



## Brewster Shelter Partnership Faces Financial 'Crisis'



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Judy Callahan, and Tom and Gail Pease urged the Southeast town board to expend funds for the Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership at last week's meeting.

## Carmel Mourns After Death of Beloved Police Officer

By David Propper

An off-duty Carmel Police officer, who was supposed to get married later this month, died last week in an accident that has sent the Town of Carmel into mourning.

Gary Pietropaolo tragically died last Thursday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with another vehicle in the Town of Kent. He was 29.

Last Thursday around 4:30 p.m., a crash occurred on Route 301 near Nimham Road when Pietropaolo, who was on a motorcycle, and a US postal vehicle collided. Pietropaolo was traveling east on Route 301 when the postal vehicle, operated by Mary Gosney-Hyatt, was pulling out of a driveway of a private residence, according to the Kent police.

Pietropaolo, a Carmel High School

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Rest in Peace Gary Pietropaolo, April 2, 1989- June 7, 2018.

By David Propper

Facing financial difficulties, Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership (BESP) officials went in front of the Southeast town board last week to seek modest funding in hopes of keep its doors open next year.

The BESP provides homeless folks in the county with a safe, warm place to sleep in the winter months, but have fallen under financial duress recently, Brewster resident Judy Callahan told board members

Callahan, who is on the board of directors, said the non-profit was started

because a homeless man froze to death in the woods 11 years ago. Most of the effort is all-volunteer, with only one paid staff member who is an overnight manager. That person is paid \$15 per hour for seven nights a week from December to March. The homeless people that are serviced can enter the shelter at 9 p.m. and must leave at 6 a.m. the next day.

Several churches in Putnam and part of upper Westchester assist in providing food and funds toward the shelter. The annual budget is about \$30,000 and the BESP is seeking \$3,000 from the town. There are

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## Mahopac Teens Awarded for Selfless Service

The Friends of Mahopac Public Library are awarding scholarships to two recipients for their exceptional volunteerism and dedication to the Mahopac Public Library. Alana Green is awarded with the Volunteer Services to the Library Award. She is an active volunteer and continues to assist with Children's events such as Gingerbread Making and the Ice Cream Social. Alana plans on attending RIT and is considering the Graphic Arts Programs. She was very involved in the set design for the MHS play, "The Addams Family". Alana also won the Board of Trustee art competition to paint the mural outside The Book Barn entrance at the Mahopac Public Library. Lea Kravis is awarded the Volunteer Service in Library Programs Award. She is also an active volunteer assisting Librarians in the Kindergarten Fun Program. She also helps prepare arts and crafts for various programs. Her experience at the Library working with young children helped her grow socially. Lea will be attending Western Connecticut University with an undeclared major, though she is interested in nursing. The students were selected by the Friends' Scholarship Committee: Rita Covelli, Assistant Library Director, Dorothy Bollbach, Friends Member and MPL employee and Sheelagh Kaplan, Friends Executive Board Member.



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four sleep sites--all local churches--that rotate.

The shelter partnership is facing a financial "crisis" going into the 2018-2019 year with only \$2,000 currently on hand, which is far short of what the shelter usually has at this point, Callahan said.

Callahan said there is a perception that Brewster is the only area that has a homeless problem, but stressed it extends to every corner of the county.

"Probably every other town in this country," Callahan said. "We're helping these people and we're helping keep someone else from dying from the cold."

"Not all the money is coming through as it has in the past," Callahan said.

Currently, Callahan has sent letters seeking financial assistance to several municipalities, including Patterson, Carmel, Kent and Putnam County. So far, the county is the only entity that has responded to the partnership, Callahan said, with County Executive MaryEllen Odell telling Callahan the county would consider expending funds when officials start the budget process in July.

Callahan said the BESP is cultivating a multi-faceted plan to secure the necessary funds after the 2018-2019 season is complete. While state funds are available, any money that could come from the state



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Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay was skeptical about giving funds for the shelter partnership because of legal questions.

would result in more burdensome costs, Callahan said.

She noted that if the partnership is discontinued, the cost for the county to run a permanent shelter would be "staggering" because of the many regulations attached to that.

"We're saving the county, the towns, everybody a lot of money by operating this way," Callahan said.

In an interview, Callahan said one of the larger costs incurred this year was insurance, which the BESP didn't have past years. Cots and other equipment also

needed to be purchased this year, Callahan said. On top of that, money previously given from religious entities to the BESP has not come through like in previous years, she noted.

Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay said legally, it would be "unacceptable" to gift money to the partnership because government can't expend tax dollars to a private entity, even though the shelter group is a non-profit. When he was on the county Legislature, he said Brewster resident Rick Stockburger came before lawmakers seeking funds for the shelter partnership around

2007, but the legislative counsel stated at the time that it was not legally tenable.

Town attorney Willis Stephens agreed with Hay's legal assessment.

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt was supportive of freeing up funding for the BESP, noting the town gives \$30,000 to the humane society. (The town and humane society have a contract.)

"We have a responsibility to provide for," Stephens said, with Eckardt cutting him off and saying "for dogs, but not for humans. That's my point."

Eckardt said part of government's duty is to keep people safe. She also said providing some funding now could save more money in the long run.

Even if the town could legally grant money to the non-profit, Hay questioned how the town board would pick and choose which private entities receive tax dollars.

Tom Pease, who is the BESP treasurer, said that while the partnership might be a private entity, he stressed the organization still provides a much needed public service. He said law enforcement agencies and the county social services department work with the shelter to help homeless folks have a warm place to sleep during the winter.

Councilman John Lord said he would like to know what other towns and the county do when the BESP approaches them for funds.

"In a heartbeat I'd love to help you," Councilwoman Liz Hudak said, but noted, "How could we do that without running afoul with the law?"

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#### Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

**A:** If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

#### Q: How effective is the Pap test?

**A:** Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

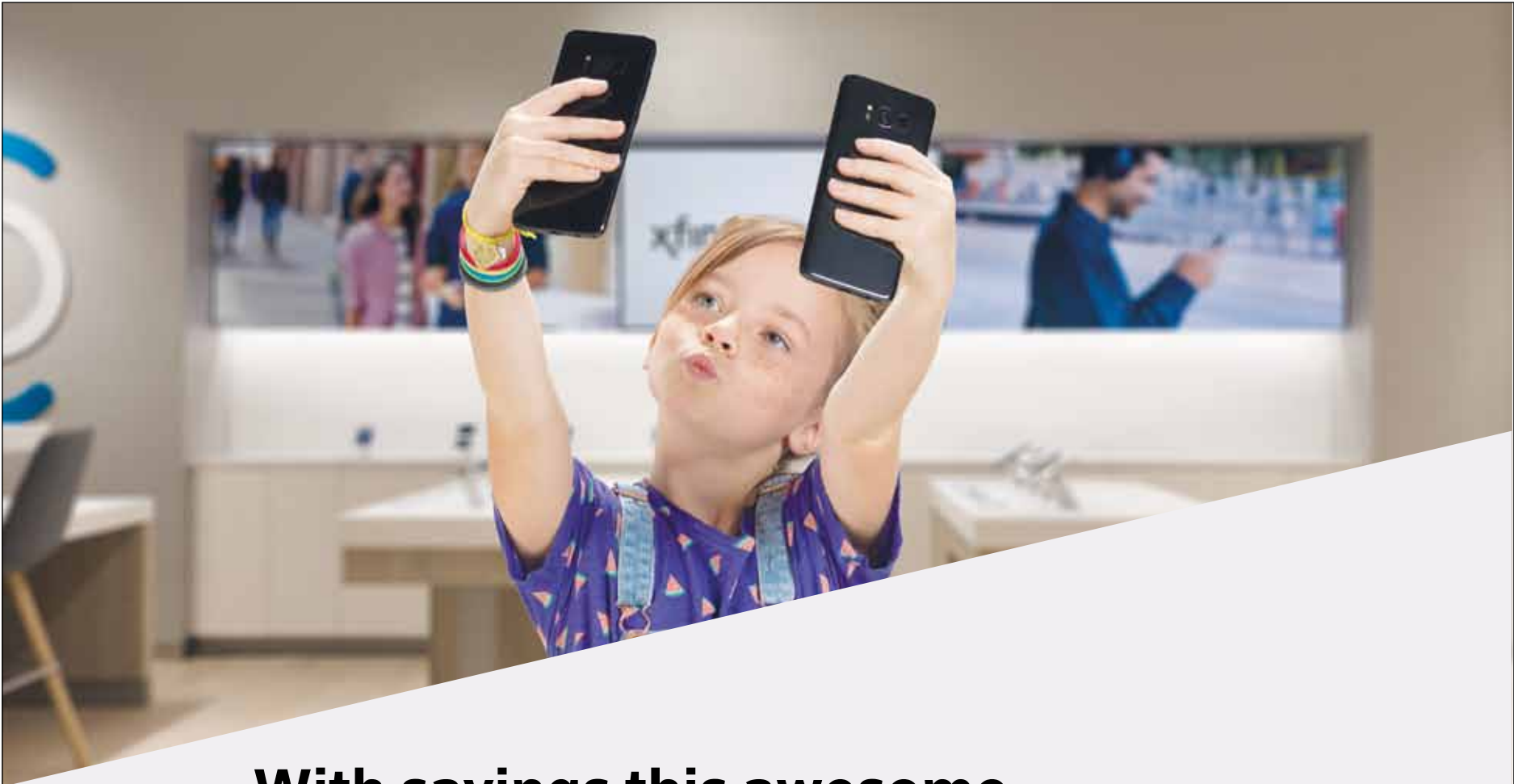
#### Q: At what age should I start and stop having Pap tests?

**A:** Start at 21. Women under 21 have a very low incidence of the type of high-grade abnormalities that will progress to cervical cancer. Screening after age 65 isn't needed if you have a recent history of normal Pap results. If your Pap test and HPV test are negative, you should repeat both tests in three years.

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# Maloney's Run for AG's Office Raises Questions

By David Propper

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district represents all of Putnam County, confirmed his intention to seek two elected offices at once last week when he announced his bid for New York State Attorney General.

In light of former AG Eric Schneiderman's resignation last month, Maloney and a handful of other Democrats have jumped into the race to be New York's top law enforcement officer. Maloney confirmed in a statement he plans on running for both his congressional seat and state AG leading up to the September primary for the state office. If he loses the AG's race, he would go forward with his congressional campaign, and if he wins that AG's primary, another Democrat would have to come forward to run in the 18th district, which represents all of Putnam and Orange counties and parts of Dutchess and Westchester counties.

"When you've got crooks in the White House, crooks in Albany, and crooks in corporate suites, you need a leader with the passion to fight and the experience to win. That's why I'm running for attorney general," Maloney said in a statement. "I've successfully defended the Constitution and our progressive values against the Trump Administration's attacks down in Washington -- but now it's time to go on offense."



Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney

Maloney ran for state attorney general seat in 2006, but fell short in a Democratic primary. The other Democratic contenders seeking the seat this year are New York City public advocate Letitia James, lobbyist Leecia Eve and former candidate for New York governor Zephyr Teachout. Maloney, if he wins the seat, would be the first openly gay statewide officer holder.

The Republican candidate facing Maloney in the 18th district, Jim O'Donnell, slammed Maloney for seeking two offices at once. He said in a statement



Jim O'Donnell

that his campaign will evaluate legal remedies to determine if Maloney can run for both offices and called Maloney's plan "illegal" and "unethical."

"It's clear that Sean Maloney has no interest in continuing to serve as our Congressman," O'Donnell stated. "Mr. Maloney's candidacy raises a legal red flag that must be addressed immediately by the appropriate judicial and election authorities -- specifically, the question of how a candidate for one office in New York can possibly run for another office at the same time."

