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For a Third Time, Voters to Decide on Carmel School Bond

By David Propper

Will the third time be the charm? That's the question buzzing around the Carmel Central School District as a bond vote — the third in as many years — will be posed to voters next Tuesday.

The bond is separated into two propositions: proposition A would fix failing roofs, make all the buildings adhere to the American with Disabilities Act and enhance the George Fischer Middle School Library to the tune of \$16.6 million. Proposition B would place a new transportation garage on a parcel in the Town of Kent, moving it from the Kent Elementary School property, which would cost \$10.9 million. Because of New York State aid, if the projects are approved by voters, Carmel taxpayers would be on the hook for about \$14 million overall if both measures are voted through.

This will be the third time school district voters need to go to polls over a bond package presented by the district. The first bond vote — an \$85 million proposal — was in 2017 and was shot down overwhelmingly. The second bond vote last year — a more modest \$25 million package — was also defeated, that time narrowly.

The bus garage has become a contentious

aspect of the bond because it would take a piece of taxable land off Kent's town rolls. Even Kent officials, including and most notably Supervisor Maureen Fleming and Councilman Paul Denbaum, have expressed either skepticism or downright disapproval with that plan leading to tension between the Kent town board and Carmel school board.

During a board meeting last Tuesday, residents and board members had their final say before the voters go to the polls this week. Supporters of the bond, including most school board members, have argued the fixes are necessary to sustain the buildings and the new, proposed location for the bus garage is a far better placement than the current situation.

Kent resident Robert Andrews said the board was "beating a dead horse again" by putting up another referendum up for voters to decide whether or not to buy a new bus garage. He asked why the school system can't use a piece of land already owned by the district. He argued all the facts are being provided to voters before they cast their ballot.

"You're acting like a bunch of spoiled children and you're going to keep

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Brewster Fifth-Graders Create Raffle for Charity



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Fifth-grader Stephen Mammola was at recess one day when he decided he wanted to do something to make a difference. He came up with the idea for a raffle and, with the help of three friends and CV Starr Principal Theresa Cherry, decided to donate money raised to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They gathered supplies. Phoenix Siuda brought in an empty cheese ball bucket. Jackson Sabath brought in raffle tickets. Along with Mammola and Frank Tumminello, the friends took their supplies to the fifth-grade lunches and began selling raffle tickets for 50 cents each. Knowing that every good raffle needs a compelling prize, Mammola and Siuda headed to Bounce in Danbury, CT. "We went to Bounce and we talked to the manager and asked him 'Could you possibly give us a gift card as a prize?'" Mammola explained. "We told him what we were doing and he said 'Yeah, sure!' He came back with four gift cards: two for Bounce and two for Thrillz." The prizes definitely helped motivate fellow students. One student even brought in \$30. After telling his church about the raffle, everyone chipped in some money. The boys were excited to announce that teachers and janitors participated in the raffle as well. The raffle raised well over \$100 — and winners Caylie Constantin, Andrada Ion, Amirah Alexander, and Angel Romero can't wait to use their prizes.

Putnam Towns Look to Strengthen Safety Measures

By David Propper

The Town of Southeast now has the distinction as the sole municipality in Putnam County to have armed guards and require community members to go through a metal detector at town board meetings, a noticeable change that got underway last week.

The buffed up safety protocol occurred at Southeast's meeting last Thursday when two officers from the Brewster village police department greeted people prior to the meeting requiring them to pass through a metal detector before they could enter the meeting room. The two officers stayed for the duration of the meeting, which lasted just over two hours. There were also a couple of signs posted stating no person could bring a firearm inside the meeting room. (That has always been



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

There was additional security at last week's Southeast town board meeting as a Village of Brewster police car sits outside town hall. Two armed guards were stationed at the meeting from start to end.

the case, but a sign has never been posted before.)

This was the first time there was added security for a meeting and it is expected to continue going forward, Supervisor Tony Hay told The Putnam Examiner.

Hay said most towns see the rash of mass shooting violence occurring throughout the country and Southeast is simply taking additional precautions. While this is the first town in the county to go forward with these measures, other towns have been looking into having a more hardened town hall.

During a protective services committee meeting of the county Legislature last week, Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio requested the county provide a special patrol officer

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'Donuts' on Brewster HS Field Lead to Extensive Damage

By David Proper

In what might be a leading contender for young and stupid crime of year in Putnam County, four local residents were arrested and charged after they went for a joyride on the Brewster High School baseball field earlier this month.

Cole Crandell, Tino Surace, Brian Milano and Nicholas Leahy, all 19, face charges after they were accused of doing "donuts" on the baseball field in the wee morning hours of March 10, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. When two deputies arrived at the scene, the vehicle was stuck on the field that still had a decent amount of snow on the

ground, authorities said.

Further inspection revealed that the vehicle caused about \$1,000 worth of damage to the field, according to the sheriff's office.

Crandell, the driver of the vehicle who apparently did his best NASCAR impersonation, was charged with criminal mischief in the 3rd degree, a class E felony, and trespassing, a violation. The other three teenagers -- Surace, of Southeast, Milano, of Southeast, and Leahy, of Patterson -- whom were passengers in the car, were only charged with trespassing.

Crandell, of Southeast, was taken

to Putnam County Correctional Facility for processing and was arraigned in Southeast Justice Court. He was released on his own recognizance, pending a future court date. Surace, Milano and Leahy were issued appearance tickets that must be returned to the Southeast Justice Court. Future court dates will be scheduled for the four teenagers at a later date.



Master Gardener Volunteers Offer Scholarships to Putnam Students

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteers are offering two scholarships of \$500 in 2019. Residents of Putnam County who are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarships for the study of Plant Science, Horticulture, Floriculture, Architectural Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany or other environmentally related program.

Students must be Putnam County residents but can attend any high school or be home-schooled. Awardees must

plan to pursue advanced education in a recognized institution of higher learning. Past recipients have attended programs in Environmental Science and Sustainability at Cornell University and Columbia University, Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy at R.I.T., and Wildlife and Conservation Law at Unity College.

Deadline for the application is April 30.

Together with the professional horticulture staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers

offer adult education workshops, staff the daily (9-12) Horticulture Hotline, answer plant and insect questions at the Cold Spring Farmers Market, host plant sales and work with gardeners at the Tilly Foster Farm Community Garden. Master Gardener volunteers help link Putnam County residents with evidence-based information from Cornell University and other land-grant colleges to help people use natural resources wisely, to become more confident home gardeners, and to landscape with the environment in mind.

We encourage all students who meet the criteria to apply for these scholarships. Additional details about the scholarship, the application form and eligibility criteria are available through high school guidance offices and online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu/gardening/scholarship

For more information on the scholarship contact the Master Gardener Volunteers of Putnam County Scholarship Committee chair, Cathy Croft, cathycroft@comcast.net (914) 826-0180 or visit putnam.cce.cornell.edu



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Following a Mastectomy What you should know about DIEP Flap Reconstructive Breast Surgery...

Q: After a mastectomy, what are my options for breast reconstruction?

A: There are several options divided into two main categories: breast implant (prosthetic) reconstruction or natural tissue (autogenous) reconstruction. If you'd like to use your own tissue, the most advanced technique is the DIEP (Deep Inferior Epigastric Artery Perforator) flap.

Q: What is DIEP flap breast reconstruction and why is it a good option?

A: In the DIEP flap procedure, extra skin and fat from the lower abdomen (where there is usually excess tissue) is very precisely shaped and transplanted to the chest wall to create one or two new breasts.

Many women choose the DIEP flap procedure because they want soft and natural breasts following reconstruction. These women get the added benefit of a flat belly, or tummy tuck, as part of the procedure. Many women choose to have immediate rather than delayed DIEP flap breast reconstruction, which gives them an emotional boost when they need it most. After the mastectomy is performed by the breast cancer surgeon, the plastic surgeon remains in the operating room to perform the reconstruction.

Instead of experiencing a loss, a woman wakes up feeling whole with completely natural-looking breasts created from her own tissue.

Q: Am I a candidate for the DIEP flap procedure?

A: Most women are candidates for this procedure, but many variables affect the choice of reconstructive approach. For example, if a woman has extra fat and skin on her lower abdomen, she may be a good DIEP flap candidate. If the abdominal area is not available because a woman is very thin, there are other autogenous natural tissue flaps that can be used from different areas of the body for breast reconstruction. All options will be discussed at your initial consultation with a plastic surgeon.

Q: What can I expect after surgery?

A: During a three-to-four-day hospital stay, mild to moderate abdominal pain and typically minimal breast area pain will be very well controlled. You'll have a low horizontal bikini incision scar similar to a tummy tuck scar. The breast scars are also designed to be less noticeable and often mimic the scars one might get after a breast lift. Depending on the particular case, the nipples can often be saved.

