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## PV Rallies In Wake Of Tragedy *Community Honors Loss of Teenager Elias Knapp*

By David Propper

Putnam Valley has been a community in mourning the past two weeks following a tragic accident that resulted in the death of 17-year-old Elias Knapp.

Elias, a senior at Putnam Valley High School, died days after he accidentally shot himself while horsing around with friends earlier this month. At his wake last Saturday, a long line of people wrapped around Yorktown Funeral Home to pay respects and show an absolute outpouring of love to the Knapp family.

Around 7:46 p.m. on Feb. 1, deputies from the sheriff's department responded to a radio call of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head at 56 Ridge Ave. in Putnam Valley after a friend of Elias called 911 to report the accident, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. When deputies arrived, they saw Elias with an apparent gunshot wound to his head with three friends also present, the sheriff's department said.

Deputies, EMS workers and a medic tried to administer aide to Elias, who was still breathing when they arrived, authorities sad. He was transported by the Mahopac Falls ambulance to then be airlifted to Westchester Medical Center.

A decision was made days later to take Elias off life support and his organs were donated, according to Elias's father Steven Knapp, who posted on a gofundme page that was set up by a town resident to help raise money for funeral expenses.

"His heart was pure gold, he was a nurturing, loving young person still in search of himself," Steven said on the gofundme page, adding. "Please, remember him for the good and great things that he did throughout his childhood."

The sheriff's department is still investigating the matter as of last Thursday. No charges have been filed.

"Our deepest condolences go out to the Knapp family," the sheriff's department stated.

In his obituary, Elias was described as a loving son, grandson, brother and friend who leaves behind his father, Steven, mother, Helena, two older sisters and three surviving grandparents. He also leaves behind his longtime girlfriend, Amanda Faul, who is a Putnam Valley High School student.

Instead of sending flowers, the Knapp family requests people consider volunteering a few hours to an

organization in Elias's memory.

"He enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, camping, and riding his dirt bike. He loved playing video games, music, and spending time with family and friends," part of his obituary stated. "He had a special connection with animals, especially his dogs, and had an unrivaled and witty sense of humor."

The gofundme page has raised more than \$22,000 with 370 people contributing in eight days as of Sunday night. The original funding goal was \$7,500.

The organizer of the fundraiser is Lenore Fontanez, who has known the Knapp family for more than two decades. She worked at a local deli where she



Elias Knapp



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Fellow students wear shirts in honor of Elias Knapp at a boys varsity basketball game.

would see Steve and Elias Knapp come in on occasion. Elias would also drive by Fontanaz's home everyday on his quad or dirt bike, sometimes cutting through their yard to get to the deli.

Fontanez said she interacted with the Knapp family almost daily, which made the news of Elias's accident even more sickening.

"Literally my heart sunk," she said. "I sat there in disbelief saying 'I cannot believe this.'"

The community has also put bright blue lights all throughout town to remember Elias and his trademark blue eyes. So many blue light bulbs were purchased that stores near Putnam Valley were running out of the product. The suggestion was made by a classmate of his, Elayna Kurtenbach.

"I was so proud of this community, everybody came together for this family," Fontanez said. "(The Knapp family) wasn't

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# Election Reform Requires Adjustment for BOE, Committees

By David Propper

While spring hasn't come early, it might feel that way to Putnam County Board of Election workers and political committee members as the timeline to get candidates on the ballot has been pushed up due to election reform passed at the state level earlier this year.

For the first time in decades, candidates seeking public office in New York need to start collecting signatures to get on the ballot later this month now that the primary date has been moved from September to June to match when the federal primary is held. In years past, candidates and committee members didn't need to collect signatures until late May and committees didn't need to decide on endorsements until at least April.

Several town committees, including in Carmel and Southeast, have already selected its candidates for local elections. The board of elections is also working toward getting things ready with an accelerated schedule.

Republican election commissioner Tony Scannapieco said he would've liked to see the new election schedule implemented next year rather than this year because it now feels rushed. He argued state assembly members and senators, who voted for the new layout, don't want kinks worked out next year

*'They rushed us into this, we got no time, we're going crazy, we can't get answers what do we have to do.'* -GOP BOE commish Tony Scannapieco

when they are all up for reelection.

"You don't think they're going to have this tested when they're running, do you," Scannapieco asked rhetorically. "So they rushed us into this, we got no time, we're going crazy, we can't get answers what do we have to do. After 28 years (as GOP commissioner) it's just a joke."

But as the Putnam and Carmel GOP committee chairman, Scannapieco said the adjustment hasn't been too burdensome and the committee is right on schedule. Still, some personal sacrifices have been made with Scannapieco mentioning his planned two-week vacation to Florida in

February had to be canceled and other committee members needed to change their plans for the rest of the winter.

"And I am not going to Florida in July or August," Scannapieco quipped.

Democratic election commissioner Cathy Croft differed with Scannapieco and said she preferred the petitioning and election schedule be moved up this year rather than next year when turnout will be much higher with a presidential election. She also noted when the primary was held in September, there was a time crush to print the ballots between that election and the general election, especially if there was legal action taken after the primary election.

"I would've preferred doing (a June primary) ten years ago," Croft said.

Croft, who is the Southeast Democratic committee chairwoman, said fielding candidates now for local races hasn't been much of a challenge. She also noted it might be easier to collect signatures in the winter because more people are home to sign rather than the summer when many folks are on vacation.

"If I can't find somebody now, would I be able to find someone in May," Croft said of fielding candidates. "These election reforms were a long time coming."

Philipstown GOP chairman Kevin McConville said Scannapieco gave local

*'These election reforms were a long time coming.'*  
Democratic BOE commish  
Cathy Croft

committees the heads up that petitioning would likely start earlier this year well before election reforms had been passed by the state Legislature (the reforms had been talked about for almost a year leading up to the vote).

"While the process has moved up and is earlier, I don't think it's caught any of us as surprised," McConville said.

When asked whether he prefer collecting signatures for candidates in the dead of winter or the heat of summer, McConville replied, "We don't have a preference. We're going to collect the necessary signatures rain, snow, sleet, cold, it doesn't matter."



## Pain Shooting Down One Leg? What you need to know about symptoms and treatment of sciatica...

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#### Q: Do I have sciatica?

**A:** You probably do if you feel a sudden and severe pain, along with numbness and weakness, radiating from the buttocks down the back of one leg to the foot. The pain can be crippling. It is usually intense when you walk, diminishing when you lie down.

