New Ownership Assumes Pro Hockey Team in Brewster

By David Propper

For the first time in its history, Putnam County will play host to a professional hockey team, but it won’t be the team originally expected to take the ice.

After a press conference in June welcomed the Stateline Whalers, set to play in the Federal Hockey League, that team and ownership has fallen by the wayside and now a new team with a different ownership group is stepping forward called the Brewster Bulldogs to play inside the Brewster Ice Arena.

The co-owners are Bruce Bennett, who lived in Mahopac for ten years and owned a business in Yorktown, and Edward Crowe, both current Connecticut businessmen. They own both the Brewster team, and also a newfound Danbury team that will play at the Danbury Arena.

Neither have any association with the now-defunct Stateline Whalers. A press conference and media day are set for later this August.

In an interview with one of the co-owners, Bennett, who owns Bruce Bennett Nissan in Connecticut, said originally the FHL commissioner approached him about owning and operating a team in Danbury, which he was receptive to.

In the meantime, the ownership of the Whalers felt that once a new team was created in Danbury, which is a short distance from Brewster, it couldn’t survive competing against another team in close proximity, according to Bennett’s account.

Once former Whalers owner Barry Soskin backed out, it left a void in the league (the league needs six teams) so Bennett, with prodding from the league, decided to put two teams on the ice.

“I love the Brewster arena,” Bennett said. “It's smaller than Danbury, but it's suitable.”

Though the Danbury team and

Campaigns in DA’s Race Filled with Heavy Spending

By David Propper

Money has been in politics for as long as campaigns have been run in the United States, and in Putnam County the amount of dollars thrown around in this year’s District Attorney’s race is no exception.

In a Republican primary battle between incumbent District Attorney Adam Levy and challenger and Putnam Valley Supervisor Bob Tendy, plenty of dollars have been tossed around, with much of it coming from Levy's end, who's self-funding his campaign.

Levy has spent a massive sum of money leading up to the primary, his total expenses adding up to $303,625, according to his expenditures report. His largest payments have been to Jamestown Associates—a well-known political consulting firm used by Republican candidates—equaling a grant total of nearly $142,000.

After that, Elias Kemp Consulting located in Bronxville has been paid a nifty sum of $52,500.

Additionally, Levy has paid McLaughlin and Associates, a poll research company, $36,000, and Cold Spring-based Marketing Works Now $21,000, which does public relations and marketing for the campaign. He paid $16,548 to Investigative Alliance Group, a security and investigative consulting firm.

While not directly related to his campaign, Levy also hired a former newspaper editor to perform public relations for the district attorney’s office starting last year, with that money coming out of his pockets.

Levy, whose mother is Judge Judith Sheindlin or better known as television star Judge Judy, has paid for all campaign expenses on his own, not taking donations. By comparison, last year’s county executive candidate Sam Oliverio, who also self-funds his campaigns, spent a mere $23,000. County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who beat Oliverio en route to reelection and does accept donations (like most people running for office), spent $225,596, with expenditures dated from 2011 to 2015.

Tendy, who is on a tighter budget, said

Two Brewster Grads Honored with Scholarships

The Putnam County Joint Veteran's Council awarded two scholarships, named after Donald B. Smith (sheriff Don Smith’s late father) last week at a ceremony at Cornerstone Park. The two recipients were Maria Hitchcock, who graduated from Brewster High School and is attending Ohio State University to study criminology and criminal justice and Grace Nevin who also graduated from Brewster High School and will be attending Roger Williams University to study dance.

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Search for Buyer of Patterson A&P Drags On

By David Propper

As the A&P Supermarket in the Town of Patterson has yet to find a buyer, the scramble is well underway to lock down a new company to occupy the space inside the Patterson Commons shopping center.

A&P has asked the federal court for an order requiring other interested parties to submit bids by September 11, with an expectation that court approval for the sale of the stores be received by October 15.

The Patterson A&P supermarket could be closing later that September after it opened in the late 1990s and is the one of the three Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. supermarkets in Putnam County. The Mahopac and Brewster locations are set to become ACME Supermarkets in the fall.

Benderson Development, which owns the property of Patterson Commons, is currently in search for a new business to call the A&P retail space its home, according to Patterson Supervisor Michael Griffin.

“They are currently talking to several different grocery-type operations,” Griffin said. “They have been a little bit reluctant to give me any names but it’s certainly within their best interests to not have that space empty.”

