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Brewster Man Arrested for Sexual Abuse, Explicit Texts to Girl

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County police arrested a Bedford Central School District bus driver in Mount Kisco last Friday night for allegedly having sexual contact with an 11-year old girl and sending explicit text messages.

Brewster resident Brayan Moscoso Arias, 22, was charged with the felony counts of sexual abuse and disseminating indecent material to a minor.

Arias was arrested as he was going to meet the girl for an encounter. Police

had the location under surveillance and apprehended Arias in a downtown Mount Kisco parking lot at around 11 p.m.

Police said there had been at least one previous sexual encounter with the girl and evidence had been recovered on his cell phone, according to a published report.

Last Saturday, Bedford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno sent an e-mail to the school community informing the public that the district

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Putnam Health Dept. Grapples With Outbreak of Measles

By David Propper

An outbreak of measles has struck Putnam County, county health department officials announced last Friday.

Three positive cases of the measles were confirmed by the health department last week, with two Putnam residents infected and one Connecticut resident stricken with the disease. While the three infected people have been isolated to avoid the spread of the serious, highly contagious disease, there is still a fear that others could be infected.

"Before these individuals were isolated, they may have exposed other people," interim Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat said in a press release, "and we are working with local partners to identify all possible contacts."

Measles can be spread through the air by coughing or sneezing. In rare cases, it can result in death. There were 63 non-fatal cases in the United States this year by April 21.

Anyone that was in the Subway eatery located at 3101 Route 22 in Patterson on Sunday April 29 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. or in the DeCicco and Sons located at 50 Independent Way in Brewster right off Route 312 on May 1 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. may have been exposed, the health department stated. The health department encouraged those people to call the 845-808-1390. Individuals born before 1957 or who have had measles, or who have been vaccinated with Measles, Mumps, Rubella shot may still retain full or partial immunity, according to the health department.

"Measles symptoms begin with fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat," Nesheiwat stated. "It is followed by a rash that spreads over the body. If anyone has these symptoms, call the doctor or emergency room first. Do not go directly to a medical facility. Isolation procedures need to begin immediately upon arrival."

Bob Palmer Day Honors Vets with Show of Patriotism



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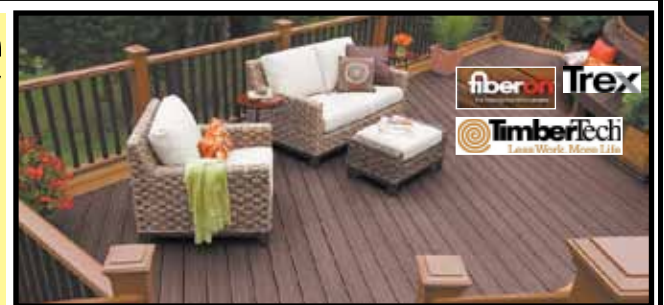
The end of April in Putnam County meant it was once again Bob Palmer Day where deceased veterans of various American wars were honored and remembered. The Bob Palmer Day project puts American flags at the gravesites of more than 1,200 brave soldiers. This project was started by Brewster resident Bob Palmer (pictured above), a World War II veteran, more than 30 years ago. Palmer, who is in his 90s, still showed up to help with the massive effort. Several dignitaries including state, county, and local officials showed up to help, as well as youngsters and various members of different organizations.



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Murphy, Byrne Kick off Run for Reelection

By Kristen McNerney and Rick Pezzullo

At his campaign kickoff last week, NYS Senator Terrence Murphy vowed to continue, “fighting the fight” for constituents in the 40th district.

At a campaign event this past Thursday evening in Peekskill, Murphy accepted his bid for reelection as he goes up against likely Democratic challenger Robert Kesten of South Salem. Accompanying him was Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, of New York’s 94th district, Putnam County Legislator Joseph Castellano and other Hudson Valley dignitaries.

Welcomed on stage by thundering cheers and the Rocky theme song, Murphy took to the podium to address supporters.

“This is awesome,” Murphy said to the cheering crowd. “It’s just an honor and a privilege to represent so many people and do so many things that are available. You get involved in this to do the right thing. I will continue to do the right thing for the people of the 40th District. I’m blessed to be able to do what I do.”

Murphy spoke about his efforts in tackling the heroin and opioid epidemic, mentioning comprehensive legislation he spearheaded is being duplicated nationwide by other lawmakers.

“When I went to Albany I knew we had to do something,” said Murphy, who chaired a Senate Task Force on Heroin



NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy at his campaign kickoff last week

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and Opioid Abuse. “It’s a life and death situation.”

Byrne, who also accepted his bid for reelection, delivered a passionate crusade for providing “the best constituent services across the state.” Byrne vowed to fight back against New York City’s special interests and a billion-dollar tax increase, claiming that the city exploits “dark

money” for its wasteful practices. Byrne believes that the Hudson Valley should be a beacon of light to those who are sick of New York City corruption. On the state level, he pledged ethics reform in Albany and to protect gun owners’ rights.

Byrne emphasized the shared obligation of himself and Murphy to fight back against the “blue wave” of New York State

‘You get involved in this to do the right thing.’- NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy

government and to provide for the everyday hardworking Americans in their districts. Byrne declared, “the Hudson Valley is not for sale.”

Castellano of Putnam’s District 7 shared details of his long-term friendship with Murphy and described Murphy as someone you would want to be your “next-door neighbor.” Castellano feels there is a difference between running for office and actually governing, and that Murphy exemplifies that difference by delivering results.

“This is exactly the kind of guy we need representing us in Albany,” said Castellano. “He’s a regular guy, a father, a husband and I’m truly honored to call him a friend. Terrence gets results.”



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Q: Why do people become obese?

A: Obesity is now recognized as an energy storage disease that’s hormonally based. It can develop when we eat large quantities of simple carbohydrates that break down fast to sugar, such as bread, pasta and white rice. In response, your body produces excess insulin to keep the right level of glucose in the blood – a condition called insulin resistance.

Excess insulin production is a serious problem because insulin prevents fat breakdown, so more food converts to fat, promoting fat storage. High insulin also reduces the efficiency of the brain hormone, leptin that tells your brain you should eat less. In women, there’s an extensive, complex interaction between the hormonally based reproductive cycles and insulin system, so subtle hormonal changes have a greater effect on women.

Q: Are obese women at risk for certain health problems?

A: Absolutely. Most problems revolve around excessive production of insulin. Obese women have more difficulty conceiving due to problems ovulating, and are more likely to have abnormalities during pregnancy,

such as high blood pressure. Obesity is the number one cause of female infertility in the U.S.

Obesity also increases the risk of irregular or painful periods, high-birth-weight babies, gestational diabetes, and miscarriages. There’s a greater risk of breast cancer, especially post-menopause. Sixty percent of cancers of the uterine lining are caused by obesity, as are a significant number of uterine fibroids. Obese women with cancer have a higher rate of mortality and recurrence because treatments, typically tested on non-obese people, may not be as effective.

Q: What are the best remedies for obesity?

A: Weight-loss (bariatric) surgery can work because it helps establish a new weight set point, which is the weight range your body is genetically programmed for and that it tries to maintain. However, you must also eat more protein and vegetables – foods that break down more slowly. FDA-approved medications help some people lose weight. We now know that the best treatment for obesity is multi-pronged. Beside surgery, I use medications, behavioral therapy, and special exercise machines that make it possible for anyone to run. Exercise greatly improves insulin resistance.



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Mahopac Budget and Board of Education Preview

By Anna Young and David Propper

The Mahopac school system is offering a budget of \$123.3 million that remains under the tax cap. It is a budget-to-budget increase of 2.13 percent. Five candidates are running for three open seats on the school board.

Ray McDonough

Mahopac alum Ray McDonough praised the current school board for improving general and special education programs while keeping the tax burden low. He's dedicated to continuing the district's fiscal responsibility if he's elected next week.

The married father of three children, two of whom graduated from Mahopac, explained how the district faced financial difficulties for several years with taxes increasing over 60 percent and several programs eliminated from the curriculum. In 2011, the special education program was decimated and truly put students in a challenging situation, McDonough said.

"I am running for school board trustee since I do not want to see things go backwards," McDonough said. "I truly bleed Blue & Gold and care very much for our town and our schools."

McDonough, a project manager at HCC Construction Management/General Contracting and member of Local Union 79 Mason Tenders, said the district should offer more vocational

programs to students and provide a work ready curriculum.

"Our country has a shortage of Welders, HVAC Technicians and Tin Knockers to name a few," McDonough said. "It is important that we give our students a vast array of options for their career path."

Larry Keane

Former school board member Larry Keane may have taken a short hiatus from serving the board, but he is determined to attract skilled teachers and administrators to the district to ensure students receive a quality education.

The former educator, whose four children graduated from the district and also has grandchildren attending the schools, wants to aid in maintaining the district's strong financial base. He said issues like safety have been addressed fairly well, but feels the board is struggling to keep teachers and administrators in the district.

"You can't have a quality district unless you attract quality people," he said.

Keane also served two terms on the school board where he applied his knowledge to the curriculum committee. During his tenure, he said the elementary schools implemented new math and reading programs and never saw taxes rise.

He has also been involved in the basketball program for 35 years.

After spending nearly 40 years in upper-level positions in the Mamaroneck School District, Keane feels his experience, and enthusiasm to listen and learn will benefit the board if he's elected.

"If you look at my background it's certainly important," Keane said. "It's a unique background."

David Furfaro

Now that David Furfaro is retired he's wants nothing more than to give back to the community he's called home for 35 years.

"I feel good giving back," Furfaro said. "More than anything I want to give back to the community."

Furfaro has made himself an integral part of the community, serving on the Carmel planning board and working as a municipal general contractor as his four children made their way through the district.

Through his roles, Furfaro said he has gained a keen understanding of the town and the district. With his recent retirement, he's eager to spend his free time learning more about the district and learning what the real problems are.

If elected, he said the board has to brainstorm ways to keep teachers and administrators within the district to maintain a sense of stability. He also feels the board needs to stay vigilant when discussing school safety, illegal drugs and vaping.

Furfaro is also dedicated to sustaining extra curricular programs within the district, including music, art and physical education.

"I would like to get more programs into the district," he said. "The first thing on the chopping block is always the extra curricular activities."

Furfaro prides himself on being a hard worker who will dedicate his newly acquired free time to listening to students, teachers, administrators and the community if he's elected next week. While he wants to offer his time, he said he has no agenda and isn't trying to get anyone a job.

"I like to think I bring some integrity to the table," Furfaro said. "I will listen to everybody's opinion and voice mine to find some common ground to make the best decisions for the district."

Dennis Forte

Compared to other school systems in the area, Dennis Forte believes Mahopac is lagging behind them. He wants to join the school board to "reposition" the district to be a leader in 21st century education.

Right now, he believes there is a lack of consistency and leadership from the district. More professional development is necessary and the district should invest more so in its own people to help them grow into senior positions. Administrators should collaborate more

to find common goals that are achievable.

"I believe consistency and stability will make Mahopac stronger," he said.

He said he knows his role as a board member would be to support the school chief and help move initiatives forward that his leadership team has identified would be essential to the district.

The communication between the district and the community needs to be enhanced where there is a clearer channel between the two, Forte said. He would like to see the board and district officials be out in the community more and be out around town more, to gather concerns from parents.

"I don't think there's any clarity or transparency between the district and community," Forte said.

Forte, a Mahopac graduate with four kids going through the school system presently, is part of Mahopac Sports Association. He's vice president of the MSA football program.

He wants to push the district forward and make sure social and emotional educational needs are addressed early in a student's life to prevent bullying and drug abuse.

"I have no personal agenda and I'm not a micromanager," Forte said. "My primary concern is the educational welfare of the children."

Penny Swift

After serving on the Mahopac school board for 12 years, when Penny Swift was approached to run again for the board, it was too appealing to pass up.

"I found it difficult to say no to a community and a town and in essence a school system that's done so much for myself and my family," Swift said. Swift was on the board from 2001-2013.

