



No GOP Primary For County Exec. Race

By David Propper

Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum officially ended his bid for Putnam County Executive after he failed to get his name reinstated on the ballot for a GOP primary against the incumbent MaryEllen Odell last week.

Denbaum, a Republican, confirmed in an interview, his campaign had reached its conclusion, leaving Odell, a Republican, to face Democrat and Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming for the top post in the county. Denbaum was knocked off the ballot last month after enough signatures on his petition sheets were ruled out because of an array of technicalities by the county board of elections. He sued the board of elections in hopes of getting enough signatures back on to reach the 1,000 benchmark, but New York State Judge Malone dismissed his case last week and he doesn't plan on appealing to the state appellate court.

"The campaign is essentially over," he said. "I don't really see a path for victory."

Denbaum was 59 signatures short of

getting on the ballot.

Denbaum could've still campaigned for the conservative line this September where Conservative Party voters could write his name in instead of voting for Odell or Fleming, but even if he won that election, it would have remained nearly impossible to win the general with only one minor party line.

"To put my life on hold for another four months with maybe there only being a 15-20 percent chance of victory, it's not fair to my family," Denbaum said. If he brought forward an appeal, he would have needed to hire an elections attorney for at least \$15,000.

Denbaum said he's disappointed he would not get to campaign against Odell, who he was hoping to push "to the right" of the political spectrum. While he chose to not back Odell or Fleming at this time, he believes Odell has raised taxes too high as county executive the past seven years.

While Denbaum takes the brunt of

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Mahopac Lions Keep Working Hard for Community



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About more than a year into existence, the Mahopac Lions Club continues to provide services and fundraising to the community. Last month, members raised money for scholarships that will be awarded to deserving Mahopac high school students this school year. The raffle offered several great prizes, including a portable generator, a boat rental, a \$100 gift card, \$100 off the rental of a 10-yard dumpster on wheels, and finally a free boat ride around Lake Mahopac. Residents interested joining the Lions Club can email Diane Shannon at dshannon328@gmail.com.

Thousands Get Down and Dirty for a Good Cause in Mahopac

By Anna Young

Thousands of children and families were covered in mud on Saturday as they spent the day raising money for pediatric cancer research during the sixth annual Muddy Puddles Project Mess Fest celebration.

Despite a heavy rainstorm kicking off the five-hour event, several thousand families throughout the tristate area flooded Kiwi Country Day Camp in Mahopac to honor and remember children who have either been diagnosed with cancer or lost their battle to the disease. Event coordinator Ali Stern said parents and kids are encouraged to be carefree in honor of those who can't.

"Today we throw food, jump in the mud, get messy and have fun," Stern said. "It's a wonderful feeling to see people want to honor these kids."

With many activities offered, including a ziplining course, a food fight station, splatter paint, pie tossing, obstacle course, slip-n-slide, swimming, pony

rides, magic shows and much more, the pinnacle portion of the day came when Muddy Puddles Project founders Louis and Cindy Campbell took a dive into the events giant mud pit.

"There are a lot of disabled children, children with cancer, and children who otherwise can't jump in muddy puddles or do the things that other kids and their parents take for granted," Cindy Campbell said. "This is a metaphor to just jump in and take chances and embrace life."

The Campbells founded the Muddy Puddles Project after their five-year-old son, Ty, lost his battle to brain cancer in 2012. While Ty fought a gallant three-year battle against the disease, he dreamed of jumping in a muddy puddle when he was cured, resembling what his cartoon hero Peppa Pig did on television.

While Ty never got the chance to jump in that muddy puddle, the Mess Fest was created in his memory to celebrate childhood, Stern said.

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Louis and Cindy Campbell dive into a pool of mud for a good cause.

Home Ownership Stressed in Brewster Renewal Project

By David Propper

Slow to get off the ground, the urban renewal planned for the Village of Brewster could soon get a jumpstart with development being proposed to boost home ownership.

During a meeting last Wednesday, village trustees and a healthy handful of residents listened to a presentation from Sun Homes representative Bob McGuinness about homes that could be built for the southeast side of Main Street, east of Marvin Avenue to the river and particularly the 208 Main Street property.

McGuinness said some of the housing built would be townhouses for purchase, in which each household would have their own garage and be one, two or three bedrooms. A linear park is also being suggested by Sun Homes between the townhouses and Main Street that could be used by the public.

At 208 Main Street, McGuinness said the location is a “diamond in the rough” because it is riverfront property. Condos geared toward artists could be built along the water with a patio overlooking the river, McGuinness said. The site would have 18-20 units and three units can be built per month, he noted.

“It really is a pretty little site when you get down near the water,” he said. “It’s setting the tone for envision Brewster, it’s the first step in the selling of the Main

Street and downtown of Brewster where you’d want to buy a home.”

There were some questions from residents including whether the units would be sold at market rate and if they would be affordable or workforce housing with McGuinness suggesting market rate being the better option.

Village board members, including Mayor Jim Schoenig, seemed please with the proposal.

In an interview, Schoenig stressed he’s happy the townhouses and other homes proposed would be for sale and not for rent. One focus of the revitalization project is to push for more home ownership in the village.

When a person owns a home, they take more pride in where they live, Schoenig argued, while many of the landlords that rent places in Brewster don’t even live in the village. As a result, those landlords don’t care as much, he said.

Schoenig said the objective is to get the project off the ground and underway.

One of the main reasons the phase 1 project near the train station behind Bob’s Diner has stalled is because the village needs the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to sign off on some the plans, including the new parking garage the village would like to construct near the station.

“Everybody thought it was going to be



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Sun Homes representative Bob McGuinness gave a short presentation at last week’s meeting in the Village of Brewster.

quicker, but obviously it hasn’t been as quick as we thought,” Schoenig said. “I guess maybe we should’ve started it a little earlier with them, but I didn’t think it take as long as it’s doing.”

But DEP agrees with the phase 1 concept, Schoenig said, so it’s more of a matter of going through the technical hurdles, which can take between a year and 16 months. He noted there are many layers that the DEP needs to work through before an approval is granted.

In order to keep the momentum going

with the urban renewal, the development team believes they can start on the other side of Main Street with the homes first, Schoenig said. (The principal developer, Harold Lepler, is working with two separate companies, on different parts of the project.)

“They’re actually hoping to get that project done by the time the DEP signs off on the other part,” Schoenig said. “We’re kind of looking for (Sun Homes) to start sooner than later on that project.”



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Q: How do I know if I have PAD?

A: PAD symptoms often begin with leg pain and worsen over time. You’re in pain because there’s not enough blood flow or oxygen in your limbs to keep up with the demands of the exercise. Symptoms may mirror less serious complications. See your doctor if you have a non-healing ulcer, an ingrown toenail, thickened toenails, hair loss on your feet, cold feet, or no pulse in your feet.

Q: Is it serious?

A: Though progression isn’t rapid, severe PAD can cause tissue loss and gangrene, and can even be deadly. Regular screening for PAD is critical because the condition can be a marker for coronary artery disease and cerebrovascular disease, which could ultimately

lead to a heart attack or stroke. As the population ages, PAD is more prevalent, advising an annual screening for PAD for everyone over the age of 70.

Q: How can I reduce my risk? Or, if I’m diagnosed – How can I manage symptoms?

A: Get the help you need to stop smoking. This is a risk factor you can control. By damaging your blood vessels, the chemicals in cigarettes increase your risk for PAD by four times, according to the National Institutes of Health. Also, exercise as regularly as possible, and stick to a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and legumes, and limit meat.

Q: Behavior modification isn’t working for me. What are my options?

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Murphy Calls on PSC to Take Action Against NYSEG

By David Propper

Over the past several months, much ire has been directed toward the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, which provides power for many residents in Putnam and parts of Westchester County.

Now, state Sen. Terrence Murphy wants to see the lights turned off on their operation in New York.

Murphy, a Republican representing the 40th district, wrote to Department of Public Service Commission (PSC) chair John Rhodes urging the PSC to reopen the region to find another power producer that could be more capable than NYSEG, which has faced a torrent of the criticism in the wake of battering storms.

"It is clear NYSEG cannot deliver reliable power to its customers," Murphy wrote.

Murphy said there has been an endless series of service interruptions the past couple of years, arguing drastic steps need to be taken because NYSEG customers have lost faith in their power provider.

On March 2, the Winter Storm Riley, which brought high winds and more than a foot of snow, resulted in long durations of the lights being out due to snapped power lines and flooding. Repair crews were not responsive and many customers were given inaccurate restoration times, Murphy's press release stated. Then on March 7, another winter storm, Quinn,



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NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy wants to see the lights turned off on NYSEG.

crushed the region and more customers were left without power for days with no firm idea of when the lights would be turned on.

During that time, state and local officials across the board slammed NYSEG and other power providers for the multiple days that customers were without power.

Since those two powerful storms, Murphy believes customers have lost power due to insignificant storms, with some residents in Somers, North Salem, and Lewisboro losing power for the 10th

time this year.

While the state senate was in session, Murphy, chairman of the New York State Senate's Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, authored a bill aimed at reforming how utility companies respond to power outages. The legislation, which would include enhanced vegetation management and look into reimbursement policies, passed the senate, but was never taken up by the state assembly.

"My office continues to work with

'How much more do we have to go through?' - NYS Sen. Terrence Murphy

dozens of constituents who have sought reimbursements from NYSEG for their losses from this year's storms and have yet to receive an adequate response," Murphy said in a statement. "How much more do we have to go through? Residents and our partners in government are at the end of their rope and understandably so. If NYSEG cannot provide safe and reliable power then the PSC must find someone who can."