#### Q: What causes sciatica?

**A:** The *sciatic nerve* branches from the spine in the lower back through the hips and buttocks and runs down the back of each leg to the foot. Sciatica occurs when this nerve is pinched in the lower back by spinal disc herniation – protruding disc material – or by a larger fragment of disc material. Disc herniation usually occurs during normal activities, such as rising from bed.

#### Q: Am I at risk for sciatica?

**A:** Sciatica is common. More than three million Americans are diagnosed with the condition annually.\* Apart from the fact that 10 to 15 percent of patients have a family history of back problems, there are no risk factors. No behavior predisposes you to it.

#### Q: What are my treatment options?

**A:** If you have sciatica and it is not severe, you will typically receive oral steroids (anti-inflammatories) for seven days. Once you're more mobile, you will engage in physical therapy for a period of time and then be re-evaluated. If your symptoms persist, you may receive an injection of steroids at the nerve root to reduce pain. If this regimen fails, physicians will offer surgery. However, if a patient comes in unable to stand – basically bed-bound – we advise surgery sooner. It is important to know that 80 to 90 percent of patients get better without surgery.

#### Q: What can I expect from surgery for sciatica?

**A:** This minimally invasive procedure takes under an hour, and consists of removing the disc material pressing on the nerve. Most patients are pain-free following surgery. We have seen patients who arrived unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes, walk out the same day after surgery, completely asymptomatic. Sciatica recurs in ten percent of people, who may suffer recurrent bouts of the condition throughout their life.

\* <http://umm.edu/health/medical/reports/articles/back-pain-and-sciatica>



# Millings on Swan Cove Site Cause Stir

By David Propper

Representatives from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation plan on probing millings placed by the Town of Carmel on the Swan Cove property near Lake Mahopac this week to determine if the millings were appropriately dumped.

DEC spokeswoman Wendy Rosenbach told The Putnam Examiner that some time this week a division of water representative and division of solid waste representative from the DEC will go to the site to inspect it and would have more information for the public later in the week.

The DEC probe comes in light of a report in The Journal News that detailed issues surrounding the Swan Cove property off Route 6 that the town purchased for \$1 million last year with hopes of turning it into a lakeside park. The millings there are uncovered, according to The Journal News and are used to raise the level of land because it floods frequently following rainstorms.

Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said he was in touch with the DEC Friday and spoke about the asphalt milling at the site. Speaking with Rosenbach, Schmitt said she told him there is no prohibition in the state or in the New York City watershed for the use of asphalt millings



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The town placed millings near Lake Mahopac last summer to raise the land because the site often floods. Now the state DEC wants to take a look at it.

for municipal use.

Schmitt said the millings would be probed, but that he's been told there is nothing wrong with the asphalt. He doesn't believe there are health concerns related to the millings on the Swan Cove site or near the body of water.

Rosenbach said she and Schmitt were discussing a separate issue last week when he brought up the millings at Swan Cove. She said when representatives come to the town this week, the DEC will make sure Schmitt is on hand for the inspection.

"We can't really say anything until we take a look," Rosenbach said.

During the Route 6 project in the Hamlet of Carmel last summer, Schmitt said the town asked the state if town officials could take millings from them to re-grade projects that the town is working on.

"There's nothing nefarious going on

here," Schmitt said. "Millings are very commonly used."

The Swan Cove project has faced heat over the past year with skeptics believing the town rushed to buy the property without doing its due diligence. Last month, concerned resident Robert Buckley, who is also active in GOP politics, brought up negotiations between the town and Tompkins Mahopac Bank in which the town would buy four parcels from the bank to expand parking near Swan Cove for downtown Mahopac. He asserted the town was being leveraged by the bank, while town officials, including Councilman Michael Barile said the bank was working out a contract in good faith.

When addressing the latest issue, Barile said the millings on the property is not being use for ground fill and to suggest otherwise is a "bulls---" claim. The millings is stored on top of blacktop and will go on top of blacktop where needed, Barile said.

Barile is confident when the DEC comes to inspect the millings that the agency will state there is no problem with what the town is doing.

"They're not used for fill," Barile said. "It's a cost saving measure, look at the picture of the final design that the recreation commission has and watch. It's all bulls--- right now."

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# More State Funding Sought for Seniors' Needs, Tobacco Fight

By Jade Perez

Community members and representatives of various organizations urged the area's state senators to increase funding for senior care and tobacco control along with improving state roads during a public hearing last Friday afternoon.

Westchester's state Senate delegation listened to two hours of comments

on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed 2019-20 executive budget at the Greenburgh Public Library.

Jacob Reckess, a member of the Empire State Association of Assisted Living's Board of Directors, said there are more than 1,500 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in the senators' districts in Westchester and there hasn't been an increase in 12 years. SSI is a needs-based program that provides monthly benefits to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind or at least 65 years old.

"There's a recognition that this is a problem. So I ask you to continue the fight and get the message across," Reckess said.

Beth Finkel, the state director of AARP New York, asked that the governor's proposed \$15 million investment in home and community-based services be increased to \$25 million to keep pace

with need. As the population ages, there are fewer people available to care for the growing number of frail and elderly people. Finkel said there are 2.6 million caregivers in New York contributing \$32 billion of free care to family members.

"If you had to go pay for that in the open market...those people would have to go into institutional care, which we all know how much more that costs," Finkel said. "So we need to get more money into those services that can provide meals, transportation, etc."

Elizabeth Hamlin-Berninger, the director of advocacy for the American Lung Association in New York, called for an increase in funding for tobacco control, which aims to help people stop smoking and raise awareness of the e-cigarette problem.

"The CDC recommends that that program be funded at \$220 billion (nationwide) and New York is funding it at \$39,000," Hamlin-Berninger said. "New York brings in about \$2 billion of tobacco-taxed money and the MSA master settlement agreement money and we're not really sure where that money's going."

Hamlin-Berninger also expressed concern that the U.S. Surgeon General called e-cigarette smoking an epidemic. Citing data from a National Youth

Tobacco Survey that appears on the Food & Drug Administration's website, e-cigarette use among high school students increased by 78 percent from 2017 to 2018. Most of those kids will go on to smoke regular cigarettes, she said.

Abe-Baker Butler, a 16-year-old high school student who is vice president of the Westchester County Youth Board and Director of the Legislative Advocacy and Expansion for Students Against Nicotine, also called for more resources to combat teen cigarette and e-cigarette use.

Although the governor announced his intention to increase the legal age for buying tobacco and e-cigarette products from 18 to 21 in the state budget, Butler said that the age restriction is just part of the solution.

Butler noted that JUUL use has risen alarmingly because of its appealing flavors to teenagers. More than 37 percent of high school seniors used e-cigarettes in 2018, he said.

