



## Frustration Grows with Brewster Schools

By Anna Young

It was back to the drawing board for the Brewster school system last week as school officials look to craft a budget that will pass muster with voters this time around.

Irritation and frustration were palpable during the Brewster Board of Education meeting as parents and school officials tried to find common ground on the newly adopted school budget exactly one week after residents voted down the district's \$99 million budget.

Voters will have their say once again on June 19 with a proposed \$98 million budget for the 2018-19 school year. The new budget calls for a \$960,000 reduction for paving at JFK Elementary School, a \$960,000 decrease in appropriated funds, and a \$140,000 drop to the civic activities budget.

The adopted budget also includes a \$50,000 increase for community school aid programs and the restoration of

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a full-time social worker at CV Starr Intermediate

The budget, which is tax cap compliant, contains a budget-to-budget increase of

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## Brewster HS Newspaper Impresses at Competition



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The Brewster High School student newspaper, Bear Facts, placed 2nd in the 2018 American Scholastic Press Association's newspaper competition. Placing a mere 20 points shy of first place, the students and their moderators, Mrs. Cynthia Amuso and Mr. Robert LoAlbo, look forward to first place next year! The Bear Facts team is appreciative of the years of support, from the students, the staff and the community. Your commitment to good journalism is invaluable to our success. Whether it was through positive word of mouth, the two laptops for layout, or upping our circulation from 500 to 1,200, or encouraging feedback, you have always been there for us, and we so appreciate it.

## Mahopac Relay For Life Marks 20th Year

By David Propper

When Relay For Life is held next week, it'll mark the 20th year the event has taken place in Mahopac, bringing hope, inspiration and perseverance to a community that has lost so many loved ones to cancer, but also been able to celebrate so many survivors.

Two decades later, Mahopac Relay For Life has become an unforgettable event every year as the community has raised a whopping \$4.5 million since 1999 to fight cancer, local resident and organizer for the American Cancer Society Tracey Walsh said. Relay For Life will take place this Saturday, June 2 at Mahopac High



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Veronica Martin and her team from Gold's Gym in Carmel have participated in Mahopac's Relay For Life for many years now.

School starting at 8 a.m. and lasting throughout the day.

Once Mahopac and surrounding community members stepped on the track, they never looked back, including three local residents who have been involved all 20 years.

Resident Linda Cefaloni said she was spurred to be part of Relay because she had several friends who were new mothers that were diagnosed with cancer.

"These were moms that were dying," she said. "We joined because we wanted to encourage them and we wanted to find

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2.75 percent over the current year and a 2.22 percent tax levy increase.

Should the reduced spending plan fail, a \$96.6 million contingency budget would be adopted automatically by law. If the contingency budget goes into effect, the district will see more than \$1.6 million in reductions to personnel, teachers, athletics, co-curricular clubs, equipment, renovations, school drivers, and use of fund balance.

"All of these deductions and reductions would be extremely impactful to the school

district," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte said during the May 22 meeting. "The programs that we're trying to introduce and keep in the district are directly related and tied to a continuation of those outcomes for our students. We want them to be exposed to those learnings so that they can in fact continue to seek the universities and colleges of their choosing."

Parents in attendance denounced the contingency budget, but spent over three hours pleading with board members to restructure their budget from scratch to

eliminate wasteful spending in the hopes of reinstating some teaching positions that were eliminated from the failed budget.

"One of the frustrating parts that the community was talking about is that we eliminated 12 positions. Those 12 positions increase our class sizes and that's what we're concerned about," one parent said. "I think there needs to be a closer examination because nobody wants teachers to go."

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Victor Karlsson said one teaching position would amount to nearly \$90,000.

While few defended the original budget by requesting a recount due to the storm that ravaged the community, some also criticized the board for their lack of community outreach after the budget failed.

"You said you would need to have a huge conversation with the community if the budget failed. No one's asked me anything," resident Jenny Sangiamo said. "You didn't check any of the wasteful spending we've been telling you for months. We just sat through 15 slides of scare tactics for the contingency budget and one slide about the revised budget, but shouldn't we be talking about the problems the community has brought up

to you?"


Erik Grutzner, who was the top-vote getter on May 15 to serve on the school board, suggested the budget was voted down because the community's confusion with the district's spending. He requested the board take a week to craft a "bare bones" budget to present to the community that would explicitly detail the district's spending and restore teaching positions.

"I really believe a critical issue right now is the people in this community more than anything, it's not that the budget is too high, it's that they don't know where the money is going or where it's being spent," Grutzner said.

While some board members were reluctant to reevaluate expenses, officials spent over an hour sifting through the budget resulting in enough savings to restore one full-time position. Despite the outcome, parents requested the board continue find additional savings to bring back two more positions.

Karlsson agreed to further examine the budget to see what more could be reduced.

On June 5, a budget statement will be made available to the community with a budget hearing to follow on June 12. For more information on the budget, visit [www.brewsterschools.org](http://www.brewsterschools.org)



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#### **Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?**

**A:** Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

#### **Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?**

**A:** The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

#### **Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?**

**A:** A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

#### **Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?**

**A:** Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.



# PV Town Board Approves Lease with Cell Tower Company

By David Propper

A proposed cell tower in Putnam Valley passed through its first hurdle last week when the town board approved a lease agreement that could lead to the construction of a monopole on town property.

In a 3-1 vote during its May 23 meeting, the Putnam Valley town board approved a lease that could land a roughly 160-foot cell tower near the highway garage at town hall on the back of the property. The tower, which would still need approvals from the zoning board of appeals and planning board in town, is being put forward by Homeland Towers.

The town could receive \$24,000 yearly from Homeland Towers if the project becomes a reality and the money would go toward the highway department.

Councilman Louie Luongo recused himself from the vote because he is part of the fire department, which could benefit from the tower because of improved EMS communication. Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel was the sole no vote.

The agreement between the town and Homeland Towers would be null and void if the tower isn't approved by the ZBA or planning board.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who voted for the lease agreement, said the location at town hall is the best choice going forward. A cell tower had previously been proposed



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A proposed cell tower could be built in the back of town hall near the highway garage, though some neighbors are rankled by the idea.

at town park near the senior center, but Oliverio was against that site.

In an interview, Oliverio said the proposed tower would have a spot reserved for EMS. In the past, Putnam County government wanted to place a tower in the town for stronger first responders' communication, but then backed off after the town gave county officials trouble over the proposed town park site.

Homeland Towers workers think the site is suitable because it has height that reaches above the tree line, Oliverio said, stressing the tower could improve part

of the town that has inadequate cell service. He was also skeptical if there are any real health risks associated with the tower.

The nearest home is about 400 feet away, he said. If the town didn't

find a potential spot for the cell tower, Oliverio feared a private citizen could offer up their property for the tower in a less acceptable spot.

"I feel it's much more secure (at town hall)," Oliverio said. "I don't want it constructed in someone's backyard."

Whetsel, the sole dissenter, said while she understands the need for strong cellular communication, she doesn't like the location because it is too close to several houses in the area. Homeowners near the proposed tower told Whetsel they were concerned about the tower dropping their home values and potential

health problems.

"I was just hoping that they would have taken the time to find another location that would have had certainly had less impact on the residents that live here," Whetsel said.

Resident and planning board member Tom Carano, who spoke during the meeting, said he doesn't think the lease agreement was properly vetted and believes the town has enough towers to serve residents already.

Resident Janice Lanza complained she would see a huge tower right in front of her home. Lanza, a real estate broker, claimed the tower would "destroy" the value of her home. She also thought the tower could cause cancer.

"Are you going to be accountable for the repercussions of this cell tower," Lanza asked Oliverio. "How would you like this in your front yard?"

Resident Dawn Miller, who was choked up with emotion, said she was worried about her children's health if the tower is built. She questioned studies that assert these towers don't hurt people's health.

Resident and local teacher Dorothy France said the town board sold out neighbors in the area near the proposed tower.

"This tower's going to be in my backyard," France said. "I sense this is a done deal."



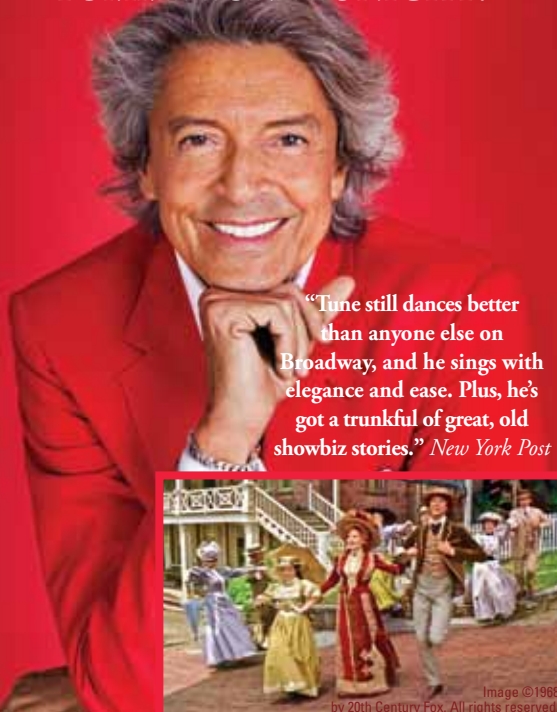
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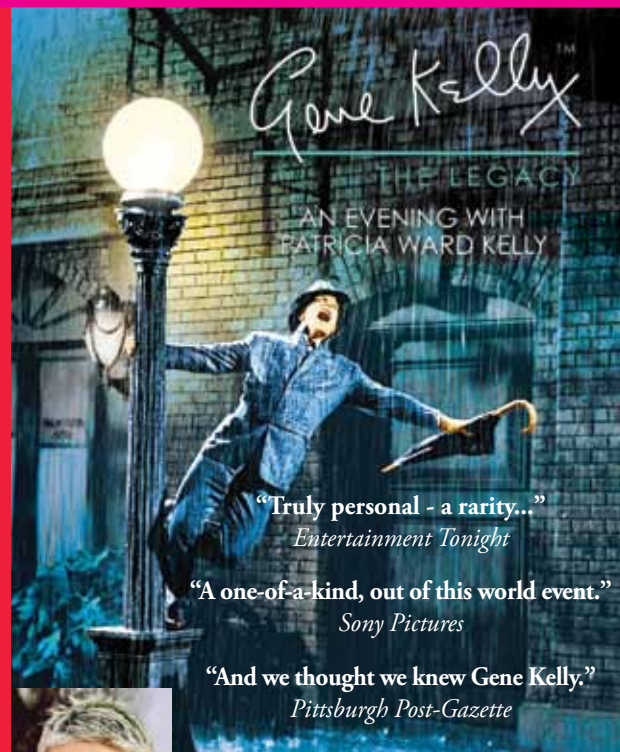
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a way to promote hopefulness."

Her mother-in-law and father-in-law both succumbed to cancer adding to the personal motivation for Cefaloni to help find a cure.

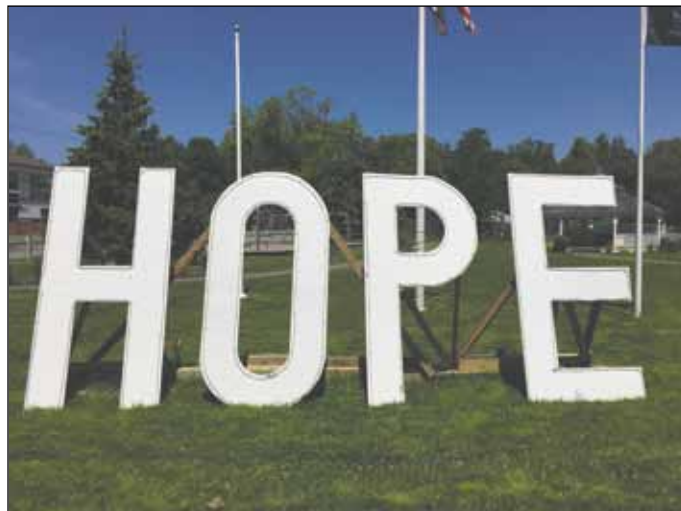
Cefaloni remembers the event used to actually be overnight, but that changed because there were bear sightings one year at night. Now Relay is a one-day event, which Cefaloni described as a "celebration of life and hopefulness." She said if a person knows someone with cancer, Relay is a way to encourage them and if a person knows someone that has died from the disease, it's a way of remembering that person.

Cefaloni stressed Relay is not a sad event, but one that is "uplifting and encouraging."

She said Relay is a "shining example" of how community and volunteerism can transform hardship into hopefulness. Every year, Mahopac comes together.

