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## Brewster Parents Divided Over Student Re-registration

By David Propper

A mandatory re-registration of all Brewster school system students has left community members divided over whether the action taken by the district is causing more harm than good.

The impetus for the re-registration process is based on concerns from community members that there is residency fraud occurring in the schools, according to a letter to parents. To ensure every student--from kindergartners to high school seniors--are legal residents, a parent or guardian must make an appointment this summer and provide all proofs of residency on the re-registration certification form, according to a note from the district.

Residency and custodial requirements outlined in New York State education law are carefully reviewed when a student registers to initially join the district, the district stated, but once the student is enrolled, it is tougher to continuously confirm a family's residency.

If a resident isn't a homeowner or can't provide a lease, they can provide a landlord affidavit or third party affidavit, which can be acquired on the school district website.

Immigration status will not be required and is not a condition of enrollment.

"We do realize that this procedure may be an inconvenience, but hope that you understand that with increasing property taxes and tighter school budgets, it is essential that every dollar spent in our schools goes towards the education of Brewster CSD residents only," part of the letter states.

During board meetings the last few months, multiple residents stood up and demanded residency rules be strictly adhered to. One supporter of the re-registration, Wendy Lewis, said she knows of a few families that don't live in the district, but send their child or children to Brewster schools. Other community

members have the same experience, she said.

Lewis said she estimates somewhere between 40 to 50 students are improperly enrolled in the district prior to the re-registration.

"At \$31,000 a kid that's a lot of money the district could be saving," Lewis said. "Where we can save money, we want to save money. We definitely don't want

to restrict anyone from getting an education but you just have to live in the town and that's all this push was for."

Resident Peter Carey, who had three children go through the district, said the residency check is "long overdue" and an issue that should've been addressed years ago. Most of

the people that Carey has spoken to don't like the re-registration because they say it's inconvenient.

"(The district) is not asking anyone to really go out of their way," Carey said. "They're not making it overly difficult in order to keep any specific type of person or people out of the schools."

Some community members are incensed the district is requiring re-registration, fearing the process could shun residents' children that live in the district, but might be in the country illegally. Federal law requires every school system to provide an education to a child regardless of their or their families' immigration status.

Facebook group started within the past month named Residents of the Brewster Central School District (RBCSD) characterizes the re-registration as meritless. The anonymous group stated in a social media post that the re-registration comes at a poor time because Latino and other immigrant populations are facing a hostile environment nationwide and might be afraid to come forward to re-register. Additionally, undocumented parents might have a harder time proving

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## Lake Mahopac Rotary Holds Another Rewarding Raffle



For the 28th year, the Lake Mahopac Rotary's annual raffle proved to be another success with thousands of dollars raised to help local students and community organizations. The fundraiser offered a brand new car and also cash prizes to residents that participated in the raffle. The winner of the flashy corvette was Eric Gross of Carmel and three separate cash prizes were also doled out to Alyssa and Kieran Farquhar of Mahopac, John Brennan of Bedford Hills and Michael Paul of Mahopac. The funds raised will go toward Mahopac high school scholarships and to support local non-profits.

## Cornell Cooperative Director Announces Retirement

By David Propper

Marjorie Keith, who has been synonymous with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Putnam County the past four decades, will be stepping down as executive director of the non-profit later this year.

Keith will call it a career by the end of the year after devoting her entire professional life to Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and the county in which she lives. Starting back in 1974, Keith could have never imagined she'd still be with CCE 44 years later, but she's more than happy she is. Lauded for her work ethic and dedication to the organization, Keith said 5 years with CCE turned into 10 years, then 20 years and then 40 years. Now, she believes it's time to usher new, creative blood into the leadership role.



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Cornell Cooperative Extension director Marjorie Keith.

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# Plea Deal Imminent in Assault on Sheriff Case

By David Propper

A plea deal between the Putnam County District Attorney's Office and the man accused of assaulting Sheriff Robert Langley could be reached by next month, the defense attorney for Brant Carter confirmed last Wednesday.

Ed McCormack, the attorney representing the accused, said by next month Carter could be back in Philipstown justice court to plead guilty to undetermined charges and then in September, he will be sentenced, likely to probation that can be transferred to his home state of Oklahoma. Any plea deal

reached would not include admitting guilt to the felony charge, which is the 2nd degree assault on Langley, McCormack said.

Carter, in a light pink collared shirt, briefly appeared in court last Wednesday before Judge Stephen Tomann.

Carter, in addition to the assault charge, a felony, is facing reckless endangerment in the 2nd degree, resisting arrest, DWI, obstruction of governmental administration in the 2nd degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree, trespassing, unlawful possession of marijuana, disorderly



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Brant Carter was arrested at the Appalachian Market in May, where he is accused of assaulting Sheriff Robert Langley.

conduct, failure to obey a police officer, and drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle on a highway.

Carter, 33 of Stilwell, OK, was arrested last month after he drove into Langley's home driveway and the sheriff became suspicious of him, resulting in a wild pursuit, according to the sheriff's office. The chase ended at the Appalachian Market where Carter was finally apprehended.

Handling the case is chief assistant district attorney Chana Krauss, with assistance from ADA Patricia Rau, who primarily handles cases in the local

Philipstown court. Krauss declined comment until the case comes to a conclusion.

Which misdemeanor charges Carter would plead guilty to is unclear, McCormack said.

Carter was in the Hudson Valley area in May because he's a subcontractor who was working on a job, McCormack said.

"Bottom line is the client just wants to be done with it and doesn't want to keep coming back to New York," McCormack said. "The defendant is looking forward to a reasonable disposition."

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#### Q: What should I do if I think I have a hernia?

**A:** It's important to seek medical attention right away if you think you have a hernia. Aside from resting and taking ibuprofen for pain, unfortunately there isn't a lot that people can do on their own when it comes to treating a hernia. The only definitive treatment is surgery. Hernias, if left untreated, can continue to enlarge, putting you at risk for potentially dangerous complications, like lack of blood supply or strangulation to the intestines.

#### Q: What are the surgical options for treating a hernia?

**A:** Hernias are treated either by open repair, or minimally invasive surgery, which includes laparoscopy or robot-assisted surgery. At Northern Westchester Hospital all methods are available and selected based on the size and location of the hernia. Inguinal hernias, or hernias in the groin, require a synthetic mesh to repair and cover the defect, or hole. Other methods, like Laparoscopy and robotic hernia repair, allow the surgeon to make smaller incisions with smaller operating tools. In both types of surgery, the risk of complications is minimal – about the same as any surgical operation. Hernia repairs are ambulatory procedures and you'll be able to go home the same day. The risk of recurrence is slim: There's about a 5 percent chance that a person will experience another hernia in the same spot or elsewhere.

#### Q: How long is the recovery period?

**A:** I generally recommend patients take a week off from work and that they do not lift anything heavier than 25 pounds for at least six weeks. I typically don't restrict cardiovascular exercise with my patients and most patients are able to return to regular activities without pain after a few weeks.

# Lawmakers Again Debate Age to Purchase Tobacco

By David Propper

Another legislative health committee meeting last week didn't seem to resolve whether enough lawmakers would support increasing the age to purchase tobacco products in Putnam County, which has been an ongoing discussion the past several months.

This month, legislators heard from Jim Calvin, who is the president of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, which opposes raising the proposed purchasing age to 21 years. They also got input from health commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat and Joe DeMarzo, deputy commissioner of social services, whom both support the proposal. Currently, you must be 18 to buy tobacco products in Putnam.

Calvin urged legislators to look at raising the age to purchase tobacco from not just a public health aspect, but also a small business issue. Retailers that are licensed to sell tobacco would be adversely affected by the decision to increase the age, he said.

About 100 retailers in Putnam currently sell tobacco products, he said. Undercover minors are sent into convenience stores by the county health department to ensure businesses aren't selling tobacco to minors, Calvin said, noting there is a 97 percent compliance rate in the county.

The convenience store association

opposes a higher tobacco purchase age because the interest group doesn't believe it'll work. Calvin said younger teens don't get tobacco products from stores, but from older relatives and acquaintances. If the age is raised to 21, Calvin said those older teenagers would be resourceful enough to find a way to get tobacco products, especially because they have their own mode of transportation in most cases.

He noted a neighboring county—Dutchess—doesn't have a law in place to raise the age to 21, though Westchester implemented the law. Minors also can get tobacco products from sellers that aren't licensed, he said.

"The barrier you're trying to place between the tobacco and the younger kids is not a brick wall," Calvin said. "It's Swiss cheese."

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who is spearheading the proposal, shot back no one believes raising the age will totally eliminate smoking and tobacco use, but she does believe it would reduce smoking among younger people. She claimed only 2 percent of tobacco sales would be affected if the law is implemented.

Calvin countered by arguing customers that come in to buy tobacco might also purchase other non-tobacco items that go toward that convenience store's bottom line.

"Every sale is important," Calvin said, noting labor costs are going up statewide.

DeMarzo spoke in favor of bumping the age up to 21. He said many people that suffer from a serious addiction start with alcohol or tobacco at a young age. DeMarzo added 84 percent of people that are in addiction services smoke cigarettes, stating there is a correlation between tobacco and other addictive products.

The age to purchase vaping products should also be raised to 21, DeMarzo said.

Nesheiwat also said he supports raising the age to buy tobacco, arguing businesses losing a small amount of profit is "insignificant." He argued the medical bills decades later from people that started smoking at a young age would be astronomical. When Putnam banned smoking in restaurant many years ago, those eateries were able to move on without much of a problem, he pointed out.

"I think we need to be open minded about it," Nesheiwat said.

Legislator Bill Gouldman, who is on the fence about the proposal, questioned how the new possible law would be enforced. When Scuccimarra said the health department could handle it, Gouldman replied, "Oh, we're going to have a smoking police in Putnam County?"

Legislator Carl Albano said while he

doesn't like passing new laws and feels bad for any business hurt, he thinks stopping young people from smoking should be the top concern.

"You've got to send a message to these kids that just can't seem to make good decisions on their own," Albano said.

Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano had mixed feelings about approving the legislation because he believes it's a state or federal issue. He added an 18-year-old could go off to war and at some point adults need to make decisions on their own.

"I don't think anyone should smoke," he said. "But I do think it's hurting these local convenience stores."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino said by implementing this age increase, it would send a message that young adults can't make decisions on his or her own. Generally, Nacerino said she doesn't like restricting products, but instead wants further awareness and education.

Scuccimarra said the legislation is still not ready to go to a full meeting for a vote. She said she wants to work with the county attorney's office to put something together that would include tobacco and vaping products.

"We're not saying it's going to solve the whole problem," Scuccimarra said. "It's going to help with the problem."



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# Nixon Blasts Cuomo, Demands AIM Pipeline Be Shut Down

By Anna Young

Gubernatorial candidate Cynthia Nixon visited Peekskill on Friday to declare that the controversial Spectra/Enbridge AIM pipeline should be shut down, stressing there are dangers associated with it running adjacent to Indian Point Power Plant.

Following the release of the long-awaited risk assessment of the pipeline, local activists called on Nixon to urge Gov. Andrew Cuomo to shut down the 42-inch Algonquin pipeline project located within 105 feet of the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan. The report, which was released last month and was due more than 18 months ago, confirmed that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) did not sufficiently consider the risks and other concerns before allowing the expansion of the pipeline near the power plant.