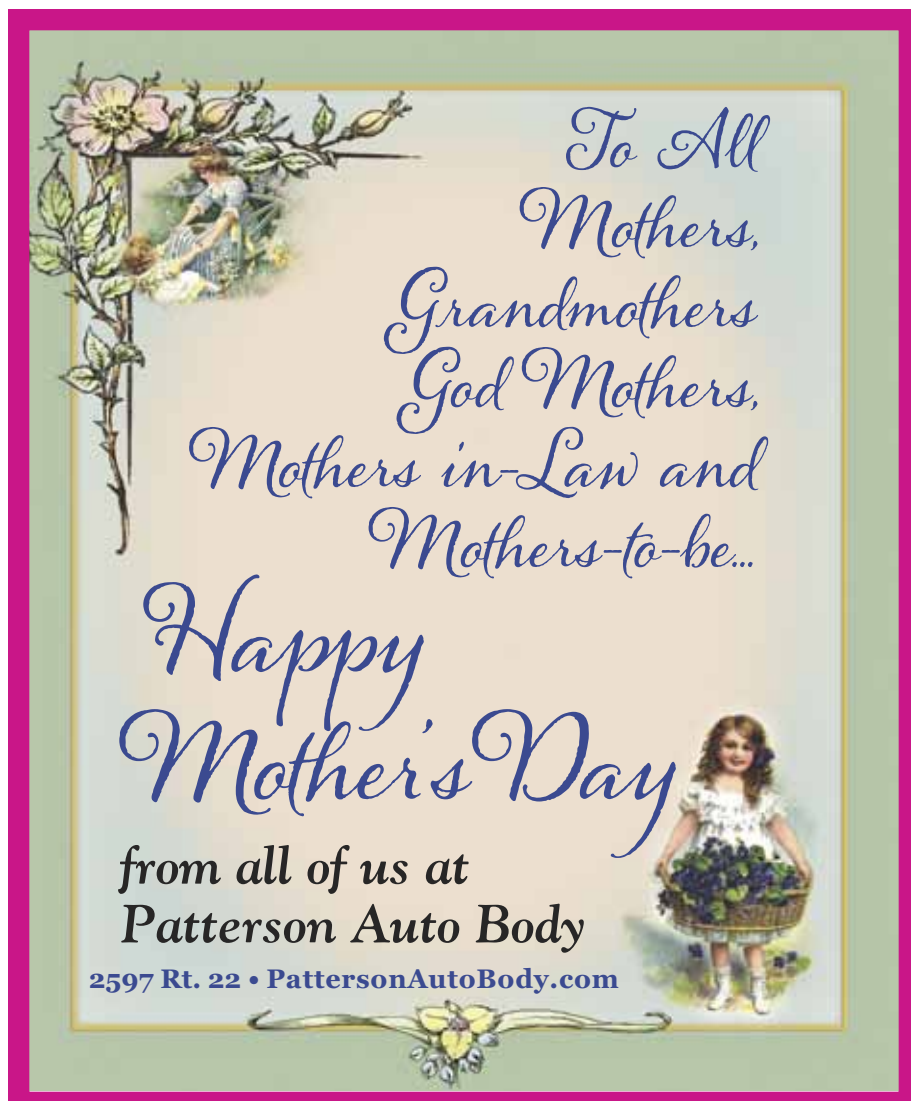
Swift said real or perceived, there seems to be complaints about a lack of transparency on the board and questions about the carousel of superintendents that have come and gone the last decade. With many questions facing the district, Swift wants to tackle them if elected again.

Swift said there needs to be more of a connection between the town board and the school when it comes to shared services in order to keep taxes at bay. She would also want to have an open line of communication with the various unions that have contracts with the school system.

Swift, who has an education degree and is in a position of educational leadership, said she dedicated a good amount of her life to the schools.

Swift said voters should select her because she's a critical thinker and good listener. She thinks her perspective would be an asset.

"I recognize there are some tough decisions that have to be made, this is not a popularity contest, it's about helping and supporting our administration and our staff to get the job done," Swift said.



Carmel Budget and Board of Education Preview

By David Propper

Three candidates are running for two open spots on the school board. The propose budget is \$125.6 million with a tax levy increase of 1.91 percent. For a homeowner assessed at \$350,000, the increase would \$15.15 per month. The proposed budget is tax cap compliant.

Richard Kreps

Serving since 1999, Richard Kreps said he still enjoys being on the school board and thinks he makes a difference.

"All the years I've been there we've had very good results, getting good student achievement," Kreps said, adding the school infrastructure has improved. "We try to be as transparent as possible, be as positive as we can."

Over the last few years, Kreps, the vice president of the board, said the board has reached a few good contact agreements with unions and made other good decisions that affect the quality of life for students in the district while also watching the fiscal matters.

He said he supports putting out another bond to improve the facilities of the district. An earlier bond failed last year, which Kreps concedes might've been too expensive for taxpayers. He said some pieces of the first, larger-scale bond package should be reexamined and put forward to voters again. Fixing school building roofs and making areas of the

campus Americans with Disability Act complaint are two pieces, Kreps said. Also locating a new bus garage is another part that could be included in the bond, he added.

Kreps, who is also involved with Putnam-Northern BOCES, said reviewing how students are evaluated is always something that should be looked at to ensure they're getting a valued education. Looking at the fiscal side of the district will also continue to be an issue that must be grappled with, Kreps said.

"I believe that I've made an impact on this district over the years that I've been there," Kreps said. "I think I bring a calming, historical voice to the district. I believe that my leadership has helped our district stay at the forefront of education."

Michelle Yorio

Believing in the vision and mission of the district, Michelle Yorio wants to continue to work to prepare all students for the next step ahead, whether that is college, a career, or the military.

Yorio said over the last few years, the board has done important work by developing a strategic plan to explore how the district operates and gauges success of getting students ready for the life after high school. Individually, Yorio said she's worked hard to cultivate relationships with staff and parents she might not have known. She's on several

committees connected to the district.

Yorio said she supports a new bond be put forth to improve the school's infrastructure and noted New York State aid would help pay for a portion of it. She said a new transportation garage and new roofs are two necessities and hopes to get more resident input before any final bond is put out to voters. She supports moving the bus garage to a location in the Town of Kent that could make it easier to pick up students from different towns.

Yorio wants to continue to help put together the yearly budget and hopes to get more residents involved in advocating to the state about burdensome unfunded mandates.

Yorio stressed she has the best interest of the students in mind when she votes on the school board. The district is moving in the right direction, she asserted.

"I have a proven track record," Yorio said. "When I make my decisions, they're educated decisions, not just hearing one side of the story, I need to understand the whole process."

Dennis Illuminate

The top priority for Dennis Illuminate is the taxpayers of the Carmel school system.

"My age now, I'm 77, I'm sick and tired of it," he said. "I feel I can make a contribution for the taxpayers and the seniors."

Illuminate said he was bothered that the rest of the school board "bullied" board member John Curzio when he spoke out against large scale, expensive bonds and moving a bus garage to a new location in Kent. (The board voted 5-2 to hold a removal hearing against Curzio for possible state education law violations because of his vocal opposition to the bond. The removal hearing was held earlier this year; no decision has been reached.)

"I don't like bullying," Illuminate, a former Kent councilman, said.

Illuminate said while the board is filled with members that are well intentioned, he doesn't believe they care enough about the taxpayers in town. Illuminate said the school board screwed up years ago when they had a chance to put all their buildings along Fair Street, instead just putting the middle school in that area.

When asked about a possible new bond vote, Illuminate said he wasn't sure what the board was currently considering, but if it's efficient for the taxpayers, he'll go along with it. He doesn't think the bus garage should be moved to a parcel in Kent that could be taken off the tax rolls.

Illuminate said because he doesn't have any children in the school system, it would give him the necessary perspective to do the job the right way.

"If they elected me, I'll protect the people," Illuminate said.

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Haldane Budget and Board of Education Preview

By David Propper

The Haldane budget will be \$24 million and stay below the tax cap. The tax levy increase is 2.62 percent. Five candidates, including one incumbent, are running for two spots.

Margaret Parr

Originally planning to serve only one term, Margaret Parr changed her mind after the board hired a new superintendent of schools, Phil Benante. With a new school chief at the helm, she believes continuity is critical to help him transition into a small, but complex community.

"If I am re-elected, 80 percent of the board that hired him will be with him from the beginning," Parr said. "This continuity will build a strong foundation for him as he transitions into our community, hopefully leading to a successful long term relationship."



Parr said the current school board is a good makeup of residents, with everyone coming from a different facet of the community. While the board members are friendly with each other, each can bring a different perspective to the district, she said.

Serving on the code of conduct committee for five years, Parr said she has an interest in reviewing existing policy and ensuring it is accessible to the public.

"We have requested that the school website be redesigned to make it easier to find the relevant documents and search them for the particular topic of interest," Parr said. "It is a monumental task, but we are determined to do this for our community."

By laying a solid foundation for the new school chief, Parr believes it will lead to the greatest potential for longevity and success.

"If the Haldane community will have me, I will be honored to serve another three years in this amazing community."

Laura O'Connell

With her son entering the Haldane school system in a few years, Laura O'Connell said it's the right time to "embrace and engage" the local school community.

She said the current school board has

faced many challenges recently when trying to balance the budget while also meeting the needs of the schools. Unfunded

mandates from New York State, in addition to an overall changing environment of social issues, don't make things any easier, O'Connell said.

"The board has very tough decisions," O'Connell said.

"They have a fiduciary responsibility to the community and to the school district and I think they've done a great job to try to balance that."

If elected, O'Connell said she doesn't have anything she'd like to tackle in mind, but perform the duties of the school board, which include reviewing the recommendations from the administration and be supportive of that.

"Be supportive of what the mission is for the school and the district," O'Connell said.

As the director of capital projects for the Public Theater in New York City, O'Connell said her background includes managing capital plans for renovations of different buildings and navigating tight budgets. Before that, she worked at Teachers College at Columbia University for a good portion of her career.

She said she would come to the board with an interesting perspective.

"I don't come to this race with an agenda, I don't have a platform," O'Connell said. "I am there to make the most responsible decisions that is presented to me by the administration and to make the right decision for the district and for the school."

John Hedlund

A longtime volunteer in the community, John Hedlund recently stepped off one board and decided the school board would be a great way to continue to contribute to the Haldane school system.

Two focuses of the school board are managing the budget and handling district policies, he noted.

He wants to make it easier for the community to access data and communication. Transparency is important, Hedlund stressed.

Making sure the community knows of all the extra-curricular activities available

to students is one aspect he'd like to put attention to. Hedlund said he would also like to engage with the residents that do not have children in the school system so they too, understand why something is important.

"Some people are living on very fixed income and limited incomes and they've got to be brought along for the ride, too," Hedlund, who has two children in the schools, said.

The district is also rolling out its strategic plan in 2020, which Hedlund said would be an interesting time for the board to facilitate the process. He wants to make sure the board is very explicit about how it's going to prioritize academic curriculum that fits into a budget and what the community wants.

Hedlund, who works in marketing, was on the volunteer committee for the recent superintendent search and thought the board presented a good round of candidates. He thinks the new school chief named earlier this month, Phil Benante, will be great leader.

Hedlund has served on the Haldane School Foundation, Philipstown Soccer Club Board, and Cold Spring Farmers Market board.

"I have some experience on how to talk about things, how to make things very clear to a diverse set of people," Hedlund said.

Sandy McKelvey

Ever since her two children started the Haldane school system, Sandy McKelvey has done a lot of volunteering with the school, even tapping into her educational background to assist.

Now, she wants to join the school board to effect more positive change.

"I know the school very well because I've been in the school so frequently throughout these last nine years that I want to give more," McKelvey



said. "And be more effective in making Haldane an even better school than it already is."

McKelvey said she's disappointed with the way the board and superintendent have disseminated information to the public. She said while she doesn't think the lack of communication is intentional, there's a lack of understanding of getting the message out there.

In a small district, there can be a lot of chatter and that gossip can manifest when communication isn't strong, she noted.

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Brewster Budget and Board of Education Preview

By David Proper

Brewster school is offering a \$99 million budget that remains under the tax cap. It has a tax levy increase of 2.75 percent and there is also a bus proposition of \$754,000 to buy new buses. A crowded field is vying for three open seats in Brewster. Two incumbents are running and then another five candidates are on the ballot. The Putnam Examiner was able to reach all candidates but Catherine Meyer, who did not get back to the district with a way the newspaper could contact her, according to the district. She was also not present at a candidates' forum last week.

Sonia Mesika

Serving on the school board for two terms, Sonia Mesika said she already has the training to continue to contribute to the school system. With many hurdles to overcome this year, Mesika pointed to experience as an important trait.

With many suggestions from the community, Mesika said she could help facilitate change with her existing knowledge.

"It gives me the opportunity to use my six years of experience, knowledge and all that training to help go forward and take what the community's been saying," Mesika said.

If elected again, Mesika said she wants to continue to provide oversight for the district's strategic coherence plan. She also would like to find other ways to get the community involved with the school system. She did note there is always room to grow and wants the school board to model good leadership by listening as much as possible. There is always a clearer way the district can convey information to the public, she said.

Mesika said she tries to ask tough questions and be as fair as possible after listening to every side of an argument.

"There's such a big learning curve I finally feel that I'm in a place of good knowledge of how to do board work and do it well and how to use that knowledge to bring us forward to a better place," Mesika said. "My ideal vision for Brewster is for us to truly be one of the top districts in New York State."

Mary Cay Nilsen

Since she began on the school board three years ago, Mary Cay Nilsen has picked up an abundance of knowledge about how a school district operates and wants to continue to use that knowledge to serve another term.

"I found a passion for public education," she said. "It's not just about my child getting the best, but all children deserving the best that public education can give them."

Nilsen mentioned the strategic coherence plan being put together by

the district has been important work by the board and individually. She said the board worked hard to ensure the plan would be "real" and actually put into effect by the schools. Education is always evolving, Nilsen stressed.

When Brewster students go off to college, Nilsen said they need to be prepared.

With some community pushback recently, Nilsen conceded that the board made a technical mistake not publicly discussing additional vacation buyback days for Superintendent of Schools Dr. Valerie Henning last year. While the board has been criticized for lack of transparency, Nilsen said the board has worked hard to be open and no decision has ever been made behind closed doors.

"What we're doing now is taking care of things and bringing things up that need to be dealt with," Nilsen said. "The minute something comes up, we try to fix it."

Nilsen said a vote for her is a vote for students and public education.

"The needs of the students is the first thing that comes in terms of what do we have to do and then it's how do we do it to help the community members," Nilsen said.

Scott Seaman

Scott Seaman hopes he can help provide stability to the Brewster school board after the decision-making body and administrators have faced some heat recently.

"I've always helped where I can," Seaman said.

He said in the last year alone, the district has faced many issues, some that are controllable and some that aren't. The biggest complaint the district faces, Seaman said, is a lack of transparency and communication.

