



PV Voters to Decide on Bond for Rec. Space

By David Propper

A little more than a year ago, Putnam Valley voters emphatically shot down a proposed bond that would've paid for a state-of-the-art recreation center. That nay vote caught town officials, including Supervisor Sam Oliverio, by an unpleasant surprise.

Now a year later, Oliverio believes that failure was "a blessing in disguise." The town has a better option for a recreational space in town, Oliverio believes, but once again it'll come down to what voters want. That recreational ground is the John V. Mara Hill Camp off of Peekskill Hollow Road, which is 161 acres and is currently owned by the Archdiocese of New York.

"One door closes and another one opens," Oliverio said. "The fact that the rec. center went down was a big disappointment, unfortunately it didn't work, but that's OK because we have this now."



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The Town of Putnam Valley wants to buy John V. Mara Hill Camp off of Peekskill Hollow Road, but needs voter approval to do it. The referendum will be held in November.

The town board unanimously voted last month to approve a referendum in which voters will decide in November if they want to bond the purchase of the land and pay for improvements that'd be for \$2.1 million.

The property has everything residents could hope for, Oliverio said.

The property is equipped with a pool, indoor gym, rock wall, a sports field, zipline course, outdoor basketball courts, numerous trails and several small buildings that could be used for activities like arts and crafts or theater. Currently, the town can use the property as early as May and must be out by Labor Day.

While the cost of the property is just under \$2 million, the town would need additional funds so improvements can also be made. If voters sign off on the bond, the town could purchase the

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Medal of Honor Recipients Get Their Day in Inaugural Parade

By Anna Young

Hundreds of military veterans and service members were greeted with rapturous applause as they marched along the shores of Lake Gleneida in Carmel last Saturday during the state's inaugural Medal of Honor Parade.

Those who attended were filled with pride celebrating the military's finest

members as veterans from all five military branches were represented. Marching bands, vintage cars and various fire departments joined the roughly .8-mile parade route.

Following the ceremony, elected officials gathered on the steps of the

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The Medal of Honor parade was the first of New York State's history and attracted people from across the region.

Denbaum Booted Off GOP Ballot for County Exec.

By David Propper

A Republican primary for county executive might be scrapped after challenger Paul Denbaum, going up against incumbent MaryEllen Odell, was booted from the ballot Monday, although he vowed take his fight to the judicial system in order to be reinstated.

Denbaum, a Kent councilman, originally filed 1,119 signatures on petition sheets to get on the ballot for a GOP primary this fall. Kent resident John Greene, who is the vice-chair of the local Republican committee, which endorsed Odell for reelection, filed objections and specific reasons why some signatures should be tossed. Once an administrative hearing was held at the board of election in Carmel Monday, 178 signatures were thrown out, leaving Denbaum with 941 good signatures and below the 1,000 signature threshold to get on the ballot.

GOP commissioner of the board of elections, Tony Scannapieco, said there were several reasons why some of the signatures Denbaum collected were tossed. Signees weren't registered Republicans, the wrong address or town was written in, or Republicans that

signed for Denbaum had already signed for Odell, Scannapieco said. (Registered Republicans can only sign for one candidate when multiple candidates are seeking the same office.)

Denbaum, starting yesterday (Monday), has three days to file paperwork with the courts to challenge the findings of the board of elections and get back on the ballot.

Denbaum, who was still gathering information about the ruling Monday evening, said in an interview he has every intention to fight the board of election's actions in court. He stressed the board of elections only tossed him on technicalities.

"I plan on going forward and challenging their decision in court," Denbaum said. "They have looked at technicalities, at administrative mistakes, at silliness trying to get me kicked out."

Odell's campaign reserved comment for now, considering there could be a legal fight upcoming. Odell's campaign, which included help from the GOP committee, collected 2,302 signatures to easily get on the ballot. Democrat

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County Considers New Position Thru Planning Dept.

By David Propper

In hopes of cultivating more economic development projects in Putnam County, legislators heard the case for a new position through the planning department, though the role that person would assume was ambiguous.

During a personnel committee meeting last Thursday, county lawmakers discussed with two department heads if it was worth expending \$75,000 to hire an outside contractor through the planning department line that could be a liaison between local municipalities and businesses interested in the county.

Personnel director Paul Eldridge said in the 2018 budget, the county set aside money for business development. He's worked with planning commissioner Sandra Fusco and County Executive MaryEllen Odell to craft a job description in order to find a person that can help the county's economic growth.

From their discussions, Eldridge said the proposed outside contractor would "shepherd" infrastructure projects along so they don't stall by talking with and bringing all stakeholders along.

"There are items on the table, but they're not fully where they need to be," Eldridge said.

Describing the position as a "community director," Fusco said the person would



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Planning commissioner Sandra Fusco said the county should hire an outside contractor meant to help along economic development.

be a liaison for municipalities that need assistance. She said marketing and sales would be two skills paramount.

Fusco said, "We need help."

Legislator Paul Jonke said the job Eldridge and Fusco is describing sounds similar to what the president of the Economic Development Corporation, Jill Varricchio, does.

Jonke also wanted an example how the person would help with the massive Village of Brewster revitalization project. Fusco replied she'd want the person to do a little of what she currently does, including grant submittals that local municipalities can apply for.

"So this would be an assistant then, for you," Jonke asked. Fusco said that would not be the case and more like a community developer that assists the towns.

"It's not just the county, it's specific communities," she said, later adding. "There's just so much, and so many hours in the day."

Legislator Neal Sullivan added he thought the position was more in line with a project manager that would require an engineering degree, but Fusco said an engineering background would not be necessary.

Legislator and personnel committee chairwoman Ginny Nacerino said besides the person having marketing skills, it appears the person would need an understanding of construction and infrastructure to help make projects a reality. She said the qualifications on the job description need to be more concise.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt, talking for herself, took Fusco to task over the proposal. She said she believes the position isn't necessary and



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Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt voiced displeasure with the new proposed position.

the county was trying to treat the towns like "children." She questioned if the person would try to lobby town boards to favor developments and called it a "supreme waste of money."

Additionally, Eckardt said she doesn't think the towns and businesses that want

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Three County Exec. Candidates Seek CON. Line

By David Propper

All three candidates for Putnam County Executive will be vying for the Conservative Party line this September in a primary that could have crucial implications going into the general election.

Although County Executive MaryEllen Odell clinched the endorsement of the county's Conservative Party in May, challengers Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum and Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming are seeking the line after an opportunity to ballot was filed with the Board of Elections. Denbaum, a Republican, and Fleming, a Democrat, would need Conservative Party members to write their name in to snag the line from Odell. Odell would just need Conservative Party members to circle her name in on the ballot.

Fleming called herself the only "true fiscal conservative" for the county office. She noted the Kent Conservative Party has endorsed her twice in elections for supervisor and during her three terms in office she has yet to raise taxes.

"Voters who are concerned about how their hard-earned dollars are spent know that it's time for change in Putnam," Fleming said in a statement. "It's time to

shut down the Odell spending machine. As County Executive, I will do just that."

Fleming also charged that Conservative Party members received a pre-recorded robocall instructing them not to sign an opportunity to ballot petition. Fleming called the move, "disgraceful, outrageous and an insult to Conservative voters who can think for themselves."

Denbaum said he was also going for the Conservative line in September, touting himself as someone committed to low taxes and limited government. He was endorsed twice by the Kent Conservative committee when he ran for town board.

"My understanding is conservatives want politicians that won't raise their taxes," Denbaum said. "And (Odell) has raised their taxes over and over again."

While Denbaum and Fleming have similar fiscal voting records on the Kent town board, Denbaum said he is more socially and culturally conservative compared to Fleming, who he called a "liberal."