President of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 464A John Niccollai said in an interview the union is meeting daily with employers that already bought certain A&P stores to bid on other locations and looking for new employers that have yet to bid on stores, but could in the future.

Specific to Patterson, Niccollai said there is interest from “several” companies in that location, though he was not at liberty to name those businesses yet.

Niccollai added the union is also in talks with ACME about taking on the Brewster and Mahopac A&P employees so those workers continue to have jobs.

He stressed upper-management is the reason for A&P’s downfall, not the day-to-day store employees.

“It’s a very difficult task to find knowledgeable, experienced supermarket workers like we have,” Niccollai said. “People don’t understand the intricacies. People think it’s the equivalent of someone being a cart-boy. It’s not. It’s a very skilled profession and we have people with years of experience that can serve a new employer very well.”

The transition from the A&P to the ACME is hopefully a quick one Niccollai said because once customers leaves one location to shop elsewhere it’s tougher to get those shoppers back.

In Patterson, a quick exchange could be obviously delayed with it already behind compared to other Putnam A&P spots.

Griffin did note that Benderson Development has a solid background and extensive connections to a wide array of stores and operations, noting he’s confident the town will get something in that space.

“We’re hoping that’ll be reasonably seamless, but it is what it is,” Griffin said. “It’s been rated a tier-two store by the A&P so it may be a little tougher to get.”

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Democrats Look to Maintain Dominance on Philipstown Board

By David Propper

Three Philipstown residents, all with different levels of governmental experience, are vying for two town board seats in a contested election this year.

Two-term board member and Democrat Nancy Montgomery is looking for another four years, while running mate and Democrat Bob Flaherty, appointed to the board a few months ago, is running his first campaign. Republican-nominated Craig Watters is in search of becoming the first non-Democrat to sit on the board since former member and current Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra did so several years ago.

Supervisor Richard Shea is running unopposed.

Montgomery said she’s entering this race with a new perspective on the community and her role as a leader. If she secures this third term, Montgomery believes it would be her last.

With the tragic death of her husband, Jim Lovell, who died in 2013 in the MTA wreck in the Bronx, Montgomery suffered a terrible loss, but it showed her “why you participate in making your community better.”

Maintaining town services at a sustainable rate is important to Montgomery as she campaigns for her third run. Two aspects she pointed out were recreation and roads.

Emergency services like fire departments in town are also critical that the board must support, she said. With additional tourism coming to the area, it puts those services in more of a bind and as a result, the town must reach out to the state and federal government for assistance.

There is also county money for better senior services, Montgomery asserted, but the town hasn’t seen that. While Butterfield will have a new senior center, Montgomery questions how the seniors have truly been helped outside of that promise of an improved facility.

Consolidation of the courts, fire and emergency services and building departments are also items Montgomery wants to explore.

“We’ve been talking about all of this for a long time,” Montgomery said. “This term, I want to make it happen.”

Flaherty was appointed to the Philipstown town board several months ago to fill the void of former board member and current Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy.

Flaherty said his background as a project manager professionally allows him to be a contributing member of the town board. As an organized and dedicated person, Flaherty understands how to get important work done. Flaherty said he follows through on whatever task is in front of him at any given time.

During his short tenure on the board, Flaherty said he’s been a straightforward lawmaker, meeting with a handful of residents with different issues they have in town.

“I’m very involved and I make sure I follow through with issues that come up,” Flaherty said.

The broadest issue Philipstown faces, Flaherty said, is whether to pave certain dirt roads, which has been a lightning rod for controversy. Part of South Mountain Pass was paved, Flaherty said, because “it was the best thing to do for the entire community” with steep slopes that would be problematic when it rained.

The expansion of Garrison Café, turning Garrison Fire Department into a district and the drug epidemic that has hit Philipstown are other issues that Philipstown public officials would face, Flaherty added.

Watters, who called Philipstown “unique and special” is looking to bring a message of unity to the town. He said he noticed the town has become to entangled with politics, leading to some residents not getting along with each other as a result.

Watters wants to be that bridge for the community.

“There was a sense that it was OK to have differences of opinions but now a days it’s just become so divisive that some people don’t get involved in certain groups,” Watters said.

Watters also wants to bring some political diversity to the board that is fully Democratic. A registered Libertarian who is running on the Republican (and Independence) line, Watters said government has always worked better when “there is a healthy conversation back and forth debates about the issues.”

One ongoing debate he addressed is pushing back against a possible ordinance on permits for mass gatherings. The changes to the ordinance include several different burdensome requirements on a resident’s private property that have never been a problem in town before. Additionally, the type of gathering, like if it were along political lines, could lead to turning down certain permits, he said.