Another major issue is possible residency fraud, Seaman said. The district must do a better job ensuring that students in Brewster schools actually live within the district's borders. He suggested a full residency audit next year. He also would like to put services out to bid like legal services and other consultants to ensure the school system is getting the best at the most affordable price.

"Let's modernize, let's get up to date with everybody else," Seaman said.

Seaman is the owner of the Carriage House restaurant in Mahopac. Before that, he was in the banking sector. He's on the executive board of the school performing arts booster, part of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and treasurer of the local Knight of Columbus.

"I'm just trying to make a difference, freshen things up, bring a new perspective on the board," Seaman said. "We really need a good mix of various backgrounds."

Erik Grutzner

With two children in the school system, Erik Grutzner has steadily gotten involved in the community. He's running for the school board because he thinks he can make positive contributions to the board.

When he first moved into town in 2002, he kept hearing the schools were very good. Presently, he doesn't get the impression, as many residents believe that's the case. With a heated budget season, Grutzner said he would like to get on the board and get a better idea what's happening within the district.

"Whatever's going on there's just a big divide between the board, the administration and the community," Grutzner said. "I just think everybody needs to work together; there needs to be a much better sense of collaboration."

There needs to be better transparency and communication between the school system and parents and school officials needs to provide information easy to digest, he said.

Grutzner is the police chief in Pleasantville and has coached little league baseball and youth basketball. He was part of a task force put together last year after a racist video featuring Brewster graduates bounced around online. He's also on the Brewster Education Foundation.

"I bring experience, I bring a different perspective," Grutzner said.

Kristine Pieragostini

While the administrators, teachers, and parents have a voice in the school system, Kristine Pieragostini believes the students need a stronger advocate.

"Sometimes the people that need the voice the most do not have a voice," she said.

While the district is working hard, Pieragostini wants to be part of the process and have the information and knowledge to make the best decisions for the school district. She would like to be open and convey to residents what's going on in the frontlines of the system.

"It's very difficult to please everyone," she said. "I think people have a lot to say, but they're not armed with enough knowledge."

Pieragostini said with questions about how many students are going to Brewster schools that don't live in the district, she believes the school leadership is handling it appropriately. The school is looking into what other districts do to ensure only residents attend the correct school system, she said.

If elected, Pieragostini would push for more funding for the arts, educational trips, and other programs.

Pieragostini has been a teacher for more than 20 years and has kids in the schools. She's active with a local church

and Boy Scouts.

"I have a lot of experience within the school system," she said. "I know how the school system works."

Daniel Heintz

A lifelong resident of Brewster, Daniel Heintz wants to bring whatever he can to the Brewster school board. He's vowing to provide honestly and integrity if elected.

"I've dedicated my life to public service," he said during a candidates' forum last week. "I've dedicated my life to the children of this community."

During the forum, Heintz said communication with the district has been lacking and he wants to push for more accountability and transparency if elected.

The biggest challenge Heintz said the district faces is "red tape" from the state education department with many crushing unfunded mandates. State testing is another problem, Heintz said, noting his own children told him they were being taught to a test. He wants teachers to have the freedom to instruct without a test hanging over their heads.

"We have a lot of problems with Albany," he said during the forum.

When asked about residency issues, he would like to see an audit done right away and would like to see one done every few years to ensure Brewster kids are the only ones attending the schools. Heintz also said he would ask questions about spending and get input from teachers and administrators.

Heintz is the president of the Brewster Youth Lacrosse league and a lieutenant of the New Rochelle Fire Department.

He was motivated to run because there is a "perception of fear" in the district, claiming residents were afraid to sign his petition because of possible retaliation.

"What I'd like to bring to the board is an open dialogue," Heintz said, by having discourse with multiple stakeholders.

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Other School District Board Races and Budgets

In the Putnam Valley school system, the budget will remain under the cap with the overall spending plan at \$51.3 million and a bus purchase proposition worth \$500,000. Two candidates are running uncontested: Incumbent Guy Cohen and newcomer Barbara Parmly. The Garrison school system will

see a budget under the tax cap with a grand total proposal of \$11 million, which is 3.15 percent increase from the previous year's budget. David Gelber, James Hoch and Raymond O'Rourke, all school board incumbents, will run unopposed.

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teachers, mostly garden-based as the chair of the school garden committee. She's met many of the elementary school teachers and knows hundreds of students and their parents so she believes she has a "real connection" to the community.

McKelvey thinks the school board needs to be more proactive rather than reactive. Right now, there is a lot of "rubberstamping" of what the school chief would like rather than having deep, thoughtful discussions to get a grasp of what the school community wants, she said.

McKelvey stressed it's important to have children in the school system as a board member.

"I think one thing that I feel strongly about is I like to listen," McKelvey said. "I'm curious to know what people think and I want to know why."

Keith Anderson

As a retired NYPD officer, Keith Anderson believes he could be a valuable resource to the school board given the attention toward school security in light of several high profile school shootings around the country.

"I do think it's a good idea to have some more security minded people involved in the school," Anderson said. "I think it's a plus."

While he said the board is filled with nice people looking to do the right thing, he believes there are areas to come up with

efficiencies within the district. Future budgets could cause future headaches, Anderson said, and the board must be able to balance the budget without hurting taxpayers too much.



Anderson, who is now in commercial real estate, stressed Haldane must do a better job bridging the gap between high school and college. Many freshmen in college have trouble adjusting to college courses, he noted

and he would like to devise a plan to ease the transition for Haldane students.

Haldane is right now ranked the 85th best school system in New York, Anderson said, but he would like to see the district break the top 30.

"That's a good goal," Anderson said.

He teaches religious education at a local Catholic church, is part of crisis pregnancy center's board of directors in Peekskill and part of the Knight of Columbus in Cold Spring.

"I'm a fair guy, I can weigh evidence and look at things fairly and not jump conclusions before making my decisions," Anderson said. "I'm going to be available to my constituents."

Nick's Plate to Donate to Good Cause

Nick Altero, native of Mahopac, and his father Robert Altero have partnered up to open Nick's Plate 18 Clark Place in Mahopac. Nick is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He has obtained his associates degree in the culinary arts and his bachelor's degree in business management and he minored in farm to table. Nick is dedicated to bringing the finest quality foods in the most unique way. All of his dishes are homemade from his fresh baked bread and freshly rolled out pasta to his amazing desserts. He has a philosophy that if he changes his menu monthly

he can maintain his dream of serving only what is in season at its peak. His extensive cocktail and martini list also reflects his passion for keeping with the seasons. Nick's Plate is happy to be part of this community and to show his appreciation on Mother's Day, May 13th Nick's Plate will donate 5 percent of the day to "Putnam County Community Cares." Join us and help this worthy cause. Chef Nick will be offering brunch and dinner. Please check out the menu at Nicksplateny.com. Call for reservations 845-621-0747.

Brewster Man Arrested for Sexual Abuse, Explicit Texts to Girl

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and the bus company were cooperating with law enforcement authorities on the investigation.

"Please know that the safety and well-being of all our students are of the utmost importance to us, and we will continue to be diligent in this regard," Manno's e-mail stated.

Arias was arraigned in Mount Kisco Village Court and his bail was set at \$20,000 cash or \$40,000 bond. He was being held in the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. A temporary restraining order was also issued prohibiting contact with the girl.

He is scheduled to return to court in Mount Kisco on Thursday.

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Mex-to-Go

Croton and Somers

By Neal Rentz

Croton resident Mayra Vicnay Caguano offers takeout food that is varied includes fresh ingredients and made to order.

Caguano is the owner of Mex-to-Go, which has locations in Croton and Somers. They are the first businesses she has owned.

She took ownership of her Croton location in 2008 after working there for two years. She purchased the Croton eatery from owners John Pratt and Craig Purdy. She opened the Somers Mex-to-Go three summers ago.

Owning restaurants is a natural extension of her working life, Caguano said last week, "I started when I was a little girl to love to cook," she recalled.

The eateries' extensive menu includes such items as tacos, quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas, and taco salads. The entrée ordering format is a choice of style, such as a taco, burrito or enchiladas; then choosing of one such fillings as pork, beef, fish or vegetables; then a choice of salsa is offered. Also available are several side dish choices including chili, guacamole and fried yucca; lunch specials and a rotisserie chicken dinner for two with salad, rice and beans.

Some of the desert items are flan,



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Croton resident Mayra Vicnay Caguano is the owner of Mex-to-Go, which has locations in Croton and Somers.

tiramisu and brownies with, as the menu states, a "chipotle kick"

Some of the most popular entrees at her two locations are burritos, enchiladas,

tacos and chimichangas, Caguano said.

Though the name of her restaurants is Mex-to-Go, both locations have seating for those who want to eat in, Caguano

said.

At the Croton locations most of her customers come from Croton and Ossining and in the Somers site most patrons live in Somers and nearby.


Most of the items available at Mex-to-Go are homemade and she does most of the cooking, Caguano noted.

The quality of the food offered is the key to the success of her restaurants, Caguano said. Her customers appreciate that they have a chance to order "fresh and homemade food," she said.

Mex-to-Go has two locations. The Croton location is 345 S Riverside Ave. and be called at 914-271-TOGO and its Web site is <http://mextogo-croton.com/default.htm>. The Somers location is 56 Route 100 and its phone number is 914-01-9777.

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Letters to the Editor

School Chief Hiring Practices Should be Examined

Recently I read an article in Lohud.com with the title "Boom times for superintendents in the lower hudson valley." The compensation amounts were from impressive to astronomical, but this is what communities are willing to do for their school districts, no expense spared to hire the best available with the intent that their kids will have the best chance for success.

We here in the Putnam Valley school district are no different from our surrounding neighbors in wanting the best for our kids, not only in providing excellent compensation for our superintendents, but also for our entire district administration.

So what happens when these highly lucrative positions become available, which isn't very often? I would expect a great buzz and some very capable applicants and some not so capable applying for these positions, in a very open and transparent integral process to get the best candidate for the position.

What happens when professional relationships deteriorate or get blurred over time and become personal friendships, does the representation of the broad community's wishes, which is to hire the best available for our kids, becomes obsolete?

Would they go so far as to set up fake hiring process's to mislead the

community into thinking they were looking for the best candidate? While all the time it was predetermined who would get the position, regardless of how capable the other applicants were? The result of such an event would have some very serious ethical and negative outcomes, hiring incompetent and inexperienced applicants, is a total violation of the community's trust.

We have a deepening dark culture taking hold in our administration, and to those who claim to be the eyes and ears of the community. Well I say to you, your inaction has done nothing but embolden this growing culture.

Recently this culture had a kangaroo

style investigation into an incident that took place on district grounds and only investigated one side of that incident, getting one side enabled them to get the results they wanted. When there was a follow up attempt for an explanation, it wasn't professional or dignified.

Its time to have a transparent integral hiring process, so we too like our neighbors, can have qualified candidates hired for these lucrative positions.

Patrick J Cronin
Putnam Valley

Sen. Murphy is Using His Own Abortion Beliefs to Block Vital Law Change

Recently, I wrote a letter to state Sen. Terrence Murphy asking him to support the Women's Agenda in its entirety, included as part of Gov. Cuomo's original budget.

One particular point of the Women's Agenda concerned the decriminalization of abortion by moving it out of the penal code and into public health law where it belongs. Because abortion remains in the penal code, a woman who finds out late in pregnancy that her health or life is at risk, or that the fetus is not viable, is forced to leave New York State to find the care she needs. Instead of remaining in her home environment, surrounded and supported by caregivers and family members who are focused on her physical, mental and emotional health and well-being, she

must overcome onerous restrictions in the midst of a devastating medical emergency.

In Mr. Murphy's response to my letter he states, "Rest assured that no matter what my personal beliefs may be, I will always follow the letter of the law. As you pointed out, abortion is legal. I am on the record, both as a state senator and as a health care professional, as saying that the laws already in place regarding women's reproductive health will not be changed in New York State. I am simply not in favor of expanding those laws."

Inherent in Mr. Murphy's statement is his failure to grasp the concept that moving abortion into public health law does not expand the law, but rather codifies the law, bringing it in line with

the constitutional standard established by the passing of Roe v. Wade.

Mr. Murphy brands himself a "health care professional," yet his purposeful ignorance demonstrates a lack of understanding of what the nature of abortion is, which is health care, not a crime.

In New York State, the state of women's health care is at a standstill. Until Sen.

Murphy no longer uses his personal beliefs to absolve himself of having to devote intelligent, compassionate thoughtfulness toward the understanding of the current law and women's health care, he will never truly stand with women.

Elise-Ann Konstantin
Cortlandt Manor

Odell's Experience Should Keep Her County Executive

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming demonstrates a lack of control and knowledge over the Kent Town Board deliberations with what she determined an improper process for accepting a resignation and appointing a new town board council member at the March 20 meeting. She presided over both meetings, and it was evident that Supervisor Fleming is unfamiliar with the processes of municipal government. She and Councilman Paul Denbaum spar over the appointment of Chris Woolley at April 10, Town Board meeting over rescinding or amending a resolution appointing Councilwoman Woolley. The question is

why wasn't it done right the first time.

Fleming wants to run for County Executive when she cannot even manage a simple appointment. I am sticking with the woman with a proven track record and will hope you join me in supporting MaryEllen Odell. Watch Fleming and Denbaum on the Town video and ask yourself, do they think they can manage the affairs of the County? I guess they may get it right the second time, but I do not feel that it is good enough for the County residents.

Phil McArdle
Kent

Club Fit's Summer Camps Offer Full-Time Fun

The weather is warming up, school is winding down and parents are already looking for ways to keep their children busy this summer.

