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# Memory of Late Judge Reitz Lives on at 4-H Fair

By David Propper

Every year, the late Putnam County Judge James Reitz and his wife Barbara would make sure they always attended the opening ceremony of the 4-H Fair over the summer.

This year, while Reitz, who died in June, wasn't there in person, his memory certainly lived on. A wooden bench built specially in his name was unveiled during the fair's opening ceremony last Friday to remember

the man who made a difference in countless lives in Putnam.

With the bench, Barbara, who was on hand for the unveiling, told fair goers her husband "would never miss an opening again."

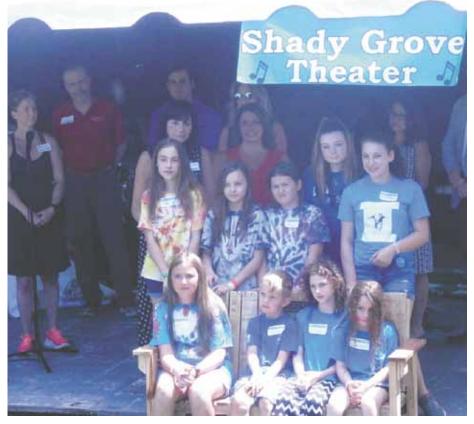
The emotional moment kicked off another successful weekend of family fun at the fair, which is hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension each year. This was the 48th

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The bench meant to remember the late Judge James Reitz for generations to come at the Putnam County 4-H Fair.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Putnam County children who volunteered at the 4-H Fair last week were the first to sit on a bench made in honor of the late Judge James Reitz, who worked to better the lives of countless children in the community with his wife Barbara.

# Hiring of New County Tourism Director Imminent

By David Propper

County government in Putnam will soon directly be in the tourism business.

Following the self-dissolvent of the Putnam County Visitor's Bureau, an outside agency contracted with the county, earlier this month, the county is now bringing tourism work inhouse. The decision became iron clad last week during an economic development committee meeting and the county executive's office confirmed Monday the county is close to choosing a new director of tourism that will be "results-driven."

The county interviewed four candidates for the job last week with a hiring decision to come soon. A committee was put together that will send its



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Putnam County will soon have a new tourism director to work on the third floor of the county office building.

recommendations to Odell, who will then forward her preferred pick to the county Legislature for approval.

Once a person is hired, a county tourism department will be funded using money that was allotted for the visitor's bureau and through the state's I Love New York matching funds.

If a tourism department is not in place by the end of August, the county could lose state funding.

The visitor's bureau closed down its shop earlier this month and its executive director, Bruce Conklin, quit after a rift between county government and the nonprofit emerged. County officials said when they attempted to have more oversight over the bureau, Conklin and the board of directors rebuffed that. Once the county placed an advertisement in

local newspapers seeking a new tourism director, the visitor's bureau decided to shut down.

Legislator and economic development committee chair Amy Sayegh said it made sense to bring tourism within county government because there is a long history of poor financial reporting and other problems with the bureau. Lawmakers will have more oversight and control over a county department than private entity, Sayegh said.

Most counties have their own tourism departments, Sayegh noted.

Legislator Carl Albano said the county was doing the right thing creating a new department. Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said past directors

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# Babysitter With Kids in Car Hit With Felony DWI

By David Propper

A semi-submerged vehicle in a local reservoir led to the arrest of a Pleasant Valley woman, who is accused of driving while impaired with two children in the car with her.

On July 18, Ellexis Hoerl, 23, was charged with two counts of the felony DWI under Leandra's Law, one count of driving while impaired by drugs, two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

At about 5:34 p.m., sheriff deputies were dispatched by Putnam County 911 to a call of a one car accident in the area of Fishkill Road in the Town of Philipstown. When deputies arrived, they saw a car in the reservoir with Hoerl and two children, ages 6 and 9, outside the vehicle.

A subsequent investigation revealed

that the driver, Hoerl, who was babysitting the two children, was allegedly impaired by drugs when she crashed through a guardrail and went off a retaining wall into the water.

The children, who are siblings, were evaluated at a nearby hospital and released without injury to their parents.

Hoerl was found to be in possession concentrated cannabis and Adderall. Because she was allegedly driving impaired with at least a blood alcohol content of .08 with children 15 years or younger in the car, she was automatically hit with felonies when she was charged.

Leandra's Law was unanimously passed in 2009 by the New York State Legislature and named after Leandra Rosado, an 11-year-old girl killed in a motor vehicle accident due an impaired driver she was in the car with.



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#### **Mahopac Falls FD Rushes to House Fire**

On July 22, the Mahopac Falls Fire Department was dispatched to a confirmed house fire in the Ossi Club section of the Falls Fire District. Emptying both houses, Chief Brian Sacher assumed Incident Command and immediately called for Putnam Valley's FASTeam to respond and Mahopac Fire to relocate an engine with crew to standby at Mahopac Falls Headquarters. Asst. Chief Bob Trace took charge of Operations and Safety. Also on location was Carmel Police, P.C. Fire Investigation Team, Batt. #16 and #18 and Lake Carmel Fire Dept. EMStar relocated to Mahopac Falls Sta.#2 to be close if needed.

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to have a noticeable impact, it must get bigger. Only when that marble becomes the size of an acorn or an orange, do symptoms develop. That's why screening is vitally important. Remember that most screening results are negative. Only a fractional number of people will need a biopsy, and a tiny percentage of those will have lung cancer. Also keep in mind that a biopsy performed at NWH is done using the most up-to-date, minimally invasive method possible. If lung cancer is diagnosed, NWH offers comprehensive treatment second to none.

#### Q: Can I afford the advanced LDCT screening?

**A:** The screening is covered by Medicare and most commercial insurers. If you meet the criteria, and don't have commercial insurance or Medicare, NWH can help—with many payment options and below-average pricing. If you can benefit from the screening, we make sure you get it.

#### Q: What steps should I take?

**A:** If you think you meet the criteria, ask your primary care physician about ordering an LDCT. If you don't have a referring doctor, NWH's nurse practitioner will determine your eligibility and possibly order an LDCT. NWH is going the extra mile to make this potentially life-saving screening 100 percent accessible to everyone who needs it.

# Odell to Sign Disclosure Regs. Into Law, But Wants Tweaks

By David Propper

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said last week she intends to sign into law a new set of disclosure regulations for county government, but vowed to work with county lawmakers to make changes to the confidentiality measures that critics deemed too secretive.

Odell, in an interview last week, said she is currently in discussion with the county Legislature about making amendments to the piece of legislation that was passed by county lawmakers earlier this month. Her comments come after a public hearing was held in her conference room last Wednesday where residents could voice their problems with the bill one more time before Odell made a final determination.

The proposal would allow lawmakers, county officials and even consultants to classify documents as confidential to prevent public disclosure. The change to the county code would possibly subject a person to an ethics inquiry or even prosecution if they breach that confidentiality. Communication to and from the county law department, legislative counsel or outside counsel would be marked as confidential and the legislature would unanimously need to vote to release those documents, the new law dictates.