"These cigarettes can result in severe lung cancer, decreased immunity, inhibited brain development and popcorn lung," Butler said. "For the sake of our youth, we must take action to increase

funding for preventive education, restrict flavors and regulate e-cigarettes."

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner pushed for the state to make an investment to improve its roads. He showed recent photos of roads with large potholes, which drivers have had to cross onto the wrong side of the road to avoid, he said.

Feiner called the situation "dangerous and life-threatening."

"The last time a (state) road in Greenburgh was repaved was four years ago and that's really unconscionable," Feiner said. "I'm not here to ask for more funding for the town, cities or for villages, but I'm saying maintain the roads that are owned by New York State."

Last Friday's forum followed a similar one held by Westchester's Assembly members on Jan. 31. Sen. Shelley Mayer announced to a packed meeting room at the start that two hours would be devoted to public comments, which limited the number of speakers.

State lawmakers are expected to vote on the 2019-20 budget by the Mar. 31 deadline.

## Army Soldier Surprises Son with Visit at Ben Franklin School

By Rick Pezzullo

A U.S. Army National Guard soldier made a surprise visit on Feb. 7 to his son that he hadn't seen in a year while away on duty in the Middle East.

Specialist Chris Larkin flew into New York from Texas and headed straight to Ben Franklin Elementary School in Shrub Oak to reunite with his son Sean, a second-grader.

Principal Patricia Moore slipped into the school library where the class had gathered holding a large sign that said, "Welcome Home." Sean then turned around and saw his dad. Sean ran and leaped into father's arms while his classmates and school staff cheered.

Larkin, who worked with Moore and second grade teacher Kathy Nash to set up the surprise, thanked his commanders for helping him as well.

Larkin had returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait in the Middle East a few days earlier. He was one of 300 members of the New York Army National Guard's 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, which is headquartered in Yonkers and has elements in Peekskill and Orangeburg, who returned to New York recently.

The soldiers returned to Fort Hood, Texas from Kuwait on January 25 and began returning home on January 30 after out-processing at Fort Hood. The unit had left the Hudson Valley from Stewart Air National Guard Base on March 17, 2018. They trained for 45 days before deploying to the Middle East.

The soldiers are returning to New York in small groups at airports closest to their homes. The 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion provides communications support to military units across large distances using satellite communications technology.





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# Fundraiser Underway for Fallen Mahopac Native's Family

By David Propper

In light of the untimely death of Mahopac native and Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski, a fundraiser has been set up to help his family through a most difficult time.

A gofundme campaign has raised more than \$38,000 so far to go toward Kozloski's family, including his wife Brie, and four young children. Kozloski, of the Coast Guard, died in a crane accident on Jan. 31 after suffering fatal injuries on his base in Homer, Alaska. Kozloski, who was with the Coast Guard for 17 years, was a 2001 Mahopac High School graduate.

Homer, AK resident Mary Jo Campbell Cambridge set up the fundraising page for the Kozloski family with a goal of raising \$50,000 to help offset funeral costs and other expenses the family will face going forward. She met and got to know Kozloski from the two coaching softball together. One of Kozloski's daughters was on the team.

"When I discovered that Mike had died last week I felt like someone had punched me in the stomach," she wrote on the fundraising page. "It physically hurt me."

In an email to The Putnam Examiner, Campbell Cambridge wrote every day Kozloski's ship was in the harbor, he was at softball practice hitting balls, throwing batting practice or helping prepare



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The late Michael Kozloski and his family. A fundraising page has been set up to help the family during this difficult time.

the field for games. Describing him as selfless and kind with a warm demeanor, Campbell Cambridge wrote Kozloski was a devoted father and husband.

"Homer is a small community and the Kozloski family fit right in," she wrote. "When Mike died, the community was stunned by such a horrible accident," she wrote. "A boating and fishing community, Homer embraces and cares for their USCG crews."

The tragedy has brought out amazing

love, support and generosity, Campbell Cambridge said.

"My goal was to give Brie the gift of time. Time to think. Time to assess her children's needs and time to grieve without money worries. They are surrounded by love. Their families and friends are holding them close," Campbell Cambridge wrote. "They are doing as best as they can under the circumstances. Their lives are forever altered by Michael's loss. All we can do is pray for them and be

there for them."

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents all of Putnam County, honored Kozloski from the House of Representatives chamber floor last week, stating he dedicated his entire adult life to protecting the country as a member of the Coast Guard.

Maloney spoke with his wife, Brie, who told him that the Homer community has rallied behind her during this tragedy. Many family members have flown into Alaska to also help her, Maloney added.

"We all owe Mike and his entire family an enormous amount of debt and gratitude for his service and for making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country," Maloney said.

An investigation is still underway to determine how the crane accident occurred, Maloney said, which he pledged to monitor closely. A copy of the Congressional Record, including the speech, will be sent to the Kozloski family.

"Our hearts go out to Michael's family, his friends in Mahopac and the entire Coast Guard community," Maloney said. "We remember Michael for his sacrifice and we pledge he will never be forgotten."

To donate to the Kozloski family, please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/michael-kozloski-memorial-fund>

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# Somers Town Board Pursuing Marijuana Sale Ban

By Neal Rentz

In response to the push by Governor Andrew Cuomo to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, the Somers Town Board is seeking to ban the sale of the drug.

The Town Board voted unanimously on February 7 to set a public hearing for March 7 at 7 p.m. on legislation that will be drafted by Town Attorney Roland Baroni.

At last week's meeting, Supervisor Rick Morrissey said he was seeking a way to ban the selling of marijuana in response to Cuomo's proposal.

"In my mind, marijuana is a gateway drug," Morrissey said.

Morrissey said town Police Chief Michael Driscoll and the Partners in Prevention have expressed their opposition to the legalization of recreational use of marijuana.

The town could consider barring the sale of marijuana and pass the local law should the proposed state legislation be enacted, Baroni said. If the state



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey and his Town Board colleagues are pursuing legislation that would bar the sale of marijuana in town.

legislation is approved, the town cannot bar recreational use of marijuana but

could ban its sale, he said.

While there were some comments from Town Board members that acknowledged there are differences of opinion throughout the country regarding the legalization of marijuana, Morrissey's colleagues joined the supervisor in seeking to ban the sale of marijuana.

Councilman Anthony Ciriaco said the state has estimated that legalization would bring in \$300 million annually in new tax revenue. Councilman Richard Clinchy said the prospect of additional tax revenue should not be a motivation for the state to legalize recreational marijuana use.

Ciriaco said Cuomo is proposing to allow large cities and counties to opt out of the marijuana legalization should it be passed by the state Legislature, but would not provide that option to towns and villages.