Club Fit Briarcliff Day Camp has them covered. The club's summer camp offers a variety of camps and activities for all ages, including soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, dance and daily swimming for everyone. There are also swim lessons available for a fee.

The club's camps provide children with a safe, fun and encouraging environment that fosters creativity and energy. Additionally, Club Fit has full-day and half-day camp programs for all levels and ages, along with specialty camps and counselor-in-training programs. Half-day campers have swimming lessons included. Weather isn't a concern, as the facility includes an indoor and outdoor area, so that even when the sun disappears, the fun doesn't stop.

The camp's staff is comprised of skilled and knowledgeable counselors, including college students with backgrounds in sports, fitness and child care. Drawing on their wide range of experience, these counselors will give Club Fit campers a day filled with activities that encourage creativity, teach sportsmanship and inspire positive thinking and body awareness.

In addition to the wide range of programs offered at Club Fit camps, there are fun activities that are guaranteed to keep campers motivated and engaged throughout the day. These include inflatables, a gaga pit and special theme days, ensuring that every day is different and exciting.

If you have additional questions regarding Club Fit Briarcliff Day Camp, contact Sarah Benischek at 914-250-2760 or e-mail sbenischek@clubfit.com.

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Environmental Experts Express Caution with Indian Pt. Decommissioning

By Anna Young

An panel consisting of environmental experts gathered at James V. Harmon Community Center in Hastings-on-Hudson on April 29 to educate the public of the potential ongoing threats at Indian Point.

With Indian Point's expected shut down in 2021, experts believe the decommissioning process will present significant challenges with the nuclear power plant generating years of safety problems, accidental leaks and violations of federal and state regulations.

"The situation is even more serious now because over the last decade this nuclear facility has continued to decay and poses an ever greater threat to our communities," said Peter Wolf, CEO of the Center for Sustainable Development. "We must take every action we can to assure that our region stays safe."

Experts stressed that the decommissioning process needs to be done carefully and properly with nearly 2,000 metric tons of highly radioactive material onsite. They said a terrorist attack, earthquake or cyber attack could trigger a catastrophic incident that could inhabit the entire region.

They also fear the devastation that could erupt with a natural gas pipeline located 105 feet from the nuclear power plant.

"This is a fight we need to keep having so that we are actually able to move forward and decommission the plant and make the situation safe," said Richard Webster, legal director of Riverkeeper. "We need to do better to get fuel out of the pool much faster."

Webster explained a potential fire could be devastating with over 35 years of irradiated spent fuel onsite. He said the spent fuel pools are 80 percent full and emphasized the importance of transferring the fuel out of the pools quickly and securely during the decommissioning.

With fuel stored in dry cask storage, Webster said hardened on-site storage would be a safer alternative. He said the dry cask storage is vulnerable to aging and terrorist attacks, while the alternative is a thicker iron and concrete cask.

Manna Jo Greene, environmental action director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, spoke on the need for a Citizens' Oversight Board. Legislation was drafted last year to establish the community board to oversee the site's decommissioning process.

"The purpose is to empower the community to monitor the decommissioning of Indian Point, provide information to the community, gather public comment, and make reports and recommendations to state and federal officials," Greene said.

If approved and funded, a 15-member board would be chosen by local, county and state officials to represent

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specific constituencies including first responders, labor unions, environmental organizations, economically

disadvantaged communities and the general public.

At least one member would have a background in science, Greene said.

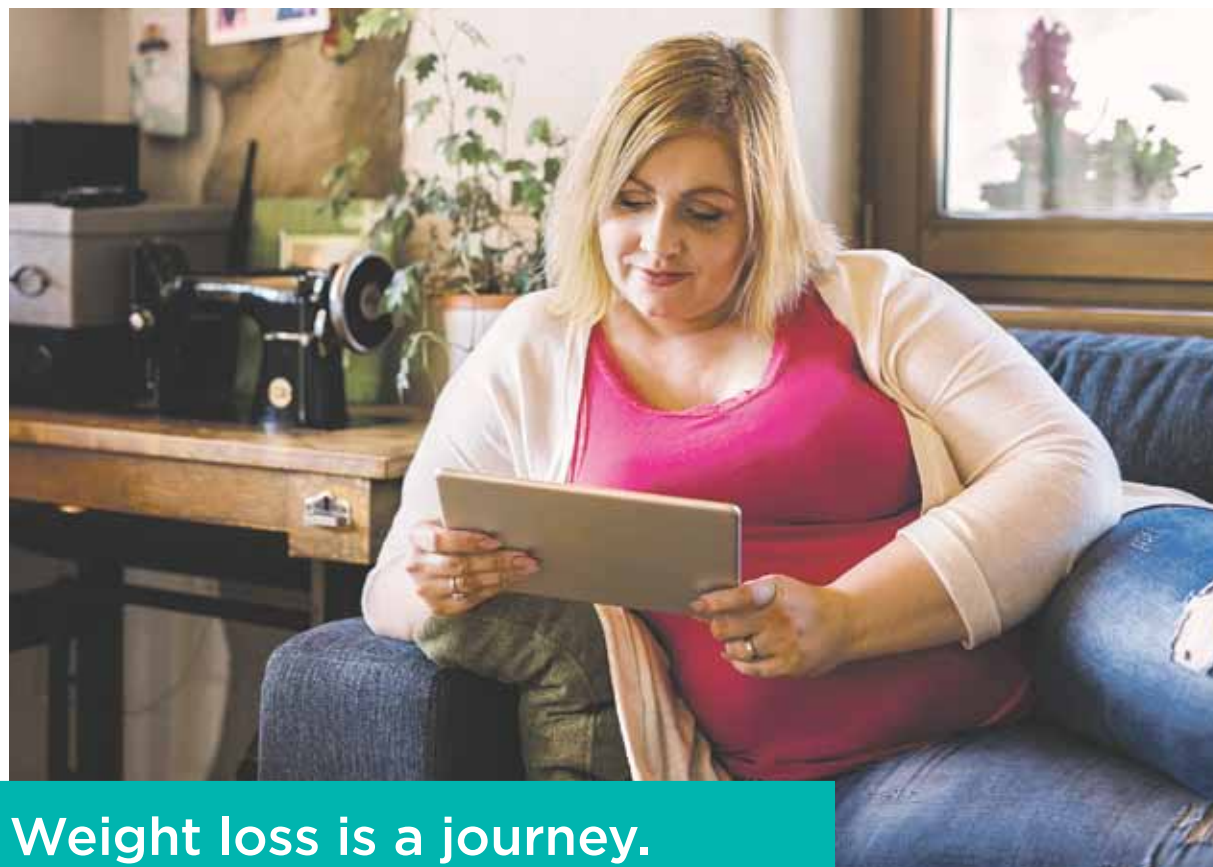
Responsibilities would include advising the state and public on issues involving waste storage, site restoration and future use. They would also monitor the decommissioning fund, review applications of license termination, produce an annual report and hold 10 public meetings per year.

The proposed law will be sent to the New York State Legislature within the year.

Event organizers, Hastings Takes Action, NYCD16 Indivisible Environment Committee and Hastings Conservation Commission, encouraged attendees to contact the state legislature in support of the proposed legislation.

The standing-room only crowd was also provided with postcards to send to Gov. Andrew Cuomo demanding the release of the Algonquin Pipeline risk assessment he ordered over two years ago.

"We must reduce the chances of a bad accident as much as possible," Wolf said. "That is really the lesson."



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Eight Putnam County Food Establishments Honored



Awardees also included Saverio Zuccaro from North Brewster Deli & Market, center left, recipient of a Health Inspector's Commendation Award and Cathy Ashe, center right, recipient of two Commissioner's Gold Awards for Henry H. Wells Middle School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School of the Brewster Central School District. They are joined by PCDOH staff from left, Shawn Rogan, Lisa Seymour, Mitchell Lee and Brian Stevens.

More than 135 attendees—chefs, caterers, owners and operators of Putnam County's food establishments—were in attendance for the twelfth annual Food Operator's Seminar on April 16 and 17. This year the event took place in the newly renovated Tilly Foster Farm venue, and showcased food prepared by the BOCES culinary students at the farm who have honed their skills under the direction of their instructor chef Christina Holic over the past year.

The seminar had representation from all types of restaurants, delicatessens, food shops, institutional food services and other food vendors. They gathered

again, as has become tradition, to learn about new topics and trends in the food industry. The event also offers an opportunity for the health department to recognize food establishments for both "lifetime" achievements, as well as those of the past year.

One "hot" topic on the agenda this year was food waste reduction, which is not only good for the planet, but also helps cut food establishment costs. Other practical topics included restaurant branding and social media, and the top ten critical violations and how to avoid them. The health department also took the opportunity to discuss food safety



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Commissioner's Gold Award winners included, from left, Patrick Rodia, Matthew Paterson Elementary School, with the interim Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD; awardees Lee and Christina Vataj, The Countryside Kitchen, and George Seitz, The Arch Restaurant, and PCDOH staff members Shawn Rogan and Lisa Seymour. Not pictured is Robert Campisi from Aramark Food Service, who also received a Commissioner's Gold Award for Austin Road Elementary School.

and operations during the recent power outages this past winter. Presentations given by outside speakers included a talk about food safety measures, and another on dining choices such as the paleo diet, "clean 30" and

gluten-free options. A demonstration on knife skills and sharpening given by the culinary school students.

The recognition side of the program included the presentation of two Health Inspectors Commendation Awards for distinguished performance to Mia's Pizza and North Brewster Deli & Market. The department's highest and most stringent honor, the Commissioner's Gold Award for operational excellence was presented to six food establishments: The Arch Restaurant, Austin Road Elementary School, Countryside Kitchen, Henry H. Wells Middle School, John F. Kennedy

Elementary School and Matthew Paterson Elementary School.

Complete Award Listings

Commissioner's Gold Awards

The Arch Restaurant - George Seitz
Austin Road Elementary School - Robert Campisi, Aramark Food Service
Countryside Kitchen - Lee and Christina Vataj

Henry H. Wells Middle School - Cathy Ashe

John F. Kennedy Elementary School - Cathy Ashe

Matthew Paterson Elementary School - Patrick Rodia

Health Inspectors Commendation

Mia's Pizza - Dante Mazzotta
North Brewster Deli & Market - Saverio Zuccaro

The Master Gardeners' May Plant Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prepare to be at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster for the opening bell, because this is one plant sale where the plants move faster than you ever imagined!

The sale features heirloom and hybrid vegetables selected by Master Gardeners for Putnam County gardens. The carefully chosen tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and other popular vegetable seedlings are available singly or in two packs so you can try a few varieties. You'll also find garden favorites like annuals and herbs. And we've selected some great greens, our newest and oldest favorites, for your table. Master Gardener volunteers offer tough perennials and beautiful shrubs chosen to thrive in Putnam County. A selection of unusual summer-flowering bulbs will round out your colorful garden.

What makes our plant sale different?

Master Gardeners are on hand to answer your questions about planning, nurturing, and harvesting, so you'll be sure to have a successful gardening season. Free soil pH tests will get you off to a good start: bring a half-cup sample of your garden soil in a clean container. For more information on how to take a sample of your garden soil, visit our website: Putnam.cce.cornell.edu and open the "Gardening" tab to choose "Horticulture Hotline Diagnostic Forms: from the left sidebar.

Master Gardeners go native!

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Kids' Day Adds More Family Fun Activities

Kids' Day at Putnam Hospital Center will feature several new attractions this year.

The fun-filled, community day, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, will include visits from Disney princesses, do-it-yourself kits from Home Depot and food trucks such as Mr. Softee, Pappi's Mediterranean and Frites.

The Putnam Hospital Center Rehabilitation Department will also be conducting running/sneaker evaluations and a concussion awareness program.

These activities are in addition to a host of other Kids' Day staples including interactive health and safety exhibits, kids' crafts, child identification program and a teddy bear clinic. Hospital departments

will be on hand to provide information on nutrition, emergency care, physical therapy and more. There will be demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet use and heart monitoring, as well as fire truck and ambulance tours.

Families can also enjoy a variety of games, inflatable bouncy attractions, face painting and balloon animals. Raffles and kids' baskets created by hospital staff will also be awarded.

Kids' Day is a rain or shine event and will take place on the Putnam Hospital Center campus, 670 Stoneleigh Ave.

For more information on Kids' Day, please contact Michelle Piazza at 845-279-5711 ext. 4752 (TTY 1-800-421-1220) ormpiazza@health-quest.org.

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Professional Development Keeps Austin Road Technologically Savvy

When Austin Road teacher and building technology leader Trish Huestis created a Google Challenge for teachers, they not only improved their technology skills in the classroom—they got involved in some healthy competition as well.

"We have an incentive for teachers who complete a series of technology activities to earn 'badges' online, which translate into extra money to buy school supplies for their classrooms next year," said Huestis, who began the program in April.

Huestis said interest in technology has grown tremendously in the 10 years since she started as building technology leader in the school. She credits the rapid growth to the district's commitment to technology and teachers' commitment to learning. So far 20 teachers have taken the challenge.

The challenge involves teachers using Google Apps for Education, which include a host of technological activities for the classroom, including making web pages, videos, live documents and more. The more comfortable teachers are with the apps, the easier it is for students to learn how to use them.

Huestis describes the challenge as a refresher course for teachers, some of whom already use much of the



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Austin Road teacher and building technology leader Trish Huestis with the challenge she designed for teachers.

technology.