Odell confirmed she would sign the resolution into law, but will also send the

legislature recommendations the county law department, county clerk's office and county residents put forward to improve the law.

During a July 2 meeting, legislators voted 7-1 to pass the legislation.

Odell said after hearing from so many residents about the disclosure law, while the intent of the legislation was smart, there is minor tweaking that needs to be done so "it can be a really good bill that reflects concerns of both parties."

Some opponents of the law claimed it would not hold up to a legal challenge in court because it defied New York State law. When asked if it could hold up against a legal challenge, Odell said discussions about that concern never came up between multiple departments.

"Our discussion really centered around the intent of it and why the legislature thought it was important," Odell said.

Odell said when she was a legislator several years ago, there were many times when information that was discussed in executive session was later conveyed to outside parties inappropriately, which lawmakers are trying to avoid.

Odell said the law needs to be crafted so it's clear to residents that the legislation is not about secrecy, but meant to protect individuals, circumstances or events and not jeopardize the integrity of county government.

"Privacy is a responsibility of all

government officials and privilege and confidential information is just that and when someone does not respect that then there can be big problems," Odell said. "This piece of legislation—its intent—was to be able to tighten what's confidential and what could jeopardize public safety."

At a public hearing before the county executive's office last week, several residents attended to speak out against the law. Critics of the law had also attended a full meeting at the start of the month to bemoan the new disclosure regulations.

"The proposed legislation is arbitrary and capricious, having no defined criteria for determining the classification of communications as 'confidential,' and no criteria for identifying those to whom the power will be extended," Cold Spring resident Kathleen Foley wrote the county executive's office last week. "It broadly extends the power to any staff, elected officials and/or consultants. This is an absurd, sweeping provision of discretionary authority that will not withstand challenge. You're inviting a lawsuit against Putnam County, and once again you are wasting taxpayer money."

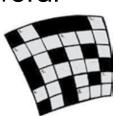
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like former New York First Lady Libby Pataki and Frank Smith appeared before lawmakers at committee meeting at least quarterly, but Conklin rarely did. Now, with the county taking over tourism, that new director will have to answer questions from the legislature, Castellano said.

One of the requirements for the new director would be to appear in front of the legislature at least quarterly, county attorney Jen Bumgarner said.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery was more skeptical of the county taking over tourism, blaming the current county executive office for some of the issues with the visitor's bureau.

"This has been a failing organization since this administration has overseen it," Montgomery said.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell, in an interview, thanked the visitor's bureau for the work they did the past several years. But because the county funded that non-profit, the county believed they should've been able to ask more questions and hold the bureau more accountable, Odell said. Bringing tourism under the direct purview of county government will give Putnam the opportunity to better showcase the county and the Lower Hudson Valley, Odell said.

"We'd like to see more promotion from the tourism department as it relates to our own county properties like Tilly Foster and the Putnam County Golf Course," Odell said. "It'll be considered a department much like the highway department, the finance department. They'll be in the loop working with everyone."

# Memory of Late Judge Reitz Lives on at 4-H Fair

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annual fair that once again took place at Veterans Memorial Park in Kent.

Children that participated in the opening ceremony were the first to sit on the newly minted bench in honor of Reitz. Barbara noted she and her late husband met at a youth bureau ceremony years ago and children in the community were very important to both of them.

In an interview, Barbara called it an honor and conveyed how blessed she was to have a bench that will always be in her husband's memory. The two have been attending and volunteering at the 4-H Fair for decades with Reitz stopping court just to make it to the fair

"What's great about this is I know everyone will sit there and chat and Jim loved talking," Barbara said.

Jim was a parking attendant, directing cars where to go when they entered Veterans Memorial Park to enjoy the fair. Barbara said traffic would become backlogged because he would chat with so many of the people coming to the fair and find out what's new in their lives.

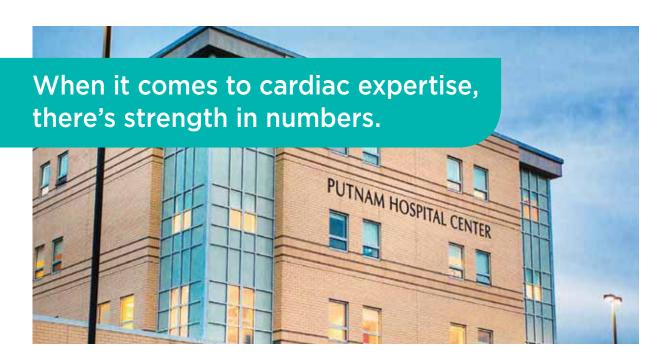
Former director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Marjorie Keith said Reitz was a great supporter of youth in the county, which is what the fair is centered around. He would do anything that was asked of him, including manning the welcome booth, being a greeter in the parking lot and working the food tent.

"It just seems like a very nice way to recognize all Judge Reitz has done in our community to be enjoyed by fair goers not only for this fair, but fairs to come," Keith said of the bench.

Also recognized was Philipstown resident Paul Eldridge for his years of volunteerism and dedication to the fair. Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Stefanie Hubert listed numerous ways that Eldridge has served, including four terms on the CCE board and participated in multiple tasks since the late 1970s.

Eldridge, who is also the county's personnel director, joked he has bounced around to many jobs at the 4-H Fair because he struggled to perform well at each one. But in all seriousness, Eldridge said there isn't a finer organization than Cornell Cooperative and he was humbled to be recognized.

"Very honored, very proud and I want to thank everybody that even gave this a thought," he said.









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# County Lawmakers Call for Repeal of Green Light Bill

**By David Propper** 

Citing that the implementation process is moving too rapidly and county clerks were not involved enough in crafting the legislation, Putnam County lawmakers are voicing outrage and opposition to a new state law that would give immigrants in the country illegally the ability to obtain driver's licenses.

The legislature's rules committee passed a resolution last week calling for the Green Light Bill to be repealed. The Green Light Bill, which was passed by the state Legislature earlier this year, gives undocumented immigrants the ability to get a license at the local Department of Motor Vehicles, which is run by the county clerk's office. Supporters of the bill said those immigrants that get licenses still need to pass a safety and written road tests and a pay a fee to the state. The license could not be used to vote, board a plane or gain citizenship, supporters said.

But county Clerk Michael Bartolotti said the law puts clerks' offices in a "tough spot" because there are now state laws and federal laws that clash with each other. The clerk's office has reached out to the federal government for guidance and is working with the state's county clerks association to prepare for it once it goes into effect later this year. The clerk's office has also been conferring with the county attorney's office.

Some of the paperwork that immigrants could give the DMV might be hard to determine whether or not the documents



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County Clerk Michael Bartolotti told lawmakers he has many concerns with a new law that will give illegal immigrants driver's licenses.

are proper, Bartolotti said. There is chance that these identifications issued could lead to undocumented immigrants voting, he added.