Maloney won his seat in 2016 despite President Donald Trump winning the district by 2 percentage points.

Putnam Democratic committee chairman Jim Borkowski declined comment when contacted by The Putnam Examiner about Maloney's latest maneuver and the process to find a possible replacement candidate. But in a New York-Political article, he said the possible fill-in for Maloney would have to be similar to sitting congressman's politics.

"We need to have a candidate who, like Sean Maloney, is a moderate who can appeal to moderate and independent voters to vote for a Democrat," Borkowski told Politico. "Sean won a district that went for Trump. That means a lot of

voters went for Donald Trump, but also a gay man with a multiracial family."

Garrison resident Lithgow Osborne, the Democratic chairman in Philipstown, admittedly said Maloney was entering unusual territory by running for two seats, but he fully supported Maloney's desire to run for the AG's office. He said the state and the nation would be well served by Maloney as AG because he's a strong advocate with deep knowledge of state and federal law.

"I can't think of anybody better for that position quite frankly," Osborne said. "Sean would serve his state and country at a higher level to fight against some of the really hideous malfeasance coming out of Washington."

While Democrats won't know which seat Maloney would go after in November until the September AG primary, Osborne said Democratic committee members across the district are beginning to seek other possible Democrats in case Maloney goes forward with the AG run. Regardless, Osborne said Maloney would be missed because of his effectiveness in Congress.

"I don't feel betrayed, I feel like I'm really going to miss the most awesome congressman in the United States representing me in Congress," Osborne said. "We have it so lucky."

Tony Scannapieco, the Putnam GOP committee chairman and county Board of Elections Republican commissioner, believes it's illegal for Maloney to shoot for two elected offices simultaneously. Involved in politics since the 1970s, Scannapieco can never recall a time a politician vied for two different positions.

"I think it's great because he's telling the people now 'I don't want to be your congressman, I want to be attorney general,'" Scannapieco said. "So are people going to say 'whatever you want to do, we'll vote for you.' I don't think so."

Scannapieco believes the congressional seat is more winnable now.

"I think O'Donnell had a good chance anyway, but now I think he's got a great chance," Scannapieco said.



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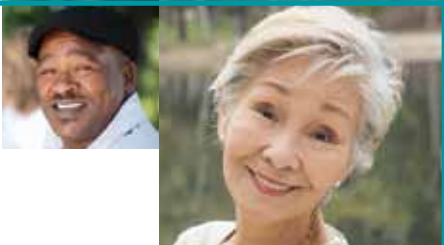
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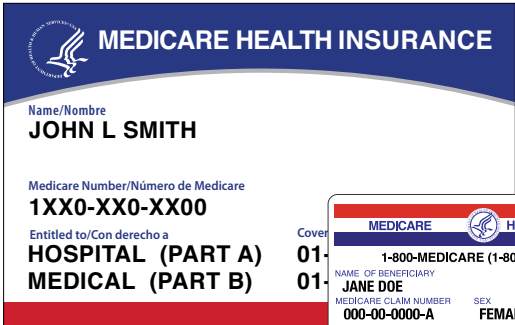


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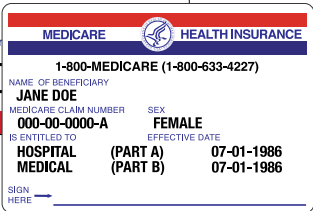


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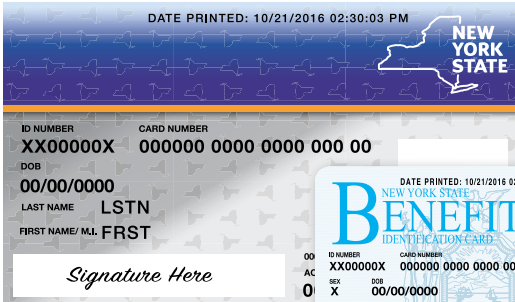
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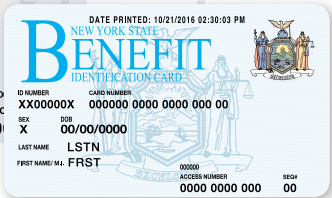
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graduate was seriously injured in the crash and when Kent police officers arrived at the scene, they saw him lying in the roadway, authorities said. A Kent ambulance arrived and was taking Pietropaolo to Huestis Park so a helicopter could bring him to Westchester Medical Center, but had to divert to Putnam Hospital Center when he went into cardiac arrest, according to police. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

An investigation into the crash was being conducted by the Kent Police, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. No charges have been filed as of Monday.

In a statement, the Carmel Police

Department said it was "extremely saddened" by the loss of Pietropaolo, who the department described as a "talented young man who took great pride in being a Carmel police officer."

Pietropaolo, who graduated from Marist College with a focus in criminal justice, joined the Carmel department in March 2016 after working for the SUNY New Paltz police department.

"His tenacity for law enforcement was unparalleled and admired by his peers," the department stated. "Gary was well liked and respected by all of his fellow officers and colleagues and will be sorely missed. The entire Town of Carmel extends its deepest sympathies to his family, fiancé and friends and wish them peace as they move through this difficult time."

Mahopac resident Robert Buckley, who knew Pietropaolo, called him a "star" in the police department, who had very high standards.

"He was a cop's cop," Buckley said.

In his obituary, it states he is survived by his parents, Gary and Elizabeth, two sisters, grandmothers, aunts, uncles and many cousins. A service was held for him Monday at Cargain Funeral Home and funeral is set for today (Tuesday.)

"Although Gary enjoyed his work, it was his family he treasured the most. He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, fiancé and a friend to many. Everyone who had the honor of knowing Gary would all agree he had a big heart, contagious laugh and would be the first to give a helping hand," part of his obituary stated. "He will be dearly missed by all

who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to his family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts."

A memorial fund was started over the weekend to help his fiancée, Jaci.

"Our beloved brother, son, grandson and fiancée was suddenly and tragically taken from all of us due to a very serious accident," part of the gofundme page stated. "We want Jaci to be able to care for herself and not have to worry about the financial burden that comes with losing someone so suddenly. This memorial fund will help to take care of Jaci, who relied on him a great deal. We want her to be able to keep their home they worked tirelessly to build together and planned on raising their family in."

## County Leg. Signs off on Tax Breaks for Proposed Hotel

By David Propper

While it's 2018 and Putnam County remains without a brand name hotel, that soon could change after the county Legislature approved tax benefits for a proposed Best Western last week during its full meeting.

With the 9-0 approval from lawmakers, it gives the Industrial Development Agency the OK to sign off on a PILOT program for a 57-room hotel located along Peach Lake Road in the Town of Southeast. The project stalled under the current owner, but the new owner, Shelly Nichani, is set to take over and complete it. In order for him to purchase the property and assume the project though, he demanded IDA tax benefits, which now seem likely.

In the first year, the property would

get 50 percent of its property tax bill off and for the next nine years would get five percent less each successive year off its taxes with it eventually getting down to five percent. The number of jobs created would be about 15. Over a ten-year period, the county will lose about \$33,770 in taxes, the Town of Southeast will lose \$34,560, and the Brewster school system will lose \$327,195 and the sales tax revenue lost will be about \$65,000.

Legislator Toni Addonizio said the tax breaks are justified to encourage economic growth and if the hotel isn't built, the county would never see any tax revenue from the completed parcel at all or the 15 full time jobs. The original owner received the tax benefits in 2007, but never finished the project because of

lack of funding.

"We should not let it sit vacant, we should move forward with this," Addonizio said.

Legislator Carl Albano stressed a hotel is needed in the area where the Best Western would be constructed and Legislator Paul Jonke added there would be a net gain of more than \$1 million over the decade the PILOT program runs its course.

"This is nothing but a win for the taxpayers of Putnam County," Jonke said. "And anyone that tells you otherwise is misleading you."

In order to get the benefits from the IDA, the Brewster Board of Education, the Southeast town board, and the legislature needed to sign off on the property receiving the tax breaks.

"I think this is a terrific project for the county," Legislator Neal Sullivan said.

## Local Author to Speak about World War II and Book

World War II and local history buffs will enjoy stopping by the Desmond-Fish Library on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. (Flag Day) to meet local author David Rocco. David is the co-author of the book *The Indestructible Man: The True Story of World War II Hero "Captain Dixie"*. The book tells the amazing story of Navy officer Dixie Kiefer, a true World War II hero. After having served in World War I, he was an instrumental player in several major battles in World War II. He was the Executive Officer on the USS Yorktown at the battles of Coral Sea and Midway, in fact, he was the last man off Yorktown before she sank at Midway, and though he was seriously injured, he swam through shark-infested waters pushing a life raft filled with hurt sailors toward a rescue ship. He was also the skipper of the USS Ticonderoga when she came under brutal attack by Japanese kamikaze planes. And even though he had 65 serious wounds from shrapnel, he remained on the bridge for twelve hours, overseeing counter-attacks. He continued damage control with a badly broken right arm after being hit by suicide planes. He successfully steered his big carrier through a killer typhoon that took the lives of more than 800 men throughout the Allied fleet. Through it all, he performed coolly

and heroically, leading his men through hell and back. On November 14, 1945, at about noon his plane crashed on the northwest flank of Mt. Beacon in the Town of Fishkill and took the lives of all six Navy servicemen on board. Some of the remnants of the plane are still there today. After three-plus years of research, Rocco has completed this book with help from award-winning author Don Keith who has written extensively on World War II history as well as other subjects. Rocco is from Yorktown Heights, and retired from the New York City Housing Department. Since his retirement, he has led civic and environmental efforts including the Walkway Over the Hudson Project in Poughkeepsie, The Mount Beacon Fire Tower Restoration Project, the Beacon Sloop Club's Woody Guthrie vessel, and the Mount Beacon Eight organization. Refreshments will be served at this free event and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at the corner of Routes 9D and 403 in Garrison. To learn more about this and other upcoming library programs, please visit the Library's website at [desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org) or call 845-424-3020. David Rocco can be reached for more information at [coyoteroc@optonline.net](mailto:coyoteroc@optonline.net).

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# Brewster Founder's Day to Become Fall Festival in September

By Neal Rentz

Fans of the annual Brewster Founder's Day need not be too disappointed that it will no longer be held.

The event will be replaced by the Brewster Fall Festival, which will feature many of the same aspects of Founders Day with a few new touches, two of the organizers of the new event said last week.

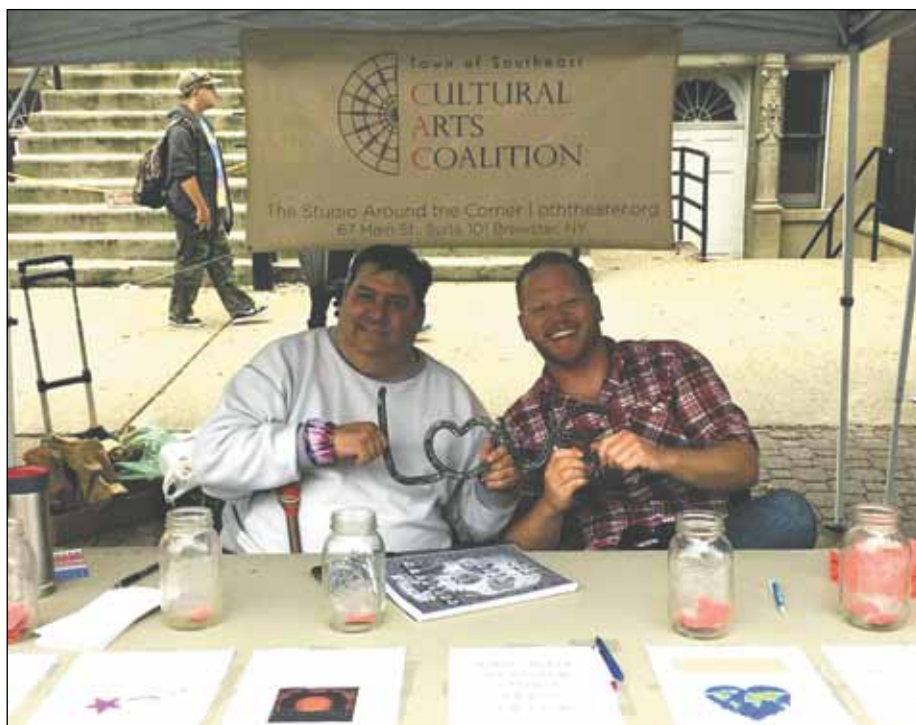
The Cultural Arts Coalition will run the new Fall Festival, Arts Coalition President Judy Marano said last week. The Coalition for a Better Brewster told the Village in April it they would be unable to run the Annual Founder's Day event, which was held every September on Main Street, Marano noted.

