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GOP Challenger Comes Forward to Battle Odell

By David Propper

A Republican primary seems likely for the office of Putnam County Executive after a GOP challenger came forward to take on incumbent MaryEllen Odell last week.

Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum officially announced his run for county executive last Thursday as he begins an uphill battle against Odell, who is seeking her final full term in office. Denbaum, running on a message of limited government and lower taxes, said he believes he can do a better job moving the county into the future.

Denbaum said he's running for the top post in the county because he sees a lack of leadership at the county level

and diminished opportunities for young families to live in the high tax region. He touted that on the Kent town board, he's never voted to raise taxes with each year resulting in a no-increase budget.

"We cannot tolerate the ever-increasing property taxes and lack of businesses and job creation, that sadly Putnam County has become known for," Denbaum said in a statement.

He criticized the county's spending at Tilly Foster Farm and the Putnam County Golf Course, characterizing them as "pet projects" and stating the attention of the two county owned properties have diverted resources from roads and other infrastructure needs.

"Putnam County is more than just a



Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum is running for Putnam County Executive.

farm and a golf course, but until we have a County Executive that will think big and share a vision for our future, we will never realize our true potential," Denbaum said.

The GOP convention to determine whether Odell or Denbaum gets the support from the county Republican committee is set for May. Whichever candidate gets the nod would get help from GOP committee members when collecting petition signatures to get on the ballot. Typically, the incumbent gets the support from the committee.

But Denbaum has bucked the GOP establishment in the past. He came onto the political scene in 2013 when

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Putnam Students Rally to Demand Stronger Gun Laws

By Anna Young

Students from the Carmel and Brewster school systems gathered outside the Historic Putnam County Courthouse Saturday morning to demand stronger gun legislation be enacted to put an end to the incessant stretch of gun violence throughout the nation.

Student speakers delivered passionate speeches describing their fear of violence and vowing to fight for stricter gun control laws. The roughly 35 students in attendance also memorialized the 13 people killed at Columbine High School in Colorado

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Teenagers from Carmel and Brewster made their voices heard last weekend during a gun control rally in the heart of Putnam County.

County Allots More Funding for New Senior Center

By David Propper

More money will almost certainly be poured into the Lahey Pavilion renovations in Cold Spring as Putnam County leaders hope to open the county's new senior center around the fall time.

During a physical services committee meeting, deputy highway commissioner John Tully requested the county Legislature expend another \$300,000 for the senior center project located at the Butterfield redevelopment on top of the more than \$1 million put forth for the renovation. The funds would be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund, according to a memo from Tully to lawmakers. The funding would cover the project's shortfalls and kitchen equipment, furniture, and furnishing, according to the memo.

Because the money is coming from a reserve fund, Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said it would have "zero fiscal impact."

The current amount set aside for the project is about \$1.2 million, but now the cost would be \$1,356,000 if the legislature approves the extra money. When the county put the project out to bid the first time last year, the lowest bid came back at roughly \$1.8 million, which was too high for the county to accept.

The county highway department has completed demolition and plumbing work and value engineering changes to

the HVAC system, Tully said. The county parks department also spent time doing work on the 6,000 square-foot space, Tully added.

The county is leasing the space from developer Paul Guillaro.

"We worked around the weather during the winter and it worked out well," Tully said.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents the district where the center would go, said she was excited to move the project ahead and work with union members that are going to contribute to the completing the center.

"I know about 100 seniors that are going to be waiting to see this," Scuccimarra said.

At times, Scuccimarra stops by the Butterfield campus and even puts a hard hat on to assess the progress that's been made.

Legislator Carl Albano said projects can go over budget and he was willing to allot the additional funds from contingency to complete the project. No lawmaker spoke out against the additional funding.

The county is also hoping to get funds from state and federal grants. With the help of state Sen. Sue Serino and state Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, the county could get reimbursed \$500,000

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he clinched a seat on the town board by topping longtime office holder and Republican Lou Tartaro and he's fresh off an election win in 2017 to retain his councilman seat in Kent.

In an interview, Denbaum said Putnam is currently stagnant with no direction or plan moving forward. He stressed more effort needs to be put into consolidating services and other cost saving measures.

Denbaum also noted plans have been discussed for new sewer lines for years and a proposed hotel has also been

mentioned many times, but neither has happened yet.

"Someone needs to take the reins, become a leader, be focused and set priorities and if we do that we can be successful," Denbaum said.

When referring to the Tilly Foster and the golf course, Denbaum asserted while those properties are part of the community, they should not be the centerpieces of the future of the county.

"That type of thinking is so below the level that we need to move the county forward that I just think the projects needed to take their proper role in county

government," Denbaum said. "Not to be the focus of the county executive's office."

Odell, in a statement responding to Denbaum entering the race, said she was proud of her administration's achievements since 2011 when she took office. She added she was committed to keeping the county tax bill low and developing a strong Main Street economy.

"I certainly look forward to all opportunities in the upcoming election season to reinforce to our residents how far we have come and how proud we should all be to live in this beautiful county," Odell stated.

In an interview, Odell said she was "motivated and energized" heading into campaign season. She scoffed at Denbaum's assertion that Tilly Foster Farm and Putnam County Golf Course are pet projects.

She said past administrations invested money into both county properties, without much success. Now, she said both Tilly Foster and the golf course have become "gateway destinations" and residents are going onto the properties for first time since either was purchased.

"He may refer to it as a pet project," Odell said. "I look at it as two incredible gateway destinations that the people of Putnam County are not only enjoying, but they're extremely proud of them."

This is the second elected office holder

'Someone needs to take the reins, become a leader, be focused and set priorities,' - Paul Denbaum

from Kent to pursue the county executive's office. Democrat and Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming is also running.

When she found out Denbaum was running Thursday, she sent her town board colleague a text welcoming him to the race. His entrance to the race shows even Republicans are also unhappy with the state of the county, Fleming said.

When asked if the two Republicans fighting it out would help her, Fleming said she wasn't going to speculate.

"I'm hoping that we have an open discourse and that my positions are clearly understood," Fleming said. "I'm hoping what helps me is that people actually think I have a good vision for Putnam."



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Entities Within Putnam Consider Tax Break for Proposed Hotel

By David Propper

If Putnam County residents want to welcome the county's first ever brand name hotel to the area, the Industrial Development Agency will need to dole out tax benefits before that can happen.

The proposed hotel, which is located on Peach Lake Road, would be a Best Western located in the Town of Southeast. Although construction has been stalled for a time because of poor financing, the hotel would include 57 rooms when completed. In order for the tax benefits to be given out, several entities, including the county, Southeast town board, and Brewster school system, would need to agree to award the benefits.

The building is already 80 percent complete and the new owner -- who would take over from the current owners that ran out of money -- is ready to assume the project. If something isn't done, the partially built hotel could remain vacant, Legislator Neal Sullivan said, which is why it's important to entice the new owners with tax benefits.

During a legislative meeting earlier this month, Sullivan said the new potential owner is looking to assume the same benefits that were afforded to the current owners many years ago.

"It's a very important project in Putnam County," Sullivan said.



Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay and Councilwoman Liz Hudak at the April 12 meeting.

Sullivan said the IDA would need approval from the county, the town of Southeast, and the Brewster school system. If one of those municipalities is against doling out the benefits, Sullivan said, it could prevent the abatements from occurring.

No one from the IDA was at the legislative meeting and no attorney was in attendance for the new owner. IDA chairman Bill Nulk said in an interview

the IDA looks forward to approving the project for tax breaks if the county, town, and school district are all on the same page.

The project originally was approved for benefits from the IDA in 2009, but never received them because construction wasn't completed.

The new possible owner who would take over the project, Shelly Nichani of Greenwich Hospitality Group, wants

those same benefits if he were to purchase the property. Without receiving those benefits, he would not move forward with the project, attorney Jamie Spillane said at an April 12 Southeast town board meeting.

The assessment on the property is \$1.2 million, but once the project is done it would be \$5.1 million. If the sale to Nichani goes forward, it would take 120 days to finish up the hotel.

More information and firmer numbers are expected to be presented at Thursday's Southeast meeting.

The property would eventually go into foreclosure if Nichani doesn't assume the property, Spillane said.

"It's at a bit of standstill now," Spillane said.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt said if the new owner has such deep pockets, why would he need tax benefits. She questioned how significant the job opportunities would be at the hotel.

"I have a real problem giving up tax dollars," Eckardt said.

Spillane said the hope is to bring more people into the area and those visitors would go to Putnam eateries and other small businesses.

"The incentive is to bring business into the area and that's the IDA's mission," Spillane said.

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on April 20, 1999.

While the student activists were born after the Columbine massacre, they charged elected officials have allowed mass shootings to become a social norm over the last 19 years.

"The routine that America lives by has become a constant cycle of mass shootings followed by useless thoughts and prayers, debates on social media, everyone forgetting about it, and congress continuing to do nothing about it until the next mass shooting," Carmel High School senior Taylor Smith said at the April 21 protest. "We cannot and will not be silenced for there's nothing more violent than the words left silent."

Saturday's protest was the latest national student-led political movement since the deadly shooting at Majory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla on Feb. 14 that killed 17 people, including 14 students. Last month, students nationwide, including throughout Putnam, ushered the March for Our Lives rally and a national school walkout.

"I don't want to go to school and pray every period that I will make it home. I don't want to walk the halls or the streets in fear that someone who



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Carmel senior Kaitlyn Rosario holds up a sign during the protest.

shouldn't have had a gun has one and decided to use it on me," Carmel senior Kaitlyn Rosario said. "I should be worried about the mean girls spreading rumors about me, about my calculus test, my research paper. I should be focused on getting everything done and ready for college, not worried about getting gunned down in school or anywhere else."

Carmel senior Anne Pozner expressed her outrage that her generation will forever be remembered for a plethora of mass shootings. She said students will continue to demonstrate and encourage others to vote until changes are made.

"Each day we enter a school building and we fear the next mass shooting could be us. In today's nation, no matter what type of community it is, gun violence is a problem that cannot and will not be tolerated any longer," Pozner said. "This isn't just about the school shootings but every single irresponsible act of gun violence that occurs all over our nation time and time again."

While several drivers passing by honked their horns in solidarity, few screamed obscene language from their cars during the protest. But the naysayers didn't stop the students from waving signs along the streets and chanting numerous slogans such as, "No more silence, end gun violence" and "Vote them out."

Opponents of gun control laws have stated that the banning of certain weapons or heavy-handed regulations could infringe on their second amendment rights and more guns actually deter and prevent crime.

Students also provided voter registration forms urging attendees to vote and promising to defeat elected officials who oppose them.

"Our generation is angry. We don't want to die in our schools. We don't want to be afraid to learn," Brewster senior Hannah Spatz said. "We are the generation that has grown up with school shootings, we won't let it happen to another generation."



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Carmel student Taylor Smith was one of several young ladies to speak during the Saturday morning protest.

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Legislators to Expend Funds for Fireworks Show Security

By David Propper

The 4th of July fireworks show will go on in the Town of Southeast this year after the Putnam County Legislature seemed keen on expending the money to cover security costs.