Odell was unanimously selected by the local Conservative executive committee in May to represent the line in November. She's emphasized as county executive that she hasn't busted the New York State 2-percent tax cap while eliminating all

short-term debt held and reducing a portion of the long-term debt held by the county.

Conservative Party leadership dismissed Fleming's complaint about the robocall in a press release sent out by the Odell campaign. Conservative committee chairman James Maxwell reiterated Odell is the party's pick.

"The executive committee voted for her unanimously during our caucus and we advocate for the members of our party to support her as well," Maxwell said in a statement. "MaryEllen has proven herself entirely capable of running the county in these past seven years."

Kent Conservative chairwoman

Michelle Sclafani also voiced strong support for Odell in a statement.

"County Executive MaryEllen Odell shares our values and our core beliefs," said Sclafani. "She has fought against corruption, increased the government's transparency and saved the county thousands of dollars from Medicaid fraud."

Odell said she was proud of her fiscal record as the county's top leader.

"We have worked hard to keep Putnam County's finances fiscally sound while maintaining our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and balancing our social responsibility to the residents," Odell said in a statement.

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Maureen Fleming's campaign collected more than 1,900.

Fleming said that even though Denbaum is currently off the ballot, the number of Republicans that signed Denbaum's petition sheet indicates

"dissatisfaction" among Republicans with Odell.

Scannapieco said he believes any judge will uphold the board of election's decision if Denbaum goes to court.

"I'm confident, but I never know what judges are going to say," Scannapieco said.

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massive parcel by December and begin the mechanics of opening the property up to residents year round. The town would have to create another road to enter the property, since the current roadway is too narrow for coming and going traffic, but Oliverio said there is a route already determined.

Currently, the town pays the Archdiocese \$75,000 to lease the land for summer camp, but if the town doesn't end up buying the property, it'll be bumped up to \$85,000 yearly, Oliverio said.

For years, the town kept asking the Archdiocese if they could buy the property, but the two sides couldn't agree on a price. Once the church did an appraisal of the property, the two sides reached the \$1.9 million price tag, Oliverio said.

Oliverio added whatever profit is gained from the annual summer camp will go back into the property to improve the land and continually expand offerings if the town owns it.

Oliverio firmly believes everything that was lacking with the proposed recreation center last year is fulfilled on this property, most notably the pool. By offering a vote this year, Oliverio believes the town won't be considered bullies after residents forced a referendum last year.

"Everything that they complained about

we're countering with this," Oliverio said. "This is much more."

Critics of the proposed recreation center last year were able to sink it in a stinging rebuke of Oliverio's agenda. Leading the charge was resident Patty Villanova, who passionately campaigned against the close to \$4 million recreation center.

Villanova, who fancies herself a taxpayer advocate, said she's keeping an open mind toward this year's proposal, but doesn't want to see the land possibly turned into homes, stressing it would result in a tax increase.

"I would rather have a park any day," she said.

While Villanova is pleased the town approved a vote after residents collected signatures last year forcing a vote, she questioned how much renovations might cost since some buildings on the property aren't winter proof. She said the town board must be honest about the costs associated with the property, contending the board could stash away money into the parks and recreation department without approval.

"I could see this being a money pit," Villanova said. "The potential to spend a fortune is turning me off from this."

The town is planning several tours of the property so residents can get an in-depth look and will open the pool on



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weekends for swimming.

There was a forum last weekend about the project hosted by the parks and recreation department. Parks director Frank DiMarco said this current proposal is different and more "clear cut" from the recreation center offered last year.

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi, who supports the bond, said the camp would be a long overdue addition to Putnam Valley. If the town acquires the land, she said more funds would be available to afford the bond proposal with no rent owed for summer camp and a current bond about to be paid off.

"Purchasing the camp property will

have no new tax impact on our taxpayers," said Annabi, who fears a developer could purchase the land. She said the town is going to do a better job communicating with residents this year than it did last year when the previous floated bond failed.

Oliverio, who is a lifelong resident of Putnam Valley, considers this the best deal the town has received, citing the parcel as a "super facility."

"If we acquire it, if the people allow us to get it, it will have the town set with their town and recreation needs for all time," Oliverio said.



The property has large fields for different sports.



The parcel has several buildings, including this one that has basketball hoops inside.

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Carmel Town Board At Odds Over Engineering Firm

By David Propper

Carmel town board members clashed with each other last week after Councilman Mike Barile once again pushed to terminate a contract with the engineering firm used by the town for several years.

Barile made a motion, though it went nowhere, to end the contract with the engineering consultant the town uses, J. Robert Folchetti and Associates (JRFA). Supervisor Kenny Schmitt seconded and voted to end it, but Councilpersons Suzi McDonough, Jonathan Schneider and John Lupinacci all voted to keep JRFA in place. Barile then pressed to renegotiate the contract with Folchetti in order to take the exclusivity clause out of the contract that led to butting heads on the town board. He has criticized the contract in the past as being unfair and costly for the town.

‘I don’t think the taxpayers wants us to be nice. I think they want us to save them money and they don’t care how nasty or not nice we have to be.’ - Councilman Mike Barile

Schneider said Barile hasn’t given any reason why the contract with owner of the firm, John Folchetti, should be ended, questioning if any parts of the contract aren’t being honored. He called the action by Barile “regressive,” especially with so many different projects occurring in the town.

Lupinacci pointed out Barile has said Folchetti’s firm is one of the best in the tri-state area. McDonough said if the town board wants to bring in Folchetti to discuss his contract, every outside firm should also be brought in.

“Don’t just single out one person,” McDonough argued. “Bring everybody in.”

Barile sent a letter to the state attorney general’s office and state comptroller’s office a few months ago claiming the contract with Folchetti’s firm did not follow best practices and accused town officials of unethical behavior. He announced during Wednesday’s meeting that the state comptroller’s office notified the town on July 10 that officials would be coming to the town to do an evaluation of internal control from the past fiscal year. He called the upcoming audit “good news” for the taxpayers.

Barile asserted that Folchetti rarely visits town hall, estimating that he comes in once every couple months. Schmitt, who is regularly at town hall, backed up Barile’s claims.

Barile added for \$70,000 so far this year, the firm has never held a meeting with the town and no reports are ever provided to

town officials. Because of the exclusivity clause in his contract, he had netted \$200,000 so far this year, Barile said.

A report should be provided from JRFA to the town board explaining what work he has done, Barile said.

McDonough and Barile quibbled over whether the projects JRFA conducts for the town are over or under budget. When McDonough asked Schmitt if he told Folchetti about coming to town hall more often, Schmitt said that’s not his job because Folchetti is a consultant.

She didn’t like that Folchetti was publicly “bashed” during a public meeting and thinks some town board members are “shooting from the hip.”

“I don’t think the taxpayers wants us to be nice,” Barile replied. “I think they want us to save them money and they don’t care how nasty or not nice we have to be.”

Lupinacci noted it’s not in Folchetti’s contract with the town to hold meetings.

“But it is in his contract to provide basic services which he’s not doing,” Schmitt said.

Folchetti did not return a call seeking comment.

Lupinacci agreed with Barile that Folchetti’s firm should provide a report to the town. Schneider said town departments and outside vendors should all provide more reports to the town board with an eye on increased communication.

Lupinacci pointed out the most recent contract between the town and JRFA was better for the town than the previous two.

“Right, because he was scared of me and lowered his prices,” Barile claimed.



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Cosby also implored attendees to encourage Gov. Andrew Cuomo to sign a bill making July 25 New York State Medal of Honor Day.

While the parade honored all veterans, active service members and the 666 Medal of Honor recipients accredited to New York, Medal of Honor recipients Robert O'Malley and Paul Bucha, who also served as the parades grand marshals, were recognized for their courageous service during the Vietnam War.

