emergency in water district #2 in February, awarding a contract to Legacy Valve and construction oversight to JRFA, Barile was against it because he wanted to see the project go out to a "lawful bidding process."

He again alleged conflicts of interest in his letter and claimed the emergency declaration was a "farce" since there had been discolored water in the district since 2014 and it still was considered drinkable water.

In an interview, Barile said he asked the board multiple times not to approve the contract before he joined the board, but most of the town board signed off on it regardless. Barile added he pointed out two statutes that violated the law, but town board members told him their attorneys said they were on solid legal ground.

The rest of the town board knew for months that a letter was going to be sent

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*- Councilman Michael Barile*

to state agencies, Barile asserted.

"The contract is absolutely disgraceful," Barile said. "If it's not illegal, it should be because it's a slap in the face to every taxpayer in this town and this is one of the reasons why I ran."

(Barile stressed his problems with John Folchetti's firm had nothing to do with

his brother, town attorney Greg Folchetti, who Barile described as someone with impeccable credentials and honesty.)

Schmitt, in an interview, declined comment on some of the allegations included in the letter, but disagreed with the notion that JRFA has oversight over the engineering department. He said he voted against the second contract because of some of the terms and language included in the deal.

McDonough didn't return an email seeking comment as of Monday evening and Schneider declined comment for now. John Folchetti also declined comment, noting he had not read Barile's letter.

Lupinacci said JRFA has had three contracts with the town, including one when he wasn't on the town board. The first two contracts were approved 5-0, Lupinacci noted. The third contract provided new and more services for the same annual fee and the exclusivity of design work have been lowered, Lupinacci said.

"So compared to the two previous contracts, which were never considered illegal or corrupt, one could surmise that this deal is the best of the three," Lupinacci said.

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# Nelsonville Cell Tower Alternative Met with Skepticism

By Neal Rentz

Nelsonville zoning and planning board members and residents expressed skepticism about a possible alternative design for a cell tower during a joint meeting of the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board which was held to discuss a proposal from Homeland Towers on April 4 at Haldane High School.

Following months of intense scrutiny over a proposed cell tower, the Zoning Board of Appeals members recently agreed to delay their vote on the application after the applicant provided three alternative designs to the 110-foot tower.

For months, Homeland has received unwavering opposition from residents regarding the 110-foot cell tower they want to build off Rockledge Road overlooking the historic Cold Spring Cemetery.

The proposed tower would serve Verizon and AT&T with possibly more carriers and emergency services to follow.

Homeland attorney Robert Gaudio said he previously proposed a 125-foot obelisk that would conceal the antennas and be very "site-specific." He said the tower would require a height variance and approval from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

A joint meeting of the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board was held to discuss a proposal from Homeland Towers for construction of a cell tower on April 4 at Haldane High School.

At last week's joint meeting Gaudio said the only alternative now being proposed by Homeland Towers would be a 110-foot flagpole that would not require a variance. Two of the previously considered proposals would have required a variance, he said.

The alternative now is for the 110-flagpole, which would not expose the antennas, Gaudio said. "The antennas

would all be in the flagpole," he said.

Gaudio said the State Historic Preservation Officer found no adverse effects or aesthetic impacts to the area from the proposed flagpole. But some board members questioned the alternative. Planning member Dennis Meekins said the alternative still calls for a tall structure in a wooded area and it would be seen. Gaudio replied by

saying, a cell tower has been constructed in a similar type of area near a cemetery in Mount Pleasant.

ZBA member Chris Keeley said the proposed flagpole would still have a negative visual impact to the area and he disputed the comments from Gaudio that SHPO approved the alternative. But Gaudio said the state agency stated its belief that the proposed flagpole would not have a negative "visual impact" to the area.

Some residents who spoke at last week's meeting expressed opposition to a cell tower or a flagpole at the cemetery site because it would be unattractive for the area. Eliza Matthews said a flagpole would be visible in the neighborhood and she opposed the concept. Another resident, Carolyn Llewellyn, said the cemetery location was inappropriate for a cell tower or flagpole and another location should be sought by Homeland Towers.

"It's a no brainer," she said. "We want to keep the beautiful community we have."

The two boards voted unanimously last week to close the oral public hearing on the cell tower project. Written comments are being accepted until April 16.

The next meeting on the proposed cell tower has been scheduled for April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at a site to be announced.

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than 200 people. Most of the comments at the meeting were in support of the law, but there were some passionate dissenters to the proposal.

Supervisor Richard Shea said other municipalities have passed stricter gun laws around the state and he was confident the town would fair well against any legal challenge.

"We're on firm legal ground with this," Shea said.

Councilman Robert Flaherty said he was originally against the proposed law, but changed his mind after the Feb. 21 public hearing and speaking with many residents. He called the legislation "common sense."

Councilman Michael Leonard said he read about 400 comments from people that offered input about the proposed law. Leonard believes this law has no detriment to defending someone's home. He said he wishes Putnam County lawmakers and New York State lawmakers would take a look at its safe storage laws and mirror Philipstown's.

Flaherty and Leonard both stated that if the town tries to strengthen the law in the future, they would not be in support of it.

Councilman John Van Tassel said the issue of gun control has resulted in hysteria



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery bought trigger locks for any gun owner that wanted one after a safe storage ordinance was approved last week.

on both sides of the debate nationwide, but felt this local legislation found middle ground. He said the months of discussion over the safe storage legislation helped educate the community about the safe storage of firearms. He even pointed out he changed the way he stored his firearm.

"I think it's logical," Van Tassel said. "It

doesn't take away anybody's rights."

Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery said this law has been requested by most of the community. She mentioned that the Putnam/Dutchess Sportsmen Rifle Association sent a message to the board and claimed it was a "burden" for gun owners to buy a gun lock. After she mentioned that, she carried a bunch of trigger locks in a basket to the front of the dais that she bought at Wal-Mart earlier that day.

"I would like to see a stronger law," Montgomery said.

She added she plans on going to the county to make a pitch to the legislature in hopes of convincing those lawmakers to adopt a safe storage law. (All nine members of the legislature are Republicans.)

Opponents of the law were disappointed with the passage of it, even though they generally support the idea of safely storing firearms.

Charles Harris, of Garrison, called the ordinance "totally unnecessary" and said

the board was aiming to infringe on 2nd Amendment rights. He did note any gun owner that doesn't keep their guns safe from children is an "idiot" that should not have a firearm.

Peter, a Putnam resident who didn't want to give his last name, claimed the town board was trying to facilitate their personal agendas through gun control laws. A resolution would have been better to pass rather than enacting a criminal offense, Peter said.

"The law is ambiguously written," Peter said.

Patterson resident Chris Turan said the final draft that was approved is an improvement from the first draft proposed more than a year ago, but would still like to see the matter treated civilly rather than criminally.


District Attorney Robert Tendy was originally against an earlier draft of the safe storage law and spoke out at a meeting about his concerns. While Tendy hasn't kept up to date on the most recent draft, he recently reviewed the approved legislation and said he thought the law strikes a "thoughtful compromise."

"In this final version of the law, the town board has taken into account the constitutional right of the people to defend themselves, and I'm very happy about that," Tendy said. "Prior versions were extremely troubling."

Supervisor Shea said he doesn't anticipate there will be many cases in which Philipstown residents would face legal trouble connected to the ordinance. When asked if the Philipstown board could potentially go further in having a stronger safe storage ordinance, Shea said he would like to see it buffed up in the future.

He said the law that was passed Thursday is "the absolutely minimum we could do." After having a dialogue with the entire community and within the board, Shea believes this was a good first draft.

"But it's certainly not the end," Shea said.



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# Dutchess County Exec. to Run for NY Governor

By David Propper

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, whose county neighbors Putnam, announced his bid for New York governor last week as the Republican begins an underdog campaign in the heavily Democratic state.

Molinaro, who made his announcement on April 2, will go into the state GOP convention in hopes of getting the Republican endorsement over state Sen. John DeFrancisco. DeFrancisco, a Republican who represents parts of Central New York, announced his intention to run months ago.

Whoever gets the GOP nomination would likely face Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is facing a Democratic primary against Sex and the City actress Cynthia Nixon.

Molinaro originally said he wasn't going to run for the top job in the state, but changed his mind and kicked off his campaign at Tivoli village hall where he was once mayor.

Taking aim at dysfunction under the Cuomo administration, Molinaro said he would end "pay to play" politics and strip out hidden costs in state government.

"We can make government more efficient, we can provide meaningful mandate relief to local governments and school districts, we can cut property taxes, real meaningful property tax relief



Marc Molinaro

and provide the services our residents deserve," Molinaro said during his announcement speech.

Putnam GOP committee chairman Tony Scannapieco said, in an interview, he was supporting Molinaro, an elected office holder he knew "very well," considering both of their home counties are in the Hudson Valley.

Scannapieco said he's done a good job as county executive in Dutchess and has taken a proactive approach to keeping taxes at bay.

"DeFrancisco I don't really know," Scannapieco said. "I know he's been around a long time, but I know nothing about him."

Scannapieco stressed whoever is the GOP candidate will need to get votes from New York City, which is typically a Democratic hotbed.