Clinchy said he was particularly concerned that if marijuana was legal more youths would use the drug.

# Lake Peekskill Woman Nabbed by Child Abuse Unit

By David Propper

A Lake Peekskill woman is facing charges for aiding and abetting a man who provided mental health services to clients under false pretenses, New York State Police announced last Sunday.

Margaret Patterson, also known as Charlene Patterson, 79, of Lake Peekskill, was arrested for committing educational law felony of unauthorized practice of a profession, along with Eduardo Talentino and could be facing more charges, according to the state trooper F child abuse unit in Orange County.

A joint investigation between Orange County Child Protective Services and Orange County Fraud discovered Patterson, who is a licensed master of social work, was helping Talentino, 53, of Monroe, pretend to be psychologist and psychiatrist with a PHD, but he was



Margaret Patterson (left) and Eduardo Taentino were both arrested last week by New York State Police.


actually treating clients without a license, authorities said. The investigation also revealed Talentino was purporting to be an FBI agent.

Patterson and Talentino worked out of offices in the Village of Chester and The Center for ADHD in the Village of Washingtonville in Orange.

Anyone who has information regarding Talentino and Patterson are asked to contact the Orange County Child Abuse Unit at 845-291-2810. All Calls will be kept confidential.



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## Business of the Week

**By David Propper**

"These people change their lives," Bakh said. "We're like a huge family. It's not just a dance lesson, it's something more than



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that.”

Growing up and competing, Bakh said he trained and traveled all over the place for more than 20 years. He was inspired to

Bakh, who doesn't have time to teach much now because he is managing the studio's operations, said he tells his teachers that the studio is not just about dancing, but a lifestyle. Even if people just want to get in shape, dancing is a useful alternative to jumping on a treadmill for an hour.

Looking back,

Bakh said the last ten years have been amazing. From an empty studio to one of the largest spaces in the region, Bakh takes pride in what Fred Astaire studio has been able to accomplish.

“When I was young I never thought about it, but dreams come true,” he said. “Most importantly people love it, people enjoy it.”

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## Obituaries

### Robert J. Rickard

Robert J. Rickard, 80, of Brewster, passed on February 1. Robert was born to Joseph and Helen Rickard, February 16, 1938, in Queens. He graduated from Power Memorial Academy in Manhattan, in 1955 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Iona College in 1959. He married Barbara Schoeller in 1961, and they lived together for over 50 years in Brewster. Together they raised four children. He is survived by his wife and children: Lynn Wooley, Patricia (Christopher) Caridi and Suzanne (Michael) Moore of the Town of Southeast, NY and Robert S. (Kimberly) Rickard of Natick, MA, as well as ten grandchildren. His children remember him as a loving father and devoted husband. He was preceded in death by his sister, Eileen Fernandez of Fort Walton Beach, FL. He also leaves behind his brother James (Patricia) Rickard of Hopewell Junction, NY. Robert spent most of his career as an accountant at IBM until he retired from a senior level position in 1994. After his retirement, he continued his relationship with the company, consulting for three years in Singapore to lead an effort to implement new financial systems.

### Joseph Maskiell Jr.

Joseph Maskiell Jr. of Putnam Valley, died at the age of 79 on Friday February 1. Joseph was born in Long Island City

on July 10, 1939 to Joseph and Dorothy (Dietrich) Maskiell. He graduated from Gompers Tech High School in 1957 and received a Bachelor degree in Engineering from City College of New York. Joseph was the owner of a family construction company that was established 1880 by his great-grandfather. Joseph served his country faithfully and honorably in the United States Army Reserves and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1999. Joseph was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, Trinity Commandery #68, Shriners and Masons organizations. On August 6, 1966 Joseph married Phyllis Truberg. Together in marriage for 52 years, they raised their family in Putnam Valley. He is survived by his wife Phyllis and his children, Jennifer (Andrew) Carlson, Patricia Antonucci, Susan (Albert) Ciosi, Joseph (Denise) Maskiell III, his loving grandchildren, Heather Carlson, Christopher Ciosi, Michael and Thomas Antonucci, and Joseph IV and Madeline Maskiell, brother William (Cynthia) Maskiell. Joseph is predeceased in death by his brother BG Robert G. Maskiell. Joseph's achievements in life were numerous but none more so than his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed.

### Theresa Marie Ross

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Theresa Marie Ross, 82, announces her

passing on February 2, with her family by her side. Mrs. Ross was born on June 21, 1936 to the late, William and Elna (Buckley) Pankuch in Yonkers, NY. Before she retired, Theresa was a cashier at Shoprite, and before that a waitress at Smalley's Inn both in Carmel. She was fondly known as "Aunt Terry", Theresa was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and a friend to many. She is survived by her beloved son, Michael, her five grandchildren cherished grandchildren; Christine Marie, Dennis, Hailey, Payden, and Spencer and one adoring great-grandchild Faith, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart.

### Susan F. Berger

A cherished wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister, Susan F. Berger, 66, of Putnam Valley, died peacefully on February 3. Susan was born on September 21, 1952 to William and Alice Whitehill and was raised in Putnam Valley, New York. She met her future husband in kindergarten and they remained in the same class through the eighth grade. They started dating at thirteen-years-old and Susan eventually married her best friend, A. Christopher Berger on March 30, 1974. Through almost 45 years of marriage, Susan and Chris raised three children, Christopher H. Berger, Jennifer Berger and Brett Berger. Susan embraced all that being a grandmother had to offer. She was absolutely adored by her three grandchildren, Kelsey Berger, Jameson Berger and Reese Berger. Susan was retired from the Putnam Valley Central School District where she worked for 41 years in education. She was a beloved teacher and colleague. She positively impacted the lives of thousands of students and was a mentor to many new teachers. Susan was very passionate about education and helping others, but above all, she loved being a mother and grandmother. She lived her life for her family and had a heart of gold. Susan was known for her infectious smile, her selfless ways, and

her kind and compassionate spirit. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Susan was preceded in death by her mother Alice, her father Bill, and her granddaughter, Kelsey. She is survived by her husband and three children, her two daughter-in-laws Lisa Berger and Stefanie Berger, her brother and sister-in-law William and Cathy Whitehill, her sister and brother-in-law Alice and John Kroohs, and sister and brother-in-law Linda and John Dillon, her two grandchildren, and several cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

### Karl A. Wolert

Karl A. Wolert of Putnam Valley passed away on Feb. 5, 2019. Karl was born in the Bronx to Karl & Anna Wolert. On December 1, 1979 he married Dodie Shull at St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac. Karl worked as a sheet metal worker and was a member of Union Local 38. He served as a volunteer for 25 years at the Mohegan Lake Fire Department. He is survived by his wife Dodie Wolert, son Karl Wolert (Kate), bothers Brian, Charles and Richard.