"Many were disappointed that the annual tradition was in jeopardy of being cancelled unless another organization picked up the reigns," Marano stated in recent press.

The Coalition for a Better Brewster ran the Founder's Day street fair for more than 25 years.

On May 23, the Brewster Board of Trustees approved the Cultural Arts Coalition's request to turn Brewster Founder's Day into the Brewster Fall Festival on May 23. The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, rain or shine.

The Arts Coalition decided to run the Fall Festival as both a way to help revitalize the village and raise funds for



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Members of the Cultural Arts Coalition are planning the Brewster Fall Festival, formerly known as Brewster Founders Day Street Fair.

the renovation of The Old Town Hall Theater, located at 67 Main St., which is underway, Marano said last week. The Arts Coalition coordinated the annual Brewster Music Festival that was held on

June 9 at Wells Park.

"This event is too important to the residents, businesses, and organizations of our community. We need to continue the tradition," Margaret Carey, director

of public relations for the Arts Coalition, stated in a recent press release. "It is the day where we all can walk up and down Main Street to find out about all the exciting things Brewster has to offer while meeting friends and neighbors along the way."

Carey said some residents have said about the loss of Founder's Day, "I'm so sad to see it go away," they said, but the Fall Festival will replace it.

Marano said the Festival will include both elements of Founder's Day with new programs that have not been decided upon by her organization.

The Arts Coalition is developing a website that contains information on registering for vendor space, food booths, entertainment and more regarding the Fall Festival

The Arts Coalition has scheduled a meeting about the Fall Festival for June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, which is located at the back entrance of 67 Main St. in Brewster. The Arts Coalition is requesting residents to visit [www.BrewsterFallFestival.com](http://www.BrewsterFallFestival.com) for updated information, to sign up for the e-newsletter, to express an interest in having a vendor booth space or to RSVP to the June 18 interest meeting. Sponsorship opportunities are available and interested parties should contact [brewsterfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterfallfestival@gmail.com).

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# Husband and Wife Lead Multi-Genre Band to Debut Second Album

By Anna Young

After spending more than a decade perfecting their music, local band New Middle Class will take the stage Saturday night at the Putnam Arts Council as they celebrate the release of their second album.

Yorktown residents Mike and Barbara Borok met nearly 40 years ago and fell in love to the sound of music after Barbara happened to sit in on an audition for the bassist in Mike's band. Not long after, Barbara, who had never publicly performed, joined the band as a vocalist.

Soon after, the pair wed and moved to Yorktown where their focus shifted to work, raising their two daughters and the suburban life. But music still ran through their veins, and in 1992 they formed New Middle Class, releasing their first self-titled album.

"I think during that time I was starting to write better songs," said Mike Borok, a songwriter, guitarist and vocalist. "The songs were more interesting and also more emotional."

With tracks receiving radio play worldwide and top honors at national and international songwriting contests, the duo continued to release tunes and perform gigs in the midst of their busy lives.

"It's just who we are," said Barbara, who



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Yorktown residents Mike and Barbara Borok of New Middle Class.

works in the Peekskill City School District. "When we're performing together we're both really listening to each other and it's a really cool experience to just feel that other person when you're singing and when it's going really well we're just really connected."

"When Barbara sings it's beautiful, exciting and moving, and she can really communicate the meaning of the songs," Mike said.

The musical duo will debut their long-awaited second album, "What's That

and unique sound.

"We've been saving up all of our best songs for this album," Mike said. "People listen to the music and then they listen to the song and figure out what's it about. So to me, it's got to sound good, but we were trying to do that the best that we could."

Local music fans might recognize the couple from performances in various coffee shops or local venues, including the John C. Hart Memorial Library and the Putnam County 4-H Fair. They have

also performed at national music festivals including the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, the Lake County Folk Festival in Chicago and the South Florida Folk Festival.

While it may have taken more than a decade for the Boroks to create their newest album, with Mike, a former software developer, enjoying retirement and fully dedicating himself to his music, he anticipates their next album, "Arguing with God," will be released this fall.

But it most certainly won't be their last album, the duo assured.

"There are all these other songs we have to get out there because we have a lot of new stuff that's really good," Barbara said. "After we release our third album there has to be another one coming out the following year because they're just really good songs."

New Middle Class will perform their new album "What's That Thing?" at 8 p.m. this Saturday, June 16 at the Putnam Arts Council, located at 521 Kennicut Hill Rd. in Mahopac. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10; reservations are recommended. For more information, call 845-803-8622 or visit [www.newmiddleclass.com](http://www.newmiddleclass.com).

Songs are available for purchase on all major digital distributors, including iTunes and Amazon.

# School Officials Seeks Passage of Security Bills in Assembly

By Anna Young

School officials and local law enforcement joined State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) earlier this month to urge Assembly members to move forward on four bills the Senate recently passed that would enhance school security.

In the wake of the Parkland, Fla. high school massacre that killed 17 people in February, the Senate voted to increase school resource officers (SROs) in schools and increase aid for school districts that expend resources to improve security and safety technology. The other bills would make two annual active-shooter drills mandatory and provide funding for mental health coordinators.

"We've seen these school shootings way too often," Murphy said at the June 1 press conference at Copper Beach Middle School. "As a father of three kids, my wife and I talk about this all the time. To be able to partner up with the school districts to do something about this is the opportune time."

While the Senate passed the four bills in March, school officials expressed their dismay that the Assembly has yet to act.

"There is no greater priority for us than the safety and security of our children and those who take care of them every day," Lakeland Superintendent of Schools

Dr. George Stone said. "I further want to express my shock that the New York State Assembly has taken no action on these issues and time is quickly running out."

Hendrick Hudson Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter commended Murphy for making school safety and the millions of children who attend school a priority. He said the Assembly needs to act so educators can once again focus on teaching children.

Putnam Valley Superintendent Dr. Frances Wills stressed the "essential" need for mental health services in schools and the vital role SROs have in a school district and with the students.

"This is becoming an epidemic in our schools the issue of mental health concerns," Wills said. "Our mental health services cannot possibly keep up with the needs that we have now."

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) said issues regarding school safety have been "caught up in politics" and blamed Assembly leadership for their lack of action. With two weeks left in session, he encouraged his colleagues to work together to reach a resolution, stressing that he would come back after session to ensure a measure is passed.

"When we talk about priorities in state government school safety should be one of the top, if not the top priority," Byrne

said. "We spend a tremendous amount of dollars and we need to make sure our children and their schools are going to be safe and protected."

Murphy also sponsored a bill that defines school shootings as terrorism and vastly improves the methods of gathering of intelligence to protect schools against an attack. The bill enables individuals to be charged with committing an act of terrorism if they knowingly or unlawfully discharge a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, a place of worship, a mass gathering of 25 or more people, or a business.

The bill also codifies the operations of the New York State Intelligence Center, making the Center responsible for the collection, processing, analysis, dissemination, sharing, and maintenance of intelligence information that will aid in



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School officials and state lawmaker joined forces June 1 to advocate for school safety.

detecting, preventing, investigating and responding to acts of terrorism, including school shootings.

"This is our obligation to protect our kids. Give the tools to our superintendents who are the experts. Give the tools to our chiefs of police who are the experts. Let them do what they know how to do; protect us," Murphy said. "Enough is enough. We find billions of dollars to waste in New York State. We should find billions of dollars to harden our schools and make sure our kids come first."



## Business of the Week

# Wild Jim's Cutlery Brewster

By David Propper

Walk into Wild Jim's Cutlery, and you'll likely feel like you stepped into a different historical era.

Opened along Route 22 in Brewster since February, Wild Jim's Cutlery has been bringing in different gadgets, replicas, and items from various time periods and wars, adding an historical aspect to the business community in Brewster.

Owner Jim Grieco, a Carmel resident, has been involved in this type of business for 35 years. His father and other family members were in the armed services so growing up he became familiar with the different tools used in war, and took a deep interest in it.

Grieco is able to collect many of the items at different shows and flea markets that he travels to. In his store, he has a collection from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and all the way to more recent wars. The store also has hand-made crafts and toys related to past wars and the military, military clothing and is supplied with replica black powder guns, replica samurai swords and different knives.

Grieco noted some customers are



Jim Grieco inside his new store in Brewster called Wild Jim's Cutlery.

intimidated by the knives, but ultimately it's about becoming comfortable with any tool.

"Nothing to be afraid of," he said. "It's how you're trained on it. It's a tool, it's like anything else."

At a later date, he plans to start selling fishing gear.

The oldest items in the store are a tomahawk and a billy club from around the 1920s. At his residence, Grieco



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Some of the items a customer will find in Wild Jim's.

has an even more impressive collection, including items from the Spanish-American War that was his grandfather's.

"Stuff you don't sell," he said. "It's locked in a vault."

Grieco's love of history is so far reaching he is involved with historical reenactments and participates in the Nimham Pow-Wow every summer by dancing, singing, and explaining the

Native American culture.

He had a store in Port Chester for many years and would also buy and sell at different shows and flea markets, but eventually he wanted a space for his own again to put on a quality display.

"I've been in this business for a long time," Grieco said.

*Wild Jim's Cutlery is located at 1006 Route 22 in Brewster and Jim Grieco can be reached at 914-552-8828.*



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## Letter to the Editor

# Proposed Best Western Should Not Get Tax Breaks

We thank Southeast Town Board members Lynne Eckardt and John Lord for putting taxpayers' and property owners' interests first by voting no on the tax breaks for the developer of the planned Best Western Hotel in Southeast.

We welcome any new enterprise to our area and wish Best Western success. We ask only our government recognize how unfair such corporate welfare is to all those businesses who don't receive it, not to mention Putnam's long suffering

homeowners: as soon as a resident applies to build a new addition or make home improvements, the homeowner's tax bills shoot up.

Besides being fundamentally unfair, economic development, which is just another term for central planning, never works, no matter how well intended. For example, the recent Start Up New York, a huge economic development initiative that cost taxpayers millions of dollars, delivered a little over 100 jobs statewide.

If our county and town governments insist on interfering with the economy, they should focus on rewards instead of bribes and offer those rewards to all businesses in Putnam: a tax holiday for every five years a business operates here, for example. They might consider cutting down red tape, licensing requirements (most of which are nothing more than revenue raising schemes) and outdated and unnecessarily burdensome regulations.

When Southeast and Putnam County elected officials show up for their photo opportunities at the Best Western ribbon cutting ceremony, we should ask they be on hand for a photo op on the sad day when a local business closes, and the lights go out for the last time.