During Friday's press conference at the Riverfront Green in Peekskill, Nixon blasted Cuomo and accused him of endorsing the build out of the massive high-pressure pipeline. With the results of the risk assessment released, she said Cuomo has an obligation to ensure public safety immediately.

Nixon, a self-proclaimed Democratic Socialist, is running against Cuomo in a Democratic primary pegged for



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Cynthia Nixon, running against Gov. Andrew Cuomo, wants to see the AIM Pipeline shut down.

September.

"(The risk assessment) said exactly what the experts and the people in this community have been saying all along; it is unsafe, it is unjust, and it is just plain wrong," Nixon said. "It shouldn't have taken four state agencies, \$250,000 and two years to know that it's dangerous to put a high pressure fracked gas pipeline under a nuclear plant 35-miles north of Manhattan."

Nixon added that the pipeline must be shut down until public safety is assured and any outstanding questions and concerns are answered to the satisfaction of the surrounding community.

Peekskill Councilman Colin Smith agreed stating that elected officials need warrant the safety of the community and the environment. In March, the Peekskill Common Council passed a resolution calling on Cuomo to release the risk

assessment and citing concerns about potential dangers of having the pipeline near the nuclear power plant.

Smith said the risk assessment has provided the necessary information to make more informed decisions on how to better protect the community when the plant closes in 2021 and undergoes decommissioning.

Following the press conference, community members led Nixon on a tour of the pipeline's path outlining its proximity to the power plant, schools, homes and other venues where residents frequent. Nixon later held a roundtable discussion at the BeanRunner Café where impacted residents shared their concerns.

"We need leadership in Albany that appreciates that we are in a time of crisis and Governor Cuomo has failed us," said Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident and cancer researcher who has battled Spectra Energy for several years. "He has allowed this project to be built, he's ordered his agencies to rubber stamp it and we are here today to say that's unacceptable and we need a person in Albany who will stop the flow of gas and the build out of fracked gas infrastructure."

Croton-on-Hudson resident Gary Shaw said that Indian Point has released toxins, oils and noxious gasses into the air

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Brewster, NY 10509

[townboard@southeast-ny.gov](mailto:townboard@southeast-ny.gov)

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# Strong Opposition Showed Toward Logistics Center

By Kristen McNerney

A public hearing regarding a proposed Northeast Interstate Logistics Center off Route 312 brought out many residents that strongly opposed the massive project.

The first hearing was held at Southeast town hall following a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will be finalized following the public comment period and considered by the planning board. In order for the logistics center to be built, there would need to be changes to the town zoning code.

The planning board meeting was packed with standing room only.

Daniel Richman, a lawyer representing the logistics center, defined the project as an "economic development engine," calculating an output of over \$90 million and roughly 800 and 900 construction and operation jobs respectively. Richman stated that the center would contribute to almost 2 percent of the school budget, and generate "substantial tax revenue."

Richman assured that traffic analysis was completed, with impact assessed from five receptor locations and compliance with town codes. He added "proposed mitigation will accommodate site-related traffic." On an environmental level, he also stated that the proposed center meets national



The proposed logistics center would be off Route 312 and has many residents concerned.

air quality standards, and that precisely 604 trees will be planted on location. Richman expressed his belief in the center's success, which he attributed to its modern quality and a strong market demand.

Southeast town residents who voiced their concerns called out Richman for his vague language, citing the lack of numbers presented when it came to issues such as environmental impact and

traffic. Resident Patricia Fay wanted to know exactly how much air pollution Richman was talking about. She also expressed her concern over the fact that Carmel residents were uninformed about the project, and would be affected by traffic on the other side of Pugsley Road that connects to Fair Street.

Residents were also looking for clarity on Richman's definition of economic development. One woman questioned

the credibility of Richman's claim about the high numbers of job creation, stating that in a county of many college-educated adults and skilled workers, there wouldn't be close to 2,000 unskilled workers to fill the construction and operational jobs.

Parents were among the most vocal and cited worries about the safety of their children, believing that the excess diesel fuel could lead to asthma attacks and other health issues. One mother claimed that the logistics center would turn away newcomers to the community. She stated that there are "things you can't touch" that make Putnam County a great place to live, referring to its quiet rural atmosphere, which she said would be ruined if the project were to be completed.

Town Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt also expressed her discontent.

Despite heavy public opposition, Richman is confident that the logistics center will promise a high economic advantage and generate a low community cost.

A second public hearing will be held on July 23 for residents to further express their thoughts on the proposition. Written comments submitted to the planning board will be accepted until August 3, ten days following the last public hearing.

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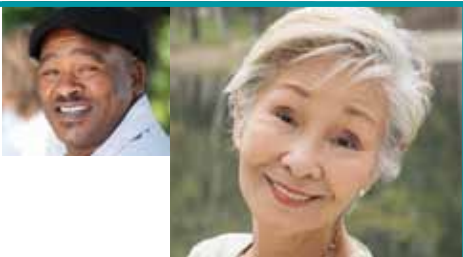
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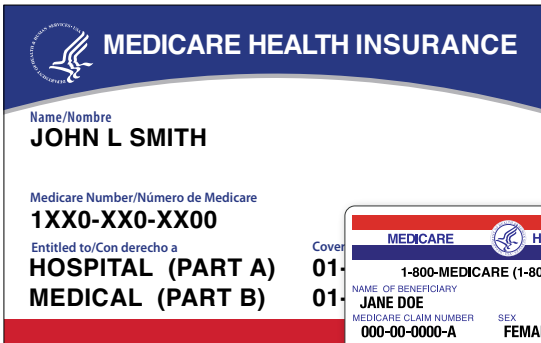


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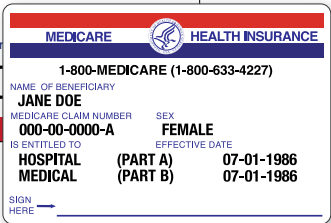


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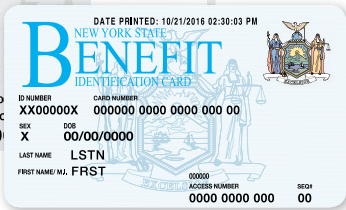
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# Cornell Cooperative Director Announces Retirement

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"It wasn't an easy decision because I like what I do," Keith said in an interview. "And I believe in the Cooperative mission."

CCE of Putnam is affiliated with Cornell University's land grant university, working in the areas of agriculture, consumer horticulture, environment and natural resources, water quality, nutrition and community

development.

"Looking back it's been great," Keith, who has been busy getting ready for the annual 4-H Fair, added.

Keith began her career in the county as a family consumer science program leader in 1974. She eventually rose to the position she holds today — executive director — in 1987.

Out of college, Keith called joining CCE a logical career opportunity. She either was going to go into public education or join an informal educational organization like CCE.

During her tenure, Keith can't help but talk about all the great people she's been able to work with, including wonderful volunteers and a staff around her that makes CCE run so smoothly.

During her interview, Keith conveyed gratitude to the number of volunteers that make Cornell's programs and events so successful.

"I love what I do," Keith said. "And it's a great opportunity for somebody else."

Applicants considering the position must demonstrate success with building relationships and collaborations, and fund development, and organization, finance and human resource

management skills are a must, the job posting stated. A Master's degree and six years of experience is required, according to the job posting.

President of the Putnam's CCE board of directors, Greg Amato, offered high praise toward Keith for her work ethic the past four decades and her tenure as the leader of the non-profit. He noted the Cornell University campus even reaches out to her when they need guidance or assistance with a project.

Amato said he called it a "delight and honor" to work with Keith.

"There isn't anything she wouldn't do," Amato said. "I've served on a number of the non-profit boards in Putnam County and for a long time I've described the Cornell Cooperative Extension board having the gold standard for an executive director."

Keith also never takes any of the various volunteers for granted and expresses appreciation to everyone she works with, Amato said. That outstanding character comes from her family, Amato said, who has gotten to know Keith's family, including her father.

"She would rather help you, than be helped," Amato said.



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Keith, left, at a 4-H fair from a few years ago with County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

## Nixon Blasts Cuomo, Demands AIM Pipeline Be Shut Down

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and water for several years. He stressed the importance of the New York State Legislature to enact a Citizens Oversight Board to oversee the Indian Point decommissioning process.

A spokesperson for Gov. Cuomo released a statement to News 12 saying: "It was Gov. Cuomo who delivered an independent risk assessment on the Algonquin Pipeline and accomplished what others have only talked about for decades — shutting down the dangerous Indian Point nuclear plant. The existing interstate pipeline is federally controlled,

and it's embarrassing that a candidate running for the highest office in the state wouldn't know that."

If elected, Nixon said she would create and empower a Community Oversight Board to ensure the community, its resources and its potential are protected. Nixon added plans to halt all fossil fuel expansion and transfer the state to 100% renewable energy.

"When I am elected Governor in November, I will address this problem head on," Nixon said. "We cannot allow communities in New York to be conduits or dumping sites for dangerous fracked gas."

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# Mahopac Resident Works to Help Four-Legged Friends

By David Propper

From an early age, Deana Snyder has always loved the companionship of dogs. As she's grown older, that passion has only expanded.

Snyder, a Mahopac resident, is willing and able to offer any guidance to a dog owner that reaches out to her, with her goal to ensure as many dogs as possible are healthy from the inside out. She works as a "senior pet pro" for pawTree, a company she believes improves the lives of man's best friends.

Snyder likes that pawTree offers food that has natural and limited ingredients designed by a team of veterinarians. Once she gave pawTree food to one of her picky eater pups that loved it, Snyder was hooked. When Snyder brought two of dogs to the veterinarian, he could tell the dogs were on salmon oil from pawTree because the quality of the product is so high.

"Like humans, what you put in your body makes a difference," she said. "It's no different for your pets. If you want them to be healthy, that's what you're going to do, you're going to look for the best things possible."

Pinpointing the right products and food for your dog can be tricky, Snyder warned. It's not just as easy as going to a chain pet store and picking some items.



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Dog lover Deana Snyder with one of her pups that sadly passed away.

Snyder tries to help other pet owners navigate which food is the best for their dog by knowing the ingredients and if any of these companies have ever had a

food recall.

Owners of dogs or cats can go to pawTree and fill out a questionnaire that will in turn give that owner a

recommendation for the food and other supplements they should buy. They can also contact Snyder who can help them by offering her personal experience, and the pet owner and Snyder can call pawTree together if she can't answer a question.

"You have to be so careful what you feed your pets because many of us consider these pets family or like our kids," Snyder said.

The small commission Snyder earns is typically donated back to pet organizations.

Snyder volunteers for several rescue dog groups, including a couple special needs one. She has taken in many foster dogs for several years. For any dog that lives with Snyder, she'll look for the best products possible and put their needs before her own, she said.

Snyder said she always had a dog growing up, though as someone who suffers from asthma, she was restricted to only certain breeds. She currently has two of her own dogs and one foster dog.

"I'm willing to answer any questions people have," she said. "Or if they want to learn about rescue, we're always looking for volunteers."

Snyder can be reached at [deanasnyder7870@gmail.com](mailto:deanasnyder7870@gmail.com) or at 845-216-7533.