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who has been critical of NYSEG, doesn't think the company should stop operating in the state, but should be given more flexibility to cut down trees to avoid downed power lines. He thinks any power company that would come into this area would have trouble keeping the lights on during nasty weather.

"We're not going to solve this problem switching companies," Oliverio, in an interview, said. "No matter who is here, they still have to deal with the tree problem."

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the blame for enough signatures getting thrown out, he called getting removed from the ballot “frustrating” because at least 1,000 Republicans signed his petition. An incomplete address or the printings of a name instead of a cursive signature were a couple reasons signatures were removed.

“MaryEllen Odell and the Republican Party made sure they would do everything they could to keep me off the ballot,” Denbaum said.

Still, he said he should’ve tried to get another 30 signatures or so to cement his place on the ballot for primary. He conveyed his appreciation to the people that did take the time to sign his petition sheet.

“To all the volunteers that worked very hard, I’m sorry I didn’t get the job done,” Denbaum said.

Odell, when reached for comment, said it was great for the Republican Party that a primary would not occur and everyone can come together now.

She thanked her volunteers and the more than 2,000 people that signed her petition.

“I think it sends a good message that the Republican Party is strong and united,” Odell said. “I’m running on my record. Putnam County’s come a long way in seven years.”

Odell said the county has paid off enormous amounts of debt during her tenure and helped revitalize the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac and Tilly Foster Farm in Southeast. She said

she has also been an advocate against the opioid crisis in the county and region.

When asked about Denbaum stating he wanted to move her further to the right, Odell argued her administration has been fiscally responsible and kept taxes under the tax cap each year while meeting contractual obligations and rising medical insurance costs.

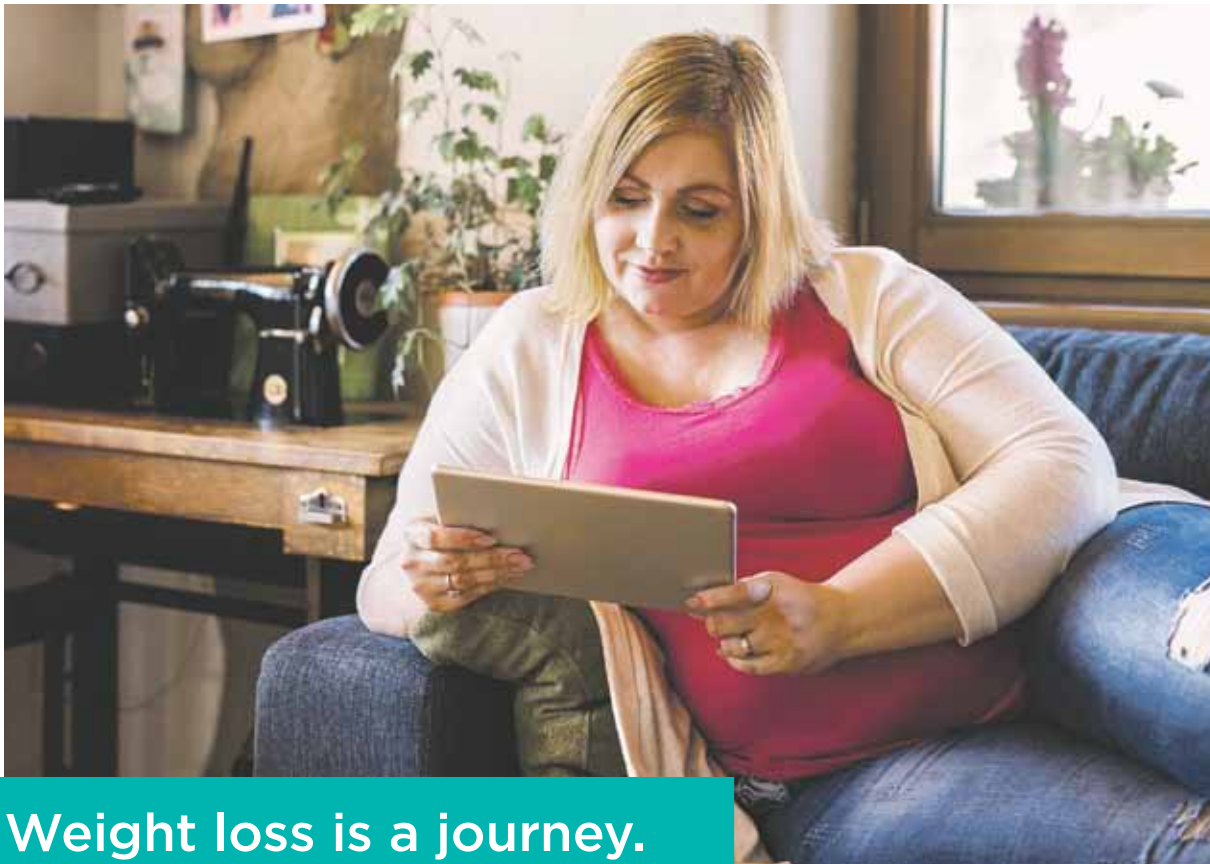
Putnam has the lowest tax rate in all 62 counties in the state, Odell stressed.

Fleming once again repeated the fact that Denbaum was able to get at least 1,000 signatures from Republicans, which she believes indicates discontent with Odell among Republicans.

She said she and Denbaum were preaching a similar message of fiscal discipline and pointed out Kent has not raised taxes during their tenure on the town board together. The county golf course and the farm should not be subsidized by taxpayers, Fleming argued.

When asked if Denbaum out of the race would help or hurt her chances, Fleming said she wasn’t sure.

“But I’m just hoping people are hearing the message that we can do better in this county,” Fleming said. “We can’t just spend beyond our means on things we don’t need to spend on.”



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"It's our favorite day of the year," Campbell said. "I hope it never ends and people continue to come out and understand the cause and raise money."

With funds generated from the event benefit the Ty Louis Campbell Foundation, Stern hopes the August 4 event raised close to \$100,000. The nonprofit organization funds innovative research and clinical trials specifically geared toward the treatment of the most aggressive and deadly childhood cancers to improve long-term survival rates and minimize side-effects.

They also aim to help care for families with children undergoing treatment by providing financial assistance and uplifting experiences

Somers resident Antigona Gjini attended the event with her family for the first time after friends spoke highly of the Ty Louis Campbell Foundation.

You never know what could happen and you need to support and help in any way possible, she said.

"I think showing up shows that you care about people," said 11-year-old Armonk resident Nikolet Vataj, who recently lost a friend to cancer. "It probably means a lot to the parents of those children."

While the event is no stranger to rain, Stern believes Ty looks down on his family every year making sure the puddles are extra muddy for all to enjoy.

"It has rained the morning of this event ever year and then it clears up," Stern said. "I truly believe Ty is watching us and making sure this a great day."

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Car Crashes into Pleasantville Pharmacy

By Anna Young

An elderly Chappaqua man crashed his silver Toyota Highlander into Pleasantville Pharmacy midday on Friday, destroying the front window, large segments of the interior and also injuring a customer. The driver, Ray MacDonnell, 90, was not injured, nor was his wife, Patricia, 81, who was seated in the passenger seat.

The impact of the crash knocked a female customer inside the pharmacy to the floor, and she was brought to Westchester Medical Center as a precaution but authorities say she was not in critical condition. The customer was standing by the front register when the car crashed through the pharmacy, according to employees. Although authorities are not releasing the name of the customer, pharmacy employees did say she is an elderly Pleasantville resident.

At 12:15 Friday afternoon, following a visit to the pharmacy, Ray MacDonnell was backing out of a parking spot on Wheeler Ave. and bumped another car. After hitting the other vehicle, MacDonnell put his car into drive instead of park by mistake and barreled into the pharmacy at a high speed — at what appeared to be about 50 miles per hour,



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A car crashed into a storefront last week in Pleasantville, resulting in one injury.

estimated one eyewitness.

"There was an elderly woman who tried to run as she had entered the store, and she fell because she was trying to run, she lost her balance," said a witness who was in the front of the store at the time of the accident. "She was not hit by the vehicle. I was very worried about her because of how she fell, but thank goodness nobody was seriously injured or killed. It was horrifying. Glass flying, metal... and it sounded like he was about to maneuver his car again while it was inside the store."

Two Suspects Caught in Patterson Deli Burglary

By David Propper

Two alleged burglars that stole from a Patterson deli were arrested last month, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators from the sheriff's office nabbed Timothy Yeager, 21, of Eastport and David Lussier, 18, of Putnam Valley on July 8 four days after the initial crime where the two suspects allegedly stole from Border-Line Deli along Fairfield Drive.

Yeager and Lussier were both charged with burglary in the 3rd degree and criminal mischief in the 2nd degree.

On July 4 around 1:35 a.m., sheriff deputies responded to a burglary alarm at the deli and upon arrival, saw that the

store's front door and window had been broken and burglarized, according to the sheriff's office. Two sheriff deputies and a sergeant checked the business and canvassed the area that night, but came up with no suspects. It's not until further investigation that the two young men were arrested, authorities said.

Yeager was arraigned in Patterson Justice Court and released on his own recognizance, pending a future court date and Lussier was arraigned in Southeast Justice Court, on behalf of Patterson Justice Court, and was remanded to Putnam County Correctional Facility on \$5,000 cash, \$10,000- bail-bond. He also has a future court date in Patterson

Police issued MacDonnell a summons for driving off the roadway.

"He just lost control," said pharmacy employee Karen Alvarez, who was standing near the front at the register when the accident happened... "I just ran. He could have killed someone. It was just that severe." Another employee, Heather Johnson, noted how the MacDonnells "were absolutely terrified."

"They couldn't believe they hit a store," she also said.

Pharmacy employee Alexander Twomey was standing in the back of the pharmacy when he heard a honk and saw the car crash through the front.

