



FREE



twitter.com/ExaminerMedia

June 18 - June 24, 2019

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Volume 11, Issue 534

'A TERRIBLE LOSS'

Heartbroken County Mourns Beloved Judge

By David Propper

Known for his outsized personality and positivity that was simply infectious, Putnam County Judge James Reitz's sudden death Friday left a gaping hole with those who knew and admired him and his work.

Reitz suffered a fatal heart attack while presiding over a case at the county courthouse in Carmel Friday morning and was rushed to Putnam Hospital Center where he was pronounced dead. He was 57.

A lifelong Putnam resident and a graduate of Carmel High School, Reitz, who lived in Mahopac with his wife Barbara, began his career on the bench as a Carmel town justice in 1996 and then ran successfully for county court judge in 2007, where he has served since. He was well known for his work on Drug Treatment Court, which received national attention for helping drug addicts recover and lead better lives. He had also been an acting NYS Supreme Court justice.

His death has led to an outpouring of grief with endless dignitaries stressing how important Reitz was to the county.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who was friends with Reitz and had known him for most of his life, said she was heartbroken over his death. She called him a pillar in the community and his "everlasting impact cannot be measured."

"It's a terrible loss," Odell said. "And he'll be known as a legend for everything he did. There wasn't a person in this county who wasn't touched by Jimmy."

District Attorney Robert Tendy said he

was completely shocked and distraught over Reitz's death, stressing it was difficult to verbalize what Reitz meant to him and Putnam. He called him a great judge and a great friend who cared about every one of his cases.

Personally, when Tendy needed advice, he knew he could turn to Reitz. The two men spoke for the last time a week before his death and Tendy recalled Reitz was his usual upbeat, optimistic, encouraging self.

"He was a great a man, he really was. For the county, he was an unparalleled leader and example of what a person should be," Tendy said. "He was always trying to find the better way to do things."

Sheriff Robert Langley said in a statement Reitz changed people's lives through his passion for Drug Treatment Court and his widespread service in the community.

"This is a tremendous loss for our community, and he will be greatly missed by many," Langley stated. "On a personal note I am proud to say Judge Reitz was more than a judge to me, he was a friend who I respected and admired."

A celebration marking Putnam's birthday was held in the Historic Courthouse Friday morning by the historian's office, but word of Reitz's medical emergency soon spread quickly. Reitz's wife was at the ceremony, but left when she was alerted to his heart attack. Odell and Langley also jetted out of the historic courthouse when they heard the news and legislators on hand for the ceremony sat with distraught faces as they



PROVIDED PHOTOS

Putnam County Judge James Reitz, who was a beloved figure in the community, died last week at the age of 57.

were getting updates on Reitz's condition from their phones.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, who was also at the birthday ceremony, said he had just seen Reitz earlier that morning. Oliverio recalled Reitz had the "brightest smile" and the two shook hands before going their separate ways.

"He was so loved and so appreciated for his sharp mind, easy nature, sense of acute fairness and his ability to speak on a level that everyone could understand," Oliverio said in a social media post. "His broad smile, incredible memory for names and his appreciation of the law made Judge Reitz a true Justice among Justices."

Reitz is survived by his wife, three children and six grandchildren. Thousands attended his wake Monday at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services building in Carmel.

'He was an unparalleled leader and example of what a person should be.' -
District Attorney
Robert Tendy

In lieu of flowers, the Reitz family has asked that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Donations can also be made to Reitz family's GoFundMe page to help offset the unexpected funeral costs.

Former New York State Senator Terrence Murphy said in a statement Putnam "lost a giant" with the passing of Reitz. He and Reitz worked together to reduce drug use in the community, with Murphy involved in Reitz's treatment court program.

Reitz is a model for how elected officials should serve in New York, Murphy said, calling him "the ultimate public servant."

GOP committee chairman Tony Scannapieco said Reitz, a Republican, was loved by everybody and a person who died far too soon. Scannapieco first met Reitz when Reitz wanted to run for Carmel town justice in the 1990s.

Scannapieco said Reitz's heart "was as big as anything."

"I won't even say it's a sad day for the Republican Party, it's a sad day for Putnam County," Scannapieco said. "He wasn't just a good man, he was a great man."

Briarcliff Manor • 584 North State Road • (914) 250-2134
Jefferson Valley • 600 Bank Road • (914) 250-2750

What's your

**club
fit®**

Now through June 29th!

FREE MONTH

- Indoor & Outdoor Tennis
- Two Indoor Pools
- Summer Camp
- Personal Training
- Over 155 Classes Weekly

With Division Still Fresh, New Nelsonville Mayor Appointed

By David Propper

Serving until next year's election, Michael Bowman was appointed new mayor of Nelsonville last week by most of the village board, replacing Chris Caccamise, who stepped down from the post last month.

In a 3-1 vote, Bowman was appointed to a term that'll last until April 2020, with trustees Lisa Mechaley and Dove Pedlowsky selecting him, while Trustee Dave Moroney voted against his appointment. (Bowman voted for himself, as well.)

Bowman was sworn in last week by Nelsonville Judge Dennis Zenz.

"I'm really honored that they decided to give this to me," Bowman said in an interview. "It's a great honor and I look forward to serving everybody."

Bowman has served as a trustee since last year, making a reemergence into local politics after serving on the Cold Spring village board for one term a few years prior. He has also been the past president of the Cold Spring Fire Department and is a lifelong member of the community.

Bowman said over the next year he'd like to keep everything running smoothly as the village is still in the middle of litigation after Homeland Towers brought a lawsuit against them for denying the company a permit to build a cell tower. He



Nelsonville Judge Dennis Zenz swore Michael Bowman in as mayor last week.

said he remains committed to stopping development on a Secor Lane parcel of land.

Caccamise resigned after a two-month stint as mayor due to personal circumstances that included moving out of the village limits to Garrison. The sudden departure came after he beat former mayor Bill O'Neill in March for the seat in what was an ugly campaign

season for the small village. Caccamise maintained the new circumstances in his life were unforeseen during his run for office, though critics of him alleged he was not transparent with voters when he ran.

Bowman supported Caccamise, Mechaley, and Pedlowsky when they ran in March. When Caccamise stepped down, he suggested Bowman or Moroney

'There's a lot of angry people so the next nine months are going to be about bringing everybody back together.' - Nelsonville Mayor Michael Bowman

assume the mayoral post because they had more experience on the board.

Pointing to that experience, Mechaley nominated Bowman for the position.

Moroney could not be reached for comment over his vote against Bowman's appointment.

Bowman said it was too early to commit to running for mayor next year when it is again up for grabs. The trustee seat that he previously held would also be up in 2020.

With much acrimony and division still lingering following last March's election, Bowman hopes to be a uniting figure.

"There's a lot of angry people so the next nine months are going to be about bringing everybody back together and if I'm successful at that, I'm definitely open to (running for mayor)," Bowman said. "Like I said, it's not one of my life goals, but I'll do my best."



How does Obesity put Women's Health at Risk?

Know the medical conditions – and best treatments...

Ask the Doctor

Dr. Mitchell S. Roslin

Director, Bariatric Surgery Program
Northern Westchester Hospital

Learn more about

Dr. Roslin, visit
nwhsurgicalweightloss.org/DrRoslin



**Northern Westchester
Hospital**
Northwell Health®

400 East Main Street | Mount Kisco, NY 10549
(914) 666-1200 | www.nwhc.net

Q: Why do people become obese?

A: Obesity is now recognized as an energy storage disease that's hormonally based. It can develop when we eat large quantities of simple carbohydrates that break down fast to sugar, such as bread, pasta and white rice. In response, your body produces excess insulin to keep the right level of glucose in the blood – a condition called insulin resistance.

Excess insulin production is a serious problem because insulin prevents fat breakdown, so more food converts to fat, promoting fat storage. High insulin also reduces the efficiency of the brain hormone, leptin that tells your brain you should eat less. In women, there's an extensive, complex interaction between the hormonally based reproductive cycles and insulin system, so subtle hormonal changes have a greater effect on women.

Q: Are obese women at risk for certain health problems?

A: Absolutely. Most problems revolve around excessive production of insulin. Obese women have more difficulty conceiving due to problems ovulating, and are more likely to have abnormalities during pregnancy,

such as high blood pressure. Obesity is the number one cause of female infertility in the U.S.

Obesity also increases the risk of irregular or painful periods, high-birth-weight babies, gestational diabetes, and miscarriages. There's a greater risk of breast cancer, especially post-menopause. Sixty percent of cancers of the uterine lining are caused by obesity, as are a significant number of uterine fibroids. Obese women with cancer have a higher rate of mortality and recurrence because treatments, typically tested on non-obese people, may not be as effective.

Q: What are the best remedies for obesity?

A: Weight-loss (bariatric) surgery can work because it helps establish a new weight set point, which is the weight range your body is genetically programmed for and that it tries to maintain. However, you must also eat more protein and vegetables – foods that break down more slowly. FDA-approved medications help some people lose weight. We now know that the best treatment for obesity is multi-pronged. Beside surgery, I use medications, behavioral therapy, and special exercise machines that make it possible for anyone to run. Exercise greatly improves insulin resistance.

Property Owned by Carmel Councilman Faces Septic Questions

By David Propper

Carmel Councilman Michael Barile is facing swirling questions about a septic system used at one of his properties as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation slapped the developer with a notice of violation earlier this month.

Following an inspection of Blu Restaurant, which is on a parcel owned by Barile, a notice of violation was issued because the facility lacked the required State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit for the current septic system, according to a DEC spokeswoman.

“DEC is requiring the facility to come into compliance with state laws and regulations that are protective of public health and the environment and the investigation into potential enforcement is ongoing,” spokeswoman Maureen Wren said.

The issue was first reported by Lohud. Barile, in an interview, said he is disputing that violation because he believes it's a pre-existing, non-conforming use and claimed at least four out of five restaurants in the county outside of sewer districts don't have SPDES. (The DEC disputed that his property would be exempt, according to Lohud).



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Blu Restaurant, which is on a parcel of land owned by Carmel Councilman Michael Barile, was hit with a DEC notice of violation earlier this month for lacking a certain septic permit.

“It's not an unusual situation,” he said, adding the DEC, board of health and town want Blu to tie into sewer. “I have made an application to tie into the sewer and hopefully it'll all be done by July.”

The Lohud article noted Barile and his business partner wrote a letter to the Town of Carmel recently inquiring how the town can activate the dry sewer line that has been around since 1993 for Blu. The letter seeking the hookup comes

three days after Blu's septic system was found to not have the discharge permit, Lohud reported.

There has been some debate over whether Blu was already hooked up to the sewer line and was not paying sewer fees for decades. Supervisor Kenny Schmitt wrote that Barile told him the restaurant was connected to the sewer, in a 2015 memo obtained by Lohud.

In an interview, Schmitt said agencies

like the DEC and county board of health will determine whether or not Blu is hooked up to sewer or if it's using a septic system. While he cares about where a property's sewer is going because of the obvious health and environmental factors, the town is under the belief Barile set up a dry main line that is capped.

“To the best of my knowledge and to the best of my engineering department's knowledge, there is nothing flowing through that main,” Schmitt said.

Schmitt tried to assure residents during a town board meeting that water from Lake Mahopac was safe to drink despite the questions of Blu's septic system being near the body of water.

Schmitt also stood by a letter to the editor he penned to local newspapers, in an attempt to clear up the questions facing Blu Restaurant. In the letter, which was printed in the June 11-17 issue of The Putnam Examiner, Schmitt claimed that he and Barile miscommunicated about whether a gas line or sewer line was hooked up. The 2015 email written by Schmitt, referred to by Lohud, stated that Barile said he was hooked up to sewer, but later Schmitt claimed he misheard Barile who was actually talking about a gas line.