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# Protestors Gather in Peekskill to Voice Opposition to Trump Nomination

By Kelly Haberstroh

Following President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, Americans across the country united through the Indivisible organization and protested outside their state senators' district offices, objecting to the decision.

At 11 a.m. on July 10, protestors gathered outside Senator Chuck Schumer's district office building in Peekskill to demand he protect their reproductive choice, affordable health care and other rights.

The protest was organized by Marianna Stout, a Peekskill resident and active member of Indivisible. She became a political activist 50 years ago, focused on both women's and civil rights. After Hillary Clinton lost the presidential election, Stout became more involved in activism again and set up one of the first Indivisible districts in Westchester County, called CD17Indivisible.

"Personally, we're not looking to tell others what to do, we're looking for consensus, safety precautions, gun safety and compromises, in terms of abortion and immigration," Stout said. "I understand it's not black and white, but we've lost our ability to compromise."

Many of the protestors shared the concern that reproductive, marriage equality, environmental, social, civil, healthcare, immigration and voting rights; consumer protection; limits on executive power; due process; and more are under threat.

"My first thought was outrage," Celeste Theis, a Croton-on-Hudson resident, said about her reaction to Kavanaugh's nomination when she attended the protest.

During the protest, Christine Button, a member of CD17Indivisible and Cortlandt resident, and Robert Kesten, who is running for District 40 New York State senator, spoke to the crowd about how they can fight against Trump's



KELLY HABERSTROH PHOTO

Protesters were outside Senator Chuck Schumer's office in Peekskill last week.

nomination.

Since Kavanaugh is only 53-years-old, Button believes the conservative trend could be fixed into the foreseeable future and the country can expect him to serve on the Supreme Court for a generation or two.

"We need these rallies to energize us, to fuel us for the exhausting and discouraging fight that we're in the middle of to reestablish and protect the country," Button said.

Button reminded the crowd of how the president has been explicit of wanting to overturn Roe vs. Wade to make abortion illegal and said he will appoint people to do so.

"There are six cases pending in lower federal court regarding restrictions on reproductive rights and they could get the first cases to challenge Roe this fall," she said. "Even without an outright overturning of Roe, an effective abortion ban is on the horizon."

Although there's no procedural way to prevent Kavanaugh from being confirmed, Button said it's possible to persuade the senate to withhold consent by getting all 49 Democrats and at least one Republican to oppose.

"I think really it's a done deal. If Kavanaugh doesn't get confirmed, someone else will," Theis said. "So, it might end up being somebody like him, or worse. I feel like we have to let Chuck Schumer know that we're behind him, for him to fight this or prolong it."

"We have to call on Schumer to whip the vote," Button said, prompting the crowd to chant, "Whip the vote."

When Kesten spoke, he added on to Button's statements by saying only senators can confirm a Supreme Court judge. "But, we have to vote in November for the general election and vote in September in the New York State primary," he said.

Button also continued to express

concern over how Kavanaugh advocated for a system that gives the president more power over the appointment of independent or special council. Additionally she argued that Kavanaugh authored an article for Congress to enact a law that would allow civil suits and criminal investigations involving the president to be deferred while in office.

"We can't afford to be discouraged, that's a luxury. There's work to do or else we will lose it all," Button said.

Following Button and Kesten's speeches, the Hudson Valley regional director for Schumer, Allison Biasotti, came out to address concerns of protestors.

"I will let the senator know you're here and we appreciate your support against the fight. We can't do it alone, and we need to get the public on our side," she said. "I'm happy to forward along your messages and continue the conversation."

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## Brewster Parents Divided Over Student Re-registration

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residency status since many don't have a mortgage or aren't renters on a lease agreement, the group claims.

"This is creating an undo burden on our most vulnerable," the organization stated.

In a message to The Putnam Examiner, RBCSD stated it thinks the re-registration is a waste of money and the board of education doesn't know how much it'll eventually cost. The group also believes the re-registration could open the district to potential litigation. The group states it is anonymous because of fear of bullying from fellow residents.

Carmel resident Norma Pereira, who works in the Brewster community, said

the push toward re-registration is a result of fear and discrimination toward a larger immigrant population in the district. She said many immigrant families are worried about providing documentation to the school, though a few non-profits are helping those families fill out applications.

"In the end, our children are the ones that are going to get hurt," Pereira said.

Lewis scoffed at any suggestion that racism is playing a factor in the re-registration push, calling the stance "ridiculous." Lewis said supporters of the re-registration don't want to restrict any ethnic group and understands that some families in town are renters but do not have a lease, which is why the school was encouraged to offer other methods

to prove a family lives within district borders.

"Nobody who wants this residency wants to keep any child out of the district that lives here," Lewis said. "We just don't want you to live in Danbury, Connecticut or Carmel and attending school in Brewster. You have to live here, that's all we ask. We don't care what color or ethnicity you are; if you live here you have the right to attend school."

Carey added, "As far as kids that are in the country illegally, if they live in the Brewster school district, we have an obligation by law to educate them. That's not the ones the people are concerned about."

Newly minted school board president

Sonia Mesika defended the re-registration action, stressing the board and district listened to concerns of the community. She noted that residents told the board that other school systems have a stricter adherence to the law than Brewster. The board has reviewed policy about residency, comparing its guidelines to other districts in the area and implemented significant changes to its policy, forms, and practices.

Mesika said the board understands the concerns some community members have and the intention is to help every Brewster resident register their child or children for net school year.

"When ideas are brought forward they are taken under consideration," Mesika said.



# Veterans Gearing Up for State's First Official Medal of Honor Parade

By Martin Wilbur

Veterans from every branch of the nation's military will gather in Carmel this weekend for a historic event that will pay tribute to those who have earned the service's highest honor.

New York State's first official Medal of Honor Parade will be held on Saturday, July 21, a large-scale celebration that will formally recognize the brave recipients and feature speeches from distinguished guests at a ceremony following the parade.

The .8-mile route begins on Seminary Hill Road in Carmel at 1 p.m. before turning onto Route 6 and heading to the Putnam County Courthouse. During the day, New York State's five surviving Medal of Honor winners will be recognized and four of them are expected to be in attendance.

"If we don't push the highest medal the country has, what good is it?" asked Peter Fiumefreddo, president of the New York State Medal of Honor Committee and commander of American Legion Post 112 in Hawthorne.

Fiumefreddo said while American Legion posts and other veterans' organizations have recognized the nation's annual Medal of Honor Day on Mar. 25 with ceremonies and parades over the years, the push to have legislation passed came to fruition earlier this year.



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The state legislature passed a measure that has been signed into law officially establishing the parade, he said.

Last year, there was an official Westchester County recognition at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

During the past decade, veterans in Mount Pleasant and around the state have regularly held ceremonies commemorating Medal of Honor Day

and its recipients. Several years ago, the state Medal of Honor Committee dedicated a monument at Mount Pleasant Town Hall and has a display of four medals inside the building, Fiumefreddo said.

"There are 666 Medals of Honor accredited to New York and our committee works to make sure that those recipients are remembered," he

said. "Holding this parade is a great way to celebrate their achievements."

Three of the surviving Medal of Honor recipients have been named to serve as the inaugural parades' grand marshals – Gary Biekrich, Paul Bucha and Robert O'Malley. They are all Vietnam veterans.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said she is honored that her county was selected as the site of the first official parade.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring veterans from all over New York together and allow the public to show their appreciation for the sacrifices these men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces made to defend our way of life," Odell said.

Fiumefreddo said the parade is expected to be held annually in July with a different host site each year. For 2019, it is anticipated that Mount Pleasant will be the host, he said.

Following the parade and ceremony, the fun will just be ready to begin. Part of the event includes a festival that will feature vendors, a barbecue, music and historical displays. It will also give the public a chance to meet and greet the Medal of Honor recipients as well as other veterans in attendance.

For more information on this Saturday's event, visit [www.pcjvc.org/mohd/#info](http://www.pcjvc.org/mohd/#info).

## Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 1. Attack, with "into"
- 5. 4.0's, hopefully
- 9. Raison d' \_\_\_\_
- 10. Domingo and Pavarotti
- 12. California wine valley
- 13. Electric current unit
- 14. Great Lakes fish
- 16. Labor leader's cry
- 19. Mrs Kramden would visit this Mohegan Lake Salon, \_\_\_\_ Nails
- 24. Pigeon preceder
- 25. Undersides
- 26. Boorish sort
- 27. "For goodness \_\_\_\_!"
- 28. "Cheers" bartender Woody
- 30. New, Lake Carmel hair salon \_\_\_\_ 109
- 34. Nobleman
- 38. Flight in the wee hours

- 39. Slightly improper
- 40. Important times
- 41. Game of Thrones character

### Down

- 1. Most spotted card
- 2. Expected time to be here
- 3. Artist Jean
- 4. Nuclear device
- 5. Total U.S.A. output
- 6. Horror writer, Edgar Allan
- 7. Flight board abbr.
- 8. Compass point
- 10. Type of cross
- 11. Ambassador's headquarters
- 15. Guillermo del Toro film based on a comic book character
- 16. California University
- 17. The highest degree
- 18. "Promise to pay" letters
- 20. Construction site machines
- 21. Family
- 22. Clamp shape
- 23. Grand Prix double curve
- 29. Smelter input
- 30. Opposite of post-
- 31. \_\_\_\_ Lingus (Irish airlines)
- 32. Nutritionist's fig.
- 33. Guitarist Paul
- 35. Exclaim in great joy
- 36. Former electronics giant
- 37. Old time soap ingredient

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Letters to the Editor

Odell Should Be GOP Pick for County Exec.

I had the opportunity to first meet County Executive MaryEllen Odell in my role as Councilman in the Town of Carmel between 1986-1995. She was raised in Carmel and went to the Carmel schools and has raised her three children as a working mom. During my time as Councilman and then as Town Supervisor, MaryEllen worked extremely hard with many hours of service to

improve the lives for so many families with her efforts in forming the Carmel Sports Association and the Carmel Civic Association, that provided these families with many recreational alternatives. As Deputy County Executive from 2003-2006, I witnessed MaryEllen's accomplishments as County Legislator with our senior population and our veterans In 2010, MaryEllen courageously

challenged the establishment and ran for County Executive, to which I gave her my full endorsement. She furthered showed her determination to accept this challenge as an effort to give back and preserve for the community the benefits she had received. We need MaryEllen to continue to work hard for the families of Putnam County and continue to move our County

in a positive direction. I would ask all my neighbors and friends to vote for her on Primary Day, September 13.  
  
Frank J. Del Campo  
Mahopac

Health Act Should be Passed in New York

Imagine having diabetes and not being able to afford the insulin that keeps you alive. Or being able to afford only the most basic of health insurance policies with such a high deductible that you don't benefit from it at all. What if you had to stay in an abusive relationship or a miserable job because leaving would mean losing your health insurance? Or if the cost a nursing home stay for an elderly parent wipes out their savings and yours as well?  
  