John and Alexandra Ballantine  
Brewster

## PCDOH: Spring Brings Increased Risk for Rabies

Rabies is a serious threat to the health of humans and animals and is deadly when left untreated. As the temperature rises, the numbers of rabies cases increase as well. Springtime is when wild baby animals are born and bats often return to the local area. In New York State, more than half of the rabies cases in wild animals are in raccoons, followed by bats, skunks and foxes. To prevent the spread of rabies, stay away from wild animals, even if they seem friendly. So far in 2018, one skunk and one raccoon in Putnam County have tested positive for rabies. Domesticated animals, such as cats and dogs, can also become sick with rabies. Regular pet vaccination can protect them.

"A person can become infected with the rabies virus through a bite from a sick animal," said interim Commissioner of Health Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. from the Putnam County Department

of Health (PCDOH). "Infection occurs when saliva from an infected animal comes in contact with an open wound or bite, or an individual's eyes, nose or mouth. Remember, an animal does not have to look sick to be infected and the only way to tell if an animal has rabies is to test their brain tissue. That is why it is never a good idea to approach a wild or stray animal, no matter how cute."

Every year, well-meaning residents try to help baby animals they think may have been abandoned. Instead, residents are urged to leave the animal alone, or call a wildlife rehabilitator to see if the animal truly needs assistance. Children should be taught to avoid all wild and stray animals and to tell an adult about any contact with an animal, including an unfamiliar pet.

"While wildlife and feral cats account for a portion of required rabies treatments, the number-one reason for

treatments in Putnam County remains bats," said Dr. Nesheiwat. "If you find a bat in your home, it is important to capture it safely," adds Dr. Nesheiwat. "We are able to test a captured bat for rabies and if it is not infected you can avoid the two-week series of shots." To safely capture a bat, watch the popular demo from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), available on the Putnam County website at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/how-to-capture-a-bat/>.

Other programs to reduce the chance of spreading rabies include the PCDOH pet vaccination clinics and the Feral Cat Task Force. Free vaccination clinics are usually held three times a year—in March, July and November. The next event will be held at Hubbard Lodge in Cold Spring on July 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Feral Cat Task Force has captured,

neutered, vaccinated and returned 31 cats, and adopted or fostered 17 kittens so far in 2018. For people interested in volunteering or making a donation in support of this program, please contact the Health Department at 845-808-1390 ext. 43160.

All animal bites or contact with wild animals should be reported promptly to the PCDOH at 845-808-1390. After hours or on weekends/holidays report the incident by calling the department's environmental health hotline at 845-808-1390 and press "3." A representative will promptly return your call. If a family pet encounters a wild animal, avoid immediate handling of your pet, or use rubber gloves and call the health department. Trained personnel will test a wild animal for possible rabies after an incident involving human or pet contact.

## Mahopac Library Budget Approved, Four Trustees Elected

On Tuesday, June 5, Mahopac Central School District residents approved the Mahopac Public Library budget by a margin of 198 votes. The final tally was 276 in favor of the budget, 78 opposed.

Voters also elected four candidates to the Library's Board of Trustees; John Battista, Frank Del Campo and Joseph Tock were each elected to a three year term, and Eugene Boesch was elected to serve a two year term. All four individuals will be sworn into office at the Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees re-organization meeting on July 11.

John is a lifelong resident of Mahopac and will continue the legacy of his brother (Anthony Battista) who served for 10 years as a Library Trustee. Frank has been a Mahopac resident since 1968. He spent 34 years in education, and served in a number of elected positions in the Town of Carmel and Putnam County. Frank has also been a Library Trustee for more than 10 years.

Joe is a self-employed attorney with a

law office in Mahopac. He has served as a Library Trustee for 15 years, is a member of the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Putnam County Bar Association.

Eugene has lived in Mahopac for 30

years, and has worked as an archeologist documenting Native American and Historic sites both nationally and internationally. Many of the sites he has studied are located in the Hudson Valley, including Putnam County. Eugene will serve for two years to fill the remainder

of a retiring Trustee's term.

For further information about the budget vote, or the programs and services provided by the Library, contact Michele Capozzella at 845-628-2009, ext. 107.



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29. Yorktown dance & gym studio, Evolution \_\_\_\_

30. Government security agency, abbr.

31. Burst of ill temper

34. Establish

35. Smartphone download, briefly

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37. Tankard filler

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6. “Matrix” actor Reeves

7. “The Sweetheart of Sigma \_\_\_\_”

8. Peacock network

9. Signs of resistance

15. Solitary man

19. Musical key

20. “Smokey and the Bandit” wheels

23. Thing referred to

24. More elegant

26. Lots of lots

27. Dense growth

28. Punch

31. Middle X of X-X-X

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Town of Carmel Police Blotter

On March 19, Carmel Police arrested a 48-year-old Carmel man after he was stopped for operating a motor vehicle while using his cellphone. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Operating a Motor Vehicle While Using a Cell Phone, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On March 20, Carmel Police arrested Joseph Olivieri, 42, of Patterson, after an investigation determined that he had broken the side view mirror of a vehicle after a dispute over parking. He was charged with Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a felony. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On March 21, Carmel Police arrested Jakim Hunter, 22, Michael Camper-Hunter, 30, and Thomas Bolak, 20, all of Highland Falls, after officers responded to a report of a burglary in process at a residence in the town. The suspects locked themselves inside the house upon officers’ arrival. Officers surrounded the house and were able to take the suspects into custody without incident after they surrendered. They were charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, a felony. They were arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional

Facility in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail. On March 22, Carmel Police arrested Christopher Paulson, 45 and undomiciled, after he stole several items from a local supermarket. He was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On March 28, Carmel Police arrested Javier Guardado, 33, of Mahopac after he was picked up by the New York State Police and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail.

On March 28, Carmel Police arrested Alberto Colasuonno, 50, of Mahopac after he was picked up by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250 cash bail.

On March 29, Carmel Police arrested Stephen Zasso, 34, of Lake Carmel after he turned himself in on an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own

recognizance pending a future court date.

On April 3, Carmel Police arrested a 32-year-old Mahopac man after he was stopped for speeding. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Speed in Zone, both violations. He posted \$100 police bail and was released pending a future court date.

On April 3, Carmel Police arrested Edward Snow, 31, of Mahopac after he was acting irrationally in a local business. While speaking to officers, he stated that he was in possession of a hypodermic instrument. He was also found to be in possession of a quantity of heroin. He was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree, and Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument, both misdemeanors. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

On April 4, Carmel Police arrested a 23-year-old Mahopac man after he was involved in a property damage automobile accident on March 29 and ran from the scene. He turned himself in and was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Automobile Accident, both violations. He was released on his

own recognizance pending a future court date.

On April 4, Carmel Police arrested a 57-year-old Mahopac Falls man after he was stopped for having inoperable brake lights. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree and operating a Motor Vehicle Without an Interlock Device, both misdemeanors, and Unlicensed Operator and Inoperable Brake Lamps, both violations. He posted \$100 police bail and was released pending a future court date.

On April 4, Carmel Police arrested Victoria Carroll, 66, of Mahopac after she stole several items from a local pharmacy. She was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

On April 7, Carmel Police arrested Michael Amundson, 24, of Mahopac after he fled from officers who were attempting to pull him over for speeding. He led officers on a chase into Jefferson Valley, where he drove into a cul-de-sac and crashed. He was taken into custody without further incident. He was charged with DWI, Unlawful Fleeing of a Police Officer in the 3rd Degree, and Reckless Driving, all misdemeanors, and 3 counts of Speed In Zone, Drove Left of Pavement Markings, Failure to Stop at Red Light,

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and Operating Out of Class, all violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 10,** Carmel Police arrested Micah Peters, 18, of Ozone Park, after he punched a female in the face during an argument. He was charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail.

**On April 12,** Carmel Police arrested Shawn Stanger, 48, of Wurtsboro, after he turned himself in on an active Arrest Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 13,** Carmel Police arrested Lisa Asmodeo, 56, of Mahopac after she was stopped for driving along the side of the road with damage to her vehicle and her vehicle matched the description of a vehicle with a possible intoxicated driver. She was charged with DWI, a misdemeanor, and Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test and Driving on Shoulders and Slopes, both violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 15,** Carmel Police arrested a 70-year-old Mahopac man after he illegally dumped garbage into a local business's dumpster. He was charged with Illegal Dumping, a violation. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 16,** Carmel Police arrested Toni Vulaj, 42, of Mohegan Lake after they discovered that he was at the Putnam County Courthouse and it was determined that he had an active Arrest Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 17,** Carmel Police arrested a 20-year-old Mahopac woman after she was stopped for speeding. She was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator and Speed in Zone, both violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 17,** Carmel Police arrested a 27-year-old Yorktown Heights man after he hired a worker to replace a tenant's door. The worker showed up and began to cut the door with a reciprocating saw and when confronted by the resident, who was not informed, fled the scene and did not complete the replacement of the door. The landlord stated that he was not going to finish replacing the door. This left the tenant without a way to secure his apartment. The landlord was charged with a violation of the Real Property Law. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 18,** Carmel Police arrested Keith Matthews, 33, of Putnam Valley after he stole several items from a local convenience store. He was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 20,** Carmel Police arrested Robert Torzilli, 37, of Carmel after he stole several items from a local grocery store. He was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 21,** Carmel Police arrested Cynthia Richardson, 25, of Bloomingburg, after she was picked up by officers and it was determined that she had an active Bench Warrant out of the Town of Wallkill. She was turned over to Town of Wallkill Police.

**On April 22,** Carmel Police arrested Francis Meaney, 50, of Lake Lincolndale after he was stopped for traffic violations. He was charged with DWI, a felony, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, a misdemeanor, and Refusal to Take a Breath Test, a violation. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 22,** Carmel Police arrested Albert Rufino-Taveras, 27, of Sleepy Hollow, after he crashed his vehicle in the parking lot of a local bar and attempted to flee the scene. He was charged with DWI and Aggravated DWI, both misdemeanors. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 23,** Carmel Police arrested Melissa Johnson, 48, of Poughkeepsie and a 38-year-old Poughkeepsie man after officers responded to a report of shoplifting at a local pharmacy. Officers stopped the vehicle that was described and Melissa Johnson admitted to stealing items from the pharmacy. She was charged with Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. While speaking to the male driver, it was determined that his privilege to drive in New York was suspended. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor, and Unlicensed Operator, a violation. Melissa Johnson was arraigned by a judge and released on her own recognizance pending a future court date. The male driver was also released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 24,** Carmel Police arrested Keshawn Clarke, 19, of Brooklyn, Eliot Bunch, 18, of Mamaroneck, and Israel Brown, 16, of Newburgh after officers responded to a report of a past assault. The three subjects were charged with Assault in 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. They were arraigned by a judge and were all remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail, \$1,500 cash bail, and \$1,000

cash bail, respectively.

**On April 28,** Carmel Police arrested Victor Reveron, 43, of the Bronx after he attempted to withdraw \$5,000 from another person's bank account using a fake name at a local bank. He was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Document, Attempted Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Identity Theft in the 2nd Degree, all felonies, and two counts of Criminal Impersonation in the 2nd Degree, misdemeanors. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$5,000 cash /\$10,000 bond.

**On April 28,** Carmel Police arrested Anthony Desisto, 28, of Cortlandt Manor after he was involved in a property damage automobile accident. He was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 2nd Degree, both misdemeanors, and Improper License and Disobey Traffic Control Device, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On April 29,** Carmel Police arrested Steven Barrett, 41, of Mohegan Lake after they responded to a local motel because he was damaging his room. When officers attempted to arrest him, he began fighting with them. He was charged with Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, a felony, and Resisting Arrest, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,500 cash/\$5,000 bond.

