



Two Dead From Tragic Drownings in Putnam Lakes

By David Propper

Two men are dead after they drowned in different lakes in Putnam County over the past three days with tragedy striking on Lake Carmel and Lake Mahopac.

On Monday at about 1:40 p.m., the Town of Carmel Police Department received a report of a missing 55-year-old Mahopac man. A search near his home on South Lake Boulevard found his kayak

overturned in Lake Mahopac, scrambling the department's marine unit and the Mahopac Falls Fire Department dive team to search for the man, according to Carmel police.

The Mahopac Falls department dive team eventually recovered the body of the man, though his name was not publicly disclosed before press time.

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Land crews begin their jobs of getting the deceased victim to the ambulance for transport to the hospital



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WWII Vet Honored at Mahopac Marina

Another "Veteran Appreciation Day" at the Mahopac Marina was held on July 13 with a nice crowd on hand for a beautiful day with many veteran organizations and supporters present. VFW Post 5491 Color Guard started the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner was sung. Charles Melchner Jr. gave opening remarks, stating that this was the fifth year of "Veteran Appreciation Day" and each year a veteran is selected to receive recognition. This year Jimmy Dipeles, a WWII Veteran, active member of many veteran organizations, as well as a life member of VFW Post 5491, was presented with a plaque in his honor.

Dems Pick Philipstown Jurist to Run for County Judge

By David Propper

Town of Philipstown Judge Camille Linson earned the nod from the Putnam Democratic Committee Monday night to run for county judge this year as she looks to fill the vacancy left by the late Judge James Reitz.

Linson was nominated Monday night, beating out three other perspective candidates interested in the seat. She will face Town of Carmel Judge Joseph Spofford, who was the GOP pick to run for the countywide position earlier this month. The special election is being held this November after the beloved Reitz died suddenly of a heart attack on the bench earlier this year.

Democratic committee chairman Scott Reing said the committee was excited to have Linson represent the party this year, calling her well-qualified and well-versed in every area that a county court judge needs to be.

Linson has been a Philipstown judge for
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Town of Philipstown Judge Camille Linson

New Program Provides Hope to Drug Addicts

By David Propper

Police agencies across Putnam County are teaming up to slow down the local drug crisis with treatment and support rather than arrests and incarceration with the newly unveiled program Hope Not Handcuffs.

Hope Not Handcuffs (HNH) is a program aimed at helping residents addicted to drugs or alcohol with compassion and respect, according to an announcement from the Prevention Council of Putnam last week. An addict can come to one of the three local police headquarters participating in HNH (the Putnam sheriff's office, Kent police and Carmel police) and request to join the program on the spot. From there, a call is made to an "Angel" volunteer, who is part of a team that will work out a treatment plan and give that addict an advocate and network of resources to break through their problem.

Sheriff Robert Langley said it would be an invaluable resource for those suffering from an addiction and their families. It's another example of how law enforcement and community can work together to improve the county, Langley said.

"It's something that's needed for the community," Langley said.

HNH was founded in Michigan and since its inception, has grown to include more than 80 police departments in nine counties

in that state. More than 2,900 participants have been connected to resources and treatment. With a boost from the Tri-County Community Partnership, HNH came to New York in 2018.

Community organizations in Putnam like Drug Crisis in our Backyard, Putnam Communities That Care Coalition and the Prevention Council of Putnam all support HNH. Legislator Toni Addonizio also helped bring the program in the county.

"I'm proud to be a part of moving this initiative forward," Addonizio said. "I believe it's important to help people struggling with addiction and encourage them to seek recovery."

Kent Police Chief Kevin Owens said police departments are always looking for better ways to help people and this program is another tool to assist residents suffering from an addiction before sending them through the legal system.

"At least a few years we've been talking about bringing some type of program to Putnam that is like this," Owens said. "This program fits our needs I think."

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Sheriff's Deputy Saves Suicidal Man at Bear Mt. Bridge

A suicidal man was stopped from jumping off Bear Mountain Bridge thanks to a Putnam County Sheriff's Department deputy that talked him off the edge last week.

On July 14, at about 4 p.m., a call came in that a male was threatening to jump off the Bear Mountain Bridge. Sheriff deputies Benjamin Levine, Anthony Tolve and Brian Neary responded to the area with Levine locating the man on the north side of the bridge, according to the sheriff's office.

Levine saw the man looking down over the railing of the bridge toward the Hudson River and heard him state multiple times that he wanted to die, according to authorities. Levine was able to establish a dialogue with the man and after about 25 minutes of the

two talking, the man agreed to step back from the bridge railing. The man, his age and residency not publicly disclosed, was taken to Phelps Memorial Hospital for a mental health observation.

During the incident, Levine was helped by a host of emergency first responders including his two fellow deputies, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Marine Unit, New York State Police trooper Ed Fleming, New York State Police trooper investigator Andrew Palladino, the Westchester County Police, the New York State Park Police, the Town of Highlands Police Department, the Peekskill Volunteer Ambulance Corp, the Continental Village Fire Department, and the New York State Bridge Authority.



The north side of Bear Mountain Bridge.



The Pap Test

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Q: What does the Pap test show?

A: The Pap test (or Pap smear) screens for pre-cancerous cellular abnormalities in a woman's cervix. If abnormalities are found, you can be monitored or treated so you don't develop cervical cancer. A Pap test involves scraping cells from your cervix to examine for pre-cancerous changes in tissue. Depending on your age, history and previous Pap test results, the cells might also be tested for high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common cause of cervical cancer. Ninety-nine percent of cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus, which is generally sexually transmitted.

Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

A: If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

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A: Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

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Kent Man Hit With Animal Cruelty Charge

By David Propper

A Kent man is facing a charge of animal cruelty/neglect after his 4-year-old dog was found wandering on Dean Road in a severe state of neglect earlier this month.

Omer Fahim was arrested on July 13 by the Putnam County SPCA because of his alleged horrible treatment of his Great Pyrenees dog that could've died within days if he didn't receive proper veterinarian treatment, according to the SPCA.

The SPCA was contacted by the Kent Dog Control Officer after the control officer found the dog on Dean Road near Fahim's residence. This wasn't the first time the control officer had found the dog on the loose, but this time the control officer brought the dog to Carmel Animal Hospital because he was in a severe state of neglect, according to the SPCA.

The dog had large amounts of fecal matter strewn throughout its coat, large thick hair mats constricting the dog's ability to produce waste and urine soaked matting which constricted the dog's ability to urinate. The dog's nails were so overgrown that they were curling under causing pain to his paws.

The dog was also found to have maggots coming from his snout area due to the unsanitary conditions he was living in at Fahim's barn across from his home, according to the SPCA.

The veterinarian who examined the



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The dog of a Town of Kent man facing an animal cruelty charge dealt with terrible conditions, according to the Putnam County SPCA.

dog said without immediate veterinary and after-care, the dog would've died, according to the SPCA. Now, the dog has been treated, groomed and is under

veterinary care and will soon be placed with a Great Pyrenees rescue group. Fahim's animal cruelty charge is a class A misdemeanor.

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Immigration, Impeachment Focus of Maloney Forum

By Natalie Chun

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney hosted a town hall on July 14 at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services headquarters in Carmel to give his constituents a chance to share questions and concerns with their representative.

About 70 people attended the town hall, which was part of a four-session series called "Speak with Sean" that also included visits to Warwick, Huguenot and Pound Ridge.

Though a variety of topics were addressed during Maloney's forum, the first conversation raised was about immigration, which has been a hot topic throughout the Donald Trump presidency. A woman who had immigrated from Brazil expressed concern and fear of deportation.

"So there are a lot of your neighbors that are in this position," Maloney said, "and unfortunately when the Trump administration said zero tolerance, what that meant really was sort of zero common sense."

He then talked about the flaws in the current system of immigration policy and explained what he has been doing and will continue to do to help. He also addressed the crisis at the border in which he said children in detention centers have been facing inhumane conditions.