As for dirt roads, Watters said he agreed when the town board paved a portion of South Mountain Pass, noting complications with certain dirt roads and maintaining them.

Watters said he isn’t concerned about going up against two Democratic incumbents where past elections have been dominated by Democrats. He said high voter turnout would be key.

“I don’t see it as being a David versus Goliath thing,” Watters said.
Kent Officials Explore Two-Year Septic Cleanout Law

By David Propper

With the Town of Kent struggling to maintain the water quality of Lake Carmel, town officials gave a hard look at having further oversight on household septic tanks, as discussed at an Aug. 4 town board meeting.

Currently, the town requires a five-year inspection of septic tanks. Referencing a Town of Putnam Valley law that forces septic tanks drained into a body of water to be cleaned out and inspected every three years, Supervisor Maureen Fleming wants to have households clean its septic tanks every two years.

“I think having a shorter time period to do a pump out, especially in an area so densely populated and that is impacted by the negatives effects of septic might be something we want to consider,” Fleming said.

Other board members were behind Fleming’s push.

Councilwoman Penny Ann Osborne said a two-year septic cleanout would be advisable, especially for residents in the Lake Carmel district. The highway department, Osborne noted, has reported to the county health department that there is raw sewage going into drainage ditches and pipes that go into Lake Carmel. 518 474 1953

While there are other reasons Lake Carmel hasn’t been environmentally safe to swim in most of the summer, the septic tanks is certainly part of the ongoing issue. A defective septic would stink after it rains, Osborn said.

“We’ve got a very, very serious problem here,” Osborn stressed. “And I think if you’re really ticked off about the fact that you can’t use your lake, well maybe you ought to report your neighbor who has a really faulty septic tank.”

Councilman Paul Denbaum also supported a two-year period, but questioned how it may be enforced if certain neighbors don’t follow the proposed law. While the households with serious septic issues may be nabbed, Denbaum said, it doesn’t necessarily mean the other 90 percent of violators will also be discovered.

One option Denbaum suggested is to “incentivize” compliance by possibly offering a small rebate off the septic cleaning if residents display proof it has been taken care of.

“Laws get passed here, nobody hears about them, nobody reads the papers and life goes on for 95 percent of the people who are working, have kids going to school and so maybe trying to incentivize compliance could be an idea,” Denbaum said.

Councilman Bill Huestis, who used to live in the Lake Carmel district, said the town can’t just focus on a “Band-Aid” solution, but must seek long term answers like a “full, blown-out” management and education plan in keeping the lakes environmentally sustainable.

Huestis also noted while many Lake Carmel homeowners take pride in keeping their property clean, there are rentals or vacant homes that haven’t had septic tanks cleaned out for an extended period of time. If a home is for sale in Lake Carmel, a checklist should include whether the septic is cleaned out before a sale is finalized.

The county once had a septic repair program funded by the Department of Environmental Protection, but it stopped years ago and should be reinstated, Huestis said, adding town supervisors from across Putnam should make that push.

The Putnam County Department of Health opened beaches 2, 3, 4 last Friday, according to Anne Bittner of the health department. She added she didn’t hear from the beach manager if they were closed at all during the weekend.

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Brewster team will be near each other and possibly competing for fans, Bennett, a proven businessman, said there is “no question in my mind” that two teams, including the Brewster one, can flourish. He said the Brewster Ice Arena is a strong organization that has an immense amount of young hockey players in and out of the facility daily.

“I raised my kids in Mahopac, I know how strong hockey is over there,” Bennett said, noting he only has to sell the size of the arena, which can reach about 1,000 in attendance.

Mike Ciaramella, the team’s marketing director, said with the announcement of the new team so late in the off-season, the Bulldogs have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time. His job has been to contact local businesses in hopes of securing sponsorships.

The team is also in search of housing for players, creating a team logo, and taking care of other details pertaining to the Brewster Ice Arena like scheduling.

“The Brewster Ice Arena is already a really busy place,” he said. “There are already a lot of people there everyday so it’s a great venue, it’s been there a long time. It’s already a healthy hockey interest in the area so that helps out a lot.”

He also noted that while there are two teams close to each other, “competition drives business” and the hope is the Brewster Bulldogs and Danbury Titans become neighboring state rivals. The first game of the year is actually between the two clubs on Nov. 7 at the Brewster Ice Arena. (A free agent tryouts is Sep. 10,11,12.)