These are some of the personal stories we heard when we travelled to Albany on June 5th to lobby for the New York Health Act (S4840/A4738). We joined a diverse group of citizens who visited the offices of NYS Senators Terrence Murphy and Sue Serino to urge them to support this bill. This legislation would make quality healthcare available to all New Yorkers through a single payer healthcare system. This means that instead of paying insurance premiums, copays, and

deductibles, everyone in New York State would be covered by one plan, funded by a progressively graduated payroll tax as well as other taxable income. Neither Senator Murphy nor Senator Serino seem to be in favor of this bill. Virtually everyone has a story about a healthcare issue. Think about how many hours you have spent navigating through the thicket of health insurance obstacles in order to get the care or medication that you or a loved one needs. Insurance providers are for-profit companies. Their first obligation is to their stockholders, not to patients. The US is the only country in the industrial world that does not provide it's citizens with health care. Your health depends on your wealth. At least half of all personal bankruptcies are due to unaffordable medical costs. It doesn't have to be this way.  
  
Versions of the New York Health Act have passed the Assembly in legislative sessions 2015/2016 and 2017/2018—

again just this week, by a more than two-to-one majority—but continuously die in the Senate's Heath Committee, on which Senator Murphy serves. Citizens need to educate themselves and their elected officials about the necessity, practicality, and efficiency of guaranteeing healthcare for all. You can find out more at: www.nyhcampaign.org and www.pnhp.org.  
  
The Affordable Care Act was a big step in helping Americans to access healthcare, but it is not enough. The Trump administration, having failed to repeal it, has been chipping away at the ACA, causing insurance premiums to go up. Now it is looking to deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. If

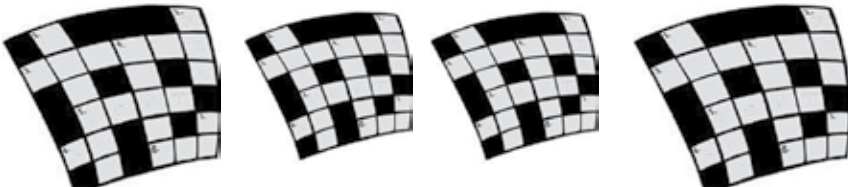
they succeed, we will be back to living in a country with the best medical care in the world, if you can afford it. If not, well, you are on your own.  
  
Since the Trump administration clearly does not see healthcare as a basic human right, it's time for the states to step up. New York can lead the way.  
  
Julie Woodward  
Croton-on-Hudson  
  
Celeste Theis  
Croton on Hudson

Murphy is Missing in Action on the Major Issues of the Day

Governor Andrew Cuomo and Westchester County Executive George Latimer have issued statements condemning the inhuman action of separating children from their parents at our border. Robert Kesten and Peter Harckham, both candidates for the Democratic nomination for the 40th state Senate District seat, have issued statements concerning Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement and the threat that poses to reproductive rights.  
  
People are angry. People are in pain. People are scared. Where is Terrence Murphy?  
  
At this point, I fear Mr. Murphy is not simply unwilling but genuinely incapable of taking a stand on truly complex, challenging issues. Mr. Murphy seems content to allow the diseased agenda coming from the White House to infect us locally.

He has yet to condemn white supremacy and racism (his office citing the events in Charlottesville as a "federal issue"); he has yet to state a clear position with regards to the Safe Act and gun safety; he opposes the right to choose and will not support legislation that would allow for adequate access to contraception. There has been no statement concerning the children that have been stolen from their parents, many of whom are being held here at home in Westchester County.  
  
Mr. Murphy's silence is deafening. I encourage us all to make our voices heard loud and clear on Election Day, Nov. 6.  
  
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## Obituaries

### Janine Marie Sterry Moore

Janine Marie Sterry Moore, of Carlsbad, CA, died on Friday July 6 at Putnam Hospital Center. She was 57 years old. Born on December 20, 1960 in Mahopac, daughter of Stella (Pegoli) Sterry and the late Charles Sterry. Janine was the president/CEO of Sterry-Moore Inc. located in California. Her love of her life was her son, Brendan. Janine is survived by her mother Stella of Carlsbad, CA, her son Brendan Moore of Carlsbad, CA, her siblings; Kelly Beurskens of Fairfield, CA and Charles Sterry of Brewster.

### Walter D. Little

Walter D. Little, 83, of Mahopac, died on July 7, surrounded by his loving family and cherished children at Northern Westchester Hospital. On September 14, 1958, he married the love of his life Claire in Queens and together they were blessed with over 25 years together and four adoring children. Walter joined the Army and proudly served our country during the Korean War. He was a proud American and advocate for all service men and women of the United States. After serving in the military Mr. Little went on to work in sales for a bakery in Queens until his retirement. He loved above all else being a dad, grandfather and husband. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his beloved children June, Walter, Marjorie and Douglas, as well as, his six grandchildren who were the light of his life. He is predeceased by his loving wife Claire, as well as his beloved brothers. Walter will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts.

### Eleanor T. Keefe

Eleanor T. Keefe, 87, a resident of Brewster for over 60 years died peacefully at her home on July 10. Eleanor was born on October 2, 1930 in Yonkers to James and Eleanor Foley. She attended Blessed Sacrament Academy and was a graduate of Good Counsel College. She married her beloved husband William F. Keefe on Sept. 3, 1955 and worked as a teacher for many years at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic School in Brewster. As an active community member Eleanor was president of the St. Lawrence O'Toole Mother's Guild and an active member of the Brewster-Carmel Garden Club, Landmark Preservation Society, Southeast Museum and Friends of the Brewster Public Library. Eleanor is survived by her children Susan Kealy (John) of Vacaville CA, Nancy Keefe of Amherst MA, Laura Oller (John) of Carmel, Donna Napolitano (Richard) of Stafford Springs CT and William Keefe

Jr. (Claire) of Brewster. Additionally she is survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Predeceased are her husband William and brothers James, Edward, William and Joseph.

### Frances Jacobellis

Frances Jacobellis, 76, of Mahopac, died peacefully on Wednesday, July 11, with her loving family by her side. She was born in Sicily on November 6, 1941, the daughter of Giuseppe and Vincenza (Nigro) Amato. Frances came to the United States with her parents in 1952. She was a graduate of Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. Frances was a real estate agent with Billingsley Realty in Katonah, and a member of the Westchester-Putnam Board of Realtors. On October 9, 1971 she married Frank Jacobellis at Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx. In addition to Frank, she is survived by her son, Thomas and his wife Kay-Lynn, her daughter, Victoria Luczkowski and her husband Eric; her sister, Grace Vinciguerra, her grandchildren, Madeline, Meredith, Thomas, Matthew, Joseph and Amy, her nephew, Joseph and his wife Lauren and their children, R.J. and Addison as well as her beloved cousins, family members and friends. Her family would like to thank her special angels, Donna and Doris for the loving care they provided Frances during her illness.

### Patricia E. Doyle

Patricia E. Doyle, a lifelong resident of Brewster, died peacefully at Putnam Hospital Center on July 11. She was 93-years-old. Born on November 19, 1924 in Brewster, daughter of the late Carl and Edna (O'Hara) Ekstrom. She graduated from Brewster High School in 1942. On October 26, 1952 Patricia married the love of her life Charles K. Doyle at St. Joseph's Church in Croton Falls. Charles predeceased his wife on October 26, 1972 after a tragic accident. Patricia was a bookkeeper for Bruen Deldin and DiDio Insurance Inc. in Brewster for over 20 years before retiring. Prior to working for BDD Insurance she worked for Sarah E. Dickinson. Mrs. Doyle was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Brewster. Bowling was her greatest passion in life, she was the first president of the woman's bowling league in Brewster and continued to bowl until she was 89 years old. She was also a member of the Brewster Fire Department Woman's Auxiliary. Patricia is survived by her only son Dr. Daniel Doyle and his wife Karen of Carmel, her 4 grandsons; Patrick C. Doyle and his wife Jennifer Dorris, Dr. Dennis C. Doyle and his wife Dr. Romina T. Doyle, Dr. Ryan D. Doyle and his wife Dr. Meredith Carbone Doyle, Matthew B. Doyle and his fiancé Melissa Pfiefer and her 4 grandchildren; Nolan, Giacomo, Sadie and Cameron and her

siblings; Carol Macomber and Eloise Reinhardt. She was predeceased by her 3 sisters Gloria Ekstrom, Joyce Ekstrom and Jean Saunders.

### William E. Tobin

William E. Tobin, a lifelong resident of Shenorock, died on Thursday, July 12, at the age of 59. Bill was born in Mt. Kisco, on December 11, 1958, the son of William J. and Jean A. Walsh Tobin. Bill graduated from Somers High School, class of 1977. He was a retired truck driver working for many years for Lawton Adams Construction in Somers. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 1080 in Mahopac and a member of the Putnam County Fish and Game. He is survived by his sister, Sheila Pugliese of Milford, CT; his nieces and nephews, Marty, Shannon, Makayla and Joey, his cousins and many friends. He was predeceased by his brother John and his sister Susan.

### Francis J. Uss

Francis J. Uss, 97, of Carmel, died peacefully surrounded by his loving and devoted family. Francis was born to the late Stanley and Tekla Uss on October 24, 1920 in Yonkers. Francis went on to marry the love of his life Anne Uss (Metlicke) on November 28, 1946 at St. Casimir's Church in Yonkers New York. Together they were blessed with three adoring children Gerylann, Renee and Debora. Francis was brought up during the great depression and was part of the toughest generation in American history who loved God, country and family. He lived his life based on those principals. Francis actively served with the Army

during World War II. He was a proud American and advocate for all service men and women of the United States. In his spare time he loved to garden and had an amazing green thumb. He was a loving husband, adored father, cherished grandfather and friend to many. He truly lived life to the fullest and was a great example of how it is not the years that count but the life you put into those years. He was rewarded with a long, loving memorable life. Francis is survived by the love of his life and wife of over 71 years Anne, his three adoring children Gerylann and his son-in-law William, Renee and his son-in-law Robert and Debora and his son-in-law Nicholas. He is also survived by his five cherished grandchildren who were the light of his life, Kimberly and her husband Dennis, Christopher, Gregory and his fiancé Danielle, Cynthia and granddaughter Danielle. He will be treasured and missed by all who knew and loved him.



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## Take A Virtual Vacation At Mahopac Public Library

Need a break from reality? Demo our new Oculus Rift! Rock climb the Needle Mountains in California, kayak through the fjords in Iceland, ride the Batmobile with LEGO Batman and more! Mahopac Library will host a Virtual Vacation event on Monday, July 16, from 1-8 pm; all ages are welcome (no registration needed).

If you've ever wondered: "What's the deal with Virtual Reality and what can you do with it?" this event is for you. Drop in and learn about Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR), then explore other tools used in our Learning Lab programs including View-Master® VR Viewers, Ozobots, 3D Pens, and Scratch. Discover the ways that virtual and augmented reality tools are being used in education, job training, medicine, and psychology.

Travel to foreign lands, play interactive games, and enjoy creative adventures at the Library's Virtual Vacation event! All participants will receive a ticket to be entered in our raffle prize drawing. This event is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of Mahopac Public Library.

For more information, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



# Local Residents Chosen as Support Connection Cancer Walk Ambassadors

**Support Connection, Inc.** has announced the selection of two local residents as Walk Ambassadors for their Annual Support-A-Walk which will take place on Sunday, October 7, (rain or shine) at FDR Park, Route 202, in Yorktown. The Walk brings attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer and raises funds for Support Connection's free counseling and other support services for those affected by these diseases. Walk Ambassadors are cancer survivors who represent the spirit and purpose of the Support-A-Walk.