During a protective services committee meeting last Thursday, legislators were receptive to Sheriff Robert Langley's request for about \$10,000 to be allotted in overtime costs for the sheriff's office to work the event scheduled to take place on July 1. In previous years, lawmakers were more hesitant to approve the money because of high costs that reached \$14,000 or more under former sheriff Don Smith.

Langley said the lower cost projections is the result of relying on more volunteer agencies to help with directing traffic and other crowd control measures. The plan is to also use fewer deputies and not

have those deputies at the location of the fireworks for as many hours.

Langley said the Putnam County Firemen's Association fire police and Brewster fire police would have a more active role in handling the large number of people that attend the fireworks show. A drone will also likely be used to survey the crowd to ensure there are no problems, Langley said. The use of a drone would be a first in the county's history.

Last year, close to 30 law enforcement officers manned the location of the fireworks, but this year it is anticipated

about 15 officers will be present.

Legislators in past years under former sheriff Smith thought the number of the officers on hand and the number of hours they were there were excessive. Langley said by not using volunteers in the past, it's created an animosity and the volunteers' training is not being used to the fullest extent.

"I think it's great opportunity to have the agencies work together," Legislator Carl Albano said.

Langley said past approaches to securing the event were "abusive" to the

taxpaying community. He said he wants the event to be more family friendly and less intimidating.

County lawmakers, all Republicans, commended Langley, a Democrat, for the new approach he's taking toward the fireworks event.

"I think it's a great event and I appreciate what you've done to cut the costs," Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said. "I think it's a great event, not just for the community, but the sheriff's department mingling with the community in a good, safe environment, positive environment."

Heroin Drug Bust Conducted in Southeast

By David Propper

The area near Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in the Town of Southeast became the center for something besides family fun when a drug bust occurred in its parking lot earlier this month.

New York City man Jassell Franco was arrested on heroin related sales charges after he sold the deadly drug to an undercover sheriff's deputy on April 6, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's office.

Earlier this month, a deputy assigned to the sheriff's narcotics enforcement unit developed information that the defendant was involved in the sale of heroin in the county, according to the sheriff's office. The deputy was able to make contact with Franco and arrange a purchase of 150 bags of heroin, authorities said. On the night of April 6, members of the narcotics unit took Franco into custody during a drug transaction in the Applebee's parking lot on Independent Way in Southeast.

Franco, of Manhattan, was charged with one felony count of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree and one felony count of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree.

Franco was arraigned before Kent Judge Timothy Curtis and sent to Putnam County Correctional Facility on \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 bond.

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from the state dormitory authority.

Scuccimarra met with staff from the office of Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, a Cold Spring resident, about attaining federal funding for the project last week. During an audit meeting Thursday, she said she met with two staffers and hopes they can help if possible.

"After all, this is his town," Scuccimarra at the physical services meeting said of Maloney. "We've been fortunate to

have money from Senator Serino and Assemblywoman Galef so I don't see why the congressman can't (contribute)."

The senior center at the Butterfield campus has been dogged with controversy dating back to more than a year ago when many residents questioned if it was worth pouring money into a space that the county would only lease, rather than own. Originally, the late Roger Ailes, a Garrison resident and former Fox News chairman, was going to donate \$500,000 to the project in return for having

his name affixed to the center. When revelations came out that he allegedly sexually harassed multiple women at Fox News, the legislature delayed approving the charitable agreement and Ailes pulled his donation.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell said she was confident the latest numbers to finish off the center are solid. Some of the items not originally in the center's budget were the kitchen equipment and furnishings.

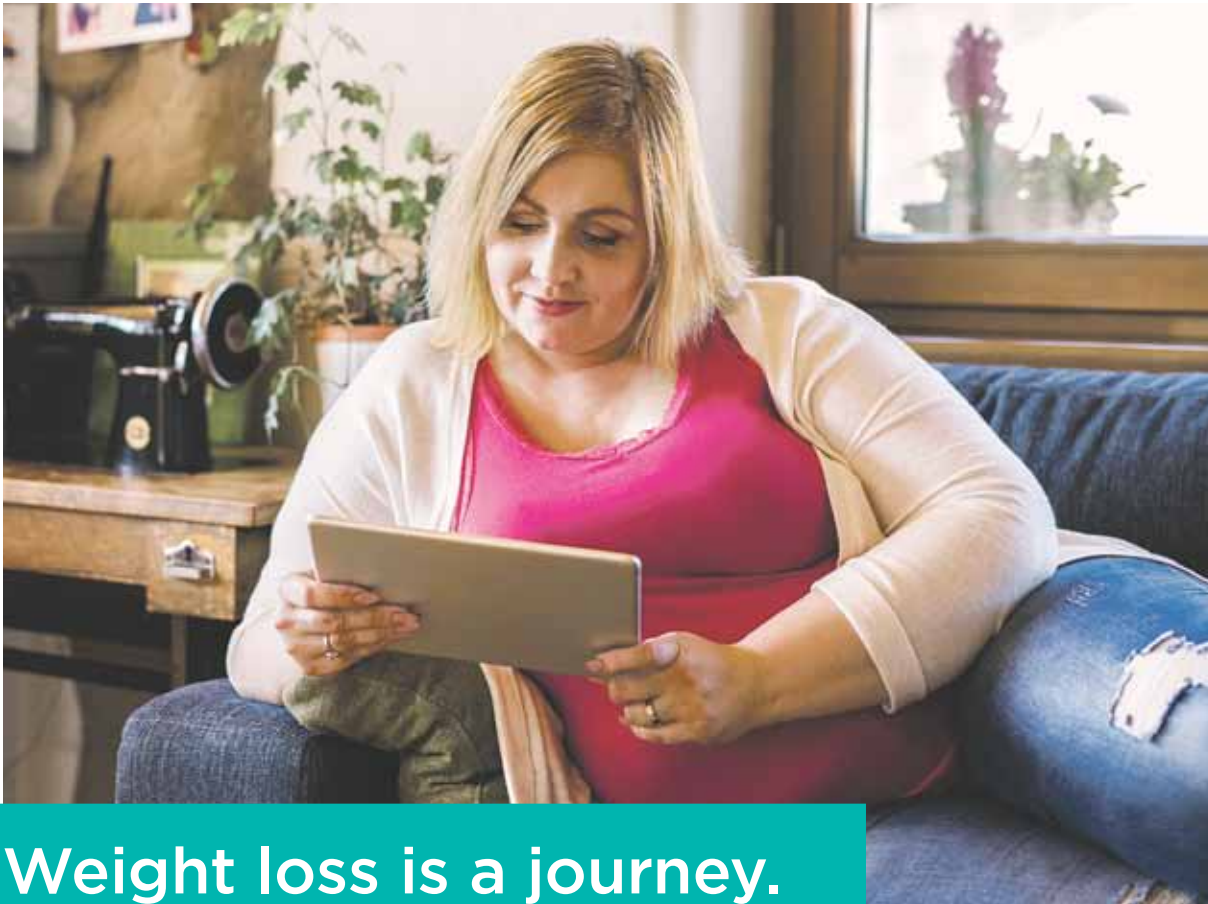
She called the future center a valuable

asset that will serve many seniors in the coming years.

"It shouldn't be about money, it should be about giving the seniors finally the senior center that they deserve and that's always kept us motivated," Odell said. "You're going to put a price on the happiness and the well-being and the nutrition of our seniors?"

Once the bid is awarded and work gets underway, it would take about 180 days or less to renovate the space and open it to senior citizens in the community.

"This should, according to our estimate, should take care of the whole project," finance commissioner Bill Carlin said at the audit meeting about the extra \$300,000.



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Somers Board Votes to Use Cameras to Catch Litter Bugs

By Neal Rentz

The Somers town board voted unanimously earlier this month to allow town-owned surveillance cameras to catch litter dumpers.

The board approved the change to Chapter 118 titled "Littering and Dumping." Supervisor Rick Morrissey said the new provision is different from the law in neighboring Yorktown, which allows photos from private citizens to seek litterers. The Somers law would only allow town-surveillance to be used.

The two residents who spoke during last week's public hearing, both members of the Somers Litter Task Force, supported the change. Rich Nash, who has lived in Somers since 1947, said littering in the town has increased in recent years. "We never had a litter problem like this," he said.

Using town-owned cameras to capture the image of litter bugs was needed in Somers, Nash said. "It would help us tremendously," he said.

Another Litter Task Force member, Ann Gullen, also spoke in support of the legislation, which she said would help her organization in combatting littering in town.

The Town Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing and to enact the legislation.

The Putnam County Legislature discussed using litter cameras last month after lawmaker Bill Gouldman brought the issue forward. Further discussion is expected in the coming months.

Murphy, Residents Take Utilities to Task for Poor Storm Response

By Anna Young

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) hosted a public forum last Thursday with local officials and utility representatives to help prevent future widespread power outages suffered as a result of last month's dual nor'easters.

Throughout the two-hour meeting at John F. Kennedy High School in Somers also attended by representatives from Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), Murphy and residents blasted the utilities for inadequate preparation and response to the Mar. 2 wind and rainstorm and the Mar. 7 snowstorm.

"We were out of power for approximately 10 days. I personally was out eight days with my wife and three kids," Murphy said. "We have had enough of the e-mails and the robocalls, we have representatives because they were kind enough to be here but we are going to get some answers."

Con Edison representatives said they prepared a week before the first storm struck by requesting line workers through mutual aid. But they anticipated a much weaker storm than what arrived.

"For Con Edison, Westchester County was our hardest hit area," said Steve Parisi, Con Edison's vice president for Westchester electric operations.

With roughly 104,000 outages in the county, Parisi said the Mar. 2 storm caused more damage and outages than Hurricane Irene in 2011. He said the second storm, which triggered 43,000 additional outages, caused restoration efforts to lag.

Inaccurate information provided to customers during the storm was also blamed on a "software defect," he said.

"While we believe we effectively followed our executed storm response plan, clearly this is not acceptable and it's not the result we were striving for," Parisi said. "We're committed to making the long-term corrective actions to ensure we provide customers with timely and accurate information throughout similar events."

Cindy Chadwick, NYSEG's director of public affairs, said the utility followed its most current emergency plans and staged about 850 line workers and tree cutting crew members across the state prior to the first storm. Chadwick said NYSEG's Brewster division, which includes Yorktown, Lewisboro, North Salem, Bedford, Pound Ridge and Somers, was most impacted.

Following the Mar. 2 storm, Chadwick said NYSEG had 1,200 workers, including its own personnel, local contractors and additional resources. NYSEG reported more than 72,000 customers without power, 3,000 downed wires, 400 broken poles and damage to the transmission and distribution infrastructure.