O'Malley, a U.S. Marine, received his Medal of Honor in 1966 for his actions as a corporal on Aug. 18, 1965, during Operation Starlite, the first major offensive regimental action during the Vietnam War. Bucha, a former Army captain, received his medal in 1970 for a reconnaissance-in-force mission against

enemy forces near Phuoc Vinh.

Bucha, who was a foreign policy adviser to former President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign, encouraged attendees to not only thank a service member but provide their support and empathy whenever they can.

"Young men and women who wear the uniform of this great country are entitled to all we can do for them," Bucha said. "It's up to us to volunteer."

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell honored both veterans by adding two American flags in their names to the county's Row of Honor along Lake Gleneida.

"Today we honor our nation's first responders," said Odell, who also signed an executive order to keep the Row of Honor in place through November in honor of those who served.

Parade Co-chair Karl Rohde said it was a pleasure seeing veterans appreciated during Saturday's event. He said the parade and festivities gave people a chance to talk to a veteran and thank them.

"This honors all veterans," Rohde said. "Every veteran that served could have done something that earned them a congressional Medal of Honor. It's a team and we're all part of it. You're honoring the Medal of Honor recipients and you're honoring us all."



Medal of Honor recipients Paul Bucha (L) and Robert E. O'Malley (R) with Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell last Saturday.



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Brewster Opposes County Taxi and Limo Comm.

By Neal Rentz

The Brewster Village Board of Trustees is unanimous in its opposition to the creation of a Putnam County taxi and limousine commission.

The county is asking municipalities for their opinions on the possibility of creating a commission.

Mayor James Schoenig said at the July 18 meeting if the county took away Brewster's Taxi and Limousine Commission, the village would lose control over taxi companies that operate with one-year medallions that need to be

renewed and \$36,000 in annual revenue lost from the sale of the medallions. The sale of medallions allows the village to control how many taxis operate in the village, he said. If the county forms its own commission the village would lose that control, he said. "What's that number going to be and how are you going to control it?" if the county created its own commission, he asked rhetorically.

Currently, 36 taxis operate with a medallion in Brewster, Schoenig said.

If a taxi commits a violation in Brewster, the village can give a ticket to the cab

company which employs the violating driver, Schoenig said.

Many of the taxis that operate in the village transport commuters from the Brewster Metro-North station, Schoenig said.

"I'm against giving up our taxi and limousine commission," Schoenig said. All of the other trustees agreed with the mayor.

Trustee Tom Boissonnault said, "We absolutely need to maintain control over taxis in our village."

Under Brewster Village Code the Board of Trustees serves as the taxi and

limousine commissioners.

Southeast Councilman John Lord told Brewster officials at last week's meeting that his Town Board had recently tabled making a decision on whether to endorse the creation of a county commission until members heard from local taxi companies.

The county Legislature has discussed forming a countywide commission on and off for the past couple of years, but local town and village officials across Putnam have been skeptical to give the county control of the taxis and limos in the county.



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The Brewster Village Board of Trustees said they were opposed to the creation of a county taxi and limousine commission at their July 18 meeting.

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Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy

Putnam Valley

By Neal Rentz

Carmel resident Chris Kennedy, director of physical therapy at Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy in Putnam Valley, has had a long career working as a physical therapist in Putnam Valley.

Ivy Rehab is where Kennedy has worked for the past three years but Kennedy said he has actually been working at the Peekskill Hollow Road site for about 15 years. The previous owner sold the business to Ivy Rehab in 2015.

The name Ivy Rehab came about because the two original owners of the corporation graduated from Ivy League universities, Kennedy noted.

"We're one of 124 offices," Kennedy said. While Ivy Rehab currently has offices in the tristate area and the Midwest, the corporation will soon go nationwide, he said.

Aside from his administrative duties Kennedy also does physical therapy at Ivy Rehab. Many services are available at Ivy Rehab, Kennedy noted.

"We do a whole host of different treatments here," he explained. Patients come to Ivy Rehab with a wide variety of issues, including strains, sprains, dizziness, neurologic issues, being out of shape and feeling fatigued.

Patients are often referred to the business through doctors' prescriptions, Kennedy said. But, he explained, under state regulations for up to 10 visits or one month, a prescription is not required.

The staff at Ivy Rehab can help out of shape clients get into an exercise routine and healthy living, Kennedy said. "You



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(L-R:) Dr. Rick Pezzullo, physical therapist; Chris Kennedy, Director of Rehabilitation; Ellie Stairs, Patient Coordinator; Meagan Gallagher, PT Aide; Brigid Reilly, PT Aide.

can give them a path," he said.

Treatments are provided based on a patient's conditions, Kennedy said. Some of the treatments include electrical stimulation, moist heat, hands-on manual therapy, stretching and massage. Patients are also given exercise assignments they will do at home in an effort to prevent recurrences of physical problems that brought them to the facility in the first place, Kennedy said.

In addition, Ivy Rehab provides its patients with "strategies of how to avoid those painful conditions in the future,"

Kennedy said. Some of the strategies include showing patients how to correctly lift objects and shovel snow "and strengthen the muscles so it won't happen again," he said.

Kennedy said he decided to become a physical therapist after previously seeking to be a psychologist. "I really enjoy talking to people, I enjoyed listening, I just want to make people feel better," he said.

Kennedy said he decided to change what he wanted to do for a living because "I'd like to see results a little quicker than say a psychiatrist or a psychologist would," he said.

Being a physical therapist "helps someone emotionally, mentally and also physically at the same time," Kennedy said. "I love it."

Other staff members include Dr. Rick Pezzullo, physical therapist; Mia Azcue, physical therapist; Ellie Stairs, patient coordinator; Meagan Gallagher, PT Aide; and Brigid Reilly, PT Aide.

Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy is located at 21 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Suite 201 in Putnam Valley. For more information, call 845-528-3133 or visit <https://www.ivyrehab.com/location/putnam-valley-ny> or the office's Facebook page.

County Considers New Position Thru Planning Dept.

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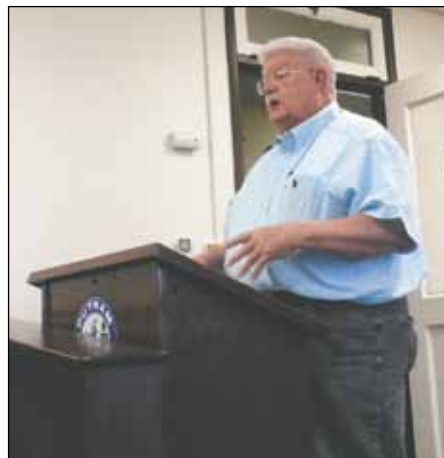
"These are business people," Eckardt said. "These aren't charity cases."

Fusco said there is a void, but when Eckardt asked for an example, Fusco declined to offer one.

"There are so many things, that I don't want to get into that right now," Fusco said.

Bill Nulk, on behalf of the Industrial Development Agency, said in order to boost development, a person is needed to usher businesses through certain intricacies as a result of arcane New York State laws. He noted there are a few major projects coming forward and anyone that could help the IDA would be valued.

Eldridge and Fusco are expected to come back at a later date with more information about the possible new position.



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IDA chairman Bill Nulk said the position should include a person able to navigate arcane state laws regarding IDAs.

"I think we need a clearer picture," Jonke said. "I just need to see where the void is."

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Grand Marshals Selected for Columbus Day Parade

The Italian American Club of Mahopac is proud to announce the names of the 2018 Marshals of the Putnam County Columbus Parade and Festivities. The Grand Marshals are Regina Morini and Michael Simone, and the Honorary Grand Marshals are Salvatore Pascarella and Angelo Pugliesi.