**On April 30,** Carmel Police arrested Douglas Hults, 68, of Chatham, after he was picked up by the Orange County Sheriff's Department and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 3,** Carmel Police arrested Edner St. Louis, 39, of Sauquoit, after he turned himself in on an active Bench Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court for Failure to Appear. He was arraigned by a judge and released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 5,** Carmel Police arrested Gene Knapp, 44, of Carmel after he was involved in a dispute and threatened another person with a 2x4. He was charged with Menacing in the 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 10,** Carmel Police arrested Mary Lisk, 65, of Carmel after officers responded to a report of an erratic driver and she was stopped for a license plate violation. She was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .08 or Higher, both misdemeanors, and Moved From Lane Unsafely and Obstructed License

Plate, both violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 14,** Carmel Police arrested a 20-year-old Yorktown Heights man after he was stopped for having an expired inspection sticker affixed to his vehicle. He was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana and Uninspected Motor Vehicle, both violations. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 14,** Carmel Police arrested James Downes, 37, of Mahopac after officers were dealing with him and it was determined that he had an active Bench Warrant from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He was turned over to the Sheriff's Department for processing and arraignment.

**On May 19,** Carmel Police arrested a 26-year-old Mahopac man after officers responded to a dispute. He was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, a violation, after he was found to be in possession of a quantity of marihuana. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 19,** Carmel Police arrested Oscar Barrientos, 29, of Mahopac after they responded to a dispute with a machete. He was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree and Tampering With Physical Evidence, both felonies, and Menacing in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree, both misdemeanors. He was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail.

**On May 21,** Carmel Police arrested a 28-year-old Fishkill woman after officers responded to an abandoned vehicle partially blocking the roadway. The owner returned shortly after officers arrived and told the officers that she had run out of gas and she knew that there was no insurance on the vehicle. She was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Suspended Registration, a misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

**On May 21,** Carmel Police arrested Donna McGuigan, 40, of Mahopac after she turned herself in on an active Arrest Warrant out of the Carmel Justice Court. She was arraigned by a judge and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250 cash bail.

**On May 28,** Carmel Police arrested a 59-year-old Brewster man after he was stopped for making an illegal turn. He was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree and Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Suspended Registration, both misdemeanors. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.



# Putnam Chambers of Commerce Hosts Women in Leadership Awards

The Putnam County Chambers of Commerce (PCCC), the county's largest business organization and primary advocate, voice, and resource for the business community, announced today the winners of the 8th annual Trailblazer Awards, the county's largest business networking event. This year's theme, Women in Leadership, honors 36 women who have blazed their own trail and have gone the extra mile in their efforts to successfully balance career, family, volunteerism, and community service.

"The purpose of the Trailblazer Awards is to highlight, showcase and celebrate Putnam County businesses, not for profits, and those who support the business community," said Jennifer Maher, chairwoman, Putnam County Chambers of Commerce. "I am deeply honored to celebrate the success of these three dozen wonderful women and equally amazed by their talents and giving spirit, which our community highly values."

## 2018 Trailblazer – Women in Leadership – Award Winners

1. Brittany Alvarez, Licensed Sales Associate, J. Philip Real Estate

2. Hon. Christi J. Acker, New York State Supreme Court Justice

3. Marykate Acquisito, Scheduling Director, New York State Senate

4. Rose Aglieco, President, Brewster Chamber of Commerce

5. Nohemi Bao, Owner, Noemi's Alterations

6. Josephine Carmody, Facility Manager, AON PT and Wellness, PLLC

7. Megan Castellano, Director, Mental Health Association of Putnam

8. Sabine Knazik, Owner, PawPrints Boutique & Spa

9. Tallie Carter, President, IDare Enterprises

10. Tara Carroll, Owner, Old Souls/Barber & Brew

11. Katherine Doherty, Owner, Katherine's Gift Shop

12. Elizabeth Hudak, Attorney, Berkman & Hudak PC and Southeast Town Board Member

13. Ellen Hayes, President, Putnam Valley Business Network

14. Hailey Knox, Singer Songwriter

15. Beth Ann Lewis, Vice President, Tompkins Mahopac Bank

16. Kate Liberman, Managing Director, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

17. Putnam County Executive

MaryEllen Odell

18. Rita O'Brien, Executive Director, Emmanuel House International

19. Andrea Rudkowski, Real Estate Agent, Houlihan Lawrence

20. Barbara Reitz, Coordinator, Putnam County Youth Court

21. Eileen Reilly, President, Putnam County League of Women Voters

22. Patty Rathschmidt, Co-Director, United for the Troops

23. Terry Raskyn, Board Chair, Putnam Valley Library

24. Amy Sayegh, Community Cares Founder and Putnam County Legislator, District 8

25. Candice Sciarrillo, Donor Relations Manager, Pegasus Therapeutic Riding

26. Carol Schmitz, Senior Vice President, Tompkins Mahopac Bank

27. Nicole Barile- Stern, Partner, Lynlil Associates

28. Claire Tsakanikas, Office Manager, AON Physical Therapy

29. Irene Rohde, Past State President, VFW Auxiliary

30. Patty Turco, Owner, Ice Cream Studio 105

31. Stacey Tompkins, President, Tompkins Excavating

32. Jessica Vanacoro, Director, Camp Herrlich

33. Jill Varricchio, President, Putnam County Economic Development Corp.

34. Roberta Velichko, President, Always an Angel Homecare

35. Tracey Walsh, Sr. Community Development Manager, American Cancer Society

36. Jennifer Zwarich, Principal Designer Black Dash Studio

## About the Event

Business professionals and entrepreneurs are invited to join the Chamber in recognizing Putnam County's Women in Leadership on June 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor, located at 466 Route Six, Mahopac, NY. Prospective attendees may purchase tickets on the PCCC website at [pcctrailblazers.com/rsvp.html](http://pcctrailblazers.com/rsvp.html). Individual tickets are \$55 or ten tickets for \$500. Sponsorship and journal ad opportunities are also available. For more information, please visit: [pcctrailblazers.com/sponsorships.html](http://pcctrailblazers.com/sponsorships.html).

The event will kick off with an hour of networking followed by a keynote lunch and awards ceremony. The keynote will be presented by Jennifer Ostrega. Ms. Ostrega is a public speaker, writer, and teacher based in the New York City area. Formally a comedic improvisational actor, Ms. Ostrega gained national prominence for her one-woman show about corporate America.

## A Local Photographer's Perspective on the New Tappan Zee Bridge

Yorktown resident Dave Rocco gave a presentation at The John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak on June 2 during his opening reception for a photo exhibit about the new Tappan Zee Bridge. Rocco has gone to great lengths to take photos from many different vantage points. Whether following the assembled girder sections down the Hudson River from Port of Coeymans, locations on land in Rockland and Westchester County, moving trains, boat excursions and a dozen helicopter flights over the construction site, Rocco's goal was to capture every angle as possible of this once and a lifetime project. On view June 3 through June 30 during regular library hours:

**Monday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Friday- Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.**



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## Obituaries

### Elna Winward

Elna Winward, resident of Nelsonville, died peacefully on June 2. Born on February 27, 1937 in Yorktown Heights, to the late Douglas and Elna (Tompkins) Nutly, Elna lived a full life of 81 years. As a mother and homemaker, Elna was extraordinarily devoted and gave her family her all. She was also a very adept worker whether it was on the assembly line or cleaning homes and doctors offices in her later years. In her more active years she loved to garden and canned, including her prize-winning zucchini relish. She was also a talented painter and loved to dance and listen to music, a passion she shared with her friends at the senior center. Despite the too soon loss of her daughter Elna Mann and son Donald Mann, and surviving several significant medical issues, Elna was an amazingly strong woman and persevered with incredible grace. Elna is survived by her devoted daughter Chris Winward and son-in-law Chris Keeley. As well as her cherished grandchildren Danel Pecora Wilson, David Mathias Pecora and Colin Keeley, and great grandson Brenden Pecora. Elna was blessed to also have a wonder step-son, Herb Winward, and many nieces and nephews whom she treasured. Elna was predeceased by her husband Thomas Winward.

### Timothy McSpedon

Timothy McSpedon, 80, of Pawling, formerly of Mahopac, died on June 2, at Putnam Hospital, surrounded by his loving family by his side. Mr. McSpedon was born on July 26, 1937 to the late, George and Winifred (Landy) McSpedon in Yonkers. He proudly served with US National Guard. On July 4, 1963, he married the love of his life and best friend; Barbara Wszolek and together they were blessed with four children; Lynn, Timothy, Kevin and Christopher. Before he retired, Timothy was a proud Union Electrician for Local #3, where he worked out of New York City. He had a passion for working with his hands, was a true craftsman, proud union member and one of his highlights of his career was working on the original World Trade Center. One of his favorite past-times of all, was being being a sports commentator, along with his Co-host and niece; Louise Decker, for a local Radio Station in Pawling, called WPWL. Mr. McSpedon was one of the original founding members, sponsor and first President of the Shamrock Club, who hosted the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in the history of Putnam County. In 2003, he had the honor of being a Grand Marshall for the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. McSpedon was a true family man and loved spending time with his wife and

his greatest blessings in life his children and grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin and a friend to many. He is survived by his devoted wife of almost 55 years, Barbara, his four loving children; Lynn (Brian) Karst, Timothy McSpedon, Kevin (Paula) McSpedon and Christopher McSpedon, his nine cherished grandchildren; Sean, Daniel, Kevin, Timothy, Shannon, Ryan, Mark, Steven and Dylan all of whom he adored and each grandchild held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his four beloved siblings; George McSpedon, Richard McSpedon, Milly Decker and Joseph McSpedon.

### Alice Reilley Schatzle

Alice Reilley Schatzle, 89, died peacefully at home at Wentworth Senior Living in Portsmouth, NH on June 4. Alice was born in Cold Spring, to Alice Burns Reilley and Lawrence Martin Reilley on March 21, 1929. She graduated from Haldane High School in 1946 and from New York State College for Teachers in Albany in 1950. Alice was a high school business teacher who began her career at Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie. Alice married James Joseph Schatzle in 1956. Once they started their family in 1957, Alice left teaching to become a full-time mother to their four daughters. This was the "job" that she enjoyed the most and took the most pride in! In 1970, Alice and her daughters moved back to Cold Spring and in January, 1971, Alice became the sole business teacher at Haldane High School. This is a job that she thoroughly enjoyed until she retired in June, 1991. Alice continued to live in Cold Spring until 2012 when she moved to Long Island to be closer to her daughter Beth and her family. Alice was an active parishioner at Our Lady of Loretto parish. She served on the Board of Trustees for the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library for 22 years and she was a member of a weekly bridge club from the early 1970s until 2010. Alice volunteered on various Cold Spring Village planning committees, drove for FISH (a volunteer group that drove people to doctor's appointments), and assisted with the Hospital Auxiliary, Putnam County Historical Society, and Garden Club activities over the years. Alice enjoyed life fully with her favorite pastimes being traveling, reading, going out to eat, attending the theatre or a concert, walking around Cold Spring with her friends, attending monthly luncheons with the Haldane retired teachers, bowling in a league with friends from Haldane, and entertaining her family and friends. Alice was a wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher and friend who will be missed by many. Alice is

survived by her daughters Mary Alice (Glendowlyn Howard) Schatzle of Durham, NH; Beth (Donald) Ramme of Huntington; and Katie (Dale) Clausius of Clarklake, MI; her son-in-law Jeff Rohan of Pawling; her 10 grandchildren Allison, Colleen, Bryan, and Caroline Ramme; Cory, Jamie, and Benjamin Clausius; and Geoffrey, Adam (Rebecca), and Megan Rohan; her dear friends Claire Costello of East Dennis, MA, Jean Ely Roberts of Beacon, and Polly Rick of Chelsea, VT and many cousins, nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends. Alice was predeceased by her parents; her sisters Eileen Ann Reilley and Joan Reilley Lane; her daughter Eileen Schatzle Rohan; her ex-husband James Joseph Schatzle; her brothers-in-law Edward Eugene Lane and Joseph Nicholas Schatzle Jr; her sister-in-law Louise Smith Schatzle; her nephews Lawrence Edward Lane and Peter Alexander Schatzle; and her great nephew William Joseph McCardle.