Despite lengthy explanations from both utilities, angry residents said there wasn't enough personnel available to restore



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

State Sen. Terrence Murphy, seated center, with officials from several towns and representatives from Con Edison and NYSEG during a public forum he hosted last week.

power more swiftly

"I don't consider a four-day restoration an acceptable restoration time. The storm was Friday, but a Tuesday restoration isn't something we should be applauding," Somers resident Andrea Peters said. "I expect workers to be in place when there's a storm in my town ready to go. And they shouldn't have to come from eight to 10 hours away two to three days later."

Peters added that she has fought with NYSEG for several years because of random power outages.

Other residents echoed similar sentiments, contending that NYSEG has removed resources over the years. Residents at Somers' Heritage Hills said NYSEG has failed to replace fuses within the senior community leading to constant problems.

"We have more senior citizens at Heritage Hills than all of Westchester and you left us for seven to eight days?" said Kenneth Ferrara. "It was 39 degrees in my unit, that's not really good."

Heritage Hills resident Mark Bergman advised NYSEG to increase its communication. He said he's been waiting a month for his reimbursement, but after contacting the utility three times, NYSEG has been unresponsive to his claim.

Lydia Howie, another Somers

resident, stressed that hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire stations and senior community centers need to be a restoration priority. She said her mother, a resident at Waterview Hills Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in North Salem, had pneumonia and was fighting for her life as the nursing home went four days without power.

"I watched day after day as trucks drove past the nursing home to go to other areas. This could have been a tragic situation and it almost was," Howie said. "I do recognize this was an extraordinary situation, but I really think you need to look at priority. I would have gone two weeks without power but senior facilities like Heritage Hills who have in-home care need to be turned on as soon as possible."

Chadwick said that nursing homes are classified by NYSEG as critical facilities and its list of those facilities are being reviewed.

North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas and Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey agreed medical facilities must be a priority. Morrissey said Heritage Hills was one of the last places in town to have its power restored.

"Restoration should have been a priority," Morrissey said. "Residents at Heritage Hills who had to be out basically the eight days they were some of the last ones to be restored. That's unacceptable."

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Entities Pleased with Allocation of Funds for Post-Indian Pt.

By Rick Pezzullo

With the potential loss of \$32 million annually when the Indian Point nuclear power plants stop operating, entities being affected have been scrambling to identify possible ways to replace the funding.

Earlier this month, local officials welcomed news from State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) that \$24 million had been added in the recently approved state budget in a specially designated fund that could be tapped into as early as 2022 if Indian Point shuts down as planned.

"This is a great start in the right direction," said Murphy, who noted Governor Andrew Cuomo had proposed no additional revenue be put into the New York State Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Program, which currently has a total of \$56 million. "Hopefully we'll get more. This is a safety net."

In January 2017, local officials were stunned to learn Entergy would be pulling the plug on its controversial facility, an outcome that Cuomo had been advocating for years. Since that time, a local Community Unity Task Force has been established and meeting regularly to address the property tax implications of Indian Point's departure, along with the loss of approximately 1,100 jobs and the future use of the 240-acre site in



Local lawmakers and others gathered outside Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School last week.

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Buchanan.

"I'm glad to see that the New York State budget did not forget the needs of the community that stands to suffer the most from the closure of the Indian Point Energy Center," said State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining). "This is the best thing in the budget. This is a first very big step."

The Village of Buchanan stands to lose 46% (\$4 million) of its operating budget,

while the Hendrick Hudson School District will lose \$24 million annually (33% of its budget). Others affected are: Cortlandt (\$800,000), Westchester County (\$1 million), Hendrick Hudson Free Library (\$394,110, 28% of its budget) and the Verplanck Fire District (\$372,703, 64% of its budget).

"It's not the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but it will certainly help,"

'It's not the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but it will certainly help.' - Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi said of the money set aside in the state budget.

In the first year of eligibility after the plants close, qualified entities would receive 80% of the tax loss, which would diminish by 10% per year for the following six years. It has yet to be determined how the money would be shared.

"What happened in the budget should not be taken lightly. This is how government should work," said Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter, who noted the district would have to increase taxes 13% annually for four years to offset the loss of Indian Point's revenue. "It has given hope to the community that our issues and concerns are being heard. I know the anxiety is lessened."

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Old Faithful Pump Co. Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Carmel resident Joseph Nemeth is the owner of a business that has been a fixture in town since it was established in 2001.

The Old Faithful Pump Company provides a variety of services for business and home owners who get their potable water via wells, Nemeth said last week. "We provide emergency well pump service, water filtration, water treatment, any kind of water softeners, UV lights, chemical feed pumps," he noted. "We're also involved in water conservation and wellhead protection."

Nemeth has been in his industry for most of his life. "It was one of my first jobs when I was a kid," he recalled. "I worked for a local company for 16 years and then I went out my own."

Nemeth said his customers come from both Putnam and Westchester counties. The company has used the Internet to promote itself, he said. "Angie's List is a great tool because that's the people speaking," he said.

Nemeth said half of his business comes from emergency calls.

The company's website includes information on how property owners can chlorinate their own wells, which is something that should be done annually, Nemeth said.

Nemeth said he named his company Old Faithful because, "I didn't want something generic like Joe's Pump Service or something like that," he said. "I wanted something that kind of displayed something you could rely on and something that was a little witty."

Nemeth said there are ways for property owners to help prevent water emergencies. "You can have your system checked annually to make sure everything is running properly," he said. "One of the things that we see a lot is when a tank fails it cycles the pump more. And what happens is the tank failing end up causing the pump to fail. And people don't realize that the tank has failed. All they know is



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Carmel resident Joseph Nemeth established the Old Faithful Pump Co. in town in 2001.

all of a sudden they have no water."

Animals can damage well systems, Nemeth said. "(For) older style well caps, as the season changes from warm to cold bugs, mice and snakes are looking for places that are warm," he said. "A lot of times what they do is infiltrate the well

head and they live in there because it's nice and warm. It's actually 53 degrees in there. So what happens is the mice chew through the wire of the pump then the pump stops working. Or just any kind of infiltration like that causes bacterial problems is the water."

'One of the things that we definitely pride ourselves on here is honest service.' - Joseph Nemeth, owner Old Faithful Pump Company

Nemeth said integrity is a key to his company's success. "One of the things that we definitely pride ourselves on here is honest service," he said. "What that means is that when you go to someone's house and they have no water they're panicked. They feel like they're up against the wall and a lot of contractors will take advantage of that. And that's something that we don't do here. We simply fix what the problem is and that's it."

Old Faithful Pump Co. is located at 22 Brayton Rd. in Carmel. For more information, call 845-228-8241 or visit <https://www.wellpumpingcarmelnewyork.com>.

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Op-Ed

Mahopac Business District Needs Renaissance

By Thom Iannicari & Lawrence Zacks, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Advocacy Board for the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber

This past August The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber Legislative Advocacy Board (LAB) published its Carmel Vision 2020 paper outlining the need for a new town wide master plan. Since then things have certainly taken off. The current focus is on the Mahopac's Business District and the town's purchase of the Swan Cove parcel where currently there stand dilapidated row homes. The intention is to convert this into a beautiful park by the lake connected to the Chamber Park by way of a walking bridge. That alone totally elevates the lake experience at that location.

Additionally, the Town is in negotiations to purchase the parking lot and Community Center (home of

the Chamber) now owned by Tompkins Mahopac Bank and convert it to a municipal parking with a possible new Community Center.

The Chamber's LAB finds this project to be of utmost importance to the Hamlet's transformation to a great place to be for shopping, dining and just being by the lake on a sunset; all elements from our position paper presented to the Town Board on a new Master Plan for Carmel.

The long awaited and contested sidewalk project on the south side of Route 6N/South Lake Boulevard, can finally commence. This will be a tremendous beginning of a renaissance for the Hamlet.

Traffic studies, designs, how many spaces, engineering, what aesthetics can the new sidewalk give us, and the rest

will come soon, and your LAB will be monitoring, and we will be listening for your input.

In addition to all of that, the two of us along with Chamber CEO, Michael Celestino, have been keeping tabs on the County's proposed sewer extension project that will run a trunk from one end of Route 6 to the other within Putnam. This is an important item in our Vision 2020 paper. Sewers, and later water, will be the life blood not only of the community's needs but of new and smart commercial re-development.

These projects are a vital piece of a much larger picture and an open conversation for both pros and cons are good. And here is why: good business growth provides much needed tax revenue. All of the above project decisions need to be made

with the utmost financial care in order to maximize the value to the community and businesses. It is our goal to have a broader tax base and a walkable downtown.

Vision 2020 sends a clear message that there is a need for this and more to help Carmel grow on so many levels and not just monetary. A new town-wide Master Plan is required for that vision.

The LAB and all on the Chamber Board and management ask that you support the Carmel Town Board with your input. The Town Board meets every Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Go there. Speak out. Be heard.

As always, we at the Chamber LAB are here to listen to you as well. Feel free to contact the office and leave a message for the committee chairs at 845-628-5553.

Letters to the Editor

Kesten Will Protect Interest of Every Resident

I went to meet Robert Kersten in his town hall on Opioids and Substance Abuse on Tuesday, April 17. He is running for NYS Senate in the 40th district against incumbent Terrence Murphy.

He believes that government is the only institution in our society designed to protect the interests of all people, not just some. Our elected officials should be the ones imaging and shaping the

future, but our current political climate of dysfunction and self-interest has made this impossible both in our nation's Capital and NY State Senate.

The opioid, drug abuse addiction and mental issues have become a major issue. Addiction is a medical condition spurred on by social, cultural, and economic situations in our society. We have to be willing to invest proactively in prevention, treating the mental and social issues that often lead to addiction rather than relying

only on "old" formulas that have proven ineffective.

Robert is having town hall meetings throughout the district about the issues that concern all of us.

Challen H. Armstrong
Brewster

Kesten Brings Insight to Important NYS Issues

Recently I attended a Town Hall Meeting in Brewster held by Robert Kesten, a Lewisboro resident who is running for the NY State Senate in the 40th District.

For the past few months Mr. Kesten has been holding Town Hall Meetings throughout the 40th Senate District. Topics at these meetings range from Property Taxes and Infrastructure to Opioids, Addictions and Mental Health. Theses are not easy topics for discussion, but Mr. Kesten brings his insights,

intelligence and pragmatism to these events; something we could certainly use more of in Albany.

Attend an upcoming Town Hall meeting held by Mr. Kesten and find out for yourself why on November 6th, Robert Kesten needs to be elected our next State Senator for the 40th State Senate District.

