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Residents Blast Southeast Logistics Center Plan

By Neal Rentz

A proposal to construct a large logistics center off Route 312 was nearly unanimously criticized by residents during the July 23 Southeast Planning Board meeting.

Northeast Interstate Logistics is seeking town board and planning board approvals for its proposed 100,000 million square foot center on a roughly 328-acre site.

The project, which would essentially be a distribution center, located between Route 312 and Pugsley Road, needs the town board to include the use of a logistics center into the zoning code that the zoning code doesn't currently address. There would be four buildings on the land once it's developed with the closest warehouse 950 feet from Route 312.

Dan Richmond, an attorney representing the developer, Putnam Seaberry, said during last week's planning board hearing his client has received town



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Residents packed Southeast Town Hall on July 23 for the Planning Board public hearing on the proposal to construct a large logistics center off Route 312.

approvals for a mixed used developer on the property, which would include the construction of 143 homes. The developer has the right to create the mixed-use development through 2020, he noted.

Barrett Road would need to be privatized and the town would need to send a letter to the state department of transportation requesting Pugsley Road be an access highway support, Richmond said.

Richmond said the project would result in 818 jobs during the construction phase and 900 jobs during the operation of the facility. Once the center is in full operation, it would result in \$90 million a year in economic input, Richmond claimed, while not resulting in any school children or major water demands. There would be about \$2 million of new taxes generated over 10 years if the project

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Denbaum Files Legal Action Against Elections Board

By David Propper

After being tossed off the ballot last week, Republican candidate for Putnam County executive Paul Denbaum is taking his fight to the legal system in hopes of being reinstated on the ballot.

Denbaum filed the expected legal action against both board of elections commissioners, and the Odell campaign, arguing that the elections commissioners erred in invalidating many of his signatures and there are enough eligible Republican signatures to remain on the ballot.

Denbaum is seeking a GOP primary against incumbent MaryEllen Odell set for September if he can get back on the ballot. Currently, Denbaum is 59 signatures short of having at least the 1,000 Republican signatures necessary.

The board of elections booted Denbaum because signatures he collected either included an illegible address, illegible signatures, signatures didn't match, the signature line contained the incorrect town, or the residence address was incomplete. Some signatures were also tossed because the signer used a print style, instead of cursive.

The legal brief filed by Denbaum argued the objections by GOP committee

vice-char John Greene should not have been granted by the board of elections commissioners Tony Scannapieco and Cathy Croft.

"If successful in their effort to remove Petitioner (Denbaum) from the ballot, the Objector (Greene) and the Putnam County Board of Elections will have stripped hundreds of voters of their constitutional rights to free speech and association by seeking to invalidate actual signatures of Registered Republicans," Denbaum wrote. "The Court should refute this effort and allow to stand the over 1,000 valid Registered Republican signatures designating the Petitioner for Office."

Denbaum also argued the board of elections failed to provide him with "meaningful notice" when it conducted an administrative review of Greene's objections on July 23. He said the board received specific objections from Greene around 9 a.m. and held a review five-and a-half hours after receiving those objections. Denbaum wrote he was told of the hearing about an hour before it began and he didn't receive the type of objections filed until the administrative

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Two Cornell Coop. Exec. Directors Honored At 4-H Fair

By David Propper

With close to 90 years of service combined, two Cornell Cooperative Extension executive directors stepping away this year were both honored last weekend during Putnam County's annual 4-H Fair.

Putnam Cornell Coop. executive director Marjorie Keith, who is retiring

by the end of the year, and the former director of the Ulster County Cornell Coop., Lydia Reidy, who has Putnam roots, were both recognized for their years of services and dedication to the non-profit that focuses on educational programs and events, including one of

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

From left to right: Former Ulster County Cornell Coop. exec. director Lydia Reidy, David Amram, who plays the piccolo each year, Putnam Cornell Coop. exec. director Marjorie Keith, and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne at last weekend's 4-H Fair.

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were to come to fruition, Richmond said, including if Northeast Interstate Logistics received tax benefits from the Industrial Development Agency.

"We have very low demand on municipal services," Richmond said.

More than 80 percent of the parcel, 264 acres, would remain open space, Richmond said.

To accommodate site related traffic, Rich Pearson of JMC Site Development Consultants said the town could mitigate it by creating a roundabout at Route 312 and Puglsey Road. Other signal and lane use improvements at the Interstate 84 ramps, he said.

Planning board chairman Tom LaPerch said the popery was going to be developed in some form. "Something is coming there at some point," he said.

But town residents overwhelmingly said they opposed the project at last week's public hearing.

Resident Paul Kenny said one of his concerns with the project would be truck traffic that would go through the area. More than 500 truck trips could be made daily to the proposed facility, he said.

Kenny also said he was also concerned about potential pollution of local well water.

Resident Susan Newman said she



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Dan Richmond, an attorney representing the developer seeking to construct a logics center off Route 312, spoke at the July 23 Southeast Planning Board public hearing.

moved to Putnam County in 1979 for its natural beauty and the project would threaten that. Newman told the planning board, "I urge you stop any further approvals on this project," she said.

Newman said the proposed development would have trucks regularly traveling down Route 312. Driving near trucks was a reason why, "I left New York City," she said.

Any property tax benefits to the areas and school district many years to realize, Newman said, adding property owners would only see a small reduction in their taxes.

If the proposal is approved it "may force me and my family to seek another community in which to live," Newman said.

Another resident, Samantha Jacobs, said she was concerned about what items would be stored at the site. "What are non-hazardous goods," she asked. There was no reply from the developer's representatives.

Though the overwhelming majority of speakers opposed the project, two speakers expressed their support. "This is a good use for the property," resident Marilyn Miller said. Neighboring residents would be "against anything going in," she said. One of the positive aspects of the project would be that 80 percent of the land would be preserved as open space, she said. Having homes built on the property would generate additional school children and traffic, she said.

Another project supporter at last week's public hearing was Brian Gates, senior vice president of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, based in Goshen. The project would generate jobs for Putnam County and be

positive for the area, he said. The center would be used by Internet companies, Gates said. "E-commerce is here to stay," he said.

Despite calls from several residents to keep the oral portion of the public hearing open for another meeting, the planning board voted 5-2 to close the oral public hearing with members David Rush and Daniel Armstrong voting "no."

Written comments on the project will be accepted through Aug. 31.

The planning board has a scheduled a meeting to discuss the proposal among itself on Aug. 27.

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Scuccimarra Applies Pressure to Other Lawmakers Over T-21

By David Propper

In hopes of raising the age to purchase tobacco and vaping products in Putnam County to 21, but short on votes, Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra publicly implored her colleagues to get on board with legislation she believes will save lives.

Holding a press conference last Wednesday with a wide range of stakeholders that want to see the legislation pass, Scuccimarra said permitting residents only 21 years or older to buy tobacco and vaping products will help minimize the amount of youth smoking that is occurring in the county. In order for the proposal to become law, at least six of the nine legislators need to support it. Currently, the minimum age to buy tobacco or vaping products is 18.

The possible ordinance has been referred to as T-21 across the region.

"We are facing a real epidemic with vaping and cigarettes and unfortunately it's in our schools, it's in our everyday life," Scuccimarra, a Republican, said. "Every family has been impacted by tobacco in some way."

Scuccimarra received backing from County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who said the county has "walked the talk" to fight against addiction. She said vaping has become "frightening, overwhelming, and an incredibly powerful force within this county."

Odell foresees "spirited" debate in the next few weeks leading up to a vote, but noted other county executives, both Democrats and Republicans, have fought to raise the age.

Scuccimarra also noted four of the six school superintendents in Putnam have conveyed their support for the legislation, with the other two unavailable to comment due to vacation.

Putnam Valley school chief Dr. Frances Wills said during the press conference this proposal is "an answer to our prayers." She said students are vaping at a breakneck rate within the school system.

Acting health commissioner Michael

Nesheiwat said passing this legislation is doing "what's right for the people of Putnam County." American Cancer Society governmental director Julie Hart added 75 percent of residents live in a part of the state where the age to buy tobacco is now 21. About 96 percent of smokers pick up their first cigarette before the age of 21, she cited.

"If we can, by policy, take one action to significantly reduce that number we owe it to our kids to do that," Hart said, noting 16 percent of residents in Putnam still smoke.

Caitlin O'Brien, the government relations director for the American Heart Association, stressed the proposed law would be effective. Younger adults will have a harder time getting tobacco products because they typically depend on friends a few years older than them to buy the products for them, she said.

"A 14-year-old or 15-year-old is far more likely to interact with an 18-year-old than they are a 21-year-old," O'Brien said. "So if we raise the age, we're essentially delaying and ultimately preventing the initiation."

Vaping products can also contain the same amount of nicotine, O'Brien said.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, who was at the press conference, said in an interview she supports raising the age because schools are struggling to contain the amount of vaping among students.