"People need hope to keep fighting," she said. "That's what Relay does, it gives you hope to keep fighting."

Resident Terry Feehan said 20 years ago when he was asked by the organizers to assist, he told them he'd be happy to just this one year. Two decades later, Feehan is still lending a helping hand.



Feehan is connected to the Mahopac and Putnam community because his children went to Mahopac schools and he owns a business in the county.

"It was a nice event so I got involved," Feehan said. "It's a good family event raising money for the greater good, families get involved, and businesses get involved, young, old, all kinds of people get involved, cancer survivors."

Feehan said the event has grown steadily on the backs of some key local folks who were stricken with cancer and inspired an entire community to raise money to fight the disease. The family and friends of those survivors and unfortunately,

some that have passed, helped push fundraising to new levels, Feehan noted.

Feehan said the event always gets support from local dignitaries, and most importantly the school system, which provides the site for Relay each year at Mahopac High School.

Feehan said Relay is a roller coaster of emotions from the somber moments during the luminary to a block party atmosphere. He also pointed out the past 20 years has brought every weather event he could think of, including thunderstorms and searing hot days.

"No matter what we threw at people, people just kept coming and enjoying the event," he said. "It's fabulous."

Resident Veronica Martin originally got involved with Relay For Life because she lost her mother to cancer when she was only 12-years-old. Heavily entwined with Gold's Gym, Martin branched out to gym goers and workers who had seen

a family or friend suffer from cancer to have them join a Relay team.

Martin said she isn't surprised that \$4.5 million has been raised by a small community because the camaraderie within the community is "so close and so awesome."

"We all want a cure for cancer very badly," she said. "We know working together is the best way to do that."

Each year, Martin sees more and more teams participate in the event. Additionally, Martin said other towns in the area started hosting Relay For Life because the Mahopac event had become so big. (Patterson is celebrating its tenth year and Brewster is marking its second Relay.)

Martin called it amazing to see how many people are part of Relay presently and trying to make a difference.

"It's not just about 'oh, here's some money for a cure,' it's about friends and family coming together, going through the emotional part of how we all feel about somebody that we lost or somebody that we're honoring, to honor them as survivor and there are so many emotions that go along with it," Martin said. "That's what really brings everybody together so well."

"I feel like it's been such a tremendous journey so far," she continued. "I can't wait to see what the next 20 years will be like."



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# Dutchess County Executive Urges Putnam to ThinkDIFFERENTLY

By Neal Rentz

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro recalled the day he attempted to comfort his daughter, Abigail.

It was the day that changed not only his daughter, who is now 14, but the lives of many New York State residents with special needs.

Molinaro's daughter was crying because she said she could not tie her shoes, something her friends could. Molinaro tied her daughter's shoes, but was chastised by his wife, Corinne, who told him, "You can't do that."

Molinaro said he realized he should have not tied her daughter's shoes. Though he did so "out of love" he understood he should have not done so.

As the result of that experience, Molinaro was inspired to launch in 2015 the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative that seeks to change the way individuals, businesses, organizations and communities relate to people with special needs.

During a Community Forum held on Friday at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services building in Carmel, Molinaro spoke about the program. Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, in partnership with Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, hosted Molinaro, who is a Republican running



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Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro discussed his ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative during a Community Forum in Carmel on Friday.

for governor.

"How do we make the system easier" for those with special needs and their families, Molinaro asked.

There are many agencies that provide services for people with special needs but they do not communicate enough with one another, Molinaro said. Not only does he want governments in the state of adopt ThinkDIFFERENTLY, he wants businesses and non-profits to do so as

well, Molinaro said.

Businesses should provide training for individuals with special needs and make their facilities accessible to them, Molinaro said. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act only provides minimal accessibility, he said.

There are many things local governments can do to assist those with special needs including making parks accessible to all without segregating those with special needs from the rest of the community, Molinaro said. Municipalities should also work to not fight against the approval of homes proposed for people with special needs, which is particularly important because an increasing number of those with special needs are living independent lives, he said.

Local governments can also change their 911 emergency call systems to allow emergency responders to come to the home of persons with special needs without them having a resident answer several questions that could delay the process of dispatching assistance, Molinaro said.

Municipalities should also make

an effort to encourage and make accommodations for those with special needs for such events as community days and parades, Molinaro said, adding a day is devoted to those with special needs is provided at the annual Dutchess County Fair.

"We're breaking down barriers," Molinaro said.

Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said she supported the initiative. "We have to find more ways to support" those with special needs, she said.

Scuccimarra said 100 municipalities in New York State have approved resolutions to support ThinkDIFFERENTLY. She described the effort as "a wonderful call for action."

Though ThinkDIFFERENTLY is intended to help those with special needs, it also seeks to change the attitudes people regarding those with special needs, Molinaro said. "It's not about my daughter. It's about me," he said.

The ThinkDIFFERENTLY Web site is <https://www.thinkdifferently.net>.

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# Two Mahopac Men Still Missing in Idaho

By David Propper

The Mahopac community has been keeping tabs on a rescue mission occurring more than halfway across the country as Idaho authorities continue to search for four hunters, including two men from Mahopac.

The trouble for the group of hunters began when an accident occurred on May 22 when the six men were hunting

bear on the remote Magruder Corridor, the Idaho County Sheriff's Office stated. The SVU the men were in drove off a road into the raging Selway River, according to Idaho County authorities.

The two Mahopac residents missing are brothers Raymond Ferrieri, 24, and Jesse Ferrieri, 21. Both men are graduates of Mahopac High School.

The search continued into Sunday night

at press time.

On Wednesday, May 23, Painted Rock Fire Suppressions, Back County Helicopter and Salmon Rafting were able to secure a line on the overturned SVU and then on Thursday, heavy equipment was brought in and the vehicle was pulled from the river, according to the Idaho County Sheriff's Office. None of the victims were located inside the recovered

vehicle, authorities said.

Two men were able to successfully leave the vehicle, Jesse Gunin and Jason Lewis, both from Georgia. They didn't suffer any major injuries and have returned to Georgia.

Idaho County Sheriff Doug Giddings has described the effort as a "recovery" mission for the four missing men, according to the Spokane Review.

## Indian Point Planning to Shut Down as Scheduled in 2021

By Rick Pezzullo

Entergy is planning to shut down all its energy operations at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in the Village of Buchanan by April 30, 2021.

Responding to a recent call by state Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) to delay the closing of the facility to 2030, Entergy officials appeared before the Cortlandt Community Unity Indian Point Task Force Thursday at Cortlandt Town Hall to stress the company's timetable to close up shop.

"Indian Point will retire as scheduled," said Mike Twomey, vice president of external affairs for Entergy. "We intend to shut down as scheduled in the agreement. That is the plan everyone should expect to be implemented."

In January 2017, Entergy, which purchased the plants more than 15 years

ago, announced, to the complete surprise of local leaders, its plan for the early and orderly shutdown of Indian Point Energy Center as part of a settlement with New York State and Riverkeeper. In exchange, New York State agreed to drop its legal challenges and support renewal of the operating licenses for the facility.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County. This represents approximately 25 percent of the electric power used in the region. Unit 2 is set to shut down by April 30, 2020 and Unit 3 will follow suit a year later.

An emergency provision is included in the shutdown agreement that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden

increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy. However, Twomey maintained those circumstances were highly unlikely to occur.

Instead, Twomey said the "biggest uncertainty" was the cost estimate for the decommissioning of the plants, which is expected to take between 10 to 15 years once its begins. Approximately \$1.7 billion is currently in a decommissioning trust fund controlled by Entergy.

The length of the decommissioning could tie up for years any potential redevelopment that local officials have been exploring to replenish the \$32 million annual revenue Entergy provides to Cortlandt, Buchanan, Westchester County and the Hendrick Hudson School District.

Twomey said a good portion of

the land could be utilized during the decommissioning process to store material, equipment and vehicles.

"We do not know what we will be using the parcels of the site for," he said, noting about 125 acres will be needed to store spent fuel rods in dry cask storage. "Until we have a plan, we don't know."

Regardless, Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker, Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of Schools Joseph Hochreiter and Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi asked Entergy to consider setting aside some land for redevelopment.

"I think I have a pretty clear understanding of what we're looking at," said Knickerbocker, whose municipality will be losing half its operating budget once Entergy departs. "I understand we won't be using the property in the very near future."

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## Obituaries

### Mary F. McGreevy

Mary F. McGreevy, of Brewster, died peacefully on Saturday May 19, at Danbury Regional Hospice. She was 71-years-old. Born on January 7, 1947 in NYC, daughter of the late Robert and Bridget (Lonergan) Slyné. She was a high school graduate and continued her schooling at Manhattan Community College. On April 25, 1970 she married the love of her life Martin G. McGreevy. Together they moved to Brewster, NY in 1973 to raise their family. Mary was a real estate agent with Houlihan Lawrence reality in Brewster. She loved everything about her job that she has had for the last 38 years. Mrs. McGreevy would wake up every morning and say "how can I help." She never gave up in life and was a kind and generous person. Mary's greatest passion in life was her family, she was a wonderful wife, great mother and an extra special grandmother. She will be greatly missed by everyone who called her friend.

Mary is not only survived by her loving husband Martin, but her two children; Veronica A. Smith (Kevin) of North Salem, and Martin R. McGreevy (Dana) of North Salem, her sister Kathleen Cunningham of Flushing, and her 5 grandchildren; Colin, Gavin, Liam, Quinn and Finnian.

### Geoffrey L. Reinwald

Geoffrey L. Reinwald, a 38-year resident of Brewster, formerly of Rego Park, Queens, died Tuesday, May 22, in Carmel, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. Geoff was born on April 7, 1947 in the Bronx, to James and Mildred (Silverman) Reinwald. He graduated from Newtown High School, Corona, and proudly served in the Air Force from October 31, 1966 to June 17, 1968. On November 2, 1969, Geoff married the love of his life, Rhonda Strauss in the Bronx. Geoff was an Insurance Broker for Fucito Insurance of Brewster, for 25 years. Recently Geoff had worked with Bruen, Deldin and Didio Insurance of Brewster. A community man at heart, Geoff shared that love of community and helping others every chance he had. A member since March 3, 1993 of the Patterson Rotary Club family, where he was past president & board member and President of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce since 2005 and one of its board members since 1992. Geoff was an avid golfer as well. He was one with the ocean, whether a visit to the beach or one of many fishing trips with friends. Besides his wife Ronnie of 48 years, Geoff is survived by his daughter Heather Taplin and son-in-law Wesley of

Morristown, NJ and his granddaughter Alyssa Rose. Geoff is also survived by his loving sister, Barbara Plotnick of Tarrytown.

### Margaret A. O'Donnell

Margaret A. O'Donnell, a 61-year resident of Brewster, died peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Tuesday May 22. She was 92-years-old. Born on July 17, 1925 in Jersey City, NJ, daughter of Daniel and Margaret A. O'Brien. On June 16, 1957 she married the love of her life Robert O'Donnell at St. Patrick's Church. Together they moved to Brewster in 1957. Margaret was an import/export clerk with Barden Corporation in Danbury, CT for over 25 years before retiring in 1988. She was an active parishioner of St. Lawrence O' Toole Church, Brewster. Her family; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were a very important part of her life.

Mrs. O'Donnell is survived by her two sons; Robert (Mary) O'Donnell of New Fairfield, CT and Kevin O'Donnell of Carmel, her 2 grandsons; Robert and William O'Donnell and her 2 great grandchildren; Mason and Emma O'Donnell.

Queens until moving to Mahopac 6 years ago. On May 2, 1971 he married Laura Foulds at St. Fidelis Church in College Point. In addition to his wife of 47 years, he is survived by his son, Brian and wife Maritza of Queens, his brother, Denis of Queens and his grandchildren Erin, Riley, Sean and Jenna. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Laura; his brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Eileen Foulds and their children, Charlie, Daniel and Michelle. He was predeceased by his son, Sean on February 11, 2015.

### Mario Inzano

Mario Inzano of Mahopac, died on May 23, at the age of 67. He was born in the Bronx on August 30, 1950, the son of Sebastian and Thomasina (Vasconi) Inzano. Mario owned the Hilltop Service Station in Shrub Oak for many years. Mario is survived by his wife Anna, his sons Frank and Sebastian ("Sam"), his daughter Laurie Kamvosoulis, his siblings Sebastian, Nancy, and Danny; and his grandchildren Tianna, Ariana, Celena, Mario III, Brianna, Anthony, Skyla, Frankie, and Amanda. He was predeceased by his son Mario, Jr. and his sister Olivia.