Brewster Ice Arena co-owner Steve Santini said throughout times of speculation over which team would call Brewster its home he always thought a team would be here for next season. With support from the community, FHL, and county, Santini remained confident.

The contract of 4-5 years remains similar to the agreement the arena had with the Whalers, and Santini plans to expand seating and upgrade parts of the facility after the first season concludes.

Santini looks forward to seeing the team thriving, noting Brewster and Danbury will never play home games on the same night. One added bonus to having new ownership in Putnam is the team will bear the name of the village it’ll play in, rather than a non-attributable title like “Stateline.”

“I think it’s more identifiable with our roots here in the community,” Santini said. “I think it’s definitely more recognizable that it’s a Brewster name. We’re happy with that.”

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he has spent between $25,000-$35,000 so far. A July expenditure report showed he spent $18,319 between January and July. According to his July disclosure reports, Tendy has received much of his donations from individuals outside of Putnam, with less than ten individuals with a county address contributing to his campaign. Many of the donations come from New York City and Long Island.

Tendy was a former Manhattan assistant district attorney before becoming a criminal defense attorney. Overall, Tendy has garnered $47,328, according to his January and July filings, more than 20,000 coming from his pockets.

Much of Tendy’s expenditures have gone to a consulting firm located in Amityville to the tune of $8,000. Other expenses have generally been to an Excel Printing in Carmel, various Republican committees in Putnam and other organizations like the Sheriff Department’s PBA.

While Tendy has submitted his required January and July filings, he has yet to submit a pre-primary filing, according to a state Board of Elections worker. While Tendy has a Committee to Elect Bob Tendy, the board of elections worker said information must be updated to reflect Tendy running for DA and not supervisor again.

Tendy said he informed the state Board of Elections back in 2014 when he announced he was running for DA in the
By David Propper

When Mark Liff was still in college in Brooklyn, he realized buying and selling antiques and other collectibles could result in turning a small profit. It was the mid-1970s and if he ultimately earned a four or five dollar profit, it was a good deal.

While it seems like only a small sum of money compared to today's standards, it proved to be a worthwhile venture so Liff never stopped, even after completing his college degree some decades ago. He and his wife, Patti, who are Mahopac residents, own Yellow Shed Antiques, buying and selling with a community that knows it can trust the two for fair prices.

“A (bachelor's degree) in psychology can get you into the antique business,” Mark said with a wry smile.

Located on Route 6, Yellow Shed Antiques offers to buy and sell a wide array of jewelry, paintings, clocks, classic antiques, coins and other collectibles. Fit inside a small storefront, customers can get lost in the quaint shop for hours looking through all the different items that aren't necessarily seen anymore. This coming April could be 45 years for the family-owned business.

Mark said the amount of antique stores has reduced the last ten years because of the Internet, but Yellow Shed has been able to reinvent itself and offer honesty and fairness when buying and selling.

Mark said most sellers go to several different outlets in search of the most generous bidder, so if his store doesn't offer an equitable price, they aren't going to get it.

“"The idea is to be competitive and be honest in what you're doing," Mark said.

While Mark used to run the store solo, eventually Patti came on board.

Patti, who grew up in Yorktown, left her job in New York City and worked with Mark in order to be around their kids as they grew up, something 12-14 hour days in the Big Apple made difficult. The two actually met working at the same camp, formerly known as Granite Lake Day Camp, on Mahopac Avenue.

Items sold that surprise both Mark and Patti the most is when customers are willing to unload pieces of family history, noting many children or grandchildren just want to downsize and have a little bit less to store in their home. One time, a pair of children came into the store and sold an oil painting of themselves that their parents had done when they were younger.

The oldest items Yellow Shed Antiques have are little coins from Roman times, dating back to the years 337 AD to 361. But oddly the coins are only worth around ten bucks.

While not around as long as those Roman coins, Yellow Shed has been around since the Richard Nixon administration. Regardless, Mark enjoys his job so much, he said, "It feels like about, maybe, 12 (years.)"

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Obituaries

Eveline Irene Niedzwiecki Toth

Eveline Irene Niedzwiecki Toth died peacefully on July 31, 2015 at Calvary Hospital in Bronx after a yearlong battle with cancer, she was 82. Eveline was born on July 19, 1933 in Providence RI, beloved only child of Mary (Kodzis) and Walter Niedzwiecki. A child of Polish immigrants she grew up in Providence's vibrant Polish community surrounded by family and friends. She attended Providence High School and upon graduation enrolled in the Rhode Island School of Design. After earning a Bachelor of Fine Art in 1955, Eveline left her beloved home and parents to pursue her career in fashion design in Boston MA. In Boston she met her husband Miklos. They married in 1962 and eventually settled in Sherborn MA where the two built their dream home together.