“I stand by everything I said,” he said of the letter. “100 percent, I stand behind it.”



Auto & Home Insurance Program from



ARE YOU A SAFE DRIVER? A RESPONSIBLE HOMEOWNER?

Let our agency tell you about the **AARP® Auto & Homeowners Insurance Program from The Hartford**. As your local Hartford independent agency, we can show you all the advantages, including:

- Average savings of \$404* for drivers who switch.
- “Bundling” discounts for insuring your home and cars.
- Friendly service from our local office.

Get your FREE no-obligation quote today!



845-278-7070

FEEHAN BROTHERS INS AGENCY, LLC
2350 ROUTE 6
BREWSTER, NY 10509

Lisa Censullo
Personal Lines Account Manager
LisaC@FeehanInsurance.com
www.FeehanInsurance.com



*Savings amounts are based on information from The Hartford's AARP Auto Insurance Auto Insurance Program customer who became new auto insurance policyholders between 7/1/13 and 6/30/14 through the traditional AARP Auto Insurance Program and provided data regarding their savings. Authorized agents can also provide coverage under this Program. Your savings may vary.

The AARP Automobile & Homeowners Insurance Program from The Hartford is underwritten by Hartford Fire Insurance Company and its affiliates, One Hartford Plaza, Hartford CT 06155. CA license number 5152. In Washington, the Auto Program is underwritten by Trumbull Insurance Company. The Home Program is underwritten by Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company. AARP does not employ or endorse agents or brokers. AARP and its affiliates are not insurers. Paid endorsement. The Hartford pays royalty fees to AARP for the use of its intellectual property. These fees are used for the general purposes of AARP. AARP membership is required for Program eligibility in most states. Applicants are individually underwritten and some may not qualify. Specific features, credits, and discounts may vary and may not be available in all states in accordance with state filings and applicable law. You have the option of purchasing a policy directly from The Hartford. Your price, however, could vary, and you will not have the advice, counsel or services of your independent agent.

Sheriff's Office Drones Assist in Rescue of Hikers

By David Propper

A daring rescue in the Hudson Highland State Park was mission accomplished last week with the use of drones from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office playing a pivotal role in the recovery of stranded hikers.

Two hikers called for help after they became stuck on a steep precipice, about a half-mile south of Breakneck Ridge in Philipstown. The Cold Spring Fire Department and New York State Park Police located the male hikers shortly after 5 p.m., but the extreme terrain stopped first responders from reaching them.

A command post and staging area were set up near the Cornish Estate Trailhead, closing Route 9D as a result and the Orange County Technical Rescue Team was called in because of their expertise in dangerous high-angle operations.

But the rescue team was initially hindered because they couldn't evaluate the terrain and requested an aerial view of the stranded hikers in order to facilitate the mission, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office assisted with Unmanned Aerial Systems, or better known as drones with Sergeant Matthew Monroe and Deputy William Rossiter



An aerial view of the two male hikers that became stranded in the Hudson Highland State Park last week being rescued. Both were uninjured when they were retrieved.

PROVIDED PHOTO

responding to the scene. Monroe, who is the commanding officer of flight

operations, assessed the situation and authorized the use of two drones that

were airborne within minutes and piloted to the area above the stranded hikers. A member of the Orange rescue team was provided a live-feed from the drones' cameras that allowed him to inspect the terrain. Soon after, the rescue team finalized their plan and began their mission, the sheriff's office said.

Shortly before 10 p.m., several firefighters descended off the cliff and recovered the two male hikers. Neither was injured with the operation concluding at 10:17 p.m.

Monroe and Rossiter are two of the four members of the sheriff's office who are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to pilot drones during emergencies. They operate three specialized Unmanned Aerial Systems, purpose-built for rescue missions. The aircrafts are equipped with advanced GPS systems, cameras capable of 18x zoom, FLIR thermal imaging sensors, powerful searchlights and public address speakers. Arrays of high-tech sensors provide stability in challenging weather conditions and warn the remote pilots of nearby aircrafts, according to the sheriff's office.

Sheriff Robert Langley commended all the first responders involved in the mission.