Vera Prucha Sokol, 88, long time resident of Putnam Valley, died peacefully on May 16, 2018 in Swansboro, NC surrounded by her family. Vera was born on June 28, 1929 to Louis and Louise (Uhlir) Prucha in New York City. She graduated from Julia Richman High School.

She worked as a court stenographer, and later as a clerk for the Town of Putnam Valley retiring in 1998. After retiring, Vera volunteered for many years in kindergarten and first grade classrooms at the Putnam Valley Elementary School. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Putnam Valley Women's Club, having served as president. Vera was a member of the Peekskill Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir, played in the hand bell choir, served as an Deacon, and volunteered at the Lord's Attic Thrift Shop.

Vera loved to travel and explored countries all over the world. She was very proud of her Czech heritage and maintained her ability to speak and write in Czech. Vera had a flair for fashion and could always be counted on for making a fashion statement. In addition to expressing herself in song, Vera wrote poetry and enjoyed sharing her poems (Vera's Verses) widely with others.

Vera was predeceased by her husband Charles Sokol in 1969 and by her sister, Elsie Havlin. She is survived by her son Roger Sokol and his wife Rosalie of Albany, NY; her son Ronald Sokol and his wife Robin of Swansboro, NC; grandchildren Cody Sokol, Shylia Sokol, Melissa Marshall and Christine Palmer; seven great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

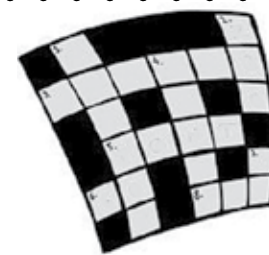


*Vera Prucha Sokol*

*Contributions in Vera's memory may be made to the Peekskill Presbyterian Church, 705 South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566. A memorial service celebrating Vera's life will be held at a future date.*

### John D. "Red" Gillespie

John D. "Red" Gillespie of Mahopac, died on Wednesday, May 23, at the age of 70. He was born in Scotland on October 7, 1947, the son of Joseph and Nora Henderson Gillespie. John proudly served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. He is a member of VFW Post 5491 in Mahopac. John is a retired FDNY firefighter and first responder who served in 76 Engine in Harlem and 273 Engine in Flushing, Queens. He was a first responder and worked at Ground Zero during and after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. John came to the United States from Scotland at the age of 5. He lived in College Point,



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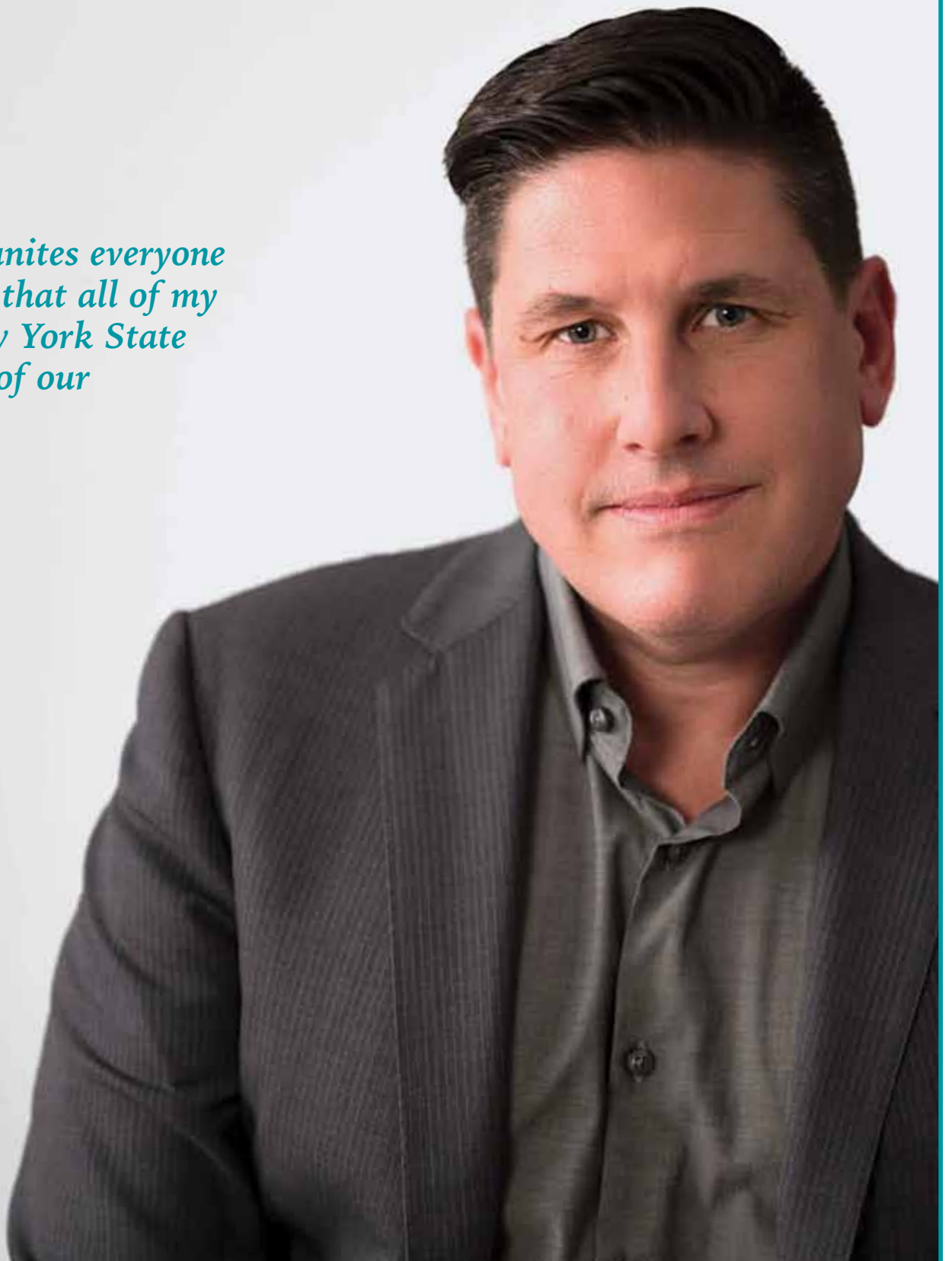
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Business  
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# Boyd Artesian Well Co. Inc. Kent

By David Propper

The first time Henry Boyd drilled a well for water, he was just 11-years-old working for the family business.

Decades later, Boyd is still well drilling and now leading the family business, Boyd Artesian Well Co. Inc., located in Kent.

The business has been run by the same family since 1932 and Boyd has run the business since 1970 when Richard Nixon was president and the average price for a gallon of gasoline was 36 cents.

"This is what I was going to do since the day I was born," he said.

The business was originally based in Norwalk, Ct. when Boyd's father, grandfather and uncle started the business and then Boyd moved to Putnam for more opportunities.

Boyd's Artesian will go from the Pennsylvania border to the Rhode Island border, drilling all throughout Connecticut, as far north as Albany and as south as Staten Island in New York.

The business drills water wells to get clean water into households with pumping systems and services existing water wells when a problem arises. Boyd's Artesian also offers commercial drilling, too. He noted new construction, in



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Henry Boyd of Boyd Artesian in Kent has been in the community for decades.

good years, is usually 80 percent of the company's business and well repairs is the other 20 percent.

He noted business was never the same after 2007 once the Great Recession gripped the country.

Boyd said his business tries to keep

ahead of the technology and always does work the proper way with the latest techniques. Boyd is involved in the educational program in New York State for well drillers and is the vice chairman of the county's mechanical trade board. He is also the president of the Carmel-

Kent Chamber of Commerce. He said being civic minded and keeping qualified workers in the fold for many years, in some cases decades, helps bring business in. All of his workers are properly certified.

"I'm involved in the community," Boyd said. "The community pays me back for that."

Boyd said he's concerned about some of the chemicals seeping into the ground and has been to seminars and works with state and local health departments to address it.

Boyd is also worried about the amount of salt put on the roads in the winter, which can make water undrinkable, including at his own home. To a certain extent, Boyd has made it a crusade to raise awareness to show just how problematic salt on the roads is, especially because there is no way to purify it.

Soon, homeowners will need to turn to reverse osmosis filtration in order to make their water drinkable, Boyd mentioned.

Boyd's son and grandson are becoming more involved with the business, resulting in five generations of the Boyd family drilling in the area.

"Well drilling gets in your blood and that's what you do," he said.

## Underwood Appointed to State AG's Office

Barbara Underwood became the first woman to be attorney general of New York after she was appointed by the state legislature last week. Underwood replaced disgraced former attorney general Eric Schneiderman, who resigned after credible allegations came out that he was abusive toward women. Underwood, a Democrat, has said she will not run for the office this November. Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (right), a Republican, supported Underwood getting the position to keep politics out of the selection.



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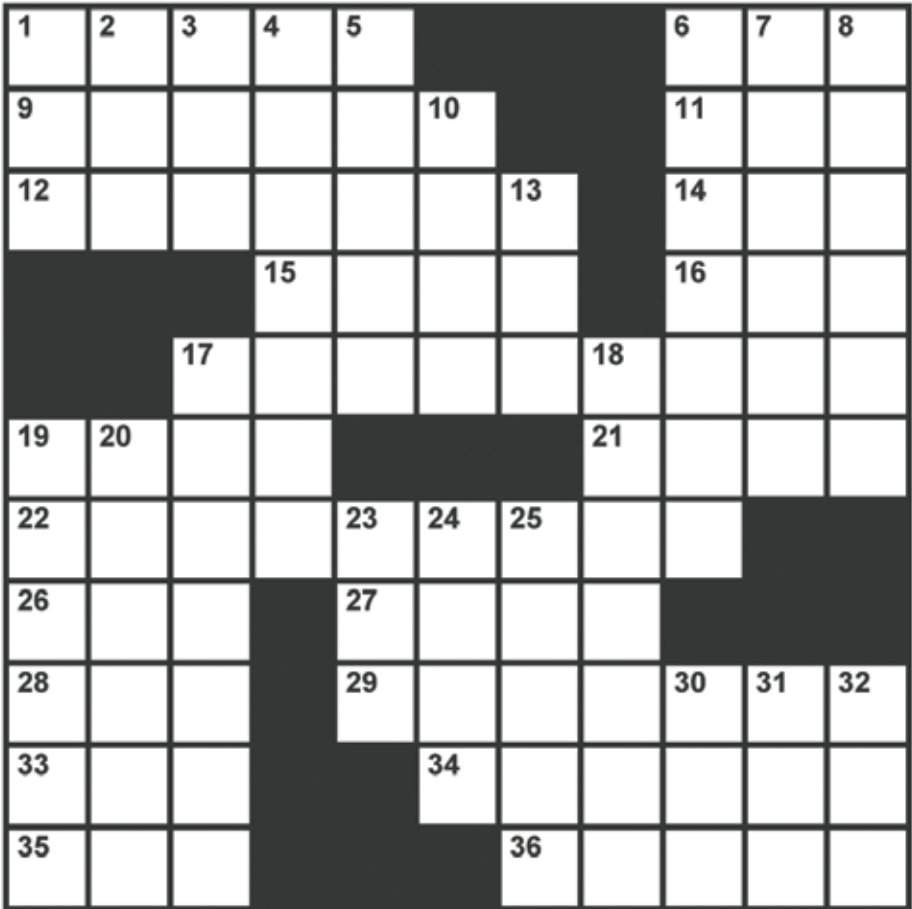
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
1. Perpendicular

6. "I \_\_\_ rock" Simon and Garfunkel

9. Look up to

11. Peter \_\_\_

12. Dance pioneer Duncan

14. \_\_\_ roll (doing well)

15. OK. city

16. Company in the UK

17. Apparent worth as opposed to real worth

19. Belonging to actor Mineo or Lincolndale Pizzeria

21. Earth or soil

22. Codes of conduct

26. No longer in the service, abbr.

27. Best-liked, for short

28. Venusians and others, for short

29. Kermit would grab a sandwich at this Somer's deli

33. "Now I see!"

34. Binds

35. Water diverter

36. Pulitzer Prize category
5. Unbroken mustang

6. Early NASA missions

7. 17th century gown

8. Wreath for the head

10. Great Lake

13. Thesaurus abbr.

17. \_\_\_ and jetsam

18. One who declares in court

19. Applied butter

20. Soul singer, Franklin

23. "Let's Call the Whole Thing \_\_\_"

24. Shopping equipment

25. Roundish

30. Girls youth org. (abbr.)

31. "Dee-lish!"