For much of her life Eveline focused all of her energies on her family and home. Once she married Miklos, an immigrant from Hungary, she felt it necessary to master the Hungarian language before her in-laws began visiting from the old country. Eveline became conversationally fluent in Hungarian over the years, and also mastered Hungarian cuisine in an effort to sooth her husband's home-sick palate. Having left her career behind to focus her energies on motherhood, Eveline studied the art of fine cooking, was a manic gardener (as a child of the Victory garden era, she tended an extensive vegetable garden for much of her life), a voracious reader and kept up with her love of painting, producing many works in her chosen medium of oils. She additionally took out her many works in her chosen medium of oils. She additionally took out her many works in her chosen medium of oils. She additionally took out her many works in her chosen medium of oils. She additionally took out her many works in her chosen medium of oils.

In her later years Eveline returned to the workforce; taking a job at the Fabric Place in 1983. There Eveline made many lifelong friends and was able to indulge her passion for fabric. Eveline was a 40-year member of St. Theresa's Parish in Sherborn. Over the years she and Miklos became friends with Fr. John O'Connor their beloved pastor. He was a frequent dinner guest at their house, and Fr. O'Connor often called on Eveline to prepare food for various Church functions. After many years of nursing Miklos through the early stages of his dementia, the time came on 2011 that he required care in a nursing home. In 2012 Eveline sold their cherished home in Sherborn, found appropriate care for Miklos in New York, and moved herself to Brewster to be closer to her daughter and young granddaughter. She was devastated to lose the love her life in 2014. In 2014 Eveline was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, her doctors told her she didn't have very much longer to live. Eveline took this news in stride, she considered that she had lived a long and wonderful life and the ending was of course in God's hands. She did not waste any time contemplating her illness but instead chose to enjoy each of the days she had left to the fullest, peaceful in the embrace of her loving family and the beauty of the world. Eveline is survived by her son Miklos Toth Jr. and his sons Miklos III, Joseph, Kristof and Adam as well as by her daughter Ildi and her husband Bob and their daughter Katherine.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Eveline's name to Calvary Hospital at www.calvaryhospital.org under the tab "Make a Gift".

Victoria A. Neubrand

Victoria A. Neubrand, 58, of Mahopac died on August, 9. She was born on December 27, 1956 to Richard and Gloria (Goldberg) Sedlor in Yonkers. She worked as a Customer Service Representative for Publishing Book Service in Danbury, Ct. In her spare time, Victoria enjoyed listening to music, going to concerts, reading, but mostly she loved spending her time with her family and friends. She is survived by her beloved father Richard, her three loving children; Jocelyn Sedlor, James Neubrand and Jason Neubrand, her two brothers; Richard and Joseph and her two cherished grandchildren; Daniel and Shaun whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her mother, Gloria Sedlor.

Hermina Radak

Hermina (Minnie) Radak, age 97, died August 10, at home in Brewster, surrounded by her loving family. Minnie was born October 19, 1917 to John and Karoline Maikish, in New York City. She grew up in Manhattan and attended Julia Richmond High School. After graduation she attended secretarial school, also in New York. In 1945 Minnie married Anthony Radak, who fought in the Army Infantry during WWII. Later in 1960, the family moved to Brewster, where they have lived ever since. Minnie went to work for Reader's Digest in Pleasantville working in their accounting department for over 20 years. Minnie is survived by two daughters; Mary Thomson of Brewster, and Anne Golder of Pawling, and a son Thomas Radak of Brewster, her 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is predeceased by her husband Anthony and six brothers and sisters.
FDR Park Pool Bathhouse, Entranceway Upgrades Celebrated

By Rick Pezzullo

On July 17th, just in time for the scorching summer heat, state and federal officials celebrated the recent completion of $3.6 million in renovations to the bathhouse facility and entrance plaza to the swimming pool at FDR State Park in Yorktown.

More than 95,000 visitors cool off each summer in the largest pool in New York State’s park system, a swimming facility that hasn’t been modernized since it was built 50 years ago.

“It’s really a sight to behold,” said Linda Cooper, regional director of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and a former Yorktown supervisor. “It will provide a more comfortable experience for guests as they enter the pool.”