Friday, August 9, 2019, Kingston NY

A Brand New Boutique Conference for the Music Industry

~~~~~


**50+ Speakers • 200+ Music Industry Professionals**  
**10+ Panels • Networking Breaks**  
**Live Showcases • Mentoring Sessions**

**www.HudsonValleyMusicSummit.com**


Enter GRExaminer and receive a  
**10% discount on registration**



**HUDSON VALLEY MUSIC SUMMIT**



**Your Complete Automotive Service Center**



**19.95\***  
**OIL CHANGE**

19.95 PLUS TAX. \$10.00 FOR FULL SYNTHETIC OIL.  
 MOST FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CARS & LIGHT  
 DUTY TRUCKS. BASIC OIL CHANGE INCLUDES UP  
 TO 5 QTS OIL. NOT INCLUDING DIESELS.  
 CALL FOR DETAILS & TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT  
 OFFER EXPIRES 6/30/2019

**BE SURE TO MENTION THIS AD  
 FOR THIS SPECIAL DISCOUNT!!**

2597 RT. 22 PATTERSON  
 PATTERSONAUTOBODY.COM

Check out our Facebook  
 exclusive specials!

**845.878.3456**



# Local History Recognized as Putnam County Turns 207

Putnam County turned the ripe age of 207 last Friday as elected officials, history buffs, and residents alike gathered inside the Historic County Courthouse to mark the occasion. A variety of awards were given out to local historians and residents in the county who have contributed to the rich local history Putnam holds. The ceremony highlighted 100 years since former New York governor Alfred E. Smith established the role of local historians and 100 years since the county

celebrated the brave men and women that returned home from World War I. Local historians honored included Jim Meyer, of Carmel, Jackie Rohrig Strickland, of Kent, Larry Maxwell, of Patterson, Mark Forlow, of Philipstown, Dan Ricci, of Putnam Valley, Jack Duncan, of Southeast, Danielle Cylich, of the Village of Brewster, and Jonathan Bradley, of Nelsonville.

*continued on page 6*



Marjorie Keith was given the lifetime achievement award for local history by Greg Amato for her work with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Fair. Keith recently retired from her post as executive director.



Patterson's Dr. Larry Maxwell was awarded for his publication detailing the true story of Sybil Ludington with historian office aide Jennifer Cassidy presenting.

DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS

www.tomthumbpreschool.com  
see our web site for tuition costs

**Full Day Programs** 8:45 am to 2:15 pm OR 3:15pm dismissal  
**Operating Hours:** 7am to 6pm  
**Ages 2.10 to 5 years old**

**We are a school!**

**ThumBelina School for 2's**

Children must be at least 28 months by Sept. 1

ThumBelina offers Half Day and Full Day Programs

**Stay & Play Safely Club**  
After Elementary School Program  
**Before or After**

**School Programs**

**Before care begins at 6:50 a.m.**  
**After care till 6 p.m.**

for Lakeland Elementary  
School Aged Children

---

**Catch Us If You Can**

For ages 3.5 to 9 years old  
**Hours: 9 to 3**  
Choose your own days.

**Summer Camp**  
**JULY 1 through AUGUST 31**

1949 E Main ST, Mohegan Lk, NY  
For information on these programs call 914-528-5600 Nancy Brophy, Owner/Director

AMAZING  
THINGS  
ARE  
HAPPENING  
HERE

## NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL GROUP HUDSON VALLEY

*Welcomes two new physicians to our team of top doctors.*

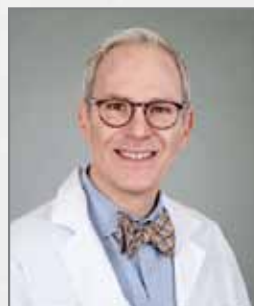


### Dr. Genevieve Lama

Board-certified endocrinologist specializing in the treatment of diabetes, thyroid disorders, PCOS, and more.

2050 Saw Mill River Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
914-962-5533

1756 Rt. 9D, 2nd Floor, Cold Spring, NY 10516  
845-809-5661



### Dr. Michael Ford

Board-certified internist specializing in primary care for adults.

358 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591  
914-610-4640

EARLY AND LATE HOURS OFFERED.

To learn more, visit [nyp.org/medgroupHUDSONVALLEY/newdoctors](http://nyp.org/medgroupHUDSONVALLEY/newdoctors)

**NewYork-Presbyterian** Medical Group Hudson Valley



# Local History Recognized as Putnam County Turns 207

continued from page 5




Philipstown resident and Highland Current managing editor Chip Rowe was honored for his work on The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.



Deputy Putnam historian Sally Sypher, who has worked for the county for 30 years, was also highlighted for her dedication during the birthday ceremony.



Monsignor Joseph Martin of St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel, gave the invocation and then was honored by Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano, Veterans Service Agency director Karl Rohde, Southeast resident Roderick Cassidy and county Clerk Michael Bartolotti.



## Hudson Valley Sports Photography

Rick Kuperberg Sr.

Photographer  
[HVSP\\_2014@yahoo.com](mailto:HVSP_2014@yahoo.com)  
 Phone/Text (Cell)  
 (914) 490-9647  
[www.HVSP.Photos](http://www.HVSP.Photos)

**Good Guys  
Wear  
White!**

**Service your A/C  
before the  Heat   
Our \$99 TUNEUP  
SPECIAL  
can't be beat**



**It's Tuneup Time!**  
**Your furnace worked hard all season**  
**Call us for a spring tuneup,**  
**you'll save money and we're not Teasin'**  
***Rebates are back! Save up to \$1000!***

845 628-1330

sclafanienergy.com

Licensed, Insured & Bonded

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019

SUPPORT CONNECTION'S



**SUPPORT-A-WALK**  
 For Breast & Ovarian Cancer  
[supportconnection.org](http://supportconnection.org)  
*Side by Side for 25!*

For More Info:

914-962-6402

walk@supportconnection.org





# Morning Star Trading Co.

## Brewster

By David Propper

Ed Kenney might well be into his 80s, but age hasn't made a difference as he continues to own Morning Star Trading Co. in Brewster.

For Kenney, it's been a long and winding road to his most recent business endeavor in Putnam County, which has become a recognizable storefront along Route 6 located on the border of Carmel and Brewster. It opened 22 years ago, providing customers with unique items that can't easily be found.

Originally living in Los Angeles as an actor in the 1980s for many years, Kenney then moved onto a Navajo reservation in New Mexico to help make fundraising videos for Franciscan priests. He lived there for five years.

While he was on the reservation, he collected Native American items and was convinced by his ex-wife to go to the Stormville flea market back in New York to try to sell some of them. He ended up making a killing that day.

He continued to sell at flea markets for a few years before he saw the building where Morning Star currently occupies as up for rent and decided to take a gamble on opening a storefront. More than 20 years later, he's still around.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS

Mahopac resident Ed Kenney owns Morning Star Trading Co. in Brewster.

He offers jewelry, mostly sterling silver, made by Navajo and Zuni Indians that is hand crafted. Additionally, he sells potteries, paintings, sculpturing, artifacts, moccasins and other items, many of which are connected to the Native American culture.

There have been challenges along the way; mostly competing against online behemoths like Amazon. But Kenney, 86,

has diversified in the past years to offer items to customers they can't find online.

"A lot of places like me folded," Kenney said.

Kenney has lived in Mahopac – on and off – for 70 years and currently resides there.

He owned different businesses throughout the years, including a garden center and open-air produce stand in



Morning Star is stocked with different trinkets and items not easily found in stores or even online.

Mahopac in the 1960s and later on a seafood restaurant, which was also in Mahopac.

But Morning Star has been his pride and joy.

"I built my business on there's nothing in here from China," he said. "It's all hand made from New Mexico and Arizona."

*Morning Star Trading Co. is located at 2 Old Route 6 in Brewster and its phone number is 845-278-0400.*

## Westchester Ballet Center for the Performing Arts

**2019 Summer "After Hours"  
Dance Program  
Monday – Thursdays  
5:30 – 7:30 pm  
July 1 through July 26**

Intermediate and Advanced Level  
Punch Cards available in  
2, 4 and 8 day increments  
Full Program Discount Available

**Ballet, Modern, Bollywood, Hip Hop,  
Jazz, Broadway**

See website for full details and pricing  
[www.westchesterperformingarts.com](http://www.westchesterperformingarts.com)

Advance, learn proper technique  
and have fun!



## We Don't Just Make Dancers ... We make athletes too!

**Decisions, decisions, decisions.** That is just what Maddie Lyle, an eighth grade student at St. Augustine School, in Ossining, New York will have to make when she enters Somers High School in the fall. Dance has always been Maddie's first love since the age of two when she began studying pre-ballet and creative movement at the Westchester Ballet Center for the Performing Arts in Yorktown Heights, New York. As she studied throughout her early years, she showed great interest and ability. She developed into an advanced level student of ballet and modern with her teachers Rose-Marie Menes and Tami Horowitz.

It was also at this time when she began to play soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. Over the years, her coaches have noticed her improvements with her athletic abilities thanks to her training at Westchester Ballet Center. Her quickness and agile movements, developed within the studio, transformed her level of play. She developed strong muscle tone, and learned how to properly stretch. Dance also helped Maddie to improve her reaction time, especially when making transitions from offense to defense on the field and court. Maddie has performed yearly at the Yorktown Stage. She has danced in the ballet *Sleeping Beauty* and *Coppelia*. She has also performed with Lightning Basketball (Brewster, New York), Somers Lacrosse (Somers, New York) and with her travel club, Prime Time Lacrosse (Cross River, New York).

Who says ballet and sports don't mix? Maddie Lyle has shown that they do.



**1974 Commerce St. Suite 121 • Yorktown Heights, NY • 914-245-2940**  
**[info@westchesterperformingarts.com](mailto:info@westchesterperformingarts.com)**



To advertise in The Examiner,  
call 914-864-0878  
or e-mail  
advertising@theexaminernews.com

## The PUTNAM Examiner

Adam Stone  
astone@theexaminernews.com  
Publisher

David Propper  
dpropper@theexaminernews.com  
Editor-in-Chief

Examiner  
MEDIA

also publishes

The Examiner

The NORTHERN WESTCHESTER  
Examiner

The WHITE PLAINS  
Examiner

To inquire about paid subscriptions, email  
subscriptions@theexaminernews.com  
for pricing and other details.

PO Box 611  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549  
914-864-0878  
www.TheExaminerNews.com

## Letters Policy

We invite readers to share their thoughts by sending letters to the editor. Please limit comments to 250 words. We will do our best to print all letters, but are limited by space constraints. Letters are subject to editing and may be withheld from publication on the discretion of the editor. Please refrain from personal attacks. Email letters to Editor David Propper at dpropper@theexaminernews.com. The Putnam Examiner requires all letter writers provide their name, address and contact information.

Member of  
NEW YORK PRESS ASSOCIATION  
**NYPA**

## Letters to the Editor

### No Excuse for Carmel Officials' Stonewalling

At last week's Carmel Town Board meeting, a taxpayer expressed concern about reports of improper wastewater management at lakeside properties and asked for clarification on numerous items. No clarification was given. Instead, his concerns were dismissed out of hand and he was told not to believe what he reads in the newspaper. It's unacceptable not to give clear and honest answers to fair questions, particularly when our water quality is in question. It's shameful that the Town Board would take their frustration with newspaper reports out on the taxpayers.

Our town board is elected to serve us. We demand that the highest standards be followed when it comes to our water quality. We demand rules and regulations are enforced for the good of all residents. And we demand accountability from our elected officials. There is no reasonable excuse for their lack of transparency. The Board is duty bound to act on our behalf in every instance, yet all we see is complete self-interest.

When elected to the Town Board, I will keep taxpayers concerns at the heart of everything I do, because I have been the one showing up for years asking questions.

I will do the necessary preparation and follow-up so that I can accurately and knowledgeably provide answers, even if they are uncomfortable. If an issue requires investigation, no subject or person should be above scrutiny. It's time we stop wasting everybody's time and money and serve the best interest of all Carmel residents.

Jean Hopper  
*Hopper is a Democratic candidate for Carmel town board*

### Games of Thrones Event Held at Kent Library Reasonable

More than 90 million copies sold worldwide. Translated into 47 languages. 19.3 million viewers watched the final episode. Just three statistics on the phenomena of Game of Thrones.

How disappointing that myopic Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum chose to A: misrepresent a recent gathering at the Kent Library as a viewing party rather than what it actually was, a discussion and B: Failing to see the cultural phenom and how it applies to readers and libraries.