"Whatever your view of the immigration question is, if you're a strong supporter of the President and everything that his policy is trying to do, I hope you'll also agree that we don't need to be abusing kids in the



NATALIE CHUN PHOTO

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney answered a wide range of questions from his constituents at a town hall event earlier this month.

process," Maloney said.

Maloney also took questions that sparked conversation about homelessness, free speech and college debt, but the topic that was most controversial came from a group of climate activists.

A group of young people sitting near the front of the auditorium criticized Maloney's support of the controversial Danskammer power plant. Holding signs that read "100% Renewables Now," "Stop Danskammer," and "Which Side Are You On? The People or Your Profits," they engaged in a heated discussion with Maloney.

While some members of the audience

supported the group and joined in to attack Maloney, others scolded the activists for interrupting Maloney, for taking too much time on the issue and for continuing to hold up their signs.

"I got it, I got it, you disagree with me," Maloney said to the group. "But if you want to disrupt an event that is trying to let your neighbors talk to your congressman, I think it's gonna be unfair to people."

Many questions throughout the event antagonized Trump and his supporters and asked Maloney to better represent the Democratic Party. However, the congressman expressed a desire to steer

clear of such "partisan conversation."

"I want to make it clear that there are people here who support the president and his policies, I represent them too," Maloney said. "By the way, here in Putnam County, Trump won by 20 points... I have some obligation to try to build that coalition [many are] talking about and part of that is not demonizing supporters of the president, but trying to engage on ideas."

But while he still represents supporters of the president, Maloney made clear his disapproval of the president himself. When asked about the Mueller report about Russian interference and if he would want to impeach Trump, Maloney replied, "I think the president deserves to be impeached."

"If you serve me up a vote, you say, 'Impeach or not...' I'm voting yes," Maloney said. "If you asked me whether the Democratic Party should spend the next year doing that, my answer is 'not now I don't want to do it.'"

But while he acknowledges Trump's actions as spelled out in the Mueller report were unpatriotic, unethical, and wrong, he doesn't agree with those who say it is our moral responsibility to impeach now. Rather, in terms of accountability, Maloney said that he hopes the upcoming election would be a chance for the president to be held responsible for his actions.

"I think, just in terms of impeachment now, that that is not the right move for us to make at this time," Maloney said. "I could be wrong."

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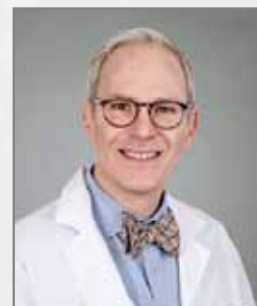


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Dems Seek Slim Majority on Southeast Town Board

By David Propper

After Democrat John Lord knocked Republican Robert Cullen off the Southeast town board in 2017, Democrats are looking to gain another seat on the five-person board and potentially a slim majority.

Running for reelection is Lynne Eckardt with first time candidate Zachary Disador on the Democratic line and representing the Republican ticket is incumbent Edwin Alvarez and newcomer John O'Connor. Two seats on the board are up for grabs.

Supervisor Tony Hay, a Republican, is

running uncontested.

Eckardt, who has been on the town board for almost eight years, pointed to a myriad of achievements and initiatives she helped usher into the town. She contributed to the opening of the diverting trail by working with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Putnam County Land Trust and Concerned Residents of Southeast and helped restart the e-waste program after the county stopped its own program earlier this year.

She noted she tries her best to solve local problems that arise as quickly as possible when she hears from constituents

and wants to keep Southeast taxes the lowest in the county by remaining under the tax cap.

"I think there's a lot more we can do in Southeast to improve the quality of life and property values," Eckardt said.

She'd like to make sure code violations are properly enforced and would like to work with the county and New York State to help upgrade the town's infrastructure. Promoting smart economic growth in the town is critical, Eckardt said.

While there are three Republicans and two Democrats on the board, the lawmaking body has done a good job of



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Southeast board candidates: Edwin Alvarez (above) and Lynne Eckardt (below).



working in a civil manner, Eckardt said.

"Keeping the government as open as it has been is still really important to me," Eckardt said.

Energized by the 2016 national election, Disador, who is a lifelong resident, said he wanted to get involved locally. Disador, who is in his early 30s, works for ARC, which is formerly known as PARC, as the respite services coordinator and has helped develop an after-school program used by more than 100 families in the county.

While Disador commended the board for working well together for the best interest of town residents, he'd like to bring his perspective to the lawmaking body.

"Younger people getting involved is important," he said.

He thinks more space is needed within the town that would encourage recreational activities and draw younger families.

"I think smart development is really important here," he said. "I think we have a gift in Southeast, a great town, a great location, I'd just like to see that expanded upon."

On the GOP side, Alvarez said he's

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running for his second full term because he wants to continue to hopefully make a difference in town and pay it forward with his service. Alvarez's vision is for families in town to have a better quality of life.

Alvarez, a veteran, said he's been part of a collective effort to improve the town's bond rating while keeping taxes below the state mandated cap. Communication between departments has also "vastly improved" and town workers have received necessary technological upgrades, Alvarez said while he's been on

the board.

"I'm always working to improve communication between town government and the people you serve," Alvarez, who is on the Hudson Valley Regional Community Health Center board of directors and part of the Southeast fireworks committee, said. "There is more transparency, synergy and cooperation between all Town Board members."

O'Connor, who is registered as a Conservative, said he moved to Southeast because it's a great place to raise kids. It's important for the town to have a reliable

emergency preparedness plan, O'Connor, who is the county safety officer, said, especially with infrastructure that the state is responsible for not up to par.

While he said the town board has been doing a good job, there are improvements that can be made and if elected, he'll keep tabs on major projects like a proposed distribution center off Route 312 possibly coming to town.

"I just want to make sure it's a good place to raise kids for 20 years," O'Connor said.

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more than two years and was in private practice before that.

Linson said she was looking forward to serving residents during some of the most challenging times of their lives. One aspect of the court she's particularly passionate about is drug treatment court, which she has extensive knowledge of.

In Philipstown justice court and Cold Spring justice court (where she is an associate judge), Linson has worked to integrate treatment court philosophy and practices to help drug addicts. When she was running for town judge three years ago, the number one issue people brought up was the opioid crisis. She said Reitz was a "mentor" to her and gave her background information regarding drug treatment court.

Her knowledge of drug treatment court separates her from her GOP opponent, Linson said.

"By running for the county bench, it's my hope that I will be able to serve not 10,000, but 100,000 people and ensure that the court work that Judge Reitz began will continue and thrive and we as a community will continue to fight the opioid crisis with absolutely every weapon in our arsenal," Linson said.

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Earlier on Monday, a Connecticut man was found dead in Lake Carmel after he went missing over the weekend.

The man's body was found floating in the middle of the lake around 5:30 a.m. on Monday after a massive search for him began Saturday night with several different emergency responders pitching in, according to the Town of Kent Police Department. The man, who is not being identified at this time, was 54.

An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death, Kent Police Chief Kevin Owens said in an interview.