"The way the statue was drafted gives us some grave concerns," Bartolotti said. "This was not done right from stem to stern."

The resolution the rules committee passed laid out various reasons why the law should be repealed. It stated the Green Light Bill would create security risks and DMV officials lack the training or tools to verify

foreign passports and foreign government identification to ensure they are authentic.

The county legislature's resolution also argues that the state law is now at odds with federal guidelines and that driving is a privilege that should not be given to those in the country illegally.

Legislator Carl Albano said he could see the benefit of giving illegal immigrants a license because many are on the road without one already, but the state law is not a reasonable model. Legislator and rules committee chairman Neal Sullivan said the new law concerned him because foreign documents are hard to verify.

"It would be nice if we had something in place that made sense, but this isn't it," Albano said.

Regulations still have not been passed down from the state DMV, resulting in much of the frustration.

Sullivan said later during the meeting at some point giving undocumented immigrants licenses could be the "right thing to do," but the state has not done its due diligence with this measure.

"Classic New York fashion, it's the cart before the horse," Sullivan added. "Classic New York State."

Vanessa Agudelo of The New York Immigration Coalition Hudson Valley Chapter said a lot concerns voiced by county lawmakers have actually been addressed and there are misconceptions about the law put forth by its critics. The Immigration Coalition and the ACLU both helped draft the legislation and reached out to a wide spectrum of stakeholders including business groups and law enforcement.

Agudelo said there are errors in the resolution that the committee passed to the full meeting next month though legislative counsel Robert Firriolo rebuffed that assertion.

The funding from the state would be adequate to train local DMVs including Putnam, Agudelo argued. The law also doesn't threaten public safety and addresses concerns that law enforcement had, she added.

"The tension is being decreased between our immigrant community members that quite frankly feel that they have to hide in the shadows, they might not feel so inclined to hide," Agudelo said. "This is a benefit for the whole community."

Similar laws have been passed in 13 others states in the country and "the sky hasn't fallen," Agudelo said.

Cold Spring resident Connor Brennan, who supports the Green Light Bill, said undocumented immigrants are the most vulnerable people in the state and county lawmakers need to protect them. The new state law allows them to live more dignified lives, he said.

"I hope you can broaden your perspective and understand the hardships that undocumented immigrants go through and choose to not (encourage the state to) repeal this law because it's going to uplift so many people in our community," Brennan said.







# Putnam County Legislature Whacks WIC Program

**By Neal Rentz** 

Following months of discussion, the Putnam County Legislature voted 7-2 to discontinue its operation of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and transfer the program to Open Door family medical center in Brewster during votes taken at a special meeting on July 24.

Voting against the transfer of WIC last week were Legislators Nancy Montgomery and William Gouldman.

As she has been for months, Montgomery expressed strong opposition to the transfer of WIC.

Montgomery said the vote should have held at the Legislature's regularly scheduled meeting in August, which would be more accessible to the public and a public hearing was taking place as the same time as the special meeting was being held. But board Legislature Chairman Joe Castellano said all members were available to attend the special meeting and two legislators would not be available for the Aug. 6 meeting. "It's such an important issue" that the entire board should vote on it, he said. The plan to move WIC has been discussed by committees of the Legislature for months, he added.

Montgomery said she was concerned about the county employees who could lose their jobs because of the WIC move to Open Door, including one employee who is one year from qualifying for a pension.

"We're cheating an employee out of her retirement and that's very unfortunate,"





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Legislators Nancy Montgomery (left) and Ginny Nacerino were at odds last week over the transfer of the WIC program to Open Door in Brewster later this year.

Montgomery said. "I don't believe this is necessary. We have a contract with the state for funding. That contract doesn't end for another year."

Montgomery said supporters of moving WIC have said the county is making efforts to find alternative positions for those who would lose their jobs but the Legislature is voting on the transferring of the program to Open Door without assurances that those people would have a job. She added that proponents of the WIC move also said Open Door would consider hiring the county employees who would be fired by the county,

but Open Door is still advertising for the jobs to administer WIC on the Internet, despite interviewing the county employees, Montgomery said.

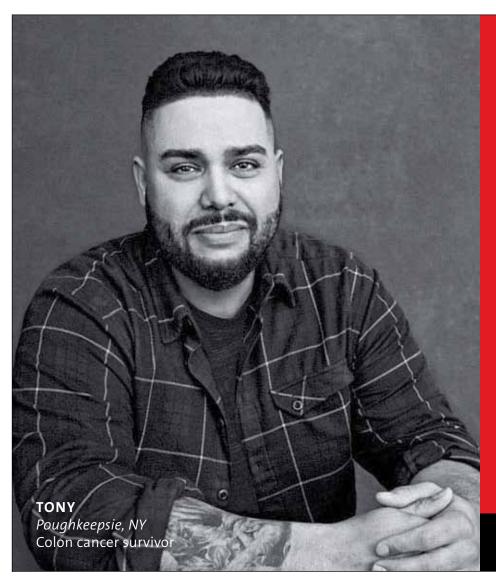
Among the legislators supporting the move of WIC was Legislator Toni Addonizio. "The loss of county jobs as the result of discontinuing WIC is very important to me," she said. "The Personnel Department is working diligently to find jobs and I am that told they are very confident."

Addonizio said was "very, very impressed" with the facilities of Open Door in Brewster. Transferring WIC would "provide more

opportunities and more efficiency for people who need WIC," she said, adding Open Door offers many services to its clients including health and dental care

Another of the WIC transfer supporters was Legislator Ginny Nacerino who said Open Door was "stellar" and provided many services for its clients. The state wanted the county to transfer WIC to Open Door no later than Oct. 1. The potential move of WIC was discussed "in great detail" by committees of the county Legislature, she said.

"We are doing the right thing for the right reasons," Nacerino said.



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#### By Neal Rentz

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Alter said entering the technology field was a natural transition for him because he studied mathematics and computer science in college.

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The logo for Mister Computer in Cortlandt, which was opened by town resident Ish Alter in 1980.

databases, and more. Basically, we worry about your computers, so you don't have to."

"No problem is too small, no task is too large and there's no such thing as a stupid question. Mister Computer can help you with all your computer needs," the company stated on its website.

Alter said typically his company makes service calls to homes and businesses, but his customers also have the option to bring their computers to the business.

Mister Computer has customers from "all over Westchester County" and into Putnam Valley, Alter said.

Alter said his business has been successful because of the consistent quality service it has provided over the years. Since the company has been in business it has been extremely rare for a client to make a complaint, he said.