This gathering, organized by the Kent Library's Charlotte Marriott under the leadership of Carol Donick, involved a dozen people ranging from high school aged to senior citizen for a lively discussion. First, this event exceeded the anticipated number

of participants and then, extended beyond the slated hour. While none of us borrowed a book that evening, Councilman Denbaum's sticking point of free reading material, isn't that part of the function of a library? To gather people together, inclusion, excitement, passion for reading, expanding knowledge and curiosity. Had this been a gathering for Harry Potter readers, which has happened without remark, would that have been more acceptable to Councilman Denbaum? Or, to honor the 6th of June and 75th anniversary, a gathering about a World War II series discussing D Day. Acceptable?

For me, when I read the five published books, over 4,200 pages, it led to a 12 year obsession with English History, specifically the War of The Roses which led to the Tudor

reign, a period in history where everything changed turning the world from the medieval towards the modern. I have bought and borrowed countless books on this subject, as well as watched movies, TV shows and joined in discussion groups. It has given me a view of modern politics I did not have prior and has influenced my travel priorities.

While fiscal conservatism is the keystone to Councilman Denbaum's point of view, he could have sat this one out and missed an opportunity to get his name in the paper, or better yet, inquired about this small gathering before commenting without any facts.

Charlotte Berwind  
Lake Carmel

### Mahopac Library Displays Artwork By Longview School Students

Making art is a very up-close-to-yourself, personal experience. The paintings and drawings created by Longview School students currently on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library demonstrate their individual and unique response to the creative process. The exceptional work by 21 students, ranging in age from 7 years old to 19, will remain on view at the Library through July 12.

When art is prepared for an exhibit, the natural tendency is to focus on the end product. Less obvious is the journey that led to its completion: the layers of color that produce the final background, the painstaking drawing and redrawing to find the right proportions of a figure, the pursuit of that elusive shade of red that is "just right." There is the dramatic, undeclared self-portrait. Someone may be striking out for the first time with color, a new drawing material, or an 11" x 17" piece of good quality paper used by a student who has been concealing tiny sketches in a small sketchbook. More important than all of these, though, is the courage it takes for some of the students to depict visible evidences of one's self in the world.

Art/Creativity classes at Longview, led by artist and educator Sharon Nakazato, emphasize the tactile qualities of materials along with myriads of ways to access imagination and experience new ideas. Several of the artworks in this exhibit were drawn and painted with plant materials harvested while on a hike. There are works incorporating acrylic texture mediums and others that explore different types of graphite. A work of multi-colored shapes within shapes also includes cardboard cutouts and colored thumbtacks. One charming piece was actually completed by a student based on a colored drawing passed around the class. All of the students recognize ways in which Art/Creativity has helped them in a variety of other pursuits.

The students participating in this show are: Henry Bailey, Raymond Bailey, Danyelle Becker, Marcus Berichi, Simonne-Anais Clarke, Zachary Clarke, Emmeline Eaves, Adam Eichhorn, Hana Foulk, Kaylah Fusiak, JohnCarlo Hodge, Max Hodge, Devorah Landau, Julia Lang, Koryn Lindhjem, Ben Marisco, Ken Russell, Alyse Santella, Viola Veronis, Rio Vieira, and Ryann Weakley.

For further information about Longview School, visit [www.longviewsschool.org](http://www.longviewsschool.org). To learn more about the Young Arts Gallery which is located on the 1st floor of the Library, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 108.



Drawing by Simonne-Anais Clarke.

PROVIDED PHOTO



# Byrne Hosts Sensory-Friendly Moving Screening

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne hosted a free, sensory-friendly screening of "The Secret Life of Pets 2" on Saturday, June 8 at Carmel Cinema for families with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special needs. To help children and their families better enjoy themselves, the movie's volume was lowered and the house lights were set at half capacity in this judgement free zone. This is the second sensory-friendly movie screening Byrne has hosted in the past two years.

"Everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy themselves at the movies comfortably," said Byrne. "I am thrilled we were able to help over a dozen families spend some quality time together with this special sensory-friendly screening. Events like these help encourage a more inclusive environment where people of all abilities can participate in our community."

In May 2018, Byrne, Dutchess County Executive

Marc Molinaro and former Putnam County legislator Barbara Scuccimarra held a forum on Dutchess County's highly successful Think Differently initiative to identify ways that the community could better support individuals with special needs. The county Legislature passed a resolution in August 2018 to affirm its commitment to Think Differently about how it deals with people of different abilities. Byrne stated that this event was one way of following through on that resolution.

"I'm happy to see Assemblyman Byrne taking the time to raise awareness for the special needs community in our area," said John O'Connor. "It was a terrific event that both my son and the rest of our family enjoyed in a space that was welcoming to all. On behalf of our entire family, I'd like to thank Assemblyman Byrne for putting together this great event."



PROVIDED PHOTO

(From Left to Right) John O'Connor with his children Liam, 5, Victoria, 9, and Sean, 6, and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne at Byrne's special sensory-friendly screening of The Secret Life of Pets 2 on Saturday, June 8 at Carmel Cinema 8.

# Putnam Sheriff Deputies Graduate From Police Academy

The Putnam County Sheriff Office proudly reported that three Putnam County Sheriff's Deputies were among 83 new police officers that graduated from the 147 Session of the Basic Police Recruit Class held at the Westchester County Police Academy on Friday, May 31. Twenty-three agencies were represented in this class, completing 20 weeks of training. The deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department were, Connor Carroll, Robert Loprieno and Elizabeth Sangalli. Following 6 to 8 weeks of field training, these deputies will begin patrolling the streets of Putnam County. We are proud of their achievements and wish them well as they begin their careers in one of the greatest professions on earth. Shown in the photo, from left to right, are Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr., Deputies Robert Loprieno, Elizabeth Sangalli, Connor Carroll and Undersheriff Michael F. Corrigan.

PROVIDED PHOTO



**WMC Health | Westchester Medical Center presents**

**PLEASANTVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**15th ANNUAL**

**2019**

**NEW YORK'S BACKYARD JAM**

**JULY 13**

**PARKWAY FIELD, PLEASANTVILLE, NY**

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00AM**  
**MUSIC FROM NOON-9:00PM**

**9 HOURS OF MUSIC ON 3 STAGES**

TICKETS AT [ticketweb](http://ticketweb.com) OR THE BOX OFFICE  
FOR INFO: [PLEASANTVILLEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM](http://PLEASANTVILLEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM)

[@PVILLEMUSICFEST](https://twitter.com/PVILLEMUSICFEST) [PVILLEMUSICFEST](https://www.facebook.com/PVILLEMUSICFEST) [@PVILLEMUSICFEST](https://www.instagram.com/PVILLEMUSICFEST)

A  
**ZERO-WASTE  
FESTIVAL**

**EVERCLEAR**

**SOUL ASYLUM**

**AIMEE MANN**

**MATTHEW SWEET**

**BAILEN • THE NEW RESPECTS**

**DEAN FRIEDMAN • SWAHOOGIE**

**MICKY JAMES • THE BRUCE T. CARROLL BAND**

**TALES OF JOY • E'LISSA JONES • MELT**

**ALEX CANO • COLOR TONGUE**

**MOSA • SPITPHYRE • LILLIMURE**

**PLUS**

**THE CHILL TENT • SHADE TENT • PARTY STAGE • KID'S FUN ZONE**

**FOOD COURT • VENDOR VILLAGE • THE CAPTAIN LAWRENCE BEER GARDEN**

## Obituaries

### Paul A. Feroldi

It is with heavy hearts that the family of the late, Paul A. Feroldi, 79, of Mahopac, announces his death on June 8, at Northern Westchester Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Feroldi was born on July 27, 1939 to the late, Peter and Mary (Ruffini) Feroldi, in New York City. Paul would go on to proudly serving our country with the US Army during the Korean Era. He was a proud and decorated veteran. He advocated and believed strongly in honoring all service men and women. His time served with the United States Army taught him valuable life lessons he carried with him always. On May 30, 1964 he married the love of his life and best friend Barbara Iodice, at the Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx. Together they were blessed with 55 years of happiness and three loving children; Cindy, Greg and John. Before his retirement, Paul owned and operated his own mechanic shop in Bedford Hills. Paul was known to many and loved by all. Above all he will be a man remembered for his love of his family. Paul was a dedicated family man who was a loving husband, fun and always present father, grandfather and a friend to many. He was a man who proudly passed along life lessons, wisdom and a wealth of knowledge to his children who in turn passed those lessons to their children. Paul was a pillar of strength and support for everyone he knew and loved and always gave a helping hand to anyone in need. In his spare time, Paul was also an avid gardener and a devoted Yankee fan. Both Paul and Barbara also enjoyed watching their grandchildren grow and enjoyed attending many school activities and sporting events. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Paul is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years Barbara, his three loving children; Cindy (Glenn) Cropsey, Greg (Kerry) Feroldi and John (Vicki) Gleason, six cherished grandchildren; Kirsten, Corinne, Matthew, Katharine,

Kyra and Gavin, all of whom he adored and each child held a very special place in his heart.

### Viola Mantovi

Viola Mantovi died on Sunday June 9, at the age of 94. She was born in the Bronx on December 29, 1924, the daughter of Pasquale and Lucia (Pacifico) Lacerra. Viola has lived at the Cortlandt Healthcare Center in Cortlandt Manor, for the past five years and was a Mahopac, resident prior since 1972. She was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. Viola loved to cook for family and friends. Her son John said "her home was like a revolving door of friends and family coming to enjoy a meal". She is survived by her son, John Gerbino of Baldwin Place, NY and her grandson John "Jake" Gerbino. She was predeceased by her first husband, John Gerbino in 1972 and her second husband, Jake Mantovi in 2005. She was also predeceased by her four sisters, Mary Alessandro, Vel Catania, Connie DeSalvo and Gloria Lamark.

### Rose Tompkins

Rose Tompkins of West Palm Beach, Florida formerly of Cold Spring died on June 12, at Wellington Regional Medical Center. She was 98. Born on July 17, 1920 in Cold Spring to the late Francis and Concetta Vitanza Gallio. Rose was a member of St. John's Senior Citizens in Beacon, St. Rocco Ladies Auxiliary in Beacon and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 5491 in Mahopac. She is survived by her Loving Daughter Jennie ( Jean ) Banick and her husband Paul, Cherished grandchildren Howard Anthony Banick, and David Michael Banick and his wife Dawn, Loving Great Grandchildren Jessica Lynn Banick, Brady Michael Banick and Bailey Madison Banick, Loving Great-Great Grandchildren Annella, Abby and Noah, Her Dear Brother Francis Gallio and his wife Barbara. Rose was predeceased by her husband Howard Tompkins in

1978, her grandson Paul Banick, Siblings Salvatore, Joseph and Edward Gallio, Helen Kastuk, Catherine Sloat, Esther McKeel, Taglia ( Peggy) Chiarella. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday June 21, 2019 at 11am at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Cold Spring with burial to follow in Cold Spring Cemetery. In Lieu of Flowers please make donations in Rose's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to a charity of your choice.

### Shirley A. Gilleo

Shirley A. Gilleo of Cold Spring died peacefully on June 12, after a courageous battle with Leukemia. She was 69. Born on August 10, 1949 in White Plains to the late Samuel and Agnes Grabania. Shirley enjoyed many casino trips with her husband Walter and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her devoted husband Walter Gilleo whom she married in November 1969, Loving Children Tina Dahlia and her husband Anthony, Robert Gilleo and his wife Brenda and Michael Gilleo and his wife Jennifer. Cherished grandchildren William Vasquez Jr, Brooke Dahlia, Emily Gilleo and Ashley Gilleo. Funeral Services will be private under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home. For Shirley's online guestbook please visit [www.clintonfh.com](http://www.clintonfh.com)