Regina Morini, is a longtime volunteer and dedicated member of the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club, the Lake Mahopac Garden Club, and Eucharistic Minister for St. John the Evangelistic Church. She formerly served on the Board of Trustees of Putnam Hospital Center, Hospice of Westchester and Putnam, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, American Cancer Society and the Mahopac Historical Society. She served as Assistant County Executive and member of the Putnam County Legislature. We are proud to recognize Regina for her achievements and sustained dedication through the years in serving our community.

The second Grand Marshal is Michael Simone, another homegrown talent and valued contributor in our community. Mike is currently the Highway Superintendent for the Town of Carmel, Trustee for the Mahopac Board of Education, Member of the Westchester & Putnam Association of Town Highway Superintendents, Member of the Prevention Council of Putnam and Treasurer for Putnam Community Cares.

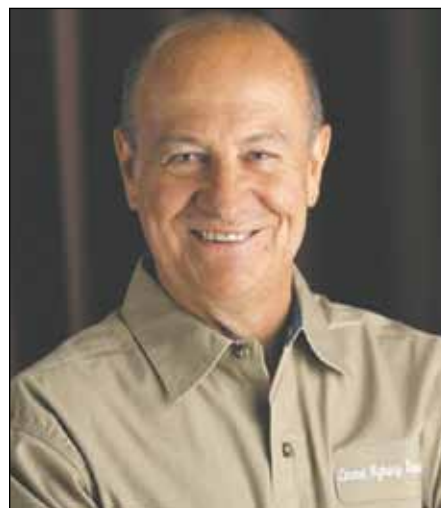


Grand Marshals of the 2018 Putnam County Columbus Parade Regina Morini (left) and Michael Simone.

We are proud to recognize Mike for his commitment to the people and Town of Carmel and for all his volunteer efforts that benefit so many.

Salvatore Pascarella and Angelo Pugliese are long-time members and contributors to the Italian American Club volunteering their time and talents to enhance the club through the years.

In addition, this year the Italian American Citizen's Club of Mahopac will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary. Together with many other families, the Morini and Simone families were instrumental in the formation and construction of the Italian American



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Club of Mahopac beginning in 1928. Besides the Columbus Parade, Dinner Dance and Concert, the club sponsors many events for the community including a Homemade Wine Tasting Competition, Putnam's Got Talent Show, Evening in the Piazza, Bocce Tournaments and many other social and cultural events. Scholarships and benevolent giving are also part of our mission.

Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell has dedicated this year as the "Year of the Volunteer". Since the Italian American Club was constructed and continues to be improved almost entirely through the volunteer efforts of

its members, it is fitting that we honor two descendants of these families, Regina Morini and Mike Simone, who continue to represent the spirit of volunteerism, as they follow in the footsteps of their ancestors.

All the Honorees, including Little Miss Columbus, Laura Deleg, and Miss Columbus Hannah Recine, will be officially installed at the Putnam County Columbus Dinner Dance Gala on Sunday, September 16, at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor at 1:30 p.m. In addition, a special tribute is planned for families of founding members.

Anyone wishing to recognize any or all the Honorees with a congratulatory message in our 90th Anniversary Commemorative Journal, or wishing to attend the Columbus Gala Dinner Dance on September 16, 2018, please visit our website italianamericanclubofmahopac.org or call (845) 628-1641. Journal ads and Dinner Dance tickets can now be purchased online.

The 2018 Putnam County Columbus Festivities Charity is United for the Troops.

This organization's sole purpose is to make life a little better for our brave men and women serving in the U.S. Military abroad by collecting food, money, and good and sending care packages with a taste of home.

Tech Center Summer Campers Get Real

Color wars and archery have their place at summer camp, but campers at Putnam-Northern Westchester's Tech Center are learning real-life skills with an accent on having fun.

During the month of July, area students between the ages of 12 and 15 are taking part in the Tech Center's unique mini-camps on BOCES' Yorktown campus.

"Our program provides a unique and affordable alternative to the typical day camp experience," said Director of Career & Technical Education Catherine Balestrieri. "Campers learn real-world skills, using hands-on tools and techniques."

This summer's offerings include topics such as animation, sports medicine, culinary fundamentals, 3D printing/laser design, hairstyling, auto mechanics and babysitting boot camp. Mini-camps are led by certified teachers and industry experts.

On a recent summer morning, campers could be found preparing Chinese dishes in



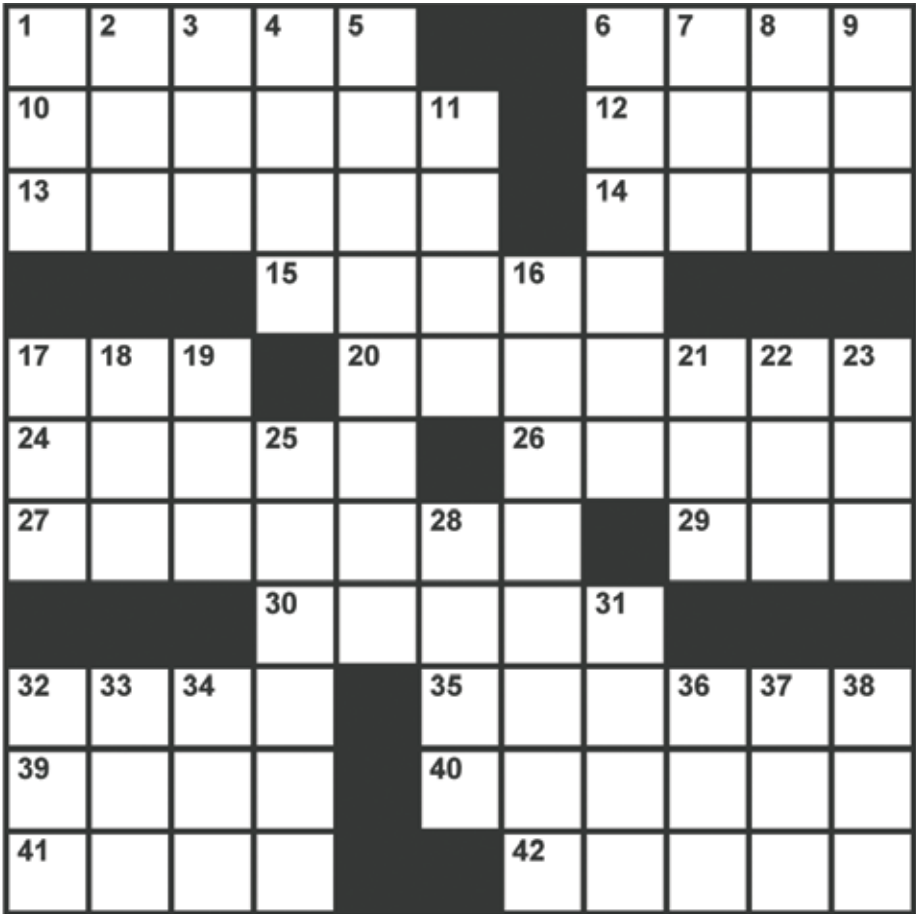
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Campers with their "babies" during Babysitting Boot Camp, a weeklong summer offering at The Tech Center at Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES' Yorktown Campus.



Campers learn about architectural design during a weeklong mini-camp at The Tech Center, on Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES' Yorktown Campus.

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 14

- Across
1. Improvised

6. Cafeteria food

10. Like some rebates

12. River to the Rhine

13. European mountain range or Mahopac home improvement company

14. Pancake maker

15. In a state of readiness

17. As I see it, in texts

20. Science of body structure

24. Crosswise, on deck

26. Notorious hamlet of Vietnam

27. Peekskill funeral home

29. Foreseeing skill, for short

30. Witch's place

32. Factory

35. 2009 James Cameron blockbuster

39. Assist in crime

40. Organic compound

41. Soccer ____

42. Made over
- Down

1. GP grp.

2. Indian cuisine

3. Style-conscious

4. Hodgepodge

5. Common spice

6. High spirits

7. "Well ____-di-dah . . ."