### Delia M. Zaborney

Delia M. Zaborney of Carmel, died on Monday, June 4, at the age of 86. She was born in North Tarrytown, NY on July 27, 1931, the daughter of Aurelio and Julia Marchioni. On August 31, 1957 she married John F. Zaborney at St. Theresa's Church in North Tarrytown, now known as Sleepy Hollow. Along with her husband, Delia moved to Carmel in 1968 from North Tarrytown. Prior to his passing on June 29, 2012, they would attend the Koehler Senior Center in Mahopac. She is survived by her son, John Zaborney and his wife Kimberly Sebold of Presque Isle, ME and her brother, John Marchioni in Italy. Following private cremation services, she will be interred with her husband at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Sleepy Hollow.

### Dorothy Vasco

Dorothy Vasco, 89, formerly of Mahopac, died on June 7, at Joe Rasso Hospice in New City. Dorothy was born on August 6, 1928 to John and Nellie (DeLibero) Musto in the Bronx. She married Louis P. Vasco and they were blessed with a daughter; Valerie. Before she retired Dorothy was an Administrator of Endocrinology for Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. Although she enjoyed working, it was her family she was most devoted to, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and a friend to many. Dorothy will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her. She is survived by her loving daughter; Valerie Morelli and her three cherished grandchildren; Michael, David and Nichole, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her husband, Louis.

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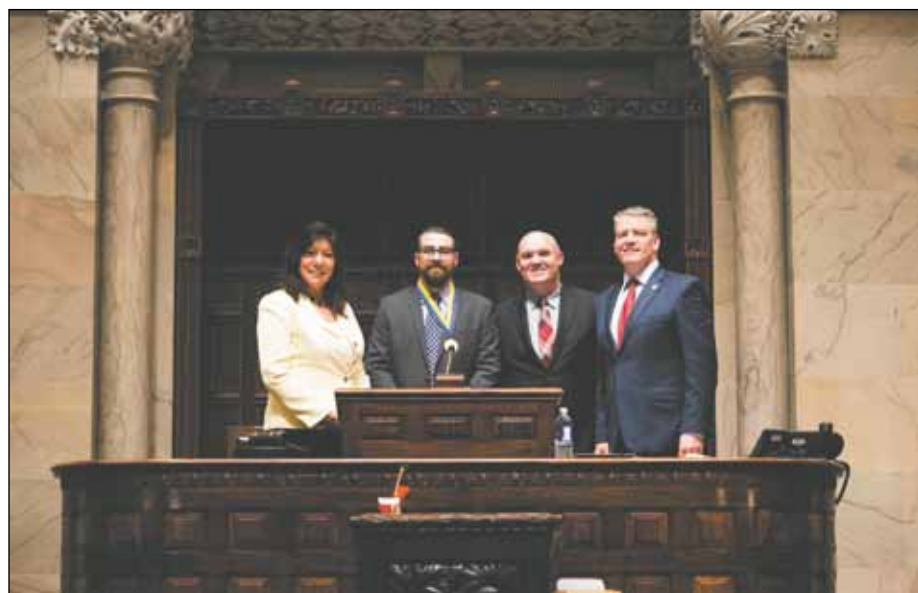


# NYS Senators Bestow Liberty Medal on Hudson Valley Man

On April 19 of this year, decisive action on the part of Brian Geary of East Fishkill saved the life of an unconscious woman who was trapped in a burning, overturned car on the Taconic Parkway. Last month, Senators Sue Serino (R, C, I – Hyde Park) and Terrence Murphy (R, C, G, I, SC – Yorktown) honored Geary with a NYS Liberty Medal, the State's highest honor.

"It takes a great deal of bravery to put yourself in harm's way and to not be a bystander in times of trouble," said Senator Serino. "Mr. Geary's quick thinking and determination to act, along with his sense of humility following the event, is truly inspiring, and I am elated that I, along with Senator Murphy, have the opportunity to recognize him for his heroism. It is my hope that Mr. Geary's story will inspire and motivate us all to make a difference in our community."

"Sometimes, the hero is an ordinary citizen who does an extraordinary thing," said Senator Murphy. "In this emergency, the first responder just happened to be a citizen who had the bravery to respond first. Brian Geary is a hero in every sense



PROVIDED PHOTO  
Brian Geary of East Fishkill was honored by NYS Senators Terrence Murphy and Sue Serino, as well as Assemblyman Kieran Lalor last month for his heroic actions.

of the word, and it is a privilege to join Senator Serino in presenting him with the Senate's highest honor."

According to local news reports, Mr.

Geary, on his way to a work-training, was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in the early hours of the morning when he noticed a vehicle in flames. He

immediately pulled over, called 911, and checked the vehicle for any individuals who may have been trapped inside.

Noticing a woman wedged in the front of the vehicle, he grabbed a baseball bat from his own car and was able to break through the windshield. With help from others who had pulled over to assist, Geary was able to rescue the woman and move her to a safer location while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. Within minutes of pulling the woman from the vehicle, it became fully engulfed in flames. The woman was transported to Westchester Medical Center, and she has thankfully survived the ordeal.

The NYS Liberty Medal is awarded as a commendation for exceptional, heroic or humanitarian acts on behalf of New Yorkers. Geary, along with members of his family, traveled to Albany on Wednesday, May 30, where Senators Serino and Murphy honored him on the floor of the NYS Senate in the Capitol and presented him with the distinguished award. Assemblyman Kieran Lalor stopped by the Senate Chamber as well to meet Geary and his family and to offer his congratulations.

## Mahopac Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent

After an extensive search, the Mahopac Central School district is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Tromblee as the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, commencing July 1, 2018. Mr. Tromblee was appointed to the position at a Mahopac Board of Education meeting on Thursday, May 17.

Mr. Tromblee earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Teaching Social Studies from Minnesota State University. He went on to study at the New York Institute of Technology, earning a Masters with distinction in Educational/Instructional Technology. He also holds an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University.

After serving four years in the Airforce, Mr. Tromblee began his career in education in 2005 as a high school Social



Mr. Michael Tromblee

Studies Teacher for the Pelham Union Free School District where in 2011 he was appointed and successfully served as their

Director of Technology. In March 2017, he joined the New Rochelle City School District where he currently serves as their Director of Technology. Along with his work in the K-12 setting, he also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Curriculum/Instruction Design and Educational Leadership for the New York Institute of Technology.

Tromblee has a proven track record of leadership in a number of areas serving students and educators including curriculum and professional development. His expertise in delivering instructional technology is well known throughout the region where he is a sought after speaker and advocate for integrating technology in the classroom.

The Mahopac School District is delighted to welcome such an outstanding and visionary educator.

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## HHLT Partners with NY-NJ Trail Conference on Breakneck Ridge Stewardship

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) recently announced a new partnership with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference's (NYNJTC's) Breakneck Ridge Trail Steward Program for the 2018 season. The program aims to educate and assist the public in the safe, responsible and enjoyable use of the trails and parkland of Breakneck Ridge, recently named as the most popular hiking destination in the country. HHLT will provide financial sponsorship of the program and help facilitate steward trainings that promote conservation ethics and proper stewardship practices.

Michelle Smith, HHLT's Executive Director said, "The Trail Steward Program has had such a positive impact in our area under the leadership of NYNJTC and State Parks. We wanted to provide ongoing financial support as this terrific program grows and to facilitate the education of our many visitors in good land stewardship practices."

Breakneck Ridge, which is within Hudson Highlands State Park in Putnam and Dutchess Counties, has experienced an upsurge in popularity over the past five years. NYNJTC estimates more than 100,000 people visit the mountain each year, with many visitation records broken during the 2017 season, including the most visitors in a single day (2,087) and a single hour (525). Ecological degradation



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is an unintended consequence of this trail overuse that is becoming of increasing concern.

The Trail Steward Program, started in 2013, runs every year on weekends and holidays between Memorial Day through Thanksgiving. Stewards provide helpful information to visitors about park regulations, hiker safety, preparedness and other best practices. In addition to

readying hikers, Stewards also help to discourage and mitigate misuse of the trails and surrounding land through their educational work.

"The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is pleased to join forces with the Hudson Highlands Land

Trust," said Hank Osborn, Regional Programs Manager and East Hudson Program Coordinator for NYNJTC. "The partnership allows us to expand the Breakneck Ridge Trail Stewards Program in new and exciting ways—including longer days, a longer season, more stewards and extended Leave-No-Trace and natural resource protection training."

### ABOUT HHLT

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is a community-based, accredited, non-profit conservation organization with a mission to protect and preserve the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands. [www.hhlt.org](http://www.hhlt.org)

### ABOUT NYNJTC

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is the region's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to building, maintaining and protecting trails and the lands they traverse. Powered by volunteers, the NYNJTC connects outdoor-loving people with stewardship opportunities to preserve the integrity of trails and natural areas and inspire a deeper appreciation for the care that open space requires. [www.nynjtc.org](http://www.nynjtc.org)

## Putnam Young Republican Club Honors Southeast Councilwoman

On Friday April 27, the Putnam County Young Republican Club voted to honor Southeast Town Board Member Liz Hudak at this year's annual Teddy Roosevelt Dinner on June 9.

Liz Hudak grew up in the Bronx and went on to become a graduate of both Fordham University and Brooklyn Law, after which Liz decided to focus on litigation and matrimonial law. Having practiced law since the early 1980's, Liz is happy to see women be treated more equally in the workplace as gender roles have shifted over the years.

Being happily married for more than 40 years, Liz has two grown sons named Kyle and Kevin. She considers her greatest achievement to be having a family she can be proud of, and her second greatest achievement being the first in her family to graduate law school.

Believing public service to be a high priority, Liz feels that it is important for women to give back to the community, a belief that has helped progress her to the position of councilwoman for the Town of Southeast. It is for these



Liz Hudak

reasons that the Putnam County Young Republicans honored Liz Hudak at this year's Teddy Roosevelt Dinner and would like to express the utmost respect and appreciation for her many years of hard work to the community and in service of others.

## Putnam County Sheriff's Office K9 Receives Body Armor

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's K9 Lex has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 12524 of North Hampton, NH and embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by Girl Scout Troop 12524 North Hampton, NH".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 2,700 protective vests in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 2.3 million dollars.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

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# Household Scents – Good and Bad – From Hmmm to Pee-Yew!

When it comes time to sell a house, there are many issues to be addressed to make it attractive to prospective buyers, from curb appeal to functionality of all systems. Realtors are eager to provide advice to guide sellers through the process of “getting ready.”

But probably the most sensitive issue to address is unpleasant odor in the house.

Every home has a particular smell. Sometimes it's good and sometimes not. When it's good, we might want to savor it and remember it, but when it's bad, both we and a prospective buyer want to escape it.

When I rented my first apartment, the air quality was very different. I lived in the basement of a private home which was only slightly above grade and faced the north side of the house. It had a musty smell caused by the moisture in the air that was so thick that the walls would sometimes weep from it. Being a proactive tenant, even as an 18-year-old college student, I petitioned the landlady



By Bill Primavera

to buy a dehumidifier for me, and I kept it running day and night to make the air quality acceptable.

The next time I was keenly aware of objectionable house smells was in the apartment of an older woman who had invited me, as an antiques dealer at the time, to buy some of her things. When I entered her apartment, located in an old former hotel in Brooklyn, I was hit with a smell that was very unpleasant and very hard to describe.