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# America's Night Out Against Crime

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#### **Obituaries**

#### **Bob Varrone**

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Bob Varrone, 88, of Mahopac announces his passing on July 21, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Varrone was born on April 22, 1931 to the late, Dominick and Margaret (Laino) Varrone, in Bronx, New York. After he graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, Bob went on to serve for four years in the US Navy during the Korean War and completed his



tour of duty at the rank of Patternmaker First Class. He was very proud of being a veteran, loved his Country very much and always flew the American Flag at his home. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion, where he met and made many lifelong friends. On November 29, 1958 he married the love of his life and best friend Ingrid Weitzmann, at St. George's Church in Shrub Oak. Together they were blessed with 61 years of happiness and five loving children; John, Deborah, Linda, Theresa, and Patricia. Bob was the Owner and Operator of a general contracting corporation where he built many homes in the area, including his own, his father's and his sister's. Then, since the mid-seventies, he was the Sole-Proprietor of JV Millwood, in Mahopac, building custom stairs and railings mostly in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties and NYC. He and his son John and his family built JV Millwork into a very successful business. Bob was a dedicated family man who was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, as well as, a friend to many. He was always there for his family and friends, and through his example, passed on a strong work ethic and the importance and value of strong family ties. He was at his happiest with all his family around him. Bob's second passion, after his wife and family, was boating and fishing. They started their boating life in the Hudson River and finished it in the Long Island Sound in the Cedar Island Marina in Clinton, CT. From early spring to late autumn, The Voyager served as their weekend vacation home and took the family on breezy cruises up the LI Sound, across to Montauk and even participated in shark fishing tournaments. He and Ingrid were blessed with many happy memories and close friends through their boating hobby. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him while his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 61

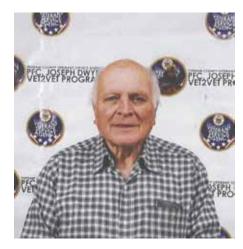
years Ingrid, his five loving children; John Varrone (Sara), Deborah Li (Chris), Linda Daly, Theresa Scalone and Patricia Dreier (Jeff), eight cherished grandchildren; Sandy Varrone Potter (Kyle), Dominick Varrone, Andrew Varrone, Justin Li, Jessica Daly, Anthony Scalone (Jacqueline), Glenn Scalone (Julissa), and Nicole Dreier. He also has three great-grand children; Kinley, Ava and Julian. He is also survived by his beloved sister Arline McCarthy. He is predeceased by his sister Marie and her husband Hugo Kallmeyer and his brother-in-law Joseph McCarthy.

#### Patricia A. Lazaro

Patricia A. Lazaro, 78, of Stormville, died on July 21, at Putnam Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Lazaro was born July 12, 1941 to the late, Michael and Susan (Sopkonich) Ferdiger in New York City. She married the love of her life, Richard Lazaro and together they had two loving children; Teresa and Ralph. Patricia was a devoted, wife, mother, grandmother and aunt who lived for her family. She adored her children and grandchildren and she loved her nieces and nephews like they were her own. Patricia, along with her late husband Richard (1995), was a lover of music. She loved to go see her husband play in his band, The Mountain Top Band, whenever they played somewhere. She led a very active life but would drop everything for the chance to spend time with her grandchildren. Being a grandmother was her greatest joy and she felt it was the ultimate blessing. Patricia's family believes they were truly blessed to have had her as their mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend - she will be missed and loved always. She is survived by her two loving children; Teresa Lazaro (Edward Pinyan Jr.) of Poughquag, NY and Ralph Lazaro (Robin Perrin Lazaro ) of Garner, NC, two cherished grandchildren; Daniel Eriskson and Amanda O'Hanlon (John O'Hanlon) whom she adored. She is also survived by her sister Susan Panvini and Lori Barone; she is predeceased by her beloved husband Richard who passed in 1995, and her sister Michelline Kellog.

#### Warren M. Lavena

Warren M. Lavena, a longtime resident of Mahopac, died on July 23, at the age of 85. He would have celebrated his 86th birthday on July 31. Warren was born in the Bronx

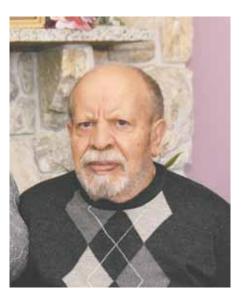


on July 31, 1933, the son of Warren C. and Rose (Capasso) Lavena. He graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx

and served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He was recently awarded the Putnam County Veterans Service Medal of which he was very proud. Warren had a long and distinguished career as a sales representative for Borthwics Flavor Co. in Hauppauge. He was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. He maintained a second home in Forest City. New Brunswick, Canada where he loved the woods and the wildlife around his home. But his passion was fishing in the lakes and streams in that area. On August 30, 1958 he married Vera Cainero in the Bronx. Vera passed away on June 6, 2017. He is survived by his daughter, Diana Naughton of Mahopac, his sons, Warren III (Susan) of Easton, CT and Garibaldi (Bernard) of Manhattan and his grandchildren, Samantha, John, Kyle and Warren.

#### Salvatore Iannitto

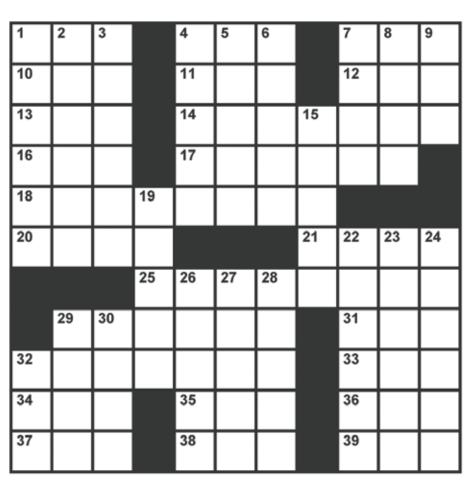
Salvatore Iannitto, 86, of Mahopac, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 25, with his family by his side. He was born in Ragusa, Italy on October 26, 1932, the son



of Giovanni and Gina (Poidomani) Iannitto. Salvatore served in the Italian Army, He came to the United States in 1959 and returned to Italy in 1960 where he met his future wife, Francesca Pluchino. They were married in Ragusa on February 16, 1961. In 1962, Salvatore and Francesca brought their baby daughter, Marygrace, to the US where they settled in Westchester County. Salvatore worked as a bricklayer and stone mason with Local 5 in Tarrytown, retiring in 1994. He was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac where he built the pedestal for the Statue of the Blessed Mother which stands today at the entrance of the church. He was a life member of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department, where he currently served on the Fire Police team. In addition to his wife, Francesca, he is survived by his daughter, Marygrace Imlej and her husband, Kenneth and his son John, all of Mahopac, his brother Vincenzio and sister, Giovanna Rosano, both of Italy, his grandchildren, Rebecca Snyder and her husband, Daniel, Anthony Larkin and his wife, Nikole and Nicholas Larkin and his wife, Sarah as well as his great grandsons, Connor and Brandon. He was predeceased