"It was just surreal," said Twomey. "You see it in the movies and you don't know if you should run or what to do."

The MacDonnells are regular customers of the pharmacy and had just finished picking up prescriptions.

"We're all shook up," Patricia MacDonnell said.

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New Life for Cell Tower at Patterson Recycling Yard

By Anna Young

The Patterson town board will resume discussions on the construction of a proposed cell tower at the recycling center site after officials received a lease agreement last week from Wireless Edge Towers.

After a deal between Homeland Towers and Verizon and the town fell through, Supervisor Rich Williams said Wireless Edge Towers, a New Rochelle-based telecommunications company, questioned if the board had any interest in erecting a cell tower at the recycling center on Cornwall Hill Road. Wireless Edge had previously proposed a tower at

the Patterson Baptist Church, but the deal was squashed when Verizon bailed out.

While Williams recommended the LabCorp site on Route 311 for a possible tower, the town received an application from Wireless Edge proposing a tower at the recycling center. Williams noted that Metro North was also interested in building a cell tower at the same site.

"The only site they (Metro North) would be interested in is the recycling center and if it doesn't go there they're building by the end of the year at the site at (Route) 164," Williams said at the July 25 meeting.

Many neighbors near the possible Route 164 location have expressed discontent, but because the tower would be on MTA property, there is very little the town can do to stop it. Williams had previously offered the recycling center as a possible alternative until the deal with Homeland Towers fell through.

Williams said Wireless Edge has done a tremendous amount of working trying to see if the recycling center would accommodate everyone. He said the proposal submitted by Wireless Edge has slightly shifted the location moving it farther southwest to the downhill side of

the sanitation building.

Resident Bruce Major requested the board hire a consultant to conduct a complete overview of cellular coverage needs within the town before moving forward on any deals. He said it would satisfy the needs of residents and officials to ensure the town receives adequate cell coverage with the fewest number of towers.

The town board will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at the Patterson Town Hall to discuss the proposed cell tower to be erected at the recycling center site.

Settlement Gives Ousted Principal at Copper Beech Six Months Pay

By Rick Pezzullo

The former principal at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School who was ousted in late February for undisclosed circumstances is receiving full pay and benefits until the end of August per a separation agreement approved by the Board of Education.

According to documents obtained by The Northern Westchester Examiner, Robert Bergmann, who worked for the district since 2004, the last four as Copper Beech principal, continues to be paid his \$156,704 salary, and enjoy health insurance benefits under the terms of the Collective Negotiated Agreement between the district and the Association of Lakeland Administrators, until August 30.

As a result of the settlement, Bergmann agreed to officially resign and was placed

on administrative leave of absence from February 26 to August 30. The district agreed to provide Bergmann, who according to a district source participated in alleged inappropriate behavior with another district employee, with a neutral letter or reference stating only his name, title, salary and dates of employment.

The settlement was signed by Bergmann and Board of Education President Denise Kness on March 10.

Bergmann has also been the lead singer in the band Unfunded Mandate, comprised of district employees and sponsored by the Lakeland Education Foundation that has been in existence for about the last four years. Other members of the band include Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone, who is the drummer, Lakeland High School Principal Chris Cummings, who plays



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Former principal at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School Robert Bergmann,

lead guitar, Chris Ruggiero, director of math, who is on keyboards, and Rick Russo, music teacher at Copper Beech,

and Charlie Rhyner, music teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, who play guitar.

It is unclear if Bergmann is still with the band.

Meanwhile, according to a report in The Journal News, the Board of Education has also reached a financial agreement with one of its own trustees to reimburse the district after he allegedly violated state law by exceeding a \$750 annual earnings limit while serving on the board.

According to the article, Board Member Steve Rosen, who is also president of the Shrub Oak Athletic Club (SOAC), will only have to pay back the district \$3,750 (\$30 a month over 10 years) of the \$22,690 he earned from 2009 to 2016 working by providing either security or operating the scoreboard at sporting events.

Cortlandt Man Pleads Guilty to Harassing Lakeland Schools Super

By Anna Young

A Cortlandt man who was arrested for leaving Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone more than two dozen voicemails pleaded guilty to harassment and was slapped with an order of protection last week.

Anthony Cassone, 55, appeared before Hon. Gary Raniolo in Yorktown Justice Court last Thursday where he was issued

an order of protection prohibiting him from contacting or meeting with Stone for two years.

Cassone, who was sporting a shirt stating, "Child predators and people who cover for child predators are scum pure scum" has alleged for several months that Lakeland School District officials are protecting Walter Panas High School teacher Ryan Dobson, who he claims has

engaged in inappropriate conduct with female students for years.

"To cover it up makes you sick," said Cassone, who has also protested outside the Lakeland administration building and appeared at Board of Education meetings since November. "It's a cover up, it's a big cover up. I want justice."

Cassone was served with a criminal summons on June 28 and charged with second-degree harassment, a violation, after Yorktown Police responded to the Lakeland Schools Administration Building for a harassment complaint. Following an investigation, police determined Cassone left Stone approximately 25 voicemail messages between January 17 and June 17 that caused annoyance and alarm and

served no legitimate purpose.

At Stone's request, a criminal summons was obtained from the Yorktown Justice Court. Similar charges were also brought against Cassone by Panas principal Joseph Spero.

While Cassone asserted he has proof of the alleged misconduct, he has plastered posters in area stores and throughout social media offering up to \$1 million to anyone that comes forward with testimony leading to the arrest and conviction of Dobson.

Former Board of Education President Carol Dobson, Ryan Dobson's mother, has reportedly appeared in court with Stone since Cassone was arrested.

"I've always been an advocate for women and children and you're not going to have a teacher dating students," Cassone said. "If it was my daughter, I'd hope somebody would do this for them because it's disgusting. It's despicable."

He added that the order of protection won't stop him from taking his case to trial and seeking justice. Cassone is scheduled to appear in Cortlandt Town Court on September 6.

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Op-Ed

The Town of Carmel Is Getting the 'Vision'

By Thom Iannicari and Lawrence Zacks

On May 30, the Town Board held a first ever meeting with all department heads and the public to discuss the launching of a Master & Urban Redevelopment Plan.

This is a watershed event for our Town to begin a process that will give future town leaders a blue print for growth and pride. This step will lead to improved sewer & water systems, smooth roads and traffic flows, sidewalks and lighting that invite a pedestrian experience, improved parking in the hamlets, attract serious and appropriate urban redevelopment and eventually a better mix of tax revenues that takes the burden off homeowners.

As town board members pointed out, this will be a marathon, not a sprint. It will take time, but more importantly it will take involvement by business and

property owners as well as citizens. It was wonderful to see a good turnout and people willing to get up and speak their mind.

One of the ideas discussed is an idea that has been looked at in detail by Town Board and Chamber liaisons Suzy McDonough, Jonathan Schneider with Chamber LAB Chairs, Larry Zacks and Thom Iannicari for many months. A different thematic image in various parts of towns. These would include the hamlets, restaurant row on Rt 6, perhaps an area that is devoted to cultural and artistic. It is an idea used in many other communities and worth looking at to see how it fits into the whole picture.

Recognized was the challenge of budget constraints versus the improvements needed to grow a profitable community.

The town board must aggressively seek grants and other funding sources on the state, federal and private levels.

This process will require forward and out of the box thinking at times. Everyone should take time to dream about what the town will look like 20, 30, even half a century from now. Or what can be achieved just 5 years from now.

Within the idea of a new plan comes a consideration of environment, wetlands, zoning, codes, processes and enforcement. To help assist, the town has taken on forming a Task Force. We fervently urge that this Task Force is convened and filled with various people from town government, the community and business as soon as possible and ready to gear up for September discussions. The Chamber's Legislative Advocacy

Board (LAB) has already offered help in promoting any public meetings.

The Route 6 corridor will get a jumpstart countywide from the County's plan to string a continuous sewage line from Connecticut to Westchester. Carmel is probably the biggest piece of this puzzle and as so, the town board must aggressively fulfill that missing part. This will allow the plan to engage a name hotel to come to the area to serve guests of residents and tourists to take advantage of the area and all that is available in this Vision of the Future.

There is a spirit of cooperation happening now throughout Carmel. The old oil tank at Rt. 6 & Cherry Lane has finally been removed. The Swan Cove park project is moving forward, and those

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Letters to the Editor

Byrne Takes Role as Community Leader Seriously

With so many differences between people in our community, it is important that politicians ensure that they are setting an example of inclusion and respect. I am grateful to see Assemblyman Kevin Byrne taking his role as a community leader seriously by supporting people with developmental disabilities.

Last October, Assemblyman Byrne hosted a movie screening of The Lego Ninjago Movie for children with autism spectrum disorders and their families at Carmel Cinema 8. He ensured that the

event would incorporate autism-friendly amenities, including a judgment free venue, lower volume, and house lights on at half capacity.

In May, Assemblyman Byrne hosted a community forum on the ThinkDIFFERENTLY program. ThinkDIFFERENTLY's goal is to raise awareness and improve how individuals, businesses, and communities interact with people with special needs. By supporting this program, Assemblyman Byrne demonstrated his commitment to

our special needs community.

In Albany, Assemblyman Byrne has supported legislation to improve the lives of people with disabilities statewide. For example, he supported Assembly Bill A271, which improves training procedures for employees of developmental disability facilities. This new education curriculum would include training in abuse, neglect, and maltreatment indicators and prevention. It would also strengthen safety and security procedures, fire safety, and first

aid. This bill will ensure that employees of developmental disability facilities receive exceptional training regarding patient safety.

I've met with Assemblyman Byrne in district and in Albany. I know he cares, and thank him for his service to all people, regardless of what may make someone different.