"Kids are becoming addicted like crazy to vaping and nicotine," Sayegh, a mother of three, said. "Somebody's got to stand up for our kids because they really don't know what they're doing at this point in their lives. They're young."

But while those speakers highlighted how helpful the legislation could be, most county lawmakers aren't as enthusiastic. Currently, only three lawmakers--Scuccimarra, Sayegh and Carl Albano--want the legislation passed. During committee meetings, it's been difficult for Scuccimarra to garner support from other lawmakers, who fear bumping the age up will hurt local business and question how effective the proposal



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A coalition of stakeholders want to see the age to buy tobacco and vaping products in Putnam to be bumped to 21 years, including three legislators and County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

would even be. Opponents also argue 18 years is old enough for a person to decide whether or not to smoke, considering they can vote and serve in the military.

In an interview, Scuccimarra rebutted by saying the military is even considering only allowing soldiers 21 years or older to use and buy tobacco.

Undeterred, Scuccimarra vowed to

bring the proposal forward at a full meeting in September and is optimistic the rest of the legislators, all Republicans, will do a "turnaround."

"I have faith in my fellow legislators that when they see this support that I have here and they read a little more," Scuccimarra said. "they'll change their minds."

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Maloney Faces Legal Challenge of Running for Two Offices

By David Propper

The legal question whether Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney can seek two offices simultaneously could be answered after a group of residents filed a lawsuit against the Democrat last week.

The lawsuit claims that Maloney can't seek office for both New York State attorney general and the 18th congressional district. The legal action, filed in state Supreme Court in Albany, is demanding he be removed from the ballot for either or both races due to the "conflicting nature and incompatibility" of the two offices.

After former attorney general Eric Schneiderman stepped down earlier this year, Maloney jumped into the race and will be going up against three other Democratic candidates in a September primary. If he wins the Democratic primary, he'll run in the general election for attorney general and another Democrat from the 18th district will have to step up to run for the congressional seat. If he loses the primary, he would run

for his congressional seat.

The state Board of Elections will review Maloney's nominating petitions for attorney general on Aug. 8. If Maloney is ruled against, he has three days to bring forward a legal challenge.

According to the New York Daily News, Maloney filed paperwork last Friday in state Supreme Court in Westchester County calling on the court to reverse the state Board of Elections decision if it goes against him.

In the case against Maloney, elections attorney John Ciampoli, cited in the legal brief that the courts previously ruled a woman in 1999 could not run for both a Suffolk County committee and judge at the same time because the two seats were incompatible.

The Republican running against Maloney for the congressional seat, Jimmy O'Donnell once again slammed Maloney for having an eye on two offices at once. O'Donnell, an Orange County legislator, believes Maloney's actions are illegal and is one of the petitioners attached to the

lawsuit.

"Sean Maloney is busy doing Attorney General commercials and debates while the residents of the 18th congressional district are stuck in limbo," O'Donnell said in a statement. "It's not just illegal, it's unethical and insulting; the residents of this district shouldn't be anyone's consolation prize. That he would even

attempt this shows just how little respect he has for the people of the Hudson Valley."

Maloney's campaign has previously claimed that he was on solid legal ground running for attorney general while also holding onto his nomination for the congressional seat until at least September.

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hearing was already underway.

"As a result Petitioner was and is prejudiced by the fact that he was unable to attend the Administrative Review or send a representative, unable to review the objections prior to the Administrative Review," Denbaum wrote.

In an interview, Denbaum said he was "very confident" on several of the legal issues he's brought forward. He argued case law shows that if a person prints, instead of signs, their name, the signature should count.

"There is no doubt these are registered Republicans who signed," Denbaum said. "And they choose to use a print style instead of a cursive style."

Additionally, another batch of signatures were thrown out only because an address was missing a word on the street name. For instance, Denbaum said some signees wrote Sparrow Road instead of Sparrow Ridge Road, which resulted in the signature being tossed.

"I'm not trying to sneak things in through the back door, I'm talking about honest Republicans voters signing my petition," Denbaum said.

As for the short notice ahead of the hearing, Denbaum said it made it more difficult to get time-sensitive paperwork complete in order to take legal action. He also said if he had more time he would have contemplated filing a motion to stop Scannapieco, the GOP commissioner, from presiding over the board of

elections hearing due to a "conflict of interest" because he is involved in Odell's campaign.

"The guy who's ruling whether my petition signatures are valid is actually in a meeting talking about petition strategy (with Odell)," Denbaum said.

Scannapieco, in an interview, dismissed Denbaum's conflict of interest claim. He stressed as the commissioner for 28 years, he has followed the law throughout his tenure.

"I'm not worried about one disgruntled lawyer this year," Scannapieco said, referring to Denbaum. "I do my job and that's the way it is."

According to state election law, signers must write in cursive and not print if the signature they have filed with the county board of elections is cursive and a complete address much be filled out, Scannapieco said.

He added the notice would not have made a difference since Denbaum is prohibited from speaking during the hearing. He also received all proper documents in due time that day, Scannapieco said.

A conference with the judge is scheduled for this Wednesday. The board of elections filed paperwork rebutting Denbaum's claims, but the Odell campaign has not.

"The law is the law," Scannapieco said. "That's up to the judge to decide, judges are supposed to interpret the law, not make the law. Case law says it has to be that way and that's the way it is. We go by what the law says we have to do."



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Fleming Calls Lake Access Offer 'Campaign Stunt' by Odell

By David Propper

Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell clashed last week over the county's offer to let Lake Carmel residents use a county facility if their beach is facing closures.

Odell, in a press release sent out last week, announced that Kent residents could use the beach at Veterans Memorial Park, which is located in Kent along Gypsy Trail Road as an alternative when Lake Carmel beaches are closed due to blue-green algae. Fleming, a Democrat, believes the gesture is a "campaign stunt" since Fleming is running against Odell, a Republican, for county executive.

"There have been requests from Kent residents to have access to the county beach," said Odell in the press release. "While this solution does not remedy the blue-green algae issue, it provides the residents access to a lake that is open and ready to be used."

Most Kent officials were originally apprised of the county's offer at last Tuesday's town board meeting when Legislator Toni Addonizio read a letter from Odell. At the time of the announcement, Fleming said three beaches were open and another beach closed was set to be reopened.

Visibly peeved, Fleming asked Addonizio if other county residents not in the Lake Carmel district were receiving the same offer. At that point, deputy parks and recreation commissioner, Chris Ruthven, who is running for Kent town board, said the county was exploring getting more residents to the county park. He mentioned the county and Kent parks department have always had a good relationship.

"We need to see the volume of people we're going to get in and what the influx is," Ruthven said, before other residents are welcomed.

"If they're having a public health issue we're going to try the best we can to help them out," Ruthven said of other towns dealing with blue-green algae closures.

By the weekend, it was announced Lake Tonetta residents, of Southeast, could also use the county park with their town beach pass.

In a statement, Fleming called the lake access originally allowed to only Lake Carmel resident by the county as a "campaign ploy" by Odell. She said Odell was only giving access to Kent residents because that's the town Fleming is supervisor. Other beaches, like Lake Casse, Lake Tonetta and Lake Peekskill have had issues this summer, leading to closures, she said.

"This purported generosity by Odell is nothing but a campaign stunt," Fleming said, adding later. "This move could not be more obvious and heavy-handed."

Fleming called on Odell to open the beach at Veterans Park to any Putnam

resident who had their beach closed and even encourage residents to call the county executive's office for access.

"Blue-green algae has been a County-wide issue for years, and all of our towns struggle with it," Fleming stated. "The County has done precious little to assist. Addressing blue-green algae and other water contamination has largely been has been left to our Towns."

But Odell stood her ground, brushing off Fleming's strong words that the offer from the county was political. She said by

this week, the hope is to allow residents that are facing a beach closure at their town lake to come to the county park.

"I would've expected a thank you," Odell said.

She hopes by welcoming more residents into the park that it'll put Veterans Memorial Park on more residents' radar. Odell also pointed out the county has helped Kent with the blue-green algae issue by providing funds to the town for a study. The health department has helped the towns as much as possible with the

blue-green algae and Odell questioned what other help Fleming would like.

"For seven years I've been providing, not just the Town of Kent, but all the towns, whatever they've ever needed, the county has been a backstop for them," Odell said. "I'm going to continue as county exec. to be there for constituents. This has nothing to do with the campaign, this has everything to do with being in a position as county executive to do the right thing."



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Dem Gubernatorial Forum a One-Candidate Show as Cuomo Bails

By Anna Young

Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Cynthia Nixon stood alone during a candidate's forum held at Manhattanville College in Purchase last Thursday evening after Gov. Andrew Cuomo refused to attend the event.

Hundreds of regional residents packed Reid Castle in hopes of watching Cuomo square off with his Democratic primary challenger but were left disappointed. There were loud boos when it was announced Cuomo wouldn't attend. Organizers said several attempts were made over the last two months to accommodate Cuomo's schedule, even offering to have him speak via Skype, but he declined.