Possible Cell Towers Still Hot Topic in Carmel

By David Propper

The threat of cell towers remain a cloud over the Town of Carmel as there continues to be speculation of more towers being built as companies look to improve their cell reception in Putnam County.

Carmel residents en masse made it crystal clear to the Carmel town board last week they don't want a cell tower in their neighborhood as chatter has been circulating about a tower being placed on Wellington Drive. Several residents spoke out against the towers, with town board members staunchly in agreement with them.

Carmel Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said Homeland Towers requested to look at a book that identifies 23 parcels owned by the town where Homeland could erect a tower. He assured residents the town would not lease land on that street because it was too close to residential homes.

Homeland only did a site visit, which was one of several parcels the company looked at, Schmitt said.

"Me personally, I think that's a horrible site for a cell tower," Schmitt said. "It's too close to residential homes. These things don't belong near residential homes."

The outcry from residents comes on the heels of Homeland already officially proposing two cell towers in town —



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

A cell tower on Dixon Road remains in the works in the Town of Carmel, to the displeasure of many residents that live near the possible site.

one near Croton Falls Road and another near Dixon Road — that has resulted in residents blasting those proposals.

Schmitt said the town board would consider cell towers on town-owned property not near homes, noting it would bring revenue to the town because they would be leasing the land to Homeland.

Councilman Michael Barile warned residents one way or another these cell towers are coming. When Homeland approached the town about placing towers in Carmel, officials told them to look at possible town properties they could use, Barile said, but he noted if the town

properties don't work, they could make a deal with a private property owner.

The town would have little leverage to stop a tower from being built because of federal laws that usually side with the cell tower companies.

"The odds of us beating them are fairly remote," Barile said. "These towers are coming, we're just trying to put them in the right area to effect the least amount of people."

Councilman Jonathan Schneider echoed Barile's sentiment, noting the town is trying to find the best place for the towers, but have little hope of stopping

them from coming all together. He hopes to work as well as possible with the tower companies that want to put them up.

Schmitt said one recourse for residents to prevent cell towers from being built near their homes is make sure other neighbors don't offer their properties as places where a tower could be constructed.

Barile said the sad truth is someone will "sell out their neighbor for a dollar." He also mentioned when Homeland considered using a town-owned parcel instead of a private property near Dixon Road, the homeowner that was potentially going to lose the revenue from the deal sued the town.

Resident Eileen Podlovits, of Wellington Drive, said it sounded like the town board needed "partners" to fight these cell towers. She appreciated the town board's stance against the towers.

Mahopac resident Robert Buckley, who has been leading the charge against cell towers the past several months, suggested the town make clear to Homeland some town-owned properties are completely off limits to a possible lease deal between the two sides.

"I don't consider Homeland Towers our friend," Buckley said. "They have no respect for our town laws... They're looking to invade our town."

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for town hall during business hours. There have been a couple of incidents over the past year that led to Oliverio's request, including one person driving his vehicle back and forth in front of town hall "literally stalking" the building. During these incidents, sheriff deputies have had to come to town hall to simmer tensions, he said.

Oliverio noted employees are "rightfully concerned."

"They're very frightened," Oliverio

said.

The town would pay for the SPO's hours, but the county would handle the training and provide a uniform and weapon.

Carmel Supervisor Kenny Schmitt made a similar request to the county last November, hoping to have an SPO cover town hall during business hours. At least three times in the last year, a Carmel town employee had to hit the panic button, requesting assistance from Carmel police.

An armed guard is stationed at the front of the county office building daily during business hours and for legislative meetings in the evening.

As for Southeast, Hay said there was no specific reason for the heightened security at the board meeting. One police officer from the Brewster department cost \$25 per hour, Hay said. Going forward, only one officer is expected to attend meetings. There has been no discussion of an armed guard monitoring town hall during the day.

Hay said the same protocol typically used for justice court was followed for the town board meeting, including making clear no firearms are allowed inside the meeting room. When asked if he could ever recall a person bringing a firearm to a meeting, Hay replied, "how would you know?"

"Unless they pull a gun and shoot you, you have no idea they have a firearm," Hay said. "That's why you got the precaution."

Mahopac Students Show Off Impressive Artwork

Mahopac Middle school 6th grade student Dominic Marangiello was one of ten 6th grade students out of 200 that were chosen to participate in the School Invitational Theme Exhibition (SITE) at the Garrison Art Center March 2nd to the 10th.

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Disconnect Remains Between Southeast Highway Dept. and Board

By David Propper

Another meeting in the Town of Southeast once again resulted in the town board and highway chief being miles apart on funding for the highway department.

Highway Superintendent Michael Bruen went before the town board last week in hopes of getting a 284 agreement signed with the town board that would allow him to pave roads and do other improvements. The two sides spoke about a 284 agreement in January, but there had been no progress since then so Bruen was back for the March 14 meeting. While a prolonged discussion ensued, no deal was struck last week either.

Although highway superintendents in New York have the ability to expend general operation funds to run their departments, a separate 284 agreement needs to be reached between the highway chief and town board for projects such as road paving. While town board members demanded further details into Bruen's plan for paving, Bruen argued he was providing the necessary information for the town board to expend funds.

Supervisor Tony Hay said he believes the agreement needs to be modified because the costs are too high. Currently, Bruen is requesting \$1.4 million to fix up roads and other projects. There is discrepancy between how much Bruen is asking for in funds and how much he has outlined to actually spend, Hay said.

Bruen said there isn't a discrepancy, noting there are several tasks the department must complete that could come up during the year. He called it "impossible" to earmark every dollar that would be spent.



Highway Superintendent Michael Bruen

Hay and Bruen, both Republicans, are far from friendly with each other, with the two butting heads at past meetings. Hay is even openly supporting Bruen's opponent for highway chief, Michael Burdick, who is expected to face Bruen in a GOP primary this June. Hay has three bumper stickers on his car with Burdick's name of it.

The two, for the most part, were civil during the meeting. But at one point the two bickered over the type of material and process Bruen used for paving, with Hay stating residents were not happy with the job being done and Bruen countering that he's only heard positive reviews.

Bruen said it was "scientific" in the way the department handled the paving



Supervisor Tony Hay

process for certain roads.

When Bruen asserted Hay spoke favorably of a paving mechanism in the past he now said residents were unhappy with, Hay cut him off and said, "Don't speak for me."

"I can speak for you," Bruen replied, with Hay shooting back, "No, you cannot."

Bruen then complained there is more work than highway personnel and equipment to complete it.

"Not one time is any one of my men ever sat in our shop for lack of something to do," Bruen said. "They are out working every single day doing beneficial things to this town. We will never, ever catch up with the amount of work that we have."

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt, who is the liaison to the highway department, said while the board was looking for more details, they weren't interested in "micro-details." She suggested meeting with Bruen to go over the spending for the department.

"Then we can get this signed and on your way," Eckardt said, noting the town board did not want to second-guess the highway department.

Bruen said if a 284 agreement isn't signed soon, "work will cease because I don't have your authority to dispense those funds." Councilman Edwin Alvarez rebutted that assertion, stating the highway department still has its general budget that can be used, but the 284 agreement is for the paving of roads.

"I've been very open to this board," Bruen said, adding later. "We need to do this soon."



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Volunteers Needed for 2019 New York State Seed to Supper Course

Help Wanted! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County and The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition are excited to announce the launch of their 2019 New York State Seed to Supper course. Throughout this 5-week class, new gardeners will learn the ins and outs of vegetable gardening—on a budget! Topics will include planning your garden, small space gardening, planting seeds and transplants, managing pests, and harvesting your bounty. Classes will be taught at the Studio Around the Corner and consist of classroom as well as hands-on instruction in the onsite garden. The produce from the garden will be donated to the nearby Community Action Partnership (CAP) food pantry. Seed to Supper classes will be taught in both English and Spanish, and children's activities will be provided. This program is part of a Cornell Cooperative Extension initiative. Research shows that vegetable gardening and consumption can lead to a healthier lifestyle and strong community bonds.

We are seeking 2-4 students to assist us with the implementation of this course. Student roles can include: spoken and written Spanish translation of content for adult participants; assistance with children's activities, maintaining the



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garden in the summer which includes watering, harvesting, and bringing produce to CAP in Brewster, and

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beating the drum until you get your way," Andrews said.

It was revealed the school district has paid about \$100,000 to the property owner in Kent to hold the parcel the school system hopes to buy for the bus garage.