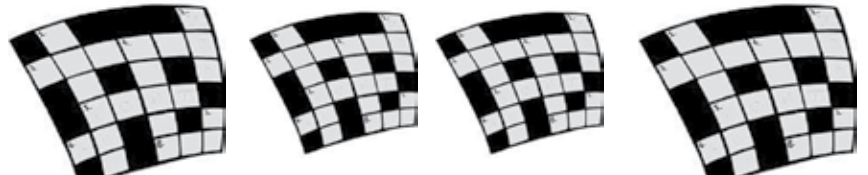
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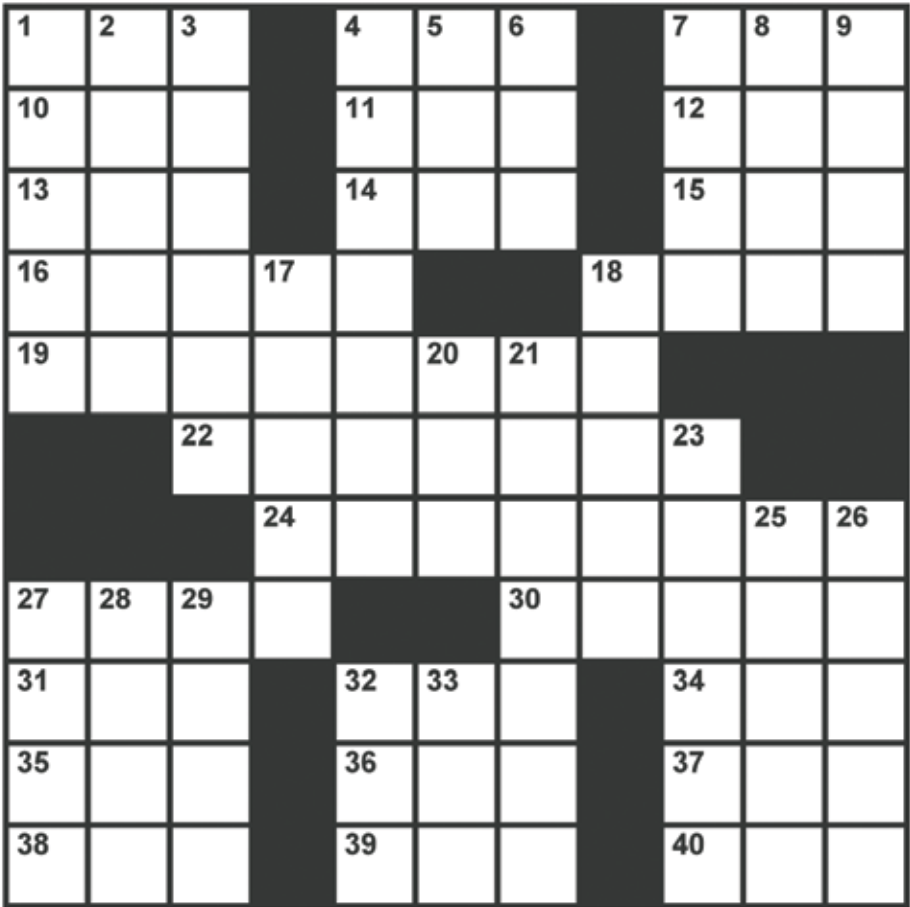
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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1. Well known beer

4. Sure-footed mammal

7. Trash receptacle

10. Single in Madrid?

11. Comedian Margaret

12. Deck card

13. Ostrich comparable

14. Devon ____ (large-eared cat)

15. Relaxation site

16. Open sailboat or Mohegan Lake camp

18. Yorktown salon that's clean, fresh and sparkling

19. Metaphysical study of nature and being

22. Whines

24. Concerning finance

27. Singer Burl

30. Superman, to Lex Luthor

31. Beseech

32. Fulfilled

34. Music collectibles

35. "Where did ____ wrong?"

36. "The greatest"

37. Give the OK

38. Bernardino or Diego starter

39. Form of ID, abbr.

40. Sibling
5. Word repeated in the Beatles title "____ Said"

6. "Red" or "White" team

7. Neo-soul singer, Erica

8. Bakery aide

9. Bird protected in Hawaii

17. Dog treats

18. End zone marker

20. Ab ____ (from day one)

21. Heredity-related

23. Is suspicious

25. L'Enfant Plaza designer

26. Dermatologists' concerns

27. Storklike bird

28. Star in Lyra

29. Designer von Furstenberg

32. ____ware (computer virus spreader)

33. The Giants' Manning



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Free Tours Offered at West Point Foundry Preserve

Providing visitors to West Point Foundry Preserve with a unique glimpse into this historic and beautiful landscape, Scenic Hudson will host free guided tours this spring.

The upcoming tours—on Saturday, May 5 and June 16 — will focus on the history of West Point Foundry, a pacesetter in America's Industrial Revolution. It manufactured some of the nation's first steam engines, pipes for New York City's water system and cannons—known as Parrott guns—credited with helping to win the Civil War.

As an exclusive feature of the tours, Scenic Hudson provides access to West Point Foundry's lone freestanding structure—its 1865 office building—which contains an exhibit of artifacts uncovered during archaeological investigations of the property. Also on display throughout the preserve only during the tours are life-size images depicting the interiors of several other foundry buildings. These historic photographs provide visitors

with a rare glimpse inside the foundry's operations. And new this season, the tours will include the remains of the foundry's blast furnace, located near a picturesque waterfall.

The 90-minute tours will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the foundry office building, which will be open for visitors beginning at 9:30. The building also will be open for visitation for 30 minutes following the tours. The preserve is located at 68 Kemble Ave. A trail also connects it to Cold Spring's Metro-North station.

Tours showcase foundry's history, preserve's interpretive features

In addition to describing West Point Foundry's manufacturing process and its largely immigrant workforce, the tours highlight the preserve's award-winning design features that bring the foundry's past to life while conserving the land's natural beauty. Scenic Hudson acquired the 90-acre West Point Foundry Preserve property in 1996 to safeguard the foundry's remains from development. It is

listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Online mobile tour also offers exciting way to experience preserve's history

Scenic Hudson also created an online mobile tour—available at www.foundrytour.org—that allows visitors exploring the trails at West Point Foundry Preserve (or anyone browsing the Web) to experience the foundry's sights and sounds. It features thrilling sound effects and videos, engaging narration, and historic photographs of the foundry and its workers. For optimal enjoyment, headphones are recommended.

In the fall, tours will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Oct. 6. The former tour will focus on the foundry's contribution to the Civil War.

About Scenic Hudson

Scenic Hudson preserves land and farms and creates parks that connect people with the inspirational power of the Hudson River, while fighting threats

to the river and natural resources that are the foundation of the valley's prosperity. A crusader for the valley since 1963, we are credited with saving fabled Storm King Mountain from a destructive industrial project and launching the modern grass-roots environmental movement. Today with more than 25,000 ardent supporters, we are the largest environmental group focused on the Hudson River Valley. Our team of experts combines land acquisition, support for agriculture, citizen-based advocacy and sophisticated planning tools to create environmentally healthy communities, champion smart economic growth, open up riverfronts to the public and preserve the valley's inspiring beauty and natural resources. To date Scenic Hudson has created or enhanced more than 65 parks, preserves and historic sites up and down the Hudson River and conserved nearly 40,000 acres. www.scenichudson.org

Large Crowd Celebrates Kids Dining Loft at Ramiro's Restaurant

Area residents packed Ramiro's 954 Restaurant in Mahopac last month to celebrate the official grand opening of the Latin restaurant's Kids Dining Loft. The one-of-a-kind loft enables parents to experience a great meal in a relaxed, adult setting downstairs while their children play and enjoy a great, kid-friendly meal upstairs.

lucky attendees even got to take home free Kids Dining Loft vouchers.

"Ramiro's Kids Dining Loft gives parents the chance to catch their breath, enjoy a delicious, romantic meal while their children play in the loft," said Danielle Madaffari Romano, a Somers mother who teaches in the Mahopac Central School District. "It has been a Godsend for our family and the gluten-free choices help with our wheat allergies!"

On hand for the occasion were Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Town of Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt.

"Jan, you are one of the hardest working women I know, and chef, your food is fabulous," Odell said. "What you've done is really understand what this community needs in order have a business be successful. You understand that people want to have a good time in this county and be responsible parents

and what better way to enjoy yourself and be a responsible parent than to come to Ramiro's?"

Schmitt echoed Odell's remarks.

"On behalf of all Town of Carmel residents and the families in the Town of Carmel, we want to thank you and Ramiro for this fabulous addition to what is already a wonderful restaurant," Schmitt said. "I know families are going to enjoy it and appreciate it."

A representative from both Sen. Terrence

Murphy's office and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne's office presented Jan and Ramiro with proclamations.

Ramiro's 954 Latin Bistro, serving up the

best Latin food in the lower Hudson Valley, is located at 954 Route 6 in Mahopac. For more information or to make reservations, call or text 914-255-5414.



Ramiro's 954 Restaurant owners Jan and Ramiro Jimenez cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Kids Dining Loft alongside Carmel Supervisor Ken Schmitt (left), Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell (second from left) and others.

"I wanted to welcome everybody and thank all of you for coming," said owner Jan Jimenez as she cut the ribbon alongside her husband and head chef, Ramiro. "The loft has been open for just a few months and it has truly transformed the dining experience for our customers and their children. This is very special. We are lucky and blessed to have this."

The overflow crowd enjoyed free appetizers and sangria from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, and some

CHS Robotics Coach Named Volunteer of the Year



PROVIDED PHOTO

Brewster resident Jenn Saldicco was named "Volunteer of the Year" at the Hudson Valley Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at Rockland Community College March 25. Jenn and husband Don Saldicco, Technology/Engineering Teacher at Carmel High School, co-coach the team, and were founding committee members of this competition in 2017. "Jenn and Don spend a lot of their time mentoring their team and giving their lives to FIRST," NYC FIRST CEO Michael Zigman remarked, "Jenn has put the stake in the ground for stem education." Marsha Earle, Chair of the Planning Committee, said, "Jenn is the most awesome volunteer coordinator we could ever hope for." Carmel High's "Bad News Gears" team members Steven Carlson, Joe Aversa and Chris Figura are pictured at the competition with Jenn, who will be the Volunteer Coordinator (Pits) at the FIRST Championships in Detroit in April.

Carmel Native Earns Eagle Scout Designation

A Court of Honor was held for Eagle Scout Gordon Vincent Moccio on April 15, at Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel. Since its inception in 1912, only 7 of every 100 scouts attain scouting's highest rank. Eagle Scout Moccio has been in scouting since he was seven years old. Now eighteen, several former leaders were on hand to recognize his achievement. An Eagle Scout carries that title for life. Gordon is also a "Brotherhood Member" of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

Gordon selected the "Old Baptist Burial Ground" in Carmel for his service project. Gordon researched State, County and Local archives and met with historians to identify veterans and patriots interned at the site. Months of research, planning, and obtaining permits culminated in the construction of a kiosk which displays a map of cemetery plots identified, a brief history on the life of a revolutionary war soldier, and other historical information. The project was formally turned over to Pastor Andrew Columbia of the Carmel Baptist Church during the ceremony on April 15.

"I am happy I could bring some recognition to those who served and do my part in recalling the great history associated with Putnam County" Moccio stated, adding many people pass the cemetery each day and many may not give it a second thought. Gordon stated that veterans from the war of 1812



and civil war are also interned there. Surprisingly, Gordon discovered a member of the famous Culper Spy Ring, Robert Townsend, code name Samuel Culper Jr. and "723" is interned in the Baptist Church Cemetery. Many do not realize the historical relevance of this area Moccio said.