Nixon, whose request to debate Cuomo has gone unanswered for nearly three months, harshly criticized the two-term governor for his decision and stressed the importance of making the voters a priority.

"I am disappointed as you are that Andrew Cuomo has chosen not to show for this debate," Nixon said. "Despite the fact that it's basically happening in his backyard, despite the fact that I know a number of accommodations were offered to him to make it easier for him to show up and I have to say that it says a lot about who he is, how he governs and what



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Democratic gubernatorial primary challenger Cynthia Nixon with forum moderator Amy Siskind at a forum last Thursday at Manhattanville College. Despite repeated attempts to attract Gov. Andrew Cuomo, he failed to show.

obligations he feels he has to voters."

A spokesperson for the governor's campaign said that Cuomo was attending a labor conference in Lake George the night of the forum.

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul and Nixon's running mate Jumaane Williams, a New York City councilmember, also participated in the event sponsored by Indivisible Westchester, Up2Us, Westchester Women's Democratic Alliance, Westchester Black Political Conference, Indivisible New Rochelle, Progressive Women of Pelham and NYCD16 Indivisible.

Nixon spoke for nearly 45 minutes on

various issues and dismissed critics who claim she doesn't have the experience to serve in a political position. The "Sex and the City" actress said her celebrity has given her a platform for nearly two decades to fight for many causes including public education funding, women's health and reproductive rights and LGBTQ rights, specifically same-sex marriage.

"Particularly at this moment in our history and this moment in New York State when we see so much corruption and dysfunction in Albany, it's really important to have people running for office who are not part of the system, who are not taking corporate donations," Nixon said. "We're in a moment in our history where voters are so far ahead of our elected (officials) in terms of the change that they want."

She said she supports the legalization of marijuana, a single-payer healthcare system, transition to renewable energy, justice reform, Black Lives Matter, basic LGBTQ rights, voting reform and the passage of the Liberty Act and Dream Act to ensure the fair and ethical treatment of immigrants.

While she spoke against Common Core education, private prisons, detention facilities, conversion therapy and police brutality, Nixon blasted Cuomo for having elevated the Independent Democratic

Conference (IDC), costing the Democrats a majority in the Senate. He also failed to make women's reproductive rights a priority, stating that women are in a vulnerable position.

"I think this is a case in New York State where Andrew Cuomo has paid a lot of lip service to being a champion of choice, but through his empowerment of the Independent Democratic Conference and the Republicans in the state Senate, he has shown that's his priority instead of codifying Roe v. Wade into law here," Nixon said. "That has been a problem ever since he took office, that he never made it a priority."

If she wins the primary, Nixon said it would send a "shock wave and a thrill of excitement" to the state's Democratic Party and bring a progressive era of politics the party and voters have been "hungry" to see.

"It's a really terrible moment in our country's history but in a place like New York, it's providing us with a tremendous opportunity not only to fight back against the Trump agenda but to be a laboratory for ourselves and for the nation about where this country can go and where this country needs to go," Nixon said. "There are so many things we need to fight for in New York."

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Land in Southeast Could be Converted to Training Facility

By David Propper

Putnam County could be gifted three parcels of land if the county intends to turn the property into a training facility that would be near Tilly Foster Farm.

During a physical services committee meeting last week, deputy county attorney Andrew Negro said the owner wrote a letter of intent to donate 135 acres along Simpson Road if the county agrees to use the land to build and operate a facility that would train first responders and tactical personnel. Right now, the proposal is tentative, but if the county Legislature agrees to move forward with the plan, the county executive administration and the owner would start formal negotiations.

The land is in the Town of Southeast.

Once a donation agreement is drawn up, legislators would need to sign off on it. In the meantime, the county has issued a request for proposal for a public-private partnership for a training facility, Negro said.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra asked why the owner wanted to donate the parcels and if there were problems with the land. Negro replied the owner offered the land about eight years ago, when it was proposed these parcels of land could be turned into a veterans cemetery, but that never transpired.

Legislator and physical services committee chairman Carl Albano said

while large parcels of land seem like "gold mines," the taxes on them and other obligations would make it a wiser decision to unload them.

"It's maybe possible that we just have someone who just wants to do the right thing and has enough on their plate to deal with it," Albano said.

The physical services committee voted unanimously to move the process forward.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt, speaking for herself, questioned if a shooting range would be outdoors because the noise could disturb residents. She also noted the property would come off the tax rolls if the county is given the

large-scale property.

The town would likely have little oversight over the possible county project, Eckardt noted.

"Our residents are very concerned in that area and would like to know what's going on," Eckardt said.

While a couple lawmakers said they weren't sure about the shooting range, Legislator Paul Jonke said speaking with a representative of the owner, the range would be indoors.

"This just the beginning of a dialogue that's going to ensue," Legislator Ginny Nacerino said.

Kesten Joins Child Victims Act Supporter Urging for Bill's Passage

By Anna Young

Democratic Senate candidate Robert Kesten and child abuse survivor Gary Greenberg stood in solidarity last week blasting state officials for their refusal to support the Child Victims Act.

The legislation, which would help child sex abuse survivors seek justice as adults, has been approved in the Democratic-controlled Assembly several times with bipartisan support, including earlier this year; however, it has never come to the Senate floor for a vote.

Greenberg, an outspoken child sex abuse survivor who helped craft the legislation, said Senate Republicans have routinely blocked the bill from being voted on by keeping it in committee year after year.

"One hundred and fifty kids are being abused in the state today and it's disgusting. The Republican Party is more interested in themselves," Greenberg said. "It's not a political issue but Republicans in this state have made it a political issue and if they don't vote on it the only thing we can do is replace the ones who won't vote."

His frustration prompted Greenberg to create a political action committee two years ago to push for passage of the bill. His committee endorses candidates who support the measure in hopes that the Democrats win control of the chamber in November.

During a gathering at the BeanRunner Café in Peekskill last Wednesday, Greenberg announced his support for Kesten in the 40th state Senate District Democratic primary over former county Legislator Peter Harckham. For months, Kesten has urged officials to hold a special session to approve the legislation.

"If we don't take care of people we're not really doing the job that government was intended to do," Kesten said.

The proposed bill eliminates the statute of limitations for prosecuting child sexual abuse crimes and filing civil lawsuits for damages against individuals, public and



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Democratic Senate candidate Robert Kesten, right, appears last week with Gary Greenberg, who helped craft the Child Victims Act. The legislation has passed the Assembly but has yet to come up for a vote in the Senate.

private institutions. The bill would allow for lawsuits to be filed until the victim is 50 years old. Currently, if a child is sexually abused, they have until the age of 23 to seek justice.

The proposed bill also allows for a one-year window for a victim to file a civil claim against their alleged abuser regardless of age, Greenberg said.

Greenberg criticized state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) for failing to push for a vote after sharing his support for the bill two years ago.

"Shame on him," Greenberg said. "He has done nothing to see that the Child Victims Act was passed."

Greenberg also slammed Gov. Andrew Cuomo for not using his influence to bring lawmakers back into session to vote on the law. Greenberg added that he contributed \$15,000 to Cuomo's campaign last year after promises were made the law would reach the floor for a vote.

"What he has done is he's supported

Republicans with the Independent Democratic Conference to allow the Republicans to stay in the majority and every year the Republican Party have kept the Child Victims Act in committee," Greenberg said. "He has a lot of power and he refuses to use it because it doesn't serve his best interests. This governor for the last eight years has only given us lip service."

Kesten stressed the importance of voting in the Nov. 6 election to ensure human rights issues take priority at the

legislative level. He added that money and politics have prevented the Child Victims Act from moving forward. It's a problem only the voters can change, he said.

"It should be a human issue and money gets in the way," Kesten said. "This is about money and power and it's really not about anything else and that's the problem with our system, and as long as we have this unlimited amount of money being poured into a system that teeters in the wrong way, that's a huge problem we'll have to address."

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Letters to the Editor

Carmel BOE Member Thanks Community for Support

On December 19, 2017, members of the Carmel School Board initiated removal proceedings against me for the "high crime" of daring to oppose their \$85.6 million-dollar bond referendum, which was overwhelmingly defeated. If approved, this would have led to a huge tax increase for the residents of our district, which is already amongst the highest taxed in the nation.

I am now pleased to report that their effort to run me off the Carmel School Board has collapsed and failed. This is a victory for the First Amendment and a victory for free speech.

I would like to take this opportunity

to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who supported me as I fought for the overtaxed residents of the Carmel Central School District. Your letters, e-mails, phone calls, and words of encouragement meant so much to me as I fought against these scurrilous and ill-conceived charges. I will always be grateful for this tremendous outpouring of support. I campaigned for the position of School Board Trustee on a promise of fiscal responsibility and to be an advocate for students and citizens of the Carmel School District. I remain fully committed to that objective. I again pledge to those who elected me that I shall not be silenced

or intimidated. I will continue to speak out against unnecessary spending and I will re-double my efforts to keep all taxpayers fully informed of what this School Board is doing with their money.