Rose Harvey, commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said the $1.8 million allocated by the state for the upgrades at FDR State Park was part of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s NY Parks 2020 program, which will be investing $900 million in parks throughout the state.

“It was really ugly. It wasn’t welcoming. It is welcoming now,” Harvey remarked about the inviting entrance plaza. “That’s what Governor Cuomo’s 2020 plan is all about. It’s rejuvenating the whole system. It’s transforming our park system by park. It’s about connecting parks to people.”

The other $1.8 million came from the U.S. Department of Interior Land and Conservation Fund, money that Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D) noted is often the subject of heated debates in Congress.

“Let’s think about the children who enjoy it and the beauty of the park,” Lowey said.

The renovated bathhouse included the addition of four new family restrooms, lockers, benches, lighting, ceiling fans and hot water showers. Previously, the showers only had cold water.

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change of office, and that he would follow up with them this week.

Tendy, who called the amount of money spent by Levy “unprecedented,” said Levy is pouring large sums of money into his campaign because of his lack of performance as DA.

“A sitting two-term DA has found it necessary to spend all this money against a total unknown,” Tendy said. “And the reason is because he’s never had to run against anybody before. He’s always bought and paid for the election.”

Throwing out the indictment against former sheriff’s investigator Pat Castaldo (which Tendy claimed was politically motivated connected to the beef between Levy and Sheriff Don Smith), having a Cold Spring murder conviction overturned that is now set for retrial, and a mistrial in the Lani “Ariano” Zaimi, are all examples Tendy points to.

“It’s absurd,” Tendy said. “If any other DA’s office had these problems, heads would be rolling all over the place,” Tendy said.

Levy has stated time and time again Putnam is the safest county in New York because of how his office has contributed to fighting crime, with overall crime down 40 percent since he took office eight years ago.

“I am doing the work and getting results,” Levy said in a past statement.

Additional comment from Levy’s team wasn’t sent before press time.

Check online at theexaminernews.com for an updated version later this week.
Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra went to the worksite where Putnam County is helping the Village of Cold Spring complete a portion of the restored Multi-Modal Drainage Project (MMDP) on Route 9D near Craigside Drive. The Putnam County Highway Department is currently replacing drainage pipes and catch basins as part of an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the village.

The MMDP was planned by Mayor Anthony Phillips in the early 2000s, but stalled when new leadership came into office in 2009.

In 2014, Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra of Philipstown initiated the relaunch of the program and recommended the use of shared services with the county so that the improvements would have the least financial impact on the taxpayers.

“The Village of Cold Spring desperately needed the project done, but did not have the manpower or the equipment needed to do it,” said Scuccimara, who co-chairs the Fiscal Vision and Accountability Commission. “I could not bear the thought of Cold Spring taxpayers having to foot the bill for contractors and equipment rentals, when the county highway department had so many of the resources readily available. That is why I suggested that the work be done as a partnership between the village and county.”

The county highway department is doing the project at cost.

“We were able to offer a more affordable way for it to get done that benefits both County and Village.”

In return for the county highway department’s work on the drainage project, the village highway department will plow the American Legion property on Cedar Street and the Nelsonville Fire Department on Main Street. The county holds the Cold Spring Friendship and Nutrition Center, providing lunch for seniors, at the American Legion and uses the Nelsonville Fire Department building as a sub-station for the sheriff’s department. The county has an annual inter-municipal agreement (IMA) with the village.

“As elected officials it is our job to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Putnam County in the most efficient way possible,” said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. “Having the IMA between the county and village allows us to meet our social and fiscal responsibilities cooperatively. I commend Leg. Scuccimara for coming up with the idea to amend the existing partnership to include the drainage project on Route 9 in Cold Spring.”

The drainage project is expected to be completed by Aug. 14.
Green Chimneys Names New Chief Program Officer

Green Chimneys has announced an addition to its executive leadership, naming Lauren A. Bennett, LCSW-R, Chief Program Officer of the renowned education and human services agency. Bennett has been a direct service provider and administrator for Green Chimneys' Community-Based Services Division for 16 years, and most recently assumed responsibility for the management and transition of Green Chimneys’ OMH-funded residential facility into the larger, existing residential program funded through OCFS, to now serve 102 children with residential clinical services.

Bennett’s expertise includes prevention/intervention services, life skills education, clinical treatment and supportive services for disconnected youth, and she has had extensive training in family-centered care. As Chief Program Officer, Bennett will provide strong and consistent leadership to staff directing residential and educational programming - including Green Chimneys School, child care and social services departments - community-based services for at-risk Putnam County youth, and public programs including outdoor education at Green Chimneys' Clearpool Campus. She is also responsible for the development and oversight of new programs and initiatives in support of the organization’s strategic plan.