Patterson resident Robert Leonard, who was on the original bond committee, said the bond should be supported and those that don't support it don't have the necessary information. A lot of research went into finding the right parcel of land for the bus garage, he said. The current bus garage has conditions that are subpar, Leonard added.

"I just wish the public would educate themselves," he said. "There's a lot of good stuff going on here and something worth doing I think."

Former Carmel school board member Eric Mittelstadt, of Holmes, said the air quality at the current bus garage is poor and unhealthy for students and staff to breathe in. Whatever happens with the fate of the bus garage, an air study should be conducted, said Mittelstadt, who supports the bond package.

In an interview, school board vice president Rick Kreps said going into the vote next week, he believes there is solid support for proposition A, but believes

proposition B, which would move the bus garage, is more of a toss-up. He said he supports both measures because they are necessary fixes the district must get done.

If either or both propositions fail, Kreps doubts the board would attempt to push the measures any further.

"Definitely the bus garage," he said. "This is like the last hurrah."

Carmel school board member John Curzio, who has been the sole voice of dissent against the repackaging of the bond, said at the meeting the cost to put the first two bonds up has been about \$38,000 and then another \$89,000 on services from firms that helped present the bonds to the public.

Curzio added that the board should not "belittle" people as uneducated because there is a difference of opinion on the bond vote. He said people on both sides of the debate have valid thoughts.

Board president Greg Riley said no one on the board has belittled anybody, though Curzio said it's been done "plenty of times in the past."

"It was voted down twice by the voters," he said "I've made clear that I felt that it was unfortunate that the board was trying to overturn the will of the voters."

"We'll see what happen on the March 26," Curzio continued. "Anything can happen."



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Lincolndale Wine & Liquor Somers

By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident Mariam Chacko said she listens to the public.

She originally was thinking of opening another type of store in the Lincolndale section of Somers, but later changed her mind after speaking with local residents. Chacko said last week. She was told by the locals that there were no liquor stores in the Lincolndale section of Somers so she decided to open Lincolndale Wine & Liquor in January.

Chacko already owned a Shell gas station/convenience store in Mahopac for 18 years, which she still owns, before beginning her new venture.

The store offerings are broken down into "70 percent wines and 30 percent liquor" in varieties that are both domestic and imported, Chacko noted.

A wide variety of liquors are available at Lincoln Wine & Liquor, including vodkas, whiskies, tequilas, rums and gins, Chacko said. Some of the most popular liquors sold at the new store include Macallan Scotch, Irish whisky, John Barr whisky, Johnnie Walker Scotch whiskey and Glenfiddich single malt whisky. "I have a lot of tequilas," she added.

"I have a lot of New York wines and California wines," Chacko said.



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Lincolndale Wine & Liquor was opened by owner Mariam Chacko of Mahopac in January.

If the store does not carry wine or liquor customers are seeking, she will try to order it, Chacko said.

Most of her customers live in Mahopac and Somers, Chacko said. A discount of 10 percent is offered to residents of the Heritage Hills housing complex in

Somers.

Chacko said she is not seeking to top other wine and liquor stores. "I'm not trying to compete with anyone else," she said.

Chacko said she has a basic goal for Lincolndale Wine & Liquor. "I just want it

to be successful," she said. "I like to talk to people. It's not just about money."

Lincolndale Wine & Liquor is located in the Lincolndale section of Somers at 155 Route 202.

For more information, call (914) 248-6000 or visit <https://lincolndale-wine-and-liquor.business.site/>. The store is also on Facebook. The store is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

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Fire, Mohegan Fire and Carmel Fire for different pieces of apparatus while a call was put in to NYSE&G for a crew to kill power to the property. Incident Command was Capt. Chris Tompkins, who immediately closed the road to traffic. Mahopac School Transportation Supervisor Steve Troost responded and coordinated student drop off with Mahopac Falls Fire Police officers for everyone's safety.



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Letter to the Editor

Carmel Town Board Wastes Time on Abortion Resolution

I was greatly disturbed to watch the Carmel Town Board waste time issuing a resolution to rescind the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) instead of focusing on its job to run our town effectively and efficiently. The Town Board has absolutely no authority or responsibility in this area, yet it used its powers to spread misinformation about the new law and conducted the meeting in a manner that prevented accurate information from being presented to the community.

Don't confuse passion with fact. Those presenting and supporting this resolution may feel passionately about the issue, but the information they presented was not accurate. To clarify:

The RHA simply updates NY law so that it aligns with Roe v. Wade, a law established in our country over 40 years

ago. It does not break any new ground. The RHA makes women's choices about reproduction a health issue, instead of a criminal issue, as it had been in the past.

Women cannot terminate a pregnancy on a whim. The new law permits a woman and her medical provider to end a pregnancy after 24 weeks only if a health care professional determines the health or life of the mother is at risk, or the fetus is not viable. In the past, women were required to risk their own health unless facing an immediate life and death crisis. Doctors were prevented from providing pregnant women with the most appropriate health care. Further, in New York, a woman had to actually carry a nonviable fetus to full term and suffer for months while she waited to deliver a stillborn baby.

Contrary to Ms. McDonough's claim that babies would be left to die, in the extremely unlikely case that a late-term abortion resulted in a live birth, the medical team would provide the newborn with all necessary medical care. This was the true before the RHA, and it remains the case now.

Approximately 1.3 percent of all abortions occur after 20 weeks. Most happen long before a baby would be considered full term. Typically, it is because the mother has just received the terrible news that the fetus is not viable or because her own health is at serious risk. They are heartbroken, not heartless. However, some late term abortions do occur because the mother does not have the knowledge or resources to terminate the pregnancy earlier, a situation that

could be prevented by making birth control and reproductive health services more readily available.

The Board should have put this resolution on the agenda for the next meeting so the public could respond and correct this misinformation, but instead they rushed to vote on it during the working session. Were they afraid of the facts?

I wish the Carmel Town Board would show more passion for doing their jobs! For example, whatever happened to that new master plan? Not much.

Marsha Waldman
Mahopac

Obituaries

Ann Bernson Wadle

Ann Bernson Wadle died peacefully at home in Poughquag, on January 30, surrounded by loving family and friends. She died as she lived, with no fuss or fanfare. Ann was born in New York City on July 25, 1934 and was the daughter of Mary Vincent and James Bernson. She attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart and graduated from Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua. Ann was married and divorced from the late Gilbert Wadle and devoted most of her energies to raising her children as a single mother in Brewster. If life is a question of behavior, Ann's life was as good as it gets. She is survived by her three children, Kevin Wadle of Green Mountain, NC; John (Ofelia) Wadle of Hong Kong, and Lisa (Douglas) Scholz of Poughquag. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Mikayla Wadle, Beatrice De Los Santos, and Douglas Scholz, Jr, and one great grandchild, Neavaeh McClinton. She is also survived by her brother, John

(Sheila) Bernson, of Armonk. A memorial gathering was held on February 4, at Beecher Funeral Home in Brewster; burial was at St. Matthews Church in Bedford. Donations in her memory may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Stella Focarile

Stella Focarile of Mahopac, died peacefully on Sunday morning, March 10, at her home with her loving family by her side. Stella was born in Manhattan 88-years-ago on July 4, 1931 to Ernest and Stella (Guido) Pappalardo. Stella loved cooking for and being with her family. She was married for almost 69 years to her beloved husband, Joseph, who survives at home. She is also survived by her loving children, Anthony, Catherine (Scott) and Toniann (Louis), all of Mahopac and her grandchildren, Joyann, Michele and Melissa.

Veronica V Pitkat

Veronica V Pitkat, of Brewster, died Monday, March 11, in Purdys. Veronica was born in Brewster, NY on January 15, 1924 to Emory and Veronica Vassak. She was graduated from Brewster High School, followed by her completion of business courses. Veronica married William C. Pitkat Jr. on June 14, 1953 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. Mr. Pitkat died on November 29, 2013. Veronica was a customer service clerk with Suburban Propane in Brewster for many years, retiring in 1989. She had worked for the Bank of New York in Brewster prior. Veronica was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Bernadine in Brewster. As a loving mother and grandmother, Veronica took great pride in her family, enjoying every

minute spent together and always looking forward to the next time they might be together again. Veronica is survived by her son David and daughter-in-law Luisa of Brewster and her grandchildren, Brandon, Dylan, Steven and Ryan.