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# **Crossword Puzzle**



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 13

#### **Across**

- 1. Paulo
- 4. Fluid-filled structure
- 7. Shakespearean shout of disapproval
- 10. Singer, Rawls
- 11. Difficulty
- 12. Kiev is its cap.
- 13. Unit of energy
- 14. Belonging to the subject of a Chuck

song or Yorktown German restaurant

- 16. Biblical suffix
- 17. Improves
- 18. Capital of Nepal
- 20. Overwhelm, at a comedy club
- 21. Man, for one
- 25. Boat races
- 29. Ethnic cuisine
- 31. Lawyer, abbr.
- 32. Mt. Kisco law firm so nice you'll say it twice, Fishlin &
- 33. It separates "pay" from "view"
- 34. Punching tool
- 35. Manning from NY
- 36. Fighting Tigers of the N.C.A.A.
- 37. "Christ the Redeemer" locale
- 38. Type of bread
- 39. UFO crew

#### **Down**

- 1. Makes smooth and glossy
- 2. Relating to an artery
- 3. Should, informally
- 4. Arabian capital

- 5. Give (care)
- 6. Unreadable
- 7. Provide money for
- 8. Clanton and Turner
- 9. TV drama settings
- 15. Alaska native
- 19. Gift of the Magi
- 22. Basic
- 23. Most recent
- 24. Period when an animal is in heat
- 26. Moray catcher
- 27. Joyfully
- 28. Musical with the song "N.Y.C."
- 29. Furry fruit
- 30. Former Winter Olympics host
- 32. Way off



# New Robot Expands Surgical Services at PHC

Please welcome the newest member of Putnam Hospital Center's surgical team, the da Vinci Xi robot by Intuitive.

This latest model has several enhancements, including sharper threedimensional visualization, better range of motion and greater operative reach for the surgeon. The Xi will also expand the types of robotics surgeries offered at Putnam Hospital Center.

An earlier model of the da Vinci robotic surgical system was introduced at the hospital in 2012, ushering in a new era of minimally invasive procedures. Since then, about eight surgeons have used the technology to perform more than 1,600 procedures in the areas of general, urologic, colorectal and gynecologic surgeries. The da Vinci Xi will allow for

bariatric and thoracic surgeries to be added to Putnam Hospital Center's operating suite, said Mary Elm, informatics and robotics nurse specialist.

"It's giving more access to better technology for the surgeons, the ability to perform more complex surgeries and statistics indicate it's better for the patients," Elm said.

Indeed, research has shown robotic surgery allows for smaller incisions, less scarring, less operative pain, shorter hospital stays, faster recovery and less blood loss compared with other techniques.

For more information on the robot and surgical services at Putnam Hospital Center, visit https://www.healthquest.org/

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Mahopac in 2005. She was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. On November 29, 1986 she married Franco Casalinuovo at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the Bronx. In addition to Franco, she is survived by her son, Franco Jr., her daughters, Stephanie (Benjamin) and Giselle, all of Mahopac and her sisters, Maria Giresi of Stamford, CT and Catena Mangano of West Harrison. Her brother, Gaetano Mangano died earlier. Visiting will be held

on Tuesday, July 30 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. & 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Joseph J. smith Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 31 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac with entombment to follow at the Rosewood Mausoleum of Ferncliff Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Carmela may be made to Community Cares, 692 Route 6, Mahopac, NY.

### **Obituaries**

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by his son, Baby Sal Jr. who died as a child, and his son-in-law, Stephen Larkin.

#### Carmela Casalinuovo

Carmela Casalinuovo of Mahopac, died on Saturday, July 27, at the age of 55. She was born in Rocca Di Capri Leone, Sicily on January 28, 1964, the daughter of Antonino and Maria (Mancuso) Mangano, Carmela came to the United States with her family in 1970. She lived in the Bronx until moving to



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# Sun Shines Brightly on Putnam's 4-H Fair













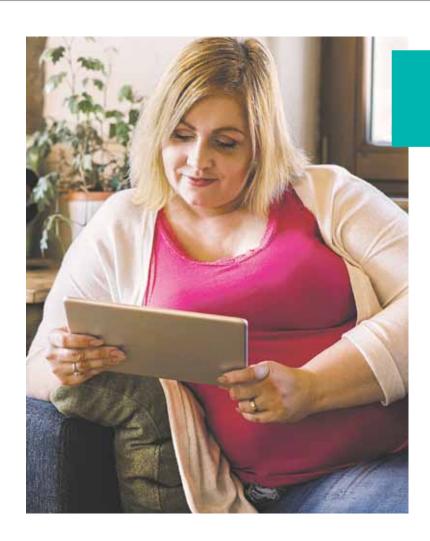
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### How a Ghost Helped Me Buy a House ... A Fantastic but True Story

In a past column I mentioned, perhaps impetuously, that I had once lived in a "haunted" house and I would someday write about it. Just recently I received a note in the mail from a "devoted fan" who reminded me of this promise and asked me to fulfill it. The note, interestingly enough, was sent anonymously. Maybe he or she felt that I would question his or her stability, or even sanity, with such a request? I suspect that my own stability, when I have told this story in the past, may have been questioned.

Whatever the case, both my down-to-earth wife Margaret and I did experience paranormal activity in one of our homes, our first in fact, when we were

just 26 and 28 years old respectively. The very fact that we were able to acquire the property at all was extraordinary. For the first three years of our marriage, we had been apartment dwellers and, at the same time, collectors of antique items and furnishings. but we didn't have a nickel in savings to buy a house.

However, we did have a good friend, Terry Murray, who owned a gorgeous two-family federal townhouse in Brooklyn Heights where we lived. The house had on its first floor an antiques shop and, coincidentally enough, my wife and I had been looking for a commercial rental to establish an antiques

'Why don't you just buy my house and the antiques shop along with it?" Terry asked when we told him of our quest. "But we have no money to buy a house," we replied.





By Bill Primavera

payment, say six months?" he suggested. The offer seemed too good to be true. For that house, priced

"How about if I give you the time

to raise the money for a down

at \$65,000 at that time (and now valued, according to Zillow at \$3.2 million), a \$13,000 down payment was requested. But Margaret and I had just under \$500 in savings. At first, I thought I could borrow, beg and steal the down payment from relatives, but I was really reluctant to do that.

We decided to accept the challenge and bought the house, determined to raise the \$13,000 down payment somehow within six months.

The bottom line is that we were able to accomplish that feat and - are you ready for this? - a ghost helped us do it. Here's how:

Along with the property came a married couple who rented the top two floors of the two-family home, built in 1826, in what was by then a landmarked community. While both were artsy types, they would hardly be prone to hocus pocus stuff. But when the wife knocked on our door on the first day of our ownership to introduce herself, her first question was, "Did Terry tell you the house was haunted?" My first reaction was to laugh to myself, but I responded that Terry had mentioned no such thing, but I would be delighted if it were true. It would only make the house more attractive to me. I told her.