### Lucy A. Galasso

Lucy A. Galasso, of Brewster, died peacefully at Salem Hills Nursing Home on February 3. She was 86-years-old. Born on February 13, 1932 in New York City, daughter of the late Rudolf and Lucie (Maier) Siebelist. Lucy married the love of her life Nicholas P. Galasso on November 18, 1950. He predeceased his wife on January 26, 1988. Mrs. Galasso was a telephone operator with Gutman Cutlery in Mt. Vernon. Prior to working for Gutman Cutlery she was a switch board operator for Sears and New York Telephone. Lucy is survived by her loving children; Jeannette Petrone and her husband Nick of Rosco, Lucianne Galasso Vito and her husband Joe of Brewster and Andrew Galasso of Brewster, her ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## PV Rallies In Wake Of Tragedy

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alone. They had hundreds, thousands of people right besides them."

The school system also took a proactive role in comforting students affected by the accident and Elias's subsequent death. On Feb. 2, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fran Wills wrote in a post to the

community that teachers and counselors would be ready to support students in classes when they returned to school the Monday after the accident and the high school was open Sunday afternoon immediately following the accident with faculty on hand.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends," Wills wrote.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio said the death of Elias is a loss that can never be replaced. One positive from this horrific tragedy, Oliverio said, is the overwhelming support shown to the Knapp family the past couple weeks.

Oliverio was an assistant principal at Putnam Valley High School for half of a school year when Elias was a freshman before he took on the role as supervisor. Even though their paths only crossed for a short time, Oliverio said he knew of Elias because he had a reputation of being a very good athlete.

Oliverio stressed he hopes this accident teaches young people to make wise decisions as they grow up to avoid the heartbreak the Putnam Valley community has endured.

"It's tough," Oliverio said.



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Elias Knapp died earlier this month following a horrific accident. He leaves behind many family members and his longtime girlfriend Amanda Faul, who he's pictured with.

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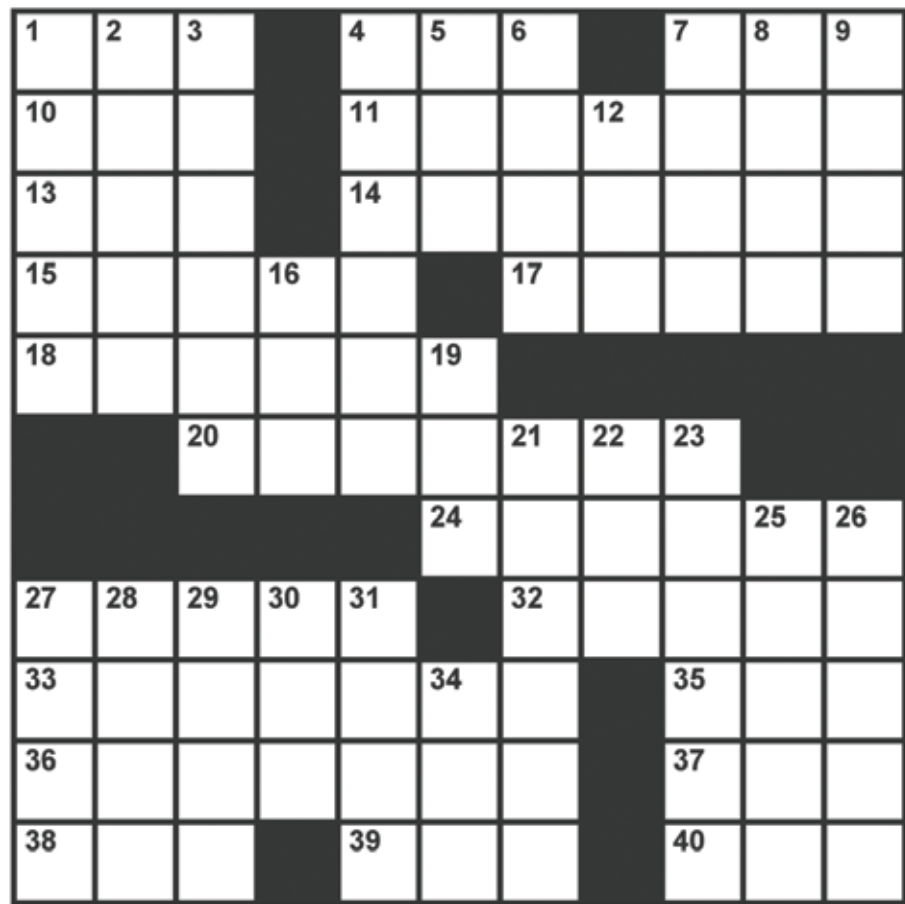
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 15

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1. Lessen gradually

4. Show \_\_\_\_

7. “Murders in the \_\_ Morgue”

10. Round table member

11. Snobbish

13. Shelley’s “\_\_\_\_ Skylark”

14. Storage places

15. Bud

17. Spread

18. Wish harm upon

20. Dexterity

24. Walks along

27. Irish Poet or Yorktown financial planner, RF \_\_\_\_\_

32. Bibliographical abbreviation

33. Dissimilar

35. Frat house letter

36. Mark for misconduct

37. One of the Mannings

38. Dentist qualification

39. Lt’s subordinate

40. Norm, abbr.
4. Look good on

5. Feverish

6. Italian for “uncle” or Croton deli

7. Canadian rebel Louis

8. Court grp.

9. Site for crafty entrepreneurs

12. Coffee stirrer, abbr.

16. Young lass

19. Something to pick

21. Hails

22. Worked (up)

23. Preferences

25. Passed out

26. Ristorante offering

27. Country singer, Wynonna

28. Flat

29. Thanksgiving dishes

30. French for key

31. Ireland’s Irish name

34. Family

- Down
1. Cornerstone abbr.

2. Tropical rain forest, e.g.

3. Interweaves



Prize-Winning Author to Speak, Sign New Book at Local Libraries

Veteran, prize-winning author Glenn Sapir will be making free presentations at local libraries in February while making his new book, “A Sapir Sampler: Favorites by an Outdoor Writer,” available for purchase and signing. Sapir will be appearing at the Putnam Valley Library, 30 Oscawana Lake Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. and at the Mahopac Library, 688 Rt. 6, on Sunday, Feb. 17, also at 2 p.m.