"You have to make sense," Scannapieco said. "You can't keep saying you're going to give everything away and who's paying for it."

Republican Assemblyman Kevin Byrne is also voicing support for Molinaro, who he knows well. When Molinaro originally decided against running for governor in January, Byrne was one of the people that tried to convince him to reconsider.

In order for a Republican to win a statewide race, Byrne believes that candidate needs to have an "X-factor," which he thinks Molinaro possesses. Byrne said Molinaro is someone who can cast a big tent and bring many different people into his campaign.

"He has an amazing record as a fiscal conservative," Molinaro said. "But also believes in compassionate government."

Byrne added at a time where there is division across the country, Molinaro would be the right person to unite residents and "help us believe again in our state."

DeFrancisco has been in the state senate since 1992 and represents much of Onondaga County. He is currently the deputy majority leader in the senate. He was cordial when welcoming Molinaro to

the GOP fray.

"I welcome County Executive Molinaro into the race and look forward to appearing with him before the various committees between now and the State Convention in May to engage in a spirited debate," DeFrancisco said in a statement. "Anyone who knows me, knows I'm anything but quiet. The issues are too important to be meek or timid. I won't be quiet about the corruption or the high taxes or the number of people leaving our state. Now is the time to fight for the future of our state. I'm ready, willing and able to take on the fight."



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# Science Research Program Soars in Putnam Valley

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freshman year. After being taught by Zupan during her freshman year and reading about Intel competitions in the news, she felt inclined to join the science program as a sophomore.

"I've always really had a focus on science and have appreciated learning by testing," Broas said.

The program got underway when Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills joined the district and inquired if the school wanted to start a research program. Zupan was interested and met with another teacher in the region who ran the program in their district. He has since partnered with Yorktown and Mahopac schools.

The high school program has grown exponentially under Zupan's leadership, with the support of the district office. Next year about 50 students, including Broas, have signed up. This spring will be the school's second graduating class.

"It's a really cool program," Zupan said. "I wish I had this when I was in high school. This would've been something I definitely would've jumped on. I don't know if I was ready to do the same kind of work that these kids are, but they amaze me everyday."

Zupan noted that Putnam Valley students are doing graduate level work



PVHS Junior and Senior Science Research Students: Back Row: Olivia Schmidt, Erin Pedersen, Conor van Riper, Meredith Conlin, Dora Rippon, Walter Wacaser, Kaitlin Cohen, Sarah Broas. Front row: Paige Lee, Jasper Katzban, Hayley Lewis

and some students might even be published before they can vote, leading to immense pride within the school community.

"The level of success achieved by this program in such a short amount of time is remarkable," Wills said. "We are so excited about the opportunities this

program offers our students and the possibilities it presents for our entire educational community."

During the international competition, Broas will have the opportunity to present her research to the public, a panel of judges, and speak with PhDs in the field about her work. She will also get to

*'We are so excited about the opportunities this program offers our students and the possibilities it presents for our entire educational community' - PV school chief Fran Wills*

explore Pittsburgh and learn from other students from across the country and the globe.

"Interacting with students from different backgrounds and different countries and combining all of our research into this really wonderful experience where we can learn more about the research and each other," Broas said. "I think that's what I'm most excited about. Seeing all the incredibly successful students and their research as well as learning a little bit more about what their research is like from where they're from."

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**Business  
of the Week**

# ShoeCandy by Kara Mac Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

ShoeCandy by Kara Mac opened in December in Yorktown, but town resident Kara Mac, whose married last name is Schwartz, had been working on the project for three years out of her home.

Mac, who co-owns ShoeCandy with California resident Ann Merin, said recently she “picked, packed and shipped from home. I traveled the country for two-and-one-half years to get proof of concept on my invention (by customers).”

Mac said her new facility includes not only a retail boutique, it also houses an office, warehouse and a pick, pack and ship facility. “I don’t have regular 10 to 6 hours six days a week like a retail establishment,” she said.

Mac’s invention is interchangeable accessories for the shoes the company sells, including heel covers. “It has a permanent heel, but we can remove the heel cover and swap it out,” Mac explained. Women’s shoes can also be customized through the company’s changeable sandal and shoe straps.

“Basically, every shoe, sandal (and) boot in our whole collection has interchangeable components that can be completely swapped out, so two shoes could become 25 pairs,” Mac said. “It’s



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Yorktown resident Kara Mac (married name Schwartz) is co-owner of ShoeCandy in Yorktown with Ann Merin, who lives in California.

basically up to the customer to choose what works for her. We have very conservative customers who go with neutrals and then we have those women who have to have bling and we have lots and lots of bling. But you can get both.” (Mac defined bling as decorations stones

such as rhinestones.)

Prior to starting her own business, Mac worked in New York City as an apparel design director and had several individual pairs of shoes in her office. “I had my workwear during the day and then I’d bling it up for the evening,” she said.

Mac said she decided to create her own business because, “I just thought I had something really unique and different that didn’t exist.”

She said 60 percent of her customers purchase at her store, with the rest buying from the company Web site.

“My business partner came up with the name ShoeCandy because, in her words, she felt like a kid in a candy store when she was exposed to all the shoes with all of the accessories,” Mac noted.

Mac said ShoeCandy will host a series of speakers, independent designers and craftspeople who will present programs from April through June for local women. “It’s all part of a giveback,” she said. “Because when I was just starting out people would let me go into their spaces.”

ShoeCandy is also partnering with Rita’s Italian Ice, who will allow a different charitable organization to sell its produces for their fund-raiser outside of the store, Mac said.

*ShoeCandy by Kara Mac is located at 315 Kear St. in Yorktown. Because store operating hours vary, call 1-855-SHU-GIRL. E-mails can be sent to Support@ShoeCandy.shoes. Visit: <https://karamac.com>. ShoeCandy is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.*

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## Letters to the Editor

### Putnam County Workforce Big Supporters of Troop Org.

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This past year, they have generously raised \$7,095 for UFT and over the past five years have raised \$22,845. This money has paid for the shipping costs of 1523 gift boxes sent to our men and women serving in the armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan

and around the world.

Thank you to County Executive Odell for supporting our mission, organizing the annual drives and connecting us with numerous public events every year.

Thank you to the county employees and

all the organizations that participated in the drives that allow us to "Bring A Little Comfort To Our Troops"

Patty and Jim Rathschmidt  
United for the Troops

### Buddy Decker's Legacy Will Live On

The recent death of Buddy Decker was a great loss to the Mahopac and Carmel communities. He was an incredible person who understood the value in giving back to your community and investing in our youth.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Carmel Recreation Board with Buddy for many years—him representing the CYO

program at St. John's the Evangelist in Mahopac and me as the then-president of the Carmel Sports Association. He was an advocate for not just the CYO program but for all the local youth sports organizations. I have always appreciated his devotion to making sure our kids had sports opportunities available to them.

Buddy was one the people who

inspired me to make 2018 the Year of the Volunteer. We need to honor and thank those individuals who give of themselves to make our communities a better place.

Thank you to all of you who have made our communities wonderful places to live, work and raise a family, by volunteering your time.

Thank you, Buddy, for leading by

example and always being there to support our youth. Your legacy will live on through the generations because of the programs at St. John's the Evangelist that you helped establish.

MaryEllen Odell  
Putnam County Executive

### Appointment of New Kent Councilwoman Done Improperly

I am a member of the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, but I am writing as an individual to express my concern about the manner in which the Kent Town Board filled the vacancy resulting from the resignation of board member Scott Chin, as reported by the Putnam Examiner (Volume 10, Issue 470).

We trust our elected officials to serve the best interest of the town and its citizens. Along with prerequisites such

as following the relevant laws and codes, and being ethical and fiscally responsible, there are certain governance values that most citizens, regardless of political affiliation, might expect would be upheld. These include transparency, collegiality, and a respect for best practices in governance.

With no discussion of the matter at the executive session, and without even a pretense of following the recommendation

of the New York Association of Towns for public interview of candidates, the Republican members of the board did an "end run" to place former town board member Christine Woolley in the seat vacated by the resignation of Scott Chin. Appointment to a town committee such as the KCAC requires far more review than the board chose to engage in to make this appointment. Even if it was not in violation of the town code, and/or

the open meetings law, this action shows a disregard for governance values and a lack of respect for the citizens of the Town of Kent. We deserve better.

Anne Balant-Campbell  
Kent Lakes

### Community Needs to Fight Drug Scourge Together

Philipstown is no town like any other in the country. We are abundant in history, beautiful vistas, great hiking, wonderful food, and on the Hudson River. When people ask me about Cold Spring, I tell them to think of it is a blend of Mayberry and Cheers.

Mayberry because at any time when you see someone who will lend a helping hand without expecting anything. You can rely on your neighbors to watch out for your home when you are not there. You can count on an unsung hero neighbor that goes around with his snow blower cleaning out peoples sidewalks. Once someone asked him why does he snow blow the neighbors sidewalks whether he knows them or not. His answer was "if you have to ask you don't get it". He then went about his business to the next sidewalk.