Dignitaries present included Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy, Assembly member Sandra Galef and Eagle Scout and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Karl Rohde, Director of Putnam County Veterans Services, Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, Jack



Duncan of the Brewster Elks, and Dan Troge, Representing the National Council of Order of the Arrow. County Executive MaryEllen Odell was unable to attend but provided Gordon with a Limited-Edition publication of the History of Putnam County presented by her proxy, District Attorney Robert Tendy. County Executive MaryEllen Odell who was unable to attend. Certificates

of recognition from Sen. Sean Patrick Maloney, Senator Sue Serino as well as past presidents and other veteran and civic groups.

Gordon is currently a student at Western Connecticut State University majoring in Computer Science and Graphics and hosts the Monday Night Mash up on campus radio Monday nights at 10 p.m.

Join the Relay For Life of Brewster to Fight Cancer

On June 2, over 500 participants will join together at the annual Relay For Life of Brewster at Brewster High School to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle. The event starts at 5 p.m.

The American Cancer Society is seeking businesses and organizations to get involved in the Relay For Life movement by participating in the Relay For Life of Brewster's first-ever "Paint The Town Purple" by giving back to the American Cancer Society and displaying purple ribbons and other decorations from May 14-20, 2018. Purple is the signature color of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program, an event that represents all cancers.

We would like to say thank you to John and Paul Aversano of Aversano's restaurant for their continued support of the Relay for Life of Brewster. Last year Aversano's sponsored our event and provided some food for our Survivor's



Dinner. This year they have stepped it up and are catering the entire Survivor's Dinner and are participating in Paint the Town Purple by offering purple martinis in honor of Relay for Life. John and Paul Aversano said "We are happy to

participate in Relay for Life. It's a way for us to honor our mother who is currently battling the disease and to remember our father and his brave fight. We also do this in support of our many customers who have been touched by Cancer. We want to be part of the worthy work being done that helps those suffering in our community now and will lead to a cure for all"

Your business could be a part of this cancer fighting movement too! There are many ways businesses and organizations can participate:

1. Participate in our Paint the Town Purple by pledging to give back

to ACS and decorating your store May 14th-20th. Purple bows, coin cans and flyers will be provided, and we encourage your business to get creative decorating! Your business can give back by hosting a fundraiser, becoming a sponsor, or donating a portion of sales during Paint the Town Purple. No donation is too small!

2. Form a Relay for Life team. Our Relay event is open to the community, and we welcome teams from all over Brewster to participate. To sign up go to: www.relayforlife.org/BrewsterNY. No registration fee.

3. Be a sponsor at our event. Opportunities begin at \$100 and range to \$10,000 (Presenting Sponsor). We are also willing to customize and get creative with your sponsorship package!

Together, we can beat our biggest rival. Join or donate to the Relay For Life of Brewster, NY. Visit RelayForLife.org/BrewsterNY.



Regional Crisis Team Works to Improve Care

When a student was killed during a severe weather event in Putnam Valley recently, students, teachers and school leaders were deeply affected by the loss. Fortunately, the Regional Crisis Team was on hand to offer support.

"I cannot tell you how much I appreciate, and the district appreciates, having people on standby," said Jason Kane, Putnam Valley Middle School psychologist. Kane recounted how school officials learned of the tragedy and responded during a meeting of the Regional Crisis Team at Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES Tuesday.

Founded in 1999 by BOCES, in collaboration with its component districts, the Regional Crisis Team is composed

of social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors who volunteer their time to be on hand to provide additional counseling support in times of crisis. Its members come from school districts and community health agencies and include some retirees.

A tragic event such as the loss of a student, teacher or staff member can have a ripple effect across a school district. Similarly, districts may be disrupted by the trauma of severe weather events, accidents or safety threats, leaving students and faculty alike unable to concentrate or effectively teach and learn.

Crisis team members who responded to Putnam Valley's request for assistance all praised Kane's leadership during a difficult



time and spoke about how welcome they felt in the school. In addition to reviewing emergency responses to recent incidents, team members heard from Michael Orth, commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health in Westchester County, and Michael Piazza, commissioner of the Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau in Putnam County.

"I want to thank Lynn Allen for having the Regional Crisis Team," said Orth. "This isn't happening all over the country."

Orth and Piazza brought team members up to date on developments

in mental health services. Orth detailed how Westchester County is improving its outreach to emergency responders, while Piazza said Putnam County is working to create a mobile crisis unit.

The meeting opened with a recognition for the region's Comfort Dogs, who were honored with cakes specially designed for them. The dogs, who regularly respond to crises in our area, recently responded to the tragic shootings in Parkland, Florida, and Great Mills, Maryland. Mary Perry, who attended with Comfort Dog Addie, said it was a privilege to work with the Regional Crisis Team.

DEP Offers Pointers for Fishing Season

As New Yorkers mark the beginning of trout fishing season, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages anglers to cast a line at its reservoirs or at dozens of properties that include frontage along streams, rivers and lakes throughout the Catskill Mountains and Hudson River Valley.

New York City's water supply features some of the best trout fishing in the Northeast. Its 22 reservoir and lakes, covering roughly 36,000 acres, are open for fishing from shore or approved boats. Most of the reservoirs include deep water that is ideal for coldwater species such as trout, and habitat suitable for bass and other warmwater species. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation outlines statewide fishing regulations, including information on licenses, catch limits, and stocking, on its website. Those fishing on the City's reservoirs must also have a free DEP Access Permit.

"Thousands of anglers each year visit New York City's reservoirs, which offer world-class fishing amid the scenic beauty of the Catskills and Hudson Valley," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "The anglers are great stewards of our

natural resources, and they deserve credit for collaborating with DEP on projects that keep our waterways clean for future generations. We look forward to working with them on projects in the future, and on improving the breadth and ease of fishing access across the watershed."

Before you grab for the rod and reel, here are five bits of helpful information about fishing on New York City's water supply lands and reservoirs:

1) Find your species of choice. The reservoir system is home to many species of fish that are coveted by anglers, but some reservoirs include better habitat for one species or another. DEP has compiled a handy fishing brochure for anglers to know which species are located at each reservoir, and whether the fishing for each is fair, good or excellent. The brochure can be found on the DEP website by clicking this link.

2) Find the deepest, coldest water. Some of the best trout fishing on New York City's reservoirs happens where the water is coldest and deepest. Other species are best found in the shallows. DEP provides angler maps that show the depth contours in each of our reservoirs. Anglers can find them by clicking here.

3) Rent a boat for access to deeper water. Four of New York City's reservoirs in the Catskills – Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Schoharie – allow the use of kayaks and canoes starting each year on Memorial Day weekend. Local businesses also rent pre-cleaned boats at each of these reservoirs, making it easy for anyone to access the reservoirs. Rental boats are also a great option for anglers, who might not own a boat, to access some of the deeper water at these reservoirs. More information about the rental boats can be found by clicking here.

4) Fishing abounds on streams, rivers and lakes. Great fishing can be found beyond the reservoirs. New York City owns more than 200 miles of frontage along streams, creeks and rivers throughout the watershed. Many of these spots are excellent for fishing off the beaten path. Some water supply lands also include lakes or ponds that are suitable for fishing. DEP has created an interactive map – known as the RecMapper – to help outdoor enthusiasts find these points of access throughout the watershed. Anglers can use the digital map to zoom in to each property, find waterbodies, and print driving directions. The RecMapper can be

found at www.nyc.gov/dep/recmap.

5) Look toward the tailwaters. Some of the best fishing is found just beyond the dams that form New York City's reservoirs. DEP releases water from almost all its reservoirs on an ongoing basis. This water that's released downstream of our dams – commonly referred to as "tailwaters" – creates conditions for excellent fishing. The tailwaters usually include public access points, many of which are operated and maintained by the state.

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The Story of the Kitchen, From Survival to Self-Fulfillment

"Don't even bother to show me anything that doesn't have a new kitchen...you'd be wasting your time and mine," said the wonderfully assertive woman who called my real estate office.

I didn't bother to ask whether she would consider a great home at a great price with a kitchen that could be renovated. I knew I was dealing with someone who knew exactly what she wanted.

"I just don't want to deal with re-doing a kitchen," she added, obviating my question. "Oh, and I want a kitchen that is open to the dining room or family room. I don't want to feel like a mole when I'm cooking."

There may not be too many readers old enough to remember when kitchens were to be used and not seen, certainly not from the dining room. That was before the advent of family rooms. As recently as the 1940s and '50s, kitchens were still very small, utilitarian and ugly, hidden from view. It was worse before that.

In 18th century America, many finer homes such as the Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, banished the kitchen altogether from the house in separate structures, but mostly for heat

considerations and the threat of fire. In fact, the major cause of death among young women in America in the 18th and 19th centuries was from their skirts catching fire on open hearths.

So the early kitchen was a place for toiling and drudgery, certainly not for a cheery Martha Stewart or Rachel Ray. However, at the end of the Civil War, when there was an exodus of household servants from the kitchen who went to work in the factories of the new Industrial Age, women were left in desperation mode to produce their families' food and to cook it.

Help was needed and the entrepreneurial spirit of American enterprise came to the rescue with an onslaught of new gadgetry that remains unparalleled with any other period of invention, even in today's age of technology.

Consider that before 1900, there were already more than 185 patents for various kinds of coffee grinders and more than 500 patents for different types of peelers for fruits and vegetables. There was even a peeler that removed the kernels from ears of corn.

There were also apple corers, cherry

pitters, potato mashers and sausage stuffers. Made of iron, with the patent numbers included in the casting, some tools were as simple as a round swiveling rod with a knife blade that peeled skin, to complex contraptions full of gears and wheels that could peel, core, slice and section, all from the same tool. This was the age of mass-produced helpers, from egg beaters and ice cream makers to juicers.

The Victorians were particularly adventuresome with invention, wanting the newest and the most modern. Outside they were creating "painted

ladies" of their houses, and inside, they embraced anything that could improve the household.

Larger equipment, like the cast iron stove, played significantly in Westchester's prosperity. The discovery of an iron ore mine at Annsville Creek in Peekskill in the 1850s and the building of the railroad nearby were seminal events in the area's development as the iron stove capital of the world.

Once electricity found its way across the country, the sky was the limit

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Living the Ultimate Dreams of California Winemakers and Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

My approach and experiences with the expansive and ever-expanding world of wine has changed over the years. Early on, I drank to fit my budget. My palate was inexperienced and my wallet was

thin. The wines I consumed were rather vapid. I purchased them as much for the benefits of the alcohol content (as a social lubricant) as for their quality. There were fine wines on retail shelves, but I never took the time to explore. Cost was my guideline.

As I and my palate matured, my appreciation of better wines grew. I discovered new wines and experimented with those from California and a smattering of Western European offerings. My budget increased and I abandoned the wines of my youth.

These days I have found wine nirvana. As my budget continues to increase, my palate has become quite refined. My focus is on wine regions around the world, not the

California-centric choices of earlier years. I can enjoy this lifestyle into the sunset of my years.