Edward and Connie Hussey
Brewster

League of Women Voters To Host Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Putnam County is preparing for the upcoming Primary and General elections. We have recently invited the Primary Election Candidates (Republican) for Putnam County Executive, and the two Candidates (Democrat) for the NYS Senate District 40, to participate in a Primary Candidates' Forum scheduled for August 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Mahopac library.

Candidate Forums are an important service to the voters because it gives them a means of forming a first-hand judgment of the candidates, and generates excitement for getting out the vote. It is also a service to the Candidates because it provides them a platform to present their views to the voters. Voting is a vital part of our democratic process, where candidates and voters are provided the opportunity to ask questions and interact with each other.

The LWV of Putnam County Candidate Forums are in accordance with League policies under strict, nonpartisan

guidelines. League forums are fair, unbiased, conducted for informational purposes without a hidden agenda, and controlled by principles of nonpartisanship. The LWV does have an "empty chair policy". If only one candidate in a contested race accepts the League invitation, there can be NO Candidate Forum. Therefore, it is necessary that the voters, encourage all candidates to attend the scheduled forums. This will provide them the opportunity to hear the candidate's proposed platform, listen to their plans to make our town, county and our state the finest place to live.

The LWV of Putnam County will also host a General Election forum on October 18th at the Kent Firehouse on Route 301, at 6:30 p.m., and on October 22nd at the Mahopac Library on Route 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Be a part of the Democratic process.

Come, learn, and then cast your vote on Election Day!

Julie Boyd, Treasurer
League of Women Voters of Putnam County

Editor's note: A GOP primary will not occur this September because Paul Denbaum will not be on the ballot.

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**Business
of the Week**

Picker's Paradise & Pretty Pickens Party Room - Mahopac

By David Propper

Mahopac resident Jamie Buccellato has always had the desire to open her own business. The past three years, she's achieved that goal—twice.

Owner of Picker's Paradise and Pretty Pickens Party Room, which are right next to each other, Buccellato has provided Mahopac residents with two stores along Route 6, though they have very different purposes.

Picker's Paradise opened in 2015, offering vintage merchandise, antiques, home décor and a wide variety of other items that might catch someone's eye. Buccellato likes to repurpose furniture and bring new life to it, rather than seeing it thrown out.

"I've always had a love of stuff," she said with a laugh.

Buccellato had family members that were involved in the junk removal business and they kept bringing her stuff that she would then help them sell on Ebay like collectibles and antiques. It got to the point where the collection of stuff became too much for Buccellato to store in her home so she decided to open a storefront.

During that time, Buccellato said she's shocked at some of the items people try



Owner Jamie Buccellato and Picker's Paradise have been a mainstay along Route 6 since 2015.

to get rid of. But she loves finding how one person's trash can in turn become a treasure for another household.

"I like the nostalgic of vintage items that maybe have become obsolete," she added. "It's nice to see that they still exist somewhere."

The most valuable item Buccellato has ever come across was a clock from the 1800s, which she sold for a solid price. She is able to determine what a price should be with the help of the Internet,



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Pretty Pickens Party Room opened more recently, but is ready to host birthday parties for children looking to explore their artistic side.

making appraisals easy. While she doesn't focus much on consignment, she will sell items online for customers and collect a commission fee.

On the other side of the storefront is Pretty Pickens Party Room, which is a completely separate entity and allows Buccellato to work with children, a passion of hers.

The party room is a fun place for kids to host their birthday craft parties, including paintings, jewelry making, tea parties and creative imagination. The room can hold up to 30 guests and is also available for local crafters to hold their own classes.

"My love for painting, I was hoping it'd be infectious on maybe a young child or letting them experience their creativity," she said.

Going forward, Buccellato doesn't plan to be done yet. After going back to school for her masters in education, the next business she wants to open is a pre-school.

"I definitely like building on businesses," she said. "Just keep building something."

Picker's Paradise and Pretty Pickens Party Room are located at 606 US-6, Mahopac and its phone number is (845) 621-7425

Rotary Clubs Across Putnam Receive Narcan Training



More than 30 people recently received Narcan training at Arms Acres Carmel last month. Rotary clubs of Brewster, Mahopac, Patterson and Carmel hosted the training. Narcan is a easy to use Nasal spray used in suspected Opioid overdose situations to revive individuals. PA Dan Stephens and Tammy Bender from Arms Acres were the moderators. Rotary is committed to winning the war on "Opioid Abuse" that effects all our lives today. More info Brewsterrotary@gmail.com.



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Obituaries

Jessie Z. Huestis

Jessie Z. Huestis, 91, was born on September 9, 1926 and died on July 29. Mrs. Huestis followed family tradition as Owner and Proprietor of Kent View Market for over 20 years, building her business on old fashion kindness, always going out of her way to help others. Although retired, Jessie never grew tired of a busy and fulfilled life; she was an avid Yankee Fan, a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt friend to many. For over 30 years, Jessie served as an active Putnam County Retired Senior Volunteer helping many causes to help her County. Jessie was a life member of the Kent Historical Society, active member of Kent Chamber of Commerce and Kent Senior Citizens Club. In addition, she helped many youth and family Community Service Projects in both the Town and County. Jessie is survived by her three loving sons; William (Bernadette), Joseph (Anne) and Robert, nine cherished grandchildren; Bill (Tricia), James (Deana), Tom, Daniel (Barbara), Joanne (Kevin) Dalrymple, Tim (Jessica),

Michael (Alyssa), Matthew, and Kelly (Jon) Young and thirteen adoring great-grandchildren; all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and long term close friends. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Harvey "Red" and her loving siblings. Jessie was blessed with a long, prosperous, fulfilled life and leaves a legacy of love and devotion to her family, friends and community.

Dagmar S. Swanson

Dagmar S. Swanson, a lifelong resident of Carmel, died peacefully on Sunday, July 29, at the age of 94. She was born in North Salem, on December 31, 1923, the daughter of Arvid and Anna Swenson. Dagmar graduated from North Salem Central High School in 1941. She was a manager for the National Dog Registry before her retirement in 1987. Dagmar was a member of Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel where she volunteered at its thrift shop. She enjoyed attending the Wellness Clinic at Putnam Hospital Center and the many friends she made there. On

April 28, 1956 she married Frederick L. Swanson Sr. at Brewster Baptist Church. Frederick died on August, 21, 2004. She is survived by her son, Frederick Swanson Jr. and his wife, Donna of Carmel, her daughter, Judith Anna Launhardt and her husband, Kenneth of Mt. Kisco, NY and her grandchildren Edwin and Emeline. A Memorial Service will be held at Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel on Saturday, August 25, at 11 a.m. Donations in memory of Dagmar may be made to Drew United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 900, Carmel, NY 10512

John J. Yatsko Jr.,

It is with heavy hearts the family of John J. Yatsko Jr., age 56, announces his unexpected passing on July 30. John was born on January 3, 1962 to John and Rosalie Yatsko, Sr. in Yonkers, New York. He married the love of his life, Christine Gorman on April 23, 1994 in Carmel, they just celebrated 24 years of happiness together and were blessed with two children; Andrew and Michaela. In his spare time, John enjoyed coaching his children, competitive shooting, playing softball and serving as a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, Wappingers Council #1646. However, his heart was most full spending time with family. John was a devoted husband, a loving father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and a friend to many. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him. His legacy lives on with the vivid memory of his overwhelming kindness and huggable teddy bear heart. Johnny is survived by his devoted wife, Christine. His loving children; Andrew, daughter-in-law Stacey and Michaela, son-in-law Dustin. Son to his beloved parents, John, Sr., Rosalie and in-laws Harry and Ellen. Brother to siblings; Dory, Mike, sister-in-law Kerri, Susan, Sandy, and brother-in-law Damon. Papa to his two cherished grandchildren; Gavin and Mia, whom he adored and each child held a special place in his heart.

Viola O'Brien

Viola O'Brien died peacefully on Friday, August 3, at the age of 81 with her family by her side. She was born in Port Chester, on January 8, 1937, the daughter of John and Wanda Tybursky Endriss. Viola was a longtime resident of Mahopac, before moving to Carmel 17 years ago. She was a registered nurse and had worked at Waterview Hills Nursing Center in Purdys. After Waterview, she worked many years at Field Home - Holy Comforter Nursing Home where she retired as a nursing supervisor in 1999. Following her retirement from nursing, Viola worked as a part time school bus monitor for special needs children in the Mahopac Central School System. Viola enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and attended the Mahopac Seniors which meets weekly at the Mahopac

Fire Department. She is survived by her daughters, Diane of Danbury, CT and Linda Darsney and her husband, Kevin of Rowley, MA; her sisters, Elizabeth Schmid of Brewster, and Dorothy Pescatore of Charlestown, RI and her grandchildren, Shawn and Kerstin. Visiting will be held on Tuesday, August 7 from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 8 at 10 am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac with interment to follow at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. It is with great sadness that the family of Matthew A. Solano (known to friends as "Budd") announces his passing on Friday, August 3rd at age 76.

Matthew Solano

Matthew Solano was born on February 22, 1942 in Mount Vernon, to Matthew and Catherine Solano. He attended Bishop Loughlin High School and graduated St. John's Law School in 1966. Matthew began his career with a law firm in Hartsdale, NY before opening a private practice in Carmel where he remained for over two decades. Upon his retirement from law, Budd fulfilled a lifelong dream of opening a bed and breakfast in Killington, VT, traveling North America on two wheels, continuing his passion for skiing and spending time with his family and friends. Matthew served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Knights of Columbus Council 6318, the Lions Club and the New York Bar Association. Matthew will be forever remembered by his former wife, Patricia, and his children, Matthew (Jennifer), Christine (Eugene), and Mark. Matthew will also be lovingly remembered by his four grandchildren Jennifer, Nicolette, Lara, and Matthew and by his brother Edward and his sisters, MaryAnn and Katherine and his nephews Kenya and Peter and niece Alice. Matthew was predeceased by his parents Matthew A. Solano Sr. and Catherine (McCauley) Solano.