Why Cheers? Simple, no matter where you say you are from within Philipstown from Continental Village, Garrison, Cold Spring, Nelsonville or North Highlands, as the song goes "everybody knows your name"

We enjoy a community that cherishes and appreciates its rich history. Down the

street we have a plaque commemorating Benedict Arnold's contribution albeit treasonous. We have the Captain John Parrot rifle bore cannon credited with winning the Civil War, former New York Governor Pataki, Boscobel with its magnificent Belvedere, grounds and the Shakespeare Festival.

For all of the beauty and splendor we are community that is suffering from within. With much sadness I state that we have the highest incidents of deaths due to Opioids. Putnam County – with its six towns had recorded as of today 16 deaths, of which more than five originated from Philipstown. Where did we as community go wrong? Did we go wrong? Is this a new paradigm?

It is my opinion, we can turn this around. Too many neighbors, friends and family have passed to opioid overdoses. Are we doing enough? I contend no we have not done enough.

We should be putting our efforts toward educating our children first at home, then Kindergarten through 12th grade. These innocent children need to be made aware of the dangers that lurk where they least expect it.

As the Philipstown Coalition Against Opioids works towards devising an educational program with children in mind, every person should be carrying Narcan. The irony is that it takes a drug to cancel out another drug. The most comforting fact is that it only positively affects those who have overdosed. All else are safe.

In inquiring where can I get Narcan? Pastor Tim Greco directed me to Drug

World where I walked in, requested Narcan, and received a tutorial. For a \$10 co-pay, someday a life will be saved. I encourage you to please do the same. It is the most unselfish gift one can give that child and their family or friend.

Airinhos Serradas  
Philipstown Coalition Against Opioids

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# Obituaries

## Rosemarie Marfe

Rosemarie Marfe, loving wife and mom of Mahopac, formerly of Mt. Kisco, died on March 28, at the age of 82. She was born on May 31, 1935 in Mt. Kisco, the daughter of Henry and Rose (Daniello) Manupelli. On May 24, 1957 she married Jerry Marfe and they were blessed with three children. Rosemarie worked as a bookkeeper for Rheingold Beer in White Plains until she married. After raising her children Rosemarie returned to work at Kisco Beverage until her retirement. Rosemarie was an incredible cook and loved to entertain. On any given Sunday there was always a houseful of family and friends over for delicious dinners. Rosemarie's joy was being a wife and mother. Her gentleness and love, her smile and caring ways will be remembered by all who knew her. Rosemarie was a die-hard Yankee fan. Rosemarie is survived by her daughter Dee, her son Henry Marfe, his wife Michele, and her son Jerry Jr. and his wife Carolina, Brother Leonard Manupelli, and grandchildren Brianna, Nicholas, Michael, Danielle, and Mary. All are welcome to attend a visitation on Saturday, April 14th from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac, NY. Following the visitation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel in Mahopac. Interment of ashes will follow at St. Francis Cemetery in Mt. Kisco. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions in Rosemarie's name to the Asthma Association <http://secure.AAFA.org> or the American Heart Association [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

## Edna Puggioni

It is with heavy hearts the family of Edna Puggioni, 77, of Carmel, announces her unexpected passing on March 28. Ms. Puggioni was born on July 29, 1940 to the late Pierre and Marguerite Sada in Port Au Prince, Haiti. On June 29, 1958 she married the love of her life Joseph Puggioni and together they were blessed with four children Joseph, Deborah, Lori-Ann and Gina. Edna worked as a business administrator at Guide Post of Carmel. Although dedicated to her job it was her family Ms. Puggioni adored most and she dedicated her entire life to her family. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She truly enjoyed life and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her adoring children Joseph, Deborah, Lori-Ann and Gina. She is also survived by her 13 cherished grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren who each shared a special relation.

## Leon L. Heady

Leon L. Heady, 89, was reunited with his loving wife Kathleen (Mitchell) on March 29, after a very long separation. Leon was an energetic, proud man who enjoyed

sharing a meal with friends at the picnic table beside his pond. He spent many hours grooming his yard, once part of his family's farm, creating a bucolic place to enjoy a summer afternoon. At an earlier time, you might find him organizing a neighborhood baseball game, sledding or ice-skating party. Leon left the family farm after marrying Kathleen to work with her father as a Metal Lather in Local 46. He will be best remembered behind the counter at Kinglsey's market, where his quick wit and easy laugh brought a daily parade of customers who came not only for food and lottery tickets but to engage in his ever ready verbal jousting. Leon is survived by his devoted sons, Stephen and Richard, with whom he made his home, daughter Nancy Russell (Bob); grandchildren Matthew and Kathleen Waldvogel (Taylor), Michael (Blair), Sally (Tim), Lauryn (Kyle) and Ian (Lauren) Russell, great-granddaughter Nora Youell; sisters-in-law Joan Heady and Peg Baccaglioni, and many nieces and nephews. Many thanks to niece, Joyce Heady, family friend and counselor, George Sica, Barbara Guera RN and CNA Latisha of Hospice of Westchester/Putnam. Friends and family may gather on April 12, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Beecher Funeral Home. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. April 13, at St. Joseph's Church, Somers. Donations in Leon's memory may be made to Friends of Karen, Croton Falls Fire Department, North Salem Ambulance Corp. or Hospice.

## Mary Theresa Komisky

Mary Theresa Komisky, 85, died peacefully on March 31. Born May 12, 1932 in Manhattan, she was the daughter of Irish immigrants, James and Susan Carroll. Mary lived her younger years in New York City. She and her husband Robert brought their family to a new home in Mahopac, in 1966. Mary is predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Robert and her younger brother Bobby Carroll. She is survived by her 4 children, Kevin Komisky (Geri), Susan Grioli (Al), Carol Leppla, Elizabeth Zanine (Jim), her daughter in law Karin Komisky, her brother William Carroll and his wife Norma, and her 9 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as, many nieces, nephews and cousins. A kind, loving woman, Mary was adored by all who had the pleasure of meeting her. A woman of strong faith, she enjoyed reading, gardening, puzzle books and visiting with family and friends. She stayed in touch with her heritage by keeping in close contact with her relatives in Ireland. Mary's quick witted sense of humor delighted all who spent time with her. The love that she shared with her husband, children and grandchildren was so fulfilling, she was the centerpiece of her family. Mary will forever be loved and deeply missed by all. Ship with Edna and held a big piece of her heart.

## Vasiliki Fotopoulos

Vasiliki "Vicki" Fotopoulos, 92, of Carmel, died on April 1, at Putnam Hospital. Mrs. Fotopoulos was born on October 14, 1925 to Constantine and Fotini (Palainis) Karanikas in Avariko, Greece. Vicki came to America all by herself, only to endure many hardships and illness aboard the ship before coming to New York. On October 6, 1957 she married the love of her life, Philip Fotopoulos at St. Spyridon Church in New York. Together, they were blessed with two children; Stacy and Gus. Vicki was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and a friend to many. Above all else, her biggest passion and love was her family. She was the very best wife, mother and grandmother who was fondly called "Yia Yia". Although, she was very proud to be an American, it was her Greek traditions that she passed along to her children and grandchildren. Her Greek meals were second to none and were more like feasts and she treasured every moment with her family. Yia Yia truly enjoyed life and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Vicki is survived by her two loving children; Stacy (John) Bennett, Gus (Cynthia) Fotopoulos, her five cherished *εγγόνια* "grandchildren", Kimberly, Thomas, Gary, Philip and Stephen, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is also survived by her brother; Athan and her two sisters; Irene and Fotini. She is predeceased by her beloved husband; Philip who passed away on October 4, 1972 and her sister; Eleni.

## Nicholas L. Faba

Nicholas (Nick) L. Faba of Mahopac, died after a brief illness on April 2, at the age of 61. He was born on July 8, 1956 in Poughkeepsie, the son of Louis and Gloria (Casagrande) Faba. Nick received his Masters Degree from Teachers College at Columbia University and graduated from State University of New York at Albany. He worked as a computer and technology teacher at Horace Mann School in Riverdale, for over 20 years, where he ushered students through the change from boxy, pre-internet technology to the ubiquitous personal devices we use today. Among many other interests, Nick was an avid fan of Apple, photography, The Grateful Dead, and the Democratic Party. Nick is survived by his wife of 32 years, Deborah, and his sons Michael and Alex.