The windows were all shrouded in heavy curtains and shades and the furniture was all

deeply tufted. I'm embarrassed to admit that I thought the smell was coming from what I had heard described as “old people smell,” but that was a wrong assumption. I was told by the owner of an air quality control service that there is no such thing. Rather, he said, it's the circumstances of the old person's environment. There may be closed windows and no air flow or it could be their personal habits, how

often they bathe and clean their clothes. The odors don't have an opportunity to dissipate.

I learned that the three most common causes of house odor are smoking, pets and mold. Usually no one does anything about the first two – smoking and pets –because people are not aware of those odors when they live with them. They are very aware of mold, however, either because of the smell or allergic reaction, which is something they want to address. Toxic mold produces a chemical called mycotoxins, which can cause serious illnesses that can be fatal.

Pet smell and the odor from smoking may not raise a danger signal as much as toxic mold, but when you think about it, the source of the smoking smell can be very harmful to the one who smokes and the one who breathes in second hand smoke, according to the surgeon general. Pets can be anathema to those who are severely allergic to them. Both smells can be addressed with home remedies when the source moves on, but toxic mold, which is reputed to have hastened the death of television personality Ed McMahon, should be handled by a

professional remediation service. There is just too much at stake, especially in the remediation process, to approach on one's own.

If a house is being readied for sale and the owner is advised to eliminate the smell of smoking or pets, the best cure is good ventilation. The process can be expedited with baking soda, that old standby that we know from our mother placing a box in the refrigerator. Baking soda can be sprinkled on furniture and carpeting that has absorbed smoking or pet odors, and after it sits for several hours, is vacuumed.

The worst thing to do about household odors, in my opinion, is to try to mask them with candles, incense or other odor combating products. The layered smells can be worse than the original offending odor.

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## Pondering the Essence of Life – and Your Glass of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

I frequently ponder, and then expound upon in this column, the wonders of winemaking. Elemental, and always vitally essential, to the success of winemakers

worldwide is the essence of the power and influence of Mother Nature.

This week, my mental wanderings brought me to the subject matter of an earlier column, which is partially reprised herein: that most fragile of earthly elements – water.

It is the essence of life, yet it is in increasingly short supply as human population explodes and agricultural production accelerates to meet its needs. As I jumped from the macro and micro aspects of water's dominance in our lives, my mind naturally (for me) came full circle to the glass of wine in my hand.

In the oceans, on land, in soil, in plants and in our bodies, water is at the very core of existence. We are taught that 71 percent of

the earth's surface is water. But do you remember that 96.5 percent of the earth's total volume of water is undrinkable? Only 3.5 percent is fresh water, which must sustain the millions of fresh water-dependent species that inhabit our planet, including its 7.3 billion humans.

How is it possible that humans can sustain themselves on such a seemingly meager proportion of fresh water? This fresh water is not readily available to us. Nearly 70 percent is in the form of polar ice caps and glaciers. The remainder, sourced primarily from rivers, lakes, aquifers and runoff, represents less than 1 percent of all the water on earth.

Let's move from the global view to the perspective of the human body, of which 60 percent is composed of water. To sustain this level of water, and optimal health, we rely on several sources. Certainly, the 1 percent of earth's fresh water readily available to us is the major source.

Most plants and vegetables are composed of significant levels of water. And then there are water-based beverages that provide the water

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needed to sustain our bodies and our lives: coffee, tea, juices and wine.

There it is: the wine connection. It is critical to sustaining the health of our bodies. Over 85 percent of a glass of wine is water.

If wine is predominantly water, what makes so many wines distinctive from each other? Why is one wine appealing to us while another is off-putting? What influences the taste and aroma in each bottle of wine?

It is the other 15 percent of a glass of wine that entices and sustains us. These components are influenced by many factors, from a) the composition of vineyard soil, carried by the water absorbed by plants, to b) the characteristics embedded in evolving grapes. Each element influences the harvested grape juice and ultimately the end product.

Let's look into each major element.

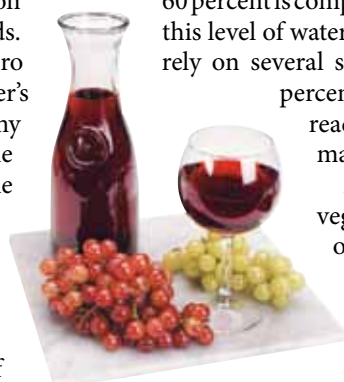
The 85 percent of water in a bottle of wine has a significant influence on its taste and aroma. As a grapevine matures and subsists over a growing season, it absorbs the minerals and nutrients in soil as its roots penetrate the strata and substrata of soil created over millennia of earth's heaving and seismic activity. One example: in parts of France, especially the Chablis region, the wines have the distinct

taste of the minerality of seashells, yet the vineyards are landlocked. In prehistoric times, the Chablis area was a seabed; today seashells and marine skeletons abound in the soil. The essence of this detritus, absorbed by developing grapes, is evident in each glass of the wine.

The 15 percent of matter in a bottle of wine influences the personality of a particular wine in a manner similar to human physiology. It just takes a few strands of DNA to make each wine distinct and unique. Each strand of DNA determines the essence of a wine. The chemical composition includes differing levels of tannins, acid and flavor.

There is much to appreciate and be in awe of in Mother Nature and, tangentially, modern wines. They provide for the continuing health of our water-based physiology and enhance our ethereal appreciation of the finer qualities embedded in their essential juice.

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**Mahopac resident JoJo Maxwell** is exhibiting her recent watercolors and paintings in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Library. Her show runs through June 29 and can be viewed during regular Library hours.

**Personal Choice: Ground Glass Photography Exhibition** at the Pound Ridge Public Library The Ground Glass, a Westchester-based association of fine art photographers, will be exhibiting a selection of work by 11 members at the Pound Ridge Public Library's Schaffner Gallery. The photography exhibit will take place from May 10 through June 23. A reception with the photographers will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Pound Ridge Library is located at 271 Westchester Ave., For regular library gallery <http://www.poundridgelibrary.org/hours--directions---contact.html>

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**The Kent Library will be hosting a Pajama Storytime.** 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Come enjoy some fun stories and a small treat. Pajamas are not a requirement, but are welcomed! All activities are for all ages and no registration is not required. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

## Wednesday June 13

**Mahopac Library presents Lunch and Learn with the Alzheimer's Association.** 11 a.m., The diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease makes planning more important than ever. This lunch and learn program will offer information about legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you. Topics covered include: Making legal plans that fit your needs, Legal documents that you'll need, How to find legal and financial assistance, Practical strategies for making a long-term plan of care, and, Government programs that can help pay for care. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

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## Wednesday, June 20

**1st Day of Summer Movie:** 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. It's the first day of summer! Come watch the classic movie Sandlot on our big screen. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. \*Rated PG. Contains some profanity. For ages 8 and up. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar. Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Patterson Historical Society:** A Look Back At Neighborhoods East of Croton. 7:00 p.m., The Patterson Historical Society will present the fascinating history of Route 22, Birch Hill, Haviland Hollow and the surrounding neighborhoods east of the Croton through personal letters and journals of former residents and photographs from 1910. For more

information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Friday June 15

**Watch I, Tonya at the Kent Library.** 2 p.m. Competitive ice skater Tonya Harding rises amongst the ranks at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, but her future in the activity is thrown into doubt when her ex-husband intervenes. Director: Craig Gillespie Writer: Steven Rogers Stars: Margot Robbie, Sebastian Stan, Allison Janney Program is for adults. Movie is Rated R. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

**The Italian American Club of Mahopac** Would like to invite anyone in the Community. Needing help in obtaining: Italian Pensions, Italian Citizenship, Dual Citizenship, Italian Passport, Green Card Renewal, Procure, Any other legal document. To a FREE Individualized session. 10 a.m., - 2 p.m., 141 Buckshollow Rd. Mahopac, [www.Italianamericanclubofmahopac.org](http://www.Italianamericanclubofmahopac.org) [facebook.com/italianamericanclubofmahopac](https://www.facebook.com/italianamericanclubofmahopac). MUST RSVP. Please Call Giulio Cefaloni - President (845 745-2655) To Sign Up.

## Saturday, June 16

**Free community Playwriting Workshops** this June in libraries throughout the Hudson Valley! Everyone has an idea for a story; don't miss the chance to bring your story to life! Come to the Kent Library: 10 a.m. -noon Led by Christine Scarfuto, Literary Manager at Long Wharf Theatre, these two-hour workshops will feature exercises that teach citizen writers the basics of playwriting and storytelling. Something to note -- anyone who attends these workshops is automatically eligible to submit a 10 minute script to our "Bake-Off" -- a playwriting contest for local residents, the winners of which have their play read by professionals as part of ur HVSF2 reading series at the Depot Theater in August. Registration Is Required. Register here: [hvshakespeare.org/community](http://hvshakespeare.org/community) or contact Elizabeth Audley at [eadley@hvshakespeare.org](mailto:eadley@hvshakespeare.org). The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

**Make a Card for Father's Day:** Come to the Kent Library on Saturday, June 16th from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and make a beautiful card for your father, godfather, grandfather, or any other dad you want to celebrate! No registration is required. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.



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# Best Legs Ever!



## Carmel 4x800 Relay Team Medals at NYSPHSAA Meet

HAROLD TURK PHOTO

With a personal best time of 9:12.1 and a top 30 4x800-relay time in the United States this season, Carmel's (L-R) Boston University-bound senior Angela Castronuovo, freshman Katie Turk, Marist-bound senior Kayla Sexton and Lehigh-bound senior Jade Sessions were on the podium at the NYSPHSAA track and field meet in Cicero-North Syracuse where the Rams' quartet made school history with a fifth-place finish in the state meet, good enough for 7th overall in the Federation. The quartet will run one last race this weekend in North Carolina for the New Balance Nationals after terrific splits that saw Castronuovo (2:22.83), Sexton (2:18.24), Turk (2:20.20) and Sessions (2:10.90) all run season-best times for each of their legs in the relay, including Sessions' anchor leg, which was the fastest leg for all 108 competitors running the 4x800m relay and was the 4th fastest 800m run by all of the girls at States (including the open 800m). Haldane's Abbey Stowell finished third in the pentathlon at state championship D-2 meet. — Ray Gallagher



## Sports

## Girls' LAX Notebook

# Brewster's Run for 1st NYS Title Fall Short in Semis

## Didio: "This is a tough one to accept, very emotional"

By Tony Pinciario

The realization of what happened hit Brewster Coach Sara DiDio following her team's narrow 10-9 loss to Section 5's Honeoye Falls-Lima in the New York State Class C Girls' Lacrosse Championship semifinal.

"We were all very emotional after the game, but we were proud of ourselves for how far we got," DiDio said. "We were all talking then, the realization came down that we will never play together, again, as a team and that is a tough one to accept."

DiDio and her girls stressed togetherness and family and the result was the most successful season in program history.

Brewster won the first sectional title in program history, beating Hen Hud in the final. The Bears proved winning the Class C championship was not a one-hit wonder. Brewster followed up with resounding victories over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Section 2) and Goshen (Section 9), outscoring both, 37-14.

The Bears had a program-best 10-game

With everything that Brewster accomplished as a team and individually, it is still difficult for DiDio and the team to accept not playing together. DiDio introduced the girls to lacrosse in the girls' youth program and she witnessed the maturation of the girls as individuals and players.

Ironically, Craft was a softball player before trading in her glove and bat for a lacrosse stick in third grade. Once Craft began playing for DiDio in her youth program, softball became a distant memory.

"Coach DiDio pulled me aside and we joke around saying she pulled me to the dark side, but as soon as I picked up stick, I loved it," Craft said. "And Coach Delzio is a great family friend."