8. Sierra Madre treasure

9. Oomph

11. Düsseldorf denial

16. Stopped by

17. Bond creator, first name

18. Business degree

19. Across, in verse

21. Bullring cheer

22. Spanish for more

23. Peke squeak

25. Pros

28. Bismarck's state, abbr.

31. Clip

32. Favorite uncle

33. Cable TV network

34. Original manufactured item

36. Strauss's "____ und Verklärung"

37. Comes before a J

38. Word with flag or alert

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Big Truck Day, Wall Climbing at Kent Library

Summer began with two fun outdoor events at the Kent Library. On June 16 children and their parents were able to touch, climb on, and enjoy two fire trucks, an ambulance, police car, construction equipment, and well drillers this year's "Big Truck and Community Vehicle Day."

The library would like to thank the many people, including Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, the Kent Highway Department, the Kent Police Department, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Lake Carmel Sanitation District, the Kent Fire Department, the Lake Carmel Fire Department, and the Boyd Artesian Well Company, who helped to make "Big TruckDay" a success.

On June 30, in conjunction with the many other Town of Kent events celebrating Independence Day, visitors to the library climbed a 24 foot Climb Time traveling wall. Many children and the Kent Library's new youth services librarian, Eric Mahollitz, quickly climbed to the top. Many more fun events are planned at the Kent Library for the summer.



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More information can be found at KentLibrary.org.



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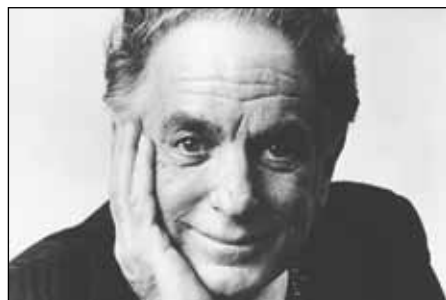
Amram Quintet Returns To Tompkins Corners

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is delighted to welcome back the David Amram Quintet, with Kevin Twigg (drums), Rene Hart (bass), Adam Amram and Elliot Peper (percussionists), on Sunday, August 5 for the Third (mostly) Annual David Amram Concert.

David Amram is a composer, conductor and multi-instrumentalist who has composed more than one hundred orchestral and chamber music works and written many scores for Broadway theater and film, including the classic scores for the films, *Splendor in the Grass* and *The Manchurian Candidate*.

Though now 87 years old and living in Beacon, he is not slowing down a bit. He has been receiving awards and honors world-wide, and recent projects include composing two new commissioned symphonic works, performing at major folk, jazz, classical, spoken word and film festivals, working on his fourth book *David Amram: the Next 80 years* and being documented by film maker Michael Patrick Kelly for a new documentary feature film about his life.

From the 60s until the present, Amram has criss-crossed the world, guest-



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conducting his symphonic and operatic works in Europe and Canada as well as performing with people in every other type of gig imaginable, from playing Farm Aid with Willie Nelson and his band, to festivals and concerts all over the USA, South America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Canada. Now he returns to one of his favorite venues: the Tompkins Corners "Stadium," where he and his family performed in events from live outdoor concerts to holiday pageants with their farm animals in tow.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is housed in a former Methodist Church built in 1891 and on the Federal Register

of Historic Places. The not-for-profit organization has been honored by the Putnam County Historical Society for its creative and adaptive reuse of a historic structure.

This is an all-ages event and children, parents and grandparents are all welcome. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Kids under 12 are free. Tickets are available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3529336> or call 845 528-7280 to reserve seats. For more information email info@tompkinscorners.org.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization located in the historic church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley. Presentations include concerts, play readings, family events, weekly Tai Chi classes, music jams and a local Farmers Market on Friday afternoons all summer long. Check our website at www.tompkinscorners.org or our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/tompkinscorners](https://www.facebook.com/tompkinscorners), or for more information, email info@tompkinscorners.org or leave a message at 845 528-7280.

Garrison Art Offers Abstract Painting Exhibition in August

Garrison Art Center is pleased to present *SOME STORIES . . .* an exhibition of abstract paintings and painted "tapestries" by Melinda Stickney-Gibson. The exhibition will



be on view in the Riverside Galleries from August 11 through September 9.

There will be an opening reception on Saturday, August 11 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m..

Her work involves a diaristic, personal, and often graphic approach: literally incorporating tiny bits of writing from her own journals, favorite fragments of writing by others, and universal words such as "yes", "maybe", "no?", "her", "ummm.....", etc. into her paintings and sculptural pieces. This aspect of the work is absolutely in relationship to her longtime love of the physical act of painting, and her visceral love of the paint itself.

Melinda Stickney-Gibson has been living and working as an artist in New York for over 25 years. In addition to painting, she creates sculptural work incorporating steel, glass, concrete, and wire, often resting on steel wall-mounted ledges, or installed on the floor itself.

Melinda's work has been featured in over 25 solo exhibitions, and she has participated in numerous group exhibitions. In addition, she curated "DIALOGUES" at Kouros Gallery, NY, NY, in 2009, "LINE" at Butters Gallery, Portland, OR, in 2012, curated "DRAWING SOUND" at the Kleinert-James Gallery, Woodstock, NY in August 2017, and curated "TERRA" at the Kleinert-James Gallery, Woodstock, NY in October 2017. Her work has been reviewed in ARTnews, ARTS Magazine,

Left: Melinda Stickney-Gibson, *Losing Larsen*, 2017, oil on linen with steel rod 82x74 and *My Silences*, 2016, oil on canvas 45x49 (right)

Houlihan Lawrence Welcomes New Agents in Yorktown

Zef Camaj, Brokerage Manager, is pleased to welcome Pamela Blecker and Laura Fasciglione to the Houlihan Lawrence team in Yorktown.

Blecker and Fasciglione are full-time real estate agents with 21 years of sales experience between them. In addition, they have both worked for real estate attorneys and in other areas of real estate including working with a luxury home builder and commercial engineering firm.

Blecker earned her SFR designation (Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource), and both Blecker and Fasciglione have worked extensively with individuals involved in complicated "estate" issues, as well as short sales, foreclosures, First-Time Home Buyers, Sellers needing to Up-size or Down-size, as well as investments and flips. They are truly understanding and are compassionate about each real estate transaction's financial and emotional implications. Their clients describe them as knowledgeable, accessible, reliable and fierce negotiators, as well as down-to-earth and approachable. It's clear to see how much they enjoy working together and for their clients... they go above and beyond.

Both Blecker and Fasciglione are licensed Real Estate Salespersons in New York and Connecticut, and can achieve maximum exposure for their client's via three Multiple Listing Systems. They are active members of the Women's Council of Realtors, and are members of the New



York State Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors. Blecker is licensed by the State of New York to teach continuing education for Real Estate licensees.

Blecker is married with two children. Fasciglione is married with three children.

"We're excited to have such dedicated and passionate real estate sales professionals join our Yorktown team," said Camaj, the Yorktown branch manager for Houlihan Lawrence. "Pam and Laura provide exceptional service to all their clients."

Whether you are looking to Sell, Purchase, Flip/Invest or Rent, call/text Blecker at 914-980-2927 and Fasciglione at 914-772-2263 for any of your real estate needs.

Houlihan Lawrence's Yorktown Brokerage serves the towns of Yorktown, Cortlandt, Peekskill, Putnam Valley, Mahopac and Carmel.

REVIEW Magazine, Neoteric Art, Art Ltd. Magazine, and others. Her paintings and works on paper can be found in many private and corporate collections, as well as The Dorsky Museum of Art, and Helen Stambler Neuberger/Neuberger Museum of Art.

She writes,
"These are my paintings.
They make me crazy.
They make me sane.
They're beautiful.
And they're not.
They're autobiographical.
And they're not.
This is all true..."