## Yvonne Elise Horowitz

It is with heavy hearts the family of Yvonne Elise Horowitz, age 84, a longtime resident of Mahopac, announces her passing on April 6, peacefully with her loving family by her side. Mrs. Horowitz was born on October 28, 1933 to the late Emil and Steffi (Bruhl) Braht born in Strasbourg, France. However, her family was from Berlin and her father had the

clarity of mind to realize that if his daughter had a French birth certificate, it would be much easier for her to leave Nazi Germany. On June 10, 1955 she married the love of her life Ralph C Horowitz in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Together they were blessed with three adoring children Mark, Sheldon and Mindee. Before her retirement Yvonne was employed by Putnam Hospital Center as an X-Ray technician and she was promoted to the position of supervisor of the radiology department at Putnam Hospital Center, where she was respected and admired by doctors, staff and patients. Although Yvonne loved her work it was her family she was most dedicated to. She was the pillar of the family bringing much joy to every family member's life and every family occasion. She was a devoted mother, beloved sister; cherished grandmother, loving wife and friend. Family meant the world to her. She was as devoted to her faith and heritage as she was her family as a lifelong parishioner of Temple Beth Shalom. Mrs. Yvonne Horowitz truly lived life to the fullest and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Yvonne is survived by her devoted husband of over 63 years Ralph as well as her three beloved children Mark and daughter in law Dorrine Horowitz of Brooklyn NY, Sheldon and daughter in law Joi of New City and Mindee and son in law R.J Impastato of Chappaqua. She is also survived by her absolute joys in life, her seven cherished grandchildren Steffan, Jane, Jason, Lexi, Brett, Jillian and Dean. As well as her brother Fred. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

## Daniel Crawford, Jr.

Daniel Crawford, Jr. of Brewster, died in a tragic hit and run on Saturday April 7. He was 32 years old. Born on January 11, 1986 in Danbury, CT, son of Daniel and Susan (Weizenecker) Crawford, Sr. of Brewster. He graduated from Brewster High School and continued his education receiving an associated degree. Danny could often be found in the local reservoirs fishing with his friends, it was a great passion and hobby of his. He was a people person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Danny is not only survived by his parents, Daniel and Susan, but also his siblings; Kimberly Crawford of Pawling, NY, Timothy Crawford of Brewster, and Kelly Crawford of Brooklyn, and his nephew Brayden Bauer. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday April 11, at St. Lawrence O' Toole Cemetery, Brewster, at 10 a.m. Interment will immediately follow the service. Family and friends may call the Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster, NY on Tuesday from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Danny may be made to the Putnam Humane Society.



# School Leaders Work to Prevent Tragedy

How can teachers, guidance counselors, school resource officers and others identify students at risk of becoming violent? That was the topic of a workshop Thursday at Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES attended by about 100 school leaders from across the region.

Led by Sgt. Amery Bernhardt of the Westchester County Police Department and Frank Guglieri, coordinator of regional safety services at PNW BOCES, the workshop focused on how to conduct a comprehensive, systematic threat assessment on an individual student.

"If we put a big enough net out there, we should be able to catch and hopefully prevent these things," said Bernhardt, adding that 80 percent of the time, prior to a firearm attack, the shooter told someone. In addition, he said, 70 percent of the time a person who committed suicide told someone of his or her intention or exhibited warning signs.

Bernhardt discussed ways to distinguish low risk behavior from moderate risk and high risk behavior. For example, he said, if a teacher or other school official notices that a student seems depressed and learns that his or her dog has died, that would be a low risk. If however, the student fails to come out of the depression and starts to say that no one should have pets, you might categorize the student as higher



School leaders gathered for the safety forum.

risk.

Some behaviors that teachers might notice, for example, include social detachment, obsession with media violence, a perceived sense of injustice and radicalization. These things might come to a teacher or student's attention via school assignments or social media posts or through conversation. It is important that schools have ways for students to report concerning behaviors such as a

drop box or an electronic anonymous alerts system.

Bernhardt and Guglieri outlined a complete system for assessing the threat and intervening when necessary. Interventions might involve contacting the family, recommending mental health services or involving law enforcement. Guglieri stressed that the Threat Assessment model being presented was "one way, not the only way" of dealing

with school safety threats.

"As uncomfortable as these topics are to discuss, we have to be prepared so we can help everyone in the school community address them," said Jason Kane, Putnam Valley Middle School psychologist.

Dr. George Stone, superintendent of Lakeland Central School District, said "We would like to express our gratitude to Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES for all they do in the area of safety with regard to both sides of the issue, how we deal with safety and how we prevent events through mental health services. The partnership with PNW BOCES is the strongest I've encountered."

Mahopac Assistant Superintendent Greg Stowell called the training "extremely beneficial," adding that it confirms that New York State and many area school districts are ahead of the rest of the nation in addressing this issue. "The support that PNW BOCES has provided to Mahopac shepherding us through revisions and improvements in emergency preparedness in the past couple of years has been amazing."

Katonah-Lewisboro Superintendent Andrew Selesnick said "It is really helpful to hear what the experts suggest and to hear from other districts about how they handle these difficult situations."

# CoveCare Announces 9th Annual Adult Spelling Bee

CoveCare Center invites the community, including local businesses, organizations, and residents, to its 9th Annual Spelling Bee. Long known as a night of exciting competition and laughter, the Bee is open to teams of up to 10 spellers who take on increasingly challenging words with the goal of earning the title of 2018 Putnam Spelling Champions.

This year's Bee will be held on Thursday, April 19 at the Starr Ridge Banquet Center in Brewster, NY. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell will kick off the competition by reading the first round of words. Veteran emcee Bill Hammond of Edward Jones will be joined this year by Jody Bayer, a local actor with a flair for improvisation; the two will lead the teams through multiple spelling challenges before the thrilling single elimination championship round.

In 2017, 20 teams vied for the championship trophy, with the Akzo Nobel Bees once again claiming first place. The Putnam Hospital/Health Quest Putnam Pirates and the Putnam Health Department Bees Knees tied for second place honors. Facing very tough competition, CoveCare Center's own Buzz Kill took home the coveted Most Enthusiastic Team award.



The 2017 1st Place team: Akzo Nobel Bees with Diane Russo.

Teams of up to 10 participants are welcome; team members can choose to be spellers, cheerleaders, or spectators. The Bee is \$35 per person and includes a full buffet dinner, soft drinks, and dessert. Beer and wine will be available at a cash bar. All proceeds support the many programs of CoveCare Center,

a private non-profit agency that provides recovery-based treatment and preventive services for mental health, social/emotional and substance use issues.

To join this lively night of friendly competition or to become a sponsor of the event, visit [www.CoveCareCenter.org](http://www.CoveCareCenter.org).

org or contact Debbie Levin at [dlevin@CoveCareCenter.org](mailto:dlevin@CoveCareCenter.org) or 845-225-2700, ext. 136. Advance registration is required and seating is limited, so please register early.

For more information about CoveCare Center and its services, please visit [www.CoveCareCenter.org](http://www.CoveCareCenter.org) or [www.facebook.com/CoveCareCenter](http://www.facebook.com/CoveCareCenter) or call 845-225-2700.

## About CoveCare Center

CoveCare Center is the only private non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County, NY. CoveCare Center offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, and medication management. CoveCare Center is a member of Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), a non-profit 501 ©(3) membership organization of forward-thinking, community behavioral health and disability service providers in the Hudson Valley Region whose shared goal is to promote recovery-oriented and outcome-based services designed to ensure high quality and low costs.



# 3 Up 3 Down Org. Raises \$25,000 For Youth Baseball

The 3 Up 3 Down Organization (3U3D) held its 2nd annual charity poker tournament on St. Patrick's Day in Brewster. More than 110 players came and tried their hand at the annual event, which was designed to raise funds for youth baseball and for those with developmental disabilities. On hand was the World Poker Tour Commentator Tony Dunst, who acted as the event's guest player on the year.

The 3 Up 3 Down Organization was founded early in 2017 by the Hudson Valley Men's Adult Baseball League (HVMSBL) as a way to support youth baseball and give back to the community. Baseball numbers in the area have dwindled in

recent years and the Organization was designed to give back and help baseball in the area thrive once again. Another goal of the Organization is to support those with developmental disabilities with the belief that all children should be able to participate in youth sports.

Blue Path Service Dogs, Anderson Center for Autism, Fragile X Research Foundation and Green Chimneys will each receive grants this year as a result of all of the hard work of the Organization.

Also through its fundraising efforts this year, 3 Up 3 Down is able to offer up to 6 baseball grants annually to local leagues. The six recipients will be selected in June. Local youth leagues interested in applying

for the a grant may send a request to hvmsbl@3u3d.org and an application will be sent. The grant process will open April 1 and close May 31.

**About the 3 Up 3 Down Organization**

The mission of the 3 Up 3 Down Organization is to promote, strengthen, and foster youth baseball in and around the Greater New York and Hudson Valley areas, as well as provide additional community support for those with developmental disabilities. The Organization has a longer term goal of building an inclusive park for those with and without disabilities. Such a park will enhance the health, physical fitness, wellness, independence, and an enhanced quality of life through inclusive fitness programs, including recreation and sports competition for people of all abilities and all ages, in community based, and accessible multi-use park(s).



**About the Hudson Valley MSBL (HVMSBL)**

The HVMSBL is the largest and longest running competitive adult baseball organization in the Hudson Valley. Run as a non-profit, the league currently has 32 teams and more than 500 players with 18+, 35+ and 45+ divisions, midweek, Saturday and Sunday morning ball. Though many ex-pro or college players

play in the league, it also is a great place for those that may have only played high school or recreational ball growing up.

For more information about our efforts, partnerships and get involved, please visit [www.3u3d.org](http://www.3u3d.org) or email the Organization at [hvmsbl@3u3d.org](mailto:hvmsbl@3u3d.org). The league may be reached at [hvmsbl@gmail.com](mailto:hvmsbl@gmail.com) to inquire about individual or full team participation.