Sheriff's Department Launches New Marine-patrol Vessel

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office announced the launching of a new marine patrol vessel, which will be utilized to patrol Lake Mahopac.

The new vessel, a 2012 (21-foot) Boston Whaler, replaces a 1998 (eighteen foot) Boston Whaler.

In addition to a standard marine patrol vessel package, the new vessel comes equipped with Radar and a Forward Looking Infrared Camera.

The newly equipped vessel will increase the Putnam County Sheriff's Department's capabilities for searching in the dark and handling emergencies on Lake Mahopac.

The vessel was provided to the Sheriff's Department by the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, at no cost to Putnam County.

The Sheriff's Department also participates in a NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation reimbursement program, which provides funding for all of the Sheriff's Department's Marine Patrol operations.





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Putnam-based Agricultural Business Blossoming Nationwide

Eleanor's Best, purveyors of artisanal jams, jellies, preserves and marmalade, is flourishing thanks to the growing appetite for quality specialty products nationwide. According to a 2015 study cited in Food Quality and Safety magazine, "Consumers are particularly committed to certain types of specialty or organic foods...70 percent of respondents...prefer all-natural products while 68 percent prefer locally produced food." And those numbers are rising.

Eleanor's Best is helping to satisfy this increasing demand. As the company expands, it is also contributing to a rapidly expanding segment of economic development within Putnam County—agricultural business.

"There's a misconception that economic development means attracting industry—big-box chains and large-scale manufacturing," said Jill Varricchio, president of Putnam County Economic Development Corporation. "But agricultural businesses are becoming the backbone to Putnam's continued economic growth. Our extensive network of parkland and our protected waterways—once considered a barrier to economic growth—are the very same characteristics that are attracting agricultural businesses," she explains. "As these companies form networks, they create and sustain opportunities for a host of products and services."

Eleanor's Best was founded by Jennifer Mercurio, an attorney with a 20-year career in international corporate and technology law. Mercurio's family tree reaches back generations and has yielded a number of women named Eleanor, whose many and varied accomplishments included perfecting the art of preserving fine fruits—a time-honored process that became a family tradition as well as a strictly guarded family secret. Initially, Mercurio gave jars of her handcrafted marmalade to colleagues and friends. They were so enthusiastic that she decided to try marketing her preserves under her own private label, named after her forebears.

Mercurio and her husband had Putnam

County on their radar for some time before moving here from Manhattan to more than a decade ago. It seemed to offer the best of both worlds: accessibility to New York City and a rustic character with deep sense of community. They found a farm that would fulfill their dreams, in Garrison. Although a former owner had allowed extensive excavations on the land, they were committed to healing it. In return, the farm gave back—nourishing both their family and their entrepreneurial spirit.

While close to New York City, Putnam is worlds away from its stresses. The move allowed the couple to continue their careers while enjoying the quality of life they had long envisioned. Over time, Mercurio's husband shifted from being a high-powered political consultant to a rare book collector; today his business operates worldwide from their home. Meanwhile, Mercurio evolved from being an attorney to becoming an entrepreneur.

After they had their daughter—named Eleanor—Mercurio wanted to spend even more time at home. The slower pace of producing jams and jellies suited her. In fact, making jams and jellies is the antithesis of fastfood—it takes from one to three days to produce a batch.

The company's location allowed Mercurio to buy from local sources and sell through local outlets before eventually reaching sellers nationwide. The company has grown concentrically. At first, Eleanor's Best was available exclusively at the Country Goose in nearby Cold Spring, then in 30 stores from Westchester to Albany. Eventually, the jams, jellies and preserves spread to national outlets such as Whole Foods.

To keep up with demand, Mercurio has expanded her line of jams, jellies, preserves and marmalades from just three flavors of marmalade (bitter orange, Meyer lemon, and grapefruit) to 14 including blueberry jam, peach



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Eleanor's Best was founded by Jennifer Mercurio.

jam, quince jam, raspberry jam, and strawberry rhubarb jam. The company plans to increase output by building a new commercial kitchen space in a barn on the farm. Mercurio also intends to rent it out to other small farm and food creators, as well as caterers regionally to help buoy the local food system and support others with the entrepreneurial spirit.

Eleanor's Best sources fruits that are grown locally according to organic methods—no pesticides or chemicals are used (although the ingredients are not necessarily "certified" organic, since legal certification guidelines can be cost-prohibitive), nor are there any additives, dyes or fillers. Each product is gluten free and vegan. Even the pectin is fruit-based—from farm apples, not grains—and therefore is GMO free. Her citrus fruits come from Arizona, California or Florida and are equally carefully scrutinized. Sources for other items such as labels to bottles jars and packaging also must meet high standards for authenticity and sustainability.

Still, Eleanor's Best keeps a lid on costs in order to offer her line at mid-range prices, often lower than competing industrial brands that are mass-produced and typically include fillers. "There are only four or five ingredients in every selection, and they're recognizable ingredients people can trust," Mercurio said. "Everything is authentic."

In addition to few ingredients, Eleanor's

Best employs a relatively few number of people in the production process. A handful of others fill orders coming in from gourmet specialty shops and larger chain stores across 45 states. Eleanor's Best direct ships wholesale orders and also works with distributors filling the farm to table niche.

And they have diversified. Today Mercurio Farms produces eggs from free range, organically fed "happy hen" chickens; raw wildflower honey; beeswax hand and lip salves; pure Grade A maple syrup tapped from trees their own trees and boiled down in their farm sugar shack, as well as vegetables, herbs, flowers and orchard fruits.

Mercurio Farms composts and recycles as much as possible. Manure is used to nourish planting beds throughout the farm. Their bees, which produce honey and beeswax, also pollenate everything growing on the farm. The flock of Jacob sheep that graze the land not only provide wool that is spun locally, but also inexpensive lawn mowing and fertilizer. Mercurio finds time to knit and crochet the wool into items for the family. Next year, they hope to bring in pigs, and they are researching their options for making the farm go solar.


According to Varricchio, agriculture in Putnam County is a diverse, multimillion-dollar industry and a crucial land use that strengthens the local food supply, economic vitality, quality of life, community character, picturesque landscape, environment, and recreational opportunities. "Right now, there are approximately 11,309 farmland acres in Putnam County with farm sizes ranging from 1.25 acres to 1,200 acres," she said, noting that their activities range from equine and livestock operations to greenhouses; nurseries; orchards; and maple syrup, hay and corn production. "As residents seek relief from the state and local tax burdens while maintaining the quality of life they enjoy in Putnam, contributions to the local economy from agriculture businesses are figuring ever more strongly in the picture," she explained.



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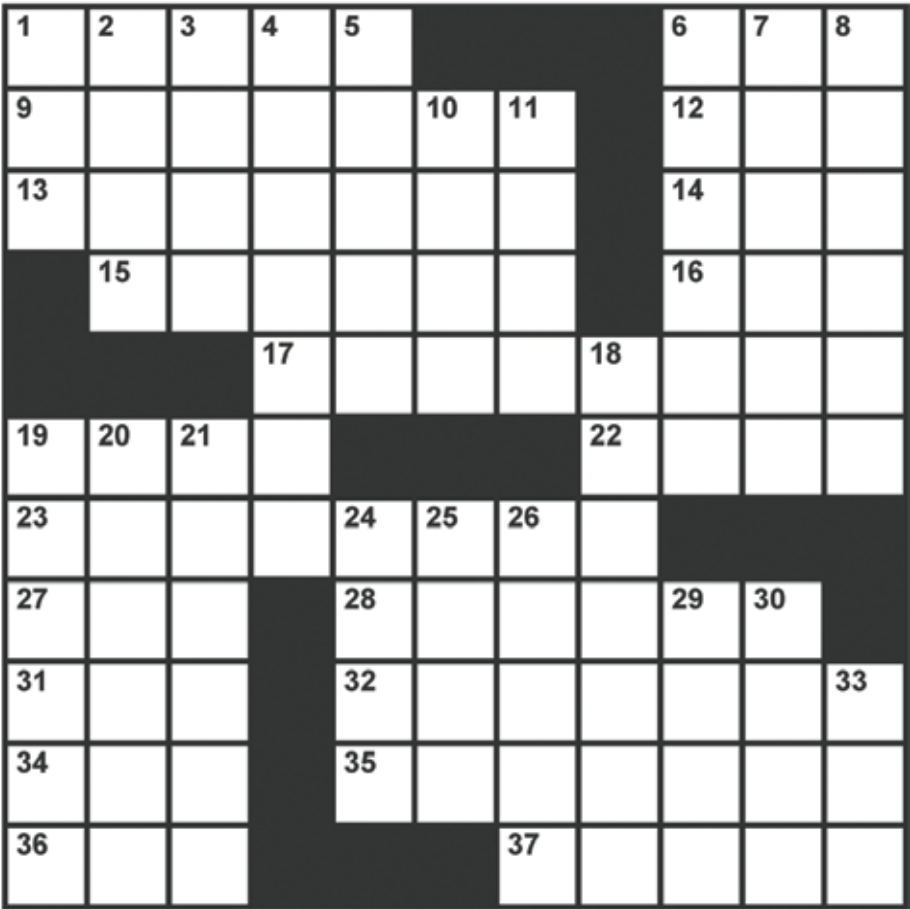
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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- Across
1. Water pots

6. Have ____ at

9. If you want flowers, this Yorktown emporium is not the hinterland, ____ Florist

12. Mug

13. Borealis and australis

14. Ball carriers

15. Mother ____ (Nobel-winning nun)

16. French island

17. Rubber-stamps

19. Wash process

22. New Jersey five

23. Shrub Oak personal training facility, Pure ____

27. Gator or lemon?

28. Sheep meat

31. Drink for a hot day, with ice

32. Green crusts on bronze

34. Stable diet?

35. Big electronics and engineering company

36. Before, to bards

37. To cut for the 2nd time
5. Bug causing a sore throat

6. Reached the meeting point

7. Stemmed glass

8. Dwell on

10. Metalworker's tool

11. Junior or senior?

18. Erstwhile

19. Large, leaf-like part of a flower

20. ____, did I do that?