**Mary Heagle** (Mohegan Lake): Mary's experience with breast cancer began when her mother died of the disease at age 37; Mary was only two years old. Eventually, seven more women in Mary's family were diagnosed with cancer, including four with breast cancer, one with ovarian cancer, and one with uterine cancer. Because of this, Mary was always very proactive and alert. In fact, while dating her husband, she tried to prepare him for what she planned to do if (or when) she was diagnosed.

In 2006, when Mary was told after a routine breast screening that something warranted testing, she sprang into action. "I'd do anything I needed to do, to fight. I just wanted to be alive and I wouldn't let it defeat me." In addition to the best possible medical care, Mary knew she needed help



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Mary Jane Taxter

with the complicated emotions she felt. And she was concerned for her nine-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter. She knew how hard it was to lose her own mom and didn't want her own children to be frightened by while she underwent mastectomies and chemotherapy.

That's why Mary reached out to Support Connection. She joined a support group which made a huge difference: "It helped me get out of bed in the morning. I always looked forward to it. The camaraderie was terrific and it made me feel I wasn't alone."

Mary also spoke regularly to two of



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Mary Heagle

Support Connection's Peer Counselors about everything on her mind, including how to help her children: "I call them my guardian angels. They helped me get my life back together in a way I never thought possible."

In order to give back, Mary and her family have attended the Support-A-Walk for many years, raising more than \$8,000 to date. When asked to be a Walk Ambassador this year Mary agreed right away: "I believe in Support Connection and all the wonderful services they provide. My family and I will be forever indebted to them. In my time of need I could not have had any better. I'll always be here to give a hand in any way possible."

Mary hopes her story will inspire others to participate: "Support Connection has helped me and so many others I know. The Support-A-Walk is one of the main fundraisers that makes these free services possible." She adds: "Support Connection is a community organization - people can actually see where their donations are going and how the money is being used. Please join us!"

**Mary Jane Taxter** (Yorktown): Mary Jane was in the hospital on her 75th birthday in 2016, for what was supposed to be routine minor surgery. When she woke up from the anesthesia, she was surprised to see two of her children there. She quickly learned why: when the doctors began her surgery, they "saw cancer everywhere." Mary Jane had ovarian cancer that had already spread beyond her ovaries.

Mary Jane had cared for cancer patients

as a nurse many years ago and knew there'd been much progress since then. She is also very pragmatic. Nevertheless, her diagnosis was a shock for her and for her family. In the past two years, Mary Jane has completed two rounds of chemotherapy and is now on a third regimen. Her family members have all been there every step of the way, helping any way they can. But Mary Jane wanted to connect with someone who'd been through what she was going through.

About a month after her diagnosis Mary Jane called Support Connection and spoke with a Peer Counselor. Describing this call, she says: "I got my first words of encouragement I'd heard since I was diagnosed."

In addition to conversations with her Peer Counselor Mary Jane joined some of Support Connection's group programs, such as a monthly canasta group and an art workshop. She loves being with people and finds the programs meet her needs: "It's a chance to be in a room with other women who've had similar experiences. The women are very supportive."

Mary Jane took part in her first Support-A-Walk last year as a fundraiser and Team Captain. Because she was still in chemo and unable to walk at the event, she asked friends and family to help. They all pitched in: Her son set up her online fundraising page where Mary Jane wrote: "I am seeking both walkers and donors to help me champion this wonderful group that provides support for women everywhere who are breast and ovarian cancer survivors." Her granddaughter designed shirts with the Team name "Grandma's Cool Cats." A group of family members and friends attended on her behalf. Her Team raised more than \$1,100.

Mary Jane is delighted to be a Support-A-Walk Ambassador: "Right now, there's not a lot I'm able to do physically to get involved. I was looking around thinking, what can I do to help? So when I was asked to be an Ambassador I was happy to say yes. I also want to show other senior citizens that if I can get through this, they can too."

Mary Jane encourages everyone take part in the Support-A-Walk: "It's something I believe in. It's a way that families and anyone can come together to support cancer survivors. The more people get involved, the stronger Support Connection will be for all the people who need them."

To donate to the Support-A-Walk, or to learn how to participate or fundraise, visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org) or call 914-962-6402.

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# Long-Established Nonprofit Changes Name

In order to more accurately reflect what the long standing nonprofit organization actually does and to avoid confusion with other area organizations, the Putnam Community Foundation has officially changed its name to the Brewster Senior Housing Foundation.

“After considerable discussion and research, the Board of Directors of the former Putnam Community Foundation voted unanimously late last year to change the organization’s name to the Brewster Senior Housing Foundation,” said Joseph DiVestea, Chairman of the Board for Brewster Senior Housing Foundation (BSHF). “We think this name more accurately represents who we are and our mission of providing affordable housing for the senior community in Brewster and Putnam County.”

The nonprofit, which formed nearly 20 years ago in 1999, operates two affordable senior housing residences in the Village of Brewster. These include Mayor Mitchell Court, which features 24 apartments, and 50 Main Street, which has 25 apartments.

BSHF unveiled several new marketing and outreach platforms featuring its new

namethisweek. These include a new website at [brewsterseniorhousingfoundation.org](http://brewsterseniorhousingfoundation.org), which offers a more efficient and user-friendly design along with more in depth information about the nonprofit affordable housing organization. Other materials include a new logo, designed by Mike Cicale from Graphic Guidance Design Group in Putnam Valley, and a brochure that will be distributed locally to help promote BSHF as a viable housing option for area seniors. Graphic and website design was handled by Emily Vanston of Choice Words LLC of New Paltz, NY.

DiVestea also pointed out that, in addition to senior housing, BSHF’s mission will continue to provide support for other human service nonprofits in the community. “We believe that BSHF is more than a provider of housing. We will strive to invest in Brewster and collaborate with local government and other nonprofits to strengthen the community we live in,” said DiVestea.

For more information about BSHF visit [brewsterseniorhousingfoundation.org](http://brewsterseniorhousingfoundation.org) or call 845-278-2130.

# New Installation At Mahopac Library Features Carmel Resident

Amanda Lynne’s paintings are a celebration of the beauty of the natural world. A gifted artist, and a resident of Carmel, Lynne has installed two of her detailed artworks on the first and second floors of Mahopac Public Library. Her pieces, entitled Lepidopterous Triptych and Dance of the Dragonfly, will remain on display through August 30 and can be viewed during regular Library hours.

Lynne has always felt a strong connection with plants and animals, and has been fascinated by the intense beauty they possess. She strives to share this love with her audience by observing deeply, with her eyes and the lens of her camera, and creating images with paint that joyfully explore the color, forms, and patterns that natural objects have to offer. She takes her camera to all the beautiful places she visits, and her photos become reference for her paintings. Out of respect for the environment, all of her paintings are created on upcycled discarded wooden furniture. Tabletops, drawer fronts, and cabinet doors are her preferred canvases.

The intricate series of dots on her paintings are a reference to Australian Aboriginal Papunya Dot paintings. In these stylized paintings the dots form the images portrayed in each artwork. Lynne chooses to paint her images in a realistic style, out of reverence for nature’s beauty, and then uses dots in the background to add an element of fantasy. She has discovered that the dots are very effective in creating the blurry background of the photographs that she uses for reference.

Lepidopterous Triptych, painted on an upcycled, discarded headboard, illustrates the astounding beauty of intricately patterned butterflies pollinating vibrantly colored flowers. Dance of the Dragonfly depicts the insect gracing Lynne’s garden in midsummer. The stylized flowers were ones that were blooming in her garden during that time of year. In some parts of the world, dragonflies are symbols of change, transformation, adaptability, and self-realization.

For information about this display, and other exhibits at Mahopac Library, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 108.

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# Law Book: Three Reasons to Consider a Revocable Trust

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

A revocable trust is an efficient and effective tool that can be utilized for asset management, asset protection, and estate planning purposes. It is often used as an alternative to a Last Will and Testament ("Will") for purposes of avoiding probate, but it has many other uses. Conversely, it can be overused at times and implemented for the wrong reasons.

A revocable trust is just that – revocable. Do not confuse it with the irrevocable Medicaid trust which is useful for different reasons. In a revocable trust, the person who establishes the trust is the creator and the person in control of the trust's assets is the trustee; initially, they are usually the same person. Since the trust is revocable, the creator maintains complete control over the use and enjoyment of the trust assets and can change or revoke the trust at any time.

There are many advantages to creating a revocable trust. **First**, a revocable trust ensures the continuous management of your assets if, unfortunately, you become physically or mentally disabled. In essence, it replaces the need for a power of attorney for managing the assets within the trust. Even though a power of attorney is a necessary planning document, third-parties such as banks, brokers, and transfer agents may have more difficulty in dealing with a power



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of attorney. If you do not have a power of attorney and become incapacitated, a court proceeding known as a guardianship must be commenced. If the court decides that you cannot make your own financial decisions, for example, it will appoint someone (a guardian) to make those decisions for you. This procedure can be time consuming and involves constant court intervention and supervision. A revocable trust can help avoid a guardianship proceeding.

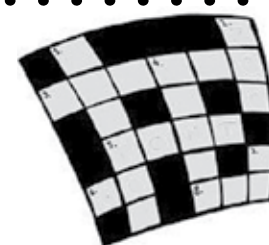
A **second** advantage to creating a

revocable trust is to avoid probate. The benefits of avoiding probate are multifaceted. By avoiding probate, your beneficiaries have immediate access to the assets in your estate, which enables them to receive their inheritances and move on with their lives in an efficient matter. Furthermore, if you own property in more than one state, like a vacation home, your heirs would have to probate your Will here in New York and then hire a second attorney to commence an ancillary probate proceeding in the other state. Most people do not realize this is necessary, and a revocable trust can help avoid the cost and headache of hiring multiple attorneys and commencing multiple proceedings.

**Finally**, and not to be confused with the asset protection advantages of a Medicaid trust, a revocable trust can be used to avoid a Medicaid estate recovery claim. Medicaid can file a claim against your probate estate to recoup benefits paid during your lifetime. The operative words here are "probate estate". Since a revocable trust avoids probate, Medicaid cannot file an estate claim against the assets of a revocable trust. If you know someone who is on Medicaid with a house, co-op, or other residence in their individual name, you should contact us promptly to help avoid a Medicaid estate claim.

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## Twenty A Day... the Hidden Epidemic of Veteran Suicides

By Megan Castellano, MPA

As Co-Chair of the Putnam County Suicide Prevention Task Force, I have read with great interest over the past few weeks, the many articles raising awareness about suicide. I applaud those media outlets that have included prevention resources as part of their coverage of the recent high profile suicides of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain. Through my work, I am keenly aware that celebrity or high profile suicides receive more media attention. This can be painful for others who have lost loved ones to suicide and feel that they are alone in their suffering and grief not only as a result of the loss of their loved one, but also because of the stigma that still surrounds suicide. Conversely, I am certain there is tremendous suffering for the families and loved ones impacted by high profile suicides as they wish they could have more privacy to cope with their grief. I am sympathetic to each scenario.