## Fill the Truck – Carmel Rotary 10th Annual Food Drive

On Saturday and Sunday April 14 and 15, the Carmel Rotary Club will once again attempt to “Fill the Truck” with groceries at Shoprite, Route 52 in Carmel, to benefit our local food pantries. The residents of Carmel, Brewster, Kent, Patterson, Stormville, Pawling, Mahopac and surrounding towns have been exceptionally generous to those in need. Each year the residents of Putnam County have joined the members of the Carmel Rotary Club in this worthwhile cause to help those less fortunate. There are many families in our community that find it difficult to adequately feed their families. This is the 10th year that the Carmel Rotary Club will be sorting and bagging nonperishable food for distribution to the Brewster Food Pantry, Gilead Church in Carmel, Putnam Community Action Program (CAP), and St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. With the guidance and experienced direction of Carmel Rotarian George Knochel, joined by the Carmel High School National Honor Society, volunteers hope to even increase the volume of donations from the many previous successful years. If you are unable to take the time to shop either of those 2 days, why not consider stopping by and making a financial donation? All monetary contributions are divided among the food pantries and given gift cards to purchase additional groceries. For additional information please call Rotarian George Knoechel at 845-225-3919.

## Crossword Answers

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# How to Live With and Address Noise Problems in Our Midst

Recently I was made aware that I'm probably a noisy person. Not to myself so much, but maybe to others. More and more, if I'm watching television in one room and my wife is in another, she'll say mine is too loud.

I'll always remember the surprise of once driving onto my property where I was to meet my trusty painter to discuss the job of repainting some of my interior spaces. I was a little late, so I jumped out of my car without turning off the motor or radio to unlock the place. My painter, who had worked for me for a long time, looked at me askance and said, "Knowing the kind of man you are, I never would have thought you'd play loud music in your car!" Yes, I like loud music.

For more than 40 years I lived on a property with no homes near me, but now that I'm living in a condo with neighbors across and down the hall, I guess my reverberating days are over if I'm to be a considerate neighbor.

Just last week, a gentleman across



By Bill Primavera

the hall asked if the piano playing he heard was coming from my unit. Oh, no, I thought! I'm only able to play the American Songbook and I'm so rusty after a 30-year absence from the keyboard that I'm sure Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers are rolling over in their graves. Since that time, I haven't been playing late and have been using the soft pedal when I do.

Many of us have had some kind of proximity to a neighbor who is subject to noise we make. That can create problems, sometimes big ones. When I moved into

my first apartment in the city, it was new, cheap construction and the floor above me had no carpeting. Living there was a single mother who must have regularly worn spiked heels and had a child who could only have been possessed by a demon.

When my wife and I married and shared our first apartment in another new building, there was an older gentleman who lived in the apartment right off the lobby who loved to share his life with the building's other

residents. He must have been involved with entertainment in the 1950s, because he would leave his door open and sing songs of that period without accompaniment. Only in New York, right? His favorite was "A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation." Whenever my wife and I want to refer to the intrusion of one person's lifestyle, aka "noise," into another's, all we have to do is sing that song as code and it speaks volumes.

When we moved to the country, the vagaries of close proximity were lessened for sensitive ears and far different. There is the noise of lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and the biggest offender about which most of us complain, barking dogs, especially if they bark uninterrupted for too long. Most town codes have an acceptable length of time an owner can have a dog bark before a neighbor can ask that a warning be issued by the code enforcement officer.

For those of us who share condo or apartment walls, we have the same issues that those in the city have. I recently discussed this subject with a friend who told me that he shares walls on either side of his condo unit with other retired people.

"I know most things about their

lifestyles," he said, "like when the nice woman on one side of me can't sleep and I hear her TV go on in the middle of the night. We just adjust."

Sometimes it's a matter of luck or circumstances. My neighbor in the condo across the hall from my top-floor unit asked me if I hear a noisy motor on the roof as he does. I don't. He also indicated that he hears loud music until 11 p.m. and can't determine its source, while my unit is usually like a tomb. But, you never know.

Just recently, the condo next to mine experienced a major water leak from a burst pipe in the sprinkler system, causing major damage. All the walls and flooring had to be replaced, and the loud drilling and hammering that ensued for more than a month was almost unbearable.

Failing all else, I employed earplugs, the only solution.

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## On the Road In Search of a California Wine Gem



By Nick Antonaccio

There is a disconnect that marks the state of retail wine sales in the United States today. The quality of wines being produced domestically has been on the upswing every year over the past quarter century. It seems each year that the industry overcomes the obstacles Mother Nature imposes. Quantity may be affected, but not quality. This bodes well for consumers seeking quality at reasonable prices.

On the other hand, it has become increasingly difficult to discover new wines. The overwhelming quantity of wine in the retail marketplace is produced by a small group of mega corporations and distributed by an even smaller number of national distributors.

The smaller, artisanal wineries and winemakers are easily lost in the barrage of labels of the industry corporate leaders. The typical production of these smaller producers is less than 5,000 cases, rarely sufficient to sustain the appetite of large distributors

bent on repeat sales and sustained retail shelf space.

I've undertaken a personal quest to ferret out exceptional domestic wines that rarely occupy retail shelves. There are several wine shop owners who share my passion and goal. They seek out small distributors and are willing to offer selections with limited availability. Their customers understand the pitfall of finding a unique wine, becoming enamored with its bouquet or flavor profile and then rarely, if ever, seeing the wine again. In my opinion it is a fleeting love affair worth enduring.

But what of the artisanal wines that never land on a Westchester wine shelf? Are they doomed to tasting room sales, struggling in relative obscurity? The solution to this consumer dilemma is becoming increasingly clear to me. If limited production winemakers find it

difficult to reach out to a consumer base, then it behooves consumers to seek out these wineries.

Last year, and again this year, my wife and I embarked on pilgrimages to find the hidden gems of California wine country.

### You Heard It Through the Grapevine

The strategies we employed on our travels through Napa Valley and Sonoma County were presented in last week's column.

This week, I share several of these adventures up and down wine country highways and byways.

We began our journey on the northern trails of Napa in the town of Calistoga. Our goal was to find a headquarters from which to travel the lesser-known side roads of the Silverado Trail. We found this at the Calistoga Ranch Resort. The rooms were built into the sides of the eastern ridge above the valley, with vistas across most of the valley floor. In near proximity were several wineries we had discovered on the Internet and from sommeliers at local restaurants. But the greatest insights were in front of us each day as we checked in with the front desk and concierge at the ranch. We were in pursuit of winemakers who were "living the dream," making cult-like wines in arguably the most prestigious – and expensive – vineyards in the world.

We engaged our enthusiastic staff at the ranch each day for their insights. Little did we realize that the front desk was a venue for local winemakers to engage staff in conversation and invite them to sample their wines. The staff was living the dream of personalized tours

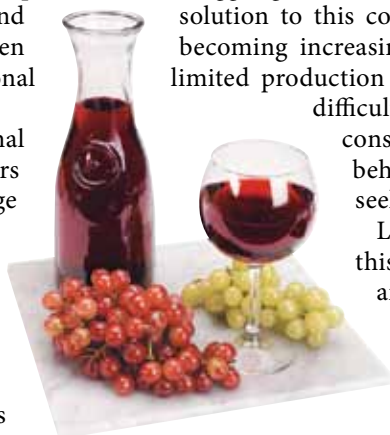
and tastings of wines they otherwise would not encounter. They unselfishly shared the names and arranged several exclusive appointments.

We were now living the dream ourselves. Electronic gates swinging open at a hidden driveway at the mention of Shannon, our enthusiastic oenophile at the ranch; following "Waze"-challenged directions to the home of a virtual winemaker; and squeezing in a lunch break at a local farm-to-table restaurant.

Each winery was unique. From touring the modern facility at AonAir Wine to sitting at the dining room table of the owners of WaterMark Wine, we shared the dream with the winemakers, bonding with nature and becoming mail-order fans of our newly discovered favorite wines.

Coming in a future column, the behind-the-scenes story of select wineries as entrepreneurs' dreams materialize into success.

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**Military Collectables and Knife Show** that will be held at the Patterson, New York Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson. Historical items for sale include Insignia, Medals, Uniforms, Equipment, Swords, Knives, Daggers, Custom Knives, Headgear, Books, Art Work, Antique Muzzle Loading Guns, Surplus, etc. The material covers the years from the American Revolution to the present day. There will also be several uniformed "Living Historians" who are ready to answer questions about the eras they represent. Vendors come from all over the Northeast. Do you have military items and would like to know more about them? Brian Benedict, "THE DUFFLE BAG MAN" will be available to identify and appraise your items free of charge, Great food available for breakfast and lunch. This family friendly show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5... Children under 12 Free with an adult. Part of the proceeds of this event goes to Patterson Recreation Center & American Veterans Historical Museum. For additional information about this event, contact The Patterson Recreation Center at 845-878-7200.