Linda A. Johnston

Linda A. Johnston, of Brewster, formerly of Yonkers, died peacefully at Danbury Hospital Center on Tuesday March 12, with her family by her side. She was 71 years old. Born on November 25, 1947 in Portchester, daughter of the late Rocco and Ann (Lombardo) Fiermonte. Linda was a 1965 graduate of Scarsdale High School. On April 16, 1982 Linda married the love of her life John Johnston in Yonkers, NY. Mrs. Johnston was devoted to her family; she was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She took pride in raising her children and helped positively influence her grandchildren's upbringing. She enjoyed spending time and teaching them about life through

play. She was their biggest supporter and #1 fan, and especially enjoyed watching them compete in various sports. Besides her husband John, Linda is survived by her two children; Sherry Day and her husband Marvin of Brewster, NY, Robert Gehrung and his wife Lisa of Brewster, her 5 grandchildren; John, Lisamarie, Brianna, Justin, Matthew, her 2 great grandchildren; Gianna and Christopher and her brother Thomas Fiermonte and his wife Bunny of Oxford, CT.

Rita S. Rosko

Rita S. Rosko nee Altobelli died on March 12 at the age of 88. She was born on April 30th, 1930 in Yonkers, to Concetta and Joseph Altobelli. On November 18th she married the love of her life Joseph Rosko in Yonkers. Rita is survived by five loving children, Jacki (Dolores), Thomas (Iren), Linda, Debra, and Carolyn (Andy). She is also survived by five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Joseph and siblings.



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Putnam County Welcomes Newest Citizens

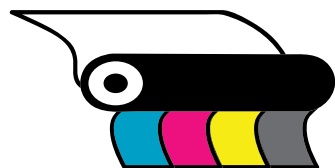
Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti hosted a Naturalization Ceremony last Wednesday at the Putnam County Historic Courthouse where he administered the Oath of Allegiance to 41 new citizens from 24 different countries.

The Naturalization Ceremony opened by the posting of the colors by American Legion Post 1080 Color Guard. The Hon. Thomas Zugibe, Supreme Court Judge, Ninth Judicial District, NY, served as the officiating Supreme Court Justice and offered court remarks. The Hon. Robert V. Tendy, Putnam County District Attorney, offered welcoming remarks. Putnam County Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr. led the opening prayer. Art Hanley, Deputy Director of Putnam County Veterans Affairs, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Isabella Ciatto, a senior at Carmel High School, presented the gathering with beautiful renditions of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

After the ceremony, a coffee and cake reception was held to welcome our newest citizens.

Any citizen wishing to view photos and video of the ceremony is encouraged to visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk or visit our Facebook page: Twenty-four Nations

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Law Book: It May Be Time to Update Your Estate Plan

By Joanna C. Feldman, Esq.

Regardless of whether your estate plan is basic or complex, it is important to review the plan every few years because there can be changes in life events and laws and regulations.

Estate plans can change drastically after certain life events, which include, but certainly aren't limited to marriage and divorce; a new child or grandchild; death or incapacitation of a nominated executor or appointed trustee; moving to another state or even owning real property in another state; significant increases or decreases in the value of assets; illness, disability or death of a spouse, child or beneficiary and; changes in family dynamics.

There are things to change if you are going through a divorce, such as changing the agent under your Power of Attorney. Once finalized, your ex-spouse will be ineligible from serving as the executor

under your Last Will and Testament, but that may leave only one remaining successor. If something happens to that person, be it death, disability or an unwillingness to act, complications can arise. Or perhaps your distribution plan needs modification because the inclusion of certain ex-family members no longer matches your wishes.

Your child may marry someone who, quite frankly, you don't trust. Or maybe you realize your own child is incapable of managing finances. You may then wish to leave that child's share to a trust set up for that child's benefit, but to which they (and their spouse) have no access.

If your child gets divorced and your child's ex-spouse is named as a beneficiary of your estate, their divorce may necessitate revising your documents.

Estate plans should be reviewed with the addition of a child or grandchild. A will may be sufficient in that it provides

that one's estate shall be distributed to their spouse, or if the spouse predeceases, to their children (or their children's children). In New York, however, because minor children may not personally receive property greater than \$10,000, a guardian for the minor's property may need to be appointed. This is an administrative – and possibly expensive – hassle that could be avoided if the will provides for such property to be distributed to the trustee of an underage beneficiary trust established for the benefit of such minor child.

Owning a vacation home in another state solely in your name could lead to the need to probate in more than one state, which is another administrative and potentially expensive task that could be avoided through the use of a trust.

Establishing residency in another state may render certain documents ineffective because they do not comply with the new state's laws. Additionally, the new state's estate tax system may be completely different, requiring another distribution scheme.

People often fail to update beneficiary designations following life events. I encounter life insurance policies and other financial accounts where the beneficiary has predeceased and no contingent beneficiaries are named.

Changes in Laws, Regulations

In New York, for example, the estate tax exemption is now at over \$5.7

million. The federal exemption threshold is over \$11 million (over \$22 million for couples). These exemptions have increased significantly over time, and estate tax concerns that existed when an estate plan was crafted may no longer be concerns. The estate plan as crafted may include options for dealing with the estate tax concerns, such as using trusts. But if not needed anymore, the use of those trusts may create administrative burdens that could have been avoided by updating the estate plan.

Estate plans can and should change periodically. The failure to have an estate plan that reflects both current laws and your evolving personal situation may lead to the distribution of your assets in conflict with your goals and invoke other burdensome issues. Speaking with a knowledgeable elder law and estate planning attorney is the first line of defense against unintended consequences.

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 - 14. Peter and Brer, for two
 - 16. Like Gen. Colin Powell
 - 17. Mid-east chief
 - 18. Yorktown real estate "Home Team," Bob & Diane ____
 - 20. Cosmonaut Gargarin
 - 21. Hearing organs
 - 25. This Brewster business will "shock" your drains clean, ____ Snake
 - 29. Meat in a deli
 - 31. Unified
 - 32. Windlass
 - 33. Service arm, abbr.
 - 34. Tarzan creator's monogram
 - 35. Bar sound
 - 36. Poker play
 - 37. Pops

- 38. "All over the world" singers, for short
 - 39. Suffix with "priest" or "lion"
- Down**
- 1. 'Hip hip ____!'
 - 2. Capital of Lesotho
 - 3. Volleyball player to set up the spike
 - 4. Quagmire
 - 5. Popular potato
 - 6. Tag
 - 7. Estrada of "CHiPs"
 - 8. One who dresses in black
 - 9. Grunts
 - 15. "Ivan IV" composer
 - 19. Nobelist Bohr
 - 22. Kindle
 - 23. Salon jobs
 - 24. Landscapes, e.g.
 - 26. Woodworking equipment
 - 27. Memo
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 - 30. Police dept. alerts
 - 32. Fungus

Crossword Puzzle

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Spring: When Hearts Turn to Love and Elbows to Cleaning

Do you like the word association game? When you think of the word spring, does it rapidly associate with cleaning?

I must confess, for me, I have no such association. When I lived in a single-family home, spring was a time to clean up the yard and to create my planting plan for the flower and vegetable garden.

However, for most people, the winter blues are shaken away with a good and deep annual house cleaning. It can be quite a formidable task without the right plan, but it can be more manageable, even enjoyable, with a checklist.

This list offers an overview of what to do to navigate the process.

Clean the clutter to start

The essential part of spring cleaning is getting rid of any clutter – things you don't need. There is no better time to take advantage of the natural spring urge to get rid of items that are weighing you down, whether you realize it or not, and start afresh with a more streamlined lifestyle. Sort belongings into four categories –



By Bill Primavera

trash, giveaways, store for long-term or put away just for the season.

No matter where you start – from the outside in, or top to bottom – create a workable schedule and focus only on one task at a time. Furthermore, keep your goal for your finish date flexible. Some projects will be more involved, such as organizing closets, and will take more time.

The tips below outline basic techniques for cleaning all objects and surfaces of your home, leaving your home spring fresh.

Clean room by room

Whether you prefer to proceed from the attic to the basement or start outdoors and move inside, create a realistic schedule and focus on one task at a time, keeping in mind that a single weekend won't suffice. You'll need several days for more involved projects, such as organizing closets.

Approaching your house room by room is the most effective way to deep-clean your home at any time of the year, but especially in spring. Use room checklists as a springboard for deep-cleaning the

areas of your home that really need extra attention. It is all right to skip items that have recently been cleaned and to focus on the parts of your home that have been neglected for a while.

Dust, dust, dust

Use a vacuum to remove dust on all surfaces where you can. Take everything off shelves and brush them (along with the books) with a feather duster. Use the dust brush or crevice tool on a vacuum to reach tight spots.

Clean upholstered furnishings

Take cushions outside and gently beat them by hand to remove dust. If there are stains, check the pieces for care labels. Use a vacuum's upholstery and crevice tools to clean under seat cushions.