Sapir, a longtime Putnam Valley resident, began his professional communications career on the staff of Outdoor Life Magazine in 1970. He later served as an editor of Sports Afield

Magazine and, for 18 years, of Field & Stream, becoming the first person to serve as an editor of all of the “Big Three” of outdoor publications. In addition, Sapir wrote the outdoor column for The Journal News and its predecessors for 27 years. For the last year he has written a popular column, Here and There, Now and Then, for New York Outdoor News. He has also freelanced prolifically, writing for dozens of publications, as well as serving as a fishing expert for the World Book Encyclopedia and authoring a project for the U.S. Forest Service. He authored two books before publication of A Sapir Sampler.



Glenn Sapir

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bound hardcover includes 167 of his selected favorites from these thousand-plus articles he has had published. Many of those articles have earned awards from the Outdoor Writers Association and the New York State Outdoor Writers Association. Sapir’s career achievements have been recognized with lifetime Excellence in Craft awards from OWAA and the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. He was named Communicator of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation. He has been inducted into the New York State Outdoorsmen’s Hall of Fame

“When it comes to satisfaction for a job well done, however,” Sapir writes in his book, “nothing beats seeing my articles in print. What were experiences, then thoughts, and then written words became something permanent to be held, to be read and to be shared with others.”

Besides articles related to fishing and hunting, Sapir’s selections include favorites on hiking, birding, camping, photography, rafting, tubing and other outdoor pursuits.

For those who can’t attend these presentations, they can order A Sapir Sampler: Favorites by an Outdoor Writer for \$29.50, plus \$5 shipping, via check or money order, sent to Glenn Sapir, Ashmark Communications, Inc., 21 Shamrock Dr., Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

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# Summer Camp Guide

## Preparing Your Child – and Yourself – for Best Camp Experience

For parents, the most heart-racing, adrenalin-pumping moments happen when you let go and watch your child try something on his or her own.

The moment the training wheels come off, the first trip down the driveway on the skateboard, the time our children ride the school bus are more than just memories, these are critical moments that define growth and change.

For many families, the first time they send their child to camp is one of the biggest let-go, hold-your-breath and watch-them-soar moments in childhood.

In today's world of high-tech kids and families who have a constant connection to each other, it's essential to take the time to emotionally prepare for camp. It is, of course, important to prepare the first-time camper, but families need to make sure that Mom, Dad, younger siblings at home – virtually everyone – is ready to adjust to camp life.

The American Camp Association® (ACA) provides these tips to help ease first-time families into the camp experience.

- Parents. As parents, it is important to focus on the positive aspects of camp. Remember that separation is natural, necessary and inevitable. What better place to have that first experience than



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Parents can also focus on the amazing benefits of camp – an experiential education like no other – teaching valuable 21st century survival skills like leadership, teamwork, problem-solving and interpersonal communication.

- Siblings. Family therapist Bob Ditter, one of the nation's leading experts on camp, cautions it is likely that the child left at home will experience separation anxiety and truly miss his or her sibling. To help them prepare, be sure to talk about that. Before the eldest child leaves for camp, take a picture of your children together that the sibling can keep in their room or carry around. Remind

your children about the communication they can have with each other through letters and postcards.

- Other family members. Be sure that everyone is aware of the upcoming experience. Family members should know how to contact the camper, if they are interested, through letters and care packages. Make sure to be aware of any communication policies the camp may have, such as no phone calls or restrictions on what can be sent in a care package.

In addition, an increasing number of camps are using websites to display photos or video during the camp session. According to ACA's 2011 Emerging Issues Survey, 75 percent of responding

camps indicate that they post photos or videos to a website for families to view. Forty-five percent indicate that they post information, photos and videos to social media outlets like Facebook. Families should be sure to ask camp directors about these options.

Camp is an equal opportunity life-changer. By sending a child to camp, families are truly giving a gift that lasts a lifetime. Taking steps to mentally prepare for camp, families not only keep from getting "kid-sick" for their camper, but they can stay positive about the camp experience, which goes a long way toward helping first-time campers adjust to life at camp.

And just like taking off the training wheels, the moment families see their camper radiating confidence and joy they will feel that burst of pride and gratitude that they provided their child this experience.

For more information about preparing for the summer camp experience or to find a camp, parents can visit [www.ACACamps.org](http://www.ACACamps.org). This online resource for families includes expert advice, information on health and safety and ACA's searchable database of more than 2,400 ACA-Accredited® camps.

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# The Front Door is Often the Key to a House

The front door can say a lot about a house, either reflecting the condition of the space within or contradicting it.

A beautiful, sturdy door with quality hardware greets the visitor with a confident hello; a weathered door, perhaps out of alignment with old or poorly functioning hardware, conveys something quite different about the house, something unappealing.

Just as a person can be judged within the first few seconds, a house is judged in great part by the condition, functionality and look of its front door. When showing properties to prospective buyers, I'm always surprised to find an older home that has been upgraded, but the owners haven't paid proper attention to the front door, especially its hardware.

If the door needs painting or is warped and if the hardware is tarnished and in poor working order, a pall can be cast over the entire house. Perhaps some homeowners are unaware of a deteriorating front door. Many people enter a side entrance or into the mud room or kitchen. However, visitors normally come only to the front door.

While the functional purposes of a front door are to withstand the



By Bill Primavera

elements, help toward energy efficiency and provide protection, visitors view it as an aesthetic statement, even a psychological one. If the door is attractive and in good shape, that perception extends to the entire household – and to its owner as well.

Look at your front door and determine whether it needs simply sprucing up or a total replacement. Some door problems can be repaired and others cannot. If the door is improperly hung, has trouble closing or latching, is slightly warped or is just sticking, these problems may be worth fixing.

But if it has rot or is outrageously outdated in style, consider replacement options.

Whether you use a contractor or a handyman, get different opinions about which kind of new door to choose. Some would suggest that the top-quality material is still wood. Steel or aluminum may be recommended as the most sturdy and secure, but according to most remodeling contractors, the best choice today is the new high-quality fiberglass door. The insulation quality of the latter is better than that of a wooden door and it will not warp or crack.

The feature I like best about a good fiberglass door is that the manufacturers

have managed to develop an incredibly realistic grain that matches real wood. Also, the number of door styles are plentiful with beveled glass options available. Fiberglass can be stained or painted and fancy hardware can be applied to them, just as you would a wood door.

Door hardware, which in aesthetic terms, can make a door “pop.” But if it's worn, that pop can be a dull thud.

The polished look is one factor, but a lock and handle's functionality are the primary things to consider.

Basically, locksets fall into two different categories, mortise or cylindrical. While I don't fully understand the difference in mechanical workings, my trusted locksmith tells me that mortise locksets, which are installed into a rectangular dugout in the door, offer the ultimate in security, design and ruggedness.