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### Tuesday, April 10

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

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**Mahopac Library's Teen Library Council Meeting.** 2:30 p.m. If you are a teen in grades 6 and up, join the TLC and have a say in what happens at your library! Planning meetings take place once a month. Earn Community Service hours during the planning and double community service when working at special library events throughout the year. Registration requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org).

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**Coloring for Adults at Mahopac Library.** 7 p.m., Re-connect with your inner child. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided; no registration needed. Call for information: 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Friday, April 13

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**The Kent Public Library will be having Movie Matinee Friday, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., JACKIE.** Following

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy fights through grief and trauma to regain her faith, console her children, and define her husband's historic legacy. Movie is rated R. Registration is required. Program is for adults. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes,

### Friday April 13:

**Spring Rummage Sale** - 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., & Saturday April 14: \$5/Bag 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.. First Presbyterian Church, 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd.) Mahopac. For more information please call: 845-628-2365 or email [presby411@verizon.net](mailto:presby411@verizon.net).

**Intro to Sign Language:** 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Emily, a National Honor Society member, will be teaching kids the basics of American Sign Language. This class will include kids learning to sign their names as well as some everyday words. For ages 7-10. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Cubing Club:** 6 p.m. Come try your hand at competitive speed cubing. Cubing Club is the place to learn tips, practice, and improve your skill at solving a cube! Participants should be able to solve a cube. We recommend participants bring their own cube if possible. Ages 13 and up. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

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Members of the Class D Putnam Valley girls' lacrosse team swarm G Kimberly Hyndman after the euphoric Tigers, including Jess Denike (2), defeated Class B Lakeland/Panas for the first time ever, doing so with a dramatic 11-10 victory over Keirra Ettere (18) and the host Rebels last Wednesday... see Girls' Lax Notebook



# Yorktown Anything but Crisp in 7-6 Loss to John Jay

## Hen Hud Upends Somers, 7-4; Pac Slips Past PV, 12-10

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
@Directrays

Gentlemen, start your engines! The annual regular season showdown between Yorktown High and John Jay CR is to Section 1 lacrosse what NASCAR's Daytona 500 is to auto racing; in that it signals the dawn of a new local lacrosse season. Yeah, they'd already played a few games by the time they met last Friday night at Jay, but this game has become the granddaddy of them all in this neck of the woods, and local laxers weren't let down.

There is plenty of #FakeNews in the world these days, so we'll spare you the bogus innuendo and get down to the cold, hard facts. The Class B Huskers (4-2) entered the fray with a 15-game win streak against the rival Indians (3-1), but that went by the wayside when Yorktown got sloppy – like, asleep-at-the-switch

sloppy –with the key possessions, and John Jay capitalized with a 7-6 triumph, its first over the Huskers since 2010.

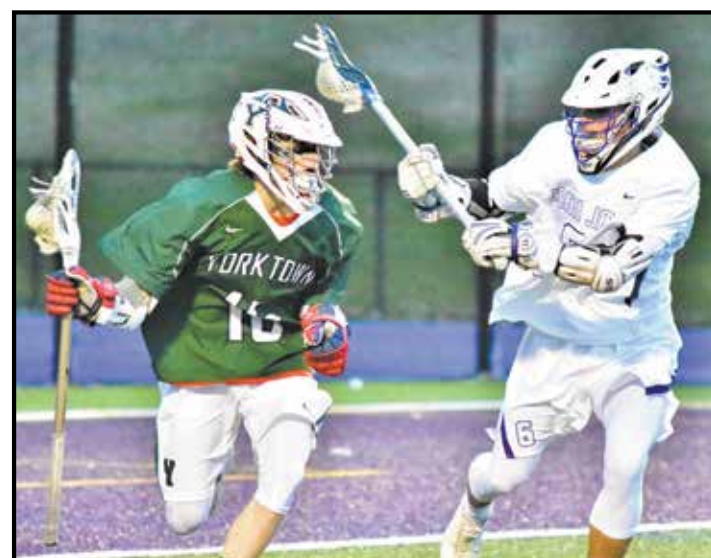
John Jay junior Bryce Ford (1G, 2A) subbed in and scored from 18 yards out with 10:08 to play for a 6-5 lead and Jack Gorman bounced another shot past Husker G Louis Ragusa (7 saves) with 8:18 left for a 7-5 lead. After a calamity of errors, including mental and physical miscues, Yorktown finally lit the lamp with 1:39 left to play, Husker M Hunter Embury doing the damage and cutting the deficit to one. Jay won the ensuing faceoff, shaved more time off the clock and left Embury with just eight seconds for one final run at Jay D Thor Adamec, who would not allow Embury so much as a sniff as time expired.

"We didn't play very well. To be flat-out honest we didn't play very good," Yorktown Coach Sean Carney admitted.

"They're very good take nothing away from them. They have good balance up and down the field, there's no doubt about it. But that was the sloppiest I've seen us play all year; it was turnover after turnover after turnover. Just some terrible plays. We had opportunities early where I thought we could cash in and we didn't. They gained some confidence then, and that's what happens when you make bad play after bad play after bad play. We didn't execute

and there's no doubt about it. That's on us. We got to execute better 6-on-6 offense, 6-on-6 defense, clearing the ball was not crisp, so we got to get better and we will."

Clearly, John Jay has, too, and the Indians will only get better upon the return of Duke-bound LSM Braden Burke, and, just as importantly, it will be tough to question the Indians' toughness this season. In years past, Jay didn't have the mental or physical



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown M Tim O'Callaghan tries to roll inside on Jay M Luke Mercer in Huskers' 7-6 loss to host Indians last Friday.

weeks from now and we hope we're there with them in the end again."

Neither coach was pleased with the



Yorktown senior All-American Brett Makar readies to let shot fly in Huskers' 7-6 loss to host John Jay last Friday.

### NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** – Precision passing will be key to their speed game next time they face Jay since the Huskers don't have a Casey/Cavallo-type who can post up and back down defenders.

**No.2 HEN HUD** – We challenged this Sailor club (3-1) to be better defensively in front of G Vinny Bell (9 saves vs. Somers) and the Dylan Fraser-led unit did that and then some. According to most pundits, the Class C road runs through either Rye or Pelham, indeed, but the Sailors figure to be more than just a speed bump as they give chase to the first title in school history.

**No.3 LAKELAND/PANAS** – We trust that Coach Jim Lindsay's club will get its issues straightened out by mid-May but getting back a healthy TJ Bryan is tantamount to anything the Rebels (1-3)

can do.

**No.4 SOMERS** – The Cartelli/Laspina connection should be enough to get these Tuskers (2-2) to a Class B Final 4 but they are going to find it tough to measure up against either Yorktown or Jay in the sectional semis.

**No.5 MAHOPAC** – This is a Class A outfit barely getting past a third-tier Class D Put Valley team, so unless something changes in a hurry we would not expect much more than a Final 4 run from the Indians (2-1); though we've been wrong before and shall be again. Just not certain this is one of those rare occasions.

**No.5A PUT VALLEY** – Not sure what happened in the loss to Carmel, but we believe Coach Weir has the Tigers (2-2) on the precipice of change, and Carmel is on that trail, too.



Yorktown senior A Jamison Embury celebrates his fourth goal of night in 7-6 loss to John Jay last Friday.

fortitude to hang with the Huskers, and Indian Coach Tim Schurr was the first to admit it.

"That's a great point and we have to sustain that," said Schurr. "We have moments where we're as tough as anybody in the past, but in order to be a really good team you have to play tough for 48 minutes and you got to be willing to take that shot and get up from it. We've been up on these guys in the past, but they keep on playing, so yeah that's a good point, but we're getting a little tougher, which we need to be. We know they'll be better six

crispness of play, and both admitted cold April nights will produce less-than-stellar lax. Yorktown All-American Brett Makar concurred, and expects the Huskers will be a much different team should they see each other in late May at Lakeland, home of the Section 1 finals.

"It was a sloppy game, for sure," Makar said. "I'm sure all in attendance can agree on that. I've enjoyed some really great wins, and, obviously, some tough losses. Hats off to John Jay for capitalizing on our mistakes and taking advantage of where

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# Sports

## Boys' LAX Notebook

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Somers junior M Conor Jakus wins a faceoff in Tuskers' 11-2 win over Carmel.



Somers A Vincent Cartelli had five goals and one assist for the Tuskers against Tyler Allocca (14) and the Carmel Rams.

we went wrong. They're a great team with a lot of good athletes. It stings but there is a lot of lacrosse left to be played, and we're taking it one day at a time to learn from this game and bounce back."

Husker Jamison Embury scored four goals to pace Yorktown, which had its

streak of 26-straight wins against Section 1 foes snapped (an 8-7 loss to Fox Lane in 2015). Tommy Beeby, Dean Ford, Sean Nolan and Michael Minard also scored for John Jay (3-1). Jamison Embury led the Huskers (4-2) with four goals. Blake Borges netted one for the Huskers.

In Yorktown's 15-7 triumph of Bridgewater Raritan (NJ), Hunter Embury (29 points) continued his torrid pace with five more goals for the Huskers, who took a commanding 5-1 first-quarter lead and ditched the Panthers quickly. Yorktown M Shane Dahlke added a hat trick while Keegan Doller and Justin Comerford each bagged a pair. Jamison Embury (38 points) did much of the feeding, scoring once and dishing four assists.