32. Fitness center



Green Chimneys to Hold Birds of Prey

When the 75-acre Green Chimneys Farm opened a school for very young children, every building on the property had a chimney that was painted green. Back then, no one could have known how important the color would become to the future of the organization, and to our planet. Green Chimneys has truly been green for the past 70 years, helping children to understand the importance of nature and their connection to it.

This philosophy has been key in Green Chimneys' approach to helping children with special needs. The Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center is home to over 200 domesticated farm animals and wildlife including 50 birds of prey, such as an Andean condor; Griffon vulture; numerous hawks, falcons, and owls; several crows; and permanently disabled bald and golden eagles. Through the care and rehabilitation of these animals, Green Chimneys students learn the true meaning of stewardship. They come face-to-face with the fact that animals can be needy and that they can play a role in nursing them back to health. It's an important lesson for children who have special needs of their own: it's the opportunity to move from being a service receiver to being a service provider.

Today the Green Chimneys wildlife program provides valuable education and interactive experiences not only for



students of Green Chimneys School but for the larger community, as well. Part of this is the annual Birds of Prey Day, launched over 25years ago as a fundraiser to build Green Chimneys' very first aviary. It has since grown into a full-day educational program and celebration of birds of prey and the environment, hosting thousands of visitors.

On Sunday, June 3, Green Chimneyscontinues its famous tradition featuring more than 100 birds of preyon display with falconers from across New York and Connecticut. Visitors will have

a chance to get "up close and personal" with majestic eagles, hawks, owls and falcons and learn from top wildlife and environmental experts such as: Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom; Jonathan Wood The Raptor Project; Bill RobinsonWildlife Lectures; Brian Bradley Skyhunters in Flight; James Eyring Pace Environmental Center; Erik Callender Reptile Edventures, Nature Nick's Animal Adventures, Two By Two Zoo, and the New York State Falconry Association.

High points of the day include free-flying raptors, live animal demonstrations, and witness the release of a rehabilitated bird with the help of a graduating student; a very significant moment for Green Chimneys' staff and student rehabilitators, as well as the numerous wildlife professionals in attendance. Other animal highlights include introductions to exotic species under the main tent, the animal residents of the Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center and always, some four-footed (or no-footed) surprise guests! View details of the day at [www.greenchimneys.org/preyday](http://www.greenchimneys.org/preyday)

Event Schedule

Doors open: 10 a.m.; Animal & Birds of Prey Demos: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Live Stage Show: 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Ceremonial Bird Release: 4:30 p.m.

Admission

Adults \$15 • Kids \$5 • Seniors \$5 • Family Pass \$35 • FREE for military with ID and scouts in uniform

Birds of Prey Day is one of Green Chimneys' largest fundraising events and welcomes approximately 3,000 people to its 200-acre Brewster, NY campus each year. The 2018 celebration has been made possible through generous sponsorship from M&T Bank; Katonah Bedford Veterinary Center; Mitchell Energy; KWM Financial; Utter Brothers Feed Supply; The News-Times/Hearst Media Services.

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# Students with Disabilities Put on Impressive Rock Show

On Sunday, April 29, more than 40 people attended the first ever ROCKonSHOW at the Pied Pier Youth Theatre (PPYT) in Stormville. This production by RockonMusicSchool featured five performers ages 6 – 14 playing both original music and classic rock hits. The show featured a wide variety of talent and skills on piano, guitar, bass guitar and voice. Show creator, David Meyers, engaged the audience by giving them percussion instruments and encouraging them to sing along. "This venue is great place for children with disabilities to gain

social confidence. I believe seeing the active audience motivated them and all had a great time." The show began with the title song RockonShow, which includes the performers names and skills in the song lyrics. Then the iconic rap LoLoHi in which the audience tapped the beat while all students participated. Then each of the five had individual performances playing



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Performers: Eric, 12 (red shirt), Piano and Bass Guitar. Tommy, 14 Bass guitar, Anthony 6, Guitar, Percussion, Vocals, Lindsay 11, (green jacket) Piano, Vocal, Sophia 10, (Pink Dress) Guitar, Vocal, Percussion.

original songs and classics like: Octopus Garden (Beatles), Kung Foo Fighting (Carl Douglas) and TNT (AC/DC). After each student got a chance to play sing and play different instruments, all were back on stage for the RockonShow reprise. The show raised money for Pied Piper Youth Theatre youth and inclusive programs. RockonMusicSchool creates

easy to play rock, which helps to begin a child's journey into music and creative thinking. David Meyers provides private instruction for children of autism and special needs in the Westchester/Putnam area. Like the RockonMusic page on Facebook or call David at 914-489-0520 or go to RockonMusicSchool.com.

# Putnam SPCA Raises Animal Cruelty Awareness

In an effort to raise awareness of animal cruelty and the many forms it takes, the Putnam County SPCA has presented animal cruelty classes throughout the county. During the months of March and April, Putnam County SPCA Officers conducted classes and spoke to hundreds of children - ranging from kindergarten to 7th grade - about animal cruelty in an effort to provide humane education to children.

The PCSPCA spoke with students and attendees participating in the Camp Herrlich afterschool program from Matthew Paterson Elementary School, The Kent Elementary School, and George Fischer Middle School. SPCA Officers also spoke to the entire 5th grade class of Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac comprised of approximately 100 children, for the second year in a row.

As part of the SPCA's commitment to helping animals in need, the Putnam County SPCA offers humane education classes to schools and other interested groups, to inform children about the impact of animal cruelty in the community. Officers from the Humane Law Enforcement Department are available to visit schools throughout Putnam County to provide humane education to students, providing valuable first-hand knowledge about cruelty and prevention.

Chief Ken Ross stated that, "It is important for children to learn and

understand what animal cruelty is. By starting at a young age, we hope to instill in the child an awareness on how to treat an animal and the knowledge that society finds animal cruelty a crime." It can frequently become an overlooked requirement that schools are required to provide Humane Education to their students under the NYS Education Law:

New York State Education Law, Article 17 states: § 809. Instruction in the humane treatment of animals. 1. The officer, board or commission authorized or required to prescribe courses of instruction shall cause instruction to be given in every elementary school under state control or supported wholly or partly by public money of the state, in the humane treatment and protection of animals and the importance of the part they play in the economy of nature as well as the necessity of controlling the proliferation of animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme cruelty. Such instruction shall be for such period of time during each school year as the board of regents may prescribe and may be joined with work in literature, reading, language, nature study or ethnology. Such weekly instruction may be divided into two or more periods. A school district shall not be entitled to participate in the public school money on account of any school or the attendance at any school subject to the provisions of this section, if the instruction required hereby is not



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given therein.

School or any group interested in having the Putnam County SPCA present an Animal Cruelty presentation should contact the SPCA at 845-520-6915.

The Putnam County SPCA is a 501(c)3 corporation which receives no funding from the ASPCA. Our mission is to prevent cruelty to all animals by enforcing the NYS cruelty statutes by our countywide humane law enforcement

department, providing medical care and shelter to abused and neglected animals seized pursuant to arrest and providing Humane Education to schools and other interested groups. We continually rely on donations of supporters who care about animals and how they are treated. Given law enforcement powers by the State of New York, the Putnam County SPCA responds to calls of suspected animal cruelty throughout Putnam County.

# We Save and Save More Stuff But Where Does it Go?

Our homes are where we eat, sleep, play, sometimes work and store things we've finished using but somehow can't bear to throw away.

There are many reasons we may want to hold on to possessions we no longer need, but where do we put it all?

Granted, some homeowners live on the light side where nothing is hidden and what you see is what you get. Or they've gotten religion just before the sale of a home. The homes on the market that show best are those where all the traditional storage spaces – the attic, basement, garage and large closets – are bare.

When I owned a single-family home, my attic and garage looked like storage rental facilities, but not as neat. When my wife and I prepared to sell our home a while back, we hired a crew to clean out our basement, which had been packed with belongings from cement floor to beams overhead. There was clear evidence there of many different careers and lifetimes, including those of our parents and grandparents, along with tools and leftover materials from house



By Bill Primavera

renovations.

One of the workmen took me aside and told me how dangerous it was to have saved enamel paint and paint thinner so close to the boiler. As the Home Guru, I was embarrassed. At first, it was a visceral experience to instruct the workers what to throw out for bulk pick up day.

My propensity to hang on to stuff started young. Maybe I had thought that someday I would be so famous that future generations would want some piece of who I was and what I did in life. But since I turned out to be just an ordinary guy, I really had no excuse.

It all started when I was an adolescent and my mother gave me a white envelope on which was written, "My Son William's First Haircut, Aged 2." Inside were Titian red curls that bear little resemblance to my hair today.

That was the first item I tucked away in a sturdy cardboard box that originally housed Florida oranges we would receive each Christmas from my Aunt Helen. Through the years, that box accommodated all my other official

documents from my birth certificate to a special blessing from the Pope (my wife had connections) when my wife and I married. Since then, that one box has multiplied like fish.

By the time I was a teenager, I was collecting books and records before the time of downloading audio files, never thinning them out and always saving them. (Anybody want a rare collection of impressive 331/3 rpm records from the 1960s?) By the time I married, I went on to photography well before the days of digital images. I documented every move my family and I made, starting with our honeymoon.

Then my wife and I started collecting things together and when we got into the antiques business part-time, the floodgates opened. We never got to the point of hoarding, and our house was always tidy, but we never really organized our storage of the things we didn't have room to display.

Perhaps as homes get downsized, efficient storage will be even more important. Today, there are many resources for creative solutions to tucking things away.

The Internet and large-box retailers such as The Container Store are rich with the tools needed to store things properly.

Home Depot boasts Martha Stewart's cubbies and closet kits as well as a full assortment of containers for the garage or outdoor shed.

For those who need industrial strength help with storage, there is always the great PODS concept ([www.pods.com](http://www.pods.com)). Where the company will deliver a POD to a private home for "temporary" storage during house renovation, or preparing for a move, I have seen them stay on properties seemingly indefinitely, and there may be some local ordinances discouraging that.

If I were to dispense any advice about storage, it would be as simplistic as to suggest that we should all better manage what we collect.

As for my wife and me, we were forced three years ago when moving to a condo to downsize our stuff to fit into a reasonably sized storage cage. It was very liberating.

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## The Continuing Pursuit of Artisanal Wines in Northern California



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the course of the past few weeks, I've engaged you on exploratory trips to California wine country that my wife and I have enjoyed. The genesis of these trips over the past year was our desire to discover those fine Northern California wines rarely found on the East Coast.

There, a growing legion of winemakers is at the forefront of the movement toward small producers whose wines are sold to ardent followers exclusively via tasting room purchases and subscription mailing lists.

This week I continue revisiting our journey.

The passionate winemakers who produce these small quantities of highly acclaimed wines may be stakeholders in small parcels of land or may have access to highly sought after grapes. Regardless of the source of the raw ingredients, the end product is crafted in a meticulous and passionate fashion.

Our trips have focused on the means by which we found these artisanal

winemakers and visits to their wineries. In every instance they were pursuing their passion for wine, living the dream of having their name on the label of a bottle of wine, thus expressing their passion to the world and inviting fellow wine lovers to share their intimacy with the grapes and locales in which they pursue their dream.

I've also gushed of the natural beauty and bounty of Northern California in comparison to the appeal and allure of Western European wine regions.

Over the course of these recent columns, I've regaled you with our adventures in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. This week the focus once again is Sonoma County.

Ensnared in the Carriage House accommodation at the Belle de Jour Bed and Breakfast just outside of Healdsburg in northern Sonoma County, my wife and I were sampling a local winemaker's bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, generously offered to us by inn owners Tom and Brenda Hearn.

This astounding wine exemplified the underlying basis for our trip. We never heard of

*You Heard It  
Through the  
Grapevine*

the winery, the wine is not shipped to the New York retail market and only the locals have access to the bottlings.

This provided an auspicious basis for mapping our winery visits

for the next day. Having come in from the 1,500-foot elevation and crashing waves along the Sonoma Coast the previous day, our next pursuit of artisanal wines would take us deep into the Dry Creek Valley floor, just outside Healdsburg. This sub region is noted for a variety of wines, notably Zinfandel.

We arrived at Unti Winery and Vineyard just as the gentle fog was lifting off the valley floor and a gentle breeze was wafting through the vineyards. We met with Mick Unti, who owns and operates this small winery with his dad, George. Since its inception in 1997, Unti has garnered a reputation as an outlier.