For the past few years, I have had the privilege of working with veterans through the Private First Class Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet program, ours is in Putnam County. My colleagues and I recently had a conversation about the fact that statistically speaking, 20 Veterans die each day by suicide, a far greater number

than those who die in combat. In doing the math, that is 7,300 veterans each year. The purpose of this article is not to place a higher value on anyone's life, each and every life matters. One suicide is too many, our goal is zero suicides. The purpose of this article is to take advantage of this "teachable moment" - to raise awareness about the epidemic of Veteran suicides. It is my hope that people reading this, both Veterans and those that love them, will know that they are not alone and that help and hope are a phone call away.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) - press 1 for veterans - offers help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Program is another support and resource.

The Dwyer Program is named for Private First Class Joseph P. Dwyer, a combat medic who served in Iraq and like many Veterans, after returning home, suffered for years with post-traumatic stress. In 2008, PFC Dwyer died of an accidental overdose, finally succumbing to the demons he battled as a result of post-traumatic stress. Sadly, this is all too common for many veterans.

After PFC Dwyer's death, Long Island Senator, and fellow Iraqi Veteran, Lee

Zeldin, secured funding for the first peer-to-peer program in PFC Dwyer's name where Veterans could support other Veterans, Vet2Vet. According to those that knew PFC Dwyer best, the one thing that did seem to help him was peer counseling from a fellow Veteran. While the Dwyer program began in Suffolk County, in the years since PFC Dwyer's death, funding for Vet2Vet programs has expanded and enabled counties across the state to develop local programs that meet the needs of local Veterans, and their families. Today, there are 16 Dwyer programs in New York State, including Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Dutchess Counties. While they are not a crisis hotline, all have staff ready, willing and able to support either directly or by making a "warm hand-off" referral based on each individual or family's needs.

While Vet2Vet is not a clinical treatment program, the strong bonds that are formed provide support that reaches beyond a chair in a psychiatrist office, beyond a weekly therapy appointment and is not dictated by insurance coverage, or lack thereof. All of the services are free of charge and independent of the VA and the "system," often a barrier to care. Our Putnam Vet2Vet program provides

outreach, support groups and family events to help Veterans and their families connect with the community, and each other.

The teachable moment is this...let's move 20 to zero...zero veteran suicides, zero suicides. It would be my hope that anyone reading this who is feeling suicidal, or has felt suicidal, would reach out the 24-hour talk line - if you are a veteran, press 1. If you are a veteran or a family member and you feel like you and/or your loved one are struggling, reach out to your local PFC Dwyer Vet2Vet program to learn what they have to offer. Thank you for your service, and remember that you are not alone!

Contact us: Putnam PFC Joseph Dwyer Vet2Vet Program, (845) 278-VETS (8387)-John Bourges, Program Coordinator

To connect with other Vet2Vet programs in our area, please visit our website at: [www.dwyervet2vetputnam.org](http://www.dwyervet2vetputnam.org)

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# The Beauty and Buyer Preference for Hardwood Floors

When I open my new condo door in a Trump building, the first thing I see are gleaming, dark hardwood floors that give me a great feeling of clean space and quality living.

As a realtor, I always find that homebuyers are attracted to marketing copy that can claim “hardwood floors throughout.” While most folks today like hardwood floors exposed, oddly enough, they went through a long period of cover up.

When I was a little boy in grade school, I remember coming home one day and finding my mother speaking in hushed tones with two of her friends. “Al and I are having wall-to-wall installed next week,” she said.

“Oh, how nice,” chimed in her friends. I didn’t know what “wall-to-wall” was, but I was proud that my mom seemed to be the envy of the neighborhood because she was getting it. In short order, the wall-to-wall arrived in one enormous roll and was laid out seamlessly in the living room. (We didn’t have a dining room.)

The texture, as I recall, was a short



By Bill Primavera

shag, and it was chartreuse. No kidding. Mother justified the relatively expensive upgrade by telling my dad, who thought it was an extravagance, that it “warmed up” the living room and made it easier for her to keep the place clean.

But this is not about carpeting, it’s about hardwood floors, the beautiful, gleaming surface that my mother buried with her up-and-coming lifestyles choice.

Today, we no longer want warming up. We want clean gleaming surfaces of natural wood that conveys open

space, perhaps punctuated by smaller area rugs. If you’re lucky enough to have a quality hardwood floor, here’s the best way to take care of it.

Always use a soft broom when sweeping floors. Hard bristle brooms can scratch the surface. Vacuum the floor at least once a week to remove dirt. It’s better to buy a lighter vacuum for hardwood floors because the wheels of heavier vacuums may scratch. It’s best to use the soft brush attachment.

You won’t like the way it looks, but

there should always be non-slip rugs near all entrances so that family members and visitors can brush off dirt and gravel from the bottoms of their shoes. These small carpets should also be vacuumed regularly to prevent dirt and other debris from making its way to the floor.

Are you annoyed when some hosts ask you to remove your shoes at the door? Actually, it’s not a bad rule for your household to follow if you really prize your floors. Or, you can place carpet runners in heavily traveled areas. Spiked heels, and even regular heels, can be murder in denting the wood.

Furniture needs little booties, too, in the form of rubber or plastic pads below table and chair legs. And never drag furniture across a hardwood floor.

Liquid spills obviously should be cleaned up immediately. Most new floors come with a scratch and dent repair kit that should be kept in an easy-to-remember place. Save the manufacturer’s instructions on how to use them.

Keeping wood floors clean is a very simple matter; use only a damp mop. Any excess water can run between the seams and cause damage.

Years ago, it was common practice to use a lot of wax on hardwood floors but today, most are sealed well with

polyurethane and should require only the damp mop process.

In fact, hardwood floors are easier to maintain than that wall-to-wall that my mother thought would be easier to keep clean. I remember how disgusted I was when I recently had carpeting pulled up and found that it was a safe harbor for years of dirt below.

A few years ago, I visited my boyhood home on a nostalgic trip to Virginia and, amazingly, the couple who bought it from my parents still lived there.

When I was escorted into the living room, the hardwood floors my mother had concealed almost a half-century earlier gleamed in the streaming sunlight from the windows with southern exposure.

“We were so surprised when we pulled up the carpeting and found these gorgeous floors,” the homeowner said. “There was this green carpeting that I knew just had to go...”

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## It’s Summertime and the Sparklers Are Exploding All Over



By Nick Antonaccio

It is the height of the summer celebratory season. Whether at a party or a barbeque, at the beach, a vacation house or a backyard, many Americans tend to include a bit of alcoholic refreshment in their social interactions. (It should always be in moderation and consumed responsibly.)

The natural inclination of some consumers is to gravitate to beer, but others are slaking their thirst with wine. And the choices seem endless, from whites to rosés to reds. For me, there is another wine category of which I am a strong advocate: sparkling wine.

Sparkling wines are one of the most versatile. Their fresh, bright and crisp characteristics highlight the acidity or the creaminess of many foods while the effervescence cuts through the fattiest of foods. They are equally suited for such food extremes as a lemon tart or creamy French brie.

But which sparklers to choose from? The current market reflects the growing popularity of sparkling wine. Last year, overall sales increased by 5 percent, with the highest growth, 16 percent, from Prosecco. Clearly, Prosecco seems to be the sparkler of choice for many Americans.

Its soft style, medium carbonation and pleasant aromas all contribute to its popularity. At an average price well under \$20, it fits nicely into many consumers’ budgets.

In my opinion, and to my palate, these same attributes are drawbacks to this type of sparkling wine. There are other choices that offer more favorable aromas, taste and vivacity. These include French Cremant, Italian Lambrusco, American sparkling wine and Spanish Cava.

Of all of these choices, I generally favor Cava over other sparkling wines in the under \$20 price range. My rationale? Let me first focus on the broad differences in the composition and production of sparkling wines.

First, the grapes. Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier dominate worldwide production. However, in Italy, the grape is Glera and the wine is Prosecco. In Spain, the grapes for Cava are those indigenous to the Catalonia region.

Second, there are several methods of producing sparkling wines that influence the style of the end product. The most common method

### You Heard It Through the Grapevine

is to introduce natural yeasts in individual bottles, commonly referred to as “Méthode Champenoise.” A single bottle may contain up to 50 million bubbles; hence, the frenzy of froth when poured into a glass.

This method results in the most complex and refined wines. Champagne and Cava are produced in this manner.

In the “Charvat” method, natural yeasts are introduced in tanks rather than individual bottles. Prosecco is produced in this manner. These wines tend to be a bit lighter and creamier with large and significantly fewer bubbles.

Third, and least desirable, is the direct injection of carbon dioxide into tanks of wine (think carbonated soft drinks).

By adopting the same process as the French for producing their bubbly, Cava winemakers are known for the sophisticated style of their wine. What makes Cava unique among all sparkling

wines is its combination of grape varieties, grown here since the 19th century: Macabeo, Parellada and Xarel-lo. Try pronouncing these names after a glass or two of Cava. (Okay, let’s try it: mah-kah-BEH-oh, Par-eh-LYAH-duh and Sah-REHL-

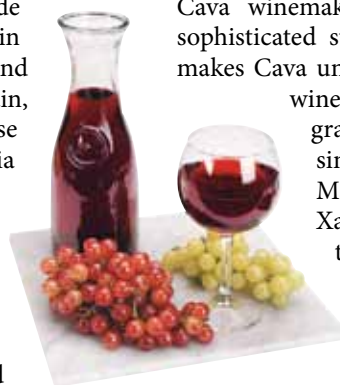
### ‘I generally favor Cava over others’

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It is the masterful crafting and blending of these grapes that emphasize the individual characteristics of each variety and creates an end result that is greater than the sum of its parts. The Macabeo offers fragrant floral aromas, the Parellada offers a creamy mouth-feel and fruity flavors of citrus and apples and the Xarel-lo offers ripeness, full body, acid and alcohol. What comes through the bubbles are intoxicating aromas and flavors with toasty, creamy notes, sure to please discriminating palates.

When planning your next summer get-together, ask your wine merchant to recommend several Cavas. A fresh new experience awaits you.

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**2018 will mark the 13th anniversary of the Putnam Valley Residents Coalition's Farmers Market.** Our market is located at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. The Market is outdoors, on the lawn and will run each Friday from 3 pm to 6:30 p.m. starting on June 29th and going to August 31st. TCCC will be offering music and other events following the close of many markets. Our vendors offer a variety of fresh, locally grown produce, beverages, baked goods and many crafts. Vendor inquiries are welcome. Contact us at [putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com) or call 845-528-0066.

## July 17

**"Bling's the Thing" Earring Workshop for Teens:** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Learn how to make beautiful beaded earrings with Joan Lloyd, jewelry artist and founder of "Bling's the Thing." For every pair you make, Joan requests that you make a second pair that will be donated to a battered women's shelter. All materials will be provided. For ages 11-16. Registration is required. Click here to register or call 845-279-6421.