"We want every teacher to have knowledge of how Google Apps work so they can comfortably use them in their classrooms," Huestis said. The series of challenges ensures proficiency, because in order to advance to a new level in the

challenge, teachers must pass a quiz.

"If they get the quiz questions wrong, they go on to watch a video review, take the quiz again, and then move on to the next level," said Huestis.

Teachers are enjoying the healthy competition of the challenge.

Fourth grade teacher Tiffany Ziegelhofer said, "Knowing other teachers are participating in the challenge motivates personal growth and innovation. The culture of our building is encouraging many to jump on board, which only proves to benefit our students."

Ziegelhofer said the fact that the challenges are self-guided makes it easier for teachers to complete them. "I can do it on my own time and at my own pace," she said. "It really helps you take ownership of your own learning."

Austin Road Principal Jim Gardineer, who has taken the challenge himself, describes it as "an absolutely wonderful way to motivate and inspire our teachers to learn even more about the technology we have available, at their own pace and according to their own schedule."



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School & Camp Guide

KES Kindergartners Sew for a Cause

In what has become an annual tradition, Kindergartners at Kent Elementary School learned about giving to others in need, as they helped to put together original quilts to be donated to Project Linus.

"Project Linus is an organization that provides homemade blankets and quilts to children who are seriously ill or have been traumatized," explained kindergarten teacher Eileen Douglas. This is the sixteenth year that Mrs. Douglas has organized this project in which Kent

kindergarten classes have participated. Over this time about 85 quilts have been made by kindergartners. "The children enjoy this project tremendously," she added. "Everyone participates."

To begin the quilts, students learned basic quilting and pattern concepts. They were also given ideas about illustrations and how to fill their square. Then, each student designed a square of fabric by drawing something that makes them feel happy. Volunteer seamstresses came into the classrooms to sew the squares

together. Many of these volunteers have returned year after year. This year, volunteers included Diane Zeolla, Catherine Paraskeva, Karen Doyle, Erika Lanzotti, Amy Booth, Jenn Escaravage and Judy Flanders.

"A local Linus chapter will finish the backing and batting and bring them to a local hospital," said Douglas. The quilts will be given to children are in need of a hug because they have suffered some sort of trauma.

A national organization, Project Linus

began in 1997 and over the years has supplied blankets to children in need of a big hug. To date, there are almost 350 chapters located throughout the country that have collected and donated blankets.

KES Principal, Deborah Weisel said, "This is a wonderful way for our young students to not only serve their community, but also see that they can have a positive impact on their world."

For more about Project Linus visit their website at www.projectlinus.org.



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Landen Gard with seamstress Erika Lanzotti

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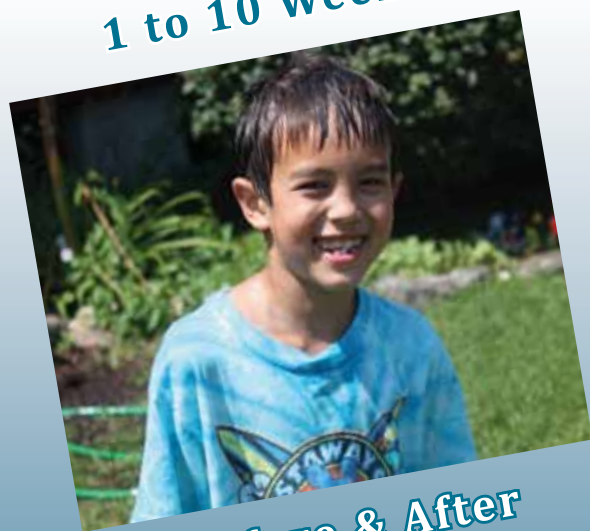
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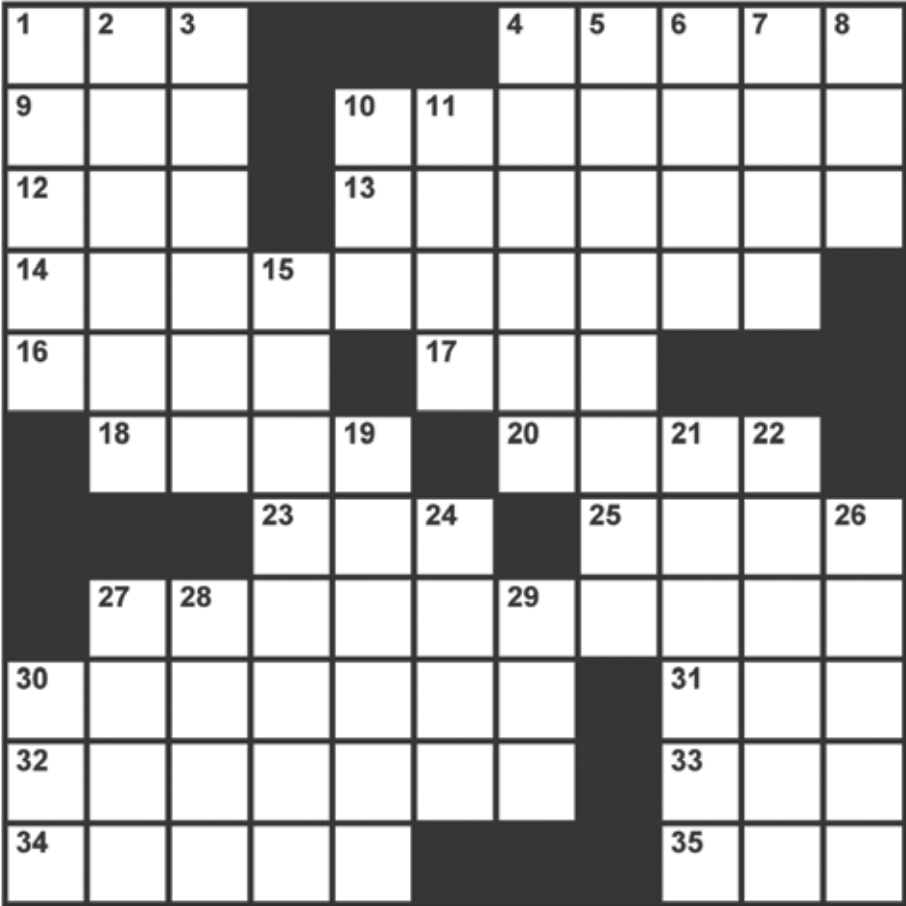
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

- 1. Get hitched
- 4. One piece of information
- 9. Sale clause, abbr.
- 10. Garment
- 12. Grand Canyon viewing area
- 13. ___ out; exhausted
- 14. Autobody shop where the experience "runs deep"
- 16. Aerospace educator, DeVore
- 17. Biomed. research agency
- 18. Goals
- 20. Harp's cousin
- 23. Brain wave test (abbr.)
- 25. Crystal ball gazer
- 27. Handrails
- 30. Somers south of the border soul food
- 31. Early second-century date
- 32. Ridicule
- 33. Cool
- 34. ___ cotta
- 35. Surgery sites, for short

Down

- 1. Not as good
- 2. Profit, abbreviation
- 3. Anno ___
- 4. Particular
- 5. Purple gem
- 6. Grow weary

- 7. Exploitative type
- 8. Pre-___ student
- 10. Sgt.'s underling
- 11. Chopped
- 15. Mourner
- 19. Lady of León
- 21. Bounce back again, like a sound
- 22. More spine-tingling
- 24. Prefix with byte
- 26. Answers an invitation
- 27. The "B" in N.B.
- 28. Lumberjack, often
- 29. Barney on "The Simpsons," for one
- 30. Colo. clock setting

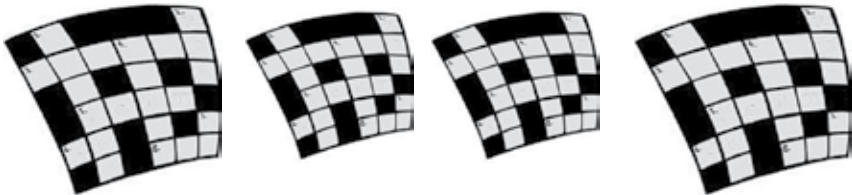
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Brewster Theater Company Presents 'The Women'

Brewster Theater Company will stage the 1936 groundbreaking Clare Boothe Luce play "The Women" at Drew United Methodist Church from May 10 through May 19. Set in the world of pampered Manhattan socialites during the Great Depression, this show is an entertaining panorama of metropolitan lifestyles from the feminine viewpoint.

A social satire, "The Women" centers on the female-only cast playing their respective roles in a society that consists of vain show, comedy, tragedy, hope and disappointment. After learning that her

of "Deathtrap" and was last seen on stage as Roy in BTC's "The Odd Couple." He is currently the controller of The Riverside Yacht Club in Connecticut.

"It's a great show especially for the guys as it proves to be quite educational," he said. "This show is the original 'Real Housewives.'"

About the set design

Christopher Gladysz is BTC's artistic director and set designer for "The Women." Of the show, he said, "The goal was to create the frenetic metropolis of the 1930s that these characters inhabit,

without pulling the focus away from the ladies acting on stage. The gray tones of the scenery were chosen so that the colors of the costumes and the hairstyles and the 'jungle red' of the fingernails would pop."

The cast

The cast includes Gina Stanton of Carmel; Carolyn McCarthy of Brewster; Jenna Isabella of Cortlandt Manor; Judy Brewster of Brewster; Amanda Booth of Holmes; Laurel Letteiri of Norwalk; Diane Preston of Carmel; Casey Silidjian of Mahopac; and Regina Furphy of Hopewell Junction.

Stage Manager is Samantha Steere of Brewster.

When and where

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10; Friday, May 11; Saturday, May 12; Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, May 19. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens. Drew UMC is at 28 Gleneida Ave. in Carmel. For information or to order tickets, please visit www.brewstertheatercompany.org or call (845) 232- 0739.



Director Stacy Dumont, center, with lead cast of "The Women."

husband is having an affair, Mary Haines travels to Reno, Nev., where liberal divorce laws attract many society women wishing to downplay any potential for scandal. The author carries us through a number of scenes, and digging under the surface, reveals a human understanding for, and sympathy with, some of its outstanding figures.

From the Director, Stacy Dumont

Stacy Dumont of Patterson is a co-founder of The Brewster Theater Company, now in its 18th year. She is a high school special education teacher and director of her school's musicals. She most recently directed BTC's "12 Angry Jurors" and Pawling's "Anything Goes."

"I had only heard of 'The Women' about a year ago, and what intrigued me most was casting 30 women" she said. "I could have quadrupled roles, but instead thought of it as a wonderful opportunity to highlight all of these women and give them all a chance to play on our stage."

"When you hear, 'The Women,' you might think of it as an empowering feminist piece, but it's about the finicky nature of female relationships, both positive and negative, and the personalities we encounter in our various circles," she added.

From the producer, Joe Manuele

Joe Manuele last produced The Brewster Theater Company's production



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Obituaries

Joseph A. Schiavone

Joseph A. Schiavone, a long time resident of Mahopac, died on April 28, at the age of 77. He was born in the Bronx, the son of Joseph and Lena (Corica) Schiavone. Joe was a proud veteran of the US Navy and was a Aerographer on the USS Eldorado . On June 16, 1962 he married Grace Bayer at St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac. They were blessed with two children Joey and Lynn. Joe taught elementary school in Kent, for thirty years and was involved in doing plays for his classes and was a basketball and soccer coach at the high school. He had a great love of trains and model railroading. After retirement he wrote three books on The Old Put railroad and gave presentations for years. He had recently built a house in Maine to be close to his son and would ride around with Joey in his taxi business. Joe is survived by his son Joseph Schiavone, daughter Lynn and his sisters Carol Laslo, Camille Malkin, Rita Allred and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Grace in 2012 and his sister Terry Newkirk. Joe and Grace had celebrated 50 years of marriage together before Grace's passing.

Raffaella Carbonari

Raffaella "Ray" Carbonari, 88, of Carmel, died on April 28, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Carbonari was born on January 6, 1930 to Angelo and Christina (Varecchia) Frasca in the Bronx. On February 4, 1951 she married the love of her life, Bill and they were blessed with two children; Bill and Joyce. Before Ray retired, she worked as an Administrator at Albert Einstein Hospital in the Bronx. One thing for sure, we all know how much Ray adored her family, she was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother and a friend to many. Ray is survived by her two loving children; Bill (Kristina) and Joyce (Richard) Bugna and four cherished grandchildren; Brad (Shannon) Bugna, Logan (Lexi) Carbonari, Tyler (Katie) Bugna and William Carbonari, all of whom she adored and each child

held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Bill. Ray will be dearly missed, but she will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and friends.