### Florence E. Manning

Florence E. Manning, 92, of Carmel and Seaford, died on June 12. She was the wife of the late, Michael J. Manning, both formerly of Hempstead and Bellmore, New York. She is survived her children, Kathleen Valletta McMorrow and Joann Manning-Baker (Jeffrey), nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and her sister Gina Toscano. Pre-deceased by her sons Michael J. Manning and Neil T. Manning and her brother, Albert Diorio. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 19th from 5-8 p.m. at Cargain Funeral

Home, 10 Fowler Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512, (845)225-3672 and on Thursday, 20 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Charles Schmitt Funeral Home, 3863 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY 11783, (516)785-3380. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 21 at 11 a.m. at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford NY 11783. Interment will be private.

### Luisa R. Striano

Luisa R. Striano of Mahopac, died after a long and beautiful life on June 14, in the loving embrace of her family. Luisa was born on February 25, 1927 to the late Emilia and Philip Congello in the Bronx. She would go on to marry the love of her life Vincenzo "Vincent" Striano and together they would be blessed with 6 children Jerri, Lawrence, Al, Jimmy, Richie, and Chrissy who were their greatest blessing. Mrs. Striano was beautiful both inside and out. She had a warm inviting personality and a great heart. She brought beauty to everything she touched, including her perfectly manicured garden. She gifted family with handmade sewing projects and crocheted blankets. In her younger years she liked to play tennis and go bowling. Although she kept her mind forever young, just like her spirit. She preferred as time went on to stay home and entertain family and friends. She enjoyed having family over for dinners and hosting for holidays. She baked Christmas cookies every year and would start getting ready for Christmas the day after Thanksgiving. She liked to feed everyone even if they weren't hungry. Luisa's heart was made truly full when she became a grandmother and then again when she earned the title of great grandmother. She was happiest when she was in the company of those she loved, her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. Mrs. Striano's presence will be missed by her family but her love and devotion to all will live on in their hearts. Luisa is survived by her loving children, Jerri (Angelo), Al (Denise), Jimmy (Ida) and Richie (Jani). She is also survived by her 12 adoring grandchildren and ten precious great grandchildren who each held a special place within her heart. She is predeceased by the love of her life her husband Vincent (2010) a decorated and honored World War II veteran. She is also predeceased by her son Lawrence and daughter Chrissy, as well as her siblings Gloria, Anthony and Louis. A visitation will be held at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 418 Route 6 (GPS US 6) Mahopac NY 10541 on Tuesday June 18, between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday June 19, at St. James the Apostle Church at 10:30am. Following Mass Luisa will be entombed in her final resting place at Rose Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum, Putnam Valley.

**Barbara A. Buzzell**, loving grandmother, mother, sister, aunt and friend, passed peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Barbara, or "Buzzy" as many fondly called her, was born and raised in Long Beach, Long Island. She was a talented artist and interior designer, who enjoyed entertaining for many years at her seaside home. She had a love and special appreciation for antiques, fine food, and animals. She was a beautiful woman both inside and out. To know her, was to love her and she will be deeply missed. She is survived by her loving son, Loring, his wife Marisol and her two grandchildren Isabella and Liliana.





**CARGAIN**  
FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

*A Professional Commitment to Service*

**Michael H. Muenz**  
Funeral Director  
Owner

---

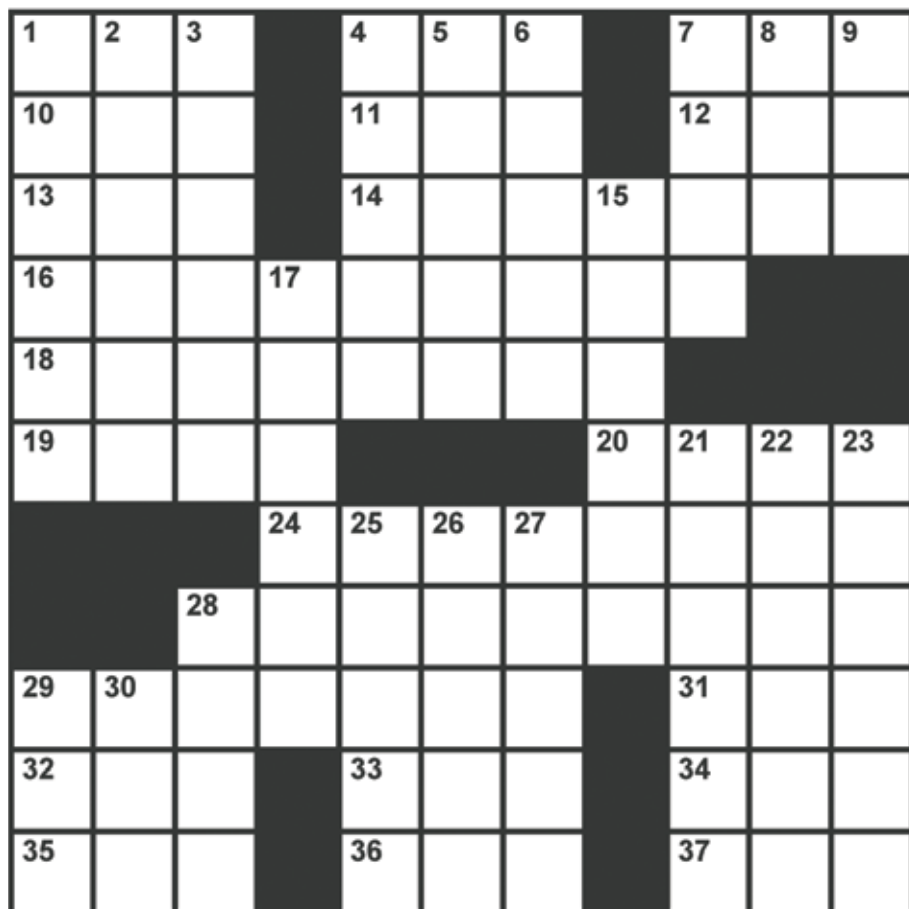
**418 Route 6**  
**Mahopac, NY 10541**  
**(845) 628-5655**

---

**10 Fowler Avenue**  
**Carmel, NY 10512**  
**(845) 225-3672**



# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 13

## Across

1. Virus
4. Basketball association
7. Navy ship intro
10. Article in Acapulco
11. Coat part
12. Website ranking technology, abbr.
13. Dentist qualification
14. Melanesian island
16. Where to enjoy "The good life" in Yorktown, \_\_\_\_\_ Cafe
18. Gold pocket watch, maybe
19. Goes with Spumanti
20. Workplace safety org.
24. Tailor
28. A stuffed tortilla that over indulged or new Mt. Kisco Bar
29. Online sales channel
31. Heat meas.
32. Affirmative vote
33. Shed tears
34. Part of U.C.L.A.
35. Go wrong
36. Envelope type
37. Prior to, poetically

## Down

1. Siddhartha Gautama
2. Throws into confusion
3. Naturally powered illumination
4. Common orange
5. "Good job!"

6. Pregnancy test, familiarly
7. Insurer for military personnel
8. Prescribed
9. Former French coin
15. Highest degree
17. Dangerous situation
21. Solid
22. Composer Berlioz
23. Kindle
25. Long stories
26. 1920s car
27. "Yeah, right!"
28. Skier's aid
29. Forked letter
30. Ballad's end?



# Law Book: Action Items to Take After Completing Your Estate Plan

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

You finally did it! You met with an elder law attorney to put your affairs in order.

Like most people, however, you have done nothing with your estate plan since meeting with your attorney other than to file your documents with the rest of your personal papers. As I tell clients, your estate plan is an ongoing process, especially immediately following the execution of your estate planning documents.

Here are some of the more common oversights made after the drafting process is complete.

## Beneficiary Designations

Assets that pass outside of your will, such as life insurance, individual retirement accounts (IRA) and annuities, are disposed of by beneficiary designation. Often, beneficiary designations are overlooked. Where there is no designation, your assets may not be disposed of in accordance with your wishes. This can cause significant tax consequences if the account lacking a designation, for example, is an IRA.

Where an estate plan includes trusts or a dispositive scheme that is unequal, beneficiary designations should be customized by your attorney. Let's say your will contains trusts for your children if they are under 30 years old. If you don't customize a beneficiary designation form



Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

to specify that that your life insurance or IRA should pass to the trust being created under your will, the account will be distributed to minor children. In effect, the purpose of your will wouldn't be accomplished.

If you have customized beneficiary designation forms, you need to work with your financial institutions to place them on file.

## Properly Safeguarding Documents

Your will and other important documents should not be placed in a bank safe deposit box. When you die, your safe deposit box is often frozen by the bank. If someone needs to probate your will, a court order must be obtained to open and examine the contents of the safe deposit box in the presence of a bank officer.

Instead, your attorney should maintain

your original will and any trust you may have created. For your remaining documents, or all of your documents, if the attorney is not involved, you should consider a lock box or safe in your house. Choose wisely who has access, and when access is needed, there will hopefully be no obstacles.

## Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy

Delivery of your power of attorney to your financial institutions is imperative. If you have a prior power of attorney, consideration should be given to revocation. In order to revoke a prior power of attorney, you need to deliver a new one to your prior agent and to any bank that holds the old one.

In most instances, financial institutions have their own power of attorney form. While not required by New York law, it is a good idea to complete your financial institution's form as well to avoid any unnecessary red tape.

Your health care proxy should become part of your medical files. Unlike the power of attorney, copies of a health care proxy should suffice. Make sure your agent has a copy and knows your wishes as well.

## Transferring Assets to Your Revocable Trust

If a revocable trust is part of your estate plan, you must attend to the transfer of certain assets to the trust for your estate

plan to work properly. Usually, your attorney will transfer any real property to your trust. You need to personally attend to the transfer of your brokerage and bank accounts.

The purpose of a revocable trust is to avoid probate. Unfortunately, many people prepare revocable trusts and never attend to the transfer of assets or miss an account. In these situations, your will must be probated to administer these assets after your death, making the time and money spent on your revocable trust meaningless.

## Family Discussions

Finally, having a discussion with your loved ones regarding your planning, especially your health care decisions, is crucial. It serves no purpose to keep your affairs a secret, leaving your loved ones to figure it out after your death. If your children are your fiduciaries, you should introduce them to your advisers. They should be empowered with knowledge so that their job is made easier.

Salvatore M. Di Costanzo is a partner with Maker, Fragale & Di Costanzo, LLP in Rye and Yorktown Heights. He is an attorney and accountant whose main area of practice is elder law and special needs planning. Di Costanzo can be reached at 914-925-1010 or at [smd@mfd-law.com](mailto:smd@mfd-law.com). For more information, visit [www.plantodayfortomorrow.com](http://www.plantodayfortomorrow.com).



# Some Invaders Strangle Our Landscape, Others Eat it Up

Ah, the ways of nature and how we roll with them on our properties can be challenging indeed.

Recently, I read an article online warning of nine plants we should never have on our properties because of their invasive nature, literally taking over the landscape. I was reminded that of the nine deadly sinners, I harbored three of them on my last property.

In order of viciousness in bullying their way into the landscape, they were: wisteria, bamboo and trumpet vine.

Wisteria was on the property when I arrived. Bamboo and trumpet vine, I invited in, the first because I thought it was beautiful and the latter to quickly cover an aging stockade fence.

On the same day, I read about how a different kind of predator, white-tailed deer, was removing everything from what is known as the underbrush of our woods and forests, threatening their survival.

On my property, deer relished my hosta, phlox and climbing geranium, as well as the leaves from the lower reaches of my weeping cherry, leaving



By Bill Primavera

naked branches. Even though I sprayed everything the deer like to eat with Bobbex repellent, whose smell is so foul that it repels me as well, I sometimes failed to spray every 30 days during growing season. I would sometimes wake up one morning to find that my plantings had been eaten.

Too bad that these two phenomena, plant and animal, don't somehow cancel each other out, but that's just the way the balance of nature is tampered with.

Half of my 1.5-acre property was wooded and, when Irene and Sandy took down a swath of sugar maples, cherry and ash, almost a quarter-acre was laid bare. But nature, regenerative as it is, gave me a new, dense thicket of samplings there.

There was one problem: they were all locusts. Deer gobble up maple saplings but eschew those of the locust because they are very thorny. I was aware that, if I want to have my woods repopulated with maple and cherry, I'd have to buy them from a nursery at a stage where they've already grown beyond a deer's eager

reach.

To deal with the deer problem, I fenced in my entire property, excluding the driveway which was then the property's only entry point. To deal with the invasive plants, I had another plan – containment.

When I first moved to that property, I fell in love with draping garlands of wisteria hanging more than 60 feet in the air, hanging from one tree to the other. It was gorgeous. But an arborist warned that all the host trees would soon be dead – and some already were – if I didn't cut the strangling vines off at their core.

Taking his advice, I was actually depressed viewing those hanging, dead vines with all the blossoms gone. I wonder what would have been the harm if the host trees died. I suspect the strength of the thick wisteria vines could have held the trees' carcasses up on their own.

From that point, I continued to allow wisteria to grow on my property, but I pruned the vines before they climbed into the trees. It was the same with my trumpet vines. When I planted the aggressive trumpet vines, I contained them by placing the roots within a large bucket so they didn't take over the property.

Some years ago, when I was visiting friends in Orange County, Calif., I was taken by the beauty of the bamboo that

shielded their pool from their neighbor's property and I made a mental note of wanting to have some of my own.