Well I can assure the reader here that we found very good cause to find the house more attractive. It indeed came complete with a ghost...and that ghost, a gentleman whose name was Iacob Hicks (I'll tell how I learned his name below), helped us to raise that \$13,000 for the down payment within six months. Seriously. Here's how:

Just a few weeks after we took possession, one Saturday morning, I was vacuuming the shop in preparation to open at noon. Because both Margaret and I had full-time jobs in public relations, we ran the shop only on Saturdays and Sundays. In fact, it was called The Saturday Shop.

Over the din of the vacuum cleaner, I thought I heard footsteps on the floor above me, then I sensed something over my shoulder, turned around, and there, facing the bright sunlight through our front windows, I saw the shadowy figure, almost translucent, of a large man wearing a bowler hat (inside, I wondered?) and an overcoat... winter clothing in the dead of summer. Without speaking a word, I communicated to this apparition that I really didn't feel that I could handle this, and the message I received back, was simply: "Very well, sorry" and in an instant, the apparition was gone. And again, I heard footsteps over my head.

How could I keep this happening to myself? Being in the public relations field, I had a good contact at the Lifestyles section of The New York Times who was also a friend. I called her and related my extraordinary tale, hoping she wouldn't think I was pulling her leg. "You have to let me write about this," she responded. I was reluctant, not wanting to appear foolish in print, but my friend insisted and, after a week or so, I relented.

The article appeared in the Saturday Times the next week. While I was getting ready to open the shop that morning, still shaving, I heard voices outside on the sidewalk, I

looked out of my second story window and saw a line of people forming, waiting for the shop to open at noon. Normally on a Saturday, Margaret and I would take in about \$200, which in those days was good money. On this first Saturday of such notoriety, however, we earned just under \$2,000 and within six weeks, we had the \$13,000 we needed for the down payment. Thanks, Ghost.

I learned the name of my ghost through an amazing occurrence some years later. In a museum located in Brooklyn Heights is a painting depicting a Brooklyn street scene in the mid-1800s. It shows local residents who lived there at the time and each person's image has a number attached to it. In one corner of the painting, I spied my ghost, looking as I had seen him in my shop! He was carrying chickens from the market and, following the number attached to him in the legend at the bottom of the painting, he was identified as Jacob Hicks, the very person who had owned my home at that time!

When I sold that property in 1971, I did not disclose that it was haunted, and I was within my right. It wasn't until 1991 in the case of Stambovsky v. Ackley that the New York State Supreme Court ruled that a house was actually haunted, and the seller had a duty to disclose this fact. As it happens the buyer of our house was not particularly nice, and I must confess that I harbored mischievous hopes that the resident ghost would take a disliking to him.

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## Comparing the Essence and Similarities of Wine and Chocolate



By Nick Antonaccio

weekend, as I sat my keyboard contemplating the published 616th column of You Heard It through the Grapevine, an urge struck me to indulge

in one of the topics of my previous focuses. So it is that I am sitting here this Sunday

evening, with a glass of red wine at hand and an artisanal bar of Amedei chocolate nearby. As I cogitate over what is at hand, I

realize that the similarities between wine and chocolate go beyond their agricultural heritage and processing. It is in the consumption of each that the similarities are equally

striking. When I guide my guests in one of the many wine-tasting seminars I conduct, I walk them through several steps to better understand and savor each glass of wine they consume. So too with

a chocolate tasting seminar I conducted several years ago.

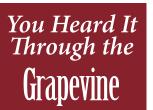
> For each wine and chocolate experience there are five steps (the 5 S's) that assist in honing our senses and enjoyment.

Step 1: "See" the wine.

This is your first interaction and provides an overall indication of the style, from light to robust. Hold the glass of wine up to the light. Generally speaking, the lighter the color the lighter the weight and intensity of the wine. Conversely, the deeper the color, the more body and richness. So too with chocolate. A light brown color indicates that more milk product was added during processing. A dark, burnt umber color indicates a high concentration of cacao butter and

> less milk. Step 2: "Swirl" the wine in the glass. This infuses oxygen into the wine and opens the bouquet to your olfactory senses. For chocolate, gently "squeeze"

> > a small piece between your fingers. The higher the cacao butter content, the more quickly it will



melt; the lower, the longer it will take. Cacao butter is the foundation of the highest quality chocolates, providing the richness and smoothness desired by connoisseurs.

Step 3: "Sniff" the wine. Bring the glass to your nose; it is in this step that your

overall impression of the wine will be set, as well as its nuances. Our sense of smell has tens of thousands of olfactory receptors, which transmit the aromas of a wine to our brains, resulting in a pleasurable or offputting impression. So too with chocolate. Bring a piece of chocolate to your nose and breathe in the fragrances. Our olfactory receptors are inundated with the aromas that form our impression of the particular brand and style of chocolate. High quality chocolate will have deep and rich aromas, without metallic or medicinal undertones.

Step 4: "Sip" the wine. Our tongue and mouth dominate our sense of taste. Here is where our palates determine if a wine is bitter, sweet, salty, sour or savory. These senses translate to our perception of a wine to be fruity or dry, soft or tannic. So too with chocolate. As you taste a piece, savor it as it melts in your mouth. How does your palate

perceive it? Smooth or gritty? Robust or velvety? Sweet or bitter?

Step 5: "Swallow" the wine or chocolate. The finish is the final impression on your palate. A long, lingering, sensation is another indication of the quality of each. For wine, it transmits a desired level of complexity and finesse. So too with chocolate. A high level of cacao butter will dissipate on the palate, highlighting the flavors; a low level will leave a waxy or greasy coating in your mouth, muting the flavors and diminishing the experience of the next bite.

As I take another sip from my glass of fruity and mildly acidic Zinfandel (although Port is likely the best pairing with chocolate), my senses of smell and taste are enhanced by the richness and moderate bitterness of the 70% Amedei chocolate. Ah, I love writing

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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 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

Wayfinders Experience (Capture the Flag) 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Capture the flag with a fantastical twist! In teams, kids will learn how to fight with foam swords in this actionpacked version of capture the flag! 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 and click Calendar

The Brewster Theater Company's summer musical, Young Frankenstein: The production will be performed at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave. Carmel, on August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 7:30 p.m. and August 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$23/\$25. Reserved seating ticket purchase is now available online at brewstertheatercompany. org. For additional information, contact BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com or call 845-206-9013.

A Night Sky Watch with Jack Chastain: Desmond-Fish Public Library 7 p.m. -9 p.m. Rain/cloud date of August 22nd.

As part of the Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories", everyone will be literally searching the universe through telescopes. 7 p.m. Jack Chastain from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association for a short talk about the night sky, after which everyone will move to the lawn where there will be several telescopes set up for everyone to look through to see what they can find. You are welcome to bring your own telescope or binoculars to add to the fun or if you would like some help in learning how to use it. 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. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www. desmondfishlibrary.org.

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

Attention Breastfeeding Moms: Carmel Fire Department, 94 Gleneida Ave in Carmel, or the Desmond-Fish Public Library,472 Route 403 in Garrison for the Big Latch On! Let's break the Global Big Latch On record for most women breastfeeding at the same time! Latch on begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. registration starts at 9:45. For more information or to register, please see the flyers below. Join us at either location!