I would also like to thank the elected officials of our community who had the courage to publicly stand by me during this process. I will always be grateful for your words of support, your encouragement, and for your loyalty.

Finally, a very special word of thanks belongs to my attorney, Mr. Michael Sussman, for waging a strong, vigorous, and successful defense. Throughout this process and at the hearing, he displayed

professionalism, preparedness, and a pleasant demeanor. These are the qualities that every attorney should strive for, especially for one who may find himself facing Mr. Sussman on the opposite side of a legal matter.

For my friends on the Carmel School Board who place a high premium on disclaimers and disclosures, let me just say that the opinions expressed here are mine and mine alone and does not reflect that of any other board member or of the board as a whole.

John C. Curzio II
Stormville

Kent Fireworks Made Possible By Many Contributors

As Supervisor of the Town of Kent I would personally like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful individuals, families and businesses that contributed to this year's spectacular Town of Kent fireworks display over Lake Carmel on June 30- the best display yet! Without the participation of the following and the assistance of Cindy and David Radovich and Putnam County Theater

in the Barn, this magnificent fireworks display would never have happened:

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Thank you, too, to everyone who reached into their pockets, wallets and

pocketbooks and put money in the jars around Kent and Carmel!

Because of all of your generous donations, and the work of Fireworks Extravaganza, the Town of Kent Independence Day fireworks get better every year! Thank you again.

Maureen Fleming
Kent Supervisor

Logistic Center in Southeast Would Bear Numerous Problems

During the July 9 public hearing of the Southeast Planning Board, it was mentioned by Mr. Dan Richman, attorney for Putnam Seabury, that the most traveled part of the road by trucks would be from Pugsley Road to Route 6 and west toward Mahopac. I'd like to know, first, if this is actually the case.

If it is, surely anyone who travels Route 6 in this specific area that bridges Southeast and Carmel would immediately know that this part of the road may be the most congested leg in the region because of its very proximity to two towns and an interstate exit as well as the only route from this side of Southeast/Carmel to

the hospital. In the case of emergency vehicles that need to get through Route 6 traffic where time is of the essence and someone's life hangs in the balance, how can we reconcile that necessity with giant tractor-trailers clogging the roadway at all hours of the day and night?

Route 6 is even more challenged and limited an infrastructure than Route 312. It is already at or beyond full capacity during peak hours. What it could be like with so many added large trucks is truly horrific to contemplate. When there is traffic on the interstate or on 312, Route 6 backs up very quickly. Add to that, the traffic coming west from the village

of Brewster and Danbury or northern Westchester and it is very bad. Accidents are frequent at the intersection of Routes 312 and 6 and that's without giant tractor-trailers complicating the situation. It will cause bottleneck traffic at three points: coming from 312 and turning right; going west from Route 6 past 312; and turning onto 312 from Route 6 going east.

There are also numerous homes along that corridor, both on Tilly Foster Road, Old Route 6, Root Avenue, and farther down on John Simpson Road. If this is a 24-hour operation, noise from trucks all night will be more than problematic and will suppress property values even further

than they currently are in this immediate area. These large diesel trucks will be crossing the bridge that goes directly over the reservoir, a bridge I might add, that would be inordinately difficult to widen. The last time the bridge was expanded, the project took the better part of three years of roadwork, longer than it took to erect one of the new WTC towers.

In addition, nothing whatsoever has been mentioned about the displaced wildlife. With all of the disturbance engendered from both the building of the structures, road alterations, etc., plus once the buildings are operational, the added

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Business
of the Week

Edward F. Carter Funeral Home

Croton and Montrose

By Neal Rentz

Edward Carter, Sr. started his funeral home in Montrose in the 1950's and his son, Edward Jr., took his place.

While the founder and his son are both deceased, the legacy of the founding family is continuing at the Edward F. Carter Funeral Home, which has facilities in Montrose and Croton.

Some of the current staff spoke about the business last week at the Montrose location. Washingtonville resident Michel Trimble is the operations manager; Croton resident Carrie Cooper is the funeral director and Mount Kisco resident Meghan Novak is family service counselor.

Trimble said the Carter Funeral Home opened in the 1950's in Montrose and the second location in Croton opened in the late 1960's. Edward Carter Sr. was a railroad worker when he opened his Montrose funeral home. "He did this on the side," Trimble noted, adding he wound up working at the funeral home full-time. Carter's son, Edward Jr, who later was elected as a Cortlandt councilman, took over the business in the mid-1970's and ran it until the mid-1990's, Trimble noted.

The Montrose and Croton funeral homes are managed by Dignity Memorial. Trimble said he has worked for the funeral home since 2005.

Trimble said his career choice was carrying on a family tradition. "Both my



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Edward F. Carter Funeral Home has locations in Montrose and Croton. Shown above, from the left, are Mount Kisco resident Meghan Novak, family service counselor; Washingtonville resident Michel Trimble, operations manager; and Croton resident Carrie Cooper, funeral director.

parents were funeral directors," he noted. "I followed in the family footsteps."

Cooper took a different career route than Trimble. "I got into the business nine years ago. I was a fine artist," she said.

A variety of services are provided at the Carter Funeral Homes for people of all religious faiths, Cooper said. "We deal with cremations and full burials. We also do prearranged funerals," she said. The

homes also work with families to create monuments that are placed in cemeteries she said. Memorial, traditional and non-traditional services are provided.

Novak works with families on pre-planning for the home's services, which can take place over several years, she said. Families can pay for services via a variety of payment plan options. "They're paying a third party, FDIC-insured trust

company," she explained. "It's an interest-bearing trust." Families who choose to pre-plan agree to a price for services, which never increases. "It makes you immune to inflation," Novak said.

Cooper said one example of a non-traditional funeral service provided by Edward F. Carter was one held at Bear Mountain featuring a live band and a catered meal.

Services are also provided at chapels at Carter's Montrose and Croton locations.

Cooper said the staff at the funeral homes is active in the community. For example, Tremble and Cooper are Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society and the Hen Hud Lion's Club, "We try to reach out to people in our community," Cooper said.

Tremble said the Montrose and Croton funeral homes have been so successful "because of the quality of service that we give, attention to detail that we take for every family. We treat everybody the same no matter if they have a very small, simple memorial service or if they have a traditional big funeral."

There are two locations for Edward F. Carter Funeral Home. The Montrose location is 170 Kings Ferry Rd. For more information, call 914-737-0900 or visit efcarter.com. The Croton location is 41 Grand St. For more information, call 914-271-4882 or visit <https://www.dignitymemorial.com>.

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Crossword Puzzle

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- 1. Clock std.
 - 4. Carried through on
 - 7. Evidence collectors
 - 10. Stadium cheer
 - 11. Lennon's love
 - 12. Granola grain
 - 13. Pop singer DiFranco
 - 14. Indication of a fish on the line
 - 15. Put to the test
 - 16. Evergreens
 - 18. Former actor or Shrub Oak hair salon, _____ Thomas
 - 20. Bearing
 - 22. Type of sword
 - 23. Belgian 20th century painter, Margritte
 - 24. Pet sitting service that rolls off the tongue, Pawsitively _____
 - 26. Often-missed humor
 - 27. When repeated, like some shows
 - 30. Route finder and tracker
 - 31. Nightmare street
 - 33. Disallow
 - 34. Search engine marketing ingredient, for short

- 35. Vacation spot
 - 36. Paternity identifier
 - 37. Fashion first name
 - 38. However, in poetry
 - 39. Starchy tuber
- Down**
- 1. Tennis great, Steffi
 - 2. Salon job, briefly
 - 3. He, she and it, in grammar
 - 4. Period
 - 5. Taken
 - 6. Light, one-horse vehicle
 - 7. Carnival treat
 - 8. French philosopher
 - 9. Suffix with odd
 - 17. Take care of
 - 19. Buck of old baseball
 - 21. Most nasty
 - 22. Brand of allergic reaction treatment
 - 25. Slim girl
 - 28. A Turner
 - 29. Quiz
 - 30. Fed purchasing org.
 - 32. Longtime Chinese leader

Putnam County's 4-H Fair Another Success!



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Kincart, Dill, Cicinelli Named Among America's Best Real Estate Agents

Houlihan Lawrence Yorktown and Brokerage Manager, Zef Camaj would like to congratulate John Kincart, Douglas Dill and Annette Cicinelli, who were named among America's most productive sales associates as a part of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents, the newly issued ranking report produced by REAL Trends and sponsored by Zillow Group. They are now members of the "America's Best Real Estate Agents."

REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents ranks over 12,600 residential real estate professionals solely based on their excellence in real estate sales during calendar year 2017. All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party in order to ensure accuracy and report integrity. "This group of highly successful real estate sales agents represents less than 1 percent of all real estate practitioners in the United States," said Steve Murray, publisher of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents and president of REAL Trends.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales volume in 2017. The individuals ranked in America's Best Real Estate Agents had an average of 73 transaction sides and



John Kincart

an average sales volume of almost \$37 million. This ensures that only the best of the best are included on the prestigious list. "The average residential real estate agent in the United States closed 8.6 transactions in 2016 and had less than \$1.3 million in sales," said Murray.