But I had already heard the stories of how it can invade a property to the point of destroying basement walls and pushing up driveway blacktop. Nevertheless, I chose to plant some on the perimeters of my property, having been assured by my landscaper that it was not the most aggressive variety. But that caution doesn't matter in some communities.

In Malverne, L.I., the town council passed a law making the planting of any bamboo variety a crime punishable by a \$350 a week fine until it is removed or 15 days in jail.

Imagine, while you might find the beauty of an invasive plant arresting, you can be arrested for planting it.

*A journalist and publicist, Bill Primavera is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc., the longest running public relations agency in Westchester (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market and promote your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.*

## The Spheres of Influence That Impact Our Perception of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

We all enjoy exploring our interests in wine, hopefully expanding our knowledge and awareness in the process. Whether it's settling in to our newest "favorite wine" or seeking out new producers or grapes, our ever-changing journey along the "vineyard trail" is marked with adventure and triumphs.

Wine has many spheres of influence along the way. Each glass of wine that we enjoy is the end-product of numerous components that come together in a unique manner to satisfy our ethereal sense of pleasure.

These components are pure magic. At times they are purely visceral; at other times, highly subliminal. It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.

The spheres of influence that impact our visceral perception of wine are wide-ranging. They include the esoteric factors that winemakers consider in producing your glass of wine, from the terroir selected to the fermentation and aging processes utilized, each affects the body and

balance of the wine; the aroma and flavor components of your glass of wine; and the subjective art of pairing wine with food.

The highly subliminal spheres of influence that impact our enjoyment of wine are numerous. They include the opinion expressed by a wine critic that shows up in the press or on a wine shelf talker; the decision of an importer and/or distributor to purchase – and promote – one particular wine and not another; the lottery that takes place when retail wine shops must decide which wines to display on their shelves; and the pervasiveness of social media with its influence on the public's wine preferences.

As we experience each sip of wine from a glass, a parade of influencers permeates our senses.

The first sip is visceral. It carries the signature of the winemaker, who crafted his or her wine to please your palate. As the wine arouses your taste buds, it relates its heritage. The influence of the indigenous soil, climate and sun combine to create a distinct and unique perception of the wine.

The second sip is less visceral, leaning toward the

### You Heard It Through the Grapevine

subliminal. It may whisper of the long journey and the many hands the wine passed through to arrive at this pivotal moment in its life. The winemaker, whose wine-stained hands crushed the grapes, aged

the fermented juice and bottled it; the importer, who most likely traveled many miles to the winery to sample the wine; and the marketing agent, who crafted the compelling verbiage to tempt you.

The third sip is highly subliminal. It speaks volumes of the point-of-sale factors that may have influenced your decision to fork over the cash for the wine. It may have been the "cute" animal on the label, the compelling, ethereal description of the wine offered by the wine shop salesperson or the seductive "special sale" sticker that lured you to the wine in the first place.

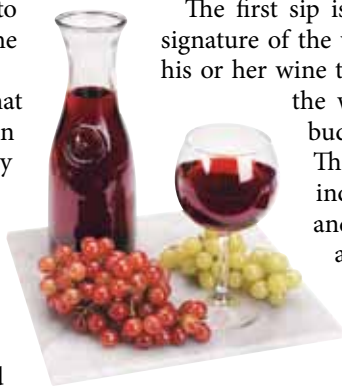
By the fourth sip your palate (and your brain) is begging you to hit the pause button. But before you kill too many brain cells, you refresh your impressions of the wine and tweet them to your followers. Alas, this may have been a mistake. You have amassed a merry band of wine compatriots and all too soon you are barraged with comments by those who wish to share their opinion of the wine, those who feel compelled to recommend similar wines and those who want you to sign up for their wine blog.

*'It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.'*

You wisely put down your smartphone and savor the final drops from the bottle. You realize that each bottle of wine is a living, breathing organism, with a storied history and a unique personality. You look forward to immersing yourself in a new lifestory when you open the next bottle.

As The Lovin' Spoonful sang: "Do you believe in magic?"

*Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.*





# Happenings

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

## Tuesday, June 18

**Reed Library is a TEDx Salon!** Watch a TED talk with us and join the conversation. 7 p.m. In observance of Pride month we will watch the talk by Casey Gerald: "Embrace Your Raw Strange Magic" Refreshments served, registration requested: 845-225-2439

## Wednesday, June 19

**Paul Cezanne Armchair Art Tour talk at Reed Library.** 11 a.m. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

## Thursday, June 20

**Sunset Concert Series Mahopac Chamber Park.** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Free. Visit [www.carlemny.org/recreation](http://www.carlemny.org/recreation) or Facebook @CarmelRecreation

**Farmers Market returns to Putnam Hospital Center:** The seasonal market is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday through October on the hospital campus. Six local vendors will sell a bounty of fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, eggs, truffle products, home baked goods and handmade soaps. For more information, please contact Public and Community Affairs Manager Marcela Rojas 845-230-4773

## Friday, June 21

**Camp. Read. S'more:** 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Pitch your own tent at our after-hours library camp in! We will read stories and sing songs around the "campfire." And, of course, no camp out is complete without s'mores! For Ages 4 to 9 years. 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.

## Monday, June 24

**Golf Outing:** 1:00 p.m., Lunch 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Don Parfitt Memorial Golf Tournament Putnam National Golf Course \$160/Golfer Make Checks Payable to Sacred Heart Church Mail for Scotty Cairney, 213 Fairfield Dr, Brewster NY 10509 Questions contact Scotty Cairney 845-279-5214

## Tuesday, June 25

**Event - Mary Beth Pfeiffer Author:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Q & A with Reception to Follow. Mary Beth Pfeiffer is an award-winning journalist. Her book, "Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change", is an impeccably researched account of an enigmatic disease, making a powerful case for action to fight ticks, heal patients and recognize humanity's role in a modern-day scourge. Registration Required - Access the library website or call Venue - Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., 845-265-3040 website - [www.butterfieldlibrary.org](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org)

**Mahopac Public Library Children's Summer Reading Kickoff Family Event:** 2 p.m. at the Mahopac Public Library Jester Jim Returns! With nothing more than a trunkful of props, Jester Jim will have you cracking up in your seat. Juggling, balancing, and beatboxing, this show is packed with fun and excitement. Join us for this fun-filled family event for ages 3+ Registration begins June 3. Registration for the Kickoff Family Event is required. Register online or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

**Dungeons & Dragons:** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Let the adventure begin! Join us for tabletop adventures of sneaking

through forests, hunting down monsters and dangerous quests. Materials will be provided. All levels welcome. For ages 12 and up. 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.

**Ice Cream Social:** 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. We will start with an ice cream social in the park, where you can sign up for our summer reading program. Then, at 5:00, Jester Jim is here to bring even more fun and laughs! Separate registration for each part of this event. \*In the event of inclement weather, the ice cream social will be cancelled. For ages 4 and up. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Thursday, June 27

**The Tri-State IBM Retirees will hold their summer break luncheon** 12:30 p.m. at Frankie & Augie's Restaurant, 3673 Hill Blvd, Jefferson Valley 914-245-9241. Individual lunch choices and cash payment. Call Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916 to confirm your attendance if you have not yet done so. Note there are no meetings in July and August. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Sept 26.

**Do you know your status? Get tested for HIV.** The Putnam County Department of Health is offering free HIV testing at the Health Department's main office at 1 Geneva Road in Brewster, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Results ready in 20 minutes! No appointments necessary. For

more information, please call 845-808-1390.

## Friday, June 28

**Film: "How to Survive a Plague" at Tompkins Corners** -7 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present the film, How to Survive a Plague, the definitive history of the successful battle to halt the AIDS epidemic, with special guest, Joy A. Tomchin, producer. Suggested donation is \$10. Tickets are available in advance at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). To make a reservation, visit <http://www.tompkinscorners.org> or leave a message at 845-528-7280.

## Saturday, June 29

**Tag Sale at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** A huge tag sale will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, NY 10588 on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 - 30 and Saturday and Sunday, July 6 - 7, Saturday's 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday's 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. New items are added each week. A great way to furnish a first apartment or college students dorm room. Just about everything is available except clothes. See [www.seton-parish.org](http://www.seton-parish.org) or call 914-528-3547 ext. 0 for directions and more information.

## Thursday, July 5

**Koehler Center Computer Classes:** Genealogy/Basic Computer/Tablets/Phones. The Putnam County Computer Learning Center for Seniors holds registration the FIRST Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration is held at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac. In all, we offer 13 different computer classes. A free drop in session is offered every Friday afternoon from 12:30 - 2:30PM for help with phones and tablets. 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



## Crossword Answers



**Trumbull**  
PRINTING

Newspapers • Publications • Shoppers • Catalogs • Magazines  
 Directories • Coupon Books • College Course Catalogs  
 Business and Financial Periodicals  
 Free Standing Inserts • Advertising Supplements

**205 Spring Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611 • 203.261.2548**  
[www.trumbullprinting.com](http://www.trumbullprinting.com)



To Place a Classified Ad  
Call 914-864-0878 or e-mail  
classifieds@theexaminernews.com

# EXAMINER MEDIA Classifieds

Classified Ad Deadline  
is Thursdays at 5pm for the  
next week's publication

## ANTIQUES & ART/COLLECTIBLES

**MOST CASH PAID FOR** paintings, antiques, furniture, silver, sculpture, jewelry books, cameras, records, instruments, coins, watches, gold, comics, sports cards, etc. **PLEASE CALL AARON AT 914-235-0302**

## ATTORNEY/ LEGAL

**Lung Cancer?** And Age 60+? You And Your Family May Be Entitled To Significant Cash Award. Call 866-951-9073 for Information. No Risk. No Money Out Of Pocket.

**DIVORCE \$349** - Uncontested divorce papers prepared. Only one signature required. Poor person Application included if applicable. Separation agreements. Custody and support petitions. 518-274-0380

## AUTO DONATIONS

**Donate your car to Wheels For Wishes**, benefiting Make-A-Wish. We offer free towing and your donation is 100% tax deductible. Call 914-468-4999 Today!

## BUYING/ SELLING

Buying diamonds, gold, silver, all fine jewelry and watches, coins, paintings, better furs, complete estates. We simply pay

more! Call Barry 914-260-8783 or e-mail Americabuying@aol.com