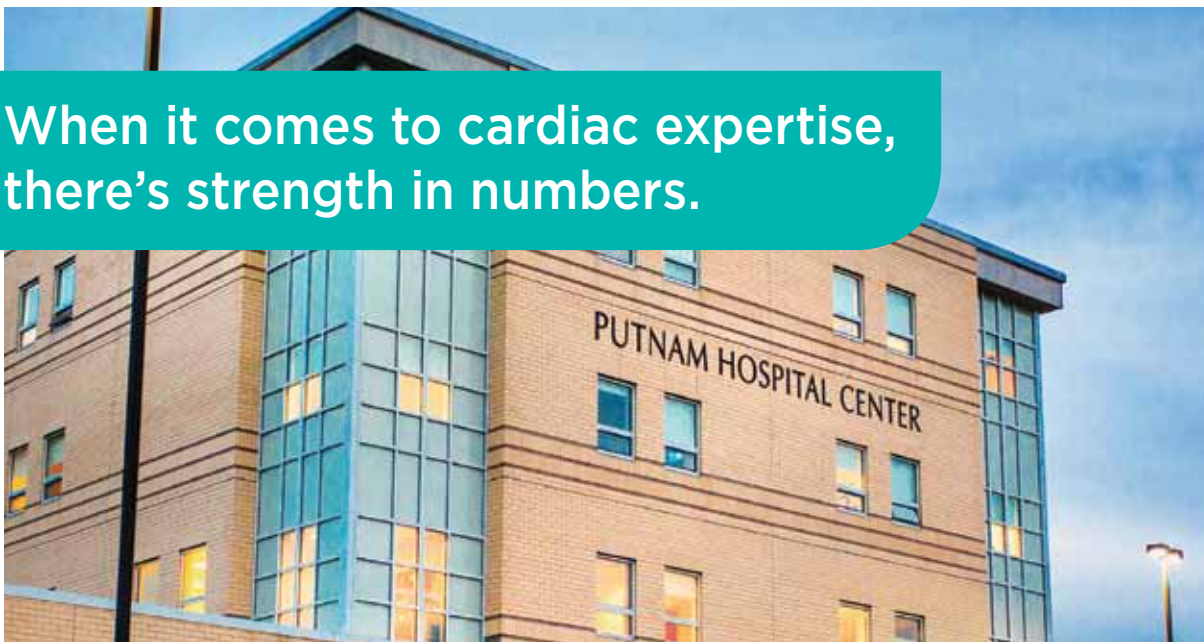
The lake was closed starting around 7:30 p.m. on Saturday after authorities were notified the man was missing and remained closed until the body was found, authorities said. The search began Saturday night and after a brief suspension it restarted Sunday all day, but with no luck. Eventually, he was found early Monday by a Kent police officer before another massive search got underway, Owens said.

The lake and its beaches were reopened Monday.

The man told his family Saturday he

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Zach's Pizza and Restaurant Mahopac

By David Propper

Zachary Silvestri knows every facet of running a pizzeria from first hand experience. That's probably because since he was a teenager, he's worked for one.

And for the past five years, he's owned Zach's Pizzeria in Mahopac which offers a wide variety of pizza, pasta dinners, wedges, paninis, salads and Italian ices, which are popular over the summer.

Working in a pizzeria most of his life, Silvestri gained undisputable knowledge of the ins-and-outs of the business. He started when he was 16 as a delivery boy and has done everything since including washing dishes, manning the front counter, waiting tables, and cooking up the pizza.

Oddly enough, Silvestri went to college to become a math teacher and had taught in Peekskill and Pleasantville on leave-replacement gigs while still working part-time at a pizzeria. When his final leave-replacement job finished up, the location where Zach's Pizzeria is situated was up for grabs and Silvestri had to decide whether to continue the teacher route or open his own place; he went with the latter.

"The idea was always there, it was always an option and then it kind of popped up," Silvestri said. "I decided to do it and I'm glad I did."

The hours are crazy -- Silvestri is here



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Zachary Silvestri is the proud owner of the Zach's Pizza, which has been open for more than five years.

seven days a week and comes in early and leaves late--but he doesn't mind. He knows all of his customers by name and their orders. With so much competition in town, having a loyal customer base is critical.

If there's a mistake or another issue with an order, Silvestri is there to personally field the calls and talk one-on-one to patrons.

"They know I'm making their dinner, they know if something is wrong with something I'll take care of it," Silvestri said.

He grew up in Mahopac and is a graduate of the high school. The building where Zach's Pizza is located happens to be one of the oldest in all of town.

Through the success, he's remained

humble. He even delivers on occasion when needed.

"Zach's Pizza is Zach's pizza," he said. "This is kind of my whole life right now. I love it."

Zach's Pizza is located at 559 Route 6N in Mahopac and its phone number 845-621-1215.

Funding Secured for Lakeland Special Needs Playground

By Rick Pezzullo

State Senator Peter Harckham (D/40th District) announced earlier this month he had secured \$25,000 for the Lakeland School District to purchase and install an indoor playground for special needs students in the Van Cortlandtville Elementary School gymnasium.

"It's deeply rewarding to see our funding being put to such good use for a population of special needs schoolchildren who require specially-designed, daily physical activity in order to thrive," Harckham said at a press conference attended by faculty, administrators, parents, students and Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

"The Lakeland School District, clearly believes, as I do, that we must use every means possible to educate children with attention, focus and sensory needs, so they can ultimately lead independent, fulfilling lives," Harckham added.

Margaret Rogers, physical therapist for the school district, reached out to Harckham about the need for the playground in January. She said the new equipment would be utilized by more than 50 students in kindergarten through fifth grade who are classified in the autism spectrum.

"They benefit from movement. Pulling and pushing can be very calming," Rogers explained. "What we see here is children are very welcomed."

Van Cortlandtville houses the majority of the district's elementary school-aged

students who are in the Aspire Program and require a very small student to teacher ratio in response to their special needs. The school has at least one self-contained class in each grade for children who present with attention, focus and sensory needs that are best met with movement that involves deep pressure and heavy work to calm and regulate their sensory systems. The indoor playground will allow these students to access this type of movement on a daily basis, regardless of the weather, helping them build strength, modulate their emotional state and maintain focus, as well as have fun with their peers.

The four or more pieces of indoor equipment the school will purchase will include a cargo net climber, monkey bars and circle steppers. All of the equipment can be folded or raised out of the way so that the gym remains available for night and weekend use by community groups and for the remainder of the student body, which may want to use the gym for basketball and other activities.

"It is such an honor for Van Cortlandtville to be selected for the Bullet Aid grant by Senator Harckham. We are humbled and honored to accept this on behalf of the Lakeland Central School District as well as the students and staff at Van Cort," said Jacqueline Woodruff, Van Cortlandtville Elementary School principal. "Words can't express our gratitude for supporting not only our special needs population but also the general student health and wellness for many years to come. Senator Harckham will



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(L to R:) Gianna Mandara, Lindsey McGann, Special Education Supervisor; Dr. Frank Yanoti, Assistant Principal; County Executive George Latimer; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Steve Rappleyea; Margaret Rogers, Lakeland School District Physical Therapist; Anna Mandara, Lakeland School District parent advocate; Senator Pete Harckham; Denise Kness, Vice President, Lakeland Board of Education; Angela Conti, Trustee, Lakeland Board of Education; Becky Burfeind, Trustee, Lakeland Board of Education; Jacqueline Wood, Principal, Van Cortlandtville Elementary - with Laser, the Van Cortlandtville Elementary School dog.

have touched the lives of many children by giving us this opportunity."

Anna Mandara, a Lakeland School District Parent Advocate and mother of a special needs student, talked about the importance the playground would have on students who need it most.

"I was so happy to hear that the Senator

gave Van Cortlandtville this grant for the indoor playground for special needs kids. It is so important for our children to be able to get as much physical activity as possible to build strength and to help them focus," she said. "As the mom of a special needs child, I am so grateful for the generous donation. Thank you for not giving up on our kids."

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Letters to the Editor

Register to be an Organ Donor; Save a Life

As we take time to relax and enjoy the summer, I think it is important for us to take a moment to think about people who may not be so lucky. In particular, I want to raise awareness of the critical need for organ donations in our state. Currently in New York there are over 10,000 people in need of an organ. These people are more than statistics; they are our friends, family, and neighbors. Luckily, there is something that we can do. I encourage you to consider signing up to become an organ donor, offering a new lease on life to those in need.

New York has consistently held the lowest rates of organ donor registration in the country with currently only one in every four New Yorkers registered to donate organs, eyes and/or tissue. I registered to be a donor years ago and it is humbling to think that my choice can benefit the lives of up to seventy-five people who are in need. While I know some of you may be hesitant, I highly recommend you discuss the topic further with your doctor and family.

To register to become an organ donor, you can mail an enrollment form to the New York

State Department of Health. If you need a copy you can call our office at 914-941-1111. It is also possible to register online at <http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/donation/organ/>. You can also register at the DMV or Board of Elections. Please consider signing up as an organ donor today.