The Untis are a living legacy to the early Italian settlers who labored in the local vineyards, seeking the grape varieties most compatible with their land. Their Italian heritage and inherent preference for European grapes – and the ubiquitous Zinfandel – has led them down a path of constant experimentation.

George began as a home winemaker in 1990, living his dream of owning a vineyard and producing his own wine. He ambled along until 1997 when Mick,

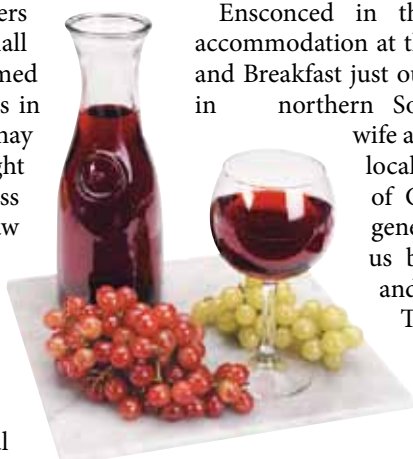
*'pursuing their  
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dream'*

fresh off a stint as a winery sales manager, joined him. From the beginning, their approach to wine making was simple: "which grapes and wines do we love that can viably be grown in our local terroir?"

In all, 11 grape varieties are under management, including five Italian, five French and the Zinfandel. Seventeen wines are produced, including six blends. The Unti mission? Mick is effusive in his response: "To synthesize my enthusiasm for European wines."

Next week: We walk the land and sample the wines.

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





# Happenings

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**Northern Bravehearts Special Needs Hockey Team:** We are part of a non-profit organization that provides an inclusive special needs ice hockey experience for children and adults years 5+. It is our mission to teach individuals essential hockey skills and create an accepting, tolerant, and inclusive environment for the individuals and their families. We foster a competitive yet supportive experience to meet all of our team members' needs. We will be creating our new program or team in the fall, which will be based out of the Brewster Ice Rink. We are seeking equipment donations for our members to use throughout the ice hockey season. Your donation will provide an individual with a disability to gain skills, socialize, build self-confidence both on and off the ice, improve motor functioning, become part of their community, and have fun! We appreciate any donations; no donation is too small. If you are interested in donating any materials, equipment, or are interested in becoming a mentor please contact the individuals listed below. Contact: Max Mak [goal12e.421@gmail.com](mailto:goal12e.421@gmail.com) 914-960-3388

**Tuesday, May 29**  
**Go, van Gogh! at the Reed Library:** 11 a.m. Vincent van Gogh produced more than 2,000 works of art in his last decade. Let's take an Armchair Art Tour and get to know some of them. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.  
**Mindfulness Meditation and Book Group:** Reed Library, 6 p.m., - 7:30 p.m. Learns tools that can strengthen mindful awareness, compassion and intentional living. Book discussion, meditation and

camaraderie. Meets the last Tuesday of each month. All are welcomed. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.  
**Wednesday, May 30**  
**Solar Energy Options:** 7 p.m. Learn the facts about solar energy and the many options it offers. The licensed sustainable energy consultation team from EZ Clean Energy will discuss everything you need to know to decide if solar energy is for you. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.  
**The 3 Sisters: Exploring a Garden** also June 6 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and August 15 11 a.m.- Noon. Through the delightful story of "The Three Sisters," we will explore Native American culture in this three-part series. This class, taught by Cornell Cooperative, will feature planting in the garden, making a corn husk doll, harvesting the crops, and cooking delicious food for the class to eat! For ages 8-12. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.  
**Thursday, May 31**  
**Oh, My Aching Knees!** by Northern Westchester Hospital. 400 Main Street 1st floor conference center Mount Kisco, 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Address your knee pain at our FREE seminar Join our panel of experts and learn more about: Eric L. Grossman, MD, FAAOS - Total Knee Replacement; Arthritis & Non-Operative Treatment of the Arthritic Knee David Yasgur, MD, FAAOS - Partial Knee Replacement and Patient-

Specific Technology Victor Khabie, MD, FAAOS, FACS - Navio-Assisted Knee Replacement and demo David Miller, MD - ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) Brittany Garrett, PT, DPT - Post-Operative Physical Therapy. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oh-my-aching-knees-registration-44455957967>  
**The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club Meeting:** Hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Jerry Thaler, Meteorologist, will speak about our local weather and climate history. Club dues will be collected. Set-up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee at 1 p.m.; meeting at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.  
**Friday, June 1**  
**Book Signing and Opening Reception for the Marco Anelli - Building Magazzino Exhibit** opening here at the Desmond-Fish Library on June 1st. Following the Opening Night Reception, the exhibit will be open during library hours June 2nd through the 16th. The Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library At the intersection of Route 9D and Route 403 Garrison. 845-424 -3020  
**"Darkest Hour"** In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its empire. Director: Joe Wright Writer: Anthony McCarten Stars: Gary Oldman, Lily James, Kristin Scott Thomas. Movie is rated PG-13, and runs 2 hrs and 5 minutes. Registration is required. Program is for adults. Kent Library 2 p.m. -4:30 p.m. Registration is required. You may register for the program by calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

**Cell Phone Photography:** Also June, 8 5:00p.m., Are you a fan of Instagram? Would you like to make your feed really stand out? Dan Stockfield will give a two-part class on cell phone photography just in time to show off your summer vacation pictures and get your feed poppin'! For ages 13 to 17. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.  
**First Friday Potluck:** Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church. Potluck dinner from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. Bring a dish and make new friends. 2103 Route 6, Brewster. RSVP 845-279-5181  
**Saturday, June 2**  
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**Civil Air Patrol Squadron** plans open house: The Putnam County Composite Squadron, local unit of the Civil Air Patrol, welcomes the public to an open house 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Paladin Center, located at 39 Seminary Hill Road in Carmel. Members of the squadron will be present to greet visitors and explain the unique opportunities Civil Air Patrol offers to young adults, 12-18 years old, such as, aerospace and cyber education, leadership development, orientation flights, search and rescue training, and much more. For more information contact Captain MacDermant at [elenamac@aol.com](mailto:elenamac@aol.com) or (845) 216-5433. Visit the squadron at [www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron](http://www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron).  
**Boscobel 24th annual, well-loved Snapping Turtles!** program (previously known as Turtle Walk). Join us bright and early at Boscobel's Belvedere to meet live—and sometimes huge—snapping turtles. Staff from the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary will give a dramatic presentation about the habits and history of snapping turtles while they introduce you (at a safe distance) to some of the snapping turtles living in Constitution Marsh. 7:30 a.m. After the lively presentation, guests may enjoy Boscobel's gardens and grounds, where female turtles often nest. Rain or shine! Complimentary coffee, juice, and donuts included. Adults \$12, Children \$8, Under 5 years of age free.  
**Planning and Planting a Vegetable Garden:** 1 p.m. Come help us plant the garden as The Master Gardeners from the Putnam County Cornell Cooperative Extension return for an afternoon of hands-on learning and vegetable garden planting! Learn how to read plant tags and seed packets as well as discuss the best way to plant your vegetables. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar  
**Relay for Life of Mahopac:** Mahopac High School. 8 a.m. - Midnight Mahopac High School 421 Baldwin Place Rd. Mahopac. For more information or to donate please visit: [www.relayforlife.com](http://www.relayforlife.com)

## Crossword Answers

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**10603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity**

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## **No.17-Seeded Bears Eliminated by No.12 Lakeland, 9-1, in Class A Semis**

After an unexpected yet magnificent run to the Section 1 Class A semifinals as the No.17 seed, Brewster C Tim Holler can't get this diving tag attempt down on Lakeland's Leo Cummings in the visiting Bears' 9-1 season-ending loss to the 12th-seeded Hornets last Thursday when Lakeland scored six first-inning runs en route to eventually winning its fourth Section 1 championship over Byram Hills on Saturday... see Baseball Notebook



# Sports

## Baseball Notebook

# Youthful Lakeland Comes of Age to Win 4th Section 1 Title

## No.12 Hornets Upset No.3 Byram Hills, 3-2, Advances to States

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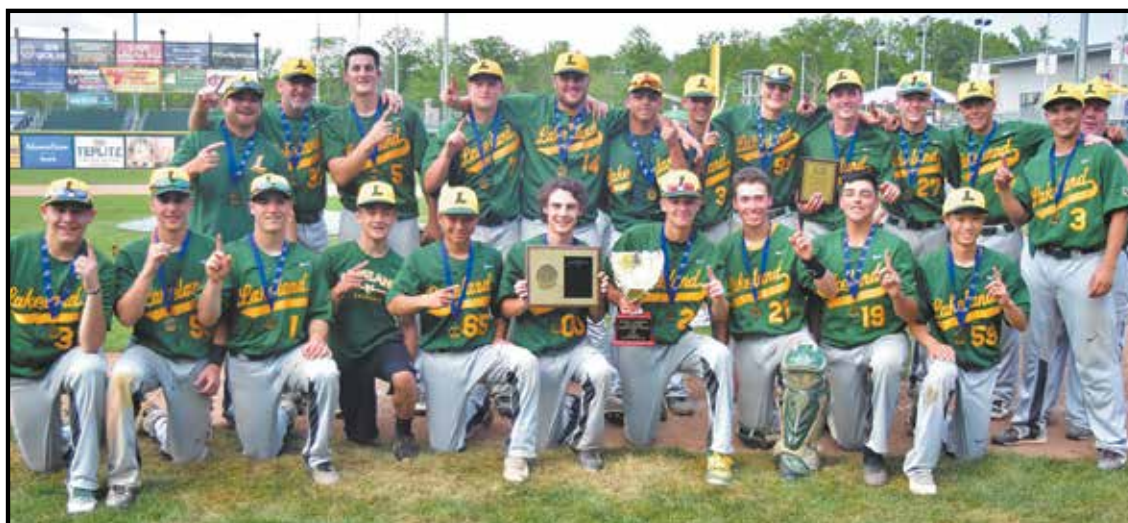
POMONA -- Way back in March after reading our baseball previews, one of the dads of the Lakeland Hornets reached out and told me he appreciated us saying the nice things we did about Coach Bill Casey's Hornets, but he also said that contending for a sectional title this year, as we had intimated in the preview, wasn't bloody likely in 2018.

To paraphrase the dad, who I know and respect, he said, "next year and the following year, we fully expect to contend, but we're too young this season to contend for the sectional title."

I remember saying something back like, "Poppycock, dude! This team is closer than you think." After all, I'd seen this unit perform for years in SOAC travel and

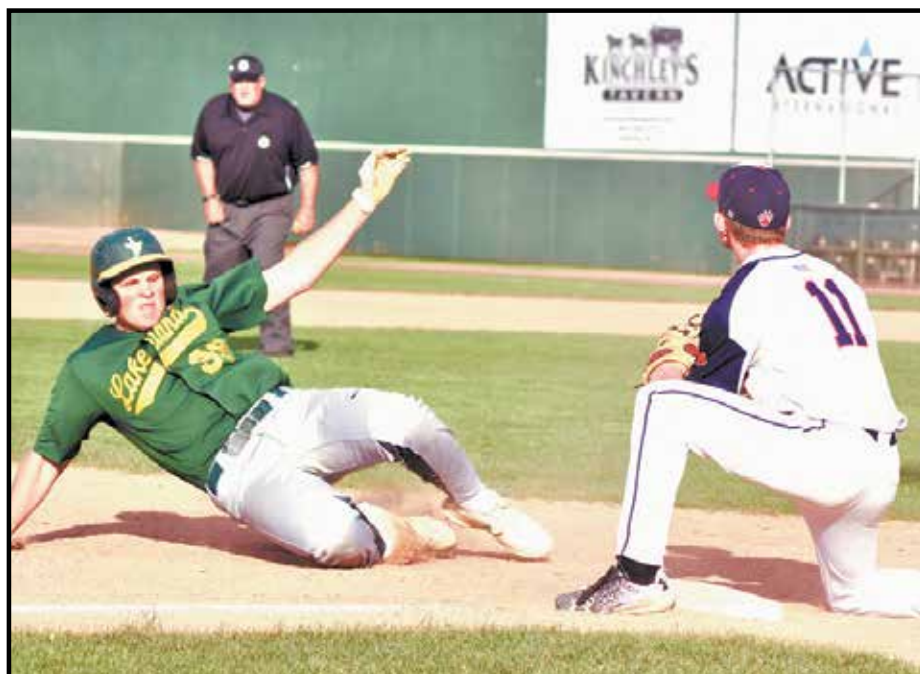
what not, and knew, despite having one senior in the everyday lineup, this team was ahead of its time.