**Smoothie Soiree:** 10:30 a.m. -noon. Come meet Miss Alli and learn about delicious, nutritious and fun snacking habits while learning how to make yummy smoothies. For ages 4-7. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**The Putnam Valley Fire Department will be holding a Blood Drive:** The drive will be held at Fire Headquarters 12 Canopus Hollow Road Putnam Valley, between the hours of 2:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Blood is always in short supply at this time of year, The New York Blood Center has declared a Emergency Blood Shortage, donations are urgently needed. Contact The New York Blood Center for more information at 1-800-933-2566 or [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

**Introduction to Abstract Art at Reed Library:** 1 p.m., to 4 p.m. Delve into Abstract Art in this hands-on class. We will discuss the history of Abstract Art and create a unique work on canvas. Registration is required. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

**Chat 'n' Chill:** noon. Come gather with your friends or meet new ones at this monthly get together at the Patterson Library. We will provide the space for you to bring your lunch, play cards or games,

work on your crafts or just sit and chat. Adults only. 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.

## Wednesday, July 18

**Shark Week At The Library:** Story time, craft, movie, raffle, and more! Take a bite out of your summer with Shark Week at the Kent Library! All ages invited to drop in to make a shark hat. 1 p.m. -2:45 p.m. take in a shark-themed pajama story time on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m., enjoy a screening of DisneyNature's Oceans on Friday, July 20 at 2 p.m. and participate in all of the other DIY activities the library will offer. These will include a photo op in the jaws of a Megalodon, a shark memory game, and shark coloring pages. With every activity you participate in, get a free ticket for our 'fin-tastic' Shark Week Raffle Basket. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org).

**Brewster Chamber of Commerce Monthly Networking Meeting:** At HV Renegades Dutchess Stadium Hudson Valley Renegades Dutchess Stadium. Gates Open - 6 p.m. BBQ Starts - 6:30 p.m. food is served for about 2 hours: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sides, soft drinks, cash bar Game time - 7:05 p.m. \$35 payable to BCOC For more information: 845 279 2477. [info@brewsterchamber.com](mailto:info@brewsterchamber.com) Members and future members are welcome!

**Water Day:** 10:30 a.m. -noon Enjoy some summer fun outside in our gazebo and park. We'll find some ways to stay cool and maybe do a craft or two! For ages 4-7. 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.

**Family Movie: The Nut Job 2:** 4 p.m. Nutty by Nature, Rated PG, running time 92 minutes. You may bring snacks, a pillow, and bring your friends. No registration needed. For more information about summer movies at Mahopac Library visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Teen Paint Night at Mahopac Library:** 6 p.m. Teens 12 and older are invited to a Paint Night Event taught by Grape Canvas Parties. Create your own unique version of the presented piece. Snacks and beverages will be served. Each teen will go home with a 11 X 14 canvases. \$20 per person includes materials; register with fee at the Library's Information Desk. For further information call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**St. James Feast:** Wednesday to Sunday. July 18 - 21: St. James the Apostle Church. 14 Gleneida Ave, Carme. Food - Rides - Games - Fun more info at <http://stjamesapostle.org/>

**Yoga Through Dance:** 12:30 p.m., Try this fun yoga class in our beautiful outdoor park with Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees. She will lead us through meditation and movement with yoga and music for a new experience with this ancient practice. Attendance is limited. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. This program will be held outdoors in the Patterson Library Park although inclement weather will move us inside to the Community Room. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Thursday, July 19

**"Sounds" Fun:** 10:30 p.m.- noon. We'll start with some interesting sound activities and then head into the Sound Explorers show and see sound come alive! For ages 4-7. 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.

**Summer Concert in the Park:** 6 p.m. The Bottoms Up Dixieland Jazz Band will have you tapping your toes, clapping your hands and singing along to the tunes of 1920s New Orleans. Bring your family, a picnic dinner and a chair or blanket and get ready for an incredible night in the Patterson Library Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all Park rules must be followed. Inclement weather will move us to the Patterson Rec Center. 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, July 20

**Bilingual Workshop:** Chica-Chica-Moo-Moo. 10 a.m. Chica-Chica-Moo-Moo is a bilingual, multi-model jam session. Youngsters will read books that demonstrate percussive rhythms and inspire the most timid performer to transform into rock stars. This workshop provides an opportunity to play a variety of instruments and experiment with percussion. For families with children 10 years and younger; registration is required. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

## Saturday, July 21

**German Fest! At the German American Club** - Under a Giant Party Tent, Rain or Shine! Sat July 21, 3 p.m.-10 p.m., Sun July 22, noon-7 p.m. at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley. Enjoy Live German music by The Spitzbuam and a variety of German & American foods, imported beer & Viennese cafe. Free Ample Parking & Free bouncy tent for the kids. More Info: [www.gac1936.com/845-528-5800](http://www.gac1936.com/845-528-5800) Adults: \$10. & children under 14 free with an adult. Sun July 22nd, is Emergency

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**"All-American Concert" At The Patterson Recreation Center:** Patterson Recreation Center will be the venue for a family-friendly "All-American" concert by the Southern Dutchess Concert Band and sponsored by Brian Benedict and The Duffle Bag, in co-operation with the Town of Patterson. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and admission is Free. This concert will be held in the Patterson Recreation Center, which is a wonderful venue for a summertime concert. The concert will be held regardless of the weather, so come and enjoy the amenities of air conditioning, convenient parking and handicapped accessibility. Admission to the concert is Free and refreshments will be available for purchase. The Patterson Recreation Center is located on Front Street in Patterson, just down from the Patterson Train Station. Take Interstate 84 to Exit 18, then take Route 311 north for 2.9 miles and turn right onto Front Street. Or, take Route 55 east to Route 22 south for 2.7 miles, then turn right onto County Route 311 and turn left onto Front Street after the railroad tracks. The Patterson Recreation Center is on the right, a block past the train station. This concert is sponsored by The Duffle Bag, a family owned and operated business located on Route 311 in Patterson offering military products and services to the entertainment industry and the public for more than 40 years. Visit [facebook.com/southerndutchessconcertband](http://facebook.com/southerndutchessconcertband) for more information about Southern Dutchess Concert Band or email [dave@thebigbandsound.com](mailto:dave@thebigbandsound.com). For more information about the concert venue, email [info@theduffelbaginc.com](mailto:info@theduffelbaginc.com) or call 845-878-7106.

## Sunday, July

**Anime Mange Gaming Club Summer Meeting.** 2 p.m. For grades 6 and up. Kick off the summer with a cult classic - enjoy the screening of an original 1995 anime film: Akira! For information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org).

## Ongoing: Mondays:

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RED DOOR BAKING COMPANY, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2018. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and mailed by SSNY to: **3199 Albany Post Rd. Suite 226A, Buchanan, NY 10511. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KFAM VENTURES LLC ARTS.** of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/25/2018. Office: Westchester County. United States Corporate Agents, Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **United States Corporate Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AMEN HOMES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York on January 31, 2018 in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: **c/o Christopher Miller, 422 South 7th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MWM BUILDING & SUPPLY SERVICES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on June 7, 2018. County: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: **35 Belmont Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NORTH WHITE PLAINS AUTOBODY LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/12/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Frank Annunziato, 43-47 Virginia Road, White Plains, New York 10603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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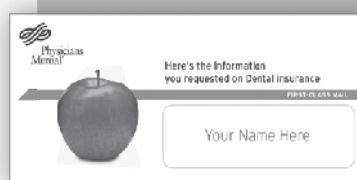
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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2007-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, Plaintiff, -against- ANDRES A. PENA A/K/A ANDRES PENA A/K/A ANDRE PENA, CITIBANK, N.A., GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC, JOSE URENA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12,"** the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendants. Index No.: 69643/2017 Date Filed: 11/30/17 Summons Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 797 Hartsdale Road White Plains, New York 10607 To The Above-Named Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND**

**BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. McCABE, WEISBEIG & CONWAY, LLC** Dated: November 28, 2017 Melville, NY By: /s/ Sahar Ham-lani, SAHAR HAMLANI, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210 New Rochelle, NY 10801 914-636-8900 914-636-8901 facsimile File # 17-302991 **This is an action to foreclose on property located at 797 Hartsdale Road, White Plains, NY 10607, which has been commenced in New York State Supreme Court, Westchester County, bearing index number 69643/2017, in which JOSE URENA has been named as a defendant and is required to respond to this notice.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PRINCE CONSULTING, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 02, 2018. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Prince Consulting LLC, 184 Willowbrook Ave., Stamford, CT 06922. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PREFERRED CHOICE HOME INSPECTIONS LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 6/29/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **PREFERRED CHOICE HOME INSPECTIONS LLC 117A E Main Street Suite 378 New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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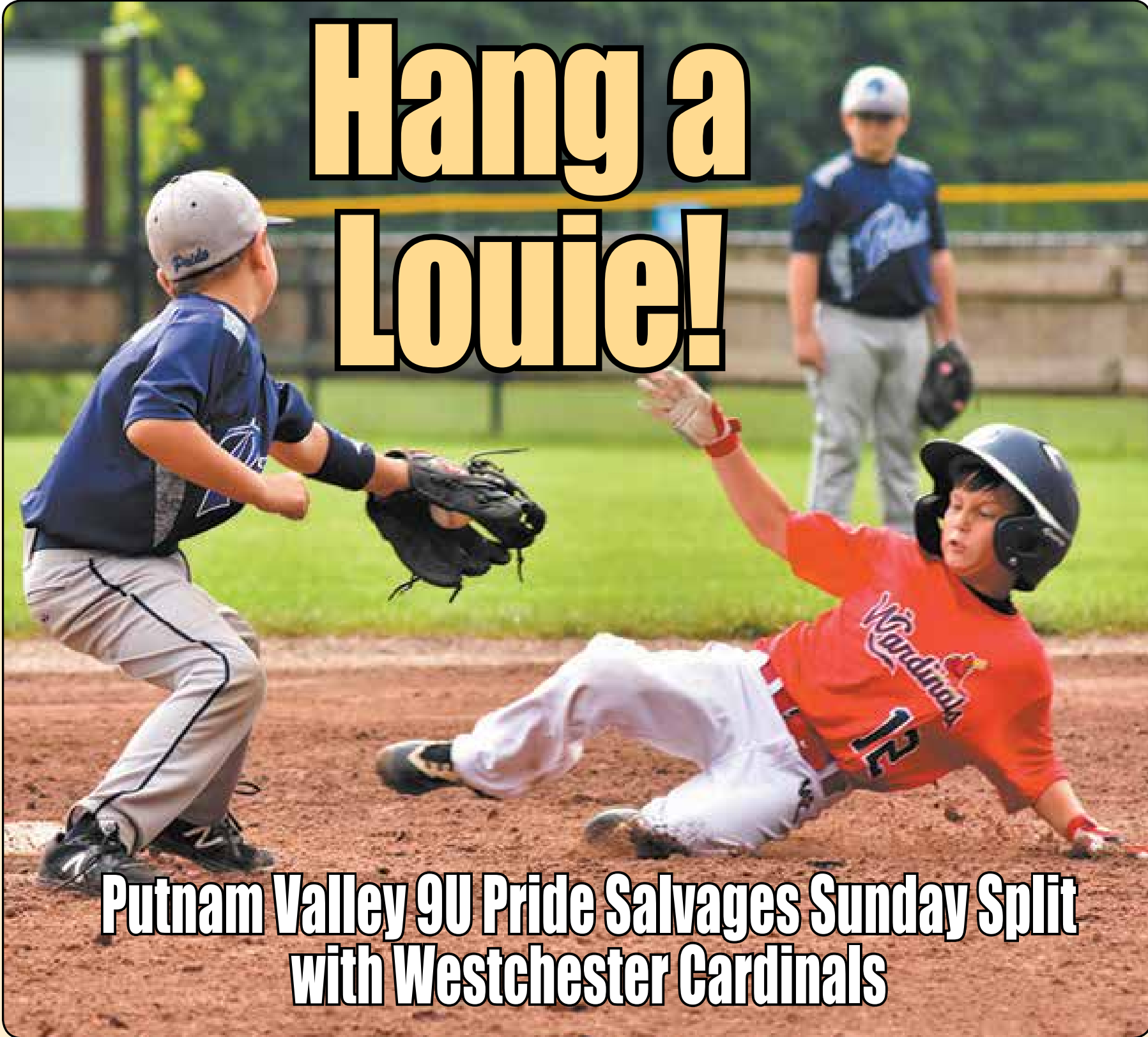


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# Hang a Louie!