"To say that John, Douglas, and Annette, are exceptional sales professionals is an understatement. To attain this level of sales is truly outstanding," said Zef Camaj,



Douglas Dill

Brokerage Manager.

"We are obviously pleased and honored to be ranked on this ranking of the country's top residential real estate agents," said John, Douglas and Annette. "It represents the time and effort that we put into each customer that we serve and how much work it takes to build a successful real estate career. The level of sales it takes to qualify makes it a truly special recognition."



Annette Cicinelli

"Our agents consistently lead their markets, which are some of the most competitive in the country," said Chris Meyers, President of Houlihan Lawrence. "We couldn't be prouder to see them receive the national recognition they deserve."

Information on those receiving this recognition can be found online at <http://www.americasbestre.com>.

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people, cars, and noise will combine to displace the animals that are part of this habitat. This wildlife, some of which are endangered, need an uninterrupted corridor so they do not end up as roadkill and cause auto accidents as well.

This developer, Putnam Seabury, has a long history of proposed development with this parcel. More than ten years ago he was given an opportunity that not many developers are offered—to develop the land in such a way as to have minimal impact on the watershed, community, traffic—in short, everything. The project enjoyed approval by the county executive, Bob Bondi, PC Coalition of Open Space, CWCWC, Riverkeeper, et al. Everyone was happy about the project and were ready to stand down and allow the development to move ahead. The proposal was to scale down the 143 moderately priced homes that were being sought by the developer in favor of 50 high-end equestrian properties plus a small retail center and a veterinarian's office. Mr. Bondi even offered to connect riding trails to the Tilly Foster Farm. At that time, the housing market was red-hot, even for luxury properties. Homes were being purchased sight unseen. The five-acre properties would have sold in no time at all. Putnam Seabury would have made a robust profit, the county would have benefitted from

the revenue of horse boarding at the farm, the community would have benefitted in largely preserving the land and their property values would not only be unharmed but would in fact go up.

Putnam Seabury declined to pursue the project as such. The profit margin apparently wasn't healthy enough.

Now they're back with this egregious proposal that will destroy residents' quality of life and cause so many issues for the town, all while not even contributing the paltry amount of taxes the property will generate since the developer is seeking a ten-year deferment under the Pilot program. The developer is threatening the residents to not contest this proposal or they will build the 143 homes already approved. Personally speaking, I'd much rather have the homes and the schoolchildren than the tractor-trailers ruining our air, water, and peace.

I urge my fellow citizens to bring to bear everything they can to prevent this monstrosity from happening in our lovely community. We in Southeast have already borne much of the commercial development that generates tax revenue not for our town but for the county as a whole. It's time for developers to either move on or commit to smart, sustainable, and character-enhancing projects for our community.

Lisa Aurello
Brewster

Putnam Community Service Network Awards – Call for Nominations

Is there someone, a person or an organization, that has taken that extra step, given support when needed, made an impact on you or someone you know? The Putnam Community Service Network (PCSN), an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, would like to recognize them at the PCSN's 33rd Annual Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 3 at 9 a.m. at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill Street, Mahopac.

Award nominations are being sought for individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and/or community services in Putnam County. Award recipients and all of the nominees will be honored at the

PCSN Awards Breakfast. It's a great way to express your appreciation to an individual or organization by nominating them for an award.

The 10 award categories include distinguished service-individual and organization, volunteer service, professional career recognition, excellence in communications, outstanding service, community service networking, public service-individual, youth and advocacy. The deadline for completed applications received is Friday, August 17. Award criteria and the Nomination Form, as well as additional information, may be obtained by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County at 845-278-6738 or online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events.

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Obituaries

John H. Ballantine

John H. Ballantine, of Brewster, died on Friday July 20, at Putnam Hospital Center. He was 64 years old. Born on April 22, 1954 in Mt. Kisco, son of Herbert and Elizabeth (Irving) Ballantine of Brewster. He received his bachelor's degree in graphic design from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1977. On February 7, 1987 he married the love of his life Alexandra Wickser in NYC, NY. John was a graphic designer and owner of Ballantine & Company. He was a very creative person and expressed it through photographs and his designs. John always put his family first. He also had a love for animals and helping them. Mr. Ballantine is not only survived by his wife and parents but also his two sons; Ian and Peter Ballantine of Brewster and his brother; Charles Ballantine and two nieces; Brenna and Marina. A private cremation will be held for Mr. Ballantine. Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster, NY assisted the family with arrangements.

Sandra L. Ostrow

Sandra L. Ostrow of Cold Spring died peacefully on July 22. She was 71. Born on July 23, 1946 in Staten Island to the late Adolph and Clara Ernst Becker. Sandra was a retired Purchasing Agent for Bayley Seton Hospital on Staten Island prior to her retirement. Sandra enjoyed crocheting, visiting lighthouses, her teddy bear collections along with Legos with her grandsons. She is survived by her loving sons,

Eugene Ostrow III and his wife Jennifer of Cold Spring and Thomas Ostrow of Long Island City. Dear Sister Judith O'Donovan and her husband Jeremiah of Pompano Beach, Florida. Cherished grandchildren Jacob Medoff-Ostrow and Alexander Ostrow. Loving Nieces Karen Kavanaugh, Kathleen O'Donovan, Erin Kavanaugh, Rachel and Amanda O'Donovan. Sandra was predeceased by her beloved husband Eugene Ostrow Jr in December 2012.

Harry E. Riehl

Harry E. Riehl, 74, of Mahopac died July 23 surrounded by his loving family at Calvary Hospital. Born October 10, 1943 to the late Harry and Rose Riehl in Yonkers. He went on to marry the love of his life Margaret "Peggy" (Rossbach) on December 28, 1968 and they were blessed with three adoring children Kathryn, Monica and Stephen. Harry attended Marist Hall High School in Cold Spring, where he was a competitive ice hockey player and runner. He then went on to earn his Bachelors Degree in Industrial Engineering from New York University and earned an MBA in Management Information Systems and an MBA in finance from Iona College. During college, Harry was a member of ROTC and went on to proudly serve in The United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corp. He was a proud American, veteran and advocate for all service men and women of the United States military. After serving the military Mr. Riehl worked in

the financial district as an IT specialist until his retirement. Although he took much pride in his work it was his family that gave him the most joy in life. Harry enjoyed working around the house and his proudest accomplishments in life were being a husband, father and grandfather. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion to all his many friends and to his cherished family. Mr. Riehl is survived by his Devoted wife of 50 years Margaret, his three Loving children, Kathryn, his son-in-law Jay, Monica and Stephen. He is also survived by his two beloved brothers Michael his sister-in-law Susan and Thomas and his sister-in-law Eve. As well as being survived by his two Cherished grandchildren who were the light of his life Conner and Brady. Harry will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Meghan McDonnell

Meghan McDonnell of Carmel died peacefully on Tuesday, July 24, with loved ones by her side. Born on May 23, 1987 in Yonkers, she is survived by her loving parents, Janet and John Budnick as well as her younger siblings, John III and Leanne. Meghan shared an abundance of love with her tightly knit extended family and long term boyfriend, Charles Douglas. Meghan expressed a tremendous amount of love and adoration for all animals especially her own fur babies, Spike and Savannah (Savvy the savage kitty.) Beautiful inside and out, Meghan will always be remembered for her spontaneous, loving, kindhearted and thoughtful spirit.

Constance Grindley

Constance "Connie" Grindley a resident of Carmel, and formally of Mt. Kisco, died on July 25, after a brief illness. She and her late husband Frank were the proprietors of Holiday on Wheels in Patterson. She is survived by her children Rick (Pat), Chris (Nancy), Patty (Juan) Calvillo, Cindy (Dean) DeFeo, and Cathy (Perry) Thorwaldson. Also survived by nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, August 11, 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on Fair St. in Carmel.

Helen M. Condon

Helen M. Condon of Carmel has graced this earth for the past 92 years. She was born February 6, 1926 to the late, John and Maryann Licht in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was raised during the great-depression and was part of the greatest generation that worked hard to serve God, Country and Family. On November 9, 1946 she married the love of her life John and together they were blessed with four children; John, Patricia, Mary Ann, Margaret. Helen

was a devoted wife, a loving, mother, grand-mother, great-grandmother, and a friend to many. She has touched the lives of so many throughout her long and blessed life. Ms. Condon truly enjoyed life and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, yet her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. She is survived by her four loving children; John, Patricia, Mary Ann and Margaret. She is also survived by her four grandchild and two great grandchildren all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her beloved husband; John.