Tony Caravetta

It is with heavy hearts the family of Tony Caravetta, age 62, announces his passing on May 1, at Putnam Hospital Center, surrounded by his loving family. Tony was born on January 28, 1956 to the late Anthony and Betty (Freiberger) Caravetta in Mahopac, New York. He married the love of his life Sally on September 5, 2009 in Holmes, New York. Tony was blessed with two adoring daughters Dayna and Stacey, who were the light of his life. Tony was a life long resident of Carmel. He worked for the community as a Highway Superintendent for the Town of Kent and organized and promoted countless Lake Carmel Summer Festivals. He had a great tenacity for life and lived for his family. Anthony was a loving husband, adored father and the very best Poppop. He was an avid hunter and loved spending time in his garage surrounded by his greatest friends. But most of all he will be remembered for his love and devotion to everyone he touched. Tony is survived by his beloved wife Sally, his two loving daughters; Dayna (son-in-law Anthony) and Stacey (son-in-law Robert), brother Jeff, and three nieces; Julie, Johannah and Lindy. He is also survived by his adored grandchild Cambree who had a very special place in his heart. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Karl Zach

Karl Zach, 82, of the Town of Poughkeepsie, formerly of Mahopac, died on May 2, 2018 with his wife Maria and his family by his side. Karl was born on January 30, 1936 to the late Alois and Angela (Wundeler) Zach in Gerersdorf, Austria. In 1951 he came to America to begin a new life. On November 15, 1959 he married the love of his life Maria Weber, at the Immaculate Conception

Church in the Bronx. Together they were blessed with two children; Renee and Dennis. Before he retired in 1999, Karl was a baker and the proud owner of Zach's Bakery in College Point. He was a very active member in his community and was a member of the 1st Burgenlander Sick and Death Society. In his spare time, Karl enjoyed fishing, woodworking, making maple syrup and landscaping. He always had new ideas on how to make things work better, but most of all, Karl loved to spend his time with family and friends. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him so much joy. He truly enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events, recitals and school activities. Karl was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law, brother, uncle and a friend to many. One of the many things he was most loved for; was that he was happy to make you happy. Karl's legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Karl is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Maria, his loving children; Renee DeVincenzo and husband Richard, and Dennis Zach and wife Xenia, four cherished grandchildren; Marissa Rubino, Michele Cordero, Garrett Zach and Kyra Zach and two wonderful great-grandchildren; Nathaniel Rubino and Stella Rubino, all of whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his three beloved siblings; Julius Zach, John Zach and Rosemary Neubaur. He is predeceased by his three other beloved siblings; Alois Zach, Jr., Angela Kessler and Theresa Boitsits.


John A. Gamby

John A. Gamby of Mahopac, died with his wife Felicia by his side on May 2, at the age of 81. John was born on March 23, 1937 to the late C. John and Georgina Gamby in the Bronx. He was a graduate of Cardinal Hayes High School. After graduation, John spent two years attending the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point before becoming a proud member of New York City Police Department in 1959. On September 6, 1958, John married the love of his life, Felicia (nee Mancuso). After retiring in 1980, he worked at various insurance companies as a claims adjuster and fraud investigator. Throughout his life, John's greatest love was spending time with his family and friends. He especially loved attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events, school activities, recitals and other activities, which brought

him great joy. John was a man of great character and principle, but most of all, compassion, always putting his family and friends ahead of his own needs. John is survived by his wife Felicia of nearly 60 years. Theirs was a love that most people could only dream about. Together they raised five children, Nancy (Al) Masino, John(Renee) Gamby, JoAnne (Gino) Ruotolo, Janine Gamby and Christopher Gamby. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild, as well as his brother William Haberman and sister Susan Gamby. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in his name to one of the following charities of your choice: The New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund, 156 West 56th Street, Suite 901, New York, NY 10019, The Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Maryann P. Mulvihill

Maryann P. Mulvihill died at Putnam Hospital in Carmel, on May 3rd surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on May 6th, 1940 in the Bronx. She was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Anna Powers, and sisters Nancy Clark, Eileen McCann, and Jane Kenny. She attended Sacred Heart High School in the Bronx, and later in life became a nurse working at Putnam Hospital and Arms Acres. In February 1962, she married her childhood sweetheart and love of her life, Ed Mulvihill, who she was married to for 50 years. Her adored husband died in 2012. She is survived by her four loving children: Ed (Debbie) Mulvihill of Brewster, Eileen (Dan) DePaoli of Brewster, Susan (Craig) Bogursky of Ridgefield, and Vincent (Jennifer) Mulvihill of Brewster. She will be terribly missed by her 12 grandchildren who she adored; Kevin Mulvihill, Brendan (Michelle) Mulvihill, Jonathan (Jen) VanAlstyne, Nicole (Michael) Sgro, Stephanie (Elliott) Ryan, Daniel, Katie, and Maggie DePaoli, Ryan and Aidan Bogursky, Kristen and Kaitlyn Mulvihill. She was also blessed with 5 great grandchildren and relished her new role as Gigi. Her Catholic faith was always strong and she was an active member of St. Lawrence O'Toole in Brewster, for 45 years. She was a true fan of all sports and nothing brought her more joy than watching her children and grandchildren compete. She will always be remembered for her quick wit, giving spirit, devotion to her family, and incredible courage and grace in the last few years of her life.



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The Story About the Raised Ranch That Never Dies

Many years ago, I wrote a column with the long title, "The Raised Ranch, Love It, Leave It or Change It."

I described how since its explosive development in tract housing, starting in the early 1960s, home seekers have either loved or hated the design. For those who hated it, the article suggested how the design might be changed, eliciting many responses from readers asking for architects who might do the job – to this day.

Since the inception of its design, never has the style of a house spawned more opposing opinions than that of the raised ranch. Some prospective home buyers are drawn to it – perhaps they grew up in one – while others say, "show me anything but."

"I don't know who exactly invented the design of the raised ranch, but whoever it was should be shot!" said Michael Piccirillo, a Yorktown architect told me years ago. Actually, some architectural historians say that the design was created by none other than Frank Lloyd Wright.

The history of the raised ranch and its place in the American housing scene,



By Bill Primavera

rising from a clever idea to ubiquitous popularity then to disfavor as a style, is a strictly American phenomenon. While you see many ranch-style homes in the New York area, they originated on the West Coast in the 1920s. Once their influence reached the East Coast, the foundation had risen half a story and the one-level ranch was "raised" to create two levels.

The main complaints that Piccirillo has about the elevated ranch are the same that we hear most frequently from other detractors, that the entrance platform between

the main and lower levels is typically shortened so that it's difficult to close the door behind you without stepping up or down a step. Furthermore, there is no room for an entry hall closet. As Piccirillo pointed out, the lower level is cut off from the main flow of the house.

"When modernizing a raised ranch, it's not easy to modify the space," he said.

"It can become a more sizable project that's more complicated than re-doing a ranch, cape or colonial."

Yet it's this very cut-off feeling that some people find desirable for converting

a raised ranch into a mother-daughter layout or an accessory apartment.

Basically, the raised ranch is a one-story ranch propped atop a high foundation, creating a lower living space without raising the construction cost appreciably. Normally that lower space is divided into one or two rooms, along with a half or full bath and a laundry room. The rest of the level is for the utility room and a two-car garage.

But detractors say that while the inside may offer more space at less money, the exteriors are devoid of any distinguishing features, so that large tracts of the design tend to look alike.

Another issue in the raised ranch debate is that its design has fallen into disfavor more quickly than any other style of house. Homeowners today are more sophisticated at all price levels and they want to distinguish themselves from their neighbors. On the longest block in my town with the most raised ranches, the transformation from likeness started to take place in the late 1980s, first with the selection of new siding and windows. Then there were additions, which many times included revamping the two-car garage into living space and extending a wing with a new garage and a "bonus" room overhead.

A while back, I met a husband-and-

wife team of architects who first made me aware of clever ways to disguise the top-heavy look of the raised ranch with a front bump-out. They designed what I call an "entrance tower" for the center that remedies at least two of the design problems associated with the house. The tower is basically a one-and-a-half to two-story extension in the middle of the house, which solves the problem of the small entry platform. The entrance then becomes expansive depending on the dimensions of the tower and provides more room for a coat closet.

Also, the addition of the tower tends to make the raised ranch look more like a colonial. The tower can soar two stories to impress visitors or to create a second floor for a large elevated walk-in closet or another bathroom.

For anyone who's living in a raised ranch and wants to update or upgrade the design to a contemporary colonial look, I've researched and worked with a couple of architects who can help. For contact information, just call my number below.

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A Case for Experiencing California Wine Country – Often



By Nick Antonaccio

"A show of hands. How many of you have visited wine-producing countries?"

This is how I typically begin one of my wine and food pairing events. A large percentage invariably raise

their hands with smiles on their faces and glee in their eyes.

"How many have been to Italy's wine regions?" Enthusiastic hands are raised. "To France's wine regions?" Fewer, but equally enthusiastic nods.

"Who enjoyed new wines and visited wineries on these trips?"

All who have visited these countries and wine regions acknowledge their immersion in the wine culture of the cities and villages.

"And how many of you have traveled to California wine regions?"

Silence, or a few raised hands is the typical response. New Yorkers seem more interested in traveling to Europe for their wine adventures than their homeland.

When pressed on the rationale for their greater interest in European wine regions than those in California, the response invariably focuses on several factors they attribute solely to

European wine regions: the enchanting populace; the locally produced food served at restaurants and wineries; and the spectacular seascapes and landscapes. And the local wines that reflect the land and people. And the local wines that pair so well with the prepared food. And the local wines that taste so natural and unadulterated.

It is at this juncture that I respond as if I am employed by the California wine tourism council. The wine regions of California offer similar opportunities and experiences as those in European wine regions. It is the perception of many that California wine country is similar to the glamorous, hedonistic, wealthy lifestyle of the major cosmopolitan areas of the state. Yes, there are a few pockets in Napa Valley that reek of transplanted wealthy entrepreneurs and trophy wineries. Yet this is a small percentage of the otherwise bucolic and

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agricultural undertones of the majority of Napa Valley, Sonoma County and the central coast. It is in these regions that one finds adventures in wine and food rivaling many European wine regions.

The history of California wine is built on the backs of European settlers who emigrated from Italy, Germany and other Western European nations. They brought with them their culture, lifestyles and intimate understanding of their reliance on nature for their success.

This is vividly experienced and understood when traveling the backroads of California wine country. Small wineries owned and managed by passionate artisans dot the landscape. Living the simple life of farmers, intent on producing the best expression of the bounty of the land, they have created a cult following among folks like my wife and me. And their lifestyle and passion perennially attract restaurateurs and aspiring chefs to share their experiences.

Cruise down winding lanes, and around a bend you will find a farmhouse with a discreet sign identifying a winery you have never heard of – just like in Europe.

Stop at a small family-run winery and be enthralled by the backstory of the winery's creation, sample their offerings

or be overwhelmed by the aromas and taste of the carefully crafted wines that are expressive of the land – just like in Europe.

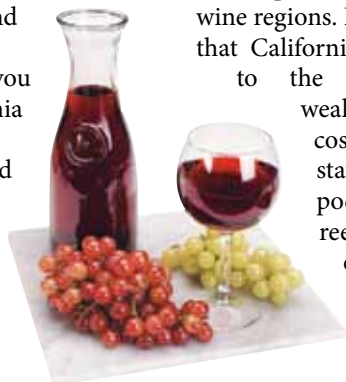
Walk into a cozy restaurant and order from a menu deeply steeped in ingredients fresh from a local produce farm, orchard, poultry, cattle and hog farm, many of which are committed to organic, free range and sustainable practices – just like in Europe.

Drive along narrow two-lane backroads, hills and mountains covered in vineyards and forests, shoreline highways with spectacular vistas of the sea far below, always in awe of the breathtaking beauty of nature – just like in Europe.

My recent columns have focused on my thoughts of the bounty and beauty of California wine country. More of my personal experiences are forthcoming.

If you venture to California wine country, I believe you will want to return again and again – just like Europe.

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Wednesday, May 9

Book Talk: "Adventures Around Putnam" 6 p.m., -7 p.m. Brewster resident Steven Mattson will discuss his book, Adventures Around Putnam, which explores the beauty and history of Putnam County and surrounding communities. Written from the perspective of a father with young children, this book offers a sampling of hikes, historic sites and family-friendly activities. For each "adventure" Steven provides a detailed description, directions, difficulty ratings, pictures and where you find additional information. Meet the author and learn more about some of the outdoor, low or no cost things to do in and around Putnam County. Click here to register or call 845-279-6421

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Thursday, May 10

The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association will host a presentation of the 2018-2019 School Budget for the Carmel Central School District. 7:30 p.m., at the Carmel Firehouse, 94 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel. Representatives of the Carmel Central School District will be on hand to present the finalized budget for the next school year and will entertain questions from the audience. Voting on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, so this is an opportunity to become informed ahead of time. The general public is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. For more information about the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association, visit their website at www.carmelcivicassoc.org

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Friday, May 11

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Putnam County Teen Talent Night: 6:30 p.m. Our first teen talent night was a huge success, so the second event is in the works. This time Julia L. Butterfield Library in Cold Spring will host this great night. We hope to see everyone that participated in the first show, plus new talent! For ages 13-17. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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Carmel Fire Dept. Auxiliary's 2nd Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. 5 p.m., -7 p.m. at the firehouse Adults \$10 children 4-6 \$6 Dinner to go for the same price

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Wednesday, May 16

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Mahopac freshman pitcher Shannon Becker tossed consecutive gems in the Indians' sweep of rival Carmel last Thursday when the right-handed windmill fired back-to-back no-hitters, including a perfect game, in the Indians' doubleheader sweep against the rival Rams, who fell 3-0 and 2-0. Becker struck out 19 batters over the two games and now has 300 in an already-impressive career that is sure to be standard-setting when all is said and done.

Sports

Girls' LAX Notebook

Put Valley Rebounds from Loss to P'Ville, Beats North Salem

By Tony Pinciario

PUTNAM VALLEY has positioned itself nicely with one week remaining in the regular season.

The Tigers, who won two of three last week, are currently 10-3 going into the final three games of the regular season against – Briarcliff, Valhalla and Blind Brook.

Putnam Valley is primed for another run at a sectional title, however, the Tigers are focused on the task at hand, one game at a time.

Emma Rippon and her teammates defeated arch-rival North Salem, 14-12, and Croton, 16-5, but were surprised by Pleasantville, 14-11.