Bennett began her social services career at Pleasantville Cottage School in Pleasantville, NY and worked as a consultant to the Westchester County Department of Social Services, Office of Children and Family Services in White Plains, NY. Bennett joined Green Chimneys in 1999, managing daily operation of the agency's youth drop-in center and facilitating therapeutic recreation and social activities for emotionally and/or behaviorally disordered youth. As department director, she developed the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program serving seriously emotionally disturbed youth and their families, and provided individual, family and group counseling. Bennett was promoted to Division Director in 2012 and since then has assumed clinical, administrative and fiscal oversight of Green Chimneys' Community-Based Services and New York City programs for runaway and homeless LGBTQ youth.

Green Chimneys Executive Director Joe Whalen announced Bennett’s new role effective July 1 stating, “Lauren’s leadership of our Community-Based Services has improved program efficiency and effectiveness, despite local and federal funding cuts, and has positioned these services for growth. As Chief Program Officer, she will work with our Executive Team to optimize management and integration of services, and support staff training and collaboration across our residential, educational, and public programs to ensure these services meet the future demands of our funders, and the families we serve.”

Lauren A. Bennett, LCSW-R, Chief Program Officer of Green Chimneys

Bennett holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Binghamton University, and a Master of Social Work from Hunter College School of Social Work. She is an SIF-certified field instructor for Fordham, Adelphi, Hunter, Western Connecticut, and Pace Universities, and previously had a private psychotherapy practice in Putnam County where she is also a resident.

About Green Chimneys: Green Chimneys is a multi-faceted nonprofit organization helping young people to maximize their full potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature. Founded in 1947 and headquartered on a farm and wildlife center in Brewster, NY, Green Chimneys is recognized as a worldwide leader in animal-assisted therapy and educational activities for children with special needs. Green Chimneys services include an accredited special education school on two campuses, residential treatment center, animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs, public education and recreation programs, and community-based support for youth and families. www.greenchimneys.org
Put Some Innovation into Your Back-to-School Routine

Back-to-school season is busy and stressful for families, but you can find easier ways of doing things – from what you feed your family to your morning routine.

Thankfully, parents don’t need to reinvent the wheel because “Product of the Year,” the world’s largest consumer voted award for innovation, is on a mission to guide consumers to the most innovative products. Backed by the votes of 40,000 consumers, the list of winners can serve as a shortcut at the store, saving parents time and money on needed back-to-school and day-to-day items.

To try something new and innovative, check out some highlights from the 2015 Product of the Year winners:

- **Goodnites Tru-Fit Underwear**: Nearly one in six children ages four to 12 nationwide wets the bed, which can be upsetting for both parents and children. This product looks, washes and feels like regular underwear, but provides protection to keep sheets and pajamas dry all night, helping kids feel more confident.

- **Gold Bond No Mess Powder Spray**: Whether getting ready for the day or freshening up after the football game, check out a refreshing no-mess spray with quick and easy application. The 360 degree valve lets you spray in any direction, even upside down - helping you stay cool, dry and comfortable.

- **Snackeez Snack and Drink Cup**: Simplify snack time by including kids’ favorite drink and snack in one convenient container. A sealed lid keeps snacks fresh, clean and ready to take anywhere.

- **Dial Deep Cleansing Hand Soap**: Combat germs picked up at school with this easy-to-use soap. It leaves hands clean and moisturized.

- **Smooth n Shine Argan Power 10 Styling Gel**: Mornings are busy. Get 10 benefits in one step with a nourishing styling gel that offers all-day hold.

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Professional Women of Putnam (PWP) hosted Cocktails & Connections on July 29th at The Chophouse Grille in Mahopac and collected donations of school supplies to benefit Putnam CAP. Over 40 enterprising women mixed and mingled for business and to benefit the Putnam Community Action Program (CAP) an anti-poverty program dedicated to serving the residents of Putnam County who are struggling to support themselves and/or their families. The Professional Women of Putnam encourages women from a variety of trades, even the same trades, to connect and network with each other in a non-competitive environment for continued growth opportunities. Monthly networking meetings are held where members listen to guest speakers on a variety of topics that will help them grow their business and enjoy the opportunity to meet and talk with other business women. To learn more visit: www.professionalwomenofputnam.com. Donations to CAP are being accepted now through Friday, August 21. Contact Putnam CAP @ 845-278-8021 or visit www.putnamcap.org.