21. Nocturnal lemur

24. Little devils

25. Paris's ____ d'Orsay

26. Pronounce

29. Certain column

30. Grandma's nickname

33. Pilothouse abbr.

- Down
1. Mozart's "L____ del Cairo"

2. Boor

3. Trap

4. Jackets



First Harvest Picked from Tilly Foster Farm

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell was on-hand at Tilly Foster Farm and Educational Institute in Brewster recently when the first harvest was picked from the county-owned farm. The third-of-an-acre garden is growing over two dozen types of crops that will be used by Tilly's Table and the Office for Senior Resources.

"The next phase of Tilly Foster Farm and Educational Institute has become a reality," said Odell. "We are using the rich soil of the farm to grow fruits, vegetables and plants that can be used by Tilly's Table for its nightly specials and OSR to enhance the seniors' meals. As we continue to follow the farm plan we will be able to showcase the diverse uses of the property and allow it to benefit all the people of Putnam County."

The garden is lined with pumpkins, melons, squash, beets, peppers, tomatoes, zucchinis and so much more.

"I am very excited about this. We have put a good team together; they are working well together, and they enjoy what they are doing," said Chris Ruthven, Deputy Commissioner of Parks. "I am very proud of the product we are producing."

Tilly's Table, the restaurant located on Tilly Foster Farm, is purchasing the produce at a fair-market price from Putnam County on a weekly basis. Chef



Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell shared in the joy of picking the first vegetables from the garden at Tilly Foster Farm. Pictured (left to right): Donald Arrant, Alex Cyprus, County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Deputy Commissioner of Parks Chris Ruthven, Lisa Walker and Steve Kessman.

Andre is using the freshly picked fruits and vegetables to create delicious farm-to-table nightly specials for the patrons. The remaining harvest is being used by the Office for Senior Resources where Sean Sampson uses the farm fresh produce to liven up the lunch offerings at the county's four Nutrition and

Friendship Centers as well as the Meals on Wheels program.

The seniors are enjoying the seasonal additions to the menu. Lorraine Herman of Carmel thinks adding the vegetable grown at Tilly Foster Farm is a great idea.

"I stopped by the Carmel Friendship Center for lunch today and was pleasantly surprised by the delicious lunch that was served - especially the cucumber soup, which everyone raved about," said Herman. The baby spinach served with the egg salad couldn't have been fresher or more tender."

She added, "In looking at the plates that were discarded after the meal, I can tell you there was very little food waste, unlike what it had been prior to implementing this new farm-to-table program."

Growing crops on the farm has been part of the agricultural plan for the county-owned property since Putnam County took over management of Tilly Foster Farm in 2014. Tilly's farmer Donald Arrant started planning for the garden in October. In the spring, Arrant with the help of Lisa Walker, Steve Kessman and Louis Albano began cultivating the land. They then planted seeds from Johnny Seed Company and plants, which were purchased locally from Peterson's Patterson Greenhouses in Patterson.

The Asphalt Jungle Changes Meaning in the Suburbs

When you hear the term The Asphalt Jungle, the title of a 1950 film noir based on the novel of the same name by W. R. Burnett, you probably think of underworld activities in the city, but in the suburbs, the words could very well describe the constant battle of maintaining our town roads.

And the surprisingly bad condition of many of our roads today affects the perception of our towns and neighborhoods, as well as the perceived value of our homes.

When I owned a single-family home, it was the first home as one entered my street.

And I was keenly aware at one point that it had not been paved in at least 25 years while I was living there. I became very sensitive to this issue when one buyer prospect asked, "Why does your street look so bad?"

However, I remember well when one morning I woke to the sound of equipment operating in the street below my window, and I thought, oh, no, what the heck is happening now? But I rejoiced



By Bill Primavera

when, 'lo and behold, I spied through the trees along the street an enormous truck filled with steaming asphalt, a smell that I happen to like, almost comparable to the slight high I get when using rubber cement.

I quickly got dressed and ran down to the street to personally welcome the crew and the highway department head at that time who was there to personally supervise the job.

Why was it such a long time between pavings? I asked him. He replied that because of tightened budgets, roads which had been on a 10-year cycle for

re-paving had been extended to a 20-year cycle." I guess somehow my street got lost in the shuffle because I could personally testify to the fact that its life far surpassed even the extended cycle.

When I was a child, I traveled with my older sister and my brother-in-law across country and at that time, the main interstate highway going across the southwestern states was Route 66 and this major road was all concrete rather

than asphalt, but from the 60s onward, most roads are done in asphalt because of its ease of installation, and repair. However, the heaviest traveled roads are still concrete which is better in bearing the load of really heavy trucks.

You may know the story about how the concrete and automobile lobbies conspired to get the interstate highway system together in this country in the 1950s at the expense of public transportation. It's a fascinating study.

When I moved to my town more than 40 years ago, the main road, then cared for by the county, was still concrete, installed in sections with cracks in between that produced a large, consistent sound as you rode over them. Soon after our arrival, it too was covered with smooth asphalt that looked and rode much better.

You may wonder about the composition of an asphalt mix. Actually liquid asphalt is the heavy black material that is left from crude oil after the other products like gasoline and motor oil are refined from it. Paving asphalt is composed of six percent liquid asphalt, mixed with sand and stone.

The materials are heated to about 300 degrees while mixed, dumped into a very long "slow boy" truck, which then

delivers the paving material to the site. The advantage of the large "slow boy" is that it features a conveyor which pushes the mix out on to the road without having to be lifted and dumped."

After the asphalt is spread evenly along the road, a roller, which operates with water cascading over its surface, flattens and compresses the mix, with the water keeping it from sticking to the drum.

Because of that procedure, my street was transformed from the ugliest to the nicest looking in town. The downside was that it made my abutting landscaping look a little overgrown, so I had to catch up with the Joneses and prune everything back so that it matched the sleeker look of the street.

There was always something to keep me busy outside, and this was a small price to pay to guard against the possibility of my stumbling into a pothole in front of my house.

Bill 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.

Exploring the Wines of an Up and Coming, Yet Ages-old, Wine Region



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the last few years, Americans have been exposed to new grape varieties from new wine regions in record numbers, and we have been very receptive. These wines have for the most part been of a quality level unparalleled in the United States market. These competitors have made inroads into the traditional domestic market. Yes, Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir are still beverages of choice, but many consumers have been experimenting with other wines, boosting sales and expanding our palates as never before. Albarino from Spain, red blends from France and the United States, Prosecco from Italy and Rieslings from France and Germany have all been embraced by American wine consumers.

I'm always open to new wines making an entrance onto the stage of American offerings. I never know which of the wines competing for my palate and my wallet will be successful. Of course this whole process can be overwhelming; many Americans find a wine they enjoy and become fiercely

loyal to the grape or the producer.

However, experimentation should always be the hallmark in these heady wine times.

One country that I believe should be garnering greater attention is still flying under the radar: Austria.

Grapevines are believed to have been planted in Austria over two thousand years ago by occupying Roman armies. Vineyards flourished along the eastern borders in near proximity to Vienna and the Danube River. Early wines, influenced by the favorable microclimate along the Danube, were light and sweet, suiting the taste of local citizenry.

Centuries later, as Austrian monks began cultivating the vineyards, revamping and enhancing wine production, so too were the country's political and cultural stars on the rise. More sophisticated wines

were in demand as Strasbourg and Vienna became cultural capitals, drawing the cognoscenti to their music halls and cafes.

Centuries of avid wine

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

consumption came to a crashing demise in 1985. To enhance flavor and body artificially, over one million gallons of wine were adulterated with a toxic chemical used in the production of anti-freeze.

This scandal effectively ended the Austrian wine industry, but ironically jump-started a new era in fine Austrian wines.

As a result of the scandal, new regulations were implemented and monitored; winemakers focused on quality wines to revive the industry. (Very) slowly, wine consumers discovered these new and improved wines, made from indigenous grapes that were both unique and appealing.

Today, there are thirty-six grape varieties approved for planting: twenty-two whites and fourteen reds.

The most popular white shipped to the United States is Grüner Veltliner. It is crisp, minerally and laced with hints of tropical fruit. Like Albarino or Sauvignon Blanc? Try a \$12 Grüner.

Other tantalizing whites trickling into the United States: Riesling, Neuberger, Weissburgunder, Zierfandler and Rotgipfler.

It is the reds that are now trickling into the United States. Although saddled with unfamiliar, indigenous names, these wines could be the next new favorite wine for many Americans. A sampling of the top red wines:

Blafränkisch: Blackberry and cherry flavors, with high acidity and big tannins make this wine perfect for robust game dishes. Like big, bold wines from the Northern Rhone or Bordeaux? Try several \$15 Blafränkisch wines.

Zweigelt: A lighter, middle ground style, redolent of raspberries and strawberries, this wine is perfect for quaffing and for a BBQ. Like Beaujolais? Try a slightly chilled \$15 bottle of Zweigelt.