Wax wooden furniture

Wipe surfaces with a soft cloth dampened with water and mild dishwashing liquid. Apply paste wax, such as Butcher's wax, a few feet at a time with a cotton rag folded into a square pad. Let the wax dry; then buff with a clean cloth.

Wash window screens

Spring is a good time to get a clearer view of the great outdoors. Do this by washing window screens by using warm water and a mild dishwashing liquid.

Scrub the screens with a brush, then rinse thoroughly with a hose.

Wax non-wood floors

Vinyl and linoleum floors that have lost their shine should be waxed with a polish designed for these surfaces. Most stone and tile floors can be treated with either a paste or a liquid wax designed for the material.

Establish new cleaning habits

Consistency with cleaning habits makes life easier for the homeowner. While a good, thorough spring cleaning is a great time to establish new ongoing cleaning habits and it can also make the next spring cleaning a good deal easier.

Simple 15-minute cleanup routines practiced every few days, each including a series of one- to two-minute chores, can make it remarkably easy to keep your home clean and tidy all year long. All you need is the discipline to adhere to such a plan. Good luck!

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An Abridged History of America's Tumultuous Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

Much has been written of the American vitality and entrepreneurial spirit that vaulted us to world supremacy over the relatively short history of our democracy. We have accomplished much as a nation

and have rarely suffered defeat in any endeavors – with, in my opinion, one notable early exception.

The growth of the wine industry in the United States has seen many fits and starts. I began to consider this as our nation has finally risen to an elite status in the ranks and esteem of the wine world. This is no minor achievement given the history of wine in the United States. Today's success overshadows the early failures of establishing a thriving national wine culture.

While the successful wine legacies of France, Italy, Germany and Spain date to the era of the dominance of the Roman Empire, the adventures of the United States wine industry are far more recent and have followed a path of mercurial highs and lows, coping with the fluctuating

favor and derision of the American public.

Here is my brief perspective on the history of commercial winemaking in the United States.

The earliest documented instance of grape-growing and wine production took place in Florida (French Huguenots) in the late 1500s. In the late 16th century and into the 17th century, small pockets of wine production sprang up along the Eastern seaboard. All were dismal failures.

America's leading proponent of fine wine in the fledgling years of the democracy was Thomas Jefferson. After traveling to France's Bordeaux and Burgundy regions (which were producing world class wines in a thriving industry) and acquiring a taste (and a portfolio) for the wines he encountered, he attempted to grow French grapevines at Monticello. Many years of experimentation ended

in failure. Jefferson resorted to enjoying his wine cellar of fine French wines; fellow Americans were content with beer and whisky.

Fast forward to the great surge of immigrants from southern

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

Europe and settlers from northern Europe commencing in the early 1800s. The Italian and German transplants planted European rootstock and hybridized American clones as they

traversed the land. They enjoyed success by adapting to the American climate and avoiding its indigenous diseases.

By the mid 1800s, the first successful commercial winery was founded in Indiana; several decades later the most successful state for producing wines was in another unlikely locale. As Italian immigrants were settling on the Eastern seaboard and slowly heading west, a number of their German counterparts were planting grapevines along the banks of the Missouri River. The hybridized grape they developed, Norton, became an instant success in Missouri. By 1880, Norton production reached two million gallons, the highest in the United States; the local Stone Hill winery was the third largest winery, in volume, in the world.

As the American Far West opened up in the mid-1800s as a land of opportunity, a mad rush took place. Aided by the first transcontinental railroad and the discovery of gold in California, European immigrants created a successful commercial wine industry. They achieved great popularity by replicating the "table wines" of their native countries. Their

fellow Americans developed a palate for these pleasant, inexpensive wines.

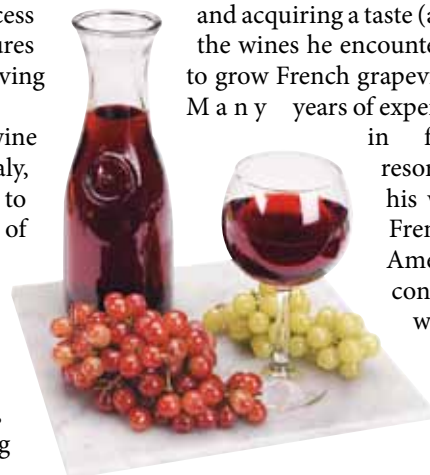
At the same time, Protestant settlers from Northern Europe disdained the rising preference of Americans for alcohol-based beverages. Their Puritanical beliefs became a mantra for change. They initiated the Temperance Movement, which became a political hot potato, culminating in the enactment of national Prohibition in 1920.

This dark period in American history effectively ended the wine industry in the United States.

When Prohibition was repealed a long 13 years later, the industry struggled to recover. American preferences had changed; sweet, fortified (elevated alcohol) wines became the norm, a sharp digression from earlier preferences. It took nearly a half-century to return to the robust years of quality wine.

However, the inventiveness and entrepreneurialism of American winemakers prevailed. Today the industry enjoys the esteem and respect of the world market.

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



Summer Camp Guide

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At 17, Adam Hotchkiss bypassed the typical summer job and instead worked as a camp counselor at Tate's Day Camp in Knoxville, Tenn. Hotchkiss continued working at the camp through college, and gained not only many skills, but also the opportunity to add the titles of administrative assistant and program director to his resume.

"Responsibility is a huge benefit, especially for someone in college who has to take care of eight to 10 kids by themselves," he said. "That's a responsibility that looks great on a resume."



Hotchkiss said that experience seems to have paid off as he is currently a teacher at the Episcopal School of Knoxville, and he also is the director of summer camp programs at the school.

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ACA is the only national organization that accredits camps. To become accredited, a camp must meet up to 300 health and safety regulations.

"If someone is considering a camp job, I'd say 'go for it.' Even if you only do it for the summer, you gain the experience and you can learn so much from the environment," Hotchkiss said. "You'll pick up skills you'll use in the future, and you will look back 10 years later and realize how much it has benefited you."

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA March 20, 2019 Pledge of Allegiance 1. Accept NRI maps, diagrams and comments 2. Parks and Recreation personnel changes. 3. Parks and Recreation refunds. 4. Wildwood Knolls Facilities Warrant 5. Appoint Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator 6. Building Department Daily Fee Report 7. Accept proposal from Kappus Pumps & Plumbing for grinder pumps for sewer pump station. 8. Continued discussion regarding road-divided contiguous properties. 9. Presentation by Town Assessor, Sheryl Luongo, regarding information and points of concern about Airbnbs. Audit of monthly bills

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KC MAKEUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/16/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Kasey Camacho, 2 Stanley St., Pleasantville, NY, 10570 Purpose: any lawful act.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLA SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organiza-

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DORENBAUM & BECK, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 2/28/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **20 Manville Ln., Apt 4, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Healthcare Communications Consulting.**

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 265 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK 10579 Phone: (845) 526-3740 Fax: (845) 526-3307 EMAIL: mbabnik@putnamvalley.com NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday March 28, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD Request front yard setback variance and**

280A variance for two lot subdivision.

2. Spinola, Anthony, 16 Hanson Street, 91.26-1-40; LP Request variance under Section 165-27 I 2 of the Zoning Code for fence. Decision 3. Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23;CN Request variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. New Application 4 Dronzek, Judith, 106 Dunderberg Road, -62.14-1-30; R-3 Request front yard and lake front setback variance for deck and hot tub. 5. Lennon, Tim, 28 White Hill Road, 51.19-1-10; R-3 Request front, rear and variance for increase in height under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for addition to existing house. 6. Prezioso, Robert, 55 Pembroke Court-92.-1-80; R-1 Request variance for finished basement under Section 165-19D of the Zoning Code. 7. Vasquez, Jose, 30 Finnerty Place,-85.9-1-14; R-2 Request side yard setback variance for pool and deck. 8. Wendle, Gerard, 45 Ridgecrest Road, 83.64-1-22; LP Request front and rear yard setback variance for generator and propane tanks. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN

NOTICE 3/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday March 25, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA REVIEW 1. Homeland Towers, LLC- 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road(TM# 72.16-1-23/ File: 2018-0186)** The subject property consists of + 12.1 acres of land and is located on 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road and within the CN Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to lease an area of the parcel in order to construct a 160 foot monopole with antennas, together with related equipment within a fenced compound. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2019**

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Saturday, April 20

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Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education: The full 2018-19 meeting list and the proposed