Agostino "Gus" Miele

Agostino "Gus" Miele 95 of Mahopac, died peacefully with his loving family by his side on July 27, 2018 in Carmel. Born to the late Francesco and Vincenzina (Pennetta) Miele on October 18, 1922 in Andretta, Italy Agostino lived the early part of his life in Italy, meeting the love of his life Antoinetta "Ann", they were married October 30, 1948 and immigrated to America together, in search of a place to build their lives together and raise a family. They were blessed with two Loving children Frank and Olga. Gus was a proud Italian-American staying true to his Italian heritage gifting a great sense of pride and culture to his family, while being proud to be an American. Like most of his generation Mr. Miele was an extremely hard working devoted family man. He was both the owner and operator of Mahopac Beach, where he was well known and respected in the community, as well as, a distributor and Franchise owner of Coca Cola in all of Putnam County, until his retirement. Although retired, Gus never grew tired of living a busy and fulfilled life he enjoyed gardening, playing tennis and was an avid golf player. Above all of his great accomplishments his family was his pride and joy. Agostino was a Devoted husband, Beloved father and Cherished grandfather and great-grandfather. Gus was blessed with a long, prosperous, fulfilled life and leaves a legacy of love and devotion to his family, friends and community. Mr. Miele is survived by his Devoted wife of 70 years Antoinetta "Ann" as well as his adoring children Frank his daughter in law Jeanette of Carmel, New York and his daughter Olga of Boca Raton Florida. He is also survived by his three cherished grandchildren Kimberly her husband Mathew, Franco his wife Rosa and Kristen, and his eight great-grandchildren Makinsey, Avery, Wyatt, Sadie, Liana, Frankie, Edwin and Jack whom each held a special place in his heart. He is predeceased by his son in law Dr. Norman Katz Olga's late husband as well as his brother Francesco.

Two Cornell Coop. Exec. Directors Honored At 4-H Fair

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the most anticipated fairs in the Lower Hudson Valley each year.

Keith--not one to bask in the spotlight--was lauded by different dignitaries and colleagues that have known her for years.

"It's very special to be honored but as I say the honor doesn't come by just one person doing their work, it's everybody working together," Keith said, highlighting the coworkers and volunteers she works with.

"One of the things when we started the fair, it was started as a community service project as a way of saying thank you to the county for their support of 4-H program and Cooperative Extension," Keith said.

Reidy, who left her job earlier this year, was actually part of Putnam's Cornell Coop. chapter for several years as the program's director. She helped transform the 4-H Fair into the high caliber event it has become, Keith said.

When they worked together from 1979-

89, Reidy said she and Keith had the same thoughts about involving the community more with Cooperative Extension programs and said the two were a "great team." Because of the solid partnership, Reidy said it helped build the 4-H Fair into grander event each year.

Reidy said Keith has put a lot of time and effort into Cornell Coop. She also noted a lot of the people that she worked with 30 years ago are still volunteering, a sign of Keith's leadership.

"My heart was always here," Reidy said, referring to Putnam. "My heart is still here."

Cornell Coop. board of directors Greg Amato stressed Keith put so much work into the organization she's led and called her an "institution."

Legislator Toni Addonizio, who is the legislative liaison to Cornell Coop., called Keith's contributions "indispensible" the past 44 years.

"And we owe her every thanks," Addonizio said.

A Man's Home is His Castle – Especially When it is a Castle

Always a sucker for “special” houses, for many years I had been craning my neck when driving by such a house on Route 6N, just over the Westchester border into Mahopac, Putnam County.

With its stone structure and two-story turrets on each of its four corners, it appeared to be a smaller version of a medieval castle. Each time I passed it, I wondered how something so out of the ordinary came to be. Then, about 20 years ago, I found the answers to my questions in an article that appeared in *The New York Times*.

That was a few years before I became a realtor and little could I know that I would one day be contacted by the owners of this “castle,” asking me to list it for sale. Now representing the “castle” has given me the opportunity to learn more about it.

The current owners, Clizia and Craig Yoe, happened to have saved that article and presented it to me among the materials I requested to support my marketing of the property. The article refreshed my



By Bill Primavera

dimming memory about its history and special features.

The house was built around 1880 by an immigrant from England who had done well in the architectural salvage business. And a number of his salvaged architectural elements were incorporated into its interior. These include carved marble fireplaces, archways framed with pilasters and keystone, leaded glass windows and, on the exterior, yes, gargoyles.

Its history from that point until 1961, when it was purchased by a retired Foreign Service officer is somewhat

vague. But the new owner at that time set out to restore and modernize the structure. She was hampered significantly in 1972 when a spark from the chimney sent the castle up in flames, completely destroying the second floor and smaller third floor, which contained servants' quarters.

Undaunted, its owner set about rebuilding. In a way, the fire presented an opportunity to more thoroughly

modernize the three-bedroom house. What was originally the third floor, is now a spacious attic. The house sits on two level acres and is partially concealed from the road with a thicket of evergreens which the former owner planted when she found that too many curious passersby would stop off, sometimes to have a picnic lunch on the grounds.

The Yoes say that when they were looking for a home in the area, they said they asked their realtor to “show us something special, not cookie-cutter” and the “castle” was the response.

It was a love-at-first-sight situation for the couple, and the only reason they are selling it now is a contemplated move to Europe.

Now the 2,700-square-foot home on two acres is offered to new owners who seek the exceptional living experience. Also on the property is a round stone ice house that can be used for play or storage and a substantial tree house. A contiguous



The “castle,” a nearly 140-year-old house on Route 6N in Mahopac.

one-acre lot is also for sale.

If you want to live in a castle, contact me at 914-522-2076 or at williamjprimavera@gmail.com.

William Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

A Tale of The Lighter Side of Cultural Pride



By Nick Antonaccio

The United States has long been the melting pot of world ethnicities and culture. The mosaic of our country has shifted over the last 400 years from the early Native Indians and colonists to today's vibrant mélange of nationalities from every corner of the globe.

Many of us have a family history of such a mosaic as well. When the waves of immigrants from western Europe came to our shores in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, many settled in self-contained enclaves throughout the United States.

In the mid to late 20th century, the melting pot became much more inclusive, as cultural and religious bonds began to unravel. In many cases, first generation offspring of immigrants became better educated and more affluent, driving them to explore other cultures and ethnic groups. Italians began marrying Irish; English married Germans; and those with eastern and western European backgrounds began marrying those with eastern Asian nationalities.

Today, the mosaic that is America goes beyond neighborhoods and enclaves; it permeates our families. Multiethnic families are becoming more the norm than the exception they were a mere 50 to 60 years ago.

I came of age when the United States was going through a core change – politically, socially, economically and demographically. My Italian parents (I am first-generation American) were a bit taken aback when I brought home Kathy Higgins to meet them. I then became the first in our family to marry outside of our nationality. Many of my friends and relatives followed suit.

These cross-ethnic marriages of Italians and Irish brought about lively conversations around our family dinner tables for many decades. Invariably, we sought to one-up each other with the accomplishments and contributions of our forebears.

A typical back-and-forth:

Me: Italian architecture and engineering are unparalleled, from cathedrals to city planning to vast water systems.

My Irish brother-in-law: An Irishman invented the submarine and

the military tank, both indispensable to modern day warfare.

Me: Vivaldi, Verdi, Rossini composed beautiful pieces that are popular to this day.

My other Irish brother-in-law: But none could fill a stadium like U2.

Me: Italian authors shaped the discourse of worldly matters for centuries, from Boccaccio to Machiavelli.

My Irish sister-in-law: But they couldn't make you laugh or cry like Joyce, Wilder or Yeats.

Me (in a rising tone): Don't you understand? The Italians (Romans) virtually created Western civilization.

My Irish sister-in-law (with rising confidence): Excuse me. The Irish saved civilization. St. Patrick and his monks transcribed much of western Europe's endangered scholarly tomes during the battles of the Dark Ages, preserving centuries of history and academic scholarship.

Me: Alright, top this: wine. Italy produces the finest wines in the world, from Barolo to Brunello. Ireland has no wine.

My brother-in-law: Wine? Who produces a better elixir of the Gods than Guinness? And then there is the nectar of the Gods produced by the Irish wineries in the French Bordeaux region.

Me: What do the Irish have to do with French Bordeaux? You've had one too

many pints.

My brother-in-law (in his best “gotcha” voice): Take a listen. In 1691, a number of Irish escaped political oppression, settling in the Bordeaux region of France. There they became wine merchants, shipping French wines back to Ireland. These wines were served as the beverage of choice at inns throughout the Emerald Isle. Mind you, this was in the time before Guinness changed Irish drinking habits forever.

These merchants then began to invest with locals in wineries. Today there are at least 14 world-class, premier wineries that were founded through Irish initiatives. Ever wonder about several of the names of famous Bordeaux wineries such as Lynch-Bages, Leoville Barton, Phelan Segur or Pichon-Lalande (where a Mr. Burke was a founding partner)?

What do you have to say for yourself?

Me: A tip of my glass to great wine coming from unlikely beginnings.

My brother-in-law: Fine, now pour me another glass of Chianti.

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.