Blauburgunder: Called Pinot Noir elsewhere in the wine world, this expression, grown on terraces above the Danube, close to Vienna, is typically fruit forward with overtones of chocolate and smokiness. Like Central Coast California Pinot Noir? Try several \$16 Blauburgunder wines.

Ready to experiment? You can get on a plane and fly to Vienna and its multitude of wine bars and cafes. Or try Café Sabarsky on the upper east side of Manhattan. You'll be teletransported to Vienna, replete with period décor, food menu and a wine-by-the-glass list begging for experimentation.

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Tuesday, August 7

Join Miss Pauline for a summery PJ Storytime. 6:30 p.m. Come listen to some fun stories! Want to wear your PJs? That is totally okay! No registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52, and can be reached at (845) 520-8109 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Tapestry Weaving at Reed Library: 10 a.m. to noon. Create a small scale weaving using various yarns, twine, ribbon, beads, words, poetry, feathers, shells and other natural materials. Registration required. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Green Chimneys Golf Classic: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunningdale Country Club, 300 Underhill Road Scarsdale, Golf for a Good Cause: Hit the Green for Green Chimneys! The day begins with breakfast followed by 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, putting contest, cocktails, and dinner. The event will include celebrity guests, an auction, prizes and a great day of golf on one of Westchester's best courses. Proceeds to Benefit the Friends of Green Chimney. www.greenchimneys.org. For registration information and questions, please contact Meg via 845.279.2995 x108 or mslavin@greenchimneys.org

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7 p.m. "The Second Mrs. Hockaday" by Susan Rivers. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

Wednesday, August 8

Craft Time: Stop by the Kent Library between 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Come make a bee out of an egg carton and some other doodads! No registration is required.

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unsightly buildings are down. Some of the ideas discussed but not yet decided on are to connect the new park with a beautiful lighted walking bridge to the existing Chamber Park. Once the parking lot sale is locked down, the improvements can be planned for and move forward to offer as many as 100 parking spaces and a new building housing public rest rooms and possibly a new and improved Community Center, although these plans have yet to go into design discussions. Everything and anything is possible.

Then comes the long-awaited sidewalk project on 6N in Mahopac. This is just the beginning.

Carmel Vision 2020 sends a clear message that there is a need for this and more to help Carmel become a great place

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Thursday, August 9

Matisse Cutouts at Reed Library: 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. Matisse's cutouts dominated the final six years of his life. Students will study the life, time and art of Henri Matisse to create an expressive cutout composition. Registration required. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Friday, August 10

Summer Reading Celebration: Come celebrate the last day of Summer Reading at the Kent Library on Friday, August 10 at 3 p.m. Make an ice cream sundae and pick up a free book! No registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52, and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Self Defense: 4 p.m. Pawling Karate will be coming to show teens basic self-defense techniques. These will help build a greater awareness of self, empower teens both physically and mentally while reinforcing the need to respect ourselves and others. For ages 13-17. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Saturday, August 11

Putnam Service Dogs featured by Carmel Cinema: Noon -5 p.m. at premier weekend of Dog Days movie. One dollar from all ticket sales of the new movie, Dog Days, throughout Saturday, August 11th, will be donated to Putnam Service Dogs by Carmel Cinema. Dog Days is a PG movie, directed by Ken Marino,

to live, play or do business.

The LAB and all on the Chamber Board and management ask that you support the Carmel Town Board with your input. If you have ideas, only you can make them be heard. The Town Board meets every Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; the exception is when that month has a fifth Wednesday, then no meeting.

As always, we at the Chamber's LAB is here to listen to you as well. Feel free to contact the office and leave a message for the committee chairs. Ask for your copy of #CarmelVision2020 and maybe you want to join the team as well. 845-628-5553.

Thom Iannicari and Lawrence Zacks are the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Advocacy Board for the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber.

about loveable dogs that change their owners' lives in unexpected ways when both humans and dogs cross paths in Los Angeles. Putnam Service Dogs, along with some of their pups in training, will be in the lobby of Carmel Cinema, noon-5, Saturday, August 11, to celebrate the opening of Dog Days. Putnam Service Dogs is a 501(c)3 NY State nonprofit corporation, based in Brewster, that provides free, highly trained service dogs to people with physical disabilities other than blindness, including hearing alert dogs. They adopt mixed breed puppies from rescue organizations to turn into highly trained service dogs. Carmel Cinema is an 8 screen theater located in the Carmel Shoprite Plaza, Rte 52, Carmel, putnamservicedogs.org

This year's teen run play is coming in the form of a cabaret! Come see the teens as they take you through the musical styles of Broadway shows ranging from the powerful songs of Les Miserables to the razzle-dazzle of Chicago and many more! For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Tuesday, August 14

Percy Jackson Book Club: 2 p.m. Kent Library. Live the adventures of Greek mythology in modern times with trivia questions, game show buzzers with funky noises, and a fun craft. Join your cabin and compete against the others! In this meeting, the group will discuss the first book in the series, The Lightning Thief.

Abstract Art II: Reed Library. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Discussion of the history, rules and freedom of Abstract Art and an opportunity to create a unique abstract painting on canvas. Registration required.

Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Friday, August 17

The Greatest Showman will play at the Kent Public Library on Friday, August 17 at 2 p.m. This film celebrates the birth of show business, and tells the story of P. T. Barnum, a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Stars Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, and Zendaya. Rated PG. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing off Route 52, and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

August 18th & 19th

Save the Date: 8th Annual Daniel Nimham Intertribal POW WOW 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. free Admission/parking. Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park - Nimham fields 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel.

Movie Time: Watch the films based on selections from the Mahopac High School summer reading lists. No registration needed; popcorn provided. Drop-in to watch these noteworthy films: August 7: 3 pm - The Perks of Being a Wallflowers 6 pm - One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest August 8:30 p.m. - The Zookeeper's Wife August 16: 3 p.m. - Every Day 6 p.m. - Pride and Prejudice. August 21: 3 pm - The Five People You Meet in Heaven 6 pm - The Grapes of Wrath August 22: 3 p.m. - Go Tell it on the Mountain Additional summer reading films available with your Mahopac Library card on Kanopy: Lord of the Flies, Silent Spring. A Tale of Two Cities. Find the link to Kanopy, a streaming film resource, on the home page of the Library's website, or click here. For information call 845-628-2009, ext 100, or visit www.mahopaclibrary.org.

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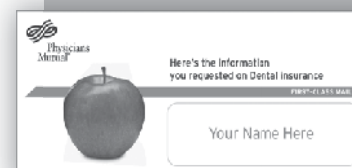
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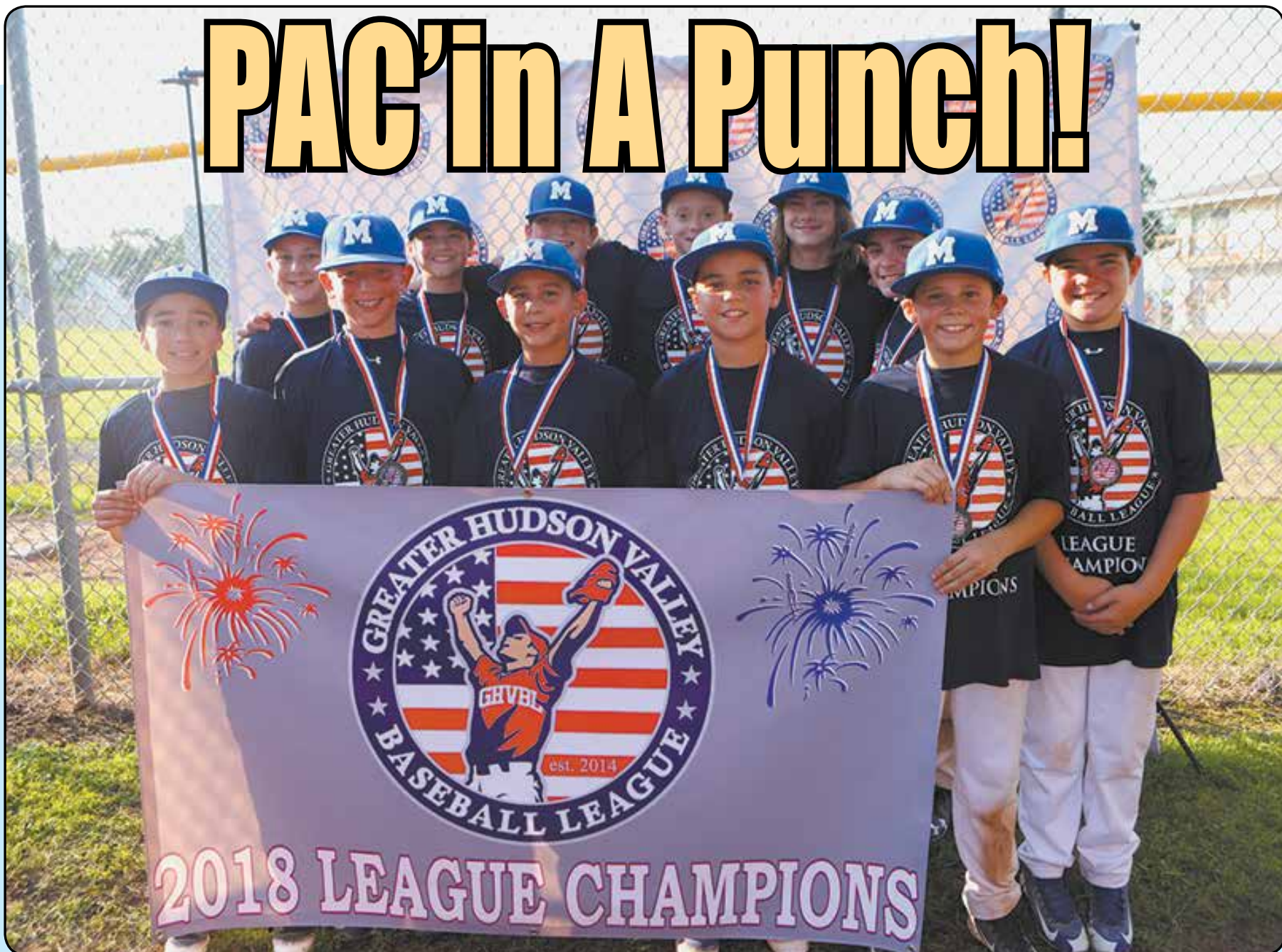
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Mahopac Delivers Knockout Blow, Slays Somers to Win GHVBL 12U Title

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Mahopac defeated Somers 8-2 to win the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League Championship 12U division last Sunday in Danbury Connecticut. Mahopac's offense went to work when Indians Nevan Nystrom mashed a grand slam home run in the 5th inning and Tyler Castrataro followed up with a solo shot. The high power team consists of Joe DeFeo, Quentin Bally, Casey Brandstette, Tyler Castrataro, Robert Dusovic, Kevin Dwyer, John Kearney, Nolan Keenan, Joe Luczkowski, Nevan Nystrom, Owen Ryan, Chris Sapienza, Liam Scanlon.