Somers A Brandon Laspina had a hat trick before halftime in Tuskers' 11-2 win over visiting Carmel and Michael Storen (10) last Thursday.



Carmel D Mack Hedman clears zone in 11-2 loss to Somers last Thursday.

In other Class B action, SOMERS showed some grit when Rye defeated the Tuskers, 11-5, last Wednesday, doing

so by winning 12 of 15 face-offs and establishing a possession dominance that was too much for the Tuskers to deal with.

"Rye was very good for sure, very strong across the board with an excellent face-off kid," Somers Coach Vid DeGregorio said.

The Tuskers responded in kind during an 11-2 drubbing of upstart Class A CARMEL on a windy Thursday. Somers senior Brandon LaSpina (4G, 1A) had the finest game of his career while senior Vincent Cartelli (3G, 1A) was uncontrollable and boosted his numbers to 13G, 4A on the year.

### CLASS A

LAKELAND/PANAS can only pray for a speedy return of middle TJ Bryan if they are going to trim the fat off a three-goal deficit between themselves and upstart Scarsdale, which has suddenly emerged as a Class A favorite after an impressive 12-9

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Yorktown M Hunter Embury takes one last futile run at Jay D Thor Adamec, who thwarted this last-ditch attempt in Huskers' 7-6 loss.



Yorktown freshman Blake Borges takes run at Jay's Charlie Murphy in visiting Huskers' 7-6 loss to Indians last Friday night.



## Sports

## Girls' LAX Notebook

## Putnam Valley Notches 1st Win over Lakeland/Panas

By Tony Pinciario

Once the 2017 season concluded, the PUTNAM VALLEY girls' lacrosse team was eagerly looking forward to 2018.

The Tigers had every right to be anxious because they played for the Section 1 Class D title in 2017. Despite the final result against Bronxville, Emma Rippon was well aware that the future was encouraging.

"Even though we lost, everyone was really happy with the way the season went," said Rippon, a four-year varsity starter. "We just wanted to get this season going. It was what we were all thinking about. We were looking forward to it because we feel we've gotten better and we're hoping to have a great season again."

Putnam Valley has sprung from the gate with three consecutive wins after an opening-game upset loss. The Tigers improved to 3-1 with an 11-10 victory over Lakeland/Panas and a 17-5 shellacking of Wappingers. Putnam Valley began its run beating Brewster, and the win over Lakeland/Panas, a perennial Class A power in the past, was the first time PV has done so in history.

Rippon, who will attend Iona in September and play lacrosse, said the team came into preseason ahead of schedule.

"We were able to pick up where we were ended last season," Rippon said. "We were able to get into working on more plays and focusing on other teams and how they play. It was a big advantage."

One thing Putnam Valley looks forward to is a challenging schedule. The Tigers have scheduled Class A and Class B schools in an attempt to help them raise their level of play. It's a challenge the girls welcome.

"Playing the big schools has prepared us for sectionals," Rippon said. "Even though we have a tougher schedule this year, we look forward to the games against the big schools and it makes us work even harder



RICK KUPERBERG/ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Put Valley's Jessica Denike is chased by L-P's Emma Halderman in Tigers' 11-10 win over Rebels last Wednesday.

for these games."

Following the season-opening loss to Byram Hills, Putnam Valley addressed it in practice and came out with a victory over Brewster.

"We were shocked by Byram Hills," said Rippon, who registered her 100th varsity goal last week. "Something just didn't click with us. We all just clicked when we played Brewster. We were working together and playing together. It was a really good feeling and we were all so excited."

Even though Putnam Valley has won three in a row, Rippon said the team is ready for the next challenging stretch, which includes North Salem and Bronxville.

Jackie Phillips and Rippon each had

a hat trick in the victory over Lakeland/Panas. Maddie Deegan collected two goals and Meredith Conlin and Kaitlin Cohen each had a goal.

"It was a great defensive effort by all," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Morgan Winogradoff made a huge play with 40 seconds remaining. She forced a turnover and gained possession to help solidify the win. Sisters, Kaitlin and Lindsey Cohen, set the pace on attack and when defending, on the clear, as well."

Phillips rang up four goals and three assists against Wappingers. Lindsay Cohen and Rippon had three goals apiece and Deegan added a goal and three assists.

LAKELAND/PANAS improved to 4-1 on the season with a pair of wins – 18-5 over Ossining and 7-6 over Mahopac – around an 11-10 setback to a flourishing Putnam Valley.

Jenna McCrudden, Emily Kness and Kelsey McCrudden each had four goals as Lakeland/Panas scored a season-high 18 goals. Jenna McCrudden also collected five assists and Kness handed out three assists. Raquel Nieves chipped in two goals while Keirra Etter, Megan Mucci, Katelyn Cerrato and Kristen Kelly each had one.

Kness and Etter each had two goals and two assists against Putnam Valley and the McCrudden sisters each had two goals. Cara O'Shea and Mucci also scored.

Lakeland/Panas rebounded from the loss with the one-goal victory over Mahopac as the trio of Kness, Mucci and Nieves each had two goals and Miranda Lopes handled seven shots.

BREWSTER had one game during spring break, a 17-6 victory over

Pleasantville as Lauren Craft scored four goals and added two assists. Meagan Beal and Haile Ratajack each contributed a hat trick.

"We played well the first half," Brewster Coach Sara DiDio said. "I felt our team moved the ball well and worked as a team. Our attack kept their heads up and found open players to score. Our defense was loud and working as a unit."

"In the second half, Pleasantville came back fighting. They controlled most of the second half and did not let up for a second. They weren't afraid to drive and kept our defense on their toes."

Dani Regan chipped in two goals and three assists and Marina Souza, Maggie DePaoli, Gillian Cunningham and Jane Scinta all had a goal apiece. Danielle Heintz stopped nine shots.

Brewster has a busy week with Harrison, Putnam-County rival, Mahopac, and Fox Lane on the schedule.

OSSINING bounced back from its loss to Lakeland/Panas with a 13-11 triumph over Our Lady of Lourdes. Ossining then handed Croton a 10-6 loss.

Pride sniper Kacie Scarduzio scored a game-high six goals and Julia Iorio added three goals. Goalie Kylie Taxiera stopped eight shots, including a shot on a free possession with 1:50 remaining to seal the win, according to Ossining Coach Patrick Wheeler.

"It was great to start our season with two wins in the first week after only winning three games last year," Wheeler said. "We have been working all preseason on getting better defensively and the girls have really responded. We rely a lot on our two seniors, Kelsey Quain and Kailee Ingegneri, on the back end to calm things down and make sure we are communicating. I credit the newest member of our staff, Stefanie Rodriguez, who has done a great job teaching the girls where to be and how to play with more of a team concept."

Brooke Weeks finished with two goals and an assist against Lourdes. Ashley Edmonds added a goal and an assist and Lily Barossi scored her first varsity goal.

"Brooke and Julia, both sophomores, along with Kacie, a freshman, are becoming more confident on the offensive end and are starting to see the field," Wheeler said. "And I can't say enough about the play of Kylee in goal. She's replacing a four-year starter in Molly Haag. Kylee's been phenomenal stopping the ball and leading into transition opportunities."

MAHOPAC opened its week with a second-half surge to overcome Fox Lane, 11-9, then dropped a 7-6 decision to Lakeland/Panas.

Caroline Raymond led the way against Fox Lane with four goals and three assists.

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Mahopac sniper Caroline Raymond beats three Fox Lane defenders and the goalie for one of 4 goals in 11-9 win.



# Sports

## Girls' LAX Notebook

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Members of the Putnam Valley girls' lacrosse team bum-rush G Kimberly Hyndman after the Tigers defeated host Lakeland/Panas, 11-10, for the first time ever.

Sophia DeFrancesco netted three goals, Gigi Genovese scored twice and Christina Lopreato and Ally Conlin each had a goal.

Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto pointed out his team trailed, 5-2 in the first half. In

the second half, DeFrancesco, Raymond, Lopreato and Genovese scored four consecutive goals, giving Mahopac the lead for good at 8-6.

"Our defense, led by Siobhan Hynes

and goalie Jordan Barbagallo, really closed the door on Fox Lane, allowing only one goal in the first 10 minutes of the second half," Lieto said. "Fox Lane scored with two minutes to go to get within 11-9, but Barbagallo made multiple key saves and our offense was able to run out the clock for the victory. Fox Lane is a fantastic team and I admire our team's ability to stay positive, lift each other up, and come away victorious."

Mahopac and Lakeland/Panas were even at 4-4 after one half before the Rebels outscored the Indians, 3-2, in the second half.

Conlin had two goals and Raymond added one goal and one assist. Natalie Scanlon, Lindsay Neilis and DeFrancesco each had a goal.

"It's tough to lose a close one, at home, like this," Lieto said. "We felt like we did a lot of things well, but we just couldn't finish off a couple of scoring opportunities. Credit to both defenses and goalies for such a strong game on both sides."