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Tuesday, March 19

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Wednesday, March 20

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Thursday, March 21

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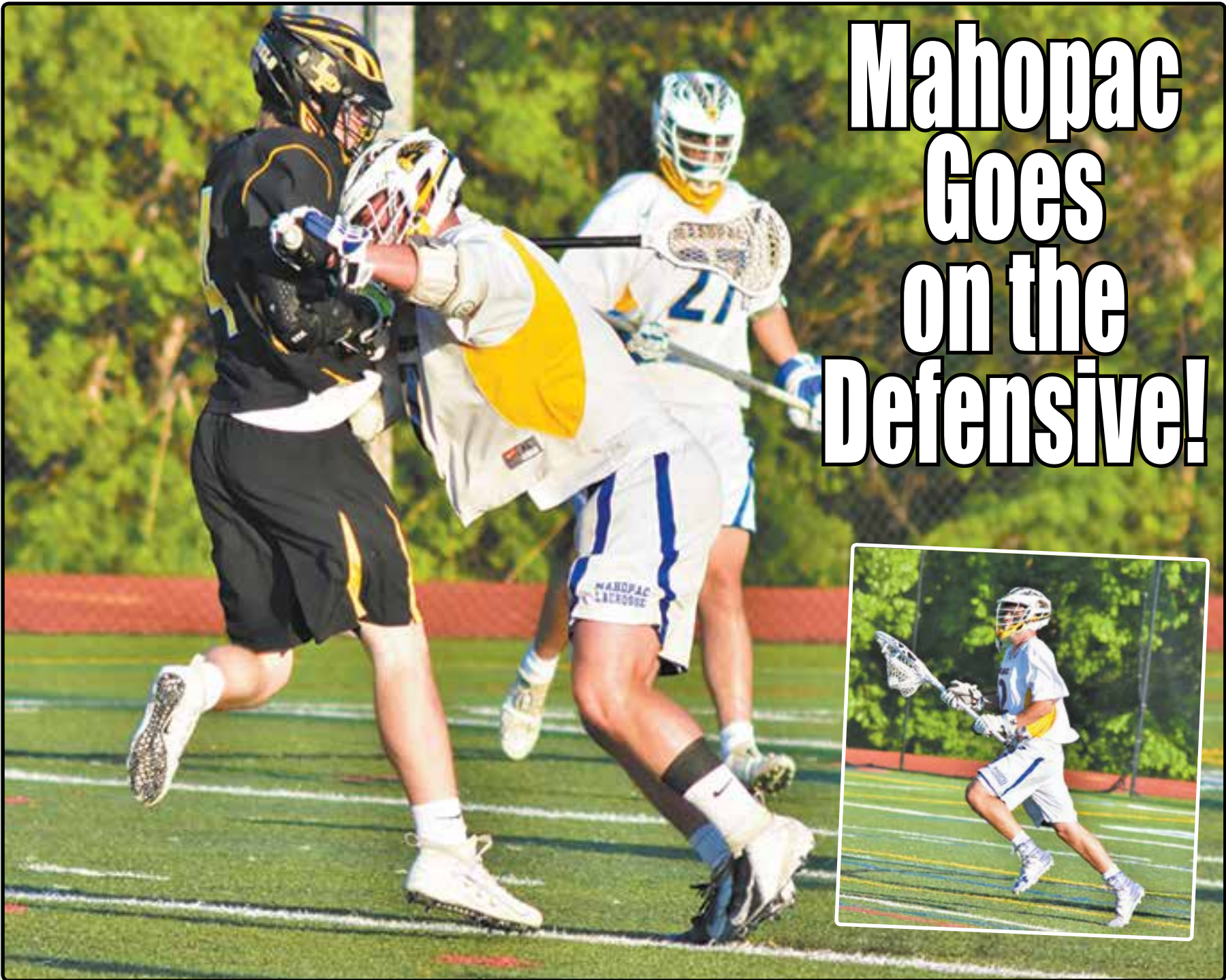
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Defensive!**

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**Stacked on Defense, Indians Hope to Pry
Section 1 Title from Mamaroneck**

Mahopac senior D Tim Cegielski and Pace-bound senior G Mike Argila (inset) are part of a nasty defensive unit that Indian Coach Joe Bucello is hoping will pave the path to Lakeland High School on May 23rd when the Section 1 Class A title will be up for grabs. But reigning champion Mamaroneck has a strong hold and won't be quick to relent, and runner-up Lakeland/Panas is often there in the end, so winning its first title since 2011 won't be an easy task for Mahopac... see Boys' Lax Previews

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Wait, What!? No Returning Champions

Skunked Last Year, Local Laxers Seek to Restore Order in 2019

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The emperors have been dethroned for just the fourth time since 1997, but will YORKTOWN – the kings of the Section 1 lax circuit – remain in exile or will they take this John Jay-induced abdication to heart and restore Class B order in the spring 2019? That is one of many queries local lax junkies are seeking answers to as a new era begins for Yorktown's old guard.

"We're looking to find out who this team will be," said third-year Yorktown Coach Sean Carney (32-8), who has been with the program for 19 seasons in one capacity or another. "Last year, we graduated a great group of seniors who had been through state playoffs, and now we will look to try to regain what our program strives for – championships – without them. It's a new year and a new opportunity with many challenges along the way. It's exciting, but every facet of our game needs to get better



Yorktown senior A Shane Dahlke will be a go-to guy for Class B Huskers this season.

to get where we want to be come playoff time."

The 40-time Section 1 champion Cornhuskers – the 2017 NYS runner-ups

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and owners of seven NYS titles -- will enter the season as second fiddle for just the fourth time in the last 22 years (1997, 2006, 2010, 2018). In fact, Yorktown is 35-4 in its Section 1 title quests since 1980, so it's no wonder they expect to be on top. Getting there this year is no guarantee, despite the fact that John Jay – who defeated Yorktown for the title for the second time since 2006 – has lost a ton of talent as well.

Both Yorktown and Jay were senior-laden clubs last year, so the outfit that finds itself stocked with the most returning talent and additional key newcomers should be the team to prevail, but either way it's likely to come down to these two once again for Class B supremacy.

For the first time since 1979 we don't have a reigning sectional in our

midst in any classification; our hub being Yorktown, Lakeland/Panas, Mahopac, Somers and Putnam Valley. Was this an aberration or something we need to get used to in this neck of the woods? Because, truth be told, 2019 is looking equally difficult according to the prospects we see.

Yorktown (15-3) will put itself to the test right out of the gate in a season-opening tilt with Class A champion Mamaroneck, which could pose as an eye-opening test right out of the gate, much like the rest of the Yorktown schedule.

Top Returning Attack: Senior Shane Dahlke is the go-to guy, having served as a complimentary figure to the Embury brothers the past two years. Junior Alex Debenedictis showed big-time promise last year. Seniors Reese Andrews and Joe Atherall will have to pay the piper now; it's their turn to do so.

Top Returning Mids: Senior Keegan Doller, senior Brendan Williams (one of the area's top face-off men), junior Tim O'Callaghan, sophomore Blake Borges, senior Matt Finnegan, senior Dante Esposito, senior Vin Dinotte and senior Alex Fraioli will determine whether this team gets back on top or not with steady two-way run and possession.

Top Returning Poles: The unit is essentially green with seniors Chris Perrino, Naim Sinanaj and Nick Gibson joining freshman Matt



Yorktown sophomore D Keith Boyer has a chance to be the next great Husker, if not already.



Yorktown junior Tim O'Callaghan showed great promise last year and will need to step up as a prominent middle this year.

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Lakeland-Panas G JP Walsh is a fiery competitor for Class A Rebels

Regan and junior Eddie Capone; with sophomore Keith Boyer anchoring a mostly untested but effective unit. Boyer, a co-captain, is the truth, though; we're suggesting other methods to beat the Huskers. Plus, Regan would be up on varsity if his future wasn't entirely bright.

Goalie: Senior Dan O' Meara is the

starter but sophomore Adam Norris is going to be a good one down the road.

Key Newcomers: Yorktown was counting on freshman A Harry Griff to provide a once-in-a-generation-type impact player this season, but a back injury has his rookie-season status in question. We're talking about a right-

handed attackmen who cranks with both hands and could become a four-time All-Section player and potential All-American if he can get back up to speed. The comparisons to former All-Americans Nick Mariano and Brian Crockett are out there, but there could be a prolonged recovery period for Griff, which truly saddens genuine Section 1 lax junkies who were hoping for their first peep this spring.

"We have many talented new kids challenging for playing time," Carney said.

Truth be told, though, Griff does things others can't. He's special and, with any luck, he'll be heard from sooner rather than later.

Circle the Date: They ran out of ink; Murphy Cup vs. Lakeland/Panas, John Jay, Darien, Ridgefield, Wilton, Chaminade, St Anthony's, Mercer Island, Washington are all on the docket, among the most challenging schedules in the nation year after year after year. It's what prepares the 40-time sectional champion Huskers for their annual run at the state tournament, having competed in every sectional championship since 1979.