## Putnam Valley 9U Pride Salvages Sunday Split with Westchester Cardinals

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Putnam Valley's Louie Peduto slides in safely at 2B for his Westchester Cardinals in their 11-5 win over SS Matt Quinn (L) and the Putnam Valley Pride in 9U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League action last Sunday at Keating Field in the PV Town Park where the Cardinals (8-2) and the Pride (10-1-1) -- two of the top teams in the B Division --- eventually split their double-header when PV won the nightcap by a score of 13-7. Mike Frye (3 for 6, a walk and 2 runs scored), Jackson Weller (2 for 6, double, 2 RBI and 2 runs), Matt Quinn (nailed 2 runners out trying to swipe home in the win), Reece Horan (1 for 1, 5 walks, 2 runs) were big contributors on the day.



# Sports

## Putnam Valley Pride Salvages 9U Split with Westchester Cardinals



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS



Putnam Valley C Logan Moriarty can't get tag down in time to prevent run in Pride's 9U GHVBL loss to Westchester Cardinals last Sunday.



Putnam Valley's Jackson Weller makes a neat pick to record out in 9U Pride's 11-5 loss to Westchester Cardinals at PV Town Park. The Pride won the second game 13-7.



Putnam Valley IF Mike Frey is forced at 2B in the Pride's 11-15 loss to Westchester Cardinals in 9U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League action last Sunday. The Pride won the second game 13-7.



Putnam Valley's Reece Horan swipes 2B in Pride's 11-5 loss to Westchester Cardinals in GHVBL 9U action last Sunday. The Pride won the second game 13-7.



Putnam Valley's Logan Moriarty slides in safely at 3B in 9U Pride's 11-5 loss to Westchester Cardinals last Sunday in GHVBL action. The Pride won the second game 13-7.



# Sports

## Lakeland's Sarsen Bound for Westchester County Hall of Fame



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Okay, so let's start of this week's Direct Rays with an addendum to last weeks. I'm happy to report that due to some fancy 11th-hour angling, Mahopac will be admitting an 8th-grade team through the Mahopac Sports Association's football program in the Taconic Youth Football League for the 2018 fall season.

Originally, several coaches within the program informed me that the 8th-grade team was D.O.A., but they are going to put their best foot forward and try to salvage the season, which is great news. There will still be some tough sledding as the unit is dealing with a number's crunch, but Coach K.J. Koch and MSA football Director Dan Callahan believe this is the best approach for the MSA program.

It doesn't do much to diminish the original point of the column: Football, as we know it in America, is still the greatest game ever invented (IMO), but I'm still very concerned about the future of a game that was once untouchable...

**So people throw the word "Legend" around pretty loosely these days, but I got one for you.**

This past winter I nominated Lakeland field hockey/girls' lax Coach Sharon Sarsen for the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame, and was thrilled to discover that my nomination of the 12-time NYS champion coach was recently accepted by the board of directors. Sarsen, a legendary field hockey coach at Lakeland and three-sport athlete at John Jay Cross-River is the very definition

of the word legend, a full-blown national icon when it comes to field hockey and perhaps the finest coach and motivator in state history, all sports included.

Affectionately known as "Sars", the coach has 617 career wins in 36 years of coaching Lakeland field hockey and has sent numerous players to D-I school and beyond (see team USA Captain Melissa Gonzalez). Additionally, she had 381 wins as girls lacrosse coach (which she has ceded head coaching duties), giving her a total of 998 varsity victories for her career. Lakeland's second win in the upcoming fall field hockey season will be her 1,000th coaching triumph as a coach at Lakeland. Sarsen's field hockey teams have won 12 state titles, including an unprecedented streak of nine in a row. Her lacrosse teams won 10 Section 1 titles before she passed the torch two years ago and now serves as an assistant coach. So when you think of local legends, make sure Sars is on your list. Congrats on the honor, madam; long overdue, indeed...

**As I type this piece on Sunday night,** we are just 56 days away from NY Giants RB Saquan Barkley's first hand off from QB Eli Manning #Stoked, which means we are just 56 days away from unleashing the kind of dynamic beast the Giants have never had in their back field. Barkley and ultra-explosive OBJ lined up together, I'm #DownWithTheSickness!...

**Man, was pitcher Noah Syndergaard** a sight for sore eyes last Friday night in the NY Mets' 4-2 triumph against the Washington Nationals. After a six-plus-week stint on the

disabled list, there's been a ton of talk about the Mets trading Syndergaard (5-1) and/or All-Star P Jacob DeGrom (5-4) before the upcoming July 31 MLB trade deadline to the starting pitching-deprived NY Yankees. The Yankees could win a World Series or two with either Syndergaard, just 25 years old, or DeGrom, 28, in their rotation. Both are Cy Young candidates when healthy, so, for me, there's no discussion about trading either hurler to the Mets' crosstown rival Yankees unless Yankee 2B Gleybor Torres, another top prospect and a catcher is in the

conversation; simple as that. If the Yankees want to assuredly win a World Series or two in the next three years, that's the deal. Personally, I wouldn't trade either pitcher. I'd dump the rest of the lot if I could, starting with Yoenis Cespedes, and leap into the 2019 free agent foray like America's greatest diver, Greg Louganis...

**In closing,** if I were a young baseball lad looking for something to do from August 13-16th, I would strongly consider a four-day workout with the 2018 Section 1 baseball champions from Lakeland High

School. Learning baseball fundamentals of throwing, hitting, pitching, catching, fielding, and base running from guys like Hornet Coaches Casey, McCarthy and Sterlaci, plus the likes of Section 1 Player of the Year Joey Vetrano, Evan Berta, Leo Cummings, Zach Lerman, Eric Portella and the rest of the freshly-minted champs -- while fostering teamwork and self-esteem -- sound like a good deal to me. Four days of drills and game play for youngsters ages 6-12, beginners through intermediate players at Lakeland High School from 9 a.m. to noon for \$115 (includes camper T-shirt). So bring your baseball glove, your bat and some refreshments for what could be a wonderful learning experience for aspiring baseball players.

**Rest in Peace, Aga Rukaj...** taken from us way too soon by a devastatingly vicious and fierce attack from cancer. In my 40+ years of working in the Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Dept., I never met a mom who could coach and love her wonderful kids (Adam & Alysiana), all kids, in fact, on the same incredible level. May she light up the heavenly sidelines like she did the gyms and fields that served as her second home. I will miss you dearly, sunshine!

# Direct Rays

## SOAC Storm Floods Cooperstown, Wins 9U Title

Fresh off its YAC 9U championship a few weeks back, the Shrub Oak Athletic Club's 9U Storm team traveled to Cooperstown, NY, last weekend (7/13-7/15) to play in the 2018 Cooperstown Classic 9U Wood Bat Tournament where the Storm went 4-0 (2-0 in pool play, 2-0 in playoffs) to win the 9U championship. Pool play results included wins over Albany-Colonie Raiders 10-2; South Shore Massachusetts Seadogs 10-3. (Prominent Boston-area club team). Playoff results included



wins over South Shore Massachusetts Seadogs 4-2 and the championship victory over the Swansea (SIBL) All-Stars 8-4. The Storm was led in pitching by Thomas Imperati (2-0, 9IP, 0ER, 12K's), Louie Vernagallo and Nicholas Santobello each went 1-0. Vincent Lugo had 5IP with a save and 0.00 ERA. Hitting wise the Storm was led by Kevin Gordon (8 for 8, 1HR & 5 RBI), Nicholas Santobello (5 for 8, 7 RBI) and Imperati (6 for 10, 6 RBI). Co-MVP's were: Thomas Imperati & Kevin Gordon. The Storm will now continue to focus on its GHVBL season and are currently 19-0 in summer action (GHVBL & Tournaments). Members include: Louie Vernagallo, Ryan Hogan, Matt Clyman, Nicholas Santobello, Thomas Imperati, Vincent Lugo, Max Selinger, Michael Zumatto, Joseph LaPeruta, CJ Simone, Jake Bruno, Michael Lucia & Kevin Gordon; plus Coaches Lou Vernagallo, Anthony LaPeruta, Joe Lucia and Ron Santobello.

## Shrub Oak Athletic Club Fall Baseball Registration is Open Divisions for Ages 4-12



All new players are welcome  
Registration is online now at  
**[Shruboakac.siplay.com](http://Shruboakac.siplay.com)**



Cost: \$75 (\$30 late fee after 8/12)  
Contact **[Soacbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:Soacbaseball@gmail.com)**  
with any questions.

## Put Valley Crowned Champions at East Coast Panthers Tourney



Potential members of the 2018-19 Putnam Valley High School varsity basketball squad reap the benefits of early-morning workouts by securing the East Coast Panthers elite summer basketball tourney title last Sunday, adding another chip to an already title-filled off-season, which includes tourney titles at Fordham and Ramapo summer camps. Coach Mike McDonnell's Tigers are expected to have another superb season this coming winter and the unit continues to push toward that with a full slate of off-season activity.



# Tradition Starts Here!

## Yorktown Softball Pipeline Rife with Titles, Talent; 14-U, 12-U Bring Home Bacon

Is it any wonder Yorktown High is sitting on back-to-back Section 1 Class AA softball championships?

On Saturday July 7th and Sunday, July 8th, the Yorktown Athletic Club travel softball program hosted its 2nd annual Huskers Heat tourney at Downing Park in 12U and 14U divisions with teams coming from Somers, Eastchester, Chester, Monroe, Moorestown, NJ, Cortland Manor, Yonkers, Brewster and Pelham Bay. The Yorktown 12U and 14U Huskers would each go 3-0 on Saturday to set up elimination games for Sunday when both teams would make it to their respective championship games. The 14U Huskers completed a perfect weekend defeating the Hudson Valley Wildcats by the score of 7-6 winning the 14u division. The 12U Huskers battled til the end, going two extra innings, but finally was defeated by the Monroe Crusaders by the score of 5-4, just one week after taking home the title at the Somers tourney.



14u YAC Huskers Softball team (L-R top): Coach Carl Piehler, Lisa Marie Pasquale, Kelly Jennings, Emily Piehler, Lauren Strauss, Breanna Vo, Leah Cohen, Jaime Cardello, Samantha Longo, Head Coach Lou Salveggi; (L-R bottom): Coach Chau Vo, Ceila Torino, Olivia Salveggi, Hailey Moran, Alana Espinoza



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