SOME STORIES . . . will be on view in the Riverside Galleries concurrently with *BassWood Bodies*, wood and ceramic sculptures by Victoria Thorson. Both exhibitions will be on view at Garrison Art Center from August 11 through September 9, 2018.

For all press inquiries and high-resolution images, contact Katie Schmidt Feder: gallery@garrisonartcenter.org

The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about exhibitions and other programs, please visit our website garrisonartcenter.org or call 845.424.3960.

Could it Be? Yes, My 500th Column as The Home Guru

Welcome to this milestone column written for The Examiner over a nearly 10-year period.

Actually, "The Guru" gestated more than 15 years ago, first for the former North County News in Yorktown Heights, as a way to promote the start-up business of a fledgling real estate agent. Let's reminisce about what has transpired for all of us as homeowners during that time and for me as a realtor sharing my observations of the housing industry.

It was the tragedy of 9/11 that prompted me to take a second job as a realtor as an adjunct to my public relations business. As a specialist in fine restaurant promotion, my business had taken a hit, as had upscale restaurants at that time. Also, not knowing how safe travel would be after the terrorist attacks, my wife and I made a conscious decision that I should stay home for a while rather than maintain my hectic coast-to-coast travel schedule.

That decision signaled panic time for me, a stranger in my own town where I spent maybe only 20 percent of my time. In switching gears to make a living locally, I relied on two basic skills I used in public relations: salesmanship and writing. I decided to get into real estate because I



By Bill Primavera

had always had an interest in it and because I could arrange my scheduled around my PR gigs.

I got my real estate license and, at the same time, to promote my practice, I asked The North County News if I could start writing personalized articles about real estate, which I found no one else was doing.

Over the years, The Home Guru developed a life of its own.

Four years ago, when I collected an anthology of my columns from this paper into my book, "Musings of the

Home Guru: Armchair Observations and Advice about Buying, Selling and Fixing Homes, Both Practical and Absurd," Adam Stone, the publisher of Examiner Media, flatteringly wrote in his forward, "When Examiner Media launched The Home Guru column I remember feeling somewhat skeptical that a real estate column could remain vibrant in a community newspaper week after week. Boy was I wrong."

I had every advantage in keeping my columns vibrant week after week, when one considers that my subject matter involves where we are born, where we grow up, fall in love, marry, raise our children, experience great joy and sorrow, grow old

and finally die. It is the very setting for our life's experience, all the while filling one of our basic needs – shelter. How can it not be a constant vibrant component of our lives?

And especially during the past dozen years, our life's major investment has engaged us like never before. If you are old enough like me to have purchased a home, let's say, 30 or even 40 years ago, you experienced some normal ups and downs in the market and the value of your home.

But what you saw in the giddy years of the Great Bubble (2002-2007) and the Great Recession (2007-2009), and the ensuing steady climb, gave you a roller coaster ride that your parents and grandparents hadn't experienced since the Great Depression. Most of us weathered it through together, and I had the opportunity to report on those years, both exultant and desperate, always writing from personal perspective.

Today, the market is a bit slow, owing to the fact that homeowners seem reluctant to list their homes. I discussed at dinner last week with another realtor that I can't figure out why. My friend shared that his experience reveals that the homeowners who decide to list do so not to upgrade, thereby creating a second sale, but rather to move south, resulting in just one local sale.

During these working years, I witnessed great joy, sadness, challenge, opportunity, and yes, even prejudice and

discrimination, despite all the federal, state and local laws in place.

On the joyful side, I have most enjoyed working in the field with young couples buying their first homes. Sadly, I've gone through the deaths of spouses, helping widows and widowers downsize their homes and possessions, trying not to shed tears with them in the process, and sometimes failing.

Time and again, I've shared with my readers that I'm no expert as a handyman in providing maintenance tips around the house, but only a communicator of other artisans' skills. I've met scores of them, some of the greatest and most resourceful men and women on the planet, and they've become my good friends.

Finally, I love it when I'm in town, in a drugstore or in a restaurant and someone I don't know approaches me and tells me that they love my columns. I respond that the pleasure is all mine.

My wife always reminds me to share that my primary job is as a realtor and to ask if I can be of service to them when it comes time to sell their home. So here we go: If you're thinking of buying or selling a home, let me be of service!

Bill Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate. His site is: www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com and his blog is: www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru and his team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

Are Your Wine Preferences Static or in Flux?



By Nick Antonaccio

Here's a quick poll to determine your drinking patterns and preferences compared to the nation as a whole.

1. Which beverages do you prefer?

2. Are you drinking more or

less than five years ago?

3. Have your preferences evolved over those five years?

4. Are you spending the same on a bottle of wine as in the past?

5. Are you drinking the same wine as in the past?

6. Have your sources of wine purchases changed recently?

In researching the data supporting the consensus answers to these questions, I discovered a number of statistics and trends that I'd like to share with you. Measure this data against your responses to the above poll questions.

To place the wine industry and economy in perspective, consider this data:

Wine sales were 341 million cases last year, an increase of 2.7 percent. While this set a record, it represents a decline in growth from the trend of the last 10 years. This seems counterintuitive. After

all, the United States is the leading consumer of wine in the world. Annual wine sales over the last decade have steadily increased at a reasonable pace. Why the shift in growth?

There is a sea change underfoot in the

demographic composition of the United States. The Baby Boomer generation is reaching Social Security-eligible age at the rate of 10,000 per day. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Millennials are reaching legal drinking age at a rapid pace.

As Baby Boomers age, they are consuming less wine and purchasing lower price-point bottles. As Millennials mature, their disposable income isn't growing and they prefer lower price-point wines. These trends do not portend well for the future overall health of the wine industry.

The telling statistic: in 2017, per capita consumption declined for the seventh straight year.

Who is supplying your grape juice fix? There were 9,762 wineries in the United States as of last month. California overwhelmingly leads the pack with 4,425 (45 percent), followed by Washington, Oregon and New York (collectively 20 percent). California is the perennial leader in production as well with 284 million

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Through the
Grapevine*

cases, representing 83 percent of United States wine volume. Again, Washington, Oregon and New York are left in the dust with an aggregate of 31 million cases (10 percent).

The polarization of producers is clear. Just 2 percent of the wineries in the United States produce a whopping 84 percent of the wine. Seen from the opposite perspective, 7,818 wineries each produce less than 5,000 cases per year, including 4,105 producing less than 1,000 cases each.

What are Americans drinking? Wines priced below \$10 sustained overall sales growth for years. This is no longer the case. These wines declined 1.7 percent in 2017. Wines priced above \$10 increased 5.7 percent in the same period.

Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay still lead the pack in consumer popularity. Trending upward are Pinot Noir and red blends. And then there are rosé wines. Seemingly from every wine region. Produced from an ever-increasing number of grape varieties. Sales increased 48 percent last year. Have you been increasing your wine budget for sparkling wines? I have. Sales increased 32 percent last year.

A growing trend in sales is the Direct

to Consumer channel. Fully 10 percent of retail wine sales are now sourced through consumer purchases of offerings shipped directly from wineries. This represents a 15 percent year-over-year growth rate, as consumers increasingly bypass traditional brick and mortar shops. The average price of the 5.8 million cases shipped last year was \$39, significantly higher than the overall average.

Just as the United States economy is experiencing radical change as it evolves in the 21st century, so too the consumer wine economy. Change is moving forward, albeit at a slow pace. But this change is inexorable, fueled by deeply imbedded tectonic shifts in American demographic and wealth profiles.

Where do you sit on the broad wine spectrum as it evolves? Are you stuck in your safe choices or are you stepping outside your comfort zone into the new wine culture? Send me your answers.