The choice of locksets and handles can be a daunting experience. When I went hunting for new hardware, I was overwhelmed by the selection. I took a picture of the set I thought the most attractive and showed it to my locksmith. I asked him to supply the best choice for my particular door. Better to leave such things to the experts, unless you're a great do-it-yourselfer, which I am not.

Highly polished solid brass knobs, backplates, thumbatches are desirable but, fair warning, they can be quite expensive.

When it comes to selecting a color for the front door, it is a situation of relating to, or contrasting with, one of the other tones found in the house or the landscape that surrounds it. Many people today choose a deep green or red (which has many hues such as black cherry and adobe) to have their front doors stand out. There is a bigger trend now toward selecting yellow, which can be toned down with a covering glaze.

One cardinal rule about color: a front door should never be stark white. The theory is that the door should relate to the landscape in some way and pure white is rarely found in nature. If your preference leans toward white, it should have a hue of another color, such as pink or yellow. The large casing around the door should be a different color than the door itself. The casing should be treated like a trim, matching windows and other trim.

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## Exploring the Perception vs. Reality of Sweet and Dry Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

I know what wine you're drinking.

Oh, I hear you trying to convince me of a particular varietal or style you're drinking, but I know what you're buying – and enjoying.

And I have the facts and stats to prove it.

Last week, I reviewed a report on the wine drinking habits of Americans. I decided to compare the data with anecdotal inputs. And I was surprised at the results. Well, maybe not. Nevertheless, I now know what you are drinking.

I encounter many wine consumers who, when asked their favorite style of wine, will emphatically reply “I only drink dry wine.”

Whether they prefer white or red, I often receive a response such as “I don't like sweet wines, the drier the wine the better.”

Here are the facts I've culled, based on an independent poll of consumer preferences. (The format offered specific choices; respondents were requested to check all that apply.)

Semi-sweet: 45 percent  
Smooth: 44 percent  
Fruity: 40 percent

Sweet: 38 percent  
Dry: 36 percent  
Savory (less fruit): 18 percent

Tannic: 6 percent  
Clearly, a dry style is not the dominant preference of consumers. My conclusion? American wine consumers have a sweeter tooth than I believed.

It has been extensively reported that Americans consume alarming amounts of sugar. We've all read of the epidemic of obesity and diabetes in the United States. Soft drinks, chocolate, other candies and breakfast cereals continue to be consumed at alarming rates, albeit abating lately.

Why should our preference for wines be different?

The generally accepted definition of sweet wine is one with residual sugar of 30 grams per liter. This includes Sauternes and Ice Wine. Wines with nine grams or less are generally considered to be dry, that is, all of the sugars in the fermented grapes have been converted to alcohol. That leaves a significant range for semisweet wines.

I define sweet-style as fruit forward with a hint (or more) of sugar, either in the mouth or in the finish, and low in acidity. (The higher the acidity the lower the perception of sweetness.)

I tend to write about drier styles

*You Heard It  
Through the  
Grapevine*

and varietals of wines. I've expounded on dry white wines I prefer, from Sauvignon Blanc to Burgundian Chablis to Brut Champagne to bone-dry Riesling. I've espoused the virtues of drinking dry red wines such as Chianti Classico, red Burgundy, Aglianico and Sagrantino.

I rarely write about sweet-style wines. Past columns have fleetingly touched on sweet Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Moscato, Prosecco, even White Zinfandel, each with equal disdain. I have treated certain reds with similar snootiness, from the current rage of fruity red blends to fruit-forward Merlot.

Perhaps I should change my focus.

The wine companies that dominate the American wine market understand the American consumer better than I. Americans participating in their focus groups have let down their guard, expressing their preference for sweeter-style wines. These elite 2 percent of wine companies account for more than 80 percent of wine sold in the United States; their marketing focus is spot-on.

On a smaller scale, a number of wineries with tasting rooms typically produce a sweet white and/or red wine, to meet consumer demand. And sales justify these decisions. This is especially

so in New York State regions. Finger Lakes wineries cater to consumer demand with multiple offerings of Rieslings and Gewürztraminers. Some consider these to be the finest in the country. Even I prefer several to pair with Asian dishes.

The Italians have also capitalized on the American sweet tooth. Prosecco, a typically sweet style of sparkling wine, has enjoyed skyrocketing sales in the last 10 years. Several producers supplement their wines with doses of sugar to meet the American preference. For a portion of Americans, Prosecco is the sparkling version of White Zinfandel.

Everyone's palate is different. My sensory receptors may conclude a particular wine is a dry style, while you may consider it a sweeter style. My palate's physiology may detect dryness before sweetness in a wine.

Drink as your palate dictates, not as a wine writer suggests.

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**Seeking Gardens: Brewster-Carmel Garden Club Seeks Gardens Our Club** is seeking fine gardens for our first showcase tour scheduled Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are willing to share your fine garden with the public for a worthy cause, please contact our Brewster-Carmel Garden Club Fine Gardening Tour Chair, Mary Bomba at 845-363-1796, or email at [mbomba111@gmail.com](mailto:mbomba111@gmail.com). We would love to include your fine garden on our exclusive tour.

**Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education:** The full 2018-19 meeting list and the proposed meeting agendas can be found on the district website at: [www.pvcsd.org](http://www.pvcsd.org) prior to each meeting.

**The Putnam County Computer Learning Center Class Registration:** The first Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. A description of the classes can be found at: [www.putnamrsvp.com/clc/](http://www.putnamrsvp.com/clc/) Registration must be in person. FMI, call Judy Kolt (845)-277-5422

## Registration for Kindergarten:

**Brewster School District:** Class of 2032 takes place the week of March 4 - March 8. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing within the Brewster School District are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 279-2087 x 4111 for registration information.

## Seeking Vendors:

**Brewster Music Festival:** For more information and to apply for a booth space, call (845) 363 - 8330, email [brewstermusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:brewstermusicfestival@gmail.com) or visit: [www.BrewsterMusicFestival.com](http://www.BrewsterMusicFestival.com).

## Ongoing Mondays:

**Chair Yoga:** Reed Library: Until Feb. 25th at 10:30 a.m.

## Ongoing Fridays:

**AARP Tax Help through April 12:** The Patterson Library is hosting free AARP Tax Help for Seniors and other qualifying individuals. AARP volunteer tax aid counselors will be available by appointment on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Appointments will be filled on a first come-first served basis beginning January 15, appointments can be made by calling 211 or 845-878-6121 x15.