Sincerely,

Sandy Galef
State Assemblyman

Legislature Disingenuous Over WIC Disbandment

On July 10, The Personnel Committee voted to end the County WIC program on September 30, 2019 and transfer those services to Open Door in Brewster. I have a real problem with the way this decision was taken by the administration and Republican Legislators of this County. There has been a lack of transparency as to who was responsible and how this decision was made. To all appearances the State and Open Door knew about this proposed move of WIC services before it even came before the Legislature for debate.

The County has a five-year that contract ends in 2020, but each year the County has to submit a grant request and budget for the program. The County made no grant request for the period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and informed the State in March 2019 that Putnam County

wanted to discontinue providing WIC services as of September 30, 2019. While I support the transfer of WIC services to Open Door because of their ability to provide comprehensive health services that are beyond the County Health Department's ability, the claims by the Legislature that only they have the authority to make this decision and that they have tremendous respect for the WIC employees and the quality of service they have provided WIC recipients appears disingenuous, to say the least.

At the June 24th Personnel Meeting, Rebecca Wittenberg, WIC Coordinator, presented an equitable compromise: continue WIC until the end of the five-year contract, then transfer the program to Open Door. CSEA president, Janet Canaday, pointed out that this proposal would be of

huge benefit to the county employees who will lose their jobs when WIC ends. The Legislators dismissed Ms. Wittenberg's thoughtful proposal as impossible. It was impossible because the County had not sought funding or submitted a budget for any time beyond September 30, 2019. In spite of all the Republican Legislature's denials, as a local newspaper wrote in their June 25th edition, the disbandment of WIC was close to a done deal before the County Legislature had debated the issue or taken any official action. County employees and county residents deserve better.

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Candidate Putnam County Legislature
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Obituaries

Harold J. Willis

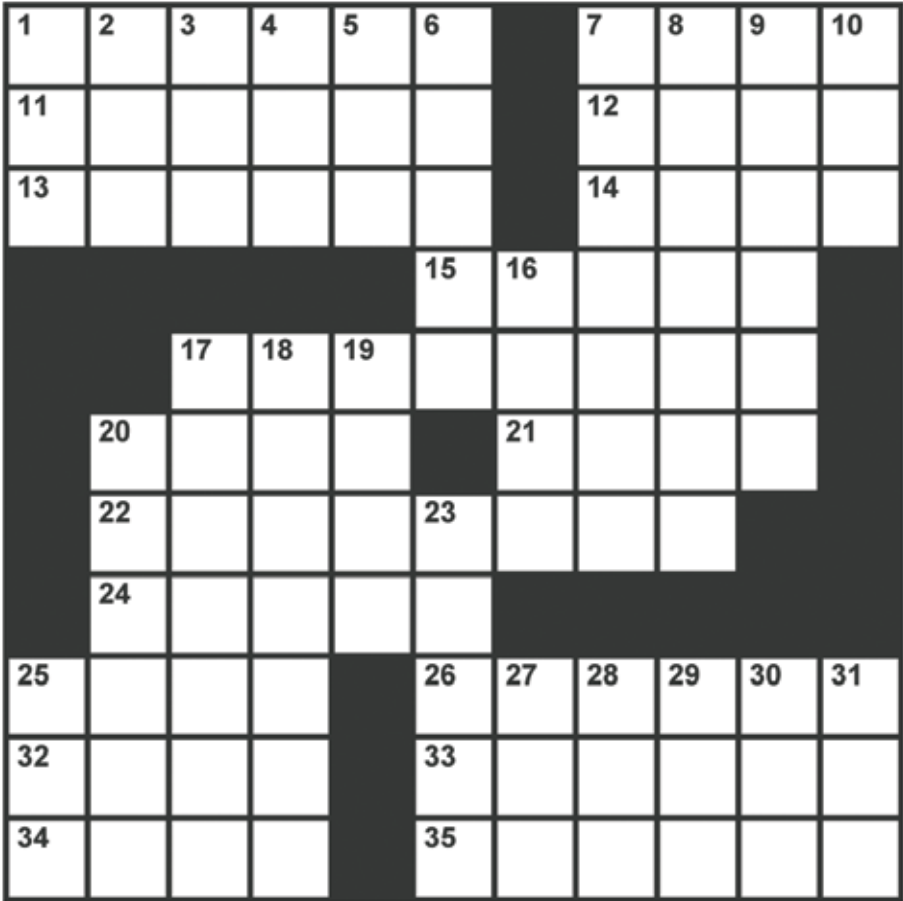
Harold J. Willis of Brewster, died, Saturday, July 6, at Danbury Hospital surrounded by his family. He was 89. He was also born in Danbury Hospital, Danbury, CT on March 26, 1930 to Harold D and Lucy M Willis. Harold went to primary school at St Peter's, Danbury, CT. Then his family moved to Brewster. He attended and graduated from Brewster High School, Brewster. He was on the football team and was voted the "quietest." At 16 years old he joined the Brewster Fire Department which he was a lifetime member. Harold was a Bricklayer Apprentice for O'Hara & Willis, Danbury, CT until he was drafted into the Army for the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 with Honorable Discharge. He attended Crandall Sec School in 1955 then attended Westchester Community College, White Plains, from 1958 to 1960 with a Business Major receiving an AAS degree. Harold met the love of his life, Patricia A MacKay at a friend's wedding. They were married on July 28, 1963 in St Joseph's, Croton Falls. They had three daughters together. Harold became an Insurance Broker for John Hancock for 33 years until retirement. He was well liked by his clients. Harold dedicated his life to God and Country. He was very involved with the American Legion and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW). He held many positions in both over the many

years that he was involved with them, simultaneously. He was also a lifetime member of the Elks Club BPOE. He was an Usher at St Lawrence O'Toole for many years. He was a member of the Third Order Franciscans. He enjoyed playing pool and was on the Green Table League. He was an avid reader. He was very handy and could fix almost anything. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lucy Willis, and his sisters, Lucille F Barclay and Clara M St Jean. He is survived by his wife, Patricia A Willis of almost 56 years, his daughters Victoria F Willis, JoAnne M Willis and Carol M Willis. His grandchildren Dana McNamara, James T Finch IV, Rachel E Muller and also his great-grandson Joshua Joseph. As well as his six beloved nieces, five nephews and one grand-niece, along with their spouses. Harold was well liked, a true friend, a loving and devoted husband and father. He was a "quiet" man his whole life and had a good sense of humor. He loved his entire family very much, he will be missed. A celebration of Harold's life will be held at a Funeral Mass at St Lawrence O'Toole Church, 31 Prospect St, Brewster, on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. He will be buried at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Harold's name to Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, to defray funeral costs.

Louis Rocco

Louis Rocco, of Manchester, NJ, formerly of Brewster, died on July 13, doing what he loved, fishing. He was 76 years old. Born on October 1, 1942 in the Bronx, son of the late Louis and Mary (Duggan) Rocco. He honorably served in the US Army from 1961 to 1964 and graduated from Mercy College with his bachelor's degree. On September 30, 1989 he married the love of his life, Patricia Molloy in Peekskill. Louis worked for Con Edison for 39 years before retiring in 2001. Following his retirement he and Pat moved to Toms River, NJ to enjoy retirement. He loved to travel, especially cruising with the family. He was an avid poker and bridge player and enjoyed fishing off the Jersey shore. His greatest passion in life was his family. Mr. Rocco 'wanted for nothing but had it all'. Mr. Rocco is not only survived by the love of his life Pat, but also his children; Deana Merchant and her husband Robert of Sandy Hook, CT, Dawn Babon and her husband Eric of Bonita Springs, FL, Louis Rocco and his wife Emily of Highland Park, NJ, his step sons William Peragine of Sherman Oaks, CA and Michael Peragine and his wife Chiharu of Tokyo, Japan. His 5 grandchildren; Matthew, Laura and Jason Merchant and Eric and Danny Babon. Also his two siblings; Catherine and Thomas. He was predeceased by his siblings; Frank, Marie and Ellen.