And so, this scribe, who has covered the Hornets since the wee 90s and knows a thing or two about Lakeland baseball, wasn't the least bit surprised when the 12th-seeded Hornets (15-9) went on this magical run last week, concluding with Saturday's 3-2 Section 1 Class A title triumph over No.3 Byram

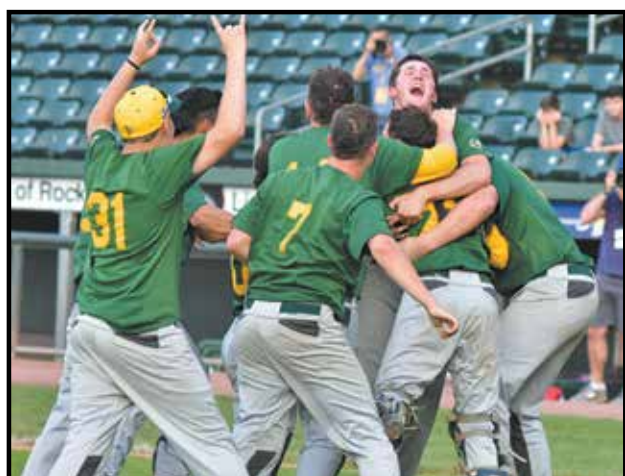


RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Members of the Lakeland baseball team pose with championship plaque after 12th-seeded Hornets' 3-1 Section 1 Class A championship win over No.3 Byram Hills.



Lakeland 1B Jason Green slides in safely after tripling home run in Hornets' 3-2 Section 1 Class A title win over Byram Hills.



Lakeland players mob winning pitcher Joe Vetrano after 12th-seeded Hornets' 3-2 Section 1 Class A championship win over No.3 Byram Hills.

Hills at Palisade's Credit Union Park, home of the Rockland Boulders, where Lakeland copped its first title since 2010 (circa Jonathan DeMarte).

Lakeland sophomore P Joe Vetrano went the distance for the win, firing a five-hitter, whiffing five Bobcats along the way. There was little doubt about whether he would finish or not until he took a line drive off the foot in the sixth inning.

When Coach Casey came out to discuss the

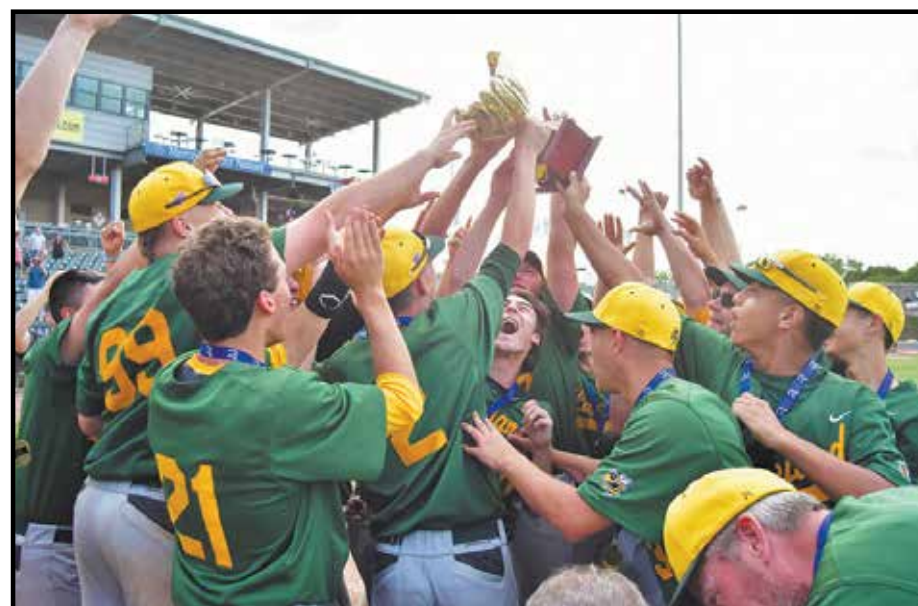
situation, with the Bobcats having scored twice and threatening to take the lead, Vetrano, with his glove over his mouth, told his coach in no uncertain terms: "You are not taking me out of this game, I am finishing," the 6'3" Boston College-bound lefty told his coach. "I was going in there fired up in the seventh. I was pounding the zone and I knew my boys had my back. I was going all in for that last inning and give it everything I had. I wasn't losing this game. It feels amazing. Everyone has doubted us, but we were coming in to practice every day working hard, and we always had each other's back and we wanted this so bad. We're not stopping now. We're going to work hard in practice all week to just keep this going."

In the first inning, Lakeland 3B Matt Schenck doubled with a man on in the first, and a run scored on an errant throw

back into the infield. Schenck later scored on an Andrew Croce sac-fly for a 2-0 lead, and big Jason Green crushed a run-scoring triple in the fourth. That was all Vetrano would need.

"You know it starts with the pitching, as always," Coach Casey said of Vetrano's effort. "And we are way ahead of our time for these sophomores, but (Eric) Portella in Game 3 was one of the biggest lifts we could ever have. Vetrano felt so relieved and fresh for the finals. I wasn't sure what to expect from these guys come playoff time, but what these kids did I'm in awe of. Vetrano was a beast. That's a tough team over there. The last time we faced them, Joe only lasted four innings. But in every game this season Joe Vetrano has a part in us winning the game. Today, we rode his back and that got us a championship."

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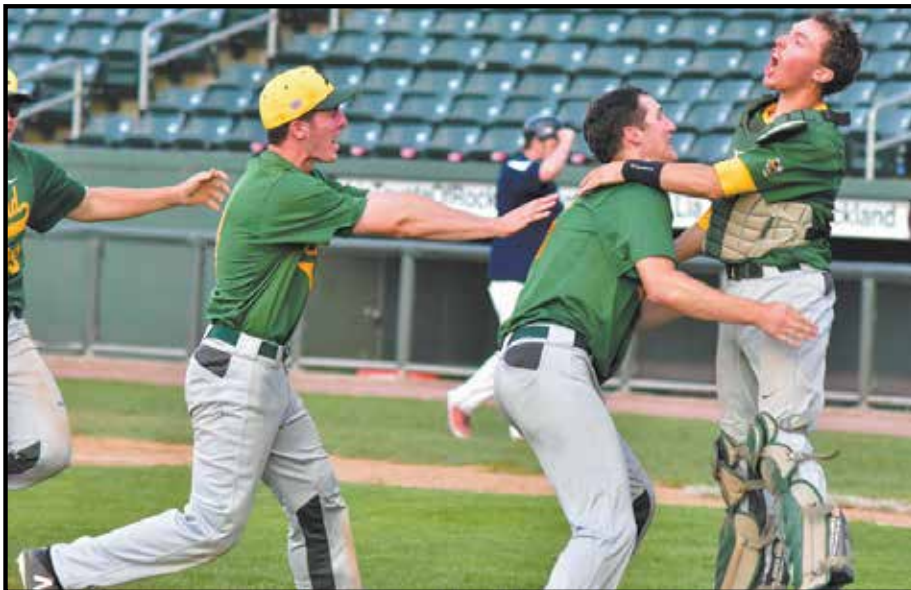
Members of the Lakeland baseball team hoist coveted Dom Cecere Memorial trophy after 12th-seeded Hornets' 3-1 Section 1 Class A championship win over No.3 Byram Hills.



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## Baseball Notebook



Lakeland 3B Matt Schenck (L) and C Zach Lerman were quick to get to winning P Joe Vetrano in Hornets' 3-2 win over Byram Hills for Class A title.

"I'm so happy to be able to coach this group and even happier that we have so many sophomores," he added. "But more importantly, the three seniors (Andrew Baffuto, Eric Portella and Matt Schenck), I'm so happy for them. They don't want to hear, 'oh, maybe next year,' because they're not here next year. So, they come out of here with a Section 1 championship, and I feel great for them."

Against No.17 Brewster in the semifinals, Vetrano led off the game with a home run, opening the flood-gates to a six-run first, which was more than enough to support senior Portella, who went the distance for the win, allowing nary an earned run. Vetrano also doubled and scored twice. SS Leo Cummings doubled twice for the Hornets.

Not to be overlooked by any means was Brewster's run to the semis. Much like they were two years ago when they

lost to John Jay in the finals, Coach Matt Cunningham's Bears (13-11) were all but dead and buried, but nobody does the 17-seed like the Brewster Bears do. Along the way to the semis, the Bears busted up the top bracket by knocking off No.1 Rye and then-defending Section 1 champ Tappan Zee, the No.4 seed.

In Brewster's 9-4 win over Tappan Zee, bulldog P Michael Charbonneau threw a complete game, whiffing eight and working out of a seventh-inning jam to preserve the quarterfinal win. C Tim Holler went 2 for 3 with a homer and four RBI and Paul Catalino went 3 for 4 for Brewster. Bears fun-loving P Bobby McBride almost single-handedly got the Bears to the quarters with a sterling opening-round upset of Rye.

Coach Cunningham praised the unit for their never-say-die attitude.

Lakeland advanced to the semis after a

4-2 win over No.4 host Nyack when Schenck hit a game-winning solo home run in the third, giving the Hornets a lead they would never relinquish behind lefty sophomore Evan Berta, who allowed just one earned run, whiffed five and went the distance. Vetrano tripled, drew a couple of walks and scored three runs.

With Vetrano, Berta and Portella on the hill, the Hornets have three rested hurlers ready for the rigors of the state playoffs as Lakeland seeks its first state title.

No.15 **WALTER PANAS** had a terrific finish and solid run to the Class A semifinals under veteran Coach Anthony Fata before falling to No.3 Byram Hills, 7-4. Panas senior OF Tim Feliz smacked a two-run homer and essentially solidified his All-Section selection. En route to the finals, Panas (12-11) rocked No.7 Lourdes in the quarterfinals, breaking open a 4-4 close game with 11 unanswered runs. Feliz was scalding hot, going 3 for 3 with two home runs, a triple, two walks and five RBI. Greg Vlad (4 for 5, RBI) was on base all day. Panas reliever Don Hopper chalked up the win.

Behind ace Jack Jemmy's sterling performance, Panas also ended No.2 Hen Hud's season as the Sailors (16-5) had their high hopes crushed for a third-straight year in the playoffs. Hen Hud has gone 48-12 in the last three regular seasons with just one playoff win to show. When you face an ace, anything can happen and the Sailors are living proof.

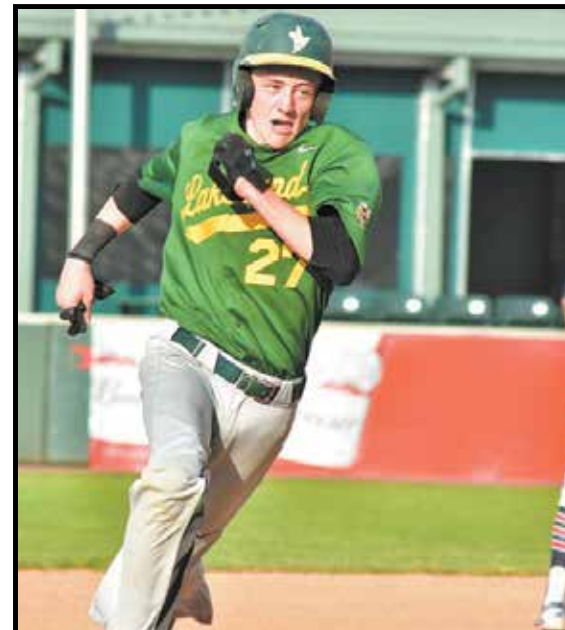
Fata praised Jemmy's effort and lauded the leadership of senior OF Feliz.

"I'm very proud of the 2018 Walter Panas Panthers," Fata said. "It was an up-and-down season, but they finished strong with a remarkable run in the playoffs. We had outstanding performances by Tim Feliz and Jake Jemmy. Tim went 11 for 15, 4 HR's and 12 RBI in the playoffs. Jake pitched two complete games and only allowed two runs. I'm going to miss this team and the leadership they provided this season."

### CLASS B

**PUTNAM VALLEY** has nothing to be ashamed of after reaching the semifinals and falling 9-3 to No.1 Briarcliff, who was eventually shocked by No.2 Pleasantville in the title tilt.