Or so I thought. Ever the explorer, I decided in the last year to embark on a journey to seek out small California producers who are living their dream, ones I've been overlooking or weren't on my radar screen.

So, with my wine region app downloaded to my smartphone, my Waze app fired up and my credit card having ample capacity, my wife and I explored northern California over the past year, seeking out new winemakers and their wines.

In the last few columns I provided my road map and game plan for finding and purchasing new California wines made by artisans pursuing their winemaking dreams. Several are living their childhood dream, others are living their adult dreams, while a few are content living someone else's dream.

Here is a summary of our discoveries. In order to gain a meaningful perspective of my goal and the current state of California

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

wine sales, please refer to my previous columns, available at the www.theexaminernews.com.

Living a Childhood Dream.

When Grant Long Jr. was growing up in Napa Valley, he was captivated by his father's wine collection and the allure of those fine wines. He bided his time and began producing his own wines from purchased grapes a dozen years ago. He learned much of his skill by trial and error, developing his winemaking philosophy along the way. Three years ago, he further realized his childhood dream; he and his wife Megan purchased a vineyard and home/winemaking facility.

From this winery, he produces 4,500 cases per year, all through an exclusive buying club. His wines, primarily a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Bordeaux-style blend, are bold and well-balanced, redolent of black fruit. Last year, he realized another dream. In memory of his father he planted a small hillside plot of Cabernet Sauvignon. I am now a member of the AonAir Portfolio Club.

Living an Adult Dream.

Phil Steinschreiber has been in the wine industry for over three decades and the winemaker at prestigious Diamond Creek

Vineyards in Napa Valley since 1991. In 2003 he decided to live his dream of making wine on his own. Not giving up his day job, instead leveraging off it, he sought out grapes from local Napa Valley growers and produced his private label wine at the winery.

Today, he produces about 500 cases from several vineyards as the WaterMark brand. We tasted Phil's wines, with his wife Diane (the marketing and sales manager), in the dining room of their home on Howell Mountain. This was a dream come true for me: sampling big, bold Cabernet Sauvignon wines, sourced from Napa Valley, as a guest of the winemaker and his wife in their own home. Phil's dream is about to embark on a new chapter. He has purchased land just outside his front door, and will be growing his own Cabernet Sauvignon soon.

Next week: Additional portraits of those living their dreams in California.

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Wednesday, April 25

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Harry Potter book fans, join us at the Kent Library: 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Whether this is your first adventure with Harry or you can already name the twelve uses for dragon's blood, this book club is for you! Kids in grades 1-6 are invited to enjoy a thoughtful discussion, followed by games, crafts. We will be reading the first book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone. Registration is required. Please have the book read before our meeting, (parents reading with their child, still counts as

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

Thursday, April 26

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Friday, April 27

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Saturday, April 28

Continuing the Earth Day momentum, the Desmond-Fish Library will host the second Garrison Repair Cafe 10 a.m. -1 p.m., Bring something that needs repair, help fix stuff or just watch. There are no guarantees for repairs but together we will have fun and prevent some things from going into the landfill! Our last Repair Cafe at Boscobel brought in over 75 items to be repaired. Anyone wishing to join us as a repair coach should contact karen@desmondfishlibrary.org Refreshments will be served at this free event and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

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Saturday, April 29

Annual April Concert: The Putnam Chorale Putnam County's premier vocal ensemble will perform its annual spring concert. 3 p.m. at Starr Ridge Banquet Center, Starr Ridge Road, Brewster. The featured work is Brahms' Love Song Waltzes, a collection of popular 19th century songs set to waltz tempos. Both the original set and the subsequent "New" set of songs are included. Accompanying some of the waltzes will be area dancers, including some from Brewster's Fred Astaire Dance Studio. A Complimentary reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students), available in advance and at the door. See www.PutnamChorale.org for advance ticket purchase information.

Monday, April 30

Penny Lavin, the Associate Director of the Energy Healing and Mystery School One Light Healing Touch will present a workshop titled Energy Healing and Stress Reduction at the Desmond-Fish Library 2 p.m., Penny has said, "In this experiential workshop on energy healing, you will learn how life-force energy flows and how to tap into your innate healing ability. You will discover the six sacred practices for profound self-healing and inner peace and experience a profoundly healing afternoon and release of old programming and stress. You will become more grounded, focused, intuitive, peaceful, joyful and aware." To register for this workshop please call the Desmond-Fish Library at 845-424-3020.

Save the Date:

Sunday, May 6, 2018: May Blood Drive: 4th Annual Nicholas Modico Blood Drive 8 a.m., -2 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 1377 E. Main Street Shrub Oak. For information call, 1-800-688-0900

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for harnessing this new power to aid housewives. Inventions from the 1880s to the 1930s included the first electric toaster, the electric kettle, electric mixers and eventually the electric stove.

The refrigerator took a little longer as the "ice box" continued to be in favor well into the 1930s. My mother told me that my Aunt Dolly kept her ice box until after World War II. Maybe it was a matter of the expense at the time, but I clearly remember my mother telling me that many women didn't want to give up their ice boxes because they could relieve the boredom of the day when the "ice man

cometh." I didn't understand the joke until I was older, and today, I still don't know whether that was a reference to my Aunt Dolly.

So there you have it, the story of how women demanded that the kitchen transform from survival mode to one of self-fulfillment and as an indication of upward social mobility.

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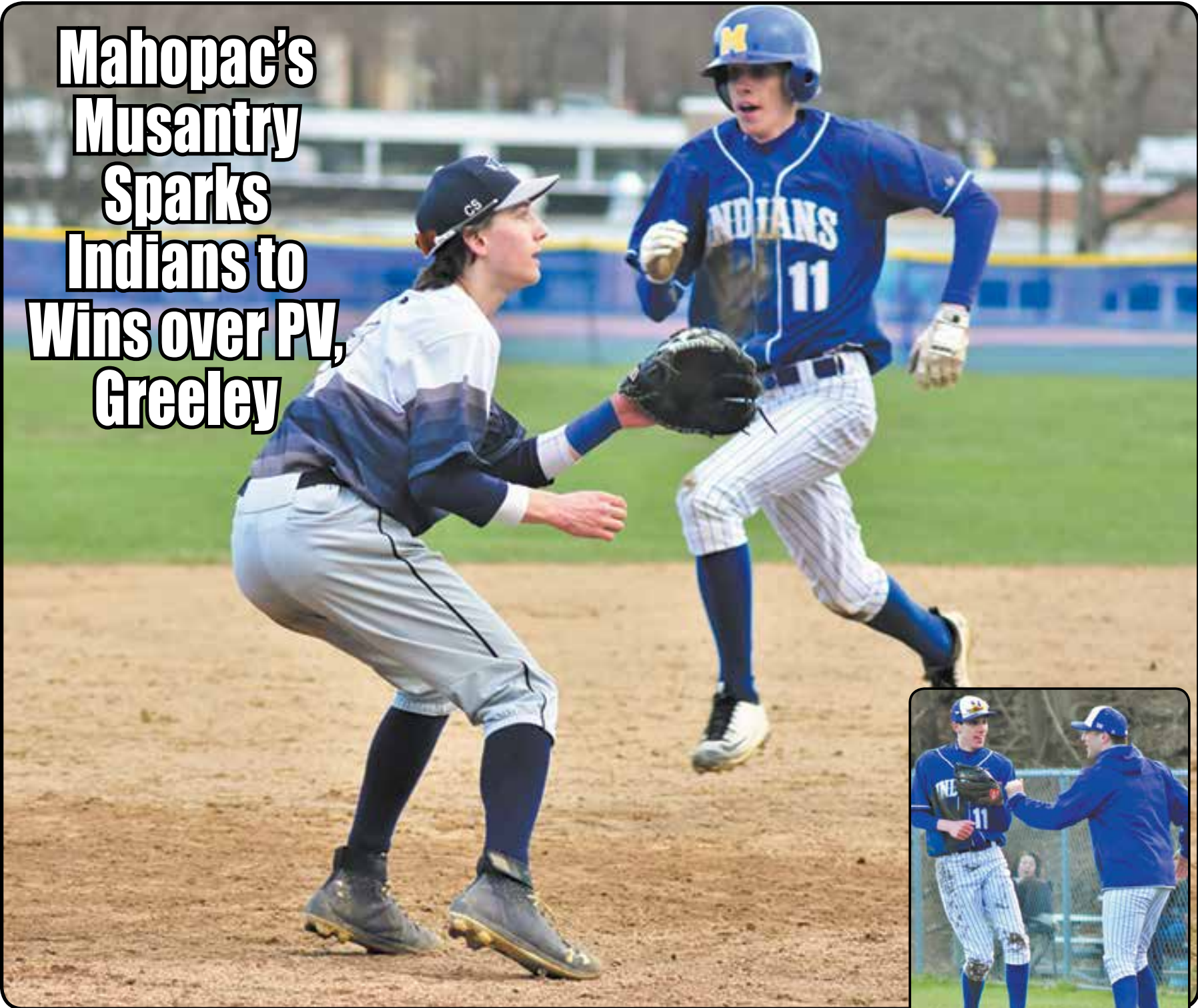
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Mahopac junior CF Mike “Moose” Musantry heads for 3B as Putnam Valley SS Franky Curran covers in the Indians’ 6-4 win over the visiting Tigers last Friday when Musantry sparked a late, game-clinching rally and celebrated a clutch, diving catch (inset) before getting three more hits and scoring two runs in the Indians’ 7-2 win over host Horace Greeley Saturday... see Baseball Notebook

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Boys' LAX Notebook

Class A Crapshoot There for the Taking, Who's Grabbing?

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We are at the halfway point of the Section 1 lax season and the early data suggests the following: Class A is a crapshoot, with as many as four or five outfits in contention, led by state-ranked (No.14) Mamaroneck; Class B appears to be a two-man show between state-ranked (No.4) John Jay and No.6 Yorktown (some

Lakeland/Panas, which has befuddled laxers from Shrub Oak to the Sound Shore where Mamaroneck fully expected Coach Jim Lindsay's Rebels (3-6) to be a legit factor. A combination of issues – health and youth among them – have the Rebels barking up the wrong tree, and it's getting close to the point where things have got to change in a hurry if L/P is to three-peat for the first time in program history (Lakeland did so in 1991 before



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Yorktown's Andrew Reese slips one of three goals past the goalie in Huskers' rout of host Scarsdale last Friday night.

things never change); Class C is very interesting with state-ranked (No.9) Rye, No.6 Nyack, unranked and disrespected Hen Hud (#DontSnooze) and Pelham among the serious contenders; and Class D should be a rematch between state-ranked (No.1) Pleasantville and No.3 Westlake, though No.15 Briarcliff may have a say.

Of all the data we just threw at you, the most surprising thing is no mention of two-time reigning Class A champion

combining with Panas). Still, Class A is down this year, way down by its standards, and, there's an opening there for someone to swoop in and provide a challenge to Mamaroneck (7-3), who is hardly a sure thing with losses to Pleasantville and Rye under its belt.