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 15

- Across**
- 1. White Plains wine merchants
 - 7. Lawyer, abbr.
 - 11. Jordan's language
 - 12. Large Algonquian-speaking tribe
 - 13. Moderate heat
 - 14. Scottish island off the west coast
 - 15. Made over
 - 17. Ape
 - 20. Short-billed rail
 - 21. See 17 down
 - 22. Curved architectural features
 - 24. Cockamamie
 - 25. Used a firehouse pole
 - 26. Winter Olympics powerhouse
 - 32. Top of the list
 - 33. The beginning
 - 34. Energy units
 - 35. Mounts
- Down**
- 1. Community regulation
 - 2. Historic time
 - 3. Diff. spelling
 - 4. Technology giant
 - 5. Something to pick
 - 6. Fall color
 - 7. Sourness
 - 8. Triumvirates
 - 9. Sore
 - 10. Nay's opposite
 - 16. Wagnerian heroine
 - 17. Brewster Native American jewelry/pottery shop, ____ Trading Company, goes with 21 across
 - 18. Pinball milieus
 - 19. Madeline of 'Paper Moon'
 - 20. Seafarer
 - 23. Proceeds
 - 25. Return envelope, abbr.
 - 27. Quaker cereal
 - 28. Whiskey
 - 29. Trouble
 - 30. English connector
 - 31. "Indubitably"



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BHS's Humanities Makerspace Prepares Students for Life Beyond School

Imagine a high school classroom where students can write about topics that they are passionate about, where collaboration and process are as important as the results, where grade abatement, mindfulness check-ins, and flexibility abound. All of these things can be found in Marcus Eure's Humanities makerspace and the results are impressive.

Eight out of the top 10 graduating seniors from Brewster High School took Eure's AP English course. In addition, many of Eure's former students have credited his makerspace with preparing them for college. Others are working to implement makerspaces of their own.

"A real makerspace is taking real-world, authentic problems and trying to solve them with the tools you have," said Eure. "That could be 'How do we pass this AP exam?' or 'How do I write the best and most authentic essay?' It is not me saying, 'I'm interested in 1984, so you're going to read that and write about it.' What real world problem does that solve? What's the humanities-based, authentic problem?"

For Eleanor Keefe, a 2019 graduate and top-10 student, the makerspace environment was transformative. "The atmosphere of the makerspace is unlike any classroom environment I've experienced in my four high school years: it is better," she said. "It is an environment entirely dedicated to the needs of its students, encouraging collaboration, utilization of technology, and independent collegiate-level learning."

Eure, a Milken Educator Award-winner praised for his innovation, has been perfecting the formula for his makerspace



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for nearly 10 years. The structure of his class changes from year to year, building on feedback from former students and aiming to better prepare students for an ever-changing future.

Eure went on to say that, "If it's really a makerspace, the units start to disappear a little bit."

Instead, like the district's Strategic Coherence Plan, Eure's course is built around specific skills and traits rather than content.

"The independent nature of this class

is by far my favorite aspect," said Keefe. "Instruction is individualized with different ideas, prompts, and discussions for every student. This classroom experience was the first time I ever felt completely trusted by a teacher; trusted to do my work, understand a task, or just be mature as a student and person."

Some students were a little unsure of the class at the start of the year, as they were pushed out of their comfort zones. Junior Marissa Crowley really questioned the makerspace system in the beginning.

"I didn't think it was an accurate reflection of what students are capable of," she said. "But once I figured it out, it worked really well for me. I am so accustomed to being told 'This is what you have to do.' So it really threw me off. Throughout the year, I have been able to write about subjects that I am passionate about. It has taught me the importance of research and basing your opinion on facts and not just what you are told. That was a big lesson for me that I am going to carry throughout my life."

Graduates of the district also agree that the makerspace course prepared them well for life beyond high school.

"AP Language was one of the most rewarding classes I took during my time at Brewster High School," graduate Cloey Callahan recently wrote to Eure. "It thoroughly prepared me for college. I will never forget the lessons learned in that classroom and how much my writing grew in only a year's time. I truly believe my turning point in my love for writing was during your class. It allowed me to be passionate about the art and it allowed me to push myself to hone my skill."

Librarian Brendan Breen is impressed with what Eure has done with the makerspace as well.

"He is willing to take risks," Breen said. "His class is so tailored to each student. They get to measure their grades and there is a lot of self-reflection. They actually have to explain how they learned. It's empowering."

That feeling of empowerment is sure to stick with them well into the future.

MHS Junior Selected for Youth Leadership Institute

True to the teaching reputation of Mahopac High School, ENL teacher Alicia Manguso demands excellence in and out of the classroom. Such was the case when Manguso helped junior Karla Jimenez be the first-ever Mahopac High School student to participate in the annual Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PR/HYLI), held March 9 to 11, in Albany.

The Institute is an innovative collaboration with the NYS Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force in conjunction with the annual SOMOS El Futuro conference, Office of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies, the New York State City Board of Education, and other agencies. The overall purpose of the PR/HYLI is student empowerment and the development of leadership skills in Latino/Hispanic Youth.

Along with about 200 other Hispanic/Latino students from around the state, Jimenez participated in three days of activities, which focused on building and presenting a voice in their community. From team-building exercises and a Mock Assembly session conducted in the New York State Assembly chamber, to a student



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recognition dinner and career development workshops, Jimenez was immersed in educational opportunities about laws and rights and how to be an advocate like Del

Toro, the founder of the program.

Del Toro was a public servant of New York during his 20 years in the Assembly. He was the first Hispanic Chairman of

the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, Chairman of the Social Services Committee for 10 years, and Chairman of the Assembly's Education Committee from 1990 to 1994. He is known for giving a voice to the Hispanic/Latino community. Going through the New York public school system himself, Del Toro was an advocate for public school education and educators.

"This was an amazing experience to meet other students like me from all over the state, to learn from elected officials, educators and business leaders," Jimenez said.

Leading up to the PR/HYLI, Jimenez, with help of Manguso, went through two application processes and six workshop sessions at Vassar College. They met with the local group for several months in preparation for the event. She was enthralled with and inspired by the opportunity.

"She was selected based on both her academics and her character. She understood the potential of what the Institute has to offer and has taken full advantage of the chance to learn and develop her leadership skills," Manguso said.

Law Book: Estate Planning for Younger Families

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

If you were to review my client files over the last decade, you might be surprised to learn that estate plans for people younger than forty are scant. Yet, from an estate planning perspective, these generations carry the greatest exposure. While death or disability at any age creates complications, these complications are amplified for younger families, especially where there are children. The starting point is a Last Will and Testament ("Will") or Revocable Trust established during your lifetime. If these documents are not properly drafted, however, or not combined with other estate planning documents, complications will still exist.

Using Trusts for Children

Where there are children, even adult children, the management of assets becomes paramount. Without proper planning, the courts will oversee the management of a minor child's assets. In the case of young adult children, the assets may be subjected to the whims of children who may be incapable of handling assets, especially after a traumatic loss of one's parents. Using a trust created under the terms of your Will or Revocable Trust, managed by one or more trustees, for the benefit of your child solves many problems. These trusts can be crafted in several ways. For instance, a common technique is to prepare a trust that provides for discretionary payments of income and principal until a certain age. Upon reaching that age, the trust terminates, and the assets pass to the adult child.

Another type of trust that is being used with increasing popularity is something



Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

called a "beneficiary controlled trust". These trusts are often used to prevent the child from losing assets in a divorce proceeding. This trust does not terminate. Rather, when the child reaches a certain age, he becomes a trustee of his own trust. As trustee, the child has some control over the management and use of the trust property.

If you are using trusts, be sure to work with an attorney to customize your beneficiary designation forms for your beneficiary

designated assets since they do not pass under the terms of a Will or Revocable Trust unless you direct them to do so. If you don't customize a beneficiary designation form to specify that that your beneficiary designated assets should pass to the trust being created under your Will or Revocable Trust, the account will be distributed directly to your children, defeating your estate plan.