Coach Joe Natalie's fifth-seeded Tigers (14-8)



Lakeland LF Andrew Croce chugs home with a run scored before making key late grab in Hornets' 3-2 title win over Byram Hills.

got a first-inning homer from senior C Mike Gaitan (2 HR's, 2 RBI) for its only lead of the day against stingy Bears' P Spencer McCann, who fired a four-hitter with two walks and seven whiffs. The Tigers met or exceeded expectations this season and return a ton of talent next year, so expectations should only grow despite the fact the program had no J.V. team this year.

The Tigers reached the semis after an 8-2 win over Blind Brook, in which P John Millicker fired a career game. The RHP fanned a career-high 11 batters, allowing just an earned run over seven frames. He also went 2 for 4 with four RBI.

### CLASS AA

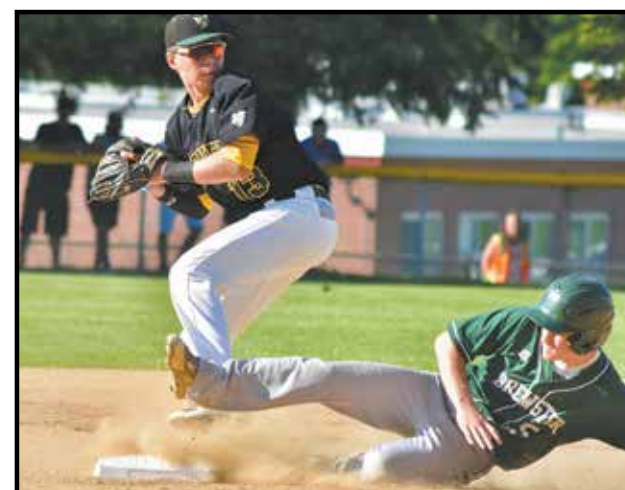
No.7 **CARMEL** had its well run dry in a 7-1 quarterfinal loss to No.3 Clarkstown South, who held the Rams (15-7) at bay (just three hits). Still, Carmel had the kind of foundation-building year that should keep the program on track for years to come under Coach Joe Hackert.

No.15 **MAHOPAC** (8-14) had its season end in a 4-2 opening-round loss to No.2 White Plains.



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTO

Lakeland senior 3B Matt Schenck slides home safely with key first-inning run in Hornets' 3-2 Section 1 Class A title win over Byram Hills.



Lakeland SS Leo Cummings cuts down Brewster SS Mike Charbonneau in Hornets' 9-1 Section 1 Class A semifinal win over Bears last Thursday.



# Sports

## Girls' LAX Notebook

# Brewster Separates from Hen Hud, Wins 1st Section 1 Title

## Putnam Valley Falls in Class D Final, Yorktown's Class B Run Ends

By Tony Pinciario

Tara Regan began playing as a third-grader in the Brewster Girls' Lacrosse Youth Program and first met current varsity Coach Sara DiDio.

"I remember my very first lacrosse practice with Coach DiDio in third grade," Regan recalled. "Many of the players on this varsity team were there that day. If it weren't for Coach DiDio, I can guarantee we would not be where we are today. She shaped us as players but has also impacted our lives in so many ways."

Brewster, seeded second, registered a program first as it defeated fourth-seeded Hen Hud, 17-9, to win its initial Section 1 Class C lacrosse championship.

The Bears, now 16-4 this season, will play Section 2 titlist Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Fox Lane High School in a regional semifinal. The winner advances to face the Section 9 champion, Saturday, 10 a.m., at Newburgh Free Academy.

Prior to avenging a regular-season

loss to Hen Hud, Brewster eliminated third-seeded Rye, 14-10, in a semifinal.

Last year, Brewster lost in the semifinals and with only one senior graduating, Regan and her teammates were optimistic about what 2018 would bring.

"We knew we could make it even further and we got our second chance," Regan said. "For most of us, it hasn't even sunk in what we accomplished. We have been working our whole lives for this game. It was a fairytale ending to a decade of hard work and dedication. It was worth every minute of it."

"I don't think there is any better gift that we can give to coach. From day one, she believed in us with her whole heart. She has never once given

up on us and we always knew we could count on her to do what was best for us."

Regan said the coaches were always optimistic about the team's success. However, the girls took a game-by-game approach.

"I think once we started beating the top-notch teams we realized that we could win the section," Regan said.

Hen Hud handed Brewster a one-goal loss during the regular season. That fueled Brewster to

focus on itself.

"We focused only on playing our game," Regan said. "Of course, we made small adjustments, but we always have focus on what we can do. We rarely watch film or talk about the other team because as long as we play our game, we feel we will be successful."

Brewster's offense erupted, led by five goals from Haile Ratajack. Lauren Craft and Meagan Beal each had three goals and Marina Souza added two goals and five assists. Danielle Heintz outplayed Rutgers-bound Hen Hud goalie Mackenzie Porter, finishing with 12 saves to Porter's seven.

"I'm very proud of my team for all their hard work," DiDio said. "We started down two goals, at the beginning



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

The 2018 Section 1 Class C champion Bears pose with medals and the first girls' lax championship plaque in school history.



Brewster players and coaches celebrated their long-awaited Section 1 Class C championship after 17-9 win over Hen Hud last Thursday.



Brewster's Marina Souza, who scored twice and dished five assists, makes life tough for Hen Hud G Mackenzie Porter.



Hen Hud G Mackenzie Porter can't stop this shot by Brewster's Michelle Feighan, who scored in Sailors' 17-9 Section 1 Class C title loss to Bears.



Yorktown G Cameron Crawford tries to clear against pressure from Jay's Sophia Altamari in Huskers' Section 1 Class B title loss to Indians.

of the game, then went on an eight-goal run and never looked back. Leading up to the game, we talked about being a team and supporting each other, and that's exactly what we did. It was a team win."

DiDio praised Hen Hud, which knocked off top-seeded Byram Hills, 15-10, in a semifinal.

"Hen Hud is a physical team and Mackenzie Porter is great in goal," DiDio said. "We were ready to see them again in the sectional finals and knew what we had to do in order to be successful. Hen Hud came out strong and my team just needed to be confident and work together. Hen Hud never backed down and had a great season."

Brewster is practically playing a home game, making the short trip south on Route 684 to Fox Lane for the regional.

"Of course, we are lucky to be playing

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# Sports

## Boys' LAX Notebook

# Class B Yorktown, Class A Lakeland/Panas Seek Section 1 Titles

## Formidable Foes Await After Huskers Top Somers, Rebels Deny Mahopac

By RAY GALLAGHER  
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Today is what we call a day of reckoning in Section 1 Class B lacrosse circles. They day when second-seeded Yorktown will either win its 41st Section 1 championship or die trying for just the third time since 1996.

Yorktown's foe, John Jay Cross River, is as familiar as it gets: The two premier Class B outfits will square off for the title for the ninth time since 2001 and the sixth time in seven years, the Huskers winning all but one (2006).

By the time most folks read this story, Jay, which defeated the Huskers back in early April by a goal, will either be back

in familiar territory; playing second fiddle and dreaming about what might have been, or representing Section 1 in the state tournament for the seventh time since 1997, and the first time since 2010.

History lesson aside, the game features a slew of high school All-American talent and potential Division I college standouts and is as highly anticipated as the 2006 showdown between the two rivals when John Jay eked out a 10-9 Class A triumph.

"Good start Tuesday would be great," Yorktown boss Sean Carney said. "We are playing with a lot of confidence right now so some early goals would be very beneficial. That being said, we have faced adversity before and seem to deal with it very well. The team believes in each other

and the system that we play in. We know John Jay is real good, but we know we have to prove it Tuesday and the boys are very excited to do just that."

The Huskers (14-3) reached this point after a 17-4 victory over No.5 Somers (11-7), in which promising sophomore Alex DeBenedictis bagged a career-high six goals, giving him 20 tallies in the last four

games.

"Alex is legit," Carney said. "If he works hard in weight room and on his dodging he can be a stud. Him and Shane Dahlke next year will be a very good duo on that end. Both are playing their best lax of the year."

Another young stud in the Yorktown stable is freshman D Keith Boyer, who, like his two-time All-American brother Jose, will be the next big deal on the defensive end of the field.

"As a freshman, Keith plays like a senior now," Carney said. "He's a special player."

Truth be told, two of those three – DeBenedictis and Boyer – were essentially rookies in the Yorktown system when they faced Jay in early April. The Huskers needed a playmaker – someone besides them Embury boys (Hunter and Jamsion), to step up in the first game against Jay's stingy defense. With DeBenedictis and Dahlke having gained a year of experience since then, the offense should play better in the rematch, and having a seasoned

Boyer on the field with All-American Brett Makar, and All-Section poles Connor Koelsch and Brandon Meyreles on the defensive end, the motivated Huskers should be good to go Tuesday.

Husker M Brendan Williams owned the draw-box against the Tuskers, going 19-4 on draws and should fare well against Jay, which will increase the chances of getting the ball into the hands of Hunter Embury (4G, 2A) and Jamison Embury (3G, 4A), who had their way against Somers.

No matter how you slice and dice it, both Yorktown and John Jay are highly driven and its entirely possible that the last possession wins...

### CLASS A

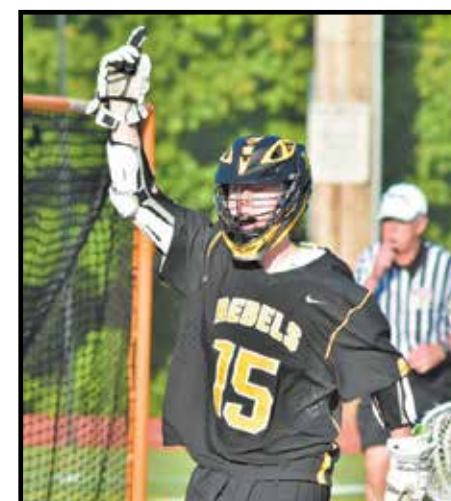
With any luck, the game between No.7 Lakeland/Panas (8-10) and top-seeded Mamaroneck (14-4) should be just as good on



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Lakeland-Panas A Jo-Jo Janavey snipes top right corner for 1 of 3 goals he scored in less than 5 minutes in 9-7 semifinal win over Mahopac.

Wednesday (4:30 p.m.) as the two-time defending sectional champion Rebels get to play before their home crown after knocking off third-seeded Mahopac, 9-7,



Rebel A Regan Fallo celebrates goal in Class A semifinal win over Mahopac.

in the sectional semis. In a span of less than five minutes, Rebel sniper Jo-Jo Janavey reeled off three goals during Lakeland/Panas' unanswered five-goal scoring spree that gave the Rebels a 9-5 lead.

"That's just my guys finding the open man, getting stops on defense and transitioning to offense," said the Mercy-bound Janavey. "And when you get the ball in transition you have to bury it because they were shutting me off six-on-six, which stinks, to be honest, so I had to finish my chances when I got them, especially down the stretch."

"But the defense really held it down for us," Janavey added. "We owe them lunch or something. It feels great when you consider what we've been through this whole season. We just had our first

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Yorktown's D unit of Louis Ragusa, Brett Makar, Connor Koelsch & Brandon Meyreles will be pivotal to outcome of the Class B title tilt.

## NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

**No.1 YORKTOWN** – Like the Huskers to win by a goal or two and I've rarely been wrong about this; neither has the rest of the planet.

**No.2 LAKELAND/PANAS**—Rebels really began to show grit when they rallied from three goals down in the third quarter to defeat second-seeded Scarsdale, a comeback sparked by goalie J.P. Walsh going coast to coast as part of a six-goal third quarter.

**No.3 MAHOPAC** – Junior G Mike Argila was incredible at times in loss to L/P, and I would build this defense around him next season and hope that Anthony Corrado takes the next step to become the next big thing at Pac.

**No.4 HEN HUD** – Really thought this was the Sailors' year to make a splash and reach the Class C finals for the first time since 2011.

**No.5 SOMERS** – Couldn't be happier for these kids and coaches to have reached the Final 4. It shows the kind of big-time relevance that keeps kids coming back for more, from the youngest levels on up.



Yorktown A Alex DeBenedictis rips one of six goals he would score in Huskers' 17-4 semifinals win over Somers Wednesday.



L-P middle TJ Bryan, who owned draw-box from 2nd period on in Rebels, controls possession in semifinal win vs. Mahopac & Dennis Dowd.



# Yorktown Repeats as Section 1 Class AA Champs

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

Coming into the 2018 Section 1 varsity softball season, Yorktown wanted to prove that it deserved its elite ranking after winning the 2017 Section 1 Class A championship.

Even though the Cornhuskers were the reigning champion, they went into the 2018 Section 1 Class AA Softball Championship seeded second behind John Jay-East Fishkill.