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

Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

Tuesday, July 24

Self-Defense & Smoothie Party: 11 a.m., - 1 p.m. Pawling Karate will teach kids some basic self-defense techniques. Then we will make delicious smoothies with nutritionist Allison Stowell of Pawling Hannaford. For ages 8-12. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Nature Brushes, Mark Making and Artist Books at Reed also July, 31, 10 a.m. to noon. Handcraft "paint" brushes from natural materials then compile pages created with natural brushes into a book. Registration required, please call the library to register 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, July 25

Henna: Professional henna artist Margie Nugent will return to the Kent Public Library: 6 p.m. to teach teens about henna. She will decorate each participant! Registration is required. Program is for teens aged 12 and up. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybils Crossing in Kent, off Route 52.

Illusionist: noon - 1 p.m. **Koin illusionist Scott Jameson** for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. For ages 4 and up. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Magic Day: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Do you believe in magic? Learn simple magic tricks to amaze your friends. Then, join us as magician and juggler Scott Jameson leaves all of us spellbound! For ages 8-12. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Christmas In July At The Library: All ages are invited to cool off with a special, albeit 100% seasonally out-of-place story time, singalong, and craft at the Kent Library in addition to other activities. 6:00pm. All attendees will be entered to win an awesome toboggan filled with Christmas books and other goodies! Patrons are encouraged to bring an item or two for the local food pantry during the week of July 25. No registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Family Movie: 4 p.m. Peter Rabbit, Rated PG, running time 95 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, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

The Kent Public Library is offering a

Bollywood Dance Class: for grades 3-5 also Thursday, July 26 at 3 p.m. The class combines artistic elements of Bollywood film choreography with classical Indian dance and hip-hop styles for a dynamic dance experience. Registration is required. Students must be able to attend both sessions. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybils Crossing in Kent, off Route 52.

Thursday, July 26

The Color Course: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Run, jump, and get messy in this obstacle course relay race. Teams will compete for fun awards, but...Be careful! You'll have to evade colorful chalk bombs during the race. For ages 8-12. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Illusionist - Scott Jameson. 4 p.m. Join illusionist, magician and juggler Scott Jameson at Mahopac Library for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and a member of the audience will unlock telekinetic abilities. For families with children ages 4 and up; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Ladies Night Fundraiser for the Putnam County SPCA, Join the fun and bring your friends 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Four Brothers Restaurant, 654 Rt. 6, Mahopac. \$25 per person includes: 1 glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and Hors d'oeuvre Buffet. Music, door prizes and shopping that includes designer handbags, jewelry, art and collectibles at reduced prices. Cash or check only, please. To register & pay ahead of time, please see our website or Facebook page. You may pay at the door that evening (no credit cards). We hope you will support our mission to protect the neglected and abused animals in Putnam County. Thank you! www.spcaputnam.org

Friday, July 27

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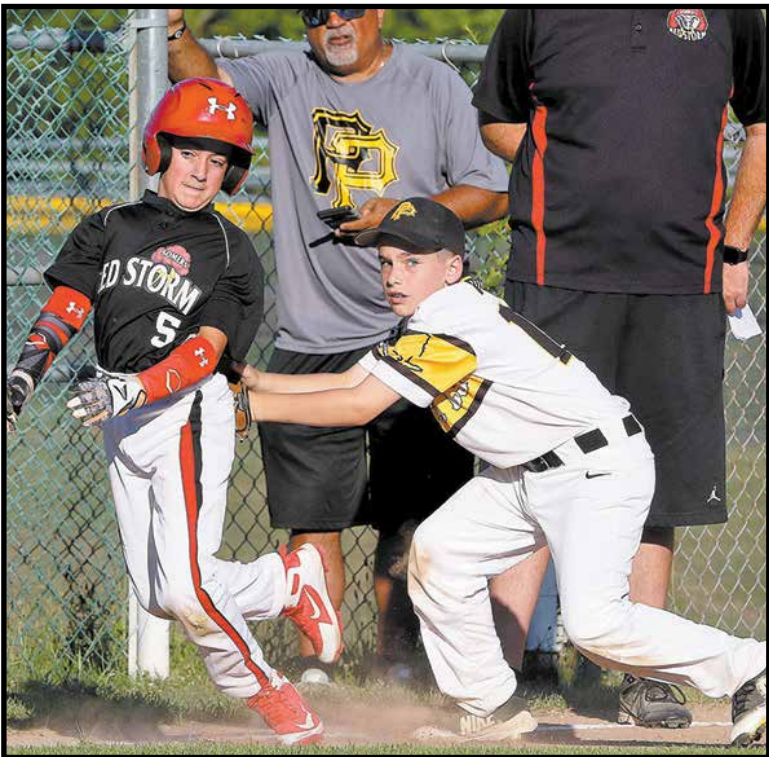
Patterson C Hunter Johnson slaps a tag on Somers IF Andrew Kapica in the Pirates' 3-2 loss to the Red Storm last Wednesday at Peckham Park where Somers' 11-U team improved to 16-2 and clinched first place for the regular season A-Division title of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League. The host Pirates fell to 10-1 in a closely contested game and remain firmly in the mix of contenders for the B-Division title. GHVBL playoffs are set to begin next week on diamonds all across the Hudson Valley, lower Westchester and CT.

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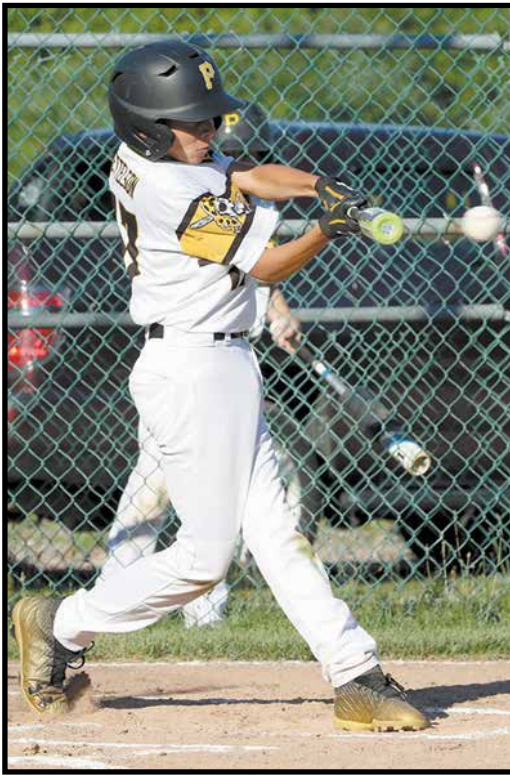
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Somers 3B P. Carino readies to drop tag on Patterson's AJ Quesnel in Red Storm's 3-2 GHVBL 11-U win over Pirates.



Somers' Patrick Bracelin is chased down by Patterson's Michael Paretta in Red Storm's 3-2 win over Pirates last Thursday in GHVBL 11-U action where the Storm improved to 16-2 in the A-Division.

Somers Red Storm 11-U Team Nips Patterson, 3-2, Clinches 1st Place in GHVBL



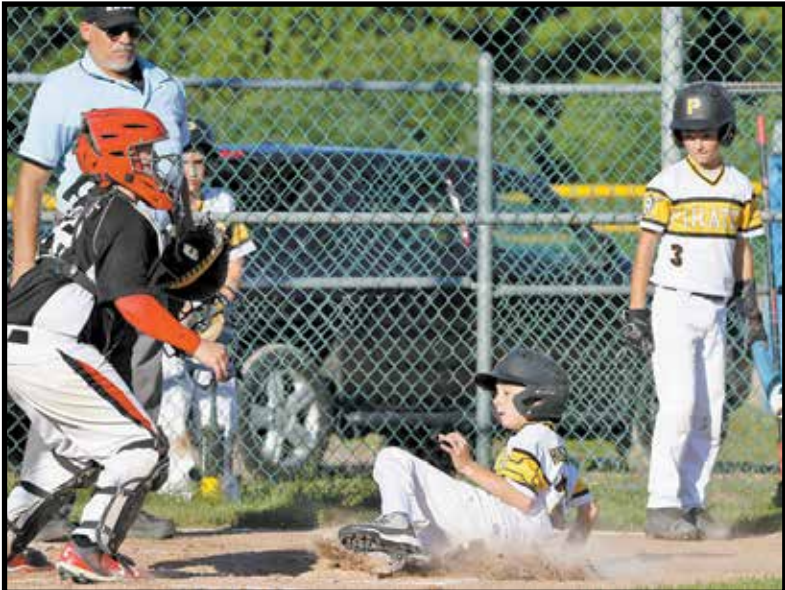
Patterson's Noah Jettelson smacks shot in Pirates' 3-2 loss to Somers in 11U GHVBL action last Wednesday at Peckham Park.