"Our goals are the same each year, we have to work to meet these high expectations," Carney said of the sectional title. The kids are working hard and buy in to what we expect out of them as a staff. Our senior leaders are holding each other accountable on and off the field. We are not the returning section champs this year, so we will have to fight to earn that back."

BREWSTER is in the throes of a rebuild with a ton of young players working their way through the pipeline. Coach Mike Honey's Bears are not in the hunt for the Class B crown this spring, but hope to build for the future with a strong foundational year in what



Lakeland-Panas middle TJ Bryan is among the best face-off men in the section.

most consider the toughest league in the section.

"We're still a very young team with only five seniors," Honey said.

Top Returning Attack: Attack is a senior heavy position with Bobby Conklin and Pat Feehan returning from last year and Cole Gianguzzi joining them coming off an injury his junior year.

Top Returning Mids: Midfield is led by Captain Charlie Russell and a large supporting class. Juniors RJ Hargrave, Danny Buonadonna, Sophomore Aidan Sheil and Freshmen Ethan Hamm balance out the midfield. Will be a group that rotates a lot of players.

Top Returning Poles: The strength of the team is in its defense with sophomores Franco Milano, Jason Borsari, plus juniors Teddy Pepper, Malcolm Nordquist and Sam Lowe.

Goalie: Returning as a starter between the pipes is sophomore Billy Finn.

"We play a very tough schedule in an incredibly tough league; John Jay, Yorktown, Somers and Fox Lane are all league games," Coach Honey said. "We have a lot of returning players from last year but they are still young. Offense will have to score goals by committee and hopefully the defense will keep us in games."



Lakeland-Panas' Sean Laukaitis will be a legit scoring threat for the Class A Rebels this season.

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Mahopac junior A Tommy Elliot should fill the nets for Class A Indians this season.

CLASS A

If consistency matters, then **LAKELAND/PANAS** takes top prize dating back to 1989 when it comes to Class A lax. No Class A program has won more sectional titles (10 in Class A) or competed in more championship games (23) than the Hornets/Rebels since the '89 season. Whether Lakeland was alone, or combined with Panas, the program

has remained as relevant as any program in Section 1 not named Yorktown. Since 2007, L/P has won four sectional crowns and competed for all but three of the last 12 title tilts.

Rebel Coach Jim Lindsay, now in his 14th season, doesn't get nearly the credit he deserves, and despite going through an 8-11 season he still had the Rebels challenging for the title last year. L/P was



Mahopac senior M Drew Riolo will lead by example for Class A Indians.

knocked off in unceremonious fashion as Mamaroneck pulled away in the second half to win by a comfortable margin, but the fact that they were right there with Mamo' was considered by most to be Lindsay's finest hour as a coach.

Hit hard by graduation in 2018, the youthful Rebels return a year the wiser, ready to contend with Mahopac for league bragging rights before setting their sights on a loaded Mamaroneck squad yet again.

Top Returning Attack: Seniors Mason Nocito, Alex Davoli and Tom Nolan were prime contributors last season and have shown tremendous off-season improvement.

Top Returning Mids: The Rebels are stacked here: Senior Sean Laukaitis, senior TJ Bryan, senior Phil Dellamonica and junior Matt Makar comprise a tough, battle-tested unit. Bryan is among the section's premier face-off men when healthy, and all four can crank.

Top Returning Poles: The Rebels have taken a hit here but junior Ryan Brannigan and senior Josh Hirsch will be among the main trio.

Goalie: JP Walsh, a grizzled senior leader, is a stout last line of defense and fun in transition. Crisp outlets and the ability to transition on his own are key attributes.

Key Newcomers: Watch for juniors Michael Walsh and Michael Castelli and sophomores Reed Thompson and Mark Cummins, who are impactful rookies.

Circle the Date: May 3rd, Murphy Cup vs. Yorktown.

"Our realistic goals are the same every year: Compete for a sectional title, attempt to win the Murphy Cup," Lindsay said. "We have great senior leadership working with us but our chemistry is something to work on. That senior leadership will be tested against a challenging schedule and many strong Class A programs."

L/P open the season at Suffern on March 28th (5:00 p.m.) and gets its first peep at visiting Mamaroneck on April 9th (4:30 p.m.). The league title should/could come down to an April 25th encounter with host Mahopac.

If defense wins championships, **MAHOPAC** will be zeroing in on, or at least challenging for their first sectional title since 2011. The fact that Mahopac, once a regular title contender, has copped just two sectional titles since 2004, is quite surprising, seeing how the Indians had won eight between 1992 and 2004, appearing in 13 title games overall from 1989-2005.

Indian Coach Joe Bucello (12-6, 2nd season) knows full well the history of Mahopac lax, having played goalie at neighboring Yorktown, a perennial thorn in Mahopac's side. Bucello guided the Indians to the Class A semis last year when they were eliminated by Lakeland/Panas, and he figures to have enough for a similar showing this season, but the Indians are never about Final 4's, or at least they didn't used to be.

With seven starters returning, it is imperative the Indians get back to the

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Mahopac junior Zach Esteves is due for a much larger role for Class A Indians.

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Carmel pole Mack Hedman will steady the Class A Rams' defense.

title game and give Mamaroneck all it can handle, though Lakeland/Panas fancies a similar outcome. Back in the day, Mahopac and Lakeland met traditionally for the title (10 times between 1989 and 2004 with Mahopac going 8-2), but the game has grown regionally and Mamaroneck has joined the Class A fray as a legitimate threat each and every year, and Dutchess County – Wappingers and Arlington -- is closing the gap, too. Mamaroneck has

now copped four of the last seven crowns and figure to be the favorites in 2019.

Top Returning Attack: Senior Anthony Corrado, who can't settle for nothing less than being a primary finisher, is legit. Senior Ryan Moloney and junior Matt Riley round out the largely untested attack.

Top Returning Mids: Athletic and capable of pulling their weight, the unit includes seniors Andrew Riolo and



Hen Hud M Bryce Caffrey will need a big year for Class C Sailors.

Nicholas Padovani, plus juniors Tommy Elliott, Zach Esteves and Jack Carey. Elliot showed a ton of promise as a rookie and will be heavily relied upon this season along with key newcomers Andrew Dazi (M), Tommy O'Brien (A) and Kennedy transfer Hunter Trippono, all juniors.

Top Returning Poles: The 2019 unit has some holes to fill on attack and midfield but the entire Mahopac defense will be back in action this spring, including senior poles Zachary Puckhaber (Gettysburg), John Dundon, Timothy Cegielski and juniors Mike Kertelits, Adien Martin and Ian Hamilton.

Goalie: Pace-bound senior Mike Argila is as athletic as any netminder in the section, and few in the section can stuff shots and get in transition as well as he does. Argila will keep the Indians afloat more often than not.

Circle the date: The Indians have circled May 23rd on their calendar, the start of the 2019 playoffs. Since the coach didn't list an opponent, we'll go with April 27th vs. Mamaroneck. It's offense vs. defense, and oftentimes a bigtime offense prevails in lax, but here's your barometer, boys.

"A realistic goal would be the 10th section championship in Mahopac history," Coach Bucello admitted. "We

have experience, chemistry and belief on our side, but we need to do a better job at doing all the little things."

Sectional runner-up Lakeland/Panas is considered the co-favorites in the league and Mamaroneck, is being bandied about as sectional favorites. The Tigers return a ton of explosive talent. The road to the title will be paved through Mamaroneck, according to most coaches.

"We have big goals and a plan to achieve them," Bucello said. "We believe in our plan and we all can see ourselves achieving our goals."

The Indians open up at home against Westlake on March 21st (4:45 p.m.) and they will get the first of two potential looks at visiting Mamaroneck on April 27th in what will surely be a telling tale.

CARMEL Coach Matt Caione (5-12) enters his second season as the Rams' head coach, but has been around the program for half a decade preaching the Yorktown way. The former Husker and Syracuse All-American is hoping to rub off on the Rams, but the culture shift has taken longer than expected at Carmel, which has never been considered a "lax school".

The Rams were ousted in the opening round of sectionals and have yet to win a

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Hen Hud sniper Max Popolizio scored more than 100 points last season and should light things up again for Class C Sailors.

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playoff game, but the current unit is doing their best to change that.

Top Returning Attack: Aidan Babnik and Matt LaFontaine are veterans who can fill the net.

Top Returning Mids: Will Boalt and Ryan Taormina are given, but like the attack unit there's a hole to fill.

Top Returning Poles: Tyler Allocca, Michael Storen and Mack Hedman form the unit in front of a rookie goalie.