#### Friday. August 2

Monthly potluck dinner: Trinity Lutheran Church 2103 Route 6 Brewster. Join us for

food, fellowship and fun Bring a dish and make new friends. RSVP 845-279-5181.

#### Saturday, August 3

The Putnam Arts Council is proud to announce their August Exhibit - Rock It - an invitational exhibition featuring the innovative and eclectic work of Carmel artist Ed Dabrowski. The exhibit will feature large scale, recently completed mixed media works inspired by urban and graffiti art and will be on display from Saturday, August 3 through Sunday, August 18. The public is invited to the opening reception and meet the artist on Saturday, August 3 from 3-5pm as well as at each of the specified gallery hours: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sundays, August 4, 11 and 18; and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, August 10 & 17; or by appointment. All gallery activities for this exhibit are open to the public and free of charge. Visit our comprehensive website at www.putnamartscouncil to learn more.

#### Monday, August 5

'Wise Master" to lead a Jedi Academy. 2 p.m. The family audience (ages 4+) will be wowed by comic antics, exciting physical challenges, magical mayhem, and a visit from the space hero's furry alien sidekick. Kids (okay, kids at heart too) are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Star Wars character. 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. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www. desmondfishlibrary.org.

#### Tuesday, August 6

Modern Pop Art Experience: 4 p.m. Create Your Own Special Collage for grades 1-5. Mahopac Library. Participants will create and take home their own special cereal box collage. Registration is required; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

Nikki Gallagher at nikki@theexaminernews.com

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

> 1967: Summer of Love: 11 a.m. Reed Library. Please call to register 845-225-

> National Night Out: 6 p.m. -8 p.m. Memorial Field, Putnam Lake. Putnam Lake Park District Contact person: Lucinda Johnson: 845-270-1029Tuesday, July 30

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#### Wednesday, August 7

Reed Memorial Library board meeting. 5 p.m. The public is invited.

#### Thursday, August 8

Painting on Canvas. 10 a.m. Reed Library. Registration mandatory. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

#### Friday, August 9

Patterson Library Teens Present Cinderella: 7 p.m., also, 8/10 7 p.m., Come see the Patterson Library Teens present Cinderella. This play is directed, choreographed and performed by teens. Come and show your support for all their hard work! For ages 4 and up. \*This program is partially funded by a grant from The Putnam Arts Council. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

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ESTOPPEL NOTICE On July 22, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York (the "Village") adopted a Bond Resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money or the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the New York State Constitution. Summary of Bond Resolution 1. Specific Objects or Purposes - The purchase of one (1) police vehicle to replace a similar vehicle previously in service for one year or more, at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$60,000. 2.

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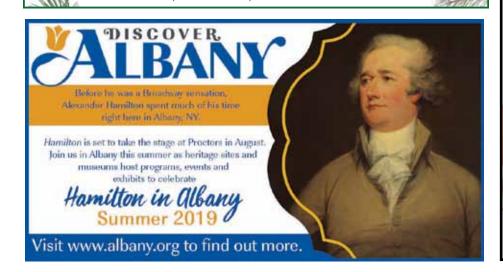
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Notice is hereby given that the **TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY** has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: WT 14/19 Barbara Cassar 39 Chippewa Road TM# 51.73-1-10 WT15/19 Shari Heyen 12 Quincy Road TM# 84.7-1-18

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York (the "Village"), at a meeting held on July 22, 2019, adopted a bond resolution, which is subject to a permissive referendum, that authorizes the issuance of \$2,600,000 serial bonds of the Village to finance the reconstruction and improvement of Manville Road, including sidewalks, curbs,

gutters, drainage, landscaping and grading or improving the rights of way, with flexible pavement of a type described in Local Finance Law Section 11(a)(20)(c), including surveys, preliminary plans and detailed plans, specifications and estimates required in connection therewith (the "Project"). The period of probable usefulness is fifteen (15) years and the bonds are payable from amounts to be annually levied on all the taxable real property in the Village. Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), the Village has previously determined that the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" which, under SEQRA, will not have a significant effect on the environment. No further action under SEQRA is required. Noreen Regan Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York

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to a permissive referendum, that authorizes the issuance of \$550,000 serial bonds of the Village to finance the reconstruction and improvement of the Memorial Plaza parking lot, including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, landscaping, and grading or improving the rights of way, with flexible pavement of a type described in Local Finance Law Section 11(a)(20)(c), including surveys, preliminary plans and detailed plans, specifications and estimates required

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# Shrub Oak Post 1080 Snares Saratoga American Legion Tourney Title

The Shrub Oak American Legion Post 1080 team -- comprised of many players from Northern Westchester & Putnam County -- finished 5-1 to capture the Saratoga Legion Tournament title last weekend, edging the Clinton County Mariners, 7-6, for the crown. En route to the title, the Tigers knocked off the Schenectady Indians, 8-4, fell to the Newburgh Nuclears, 7-1, defeated Kingston, 7-3, beat the Adirondack Rays, 8-4, and clobbered the Saugerties Sawyers, 10-0 in the semis. In the championship, Shrub Oak took the lead in the first when Matt Schenck hit a 3-run double down the left field line. In a back-and-forth affair, Chris Ling's single in the top of the 6th drove home the winning run. Danny Melillo battled through 5 errors and 4 unearned runs to get us the W. Melillo (Pleasantville) was a bulldog in the championship throwing a complete game striking out four, walking none while allowing two earned runs. He hit .300 for week with nine runs scored. 2B Chris Ling (Lakeland) went 3-4 with two RBI in the championship (.400 BA for the week). OF Matt Schenck (Lakeland) hit .421 for the week with 8 RBI). 1B Justin Perlman (Pleasantville) hit .533 for the week. SS/P Brendan O'Neill (Pleasantville) hit .375 for the week and threw a complete game against Kingston, striking out 12. 3B Anthony Quatrochi (Lourdes) hit .400 for the week (team high .407 for the season). P Thomas Mark (Brewster) fired a complete game two-hitter against Saugerties with eight strikeouts for some of the week's highlights. Team members pictured include: Bottom Row (L-R) Danny Melillo (Pleasantville), Jacob Hamblin (Brewster), Anthony Zeccola (Lakeland), Mike Matica (Pleasantville), Chris Ling (Lakeland), Anthony Quatrochi (Our Lady of Lourdes); Top Row (L-R) Coaches Pat Morelli & Sonny Graci, Jace Deiulio (Lakeland), Matt Schenck (Lakeland), Nick Mead (Brewster), Thomas Mark (Brewster), Joe Lombardo (Yorktown), Justin Perlman (Pleasantville), Brian McBride (Putnam Valley), Brendan O'Neill (Pleasantville), Danny Keon (Pleasantville), Coach Chris Conk

### **Sports**

# Focus on Greater Hudson Valley Baseball Playoffs





No.4 Put Valley's Jay Constantino eludes tag of No.13 Westchester Junior Ducks' Nico DiToro with help from Rob Keller in Wild's 16-6 GHVBL playoff 12U loss last Friday at Union Field in PV.