"I believe we can overcome this adversity," L/P sniper JoJo Janavey said. "I think the schedule we are playing will greatly benefit us going forward. TJ Bryan

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Sean Laukatis (L) and the L-P Rebels had a rough time against Rye in Rebels' blowout loss to Garnets last Tuesday.



Put Valley M Mike Nolan takes run at Briarcliff's Elias Hoffner in Tigers' loss to Bears last Saturday.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Did the Class B Huskers ever show the disparity between Class A and Class B in their 20-1 beatdown of Scarsdale or what? I mean, that could've easily been 30-1 if Coach Carney goes all jugular on the Raiders. How bout them Embury boys going all ballistic with Jamison Embury (21G, 30A) notching five goals and one assist while Hunter Embury (28G, 7A) added three goals and three assists, which they likely could have doubled if they stayed on the field. 87 points between them, jeez!

No.2 HEN HUD – If Connor Gallagher is going to tickle twine four times like he did in the Sailors' 11-5 win over Stepinac Saturday, maybe folks will finally notice these Class C Sailors (8-1),

who have now won six in a row and can no longer be ignored. Villanova-bound Austin Fraser added three goals and one assist and Bryce Caffery netted a pair of goals. Lefty-cranking Max Popolizio doled out four assists and G Vinnie Bell made 10 saves, so what's it gonna take for these athletic Sailors to creep up in some other rankings.

No.3 SOMERS – Tusker A Vincent Cartelli made it rain when he poured in seven goals in a 12-11 loss to Bronxville, and wingman Brandon LaSpina added four goals and an assist, but this is a game the Class B Tuskers (5-5) gotta have if they expect to break bread in the Final 4 #NoExcuses #BetterBeThere. Here's the challenge, go 4-2 from here on out and secure a top-4 seed.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Class A Indians (6-2) are on a bit of a roll now after a 14-6 win over Fairfax (VA.) and young Tommy Elliott is about to bloom, which is good news for anyone that knows anything about the current state of Mahopac lax. His old man has put in the time from the ground up and his four goals and one assist were quite the spectacle Saturday. Senior Ryan Dugan, who will pass the torch to Elliot, added three goals, and James O'Brien added two goals and three assists. Mark Carey finished with two goals and one assist for a team with a lot to prove down the stretch and a Class A title there for the taking #WhyNotUs.

No.5 LAKELAND/PANAS – An 11-7 win over Wappingers fuels some

hope here as JoJo Janavey's four goals facilitated the end of a four-game freefall. Regan Fallo did what he needs to do the rest of the way by adding one goal and four assists. Steve Magarelli scored twice for the youthful Rebs (3-6), who really need to put up the rest of the way.

HM PV/OSSINING/HALDANE – The Pride are 6-1 and could be that monkey-wrench team that break up a Class B bracket. They haven't beaten anybody any good yet and did lose by a goal to Put Valley (4-5), which plays a much tougher schedule and could be Final 4-bound in Class D, but 6-1 is worth a mention since it indicates major effort. Same goes for Haldane, which has yet to lose at 6-0, but has some tougher tests ahead.

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Girls' LAX Notebook

Youthful Hen Hud Hoping to Contend for Class C Crown

By Tony Pinciario

When the HEN HUD girls' lacrosse team first viewed its 2018 schedule, the girls were a bit nervous and apprehensive.

Hen Hud would open the season with five consecutive road games and the schedule was chock full of high-caliber competition, highlighted by perennial sectional powers Suffern, Yorktown and Somers, just to name a few.

Following preseason, senior G Mackenzie Porter and her teammates embraced their difficult schedule.

"We were kind of nervous, having never played Suffern or Yorktown, but we started to realize that we have so much potential that we started to feel comfortable and the first few games were not as scary as they were when the schedule first came out," said Porter, who will attend Rutgers in the fall and continue with lacrosse. "We feel we have a good team this year and this tough schedule is challenging us, making us and making our program even better."

Hen Hud bested Suffern, 12-8, in its second game of the season and is currently 5-5 after the difficult road stretch. Looks can be deceiving when it comes to the Sailors' record. They lost to Yorktown and Lakeland/Panas, 8-7, and Somers beat Hen Hud, 8-6.

Class C Hen Hud rebounded to hand Byram Hills its first loss of the season, 15-

8, and held off Brewster, 7-6.

"Getting that win against Suffern was an amazing experience," Porter said. "Going into the game we knew we could compete with teams that won sectionals



Carmel's Ally Storen is hunted by Mahopac's Caitlyn Reilly in Rams' 9-7 loss to Indians.

and playing for a state title."

No team likes to lose and coaches and players will always say there are no moral victories in a loss, but Porter felt otherwise. The two one-goal losses and two-goal loss were an eye-opener.

"Those were hard, but they taught us a lot, especially in the Brewster game," Porter said. "We knew we had to keep pushing ourselves throughout the game until the clock said 0.0. We learned from the losses and bettered ourselves."

Hen Hud has six games remaining before the Section 1 Class C Championships. The Sailors have an eye on returning to the sectional final, however, with a different result this year.

PUTNAM VALLEY continued its excellent play in the first half of this season, cruising to a 14-1 victory over Pawling. The Class D Tigers are now 6-1 on the season.

Maddie Deegan led the Tigers with a hat trick while Emma Rippon, Danielle Cunningham, Jackie Phillips and Lindsay Cohen all chipped in with two goals apiece. Kaitlin Cohen and Rippon each recorded two assists. Catherine Mazza, Lily Claire Gesson and Jessica Denike also had goals and Kimberly Hyndman stopped five shots.

"Our win was a full team effort," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Everyone got a touch on the ball and a chance to score. We really practiced our ball movement on attack and off-ball

movement, as well."

LAKELAND/PANAS overcame Somers, 8-6, improving to 6-2

Kelsey McCrudden scored twice and added an assist and Megan Mucci also had two goals. Jenna McCrudden (who also had an assist), Keirra Ettere, Emily Kness and Raquel Nieves also scored for the Rebels.

Somers received two goals apiece from Hannah Lustig and Ella Kittredge, Jen Campbell added a goal and two assists.

MAHOPAC split two games, dropping a 12-9 decision to North Rockland, but rebounded with a 9-7 victory over archrival Carmel.

Caroline Raymond and Sophia DeFrancesco each had a hat trick and Lindsay Neilis added a goal and two assists for the Indians (5-4). Goalie Jordan Barbagallo made 11 saves.

Mahopac matched North Rockland in goals in the second half, seven, but the



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Hen Hud freshman Kira Varada, a player to watch, pushes up field in Sailors' loss to John Jay last Friday.

Red Raiders had a 5-2 at halftime.

"I think we took a big step forward, showing ourselves that we can hang with a great team like North Rockland," Mahopac Coach Jim Lieto said. "North Rockland played an extremely strong first half where they possessed the ball for a long time. We had a difficult time creating

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Mahopac's Hannah Lieto takes a poke at Carmel's Camryn Shilling in the Indians' 9-7 win over the host Rams last Thursday.



Hen Hud's Fiona McGovern tries to split pair of Jay defenders in Sailors' loss to visiting Indians last Friday.

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Mahopac Nips Put Valley; Boncardo Bashing at Somers

Ossining Takes Home Federico Title; Lakeland Nips Panas

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It finally warmed up over the weekend and the bats got going on some of the local diamonds.

Before last week **MAHOPAC** junior OF Mike Musantry hadn't been an overriding factor in the Indians' season. But after a 7-2 win over Greeley Saturday and a 6-4 home win over Putnam Valley on Friday, Musantry is making a name for himself at the top of the Indian order.

With three hits and two runs in the Greeley game, plus a hit and two runs scored and a diving catch against PV, Musantry is making a bid for playing time.

"Moose has done a great job since getting his shot in the lineup," Mahopac

Coach Myk Lugbauer said. "We knew he had this potential, but for him to be producing the way he has so far has been awesome. He has been a spark for us at the top of our lineup."

Mahopac RHP Andre Simone, who pounded the strike zone, pitched five shutout innings for the win over Greeley while A. Caminiti added two RBI.

Mahopac junior Kyle Brandsetter looked like the guy Coach Myk Lugbauer anticipated at the start of the season in Mahopac's 6-4 non-league win over visiting **PUTNAM VALLEY** last Friday. The lefty-swinging slugger was in the middle of every Mahopac rally, clubbing a two-run homer, doubling, driving home three and scoring twice. For a team that needs a thumping bat in the worst way, Brandsetter was just what Doctor Lugbauer ordered.

Mahopac P Billy Moeller didn't have his best stuff on this chilly afternoon, but he had enough to survive six innings of eight-hit, four-run ball. He whiffed four, walked two and worked out of several jams. Put Valley SS Frankie Curran drove home a pair of runs off Moeller, who was relieved by RHP Casey Tewey (2 K's) for

the save.

"We did a good job today at the plate keeping our approaches," said Lugbauer, who saw his team win two of the last three this week to improve to 5-4. "Kyle has been coming along this year and progressing nicely. It was great to see him put good swings on the ball today. Billy grinded it out on the mound today. He didn't have his best fastball today but did what he had to do to keep us in the game. He had been a bulldog on the mound for us all year long. Hopefully, we can keep things rolling as we play Greeley tomorrow."

Put Valley also worked a 12-2 win over visiting when SS Franky Curran doubled and drove home four RBI as part of a team-high 13-hit parade. Curran and OF Angelo Milano had three hits apiece. Tiger P Ben D'Addona, who the Tigers are counting on as a No.3 hurler, fired five innings, allowing just one run on three hits while striking out six to earn the win.

Mahopac will now turn its attention to surging Carmel, with whom they will get after this Wednesday and Thursday in an attractive home-an-home set between the bitter rivals competing for the League I-A title.

CARMEL defeated **CROTON**, 9-7, in an 11-inning barn-burner when Rams (7-3) ace Matt Vitro secured the win in relief. Vitro (4-1) also suffered a tough 2-0 loss to reigning Class AA champion Arlington after allowing just two runs in six innings.

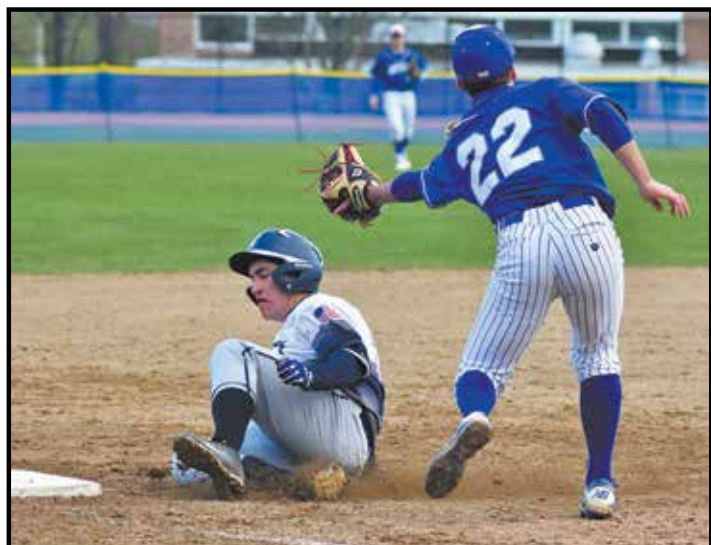
That loss was preceded by a 6-0 win over Arlington in which Rams P Jack Sullivan looked the part of an ace against the Admirals. Sullivan went six frames, striking out eight while scattering six hits. Carmel's Jon Minotti (2 hits, 2B, 2 runs) had a big game as did AJ Gonzalez, Kenny Benitez, Matt Vitro, Anthony Febo, Dan Castrovinci, Gerry Loughran, who all had a hit for the Rams, winners in four of the last five.