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Soccer Camp: Do you want to learn how to play soccer? Join us August 13-16 at Wells Park in Brewster. 2-5 pm. Boys and girls - Ages 4-13. \$100 per child. Scholarships available. Questions or to register: info@brewsterchurch.com 845-279-2636 www.brewsterchurch.com

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 p.m. 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 or call 845-528-0066.

Ongoing: Mondays: Eat Smart NY: Cooking & Nutrition Class for Kids: Ages 8-12 are invited to join an Eat Smart NY Nutritionist on select Mondays in July at 3 p.m. (July 9, 23, and 30) to learn how to recognize healthy foods, read food labels, cook quick & healthy meals, taste delicious recipes, and much more! Registration is required. The Kent Library is located 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Music with Marlana: 9:30 a.m., - 10 a.m., Sing, dance, and laugh in this interactive class. A program that provides music, singing, dancing, and movement, using percussion instruments and pretend play. For ages 2-4. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Movie Mondays at the Brewster Public Library: August 6, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Rock Dog, Rated PG, August 13, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Paddington 2, Rated PG, All movies will be shown at the Southeast Museum. Popcorn will be served. Register online at www.brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421

Build a Video Game: Students in grades 6 and up are invited to build video games in the Brewster Public Library's Game Development Lab on Mondays through August 13, from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Participants will dissect and discuss existing games to learn basic coding skills and learn to use Scratch, Bitsy or Twine to make their own projects come to life.

Wednesdays:

Put Life Back in Your Life: Consider Attending a Senior "Living Well" Workshop sponsored by The Putnam County Partnership for Evidence-Based Programs. If you have an ongoing health

condition, this FREE educational series will give you valuable information and tools for techniques on better managing your symptoms. You will discover better nutrition and exercise choices while meeting personal health goals. A companion book for the course and lunch will be provided for the workshop. Wednesdays for 6 weeks. Beginning August 1. 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. William Koehler Senior Center 180 Route 6. Mahopac To Register: Please call Mary White at 845-808-1734

Acclaimed author Gail Carson Levine: Brewster Public Library again this summer to offer a free, six week creative writing workshop. If you love to write stories or poems, this is the program for you! The class will be held on Wednesdays, July 11 to August 15, from 1:30-3:00 pm. For ages 10-18. Registration is required. Participants must be able to commit to at least 5 out of the 6 class sessions. This program will be held at the Southeast Museum, 67 Main Street (next door to the library). For more information visit www.brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

History Exchange: Calling all history enthusiasts! Join the Southeast Museum and Brewster Public Library for - History Exchange. Do you want to learn more about our local history? Join like-minded people to discuss local history and research unique archives. History Exchange meets the second Wednesday of every month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brewster Public Library and will be facilitated by Amy Campanaro, Director of the Southeast Museum. The first meeting is Wednesday June 13. To register please click call the Library at 279-6421.

Thursdays:

Adult Knitting Class: 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Knitting is a wonderful craft reputed to be beneficial for wellness of mind and body! It's also a lot of fun! In this six session class, students will learn the basics of knitting, which include the knit and purl stitch, and beginner increase and decrease techniques. This class is for beginners and advanced beginners who would like to build on the skills they have already learned. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Click here to register or call 845-279-6421. Please note: Knitting needles and yarn will be distributed to new students at the first class. Returning students are encouraged to bring projects they are currently working on.

Picnics in the Park: Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. We are setting aside time for everyone to bring their family and friends and come enjoy our park and gazebo. Bring a picnic lunch, play some outdoor games, or just drop by to meet new people and enjoy the sunshine. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Park rules apply. For

more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Fridays:

Minecraft At The Library: Ages 7-12 are invited to come and play Minecraft in our computer lab on select Friday afternoons at 4:00 during the summer last date: August 3. Did you know that the Kent Library has their own Minecraft server? Registration is required per session. The Kent Library is located 17 Sybils Crossing and can be reached at 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Saturdays: Every Saturday in 2018, admission to Boscobel's grounds is pay-what-you-wish. At any donation level that is comfortable, visitors are welcome to explore 68 acres of Boscobel's property, including lush gardens and a woodland trail. Cold Spring Farmers' Market: Boscobel. Find fresh, local produce, meats, and honey as well as high quality handcrafts. Supporting local, regional, and sustainable farms by providing an outlet for direct sales of agricultural products, the Cold Spring Farmers' Market's vendors are either farmers, farm employees, or food artisans selling fresh products with ingredients sourced from regional farms. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Every Saturday through October. Admission is free.

Tuesday, July 31

Dance & Henna: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn the basics of Balinese ancient dance. In this two-day program, kids will learn a full routine. The second half of day one, we will be practicing the art of henna! 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.

Thursday, August 1

Come to the Kent Library for a traditional cooking class on traditional Korean cuisine: 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Presenters from the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project will demonstrate 5 dishes. After the demonstration, home-cooked Korean cuisine with traditional table setting in Bangjja, traditional Korean bronze ware will be served, and there will be a screening of short film on Korean culture. Registration is required. Program is for adults only. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Dance Performance: 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Kids will continue with the Balinese lesson from day one and delight their families with a performance. 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.

Friday, August 2

Tinkerlab for 4- and 5-year-olds will return to the Kent Library on select Thursday mornings in August: August 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 11:30 a.m. This popular series with Miss Pauline will provide playful activities that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Dress for a fun mess! Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Crossword Answers

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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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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

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Westchester Ducks Can't Hatch Win, Sink in 12-U GHVBL Loss to Yorktown A's

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Mahopac's DJ DeMatteo makes the put-out at 1B for the Westchester Junior Ducks on Yorktown's Ruslan Makarenko in last Sunday's quarterfinal A-Division action in the 12-U Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League, but after a solid summer campaign not much else went right on this day for the 5th-seeded Ducks in their season-ending 10-0 loss to the 4th-seeded Yorktown A's. The emerging Ducks will be holding tryouts for Fall Ball starting Aug. 14th, visit www.ducksbaseball.org for information.

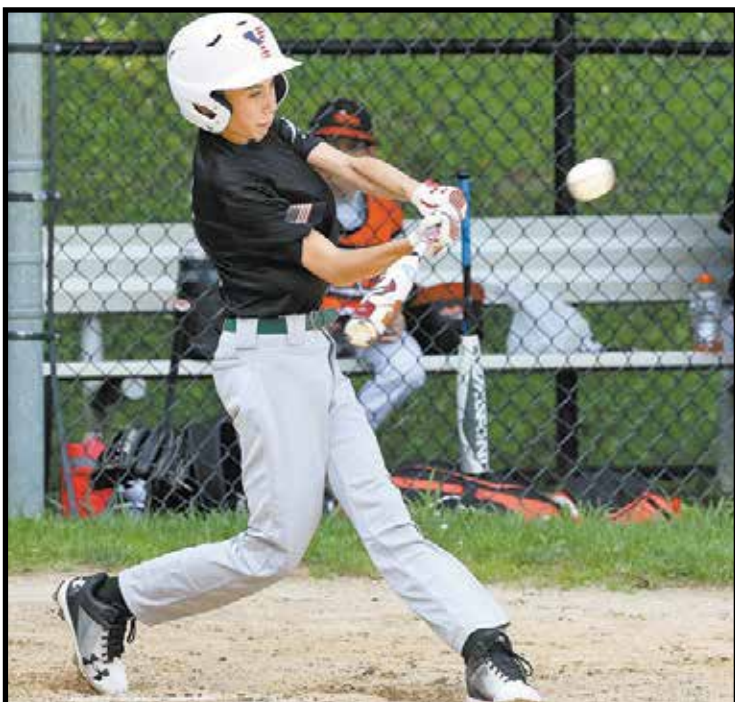
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SOAC P Anthony Jennings pitched well but the Storm were eliminated from GHVBL playoff action in a 12U 3-0 loss to host Putnam Valley last Saturday.



Shrub Oak's Evan Tostanoski ekes out base hit as Put Valley's Connor Flynn takes throw in Valley's 3-0 win in 12U GHVBL playoff action last Saturday



Yorktown's Nicholas Pace squares up pitch in 10-0 win over Westchester Junior Ducks in GHVBL 12-U playoff action Sunday.

Yorktown A's, Put Valley Bombers Advance in GHVBL Action

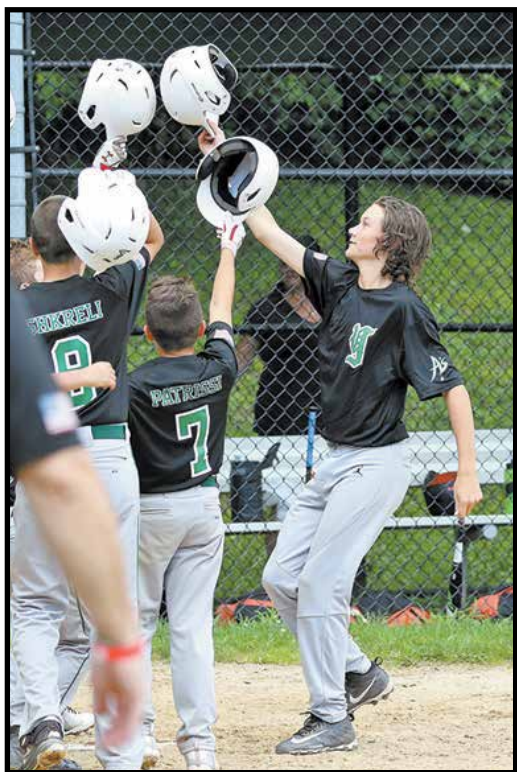
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Yorktown's Cole Haddock is all smiles as he gets low-five after crushing bomb in 10-0 win over Westchester Duck in 12-U GHVBL A-Division semis.