## CABLE & SATELLITE TV

**Spectrum Triple Play!** TV, Internet & Voice for \$29.99 ea. 60 MB per second speed. No contract or commitment. More Channels. Faster Internet. Unlimited Voice. Call 1-855-977-7198

## EDUCATION/CAREER TRAINING

**AIRLINE CAREERS** Start Here! Get trained as FAA certified Aviation Technician. Financial aid for qualified students. Job placement assistance. Call AIM for free information 866-296-7094

## FOR SALE

**KILL BED BUGS!** Buy Harris Sprays, Traps, Kits, Mattress Covers. DETECT, KILL, PREVENT Available: Hardware Stores, The Home Depot, homedepot.com

**Privacy Hedges -SPRING BLOWOUT SALE** 6ft Arborvitae Reg \$179 Now \$75 Beautiful, Nursery Grown. FREE Installation/FREE delivery, Limited Supply! ORDER NOW: 518-536-1367 www.lowcostreefarm.com

## GOLD/SILVER WANTED

**HIGHEST PRICES PAID** - Visit Westchester's Top Buyer for Gold, Silver, Diamonds, Coins & Currency, Watches, Jewelry. Licensed, Professional, **No Appointment Necessary.** Tuesdays-Saturdays 10am-6pm, Mt. Kisco Gold & Silver, 139E Main Street. 914-244-9500

## HEALTH

**VIAGRA & CIALIS!** 60 pills for \$99. 100 pills for \$150 FREE shipping. Money back guaranteed! Call Today: 800-404-0244

## HELP WANTED

**HOTEL CLEANING WHITE PLAINS** T&L Cleaning is looking for Housekeeping staff. Room attendants, laundry attendants and House-persons. **Apply on-line at: tlcleaningservices.com/apply** or call **1-800-610-4770**

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST:** B.S. or equiv. in Elec. Eng. or rel. + 3 yrs. exp. w/ troubleshooting, support, install, alignment & repair of electron & X-ray microscopes. Req. 25% U.S. travel. **Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC., Thornwood, NY. F/T. Send resume to zeissjobs3@zeiss.com & ref. Job # 6489. No calls.**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY \$18.50 P/H NYC \$15 P/H LI \$14.50 P/H UPSTATE NY** If you currently care for your relatives or friends who have Medicaid or Medicare, you may be eligible to start working for them as a personal assistant. No Certificates needed. (347)462-2610 (347)565-6200

**The U.S. Census Bureau** is now recruiting thousands of Census Takers in your area. Nobody knows your community better than you! Visit 2020census.gov/jobs to learn more!

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

**BATHROOM RENOVATIONS. EASY, ONE DAY updates!** We specialize in safe bathing. Grab bars, no slip flooring & seated showers. Call for a free in-home consultation: 888-657-9488.

**AFFORDABLE NEW SIDING!** Beautify your home! Save on monthly energy bills with beautiful NEW SIDING from 1800 Remodel! Up to 18 months no interest. Restrictions apply 855-773-1675

## INTERNET AND TV

**Get DIRECTV! ONLY \$35/month! 155 Channels & 1000s of Shows/Movies On Demand (w/SELECT All Included Package.) PLUS Stream on Up to FIVE Screens Simultaneously at No Additional Cost.** Call DIRECTV 1-888-534-6918

**Earthlink High Speed Internet.** As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-855-970-1623

**DISH TV \$59.99 for 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet.** Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-800-943-0838.

**Spectrum Triple Play!** TV, Internet & Voice for \$99.97/mo. Fastest Internet. 100 MB per second speed. Free Primetime on Demand. Unlimited Voice. **NO CONTRACTS.** Call 1-855977-7198

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIT SPORTS LOUNGE & GRILL LLC** Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process **Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes, 234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION AUTHENTIKA LLC:** Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2019. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. LLC formed in Delaware on 03252019. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 399 West

*continued on next page*



Discover the world's best walk-in bathtub from *American Standard*

**5 Reasons American Standard Walk-In Tubs are Your Best Choice**

- 1 Backed by American Standard's 140 years of experience
- 2 Ultra low entry for easy entering and exiting
- 3 Patented Quick Drain® fast water removal system
- 4 Lifetime Warranty on the bath AND installation, INCLUDING labor backed by American Standard
- 5 44 Hydrotherapy jets for an invigorating massage

**\$1,500 SAVINGS**

Includes FREE American Standard Right Height Toilet  
Limited Time Offer! Call Today!

**888-609-0248**

Receive a free American Standard Cadet toilet with full installation of a Liberation Walk-In Bath, Liberation Shower, or Deluxe Shower. Offer valid only while supplies last. Limit one per household. Must be first time purchaser. See www.walkintubs.americanstandard-us.com for other restrictions and for licensing, warranty, and company information. CSLB B982796; Suffolk NY 554-3H; NYC HC# 2022748-DCA. Safety Tubs Co. LLC does not sell in Nassau NY, Westchester NY, Putnam NY, Rockland NY.

# DONATE YOUR CAR

## Wheels For Wishes

*benefiting*

**Make-A-Wish®  
Hudson Valley**



- \* 100% Tax Deductible
- \* Free Vehicle Pickup ANYWHERE
- \* We Accept Most Vehicles Running or Not
- \* We Also Accept Boats, Motorcycles & RVs

**Call: (914) 468-4999**  
**WheelsForWishes.org**

\* Car Donation Foundation d/b/a Wheels For Wishes. To learn more about our programs or financial information, call (213) 948-2000 or visit www.wheelsforwishes.org.

To Place a Classified Ad  
Call 914-864-0878 or e-mail  
classifieds@theexaminernews.com

# EXAMINER MEDIA Classifieds

Classified Ad Deadline  
is Thursdays at 5pm for the  
next week's publication

continued from previous page

Street, Harrison NY 10528. The principal business address of the LLC is 1214 West Boston Post Road #125, Mamaroneck, NY 10528. Delaware address of LLC is 16192 Coastal Highway, Lewes, Delaware 19958-2677. Certificate of LLC filed with Secretary of State of Delaware located at 401 Federal Street, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GO-LAB LAW, PLLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on May 31, 2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process

against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 100 Fisher Avenue, Suite 118, White Plains, New York 10602. The principal business address of the PLLC is 248 West Street, White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT WITH TOWN CLERK** (Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the final assessment roll for the year 2019 for the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam has been complet-

ed by the undersigned Assessor, and that a certified copy will be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on or about the 1st day of July, 2019 where the same will remain open to public inspection. The final assessment roll is also available for inspection online via a link from our town website at [www.putnamvalley.com](http://www.putnamvalley.com). **SHERYL LUONGO, Assessor Dated: June 3, 2019**

**Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting June 19, 2019 6 PM** 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Proclamations for Putnam County Youth Award Recipients: Ryan Marsh and Luke Zadrma 5. Legislative Reports 6. School Reports 7. Board action on the petition presented by residents of Floradan Estates concerning the removal of the ban on new Improvement Districts. **Districts:** 8. Authorize Supervisor to sign a contract with Northeast Aquatic Research. 9. Appoint Claire Cassidy as Beach Monitor for Hilltop Estates. 10. Appoint Greg Scibior as a Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor. **Parks & Recreation:** 11. Personnel changes. 12. Refunds **Building Department:** 13. Daily Fee Report 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of bills

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday June 27, 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. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-2; LP** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. **2. Cassar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3** Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. New Application **3. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 & 7; R-1& LP** Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. **4. Barger Pond Park District, 49 Roberts Drive,-74.17-1-67 & 68; R-1** Request variance for installation of dock under Town Code 165-27 D (1) & (2). **5. Brown, Andrew, 21 Cove Road, 41.9-1-23;R-3** Request side and rear lake variance for new deck. **6. Coren, Lana, 182 West Shore Drive, 62.10-1-32; R-3** Request side yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CAM-EO HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/6/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.



## DENTAL Insurance

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

**A less expensive way to help get the dental care you deserve!**

**CALL NOW! 1-855-225-1434**

- ✓ Get help paying dental bills and keep more money in your pocket
- ✓ This is real dental insurance – NOT just a discount plan
- ✓ You can get coverage before your next checkup

**Don't wait! Call now and we'll rush you a FREE Information Kit with all the details.**

Insurance Policy P150NY 6129

**FREE Information Kit**



**1-855-225-1434**

Visit us online at [www.dental50plus.com/nypress](http://www.dental50plus.com/nypress)

MB17-NM003Ec



## HOMEOWNER FUNDING

Special Funding Programs For Necessary Home Improvements Are Now Available, Apply Today.




Roofing | Windows | Siding | Insulation | Walk-In Tubs

Contact us today and our highly knowledgeable team will be able to help discover the available funding programs that will best fit you and your needs.

**800-736-9629**

**[NYImprovementFund.com](http://NYImprovementFund.com)**

# Do you know THESE MEN?




Gennaro (Jerry) Gentile  
John (Klebie) Klebauskas  
Donald T. Malone  
Arthur Manzione  
James J. McDevitt  
John Meehan  
Henry Mills

Edmund Netter  
Jeremiah Nunan  
Michael O'Herlihy  
John O'Keefe  
Edmond Parrakow  
Edward Pipala  
Patrick Quigley

If you have information regarding alleged abuse or its cover-up involving these men, **CONTACT US.**

**The NY Child Victims Act may be able to help you!**



**JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES PA**

**646-493-1850**

57 West 57th Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10019



To Place a Classified Ad  
Call 914-864-0878 or e-mail  
classifieds@theexaminernews.com

# EXAMINER MEDIA Classifieds

Classified Ad Deadline  
is Thursdays at 5pm for the  
next week's publication

continued from previous page

## Saving a Life EVERY 11 MINUTES

I'm never  
**alone**

Life Alert® is always  
here for me even when  
away from home.

One touch of a button  
sends help fast, 24/7.

Help at Home

**Life Alert®**

Batteries Never Need Charging.

Help On-the-Go

**FREE!**  
FIRST AID KIT  
WHEN YOU  
ORDER!

For a FREE brochure call:

**1-800-404-9776**

## NEW YORK NOW PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were previously a victim of child sexual abuse,  
The New York Child Victims Act temporarily allows you to revive your claim.  
There is a limited time to file a case; do not delay in contacting us.

**GREENBERG, MARIA, GREENBERG & ASSOCIATES**  
**ONLY PROSECUTES SEXUAL ABUSE CASES**

Our firm will file your claim anonymously  
to protect your privacy.

CALL (833) VICTIM 9 • (833) 842-8469  
www.NYvictim.com



## MARITIME FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019**

*Featuring Boat Show  
and Building Competition*



**Hudson River Maritime Museum**  
Wooden Boat School | Sailing & Rowing School  
KINGSTON, NEW YORK WWW.HRMM.ORG

*The Very Best in Traditional Music & Dance*  
**3 Days of Concerts, Dances,  
Workshops & Jams**

## OldSongs<sup>39th Annual</sup> Music with Roots

**Folk Festival**

June 28, 29 & 30, 2019

**Altamont Fairgrounds**

in Altamont, NY near Albany



**Tickets & Info: 518-765-2815**  
**festival.oldsongs.org**

SSNY shall mail process to Cameo Home  
Inspections LLC, 2 Ann Place, Valhalla,  
NY, 10595. Purpose: any lawful act or  
activity.

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Attention Viagra users: Generic 100 mg  
blue pills or Generic 20 mg yellow pills.  
Get 45 plus 5 free \$99 + S/H. Guaranteed,  
no prescription necessary. Call 877-845-  
8068.

### MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM has helped over a  
million families find senior living. Our  
trusted, local advisors help find solutions  
to your unique needs at no cost to you.  
Call: 1-800-404-8852

### REAL ESTATE

**NEW YORK / VERMONT BORDER**  
**\$39,900.** 12 acre Mini Farm with views,  
southern exposure, stream, beaver pond.  
Easy access - Bennington VT, Albany &  
Saratoga NY, Williamstown MA. Bank fi-  
nancing 802-447-0779

### RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

**CROTON-ON-HUDSON:** One bed-  
room cottage for rent. Private and quiet  
setting. \$1,400 a month, plus tenant pays  
water, oil and propane. Available imme-  
diately. Call (914) 953-7572.



### SERVICES

**COMPUTER ISSUES?** FREE DIAGNO-  
SIS by GEEKS ON SITE! Virus Removal,  
Data Recovery! 24/7 EMERGENCY SER-  
VICE, In-home repair/On-line solutions  
\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE! 844-892-3990

### TAG SALES

**GIANT CHURCH TAG SALE! ONE  
WEEKEND ONLY!** Friday, June 21st  
- Sunday, June 23rd, 9am-4pm. Books,  
housewares, fabrics, linens, children's  
items, furniture, Bake Sale and MORE!  
**4th Unitarian Universalist Congrega-  
tion of Westchester 1698 Strawberry Rd.  
Mohegan Lake www.fourthuu.org**

### WANTED TO BUY

Oddities, collectibles and antiques. 30  
years experience buying. Please contact  
(914) 263-2917.

**To Place a Classified Ad**  
**Call 914-864-0878 or**  
**e-mail classifieds**  
**@theexaminernews.com**  
**Classified Ad Deadline is**  
**Thursdays at 5pm for**  
**the next week's**  
**publication**



The Putnam  
**Examiner**  
**Sports**  
*Covering Putnam County and Northern Westchester Sports*

# Panas Flames Out in NYS Semis



RAY GALLAGHER/JAMES VANDELDELDE PHOTOS