The victory over North Salem, to open the week, was a result of Putnam Valley executing both offensively and defensively.



Mahopac's Caroline Raymond has been on a scoring tear of late and the Indians will need more of the same down the stretch.



Hen Hud will need G Mackenzie Porter's experience as the youthful Sailors head in to the post season.

"The key was stopping their best player," Rippon said. "We wanted to make sure we kept an eye on her, but also not lose track of the other players. She was aggressive so we wanted to play her as tough as she was with us. We did a good job of forcing her to look for her teammates.

"Offensively, we played very well together. We were always looking for the next pass for the best opportunity at a scoring chance."

Maddie Deegan and Meredith Conlin led the way with four goals apiece against North Salem. Jackie Phillips, Kaitlin Cohen and Rippon each contributed two goals and Phillips also added two assists.

Rippon said her team was prepared for North Salem, based on last year's sectional result.

"We definitely knew we had a target on our back so we didn't want to let our guard down," said Rippon, who will attend Iona in September and play lacrosse.

Rippon said the team learned a valuable lesson in the loss to Pleasantville, not to underestimate their opponent. The Tigers also focused on conditioning.

"We had some trouble getting back, so the next day in practice we did a lot of running to get in better shape for our next game," Rippon said. "We've been incorporating more running into our drills for conditioning. Also, you want to address things as soon as the game ends so we don't make the same mistake in the next game."

Deegan finished with a team-leading four goals against Pleasantville, Rippon added a hat trick and Conlin collected two goals. Goalie Kim Hyndman made 13 saves.

Putnam Valley rebounded to handle Croton as Rippon scored four goals, Conlin finished with three goals and Antonia DiBullo and Katie McLean each had two goals. Jessica Denike and Lindsey Cohen had one goal and two assists apiece. Hyndman made five saves.

Rippon and her teammates are hoping to wrap up the regular season with three more victories to finish 13-3 and then see what seed they receive.

"We're making sure we put in 110 percent in every practice because we know it will benefit us," Rippon said. "We're not worried about the seed because we feel we can play with anyone in our class."

MAHOPAC improved to 9-4 on the season with victories over Wappingers, 13-9, and SOMERS, 8-2.

Mahopac raced to a 12-2 lead at halftime over Wappingers before putting it into cruise control in the second half.

Caroline Raymond netted a game-high four goals while Sophia DeFrancesco, Christina Lopreato, Natalie Scanlon and Colleen MacNeil each had two goals. Ava Starace added her first varsity goal.

"We are always excited to win at home, get a league win, and defeat another Class A school," Mahopac coach Jim Lieto said.

Lieto said his team played its best game of the season in the triumph of Somers. Raymond had a hand in five goals – three of her own and two assists. MacNeil scored twice and Lopreato added a goal and an assist.

Jordan Barbagallo finished with 11 saves.

"The girls were executing everything we talked about in practice out on the field," Lieto said. "We were able to control the pace of the game and our defense was out of this world. Jordan Barbagallo, in goal, was amazing turning away so many of Somers best opportunities. Siobhan Hynes, Natalie Scanlon, and Hannah Lieto were phenomenal in front of Jordan. Christina Lopreato, Alexa Rispoli, and Zina McNerney were amazing on defense and their speed in clearing the ball was beautiful to watch.

"Caroline Raymond kept the offense flowing and helped control the pace of play to make sure that our defense stayed fresh and we kept the pressure on Somers' defense."

Mahopac will host arch-rival Carmel on Senior Night, Wednesday, May 9.

BREWSTER swept a pair of league games – 9-6 over Somers and 15-10 over Lakeland/Panas. The Bears are 9-4 entering the last week of the regular season with games against John Jay-Cross River, Nanuet and Somers.

Meagan Beal netted a game-best four goals and Lauren Craft added three against Somers. Dani Regan chipped in a goal and two assists and Danielle Heintz handled 12 shots.

Jen Campbell and Ella Kittredge each had two goals for Somers.

Maggie DePaoli and Craft each had four goals against Lakeland/Panas. Haile Ratajack had a hat trick and Regan collected six assists and a goal. Heintz had another strong game with 14 saves.

"Both games were physical, but my girls pushed through and finished strong," Brewster coach Sara DiDio said. "Our Senior Night was against Lakeland/Panas and we celebrated our six seniors -- Lauren Craft, Michelle



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It's coming down to crunch time for Brewster's Lauren Craft and Megan Beal.

Feighan, Leah Frey, Grace Pastore, Tara Regan, and Juliana Rienzi. I have coached all six of these girls for a long time and have been honored to be their coach for all these years."

LAKELAND/PANAS suffered two losses last week – 15-10 to Brewster and 11-9 to John Jay-Cross River.

Kelsey McCrudden had three goals and Emily Kness rang up two goals and three assists against Brewster. Kristen Kelly and Raquel Nieves each had two goals.

McCrudden had a hat trick against John Jay. Keirra Ettere contributed two goals and Emily Kness had one and two assists. Goalie Miranda Lopes made 15 saves.



Putnam Valley M Emma Rippon (15) and the Tigers will all need to step it up until junior sniper Kaitlyn Phillips returns healthy.

Sports

Boys' Notebook

Murphy Cup Takes Short Trip, Returns Home to Yorktown

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Host Lakeland/Panas kept it close for a half, trailing Yorktown 6-3 at halftime in the 29th annual Murphy Cup game, the one held in honor of the man – Charlie Murphy -- who essentially introduced

Section 1 to the fringe sport of lacrosse back in the 1960s. With the game now booming nationwide, Coach Sean Carney's Huskers remembered what they were playing for last Friday night and pummeled the Rebels in the second half en route to a 17-3 triumph for Yorktown's 26th Murphy Cup win.



We came, we saw, we conquered: Yorktown players leave Lakeland with coveted Murphy Cup trophy for 8th-straight year.

NWE/Putnam Fab Five Lax Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – State-ranked (No.3) Class B Huskers (9-3) saw the Embury boys increase their combined scoring total to 74 points in the Murphy Cup romp of L/P.

No.2 HEN HUD – State-ranked (No.8) Class C Sailors (12-1) saw Max Popilizio (6G, 5A), Connor Gallagher (3G), Austin Fraser (2G, 1A), Bryce Caffrey (2G) and AJ Pannella (1G, 2A) lead them to 15-3 win over Lourdes. Sailors are now the likely top seed heading in to playoffs, which only increases the pressure on a program seeking its first Section 1 title, but we've been saying since Day 1 #DontSnooze on the Sailors, who appear to be on collision course with No.13 Rye for all the marbles. The combination of balance, speed, veteran defenders and athleticism is as solid as the Sailors have ever had.

No.3 LAKELAND/PANAS – Class A Rebels (4-8) have lost 4 of the last 6 but still found it within them to beat Mahopac, 10-9, when Janavey tickled twine with 3 ticks left for his 200th career point. This should prove once and for all that the Rebels, the current No.7 seed, can still get healthy and pull off an unlikely three-peat should they put their minds to it. State-ranked (No.16) Mamaroneck,

the consensus Class A favorites, and Somers will provide a pair of mighty tests this week heading in to the post.

No.4 MAHOPAC – The Class A Indians (8-5) get Wappingers, Arlington and Carmel to conclude regular season, and anything less than 3-0 would indicate the Indians, the current No.4 seed, are not at their best heading in to the post season whereby they will need those three W's to move from No.4 to a No.3 seed to avoid Mamaroneck in the semis (should they be so lucky).

No.5 SOMERS – Class B Tuskers (7-6) took an obvious step in the wrong direction in a 13-8 loss to Arlington, but if they can win 2 of last 3 against Jay CR, L/P and Fox Lane, maybe the Tuskers, currently seeded No.6, figure out a way to the Final 4. In past years it would be crazy to think otherwise, and if they can't survive the likes of TZ, Nyack and state-ranked (No.9) Harrison to get there, we're not sure what to make of that: Either the down-county teams have closed the gap or Somers is just going through some serious growing pains. Would love to see a quality W before playoffs, just for confidence sake. Tuskers Lorenzo Sessa (3G) and Vincent Cartelli (2G) led Somers against the Admirals.



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown's Jamison Embury beats lonesome Rebel goalie J.P. Walsh for goal in Huskers' 17-3 Murphy Cup win over L-P.

Yorktown senior All-American Brett Makar made like Magic Johnson in transition for the first goal of the game five minutes in. Richie Giannasca, Alex DeBenedictis and Hunter Embury (4G, 2A) followed suit and the Huskers (9-3) were up 4-0 headed into the second quarter. Rebel sniper JoJo Janavey scored twice for the Rebels (4-9), and the deficit was 6-3 at the half.

But Makar, Brandon Meyreles, Connor Koelsch, Chris Torres, Keith Boyer, Thomas Cane – the heart of the Husker defense -- and Yorktown G Louis Ragusa resisted every Rebel chance from that point forward, and the Yorktown offense went off in the second half. Hunter and Jamison Embury (4G, 1A) had seen enough, and Justin Comerford (1G, 2A),

Shane Dahlke (2G, 1A), Alex DeBenedictis (1G, 1A), Keegan Doller (1G, 1A) all had multiple points.

As is often the case, Yorktown took its game to another level, and only one team in Section 1 – John Jay – has been able to match that plane...

Not sure about the need to develop a fourth classification in NYS lacrosse because we barely have enough teams with winning records to fill out the brackets in each Section 1 classes right now: Class A (5 of 14); Class B (8 of 11); Class C (6 of 11); Class D (8 of 15). Can't imagine its much different throughout the rest of the state, maybe Long Island and Syracuse excluded. Seems like NYSPHSAA's decision to do so has watered down the pool of contenders in each of the classes.



Yorktown captains Brandon Meyreles, Connor Koelsch, Jamison Embury, Brett Makar, Hunter Embury and Louis Ragusa pose with fabled Murphy Cup after 17-3 win over L-P.

Sports

Baseball Notebook

Surging Carmel Takes Down Dutchess Powers RCK, Arlington Yorktown Wins 13th Sorrentino Cup in 16 Years in 4-3 Win over Lakeland

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This is no knock on Carmel, trust me, but nobody saw this coming... nobody saw Coach Joe Hackert's Rams (11-4, 3-2) knocking off Dutchess County powers Arlington, the reigning Section 1 Class AA champions, and previously undefeated RCK in the same week. But here we are headed down the home stretch with Carmel sitting in second in the League I-A standings, a game behind RCK (13-1).

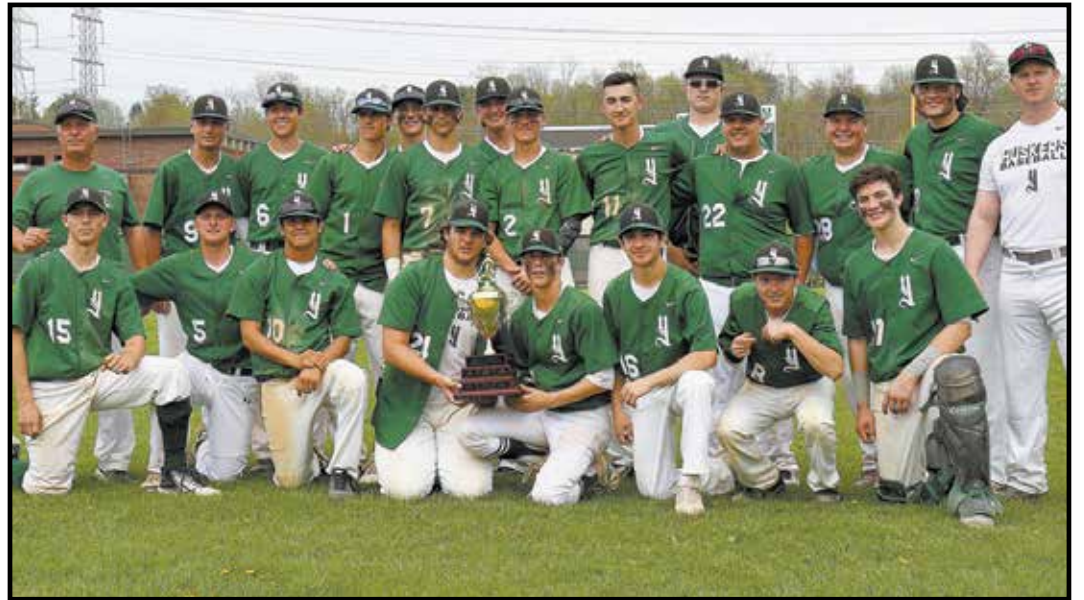
With a telling week ahead, including rival Mahopac, Fox Lane, Yorktown, John Jay EF and RCK, the Rams have plenty of work to do, but there's no denying they have put themselves on the Section 1 map, coming out of nowhere to impress.

"We aren't the most talented team, but these boys never give up," Coach Hackert said. "We have great senior leadership and

two freshman (Jack Sullivan, Anthony Febo) who have ice in their veins. No moment is too big for them. All players are coachable and are learning to make adjustments and buy in to our approach. And of course, it always feels good to win a league game in our league. The win against Arlington was the most motivating wins for our boys. They have brought that confidence to every game since."