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Renegades Snap Losing Streak

By Andy Jacobs

Up until last week, the Hudson Valley Renegades had the best record in the New York-Penn League. But a season-high five-game losing streak knocked the 'Gades from their lofty perch.

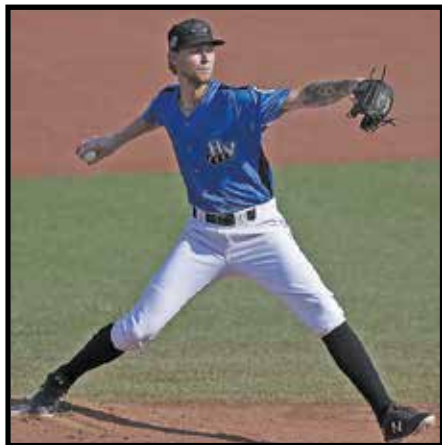
Late Sunday afternoon, Hudson Valley finally returned to its winning ways, overcoming a four-run deficit to defeat the Brooklyn Cyclones 6-5 at Dutchess Stadium. The Renegades rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, winning in walk-off fashion as Cyclone relief pitcher Yeudy Colon was called for a balk, sending home Allen Smoot from third base with the decisive run.

The Cyclones, sparked by two-run homers off the bats of Chase Chambers and Carlos Cortes, built a 5-1 lead after four and a half innings. The Renegades answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, closing to within a run of Brooklyn on Adrian Rondon's two-out RBI single to center field.

In the decisive ninth inning, the first two Renegade batters were retired before Rondon walked and Smoot singled. Marvin Malone then followed with a run-scoring single to tie the game, setting the stage for the balk call that provided the Renegades with their 29th victory in 48 games this season.



Brooklyn first baseman Chase Chambers fields a throw from third just in time to nip the Renegades' Bryce Brown in the second inning.



Renegades starting pitcher Easton McGee delivers to the plate in Sunday's come-from-behind 6-5 win over visiting Brooklyn.



Brooklyn's Chase Chambers, who homered in the first inning of Sunday's game, gets set to bat in the top of the fourth inning vs. the host Renegades.



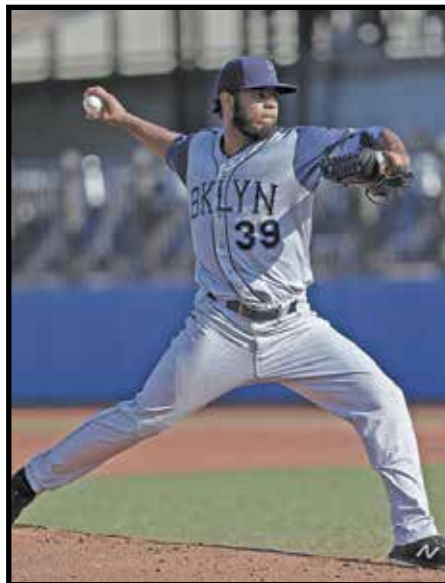
Brooklyn third baseman Brian Sharp watches the flight of his foul ball in the 6-5 loss to the Renegades.



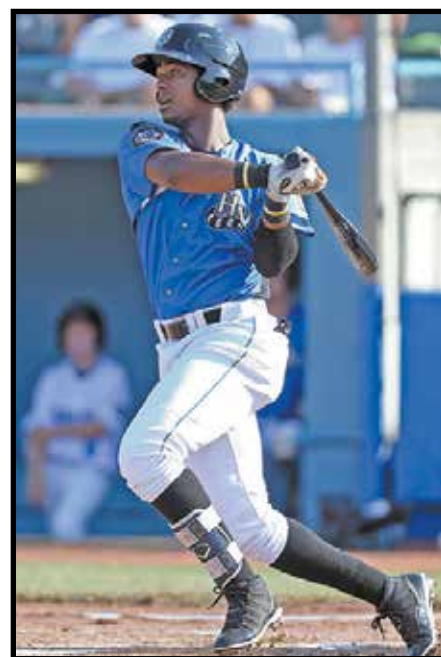
Renegades shortstop Tyler Frank throws to first to complete a seventh-inning double play as second baseman Ford Proctor looks on and Brooklyn's Wagner Lagrange runs the bases.



Hudson Valley's Ford Proctor races to second base with a leadoff double in the bottom of the first inning vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones.



Jaison Viera of the Brooklyn Cyclones fires a pitch to the plate in Sunday's game against Hudson Valley at Dutchess Stadium.



The Renegades' Adrian Rondon hits a first-inning RBI single in Sunday's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley catcher Erik Ostberg runs the bases during Sunday's game.



Hudson Valley first baseman Jacson McGowan takes a mighty swing as he bats in the first inning of Sunday's game vs. Brooklyn.



Brooklyn's Nick Meyer runs to third base in the second inning of Sunday's game at Dutchess Stadium.

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Shrub Oak Storm proved their an offensive team to be reckon with last week.



The winning battery of catcher Carlo Tucci and pitcher Louie Vernagallo



Pitcher Louie Vernagallo delivered a gem last week.



Shrub Oak Storm 10U Breezes Into GHVBL Championship

Last Tuesday, the #2 seed Shrub Oak Storm hosted the #3 seed Mt. Pleasant Wildcats at Lakeland High School in the GHVBL Summer Semifinal game with a trip to the Championship game on the line. The Storm players came out in a fury putting 14 runs up in the first inning en route to a convincing 19-3 mercy win. Starting pitcher Louie Vernagallo improved to 8-0 on the season behind plenty of offensive support from his teammates. The Storm offense was led by Max Selinger, Kevin Gordon, Nicholas Santobello, Stefanos Cross, Grady McGee, Matthew Clyman and Michael Zumatto who all had a multi-hit game. Clyman and Santobello each contributed 3 RBI's as well. With the win the Storm improved to 25-2 overall (17-2 in GHVBL) this summer. The Storm played in their 6th consecutive GHVBL Championship Game last Sunday at Rogers Park in Danbury,

Bombers Beat Down Opponents in Tri-State Tourney

In a tournament consisting of teams from three different states (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut) the Bombers baseball club went undefeated going 3-0-1. The team displayed lot of local talent who will showcase their skills at the Varsity level next year.

In game one against Frozen Ropes, John Glashoff and Jimmy Murphy combined to pitch to a 2-2 tie. Jason Green and Mike Hardy drove in the runs for the Bombers.

In the quarterfinals, the Bombers won 5-1 over the Westchester Jr. Ducks. Mike Scotto went 6 and 1/3 innings striking out 7 with one walk allowed for the win. Andrew Croce closed the game. Murphy and Jason Green led the Bombers with the bats with two hits each. In the semis, the Bombers beat the Rockland Elite 7-4. Green went 6 & 1/3 innings for the win with Croce closing out the game for the save. Michael Hardy and Croce each had two hits a piece to lead the offense for the

Bombers. Hardy also had three RBIs.

Finally, in the championship, the Bombers outlasted Coastal CT 10-6. Steven Gerrish went 4 innings for the win with Croce going three innings for the save. Croce (4 RBI's), Murphy (3 hits), Andrew Russian (2 RBI's) and Diego Urreta (3 walks and 2 runs) led the bombers offense.

The team consists of :

John Glashoff (Hendrick Hudson)
Nick Hiltley (Hendrick Hudson)
Andrew Croce (Lakeland)
Jason Green (Lakeland)
Michael Scotto (Lakeland)
Diego Urreta (Panas)
Steven Gerrish (Panas)
Michael Hardy (Briarcliff)
Jimmy Murphy
Andrew Russian
Josh Borowicz
Sal Ferraro



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Putnam Valley Snags 9U GHSVBL Title

The Putnam Valley 9U team defeated LaGrange 3-2 in extra innings to win the greater Hudson Valley Baseball League Championship last Sunday in Danbury Connecticut, capping off an impressive season for the boys from PV. Bottom row (L to R): Reece Horan, Ryan Dinizo, Joey Recuppio, Cam Tagliamonte-Akram, Mikey Frye, Matt Quinn; Middle Row: (L to R) Carter Horan, Parker Fisco, Jackson Weller, Logan Moriarty, Jack Rund, Ryan Tagliamonte-Akram; Back Row (L to R): Coaches Mike Frye, Frank Weller, Kevin Moriarty.