Craft was referring to Brewster varsity softball coach, Lisa Delzio. Craft immediately took to DiDio and a bond was formed with the current senior and junior classes. It would lead to the family approach.

"Coach DiDio always made it fun," Craft recalled. "That was really important for us. We were all young and coach was young, so we all grew up together, with her."

The girls were fortunate enough to have DiDio coach the junior varsity before she stepped up to varsity in 2017, replacing veteran and legendary coach, Gerry Walsh. Having DiDio come up the varsity enabled the girls to be reunited with their first coach.

"It was awesome because for many years she was the JV coach and when she moved up, we all knew everything she wanted and she was going to continue to

help our program grow," Craft said. "It was also awesome because where we started, we were able to finish. It's like a fairy tale. Coach DiDio came in and raised the bar again these last two years."

Brewster's seniors -- Tara Regan, Julianna Rienzi, Grace Pastore, Leah Frey, Michelle Feighan and Craft -- receive their diplomas in two weeks.



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Brewster junior Marina Souza had two goals in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal loss to Honeoye Falls-Lima.

They leave as sectional champions and state semifinalists, two memorable accomplishments. They also graduate from a team with a deep, talented returning nucleus.

"My freshman year we won only four games and before the postseason, we had only lost four games this year," Craft said. "This year united our community.

We worked so hard in making history by winning the section final and continuing all the way to the state final four. We are proud and in awe of what we accomplished.

"I'm upset that this fun experience had to end, but I'm excited for the team because the juniors are a great class."

One that expects to lead the Bears back to the Section 1 title game next year.



Brewster junior Megan Beal scored twice and dished three assists in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal loss to Honeoye Falls-Lima.

winning streak along with the program's first triumph over Lakeland/Panas as the Bears finished with a 17-5 record.

Senior Lauren Craft registered her 200th varsity goal this season and finished her outstanding four-year varsity career with more than 300 points. Craft will attend Penn State in September and continue with lacrosse.



Brewster senior M Lauren Craft notched a hat trick and dished assist in Bears' 10-9 NYS Class C semifinal Honeoye Falls-Lima.



## Sports

# Lakeland's Improbable Run to State Finals Falls Short



By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports  
Editor

This particular group of Lakeland players and parents had been on many road trips prior to last weekend's NYSPHSAA Baseball championships in Binghamton. And win or lose, this close-knit unit would often return with a title of some sort; whether it was within the Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), or the seven

New York Elite Baseball championships under youth coaches Mike Scotto and Mike Croce, or the three Baseball Heaven championships, the numerous other tournament championships or that undefeated (10U) WPBA season that gave us all a hint of what would come. For a nucleus of players that has one-to-two years of varsity ball still ahead of them, the best is yet to come.

So there were no tears when this improbable run for the roses came up short last Saturday when the Hornets (16-10) allowed five two-out runs to be plated in their 5-1 NYSPHSAA Class A championship setback to Section 2 champion Queensbury at NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton; one day after rallying for a 5-3, eight-inning semifinal win over reigning three-time Section 8 champion Wantagh.

"It didn't end how we hoped but it was one hell of a ride and we enjoyed it all," Lakeland P/1B Joe Vetrano said. "Going as far as we did was a dream and doing it with this team was so much fun, and next year we are going to work harder to finish it out. But we can't forget all we accomplished this year, winning the section and the regional final was amazing and one hell of an experience."

A two-out three-run triple by Queensbury's Brendan Scott was the crippling shot, breaking open a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning and handing the Spartans (19-4) their first state title while denying Lakeland its first such moment.

And there's no denying that Lakeland coach Billy Casey, among the finest men in Section 1 these days, took a youthful 12th-seeded Section 1 champion where few thought they could go, and there's also very little doubt that an encore is in the works for a club that loses just three seniors.

Casey had best clear his schedule well into June next year. The coach from the Bainbridge section of the Bronx -- the one that became a heroic firefighter and 9/11 first responder -- understands better than most what this incredible run has meant to the boys, their families and the Lakeland baseball program in general.

"I'm in absolute awe of what this group did," said Casey. "This run has been

something that I couldn't even dream about. It was so much fun to be a part of. Some of the players have been texting me stuff about how they will never forget this year and how awesome the experience was. The parents were there every step of the way and their support was just amazing. And the support we received from everyone including alumni was just the best."

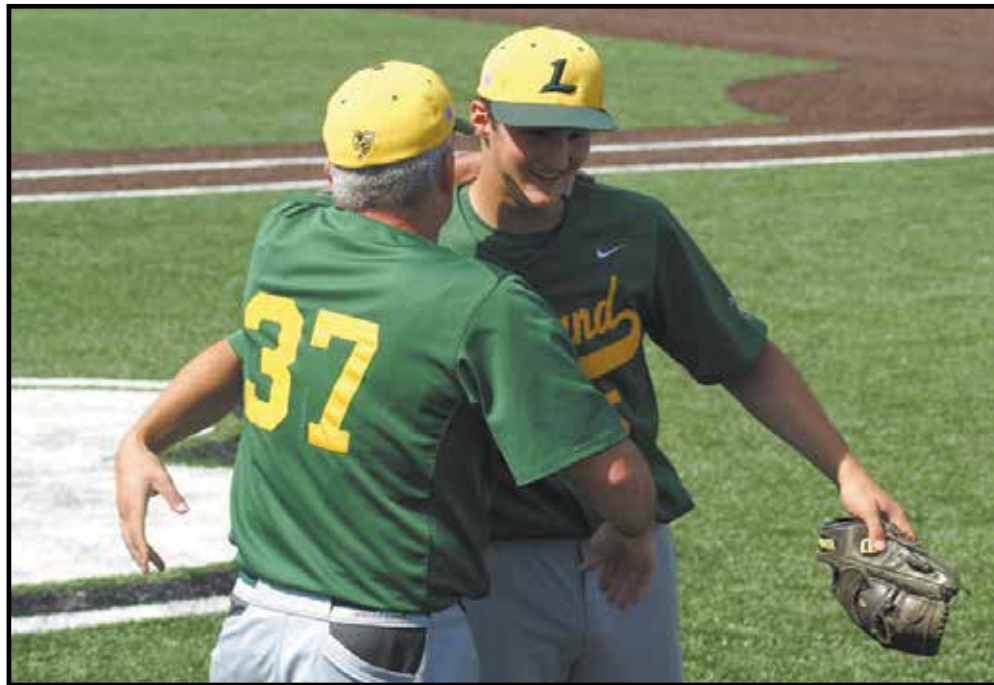
The run to the state finals sends a very strong signal that Lakeland baseball is alive and well again, set to thrive for years to come. Casey knows from the SOAC on up just how pivotal baseball is in Shrub Oak and the surrounding communities. Lakeland has always been a baseball town, and these boys more than fit the bill and represented well as Section 1 champs, something we predicted (in print!) for this unit five years ago.

"As far as the Lakeland program this run means the world," Casey said. "I agree that this town has been a baseball town with great clubs like SOAC around. I also know that this has been a baseball town because of what Coach Den & Coach Mike (Robinson) did around here for so many years. With their hard work and dedication they put Lakeland Baseball on the map."

The three seniors -- quarterfinal hero Matt Schenck, semifinal hero Eric Portella and Andrew Baffuto -- set a fine example for all and will pass the torch to sophomore ace Joe Vetrano, the next-level stud and B.C. commit with all the makings of an all-time great. His 'stuff' was on display all post season. Vetrano fired 22 playoff innings and allowed just five earned runs, including a one-hit shutout of Section 9 champion Cornwall, a three-hit, nine-K semifinal win over Wantagh and a Section 1 title-clinching 3-2 triumph of Byram Hills; all complete games. Vetrano could be every bit as good as the best hurlers in Lakeland history, and that list is filthy good.

But he was far from alone during this historical run. In the state semis at Binghamton University, Portella mashed a two-out, game-tying single to left field to force extra innings, and in the eighth, junior Jace DeJulio would come of age, much like the rest of these virtual rookies did during this wondrous run.

"This group of players were so much fun to be around," Casey said. "I know the sophomores received a lot of recognition, and rightfully so, but



Lakeland Coach Bill Casey congratulates ace Joey Vetrano after beating Wantagh in extra innings in the NYS Class A semis.

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everyone contributed. Eric Portella gets the big hit on Friday to keep us alive. Jace DeJulio gets the game-winning hit. Zach Lerman was so solid behind the plate and throwing out base runners throughout the playoffs. Matt Schenck with big hit after big hit. Leo Cummings was also solid

at shortstop and at the plate to keep this going. This was a team effort. I thanked all 19 of them on Saturday for allowing us coaches to come along for this great ride. I told them what I am most proud of is the way they conducted themselves. In

victory and in that final game in defeat they respected each other and their opponent. Unfortunately it all came to an end and I don't get to see these kids every day. I am already sad that we don't have practice today."

DeJulio -- facing two outs and two strikes -- stroked a two-run single in the top of the eighth to give Lakeland a 5-3 win and clinch a trip to the first state championship game in program history, a program with three previous Section 1 titles under longtime coaches Dennis and Mike Robinson, whom they should still name their home field after (something sharp BOE President Denise Kness and sagacious BOE member Steve Rosen should rightfully champion: Robinson Stadium has a nice ring to it).

That aside, this scribe has been on the Northern Westchester/Putnam County sports beat for 30 years and can't ever recall such an improbable run to the state finals, given their seed in Section 1 (No.12), their youth (just two seniors start), their record going in (10-9) and knowing that baseball

is the most unpredictable team sport there is. Congrats on a job well done, boys...

**Have you ever heard a story** about a town and said, 'Boy, I wished I lived there'? Well, after hearing that roughly 1,000 folks from Pleasantville participated in Sunday's pre-dawn "Into the Light" walk, on the heels of winning the first NYS lacrosse championships in school history, I woke up this morning wishing I lived in Pleasantville.

This remarkable event, sponsored by the Break the Hold Foundation, honoring the memory of Brian Halloran, the P'Ville teen who took his own life in January, raised awareness for mental health and youth wellness, something we sorely need more of in this country; that, and anti-bullying campaigns like the one that ran recently in Thornwood.

There were tons of Pleasantville teens there, too, many of whom had just hoisted the state lacrosse plaque hours earlier, some of the same kids who just six months earlier won the first NYS football title in school history. Imagine that, state titles in football and lacrosse in the same school year: Pleasantville is the first Section 1 school to ever do so. Seems like Pleasantville has its priorities in order, on and off the field. Well done, gang.

You could say similarly nice things about Mahopac and Yorktown recently, as each town raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in their respective Relay for Life events, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Mahopac's Tracey Walsh and her crew raised a quarter-million dollars for the cause, so I reckon I'm pretty happy where I am, too, once the Indians start to regain their championship footing #HaveAtIt.

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# All Good Things Must End



## Brewster Falls to Honeoye Falls-Lima, 10-9, in NYS Lax Semis

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Poet Geoffrey Chaucer said it first in the 1380s claiming that "All good things must come to an end" and the same was said last Friday about the Brewster High girls' lacrosse team, which had its historic run to the NYSPHSAA Class C semifinals come to its conclusion in a 10-9 loss to Section 5 champion Honeoye Falls-Lima on the campus of SUNY-Cortland. Honeoye Falls-Lima lost in the finals to Section 8 champion Cold Spring Harbor the next day. Brewster's Penn State-bound senior Lauren Craft scored three goals and had one assist while Lauren Beal had two goals and three assists and Marina Souza also had two goals for the Bears (17-5), who reached the state semis for the first time in school history and were rewarded with a ceremonial send-off on Thursday... see Girls' Lax Notebook