## Tuesday, February 12

**Taxes and Your Retirement Plan:** 6:30 p.m. In this free workshop you will learn why you should tax diversify your retirement portfolio, what impact taxes can have on your retirement lifestyle, and where your retirement income may come from. Registration is requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**A Valentine Craft: Reed Library:** 4:30 p.m. Join us for a lovely game of bingo, sip cupid floats and more! Ages 5 & up, please call the library to register: 845-225-0439

**Introduction to Calligraphy:** Reed Library, four weeks beginning Tuesday February 12 at 10:00 a.m., Students will learn the basics of Italic calligraphy and apply their skills to a small project in the final class. Registration is required, please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

## Wednesday, February 13

**Movie Matinee:** First Man: 1 p.m., "First Man." Follow Neil Armstrong's incredible story as NASA races to make him the first man on the moon. Rated PG-13: for some thematic content involving peril and brief strong language. Starring: Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy and Jason Clarke. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

**Make Paper Beads:** Grades 1-5. 4:30 p.m. Use common household items to make cool looking beads (for you or your special valentine!). Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**Poetry Writing Workshop with Anne Graue:** 6:30 p.m. In this workshop, participants will create new poems to share and receive feedback from other participants. Each monthly session will feature poetry readings and discussion in a format that is aimed to be helpful to each poet in honing his/her craft. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Thursday, February 14

**Teens Who Care:** Mahopac Library. 3:30 p.m. Join us once a month to plan future activities that will make a difference in your community. Community service hours will be given for all meetings and special events. For further information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), and click the 'Get Involved' link to download a Teen Volunteer Application. For questions and additional information call 845-628-2009, ext. 136.

**Just 4 Fun Book Club:** Grades 3-5. 4:30 p.m. This month's selection is "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis. Read the book in advance and meet to chat and do fun follow-up activities. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. To register visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

**Coloring for Adults:** Mahopac Library. 7 p.m. Reconnect with your inner child. Join us for an evening of relaxation, stress relief, focus, and fun. For ages 18 and up. Materials will be provided. Drop-in group; no registration needed. For more information visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Friday, February 15

**Kids Night Out:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a parents night out while the kids enjoy their own night out. Join us for a carnival-themed night of fun. Crafts, snacks, face painting, and more! For grades K - 4. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Saturday, February 16

**16th Chocolate Party:** 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Do you love chocolate? (Who doesn't?) Have a blast at this chocolate-themed party! Play games, See how many Oreos you can stack, and of course, eat chocolate! Ages 8-11 Brewster Public Library 79 Main Street Brewster. 845-279-6421

**MPL Board Information Session:** 10 a.m. Meet with Board and staff members

to learn more about serving as a member of the Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees. Open to Mahopac/Mahopac Central School District residents. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Sunday, February 17

**The Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project:** Fun-filled cultural event at the Desmond-Fish Public Library. 2 p.m., - 4 p.m. You will learn how to make your own lotus flower lantern using wire and your choice of color paper. Learn a bit about the history and customary dress of Korea while enjoying some traditional refreshments. A \$5 suggested donation is requested to cover the cost. You can visit the KSCPP website at [www.kscpp.net](http://www.kscpp.net). 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison.

**Book talk with Glenn Sapir:** 2 p.m., Join us for this book talk entitled, A Sapir Sampler: Favorites by an Outdoor Writer. Glenn Sapir has assembled a collection of 167 articles he has written and compiled in a leatherette-bound volume. The subjects range from hiking, & hunting, to photography and other outdoor pursuits. Copies of Sapir's book will be available for purchase (\$29.50) and can be signed by the author at this event. Registration is requested; drop-ins welcome. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Monday, February 18

**Virtual Reality Games:** Ages 18 and up. 7:30 p.m. Come play with our Oculus Rifts and Virtual reality viewers. Registration is requested; register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Light Bite Book Group:** 1 p.m. Join us at the Light Bite Book Group which meets on the third Monday and third Wednesday of each month at Mahopac Library. New members are always welcome. This month the group will discuss Beartown by Fredrik Backman; pick up a copy at the Library's Circulation Desk. Call for information: 845-628-2009, ext 100.

## Carmel High School STEM/Engineering Open House

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The event takes place on Friday, March 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Carmel High School Technology Building, which is adjacent to Carmel High School. Enter the front circle at 30 Fair Street and continue straight. The Technology Building is on the right.

Because space is limited please RSVP to Rob Leonard at [rleonard@carmelschools.org](mailto:rleonard@carmelschools.org) or 845 391-2046. Questions may also be directed to Mr. Leonard. Refreshments will be served.



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**The name of the LLC is Goodbear Holdings LLC.** The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is **c/o 25 Bank St. Apt 214K, White Plains, New York 10606.**

**The name of the LLC is Goodbear Property LLC.** The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is **c/o 25 Bank St. Apt 214K, White Plains, New York 10606.**

**DB PRINTING & PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS LLC,** Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY 9/26/2018. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CASA CORDOVA, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **1251 Wilson Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER. CONQUISTADOR JY L.P., Pltf v. F & B FUEL OIL CO., INC. et al., Defts. Index No. 64165/2017.** pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 26, 2018 and entered on January 15, 2019, I will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, New York 10601, on February 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 12 a/k/a 10 Ludlow Street, Yonkers, N.Y. 10705 (Section 1, Block 161, Lot 9) Approx. amt of judgment is \$427,401.90 plus costs, attorneys' fees and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Barbara Lerman, Esq., Referee. JACOBOWITZ NEWMAN TVERSKY, LLP, Attys. for Plaintiff, 377 Pearsall Ave., Ste C, Cedarhurst, NY.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEWCASTLE BUILDING INSPECTORS, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/2019. Office Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: **P.O. Box 99 Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THUMBS UP! ENTERPRISES, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 1/24/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **420 South Riverside Ave, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: Youtube Channel.**

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PV Historical Society **3.Approve purchase** of three "Welcome to Putnam Valley" banners **4.Appoint** Philip Ammann for the Board of Assessment Review **5.Consider** concept approval of tower **6.Set date** for public hearing for NRI **7.Appoint** Daniel Gibbs Bulk Drop-Off Attendant **8.Appoint** Jarred Buchanan as Zoning Board ad hoc member **9.Parks** and Recreation refunds **10.Request** to lower the cell tower building permit fee **11.Discuss** expenditure for library sign **12.Acceptance** of property donated by Mel and Eileen Kowal **13. Discuss** LED

light conversion for all street lights. **14. Begin discussion** re: de-icers. **15. Audit** of monthly bills.

**FORMATION OF ETNA CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC FILED WITH THE SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 1/25/19.** Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Richard Imprescia, 1821 Casey Ct., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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