Well, Yorktown is no longer behind John Jay-East Fishkill. In fact, all of the Section 1 Class AA teams have to take a backseat to the Cornhuskers as they defeated the top-seeded Patriots, 1-0, last Saturday at North Rockland High School to win their second consecutive title.

This marks the second time in program history Yorktown has won back-to-back championships (2007-08).

Yorktown, now 21-2 this season, opens state play against Section 4 champion, Horseheads, Thursday, 2:30 p.m. at Union-Endicott High School (Section 4).



Yorktown P Erica Salveggi and 3B Elaina Ornstein celebrate Huskers' 4-1 semifinal win over Suffern.

The winner advances to the regional final against Section 9 champion Minisink Valley, Saturday, 4 p.m. A Yorktown victory would bring Minisink Valley to North Rockland to face the Cornhuskers.

"We had the momentum at the end of last year," said senior catcher Courtney Cardea, who will attend Hamilton College this fall and play softball. "We just wanted to come back stronger this year. In the beginning of the year, we were strong, then we hit a few bumps, but here at the end of the season we are playing so well. We are really making the most of it because we are graduating a big portion of our team this year."

Those bumps Cardea was referring to were the regular-season losses to John Jay-East Fishkill and Mamaroneck. Following each game, Cardea said the team returned to the game's fundamentals.

"In the John Jay game, we hit really well, but our defense wasn't at its best," Cardea explained. "In the Mamaroneck game, we made some errors and our hitting wasn't there. After those losses, it was a reality check and made us realize we had to refocus and go back to the basics in order to be a great team."

Yorktown did this and has not loss since the Mamaroneck game. For the third consecutive sectional game, winning pitcher Erica Salveggi was outstanding in a five-shutout of Jay. She allowed one run apiece to White Plains (quarterfinal) and Suffern (semifinal) before stifling the top seed on five hits.

"Erica mixed in a changeup, screwball and curveball this year and she's been able to perfect these pitches," Cardea said. "Focusing on these three pitches has enabled her to become great at them and for her to even so much more success."

Yorktown and Salveggi came in focused against Suffern and John Jay as both teams were in position to unseat the Cornhuskers. However, Yorktown was just as psyched to play both opponents.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Yorktown LF Bella Vano makes clutch run-saving grab in Huskers' 4-1 semifinal win over Suffern.

"We wanted that game," said Cardea of Suffern. "They were talking about being the underdog and that was us last year. We were the favorite, in this game, for a reason and we really wanted to prove ourselves. We knew, through the whole game, it would be crazy, back-and-forth. We thought it would be more of a high-scoring game because the previous two games were high scoring. It was fun for us, especially in the bottom of the seventh inning. Erica had lost her mom before the

for them is to be united, build each other up and bring energy as a group. Winning is not fun if everyone doesn't buy into it. As a former player, I can honestly say you'll forget about the strikeouts and the errors, but you won't forget the feeling of celebrating and the feeling of pure joy when it all comes together."

Against Jay, Yorktown scored Kaitlyn Bennett's smash snuck through the infield just enough to plate LF Bella Vano from second base. Yorktown 3B Lizzie Ornstein and 2B Serrano also combined on a nifty, cross-diamond defensive play in the seventh to get out of a potential jam.

Against Suffern, Husker SS Briana Buck, who looks the part of a next-level performer, crushed a two-run, game sealing bomb and Vano made a sliding grab that kept a run or two from scoring.

Buck's bomb followed Serrano being awarded home plate for the go-ahead run off a fluke play that saw the Mountie catcher's throw to third bound off the helmet of Erin Gray and over the Yorktown dugout. Cardea singled one at-bat later and Buck followed with the yard bomb.

PUTNAM VALLEY's record-setting season came to a premature close with a 5-4 loss to No. 4 and 2017 champion, Valhalla, in a Section 1 Class B Softball Championship quarterfinal.

The Tigers trailed 5-0 going into the seventh before rallying for four runs. Putnam Valley concluded with a 15-6 record which ranks it among the best in program history.

"While it was a disappointing end to the season we never gave up," Putnam Valley coach Rena Finsmith said. "We were down, 5-0, with two outs in the top of the 7th the girls and the girls continued to fight until the last out was made. We scored four runs thanks to an RBI by Alex Waters and three-run double by Emily McKenna.

"This season far exceeded my expectations after losing six starters. The newcomers stepped up for us all year  
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Yorktown's Juliana Piehler rounds the bases ahead of Brianna Buck home run in Huskers' 4-1 semifinal win over Suffern.

season started and she always said her mom has been watching over her and the team. We gathered in the circle and Erica said, 'Kim, I know you're watching over us so please help us get through this last inning'."

Salveggi and her teammates sealed the door shut on John Jay and came away with the program's fourth title.

"Winning with this team has honestly been so much," said Yorktown coach Ryan Jamurri, a member of the 2012 National Champion Alabama softball team. "We had leis, bunny ears, an American flag cap and stuffed Cornhusker mascots. We did it to bond and have fun. All I want



Huskers are all smiles after Brianna Buck's (13) clutch two-run dinger in semifinal win over Suffern.



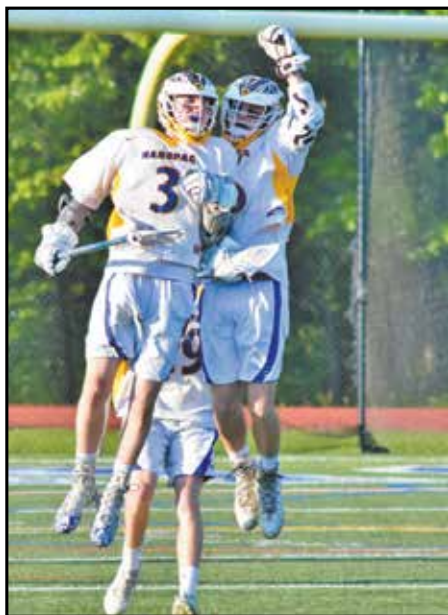
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winning streak the other day, and now we're going to the sectional finals so this is huge for us. In order for us to three-peat for the first time since 1991 we have to play a full 48 minutes. Mamaroneck is a great team and if you play 36 or 40 minutes it won't be good enough you're not going to win the game."

Like anyone who saw the Indians play in the semis, Lakeland/Panas Coach Jim Lindsay was quick to credit and improved Mahopac club for reenergizing the rivalry



Mahopac's James O'Brien and Mark Carey celebrate an Indian goal in 9-7 semifinal loss to L-P.

between the two old-guard lax programs that were once the upper crust of Class A

A lax since the late '80s and well into the early 2000s. Indian James O'Brien was a force to be reckoned with, notching a hat trick, and Ryan Dugan scored twice for the tribe while Anthony Corrado and Tommy Elliot each scored once for Mahopac.

"We tried to prepare for Mahopac taking Jo-Jo out of the game," said Lindsay, who will be seeking his fifth sectional title since taking over in 2006 as Rebels coach. They are very scrappy. Mahopac makes you pay for everything you get and they play the game the way they want to play the game which is tough and gritty and I thought they beat us up on ground balls and gave us clearance issues all day so we needed a little bit of a spark but that was all Sean Laukatis and TJ Bryan getting it done at the midfield."

Bryan took over the draw-box and the Indians barely had possession in the third quarter and much of the fourth. The only thing keeping the Indians afloat was G Mike Argila, who stood on his head in the second half.

"TJ really adjusted in the second quarter and by half-time he was really dialed in," Coach Lindsay said. "He's really starting to round into form after missing so much time, and that is huge for us because it allows us to have the ball just like against Scarsdale. We had just enough in the tank defensively to hold them down. I thought their goalie played out of his mind. He single-handedly kept them in the game so



Mahopac A James O'Brien flips a nifty behind-the-back goal in Indians' 9-7 Class A semifinal loss to L-P.

credit to that kid.

The last time the Lakeland School District three-peated as Section 1 champions was Lakeland doing so alone in 1991, and in doing so the road often went through Mahopac (six times from 1989-96).

## Yorktown Repeats as Section 1 Class AA Champs

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and all gained valuable varsity experience. The most important thing this season that I took away was that these girls really had great team chemistry and supported one another. Each game saw someone else step up and get the job done. This season really showed what the definition of "TEAM" is. It was a fun-filled season and I am proud of the 15 girls that made it special."

**LAKELAND**, riding an 18-game winning streak, was dethroned by second-seeded and eventual Section 1 Class A champion, Ardsley, in the semifinals.

"Like I've said it's been awhile since there's been a lot of juice in this rivalry between Mahopac and Lakeland/Panas for whatever the reason," Lindsay added, "but it was fun today. It was kind of like old times. Our kids showed resilience and we played a really difficult schedule to prepare them for this, but we have a tall task on Wednesday, and we don't have any Ric Beardsleys, Christian Johns or Anthony DeMarzos is on this team, so three-peating won't be easy, but Mamaroneck has to come into our house and they

haven't beaten us in a couple of years now in the playoffs, so we know we're going to have our hands full because they will be playing with a little bit of an edge to turn that around."

The third-seeded Hornets reached the semifinals with a 10-2 victory over sixth-seeded Harrison in a quarterfinal game, running its winning streak to 18 straight, as Hannah Matuziak homered and drove in four runs.

Emily McGrath had two RBI, Amber Lopez collected two hits and plated two runs and Stella Bale had a hit, scored twice and had an RBI and Jess Ascencio and Ava Knopf each had a hit and RBI.

Winning pitcher Krystal Badillo scattered eight hits and struck out six. She also singled and scored two runs.

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close to Brewster, but ultimately it comes down to whoever wants it more and who is going to play the best lacrosse," Regan said. "We are focused on keeping our bodies healthy. We are playing our best lacrosse right now, so we are just focusing on getting better ourselves."

Rachel Palka finished with three goals for Hen Hud against Brewster and Kira Varada added two goals and one assist.

**PUTNAM VALLEY** played in the Section 1 Class D championship game for a second consecutive year against Bronxville and once again, the Broncos dealt the Tigers a crushing blow.

This time, Bronxville overcame Putnam Valley, 12-11, in overtime. Putnam Valley reached the final with a 12-11 victory over Pleasantville in a semifinal.

Despite the final result, Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman was proud of her team and its accomplishments.

"I think we had an amazing season," Hyndman said. "It started out by making history in beating Lakeland/Panas, having a regular season one-goal loss to Bronxville, and then making another appearance in section finals. This time, I think the loss was a lot harder to take in."

Putnam Valley fought back from a four-goal first-half deficit, then a four-goal second-half deficit to send the game to

overtime. Putnam Valley's Jacky Phillips, who had a huge second half, scored three goals, including the Tigers' 10 and 11th

goals, while Maddy Deegan scored four times, but the Broncos struck last with little more than a minute left in the first OT.

"With an outstanding group of seven seniors, plus 12 other amazing players, who have pushed themselves harder than ever before, it was devastating to see their season end this way," the coach said. "I couldn't even look in their faces without saying how sorry I was that we didn't reach our goal. They wanted it so bad and they truly worked so incredibly hard for it."

"Beyond the season ending game, I am immensely proud of these girls. It is so hard to be mentally tough and physically capable 100%, day in and day out, and they proved they could do just that. This group of girls has done extraordinary things this season and should be proud of all they have accomplished and persevered through. It was definitely a season for the books!"

No. 2 John Jay-Cross River defeated No.1 **YORKTOWN**, 8-6, in Section 1 Class B title win last Thursday, ending the Huskers' two-year run as champs. Kelsey McDonnell, who had a hat trick for the Huskers.



Hen Hud's Chloe Stewart throws check on Brewster's Marina Souza in Sailors' 17-9 Section 1 Class C title loss to Bears.



Yorktown's Kelsey McDonnell is hounded by Jay's Mia DiChiara in Huskers' Section 1 Class B title loss to Indians last Thursday in Rockland County.



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## Brewster Snags First Section 1 Title, Topples Hen Hud in Class C Final



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Penn State-bound Brewster senior All-American M Lauren Craft slips one of three goals she would tally past Hen Hud All-American G Mackenzie Porter in the second-seeded Bears' 17-9 Section 1 Class C championship win over the fourth-seeded Sailors last Thursday to win the school's first-ever girls' lacrosse title in Rockland County. The 16-4 celebratory Bears hoisted the sectional title plaque (inset) and advanced to face Section 2 Class C champion Burnt Hills-Balston Lake in the first round of the NYSPHSAA tournament at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fox Lane... see Girls' Lax Notebook