JULIE BENEDETTO/RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

und 3B with a run in his pocket in 16-6

Put Valley 2B Michael Martorano just misses tag on Yorktown's Haddock in PV's 6-5 13U GHVBL

playoff win last Wednesday.

Westchester Junior Duck Tyler DeBrocky chugs around 3B with a run in his pocket in 16-6 12U GHVBL playoff win over host Put Valley last Friday.

# Lakeland/Panas Laxers Cop Titles at Lehigh LacFest, Lake George Invite





The Lakeland/Panas Rebels Summer Lacrosse travel teams went on a tear recently, winning two division titles, including the Lehigh Laxfest Tournament on July 16th. The L/P 2020 team went 5-0 on their way to the title. The team is comprised solely of players from the Lakeland/Panas High School team and all their wins were against travel club teams. Pictured (front row) Michael Castelli, Joseph Jimenez; (2nd row) Patrick Madison, Tyler Nocito, Michael Walsh, Sean Amoroso, Matt Magarelli, Mark Cummins; (3rd row) Dominic Janavey, Connor Gallagher, Tyler Santucci, Dominic Duggan, Liam Dineen-Herzog; (4th row) Nicholas Ruvo, Reed Thompson, Brian O'Hanlon, Jim Lindsay, Joe Macchi, Patrick Hickey, Declan Fullerton, Matthew Makar and Vincent Scialdone. Missing: Ryan Brannigan. Additionally, the 2024 Rebels Summer Lacrosse travel team won their division Championship at the Lake George National Invitational Tournament on July 14th. The team went 5-0 on their way to the title, including two thrilling overtime wins. The team is comprised solely of players who will attend Lakeland and Panas High Schools and all their wins were against travel club teams. Pictured are (front row) Jack Jimenez, Thomas Kuney, Michael Ahlstedt, Zack Magarelli, Kyle Gallagher, Bubba Baumeister; (2nd row) Jim Lindsay, Riley Sand, Logan Raynor, Kevin Bryan, William Moore, Brett Lendener, Grady Leonard, Oban Rader, Luca Sancimino, Cayden Turner, Joe Macchi. Missing: Anthony Farroni

### **Sports**

# Yorktown, Somers Nipped in Semis, Fall Short of Goals in Lakeland Summer League



Somers senior M Andrew Lasher eyes a path to cage in Tuskers' 2-0 semifinal loss to eventual champion Rye in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action last Tuesday.



Somers' Jose Giron takes a header in Tuskers 2-0 loss to eventual champion Rye in 12th annual Lakeland Soccer Summer League action.



Somers' Dan Dippolito crashes with Rye goalie in Tuskers' 2-0 loss to Garnets in 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League last Tuesday.



Somers M Joe Grippo fights off Rye defender in Tuskers' 2-0 semifinal loss to Garnets in last Tuesday's Lakeland Summer Soccer League action



Yorktown's James Calidona pushes up field in Huskers' 1-0 semifinal loss to John Jay EF in 12th annual Lakeland Summer League action last Tuesday.



Somers' Dan Dippolito awaits head ball in 2-0 semifinal loss to eventual champion Rye in 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League last Tuesday.

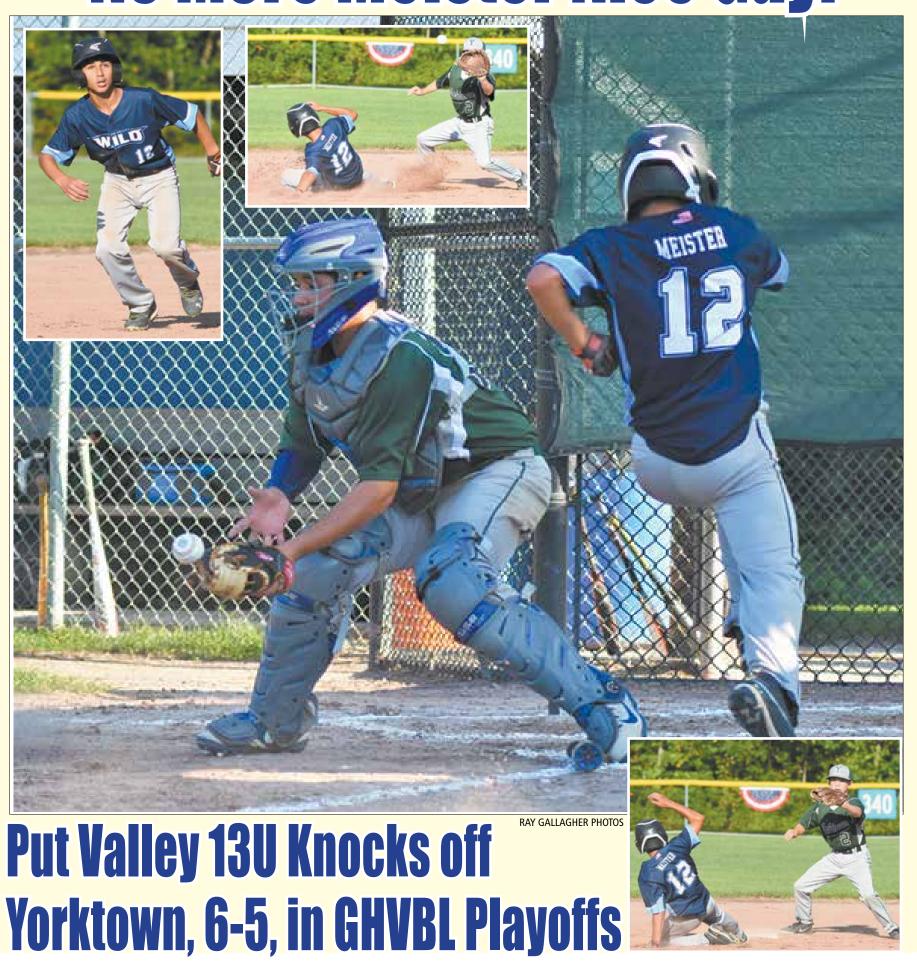






Yorktown's Tim O'Callahan makes valiant try for goal in Huskers' 1-0 loss to John Jay EF in semifinals of 12th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League Tuesday.

# No More Meister Nice Guy!



Putnam Valley's Ricky Meister (12, inset) had an action-packed trip around the bases in in the Wild's 6-5 win over visiting Yorktown last Wednesday in the opening round on the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League 13U playoffs at Union Field in Putnam Valley. Meister scored what proved to be a key first-inning run by reaching safely, swiping second base, drawing a run-down with Yorktown's Jack Ferone (2, inset), before essentially stealing home on a fielder's choice from second as Yorktown C Mike Butironi tries to deny. A handful of PV teams were still surviving and advancing in GHVBL playoffs as of press time.