Goalie: Junior Donald Burke should get the nod

Key Newcomers: middies Colby Opromolla and Ryan McDonald will get instant run after serving as primary junior varsity scoring options.

Circle the Date: May 9th vs. Ossining.

"Our realistic goal is to compete every time we step on the field," Caione said. "We hustle, but need work on our overall skills and decision making."

The league favorite is Lakeland/Panas, and the Rams will be hard-pressed to challenge for bragging rights, but Caione hopes his team plays fast and loose.

"If you're going to make a mistake, make it going 100 miles an hour," he said.

The Rams will open with neighboring rival Brewster on March 21st.

CLASS C

HEN HUD had higher hopes than the one they went out on last year. 2018 was supposed to be the year the Sailors hoisted the first sectional title plaque in school history. Instead, the Sailors found themselves on the shy side of a 12-7 semifinal setback to Pelham, who eventually copped its first ever sectional title.

Seeded No.1 going in, Hen Hud (16-2) saw the Pelicans do what no Pelham team has ever done before, but is widely expected to do again as the Class C favorites in 2019. Runner-up Rye is still a legit threat and should also be there in the end.

Third-year Hen Hud Coach Troy Lepore (23-12) has lost quite a bit of talent from last season on both ends of the field but he returns enough to remain competitive and, quite possibly, return for another Final 4 run at the very least.

Top Returning Attack: The duo of All-Section seniors Max Popolizio (105 points) and Stony Brook-bound Connor Gallagher (70 points) will continue to fill the nets.

Top Returning Mids: This is an area of concern after the Sailor midfield was hit hard by graduation, but Oneonta-bound senior Bryce Caffrey (40 points) returns with HM All-Section status.

Top Returning Poles: Again, the Sailors are decimated by graduation on close defense, but All-League sophomore Chris Connolly returns.



Somers A Brandon Laspina will be looked upon to put up points for the Class B Tuskers.



Put Valley senior M Joey van de Veerdonk is healthy and set up for big campaign.

Goalie: Vinny Bell's former position is up for grabs between Kennedy transfer Sean Carroll, a sophomore, and freshman Rowan Caffrey.

Key Newcomers: Lepore is expecting a lot from sophomore A Jack Kapfer and junior D Harley Zern.

Circle the Date: Palmisano Night/Senior Night May 4th 7pm vs. Put Valley should be a doozy.

"Right now, our realistic goals are to get better with every day of practice and hit our stride in late April, early May heading into sectionals," Lepore said. "We have three experienced and talented senior leaders on the offensive side as a strength of ours. We need to hold ourselves accountable on and off the field and doing the little things that make a big difference."

There are very few cupcakes on the schedule, but the league is very winnable with Sleepy Hollow, Nanuet, Lourdes and Pearl River serving as minor obstacles to a league title, but the schedule is loaded at both the front and back end with Pelham hosting the Sailors on April 2nd and Rye hosting Hen Hud in early May. The Sailors will also visit reigning NYS Class D champion Pleasantville and host Put Valley that same week with Rye, so they will know where they stand come tournament time.

"We've all been around long enough to know its doing the little things that separate teams and programs," Lepore said. "We want to hit our stride on the field around sectionals and be playing great team defense and selfless lacrosse. We're looking forward to a more competitive schedule with some new teams added."

The Sailors open at Class A Scarsdale on March 23rd (10 a.m.).

CLASS D

There are no Ryan Fitzgeralds or Jimmy van de Veerdonks or Joey Morgans on the current **PUTNAM VALLEY** squad... no Kyle Calabros or Mike and Steve Ammanns; players who previously led the Tigers to three Section 1 championships between 2004-2010 and six sectional title appearances in those seven years. In fact, the Tigers haven't had so much as a sniff at a title appearance since their last regional championship at Middletown's Faller Field in 2010.

Four-time sectional champion

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Putnam Valley junior A Kyle Wassil is ready for breakout season for Class D Tigers.

Bronxville and three-time champ Pleasantville assumed control of Class C through 2017, before Section 1 reclassified and sent the trio down to Class D where Pleasantville notched its fourth-straight title last season, defeating Westlake. And Pleasantville is once again believed to be the class of Class D as Put Valley hopes to end its eight-year championship drought.

Third-year PV Coach Tim Weir has been around the block a time or two, compiling a 170-57 overall record at places like Lakeland/Panas and Scarsdale, and he guided the Tigers to a respectable 12-7 mark last season when PV beat Hastings in the opening round of sectionals before falling to Bronxville, 12-7, in the quarters. It was another in a series of also-ran seasons for a small-school program with as much history as any in the section. However, those days seem long gone, so it's time to put up.

Top Returning Attack: 6'2" junior Kyle Wassil (29 G, 14 A) has a serious crank and his size should pose serious matchup issues for opposing poles while senior Lucas Colavecchio (16 G, 14 A) and junior Jack Longden are poised for bigger roles.

Top Returning Mids: Senior Joey van de Veerdonk (33 G, 14 A) won 202 faceoffs last year and is a primary scoring option.

Alex Sirico, Ethan Mounier, Charlie Broas and talented sophomore Garrett Leitmann make up the strength of the unit.

Top Returning Poles: the quick development of juniors Chris Pateman, Cam Carroll and Jaycen Fowler will be key to the success of the season.

Goalie: junior Dan Clements will be pushed by sophomore Jake Listwan to start, both are competent.

Key Newcomers: Junior M Joe Cioffi, sophomore LSM Sam Montaldo, junior D Paul Keesler, junior M Dominic Gencarelli, junior A Finbar Cronin and sophomore A Jack Murphy, plus senior M Louis Alvarez are expected to make an impact in their rookie seasons.

Circle the Date: March 21 season opener vs. Keio is what they say; we like March 20th (vs. Mahopac) and May 7th (vs. Pleasantville). The Mahopac game will determine Putnam County supremacy and the P'Ville game will tell us if the Tigers have a prayer in Class D.

"We want to be in a position to compete for a sectional championship but have to worry about today," Coach Weir said. "We can't afford worry about yesterday and we can't predict tomorrow. Our sticks skills have improved tremendously from a year ago. We will be able to score goals and

win face-offs.

"Our ability to maintain consistency throughout an entire game, and cutting down on unforced turnovers is something we need to be mindful of," the coach added.

Reigning NYS champion Pleasantville remains both the league and section favorites. The Panthers are just the fourth Section 1 program in history to win a state title; joining Yorktown (7), Bronxville (1) and Mahopac (1).

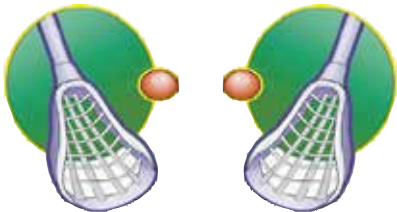
"We have improved each year we have been here," Weir said of the Tigers. "Year 1, we were not very good. Year 2, we showed improvement. This being Year 3, it's time to step up and compete with the big boys. We have the potential but need to stay focused on ourselves and get better each day. Our kids have had a very good off season and are very excited for this season."

Coaches are encouraged to contact Boys' Lax beat writer Ray Gallagher before noon on Sunday at raygallaghersports@gmail.com for inclusion in our weekly notebook.

Circle the Dates:

May 13 — Final day of regular season
May 14 — Seeds come out

- May 15 — Section 1 Class A & D tournament begins
- May 16 — Section 1 Class B & C tournament begins
- May 17 — Quarters, Class A & D
- May 18 — Quarters, Class B & C
- May 20 — Semis, Class A & D
- May 21 — Semis, Class B & C
- May 23 — Finals, Class A & D at Lakeland High
- May 24 — Finals, Class B & C at Lakeland High
- May 29 — NYS Regional semis, Class C and D at Schuylerville High
- May 29 — NYS Regional semis, Class A and B at Columbia High
- June 1 — NYS Regional finals at Middletown High
- June 5 — NYS semifinals, Class A & B at SUNY Albany.
- June 5 — NYS semifinals, Class C & D at Adelphi.
- June 8 — NYS finals at St. John Fisher College in Rochester.





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Putnam County Reppin' at St. Patty's Day in NYC



Driscoll Pipe Band Storms Midtown for 258th Annual Rendition

Members of the Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Pipe Band march along the 5th Avenue Parade route at the 258th annual New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade last Saturday. The Putnam County-based band -- formed in November of 2007 and named in honor of New York City Emergency Police Officer Stephen P. Driscoll, a former resident of Carmel, who was killed in the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001 -- honors his memory every time they kilt. The eldest of six siblings growing up in the Bronx, Driscoll, born on the 4th of July, was a true patriot, who devoted his life to the USA #NeverForget9/11. -by Ray Gallagher