Nomination of Guardians

In New York, a child under the age of eighteen is considered a minor. To avoid family members fighting over the custody of your minor children or to avoid the Court having to appoint an unrelated person to care for your children, you should nominate a guardian in your Last Will and Testament. A guardianship is two-fold. There is a guardian of the person and guardian of the property. The guardian of the person does not need to be the guardian of the property and in fact, you often see these roles divided in young families.

Advance Directives

Advance Directives consists of powers of attorneys, statutory gifts riders, health care proxies and in some cases, forms providing for the disposition of your remains and release of protective medical information. I often lecture that anyone can become disabled at any time. If you become disabled without advance directives, the problems that are created may be worse than the problems created by death. For instance, your family may end up in protracted guardianship proceeding to be able to handle your personal and financial needs.

Life Insurance

The optimal time to purchase life insurance is during your younger years. It

should be part of every well-thought-out estate plan for younger families. If there is a premature death, life insurance provides the cash flow to the surviving family members to move on. Too often, life insurance is not even considered, or if it is, insufficient amounts of insurance are purchased. The most important form of life insurance for a young family is term insurance. It is cheap, which allows you to purchase a significant amount to provide for your family if there is an untimely death.

While the proceeds from life insurance are tax-free to the beneficiary, one should not overlook the fact that the value of the policy is includable in a decedent's gross taxable estate. If you own significant life insurance, you could easily end up with a taxable estate for New York purposes. If you have a taxable estate due to life insurance, your attorney will likely discuss a life insurance trust to remove the taxable value of the life insurance from your estate.

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Kincart of Houlihan Lawrence Achieves Top Agent Ranking

Houlihan Lawrence and Yorktown Brokerage Manager Zef Camaj would like to congratulate John Kincart, who has once again been ranked as part of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents, placing him among the most successful sales associates in the industry. This is one of the most prestigious awards that an agent can receive. Bravo on this incredible achievement and being in the top 1% of all agents in New York State and the U.S.

"I am happy and grateful to be included again in this group of successful real estate

professionals, and I would like to thank all those who have supported me and helped me to attain this achievement for the fourth year in a row," said Kincart.

The nationwide list ranks more than 14,000 real estate sales associates state-by-state. To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transactions or \$20 million in closed sales volume in 2018. All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party to ensure accuracy and report integrity.

"To say that John is an exceptional sales professional is an understatement. To attain this level of sales is truly outstanding," said Camaj.

"Our markets are among the most specialized in the country, requiring an exceptional level of talent and skill," remarked Chris Meyers, President of Houlihan Lawrence. "We're always proud to see our agents receive the national recognition they deserve."



JV Mall Celebrates Summer with Family Fun and Food Festivals

The Jefferson Valley Mall will be hosting its Sunset Market series throughout the summer season at 650 Lee Boulevard in Jefferson Valley. The dates for the Sunset Markets are Thursday, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 29 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate all of what the Jefferson Valley Mall, aka the "community gathering place," has to offer this summer with a free afternoon of fun, attractions, exhibits, and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy!

"We are excited to launch our Sunset

Market here at the Jefferson Valley Mall," said Heather Novak, Marketing Director of the Jefferson Valley Mall. "Each date will be filled with vendors, music, and activities for the whole family to enjoy, making the Jefferson Valley Mall the destination to enjoy all summer long!"

Sunset Market is an outdoor event that features vendors from the local community, live music, food trucks, farmers market, a kid's fun carnival area, a Peekskill Brewery Beer Garden, and special occasions for each date.

On July 25, there will be an outdoor movie night showing *How to Train Your*

Dragon: The Hidden World, and on August 25 there will be a Back to School Party that will include a carnival and a "Stuff the Bus" activation to help local children in need start the school year off right.

Enjoy the summer weather and don't miss out on the fun! For more information about the event, please visit the mall website at www.jeffersonvalleymall.com or visit their Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/events/420622721816823/. For more information on vendor opportunities, please contact Events To Remember at (914) 218-3968 or email EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com.



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How Your Street's Name Influences Your Home's Appeal

Besides serving as a way to find where you live, can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value, positively or negatively?

The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents in a Putnam County town where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders. The motel's street address was listed as Sodom Road.

The origins of street names can be a fascinating study, ranging from history, their locations, mystery or sheer whimsy.

I was first aware of how streets got their names when I went to elementary school in Philadelphia and the nuns taught us that the etymology of street names there were based on the plan developed by William Penn, where the major east-west streets were the names of trees: Vine, Mulberry, Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine among them, intersected by a numbered grid.

When we took a class trip to Washington, D.C., I found that all 50 states have streets named after them and most of them cross diagonally through an alphabetic and



By Bill Primavera

numbered grid system. Rather than making an address clear, the intention of that system was to confuse invaders and to guard the Capitol. Today it serves to confuse tourists.

When I moved to New York, I was relieved to find a grid plan that made finding any address very easy, except for the wildly erratic system in Greenwich Village, which was established before the grid system was in place. That resulted in having West 4th Street somehow managing to intersect West 12th Street.

Until the mid-1800s, the densely populated cities mostly had grid systems, which avoided chaos. For those who didn't

live in congested cities, and with increased value placed on nature, it became common to name streets after trees. As a result, my immediate neighborhood, an early one, features Hickory, Hemlock and Birch streets.

The roads in our communities might reveal the types of industries they originally supported – Mill Street, Milk Street, Commerce Street and Mechanics Road. Also, presidents were honored in every town: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison and Kennedy abound across the nation. Other

streets reflect their surroundings such as Mountain View, Lakeside and Hudson View.

But the most creative names came with modern housing track developments where builders became responsible for naming streets, harnessing the suggestive power of words that shape a neighborhood even before the first home is built.

Sometimes the personal interests of builders attached themselves to street names. The most interesting I've found is a neighborhood in Mahopac known as the "fish bowl" where the streets are named Pike Place, Perch Drive and Trout Place. In the same community, my friends Jeanne and Gerry live in the "flower" neighborhood of Astor, Dahlia and Tulip. Nearby in Yorktown, we become American literary aficionados in Walden Woods with the names Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

From the 1970s and '80s, newer developments frequently adopted names of the developers' wives or daughters, and only infrequently, sons. Today, that practice is generally discouraged by town planning boards because those street signs tend to be stolen more frequently, presumably by people of the same names.

We can either be drawn to or repelled by the mystery of some street names. I had a real estate client who challenged me to find a house for her on Watermelon Hill Road simply because she loved the name so

much. My personal favorites in this region are Pudding Street, Bullet Hole Road and Lover's Lane in Putnam Valley and Fiddler's Bridge Road in Dutchess County. Where did those haunting names originate, I wonder?

As I travel our byways, I wonder whether Church Street or Seminary Road lead the traveler to heaven?

And let's not forget all the names that reflect our Native American roots, such as Wiccoppee and Taconic.

There's no denying that, whether your street suggests picking a flower, enjoying the comfort of a shade tree, paying tribute to a founding father, making love or catching a fish, its name can indeed add character, charm or mystery to where you live.

Here's a good trivia question for you. Can you guess the most popular street name in America? No, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? The reason is that most towns in America started with a simple grid of numbered streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead.

So you might say that 2nd is second to none.

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The Ultimate Celebrity Wine Resurrected From the Italian Renaissance



By Nick Antonaccio

Celebrity wines have become highly popular in recent years.

A phenomenon of the last quarter century of winemaking in the United States has been the advent and increasing popularity of wines endorsed by, or oftentimes owned and produced by, artists from all segments of the entertainment industry, not to mention the lesser-known Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and titans of the finance industry.

Many wines with celebrity labels on bottles are vanity wines, an expression of wealth and ego satiating. But others are true labors of love and, with significant investments, are highly acclaimed.

The current desire of wealthy Americans to create a unique expression of their vinous preferences has its roots in Western Europe.