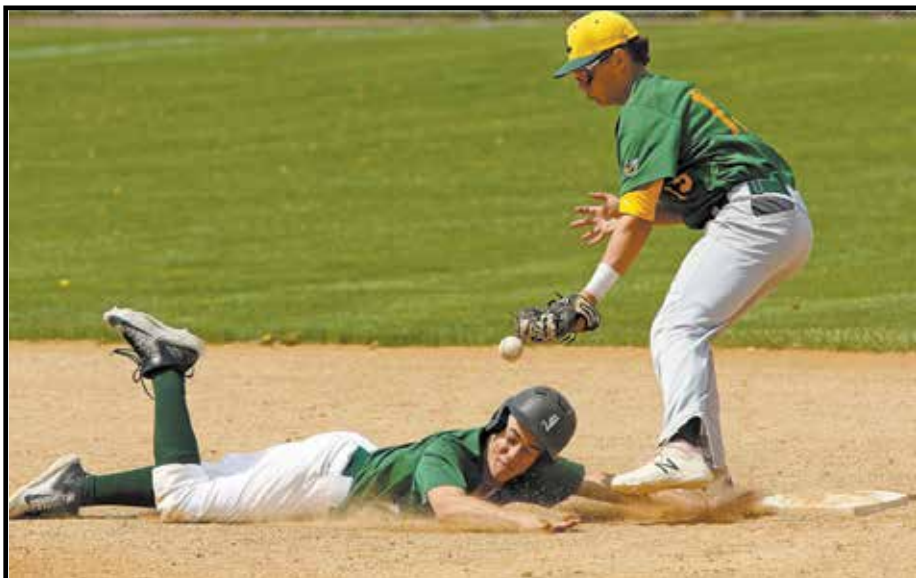
Carmel topped off a great week with a 9-5 win over Greeley on Saturday and a mercy-run win over Pawling on Friday.

Against Greeley, Carmel P Andy Parisi chalked up the win with 5 2/3rds innings



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

The Yorktown baseball team poses with the Sorrentino Cup for the 13th time in the last 16 years after beating Lakeland 4-3 Saturday.



Yorktown's Luan Biberaj avoids tag of Lakeland's Leo Cummings in Huskers' 4-3 Sorrentino Cup trophy win over Hornets.



Carmel freshman C Anthony Febo (center) is one of many young players getting it done for the surging Rams this season.

pitched, allowing one hit and one earned run. Ciatto, Sean McCarthy, Castrovinci, Benitez, Loughran had two hits apiece while freshman C Anthony Febo had three hits, including two doubles and three RBI to lead the way. In 49 at-bats, the young backstop, who needs to only gain some bulk over the course of time before truly emerging, has struck out just twice. Keep tabs on Febo, trust me.

In Carmel's 14-6 win over RCK, freshman Sullivan, who has next-level ability, notched the win with senior P Matt Vitro securing his third save. McCarthy (2 hits, HR, 3 RBI) had a huge game as did Gerry Loughran (2 hits, HR, 3 RBI). The thought going in to the week was to not get too high on Carmel, seeing how the

Rams had feasted on subpar outfits. The thought coming out of the week is that this unit, despite little expectations going in, has some serious grit and potential that could lay the groundwork for a bright future when Febo and Sullivan's classmates bloom.

Carmel 3B AJ Gonzalez has raked and been solid on the hot corner all year for the Rams, winners of four-straight.

CLASS AA

Don't count out YORKTOWN just yet. After a horrible start, Coach Sean Kennedy's Huskers (6-8-1) are back at it after a 4-3 win over Lakeland in Saturday's Joseph Sorrentino Cup win, what was Yorktown's 13th such triumph in the last 16 years.

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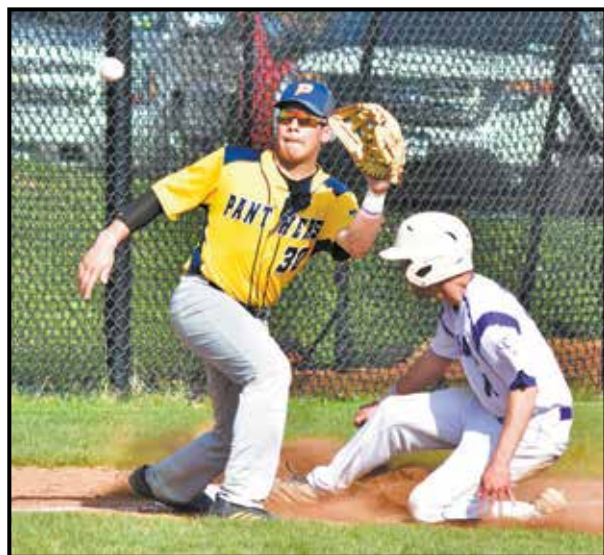


Another game, another win for Carmel as the Rams crushed Pawling Friday and improved to 11-4 last week.

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Panas 3B Diego Urreta can't get tag down on Jay's Chris Orifice Jay's 7-5 win over visiting Panas Tuesday.

"The Lakeland win was a good game for us," Kennedy admitted. "Our kids really get up for this game. This year, Joe's niece, Kristina Statler, is a senior at Yorktown. She spoke in my senior class about her uncle and his sudden passing. I thought this really brought home the importance of this game to our players. I've been really proud at how we have battled the last six games. At 1-8 it would have been easy to stop buying in, but our kids have stepped up to go 5-0-1 over the last six."

You'll recall 16th-seeded Yorktown was the team to bust up the Class AA bracket last season, upending No.1 North Rockland. Might the Huskers, currently looking at the No.11 seed, be lining up for something similar this May.

Lakeland P Evan Berta (9 K's) was very good early on, holding the Huskers down for four innings. Alby Cuifetelli was clutch in relief of Anthony Fusco, and he delivered a big double late in the rally. Luan Biberaj had a big two out, two

RBI double for the lead in the fifth frame. Tyler McDonnell was throwing darts in the seventh to notch the win. Berta and Joe Vetrano each knocked in a run for the Hornets.

MAHOPAC will be road-bound for the playoffs, currently staring down the barrel of a No.14 seed at 6-10 (2-5 in I-A) after snapping a six-game losing streak with a key 2-1 win over Arlington. Indian P Billy Moeller went the route for the three-hit win, whiffing seven along the way. Tom Krasniqi had two hits and both RBI in the sixth for the Indians.

OSSINING has lost six of the last seven, including a bad loss to Port Chester, falling to a current No.13 seed.

CLASS A

BREWSTER snapped a three-game skid with a 3-2 win over **SOMERS**. Bear Bobby McBride continued his current tear. McBride went 1 for 3 with a homer, two RBI and a run to support his own cause on the hill where McBride went the distance for the win (1 ER, 2 hits, 6 K's). Brewster (9-8) needs to get on a late run to improve upon its current No.15 seed, but that won't be easy with two games against John Jay, who is looking to sew up the II-C crown this week.

LAKELAND (8-6, 3-2) sits in second place behind John Jay in League II-C, holding the No.12 seeded potentially in the playoffs. Still dangerous, the Hornets must avoid the pitfalls of youth as they close the regular season with a brutal stretch that includes Panas, Beacon, two with Somers, RCK and Rye (all with winning records and a combined 55-21).

To go 3-3 there would be more than acceptable.

PANAS avenged last Tuesday's 7-4 loss to John Jay with a 4-2 win at Panas the next day. Panther hurler Jake Jemty looked the part of an ace, pitching all six innings. He allowed seven hits and allowed two runs while whiffing five in a rain-shortened win. Smooth-stroking Tim Feliz went 2 for 3 with two RBI for the Panthers (9-8, 3-3), who, along with Lakeland, are chasing Jay (4-2) for the league title. The Panthers are currently in line for the No.13 seed with Mahopac, Lakeland and Somers remaining.

SOMERS (10-6, 2-4) has likely fallen out of contention for the league title, but Coach Joe Wooten is only concerned with securing a high playoff seed, getting a home playoff game and a legit run as the Tuskers currently hold a No.7 seed. Improving upon that seed will be tough with Mahopac, two against Lakeland and Panas left on the docket.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY's playoff hopes took an unexpected turn when MVP SS/P TJ Brescia suffered a head injury in the Tigers' 8-5 win at Keio. Brescia and John Millicker each had two hits and two RBI for the Tigers, who saw reliever Matt Carlsen fire two innings to earn the win. The Tigers (10-5, 4-0), who are holding firm to a No.5 seed in the upcoming playoffs, are hoping for the quick return their ace pitcher, top hitter and best infielder, which is what Brescia has



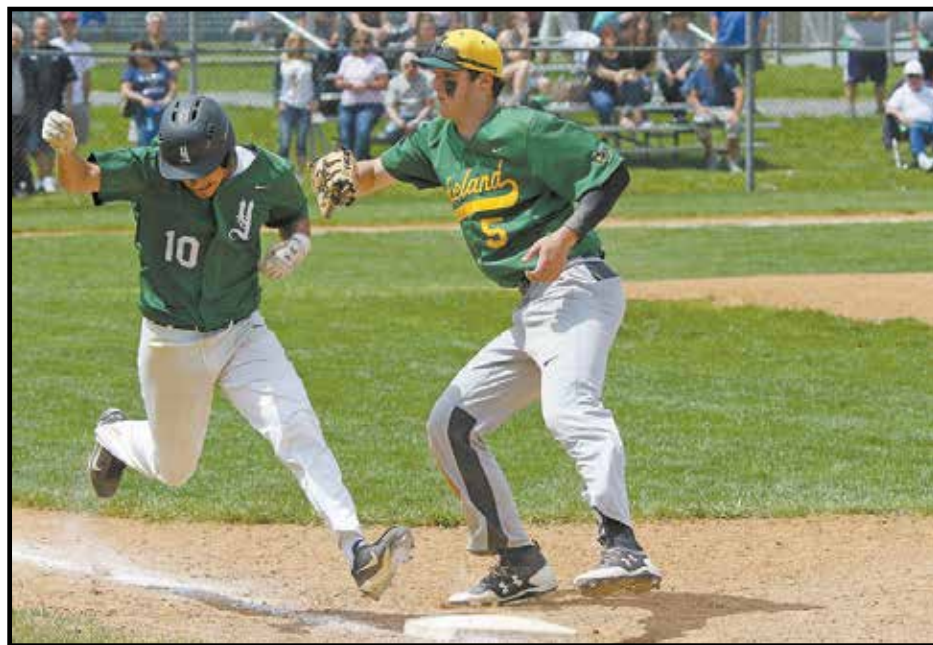
Carmel's Dan Castrovinci slams pitch in Rams' mercy-rule win over Pawling Friday at Peckham Field in Patterson.

become this season. The Tigers will look to lock down the League III-D title this week and should be able to do so despite the loss of Brescia.

CROTON-HARMON (6-11, 1-5) currently hold the No.11 seed and will take part in the inaugural Casey Cup game against Ossining (7:30 p.m.), as part of a triple-header at Peekskill Stadium this Saturday when Fox Lane faces White Plains in a Class AA doozy at 1:00 p.m. and Westlake takes on Byram Hills at 4:30 p.m. Beloved former Ossining Coach Bill Casey passed away last year after a prolonged battle with cancer, and these programs felt it was right to honor his memory.

"Ossining Coach Scott DeIeso and I got together and with the Casey family's blessing we decided to turn this game into a trophy game in honor of Coach Casey," Croton Coach Eric Rosen said. "Croton and Ossining will now be playing this game for the William Casey Memorial Cup or 'Casey Cup' from here on out. Attitude and effort was Coach Casey's signature slogan that he preached to all his student athletes. We are also anticipating Coach Casey's family to be attendance with his kids throwing out the first pitch. Ossining will be wearing special uniforms for this game to honor Coach Casey, and all of the Croton players and coaches will be wearing Coach Casey's No.9 for the game."

Sounds like a banner day in revitalized Peekskill where folks won't have to go far to find a great new pub and some choice chow.



Lakeland 1B Joe Vetrano looks to slap tag on Yorktown's Nick Campanaro in Hornets' 4-3 loss to Huskers Saturday.



Carmel SS Sean McCarthy has torn the cover off the ball all season.



**Somers' Fusco
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It's Win, Wynne for Everybody at 42nd Annual Somers Lions Club Invite



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Somers senior star Greg Fusco ran a meet-record 9:19.27 in the 3,200-meter race Saturday and snapped the tape at the 42nd annual Joe Wynne Somers Lions Club Track and Field Invitational where his brother, Matt, finished in second at 9:28.32 to further cement their legacy as two of the top three all-time Tusker greats, right there in the same breath as former Somers All-American Alex Bean. In all, six meet records were snapped on this brilliant, sun-splashed afternoon, which included Somers senior Johnny Esposito, who is legally blind, being escorted down the track by Greg Fusco in an emotional 100-meter trial. The 10:28.76 run by Brewster's Patrick Ford in the 3,200 was the third fastest time run in the U.S. this spring by a seventh-grader. Brewster's Erik Jacobsen (4:37.34) took the boys Class B mile. The Class C shot put title went to Putnam Valley's Andrew Quinones (39-8.5), who also took Class C discus honors at (110-7). Somers' Numan Maloney (20-8) won Class B long jump while Tusker Michael Altieri cleared 12 feet for the pole vault title. On the ladies side, Carmel senior star Jade Sessions clocked in at 2:17.32 and snagged the Class A 800-meter title and Hendrick Hudson freshman Isolde McManus (2:26.42) won the B crown and anchored the Sailors' record-setting 4x1600-meter relay of freshmen Zoe Rose and Sarah Mandelkow and 8th-grader Ava Louise Kennedy, who snapped the school mark by two minutes at 23:00.80. Putnam Valley 8th-grader Nia Givan won the Class C 100-meter crown (13.21), leading one to believe the future of local track and field is brighter than ever. Visit live.fultonaccuratetiming.com for all meet results.