Ellen O'Callaghan had three goals in a



Brewster's Lauren Craft sets up one of four goals she would score in Saturday's 17-6 rout of Pleasantville.

13-6 loss to Cold Spring Harbor.

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### Yorktown Anything but Crisp in 7-6 Loss to John Jay

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road win last Thursday.

Bryan, a cagey junior face-off man, might have made up the difference, but L/P shot itself in the foot with a handful of costly penalties that kept the Rebels out of synch in the second half. Senior A JoJo Janavey paced the Rebels with four goals, but it wasn't nearly enough to hold off Scarsdale, a 2017 semifinalist that has never won a Section 1 title and last challenged for one in 1985, an 11-10 Class B title loss to Byram Hills.

In Lakeland/Panas' annual showdown with Section 2 heavyweight Shenedehowa, Rebel youngsters Alex Davoli and Matt Makar each scored two goals while Marist-bound senior JoJo Janavey dished out two assists. Sean Laukaitis and Matt Hodges scored one apiece for Lakeland/Panas, which discovered that the push to the NYS Final 4 will go through Shen', or the Section 2 powers that be, in all likelihood.

Janavey and Laukaitis each bagged a hat trick in the Rebels' 13-12 loss to Class D Bronxville Saturday.

**MAHOPAC** held on by the skin of its teeth in a 12-10 win over Class D PUTNAM VALLEY, which isn't a good sign if the Indians plan on contending for the Class A title.

#### CLASS C

**HEN HUD** junior A Max Popolizio popped off four goals and, more impressively, dished seven assists to come within a point of a school record for points in a game (12 by Todd Horgan) to lead the Class C Sailors to an 18-8 win over Class A

Arlington. The lefty-cranking Popolizio's seven assists were one more than he had all last season. Villanova-bound senior A Austin Fraser took seven shots and tickled twine five times for the Sailors (2-1). Sailor junior A Connor Gallagher and senior M AJ Pannella each scored twice.

"The kids showed examples of a good team lacrosse and good team offense in pockets," Sailor skipper Troy Lepore said. "When we play selfish, or try to make one-on-one plays, we allow the other team back into it. We have a lot to work on. We're big on film, not for just where we need to improve, but also so the kids can see all the positives. When we make the extra pass and move off ball, we get everyone involved; that goes for clearing the ball, too. As a result, over the last two games, we've seen contributions from a lot of guys. Consistency is key. We gotta keep that up and take the same approach each game moving forward."

Hen Hud added to its good-time feeling with a 7-4 win over visiting Somers on Saturday when Fraser (17 points) went off for another five marks. Connor Gallagher (1G, 1A), Mekhi Grey (1G) and Popolizio (2A) all

figured into the act. Cartelli scored three goals for the Tuskers.

Senior M Josh Nelson notched a career-high five goals in **BREWSTER'S** 16-10 win over Clarkstown South last Thursday for the Bears and junior A Patrick Feehan added three goals and one assist. Bob Conklin also scored three times. Senior A Kevin Moroney and Charlie Russell each had a pair of goals for Brewster. Bears freshman G Billy Finn (12 saves) had the finest outing of his budding career as Brewster (2-1) notched its first win.

The Bears followed that up with a 10-4 win over Section 9's Pine Bush.

"Kids played really well, especially adapting on the fly," Bears Coach Mike Honey said. "We are very young with four



Putnam Valley G Travis Anderson stops point-blank shot from Mahopac's James O'Brien in Tigers' 12-10 loss to Indians Saturday.

freshmen up on varsity, but they practice hard and are willing to get better. The whole season will be a work in progress."

#### CLASS D

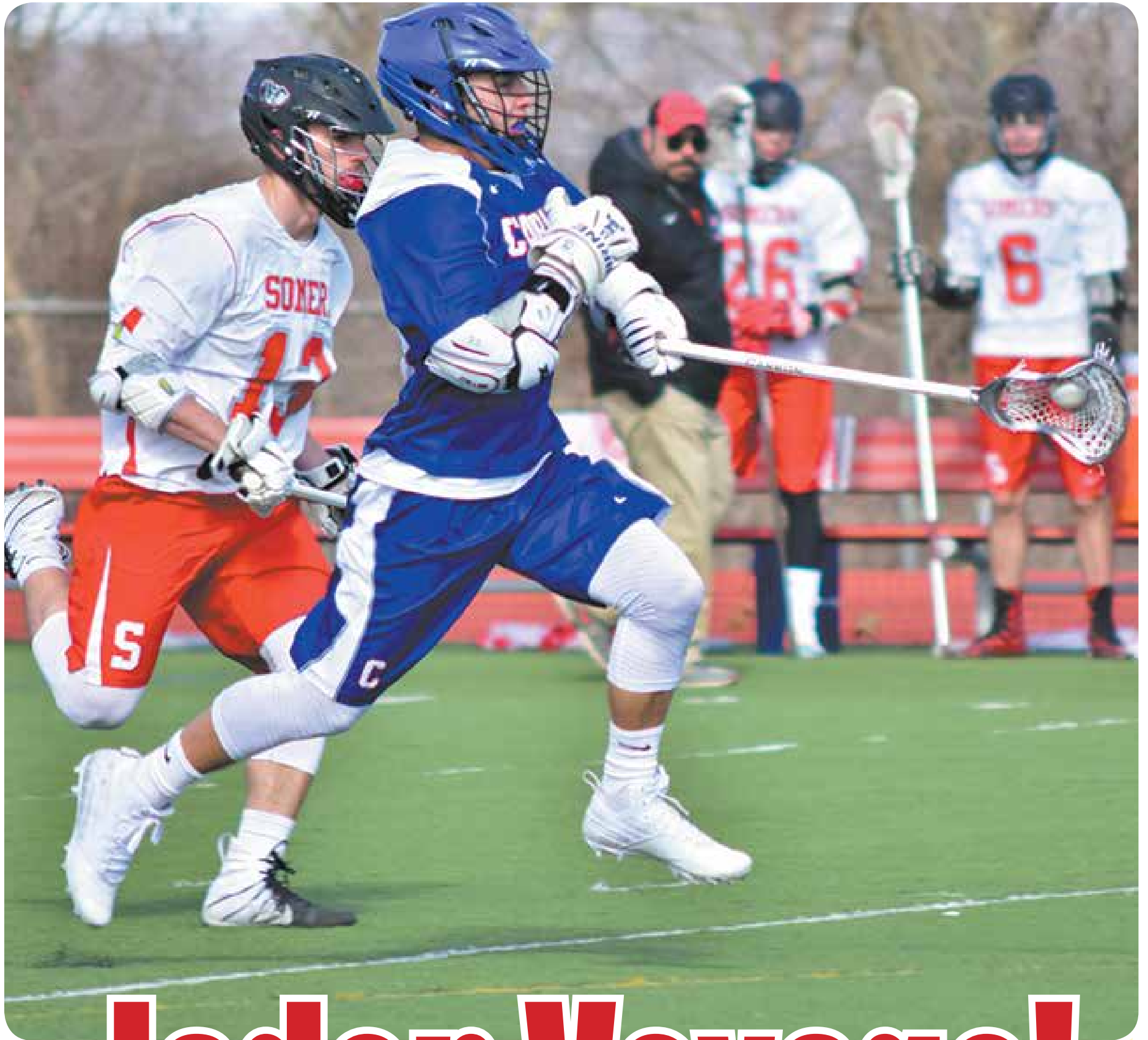
**PUTNAM VALLEY** showed some essential scoring depth in a 5-4 win over 2017 Section 1 Class A runner-up Wappingers Falls last Wednesday. The Class D Tigers saw M Joey Vandeverdonk score twice while Lucas Colavecchio, Kyle Wassil and Jack Longden also scored.

Most importantly, PV's zone defense stood tall before senior G Travis Anderson (10 saves).

"I thought our kids did a fantastic job of following the game plan," PV Coach Tim Weir said. "We thought it was going to be a low scoring game, so we had to limit our mistake and take advantage of our scoring opportunities which we did. Wappingers put a lot of pressure on our defense in the 4th quarter but, Travis came up big a few times. From early second quarter to the 4th quarter with 6:39 left the defense held them scoreless. They did a great job of communicating and playing team defense. All in all, it was a great win for the kids, which I hope springboards us to bigger and better things." Against Mahopac, Tiger M Mike Nolan (3G, 5A) scored a career-high eight points in a losing effort while Joey Vandeverdonk notched five goals.

**HALDANE'S** Brandon Twoguns came out wielding weapons in the Blue Devils' 15-0 win over Peekskill, netting five goals. Teammates Darrin Santos (3G) and Jagger Beachak (2G, 3A) were equally proficient on the attack.





# Jaden Voyage!

## Carmel Hits Rough Patch in 11-2 Loss to Somers

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Carmel senior sniper Jaden Pellino (R) was a big part of the Rams' early success as they came out of the gate with a 3-0 start, but Carmel was no match for host Somers and Vincent Cartelli (L) last Thursday when the Tuskers posted an 11-2 victory over the Rams, who are going to hit some bumps in the road as they continue to develop the program under first-year Coach Matt Caione... see Boys' Lax Notebook