For centuries, dating back to the ancient Roman and Greek eras, wine has been considered an integral part of one's lifestyle. Royalty and the wealthy owned their own vineyards, producing wines that paired well with their sophisticated and luxurious dinner menus. Middle class families sought out local wine merchants to satisfy their desire for wines. Many farmers and sharecroppers at the bottom rung of the social

ladder tended their own backyard patches, typically harvesting just enough to sustain themselves from crop to crop.

European artists of the Renaissance era were sometimes paid for their efforts by goods rather than cash. Wine was an acceptable, and at times, favored form of payment.

My affinity for 15th and 16th century Italian artists, from Leonardo da Vinci to Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli and Caravaggio, led me to the theme for this week's column.

I was aware that several Renaissance celebrities owned their own vineyards, producing wines that matched their personal palate and preferences. I recently came upon an archeological discovery that elevated my admiration for one of my favorite cultural masters.

In 2015, in a patch of land in Milan, researchers from the Museo Vigna di Leonardo identified the remnants of a vineyard belonging to da Vinci. Apparently, the master artist, inventor and scientist, who gave meaning to the modern-day term Renaissance man, also dabbled in oenology.

Through DNA techniques, the organization identified the wine produced by da Vinci and restored the vineyard to its original footprint and viniculture. The first harvest of 330 bottles will be auctioned this September, in conjunction with the 500th anniversary of the master's death.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

The vineyard had been thought to be lost to the ravages and vagaries of centuries of urban development and war. Once again, modern science has intervened in history to allow us a glimpse into da Vinci's life and lifestyle.

First, the backdrop. After completing a commission in the dining room of a Dominican convent in Milan for the Duke of Milan, for what was to become one of the most famous and recognized paintings of all time (guess which painting; it has a wine and food theme), the Duke gifted da Vinci a 2.5-acre vineyard near the convent. Leonardo immersed himself in the science and practices of vineyard management and wine making, referring to wine as "the divine liquor of grapes."

Unfortunately, the very next year he lost the vineyard and departed Milan when the French invaded and conquered the city-state. But da Vinci's many accomplishments were well known and the French king invited him to return to Milan and his vineyard. The vineyard was sustained long after da Vinci's death, but was destroyed by Allied bombings in World War II.

Fast forward to 2015. Based on advanced DNA techniques, scientists were able to test samples of the rootstock of the destroyed vineyard. They determined that the original vineyard produced a wine similar to the modern-day white wine Malvasia. The vineyard was restored in 2015 as it was originally planted, yielding its first crop in 2018.

I'll keep you informed on the details as the wine auction gets closer. What a

'European artists of the Renaissance era were sometimes paid for their efforts by goods rather than cash. Wine was an acceptable, and at times, favored form of payment.'

thrill it would be to enjoy a celebrity wine that meticulously replicates the unique expression of da Vinci's vinous preferences.

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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

Tuesday, July 23

Marvel Cake Wars at Mahopac Library. Are you a masterful cake decorator? 5:30 p.m. Join our grueling competition as 4 teams each decorate a cake featuring an assigned Marvel super hero! Tasty fun for all to enjoy! For grades 6-12; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, July 25

Astronomy for Everyone: Size and Scale of the Universe. 6:30 p.m. Mahopac Library. Presentation about the smallest to the largest elements in the universe. Then go outside into the parking lot to view celestial objects in the night sky such as the rings of Saturn, craters on the moon, and more (weather permitting). A family program for ages 8 through adult; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Sunset Concert Series Mahopac Chamber Park. 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Free. Visit www.carlemny.org/recreation or Facebook @CarmelRecreation

Friday, July 26

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley to Hold Attic Sale – July 26 & 28 & Aug. 2 The Sisterhood of the Reform Temple of Putnam Valley is sponsoring an attic sale on Friday, July 26; Sunday, July 28; and Friday, August 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 362 Church Road, Putnam Valley. There will be lots of clothing, household goods, items for children (toys, games, etc.) costume jewelry and unique finds. For more information, call 845-528-4774 or visit www.rtpv.org

Teen Nerf Battle at Mahopac Library. 6:45 p.m. Outfit yourself with a Nerf gun and then enjoy a game of Superheroes vs. Villains. Extra ammo and snacks provided. "Elite" dart-style NERF guns only, please. For ages 11-17; all participants must have eye protection and must be at the library at 6:45. The game will start at 7 p.m. Signed Permission Form required; register at the

Library's Information Desk.

Cosplay & Special Effects Makeup Workshop at Mahopac Library. 5 p.m. Transform into a hero, villain or even a zombie! Prepare for the NERF War to follow! Supplies will be provided and costumes are encouraged. For grades 6-12; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

48th Annual Putnam County 4-H Fair: Friday July 26 Noon- 6 p.m. Saturday July 27 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Sunday July 28 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park 201 Gypsy Trail Road Carmel, Free admission and free parking. Rain or Shine Info at: <http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events/2019/07/26/48th-annual-putnam-county-4-h-fair>

Saturday, July 27

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Service. Please join us for a Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion. Kiddush luncheon will be served. Hebrew Congregation of Somers is a small, informal and friendly synagogue affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. Email info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

Free rabies vaccination clinic on 10 a.m. –noon. Sponsored by the Putnam County Department of Health, Hubbard Lodge, 2880 Route 9, Cold Spring and is open to all Putnam County residents. For more information and directions, please call the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390 ext. 43160.

Sunday, July 28

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom in Mahopac will be hosting their annual White Elephant Flea Market. The event will be held outdoors from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. rain or shine, in the parking lot of

Temple Beth Shalom at 760 Rt. 6, Mahopac. Food will be available for purchase. Stop by and see what treasures you may find.

Tuesday, July 30

Drumming for Kids: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kids will be making music using only drums in this fun filled adventure. They'll learn basic drumming techniques and work together to create their own music! For ages 7 to 12. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org

Business Leadership Breakfast Series - Government and Businesses Working Together To Fuel Economic Development: 7:45 a.m. - 9 a.m. at The Putnam County Golf Club. This event is in memory of The Honorable James Reitz. A scholarship fund will be started from proceeds of this event and a 50/50 Raffle. Attendees will learn about what opportunities there are coming out of NYC and the Mid-Hudson area, how the business community can learn about opportunities and benefit from them.

Cut the Cord: Desmond-Fish Public Library, you will learn how saying goodbye to your cable company can save time, money, and your sanity. 6 p.m. This event is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Desmond-Fish Public Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of 9D) in Garrison. Please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org.

Wednesday July 31

Seurat Art Talk: 11:00 a.m., Reed Library. Please call to register, 845-225-2439.

Thursday, August 1

Events At Mahopac Library: Registration begins for Fall Yoga classes at Mahopac Public Library. 9:30 a.m. Register with class fee at the Library's Information Desk. For class details visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or stop in at the Library and pick up a yoga brochure.

Tragic Drownings in Putnam Lakes

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was going to swim in the lake and be home by about 3 p.m., but never made it back, Owens said. His car was found unoccupied park near beach five on lake.

Helping in the search on Lake Carmel were a myriad of departments, including the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Marine and Drone Units, New York State Police, Westchester County Police Aviation Unit, Lake Carmel Fire Department Carmel Fire Department, Mahopac Falls Fire Department Dive Team, Yorktown Fire Department Dive Team, and Lake Carmel Parks Department.