## Panthers Fall, 6-0, to Nationally-Ranked Williamsville East

The Williamsville East Flames, the state's top-ranked softball team (ranked nationally at No.18), proved too much for the Cinderella-like Walter Panas Panthers, the No.10 seed from Section 1, which suffered a 6-0 loss to the eventual NYSPHSAA champion Flames, who later completed a perfect season (27-0) at Harry J. Betar Jr. Recreation Park in South Glens Falls last Saturday with a 3-0 state title triumph of Section 2's Ballston Spa. Panas, led by Coach Dale Chappelle, left with its collective heads high, having secured the first NYS semifinal berth in school history and a prolific run to the Final 4... see Softball Notebook



# Sports

## Softball Notebook

# Historical Season Ends in State Semis for Walter Panas

## Panthers' Magical Runs Ends in 6-0 Loss to Eventual State Champ Williamsville East

By Tony Pinciario

As the Panas varsity softball team began preparation for the 2019 season, one thing was on the minds of seniors Gianna Servedio and Isabella Feraca.

"Ever since Bella and I became part of Panas softball one of our goals was always to win a section title," said Servedio, who will attend Hunter College in the fall and play also play softball. "This year we brought the energy we needed to make noise in Section 1 and compete along great teams."

Panas coach Dale Chappelle was confident, with seven returning starters, that his team would be a sectional contender. However, his team exceeded his wildest thoughts.

Servedio and Feraca were instrumental, as were their teammates, in leading Panas to the Section 1 Class A championship.

Even though Panas lost last Saturday

especially within its league, completed the regular season with an 11-9 record. The Panthers' record was deceiving because their league games included two each against Lakeland, Yorktown, Somers and Brewster.

The final regular-season record only earned Panas the 10th seed, but the Panthers knew they were better than their record indicated.

"In the regular season we hadn't found our groove as a team and we weren't as close with each other as we were towards the end of the season," said Feraca, who will attend the University of Rochester in the fall and also play softball. "Going into sectionals, we all were much closer than before and all our heads were in the same place. So, overall I think the chemistry of the team finally showed and proved we were a team to be reckoned with."

Panas faced a difficult road going into sectionals knowing that it would not play a home game because of its seed. Following the first-round win against Nanuet, the seeds held true and Panas would need to beat the top three seeds – Lakeland, Hen Hud and Pearl River – in order to win a title. The three teams each won 20 or more games.

"Being on the road gave us all the opportunity to rest and settle the butterflies," Feraca

said. "And, honestly, after doing so poorly at home, I think that we all felt more comfortable with the road and it let us focus more on what's ahead."

Panas accomplished what every softball team sets out to do in sectionals and states, put all three facets together -- offense, defense and pitching – and it resulted in a major run.

Bordenaro was outstanding in the circle, quieting opposing bats, while the offense produced timely hits and the defense was air-tight.

"Looking back on this run, there are so many clutch moments that helped us reach the next level," Chappelle said. "I can only describe it as magic. It seemed like we were playing better away from home and we embraced it quickly. And, it was always somebody new who stepped up. This is what makes good teams great."

Williamsville East solved Panas in a semifinal then went on to shut out



JAMES VANDEVELD PHOTOS

Panas girl's line up for introduction at states last Saturday morning prior to 6-0 NYS semifinal loss to Williamsville East.

Ballston Spa (Section 2), 3-0, in the final.

"They got the bat on the ball when they needed to and came up with big runs," said Servedio of Williamsville East.

Servedio, Feraca and their classmates -- Jenna Guevarez, Tahari Williams, Lexi Lorino, Sam Mills and Viola -- graduate soon, but the seniors' have left a lasting impact.

"This class is special," Chappelle said. "They really saved our program when they were in middle school. Our numbers were down and we were close to folding our JV team. But this class showed up and played for many years on the high school teams. I call them "The Movement." Who knew it would lead to this. It was just awesome and I'm glad they got to go out this way!"

"I couldn't imagine a better end," Feraca said. "Being in this program that used to struggle to have a winning season to becoming section and regional champs is

something that never would have crossed my mind. This season will definitely be remembered not only by the team but also by the school for many years to come."

Servedio agrees and is hoping for a repeat in 2020.

"We are so lucky to have come this far and proud to have been part of this amazing team," she said. "The future is bright! I'd love to see Panas back at states next year!"

Even though the season just concluded Saturday, Chappelle is excited about spring 2020.

"We return a lot of key parts, including the pitcher/catcher battery," said Chappelle of Bordenaro and catcher Kat Reynoso, not to mention slugging SS Julia Petrovich. "There are some big holes to fill in the lineup, but this recent run has brought a new sense of pride to Panas Softball and we look forward to facing that challenge."



Panas senior 2B Bella Feraca poses with state committee members after earning Player of the Game honors for Panas.

in a NYSPHSAA semifinal to eventual champion Williamsville East (27-0), it does not take away from what the state-ranked (No.4) Panthers accomplished.

The Panthers, who were seeded 10th, won four road games against, No. 7 Nanuet (6-0), No. 2 Hen Hud (4-1), No. 3 Pearl River (3-1) and beat intra-district rival and undefeated Lakeland, the No. 1 seed, 7-3, for the title.

Panas received a bye into the regional final where Olivia Bordenaro shut out Section 9 champion Minisink Valley, 2-0, and senior/centerfielder Bri Viola made the catch of the year, preserving a 1-0 lead in what can only be described as an historical season.

"I honestly thought we had the talent to compete for the sectional title, but the state semis, it never crossed my mind," said Chappelle as his team finished with a 16-10 record.

Panas, as a result of its tough schedule,

## Rebels Rockin' New Balance Games

(Right to left) Lakeland/Panas Rebels Patrick Abel, Kymanni Weston, Marlon Peak and Quintan Hodge finished the high school season with a blistering time of 1:34.23 in the 800-meter sprint medley relay at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor on the campus of North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC, setting a new school record when senior Abel anchored the last leg with a sizzling 48.7 400 split.





## Sports

# Increasing Summer Workouts Leads to Higher Standards



By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports  
Editor

## Direct Rays

By our high standards up here in the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region, the 2018-19 varsity high school sports season was not the banner campaign we're accustomed to in this neck of the woods, if, indeed, the measuring stick is sectional, regional and state championships. Sure we had some great runs from the tenacious Somers boys' soccer club, the awe-inspiring Lakeland field hockey society and baseball team, the record-setting Haldane football unit, the upstart Panas softball team and the stupefying Ossining girls' hoops program (among others), but by my count, we were a tad light this year, that's all.

After 30 years covering the Section 1 circuit, I do, admittedly, hold our student athletes to a very high standard because that's what they've delivered over much of the last three decades. Doesn't mean we didn't give it everything we had, because I saw with my own two eyes that we did indeed leave it on the field. Titles were just tougher to come by this year, which means there's work to do.

Because I'm used to doing a heck of a lot more running around, which I don't mind at all, when we're securing sectionals and hunting regional titles in the state tournaments. There just wasn't as much hunting this season, which means we gotta do better in 2019-20, gang. Championships are attained in-season, but they are woven in the off-season... including sizzling summer sessions! Don't spend the better part of the summer on your iPhone posting selfies while bingeing on Carvel... at least wait until you've worked your skill sets, run your laps on the track, crushed it in the weight room and swam a couple dozen laps to cool down. Then have at it!

So grab your gal pals, text your boys, do what you do but gather up and work on improving your skills, strength and stamina this summer. Don't wait for your coaches to assemble the masses in August. Assemble, instead, in mass for captain's practices and mini training sessions with like-minded souls, or you'll be the one trailing the pack and wondering what happened when your starting spot went bye-bye because a younger, sleeker model, who worked harder, blew past you.

"The days of sitting around all summer and doing nothing are long gone," Ossining



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

We need more championship moments like this during the upcoming 2019-20 season, so let's get busy this summer.

Coach Dan Ricci said from Cape May where the 2019 NYS champion Pride were upping the ante. "If you're not working hard, someone else who is will pass you by! With how competitive athletics have become, especially those trying to play at the next level, it goes without saying that student athletes need to continue to work on their skills and physical conditioning in the off-season, and that includes summers."

I'm not saying you can't enjoy your vacations. God knows most student athletes have earned a well-planned week or two away from the rigors... a chance to rest, replenish the system and enjoy time with family and friends (before camps officially re-open), but I need a few more championship road trips next year and I don't see that happening if we're sitting poolside increasing our waistlines while hoisting Bud Lights all summer (hello, pot, have you seen the kettle?).

Summer is a time for exploring new

things, for making new friends, for relaxing. It's a time when students get a two to three month break from the constant pressure of school and homework, allowing them to pursue new interests and pick up old hobbies, become more creative and expand their social horizons, which sometimes leads to dubious deeds.

As impressionable teen-agers, I can't tell you not to dabble with alcohol (that's your parents' primary responsibility), but I can assure you that it's just as much fun being together with your friends without alcohol as it is with it, and it hurts twice as much the next day when the bugle blows and reveille plays at 7 a.m. So make the right choices and like the Roman poet Horace said "Carpe Diem", my friends...

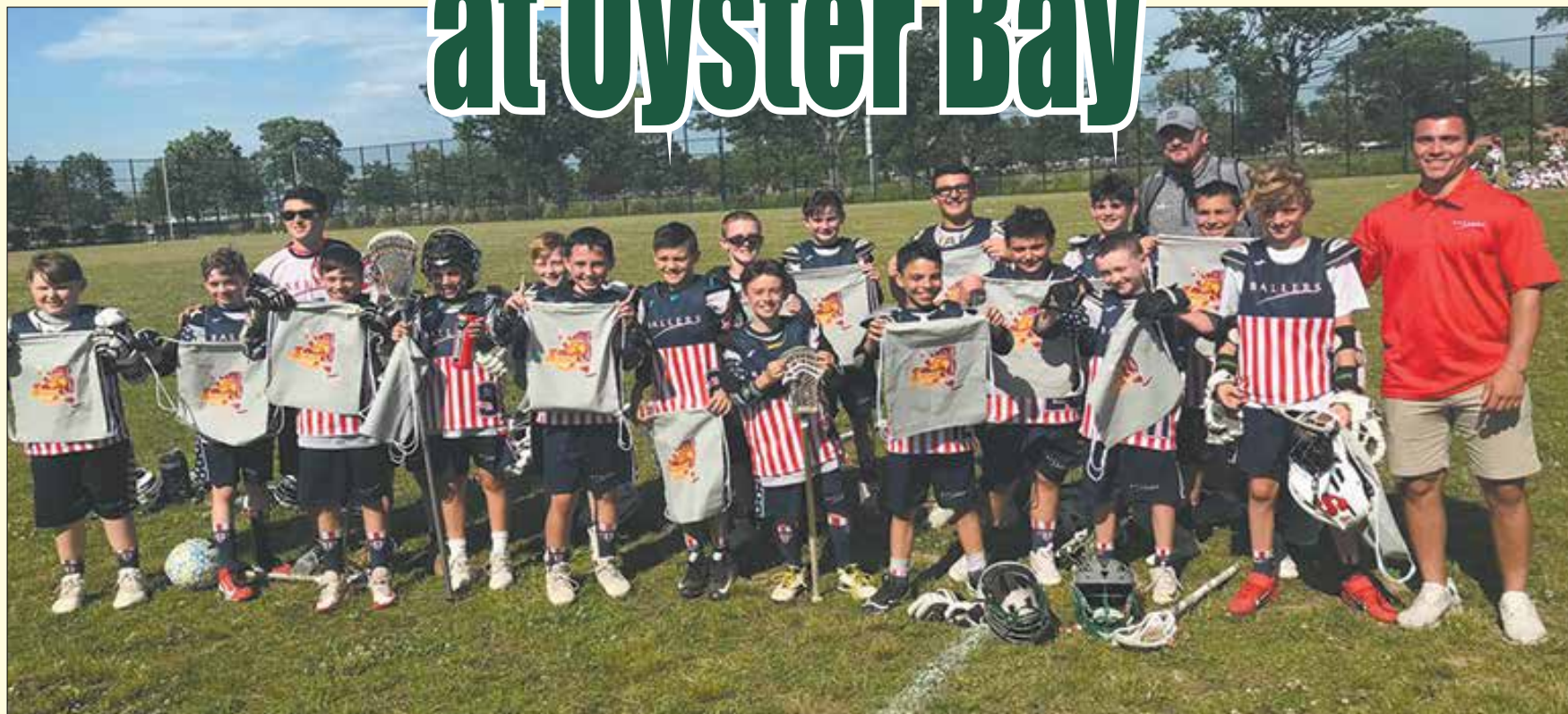
So, we've got a couple of family vacations planned, including a Bermuda cruise and our annual trek to LBI, perhaps my favorite place on earth. But before we bust our moves I've got pages to fill this summer, so we turn to the younger

generation in the hopes of checking out the future and giving youngins their moment in the sun. In that vein, The Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner wants to feature the athletic exploits of your children this summer, so please feel free to email raygallaghersports@gmail.com with any photos and details from your travel baseball/softball games and lax tournaments this summer. Team shots with trophies, that play at the plate or the pile-up on the mound all make for unforgettable moments we hope you'll share with us each and every week, along with a brief recap of the events leading up. Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League action/recaps are welcome, so please hit us up every week with a happy recap...

P.S. please don't be that kid we read about every year that got behind the wheel during graduation celebrations and screwed up the lives of your loved ones with a death-defying choice to drive under the influence #Uber.



# Can't Clam Up Ballers Lax at Oyster Bay



## Ballers Ball Out on Long Island, Crowned Champs



Coaches Ryan Baker, Brandon Meyreles and Sean Carney led the 2026 Ballers Lax Club to a 7-2 championship victory in the Battle by the Bay on Oyster Bay Long Island last Saturday. 2026 team members hailing mostly from Yorktown, Somers and Hen Hud include (L-R) Sean Munnelly, Gianni Bernardi, Ryan Baker, Nick D'Andraia, Conor Morhart, Gavin Mooney, James Downes, Jayden Tyndal, Chase Reynolds, Ryan Donnelly, Jimmy Goff, Cheech Scalera, Michael Desiderio, Darrin Butler, Brett Kennedy, Tommy Carney, Aidan Mazzoni, Gavin Kelly, Brandon Meyreles, Evan Kurth and Dean Palazzolo. The 2024 Ballers team -- coached by Kyle Casey, Nicky Bonatatibus and Antony Bucello -- did equally as well, going 4-0 on the day before procuring yet another Battle by the Bay title with a 5-3 championship win. Members of the 2024 team include Matt Cicinelli, Jake Lotz, John Desiderio, Luca Plogger, Jeremy Smith, Joseph Tornambe, Angelo Scarduzio, Nicholas Carducci, Dylan DelVecchio, Jimmy Lyons, Chris DeGiorgio, Ryan Aabel, Jack Salisbury, Nolan Faudar, Ryan Vogel, Edward Palumbo, Matt Risley, Nick Bucello and Justin Price. Email [ballersgm@gmail.com](mailto:ballersgm@gmail.com) for info about the club.