Somers P Patrick Bracelin fired a gem in Red Storm's 3-2 win over Patterson in GHVBL 11-U action last Wednesday.



Somers SS Andrew Kapica slaps tag on Patterson's JT Ercole in Red Storm's 3-2 over Pirates in 11-U GHVBL action last Wednesday.



Somers catcher CJ Griggs awaits throw as Patterson's Hunter Johnson slides in safely in Red Storm's 3-2 GHVBL win over Pirates.

Sports

Week 2 Section 1 Grid Season Could be Wild Ride



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

So we took a quick look at the upcoming Section 1 football season and wonder how I'm going to clone myself in Week 2 to be in no less than four places at once. After a solid Week 1 slate of games, which includes an intriguing border battle between NYS Class A runner-up Yorktown and visiting Walter Panas, plus a statement game for host Mahopac against John Jay EF, the business of Section 1 football really ramps up in Week 2.

In Class AA, Carmel will host Arlington in a mega-battle for early-season leverage in League AA-North between two of the likely frontrunners, should they be able to build upon their 2017 successes. Mahopac, coming off its best season in several years under Coach Dom DeMatteo, will visit the same North Rockland team that ended the Indians 2017 season in the Class AA playoffs and will have to once again contend with bruising RB Jayden Cook, who might be the best back in the section. Good luck with that again!

In Class A, Fox Lane at John Jay CR is a titillating League D matchup in that the Foxes are back in Class A for the first time in many years and the two are big-time rivals in many sports, but I'll be curious to see if the Indians can mend the multitude of losses up front and whether or not they can stop Fox RB Andrew Brown, among the best in the section. The coaching matchup between Jay's Jimmy Clark and

Fox boss Bill Broggy is a fascinating chess match,, too.

Somers will host Rye and nothing need be said when these two perennial powers hook up with their coaching giants – Tusker Tony DeMatteo and Garnet guru Dino Garr – in tow for a non-league doozy between two of Section 1's premier programs.

Lakeland will host Section 1 Class A champion Yorktown in a border battle that could either be very good or very bad for Lakeland, depending on whether they can remotely hang with the League B favorite Huskers. Lourdes will host high-flying Hen Hud in a Class A League B clash, and the Sailor brass have been saying that the 2018 season is one they have been looking forward to since 2014, so we'll know early on if the build-up is as legit as we suspect the QB Manny Carbone to TE Mike Fasolino/RB Jordan Grullon connection to be. All questions about the Sailors will be asked and answered by Week 3 after challenges from Spring Valley, Lourdes and Yorktown.

Runner-up Haldane also hosts reigning champion Tuckahoe in a likely prelude to the Section 1 Class D title tilt, a rematch of epic proportions. Gosh, Week 2 is gonna be a whale of a week...

Back in the day, when he was slinging for the Mahopac Indians, southpaw Chris Erker used to irk the hell out of opposing hitters, dishing high-octane heat and a

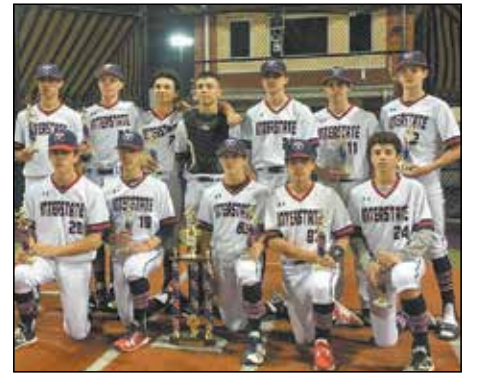
tantalizing deuce that resulted in a sterling All-Section career from 2008-10, including a 7-2 senior campaign with a tidy 0.69 ERA and 78 whiffs over 61 innings pitched. His two losses that year were both 1-0 setbacks, so factor that in when you consider the prospects of sending potential prospects in Erker's direction.

Erker is in the business of developing talent now, serving as a primary leader of the Interstate Baseball program, which is a five-team program ranging from ages 13U to 17U primarily based in Westchester and Putnam County. Interstate is strictly a tournament-based program with the primary goal to play the best competition in the northeast under the guidance of Chris and John Erker.

"For our older teams – the 15-16U's -- the primary goal is to play in front of as many college coaches as possible," Erker admitted, "with the ultimate goal of getting an offer to play college baseball. This year alone we played in front of over 100 college coaches."

Some of the prime destinations this season include, the University of Maryland College Park, Rider University, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Diamond Nation Super 16, Diamond Nation BlueChip Prospects and Rutgers University.

Interstate will also be opening up tryouts this year 10U-12U age groups. Its tryouts will be held at Hudson Valley Stadium in late October for the 2019 season. For



Members of the Interstate Baseball program pose with one of six tournament trophies they've won this summer under guidance of Chris and John Erker.

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I run in to Erker regularly in my men's softball league I run in Putnam Valley, and the guy is just as determined to grow the game now as he was in his heyday...

The NY Mets have taken the 'state of dysfunction' to all-time levels: Between OF Yoenis Cespedes' bizarre one-day return to the lineup; the coddling methods of Manager Mickey Callaway; the bag-of-balls return on reliever Jeury's Familia and P Noah Syndergaard's microcosmic "hand, foot & mouth" disease, the Mets and their brass raised the level of raggedness in one weekend to stages that would take most teams a year to do. Sorry, but the Wilpon ownership needs to end and the organization needs a full-blown enema.

Shrub Oak Blue Storm Splits 10U Double-Dip

The Shrub Oak Blue Storm 10U team split a pair of games with the Mount Pleasant Wildcats last Saturday at Volunteer Field in Hawthorne where the two teams staged an epic day of baseball in an effort to hold on to second place in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League 10-U B-Division. SOAC won 14-9 before falling 4-3 in the nightcap and sits in second place at 14-2 in the super-competitive division.

—Ray Gallagher



Shrub Oak's Grady McGee makes put-out on Nolan Gurney in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.



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Shrub Oak P Nick Santobello fires pitch in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.



Shrub Oak's Steph Cross chugs home in the Blue Storm's 4-3 loss to Mt. Pleasant, with whom SOAC split their double dip in 10-U GHVBL action last Saturday.



Mining for Gold!



Put Valley 8U Miners Clinch 1st Place in GHVBL, Poised for Playoffs

Members of the Putnam Valley Miners 8U baseball team pose after sweeping a double dip from host Yorktown last Saturday afternoon, putting the finishing touches on a 13-3 regular season in Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League where the Miners clinched 1st place in the B-Division. Members of the team include Nick Martinelli, Nick Benedetto, Chris Constantino, Evan Peterson, Matt Quinn, Joey Rocco, Braedon McCarty, KJ Cooke, TJ Ferraguzzi, Alex Annunziato and (not pictured) Gabe Broccolo, John Dimichael and Ethan Tesher. The Miners appear ready to make a run at the upcoming 8U B-Division post-season championship after a stellar regular season.