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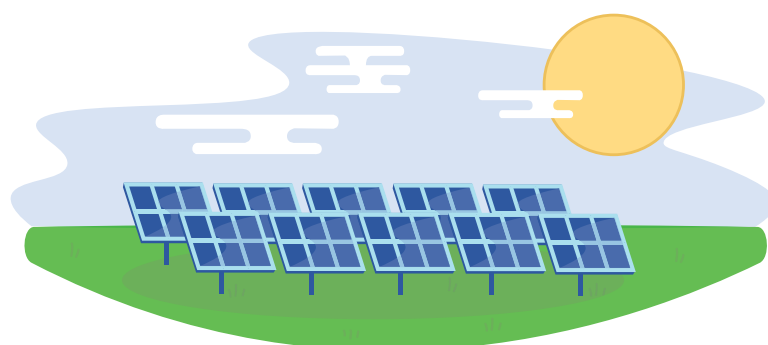
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Notice is hereby given that the **Town of Putnam Valley** has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 11/19** John Jacobs 250 West Shore Drive TM# 62.6-1-12 **WT12/19** Susan Crawford North Shore Road TM# 51.-1-64 **WT13/19**

John Urbanowicz 74 Bell Hollow Road 62.-1-7

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Sports

Mahopac's Shannon Becker Reeling in National Titles, Honors



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner
Sports Editor

Pay close attention, people, because it's not often we someone of right-handed pitcher Shannon Becker's ilk in this neck of the woods. The Mahopac junior has had a particularly effective summer season, going so far as to be crowned a national softball champion this past week, just a week after being selected as one of just 48 national All-Americans hailing from 40 of the 50 great states across the

USA, which is trending in the right direction again despite its obvious flaws.

There have been some great ones to come out of Mahopac over the years, but this three-sport gal – just 16 years old – is soaring past many after firing seven innings of one-run ball in a 6-1 semifinal triumph by the prestigious East Cobbs Bullets tournament team in their national championship run last week in Georgia. It took 12 games in the sweltering heat of the Peach State, but Becker and her teammates emerged as national titlist.

"It felt awesome to pitch the semifinal game," Becker said Sunday from yet another tournament in California. "I was honestly just trying to get the win for my team and give us the chance to compete in the finals. It's not very often that someone is given the chance to be so close to a national championship, so that is what was driving me in the game."

Becker struck a national chord last May while pitching a 'perfect-perfect' game, doing so against rival Carmel while striking out all 21 batters faced, a feat that is almost unheard of.

After a 17-3 regular season with a 0.25 ERA and 332 strikeouts, Becker steered Mahopac into the Class AA Final 4 before being eliminated by eventual champion John Jay EF on a seventh-inning dinger. Becker finished the spring season at 19-4 with a 0.39 ERA, whiffing 369 batters in just 163 innings pitched.

Since then, the post-season accomplishments have steamrolled in; All-NYS, All-American, national champion, et al. But she has remained as humble as the day she posed with team USA star hurler Jennie Finch as an impressionable 10-year-old.

"All the accolades I have been getting are directly because of the hard work I've been putting in all year," Becker said. "The accolades are obviously amazing, but it's

also cool to just see for myself what hard work can result in. I've been doing a lot of work off-season keeping myself in shape, working out, and obviously doing a bunch of bullpens. I've worked really hard on my rise ball and hitting my spots and it's amazing how far I've come. To see my hard work showing on the field is definitely rewarding and pushes me to work harder to see how much better I can be!"

Remember, she just 16, so the future is ultra-bright for this rare, three-sport star (soccer, hoops, too!), who happens to be a terrific leader and exemplary role model for teammates.

"I'm planning on continuing to play basketball and soccer," said Becker, who carries an A average in the classroom. "I love playing basketball it gives me a good break from softball because it is just fun for me. I love playing for the Mahopac basketball and soccer coaches, and I love my teammates, so I am looking forward to basketball and soccer this year."

Becker has yet to commit to a college program but recruiters have lined the stands with radar guns in hand, even though they are not permitted to speak with or legally recruit her until September. You can bet the line will be long, though. She has received wink-wink interest from some of the greatest programs in the nation, including the SEC, ACC and Pac-12 schools.

"I'm thankful that there are a lot of opportunities for me," Becker said. "I don't have a specific school in mind right now, but what I'm looking for is to get a great education with the best softball possible. I want to have a chance to get to the Women's College World Series and also have a great education. I dream to play at a high-level Division 1 school and challenge myself to play against the best of the best."

Don't put it past her...

Lakeland soccer Coach Tim Hourahan has been infusing life into Section 1 soccer since joining former Hornet Coach Larry Jensen's staff nearly two decades ago. And when former Somers player-turned-coach Brian Lanzetta and he teamed up to form the Hudson Valley Soccer ID Showcase Camp the



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Hudson Valley Soccer College Camp Directors Rich Becker (Mamaroneck), Tim Hourahan (Lakeland) and Brian Lanzetta (Somers) are doing things to promote Section 1 soccer players that none have done before.

last two summers, the duo, along with Mamaroneck Coach Rich Becker, have provided all sorts of opportunities that didn't exist for Section 1 soccer players just a few short years ago, and the game is growing on account of it.

Blazing a trail through Section 1 soccer programs like few before them ever have, Hourahan, Lanzetta and Becker have developed a premier showcase that connects Section 1 boys' soccer players with local and national colleges.

"Year two of our college ID camp was legit," Hourahan said. "We had a crazy amount of talent on display and over 40 college coaches came to watch our guys, so cool. I'm so proud of it to be honest."

Their model, which was attended by hundreds and on display last week at Lakeland High School, should be mimicked by coaches across Section 1 for all sports to provide similar opportunities across the board...

The Final 4 of Hourahan's Summer League is slated for Tuesday night with a pair of doozy's on tap, including John Jay EF vs. Yorktown (5:30 p.m.) and Rye vs. Somers (6:45 p.m.) with the winners to square off in an 8:00 p.m. title tilt.

"All four teams are loaded," Hourahan said! "Any of them can win my league, but more importantly the three A schools are all Section 1 title contenders and East Fishkill will have a massive year in AA."

Like I said, these guys are getting it done in the off-season...

If you're anywhere close to the area and have a child remotely

interested in becoming a more skillful field hockey player, I strongly urge you to sign up for Lakeland Coach Sharon Sarsen's Shrub Oak Athletic Club-based camp the week of Aug. 5-8 at Lakeland High School. The camp features the 12-time NYS champion Coach Sarsen – the 2018 National High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year -- and a slew of former and current D-I disciples. The cost is \$170 for campers in grades 2-12 and runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Hit them up at <http://shruboakac.org/Programs/FieldHockey.aspx>...

Tip of the hat to Mahopac's Hynes brothers, Brendan and Aidan, for making local MSA camper's week and teaching the fundamentals of the game to future players. Brendan, of Richmond University, and Aidan, of 2018 national champion Yale, were quite the big hit, I'm told. Always good to see the great ones 'Pay it Forward,' the kind of stuff seven-time NYC champion Yorktown does regularly with lacrosse and separates the Huskers from the pack...

I see where Peekskill High has named former Tuckahoe Athletic Director Austin Goldberg to serve the Peekskill City School District, taking over for former A.D. Adam Lodewick, now at Fox Lane. Goldberg, who has been appointed to the position of Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, will begin his new role Aug. 14 after completing his mandated time at Tuckahoe. With just two weeks to get ready for the fall application of sports, I say good luck, my man! You're gonna need it.



Mahopac junior-to-be Shannon Becker (R) has tipped the scales of development this summer by taking her softball skills to a nationally-acclaimed level.



D-I coaches were all over Mahopac junior slingshooter Shannon Becker last week as she and her Bullets travel team were crowned national champions.

Shannon's Cannon Goes Boom!



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Mahopac's Becker Lights Fuse in East Cobb's Bullets' 16U National Title Drive



On the heels of what has been a whirlwind summer for Mahopac junior-to-be Shannon Becker (back row center), the 6-foot RHP was an integral part of the national championship won by the 16U East Cobb (EC) Bullets in Alpharetta, Ga. last Thursday. Becker, who slings it in the mid-60s and was recently named as one of just 48 student-athletes from 40 programs selected to the 2019 NFCA High School All-America teams, went the distance for the Bullets in the national semifinals to chalk up the 6-1 victory last Wednesday. It took 12 games in the Georgia heat but when all was said and done Becker and the Bullets can call themselves TC/USA Nationals Champions, and D-I scouts from across the country (inset) were on hand to see it all... see Direct Rays