PV Bomber SS John Flanagan follows flight of his double in 3-0 GHVBLA 12-U playoff win over Shrub Oak at Keating Field Saturday.



Yorktown A's player celebrate 3-run game-clinching home run by winning pitcher Liam Solomon in 10-0 win over Westchester Ducks in 12-U GHVBL semis.



Mahopac's Joey Koch eyes up a pitch for Westchester Junior Ducks in 10-0 loss to Yorktown A's in 12-U A-Division semis of GHVBL action Sunday.

Sports

Pavella, Mundy Hired to Lead Yorktown Boys', Girls' Hoops Programs



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So, we're at least four months away from the start of Section 1 basketball being at the forefront of our minds, but Yorktown High Athletic Director Rob Barrett, a hoops guy by trade, made a big splash last week when he called me en route to his beach vacation to the Maryland shoreline.

Barrett, now in Year 2 at Yorktown after taking over for legendary A.D. Fio Nardone, named Mark Pavella to replace Kevin Downes as the boys' varsity basketball coach, and followed that up with tabbing Brian Mundy as the girls' varsity hoops coach, pending BOE approval for both come late August.

Here's the deal for Pavella and Mundy, though: As dedicated as they are (and there's no doubt about that), and as devoted as Yorktown High athletes are (ditto!), hoops is no better than third in the pecking order in the glory-filled land of the Cornhuskers.

Lacrosse and football are No.1 and 1A among the alpha males at Yorktown (with soccer pushing the envelope), while lacrosse, softball and volleyball dictate the priorities among the ladies at Yorktown, among the finest public schools – athletics and academia considered – in Section 1.

Again, here's the deal: Turnover at the top of the boys' and girls' basketball program is not conducive to building and

sustaining a program, so the hope here is that Pavella, who has worked under former Yorktown/Mahopac Coach Kevin Downes for much of the last decade, sticks and stays for at least a decade. Alongside Downes, Pavella has mentored under one of the most respected coaches in Section 1, a dude who guided Yorktown to the 2017 Class AA Final 4 and previously took Mahopac to the promised land with four consecutive Class AA Final 4 appearances (plus one infamous championship setback vs. Mount Vernon); the kind of success Mahopac had only dreamed about prior to 2010.

"I'm very excited about these hires," Barrett said. "Coach Pavella is a solid in-district hire who worked under Coach Downes and makes for a smooth transition, and Coach Mundy works with the kids in the middle school as our SRO officer, so he'll get to know the girls before they even get to high school. Both of them are committed basketball coaches, and that's what we need here to make our basketball programs consistent forces. These guys will be able to get our athletes committed to basketball, and the process will begin as soon as they get board approval."

Downes recently left the Yorktown program to be alongside his son, Quincy, one of Section 1's premier middleweight wrestlers at Fox Lane, so that's as noble as

it gets, and inserting Pavella into Downes' former role is a no-brainer.

"I think Mark is a great choice, emphasis on great," said Downes, who lost to Scarsdale in the 2017 sectional semis after a stunning quarterfinal road win at Spring Valley to advance to the County Center. "He is a fantastic coach, great with kids, pays great attention to detail and is a real teacher of the game and a very competitive person. He's been my assistant for a long time and I can honestly say I doubt I would have continued to coach without him. That's how important he was to me and both programs at Mahopac and Yorktown."

Pavella is more chill than Downes (most coaches are), but he possesses the ability to draw athletes to the program, something Yorktown needs if its basketball program is going to sustain the riches it has in lacrosse and football.

"Mark has a great temperament and the kids have always respected him, as opposing coaches and officials do, too," said Downes. "He will get the best out of every kid and understands every kid is different and he will find a way to bring out their strengths so they can contribute."

Pavella was a terrific guard at Mahopac and went to the County Center as a both a player at Mahopac and as an assistant coach, so he knows what it takes to reach the next level.

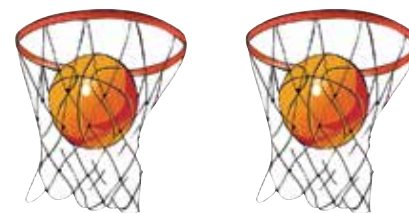
"He's a winner and will do a great job," Downes proclaimed! "It's great that he's in the district, so he knows the younger kids and is a respected teacher as well. I've told him for years he was ready to take over his own program, but I was glad he never did and stayed with me. Yorktown is lucky to have him."

The same can be said for Mundy, a respected man about the town with close ties to students and faculty. There were

many great choices for both positions, but with both these selections, Barrett, and the Yorktown administration, have sought and hired candidates from within, a touch that breeds loyalty and banks credit within the faculty... a no-brainer for the BOE. Well done, friends!

Randomness: I'll be extremely interested to see the connection between incumbent Mahopac senior QB Anthony Corrado and senior WR Rheel Allen, who, at 6'4" and 200 pounds, looks like the first D-I receiving prospect I can ever remember at Mahopac. Kid runs a 4.7 40 and deadlifts 450 pounds, so this is a rare combo of speed and strength that Coach Dom DeMatteo should abuse in Year 2 as Indian boss. Corrado, who takes over for two-year starter Ryan Dugan, could be a diamond in the rough and has some legit weapons in Allen and senior RB Tim Cegielski. Fact is: Mahopac has some legit skill players to build upon a terrific 6-3 season...

Class A Somers took second place in the Lakeland summer soccer league last week, falling in PKs to Class AA John Jay EF, and we get the feeling that the Jon Riina/Lucas Fecci-led Tuskus won't be losing too many games this fall. With all the former 2016 state champs return this season, and the chip on their shoulder after last year's stunning quarterfinal loss to Nyack on PKs, one would think Somers has something to play for in the fall of 2018. Looking forward to seeing the Tuskus in the Yorktown Tournament in early September and the potential of a Tusker/Husker matchup between the former 2016 Class A state champs and the 2017 NYS Class AA runner-ups at Yorktown: One can only hope.



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Members of the 2019 Hudson Valley Team pose with their championship medals after defeating Nassau in the New York State Regional Lacrosse Championship game last Saturday at Binghamton University, including local seniors Timothy Cegielski, Mahopac, D; John Dondon, Mahopac, D; Jon Hankel, Haldane, G; T.J. Komosa, Ossining, G; Sean Laukaitis, Lakeland/Panas, M; Zachary Puckhaber, Mahopac, D; Alex Sirico, Putnam Valley, M; and Joey van deVeerdonk, Putnam Valley, M.

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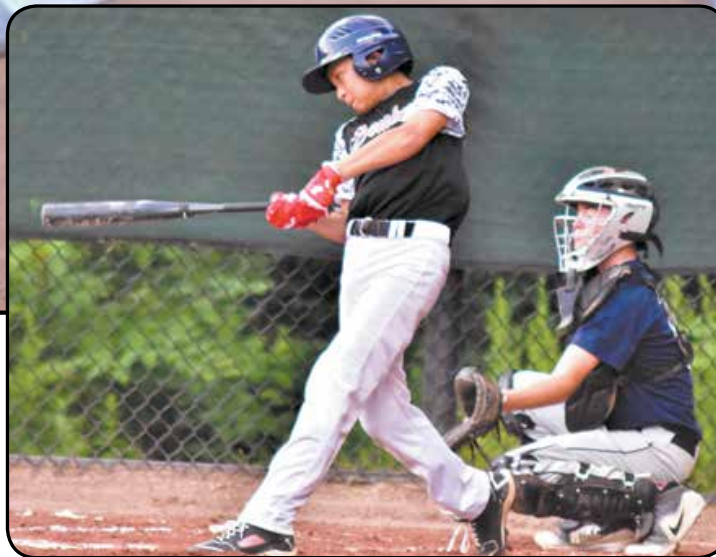
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Putnam Valley Hurler Whiffs 11 in 12U Bombers GHVBL Playoff Win over Shrub Oak

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Putnam Valley Bombers P Tommy Tan was too good to be true in last Saturday's 3-0 win over Shrub Oak in the 12-U B-Division playoffs of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League when Tan fanned 11 SOAC batters, allowed one hit, scored twice and pitched a complete game shutout. Ryan Moriarty drove home two runs to advance to the next round where the 4th-seeded Bombers were eliminated by No.12 OGRCC Thunder (Greenwich, CT) in an 8-4 upset.