Against Croton, Joe Ciatto (3H, 2 2B, 3R, 3 RBI), Dan Castrovinci (2H, 3 RBI), AJ Gonzalez (2 hits), Jon Minotti (2 hits) and Gerry Loughran (HR) were all prime-time supporters of Sullivan, who earned the save.



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Mahopac's Anthony Caminiti (L) and Connor Stepkoski celebrate Indians' 6-4 win over Put Valley Friday.



Putnam Valley's Ben D'Addona sneak in ahead of tag by Mahopac 3B Casey Usecwicz in Tigers' 6-4 loss to Indians last Friday.



Mahopac OF Dylan Brehm sneaks in to 2B ahead of tag by PV 2B Matt Carlsen in Indians' 6-4 win over Tigers.

Croton's Max Luke (4-6, 2B) and John Casieri (2-5, 2 RBI) had monster days, with Casieri going 5 2/3rds on the bump, allowing just one earned run.

The Tigers (3-7) also suffered a 3-1 loss to visiting **LAKELAND** on Friday. Lakeland P Eric Portella fired 5-2/3rds innings, whiffing four to earn the win while reliever Mike Scotto notched the final four outs, including three by strikeout. Leo Cummings and Andrew Baffuto each had an RBI for Lakeland, who improved to 4-3 and get Mahopac this week in what should be of interest, plus Carmel and two with Brewster. We'll see if Coach Casey's young Hornets are ready for prime time or still a year away.

In other Class AA action, **OSSINING** has had some impressive wins, including a sweep of Greeley after last Wednesday's 5-0 win over the Quakers behind a three-hit shutout from Pride P Michael Laitman, who fanned seven and walked one for the Pride (5-3). Luke De Angelis went 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run scored for Ossining while Peter Bossinas had two RBI for the winners. Lucas Peterson added another RBI.

In the semifinal of the Christian Federico Memorial Tournament Saturday, Ossining beat Saunders 11-0 behind P Peter Tarricone's effort (2 hits over 5IP, 3K). Matt Minihan (2 for 2, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs) and Peter Bossinas (1 for 2, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Joe Bossinas (1 for 3, 2 RBI) and Luke DeAngelis (2B, 2 RBI) were all primary supporters. Ossining then defeated New Rochelle, 17-9, to bring the coveted Federico trophy home behind an

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MVP effort from Laitman, who went 5 for 5 with three RBI and picked up the save. Tarricone secured an All-Tournament nod and Thomas Cascione earned the Christian Federico award.

CLASS A

WALTER PANAS won a 5-4 decision over Magnus on walk-off single by junior SS Lucas Feliciano (2 for 4, 2 RBI), plating CF John Young with the winning run. Panas C Pat Kelly and Jake Jemty each added an RBI for the Panthers (6-3), who saw Sal DeDonna pick up the win by stranding two runners in the seventh.

The Panthers could not sustain that momentum in Saturday's 2-1 loss to rival **LAKELAND** in a battle of aces. Lakeland P Joey Vetrano led off game with solo bomb of Jemty and Matt Schenck doubled and scored on a sac fly by Leo Cummings. Vetrano went the route, whiffing 10 in the process. Jemty had eight K's in an otherwise splendid outing. At 2-1 in League II-C, the Panthers are still legit contenders for the league flag, but they need to beat Lakeland in the second go.

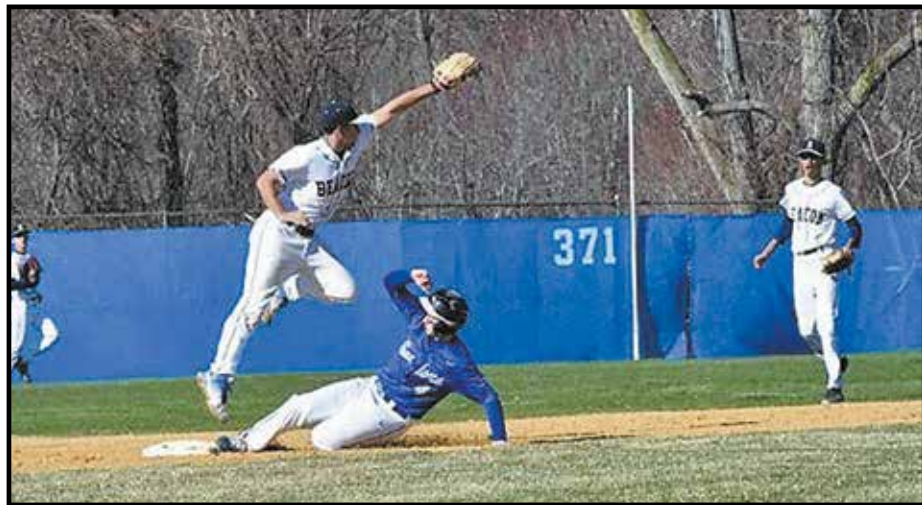
HEN HUD is opening some eyes after an 11-0 win over Tappan Zee, in which P Tom Pecchia threw a complete-game shutout, and a 2-0 win over Beacon on Friday, as the Sailors improved to 7-3 when P Nick Caruso pitched a complete game, three-hit shutout. Sailor P Matt Imimbo, who pitched five scoreless innings earlier in the week in a 2-0 loss to Beacon at the Dutch. The League II-E title is there for the take, will the Sailors pounce?

"I'm really proud of the way the players have competed and done their job up to this point," Hen Hud boss Van Vourliotis said. "We have a long ways to go, though. At the end of the day, seven wins doesn't get us where we want to go. Seven wins doesn't win us league, it doesn't qualify us for a playoff berth, it doesn't win a sectional or state championship. We have to continue to get better in every aspect of the game in the second half of the year, including pitching, hitting, fielding, base running and coaching. Our main goal continues to make sure we are prepared to play our best baseball after May 1st."

BREWSTER, winners of four-straight games, is making a push here of late, turning around a sorry start.

In a 6-4 win over Pawling, Conner Henderson had two hits and two RBI for the Bears (5-4) in the come-from-behind win, and Brewster followed that up with an 8-5 win over Pelham when Bobby McBride crushed two dingers and drove home five RBI. Tom Mark went the distance for the win, trailing much of the game, before the Bears finally got in the board with three in the fourth and five in the fifth. He fanned seven in an impressive performance.

In Brewster's 12-2 win over host Nanuet, Bears P McBride fired five innings solid frames, striking out five in a laughter. Tim Holler screamed for attention, yanking three hits and driving home three while Henderson and Brendan Brooks had two hits apiece for Brewster, who crushed Roosevelt, 17-0, earlier in the week when



Hen Hud senior Jack Kelly slides safely into 2B in Sailors' 2-0 win over Beacon Friday.

RHP Mike Charbonneau sent 11 batters down K-way to earn the win. McBride (4 for 5), Tim Holler and Brendan Brooks (two hits apiece) were crushing it.

The Bears have an interesting tilt with Put Valley on Monday.

SOMERS recovered from a 9-5 loss to John Jay with a 13-3 win over Pearl River when Chris Boncardo (2 for 3, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 runs) mashed, as he has all season, crushing his sixth dinger of the season.

"All the work that Chris has done in the off-season is manifesting itself during the regular season," Somers Coach Joe Wooten said after Somers improved to 7-3. "He is seeing the ball well and squaring it up. Chris has a plan when he enters the batter's box. The results speak

for them self"

Nick Keating (2 for 3, 2B, run) and Logan Carriero (2 for 4, 2 runs) were big contributors to P Nick Keating's cause. Keating went five frames, scattering seven hits and four walks and three earned runs. The League II-C grind really gets going now, so we'll see if the Tuskers are legit in the coming days.

CLASS C

HALDANE's 3-0 win over Irvington, Blue Devil freshman Dan Santos threw 3-2/3rds innings of scoreless relief to chalk up the win, allowing just one hit while fanning four. Blue Devils Adam Hotaling and Kyle Kissinger each had RBI singles. Haldane went on to split with Pawling and now sits at 3-4.

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and Tom Barnett are coming back later in the season, but there is no excuse for not coming out and playing our best lacrosse."

Might Mahopac be willing to take a run at that Class A crown, what would be their first since 2011, which seems like an eternity ago? Might Coach Joe Buccello's Indians (6-2) be the team we're all overlooking? The Indians looked the part for the first 20 minutes against Pleasantville, the reigning Class C champs, but they collapsed in the second half of a blowout loss, so it'll take some doing for Mahopac to get past someone like Scarsdale in the semis, but it's suddenly a very conceivable notion.



Lakeland-Panas soph Matt Makar is hounded by Rye defender in Rebels loss to Garnets last Tuesday.

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offensive opportunities in the first half, but I like the fact that we were able to create more in the second half."

DeFrancesco led the 'Pac with five

goals and Natalie Scanlon finished with one goal and one assist. Caitlin Reilly, and Neilis also had goals.

BREWSTER Coach Sara DiDio called it a 'tough week' for her girls as the Bears (6-3) lost to Hen Hud, 7-6, and Fox Lane, 10-8.

"We played two tough teams in close games," DiDio said. "Hen Hud was a physical game and my girls fought hard. Our defense really stepped it up and worked together and our attack had some good opportunities."

"Against Fox Lane, we had a great first half and going into halftime we were up 7-5. We were only able to score one goal in the second half and some turnovers caused the momentum to change. Fox Lane controlled the draw, but we continued to fight until the end."

Lauren Craft, Meagan Beal and Maggie DePaoli each had two goals against Hen Hud. Goalie Danielle Heintz made 12 saves.

Craft netted a hat trick against Fox Lane, Marina Souza had two goals and Dani Regan and Beal had one goal and one assist apiece.



Carmel's Emma McSherry takes a run at Mahopac's Kat Klammer in the Rams' 9-7 loss to visiting Indians last Thursday.



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Mahopac freshman OF Michelle Dellamura looks like she may have narrowly avoided the tag of Brewster C Francesca Cioffi in the visiting Indians' 3-2 loss to the Bears last Saturday at Markel Park where Cioffi got the benefit of the umpire's call on this controversial bang-bang play at the plate. Mahopac freshman P Shannon Becker (inset) recorded her 200th career strikeout (73 on the season) in an epic pitcher's dual against Brewster windmill Evelyn Prinz (inset).