Women’s Group Packs Supplies for CAP

PWP President Jamie Imperati and Judy Callaghan of Putnam CAP
Back To School

Five Golden Rules for Kids Using Tech Devices

The next generation of smartphone users is getting a head start on device destruction. Children are breaking more smartphones, tablets and laptops than ever before, say experts. Their tech-forward parents have so far shelled out more than $11 billion to repair or replace such devices, according to a recent report from SquareTrade, a protection plan for mobile devices and other consumer electronics.

“Teaching tech etiquette alongside the ABCs and 123s is a smart idea for sanity at home. And for the 89 percent of households whose kids have damaged devices, it makes great financial sense,” says Jessica Hoffman, vice president of global communications for SquareTrade. “Kids as young as toddlers are getting significant doses of screen time and, as a result, accident rates are climbing.”

The report also found that 70 percent of elementary school kids own tablets and a whopping 55 percent of accidents happen from children accidentally dropping their devices. Not surprisingly, 20 percent of kids blame someone or something else for the mishap. “Kids and technology are as popular a pairing these days as peanut butter and jelly,” says Hoffman. “As smartphones, tablets and laptops replace dolls and toy cars as children’s most prized possessions, we recommend that parents do their homework on how best to deal with at-home tech habits, or risk having their child on the device dishonor roll.”

SquareTrade suggests the following five golden rules to keep in mind before letting kids use electronic devices:

• Don’t pack devices into overstuffed, heavy backpacks without proper protective gear. Tablets cannot handle the wear and tear that a book can absorb.
• On rainy days or when you will be around water, use a zip lock bag for your smartphone or tablet.
• No eating or drinking while using devices. Sticky liquids are the most dangerous.
• Limit screen time in the car. Siblings fighting can lead to devices flying out of windows.
• No matter what precautions you take, accidents can still happen. Invest in a protection plan that covers the clumsy drops, juice spills and backpack crushes of daily life.

Repairing a broken device can often cost as much as buying a new one. A good protection plan can cost just a few dollars a month and can buy priceless peace of mind for parents worried about everyday accidents and other “uh-ohs.” So even if your child breaks a device, there’s no need to stress: you’re covered. For information on protection plans, visit www.squaretrade.com.

Don’t wait until it’s too late. Tweak habits at home, school and on-the-go to prevent technology breakage.

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while moisturizing and conditioning hair.
• Sensodyne Complete: Pain should not be part of your morning routine. For those with sensitive teeth, consider switching to toothpaste that creates a protective layer over sensitive areas while providing all the oral care benefits found in regular varieties.
• LiveGFree Gluten Free Pizza: When it comes to weekday dinners, convenience is everything. But gluten intolerance can make mealtime tricky. Check out the new LiveGFree product line, including Aldi-exclusive LiveGFree Pizza made from organic, gluten-free ingredients.
• Benjamin Moore Natura Waterborne Interior Paint: A new year deserves a new coat of paint. With zero VOCs and zero emissions, this durable finish has no harsh fumes, so it’s safer for your family and the environment.

For more information on other winning products, visit www.ProductoftheYearUSA.com or follow Product of the Year USA on Facebook and @POY_USA on Twitter.

Amongst new schedules, new friends and new experiences at school, trying out innovative products can make this back-to-school season a breeze.

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The Trick of Emotional Detachment from a Home When Selling

By Bill Primavera

Do more people than not get attached to their homes to the point where they suffer a sense of loss when it’s time to move on? It’s a question I’ve been pondering lately and one that once again I’m facing myself.

My home is on the market for the second time in two-and-a-half years. Last time, I had a problem detaching from it, surprisingly enough. But do I this time? Not at all. This time I’m ready.

One of my oldest but most vivid memories about attachments people might develop to a home happened on the day my best buddy from college was getting married.

I had travelled to his hometown and we were in the home where he had grown up from the time of his birth. He had invited me there to spend the night after his bachelor’s party and to dress in our tuxedos prior to the ceremony. As we were headed out the front door, he hesitated and said, “Wait, I want to look at my room one last time. I guess I’ll never be going in there again.”

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By Nick Antonaccio

The Dilemma of the Sulfite-Allergic Wine Consumer

“Contains sulfites.”

This government-mandated label appears on every bottle of wine sold in the United States. “I’m allergic to sulfites.”

“Every time I drink white wine I get a headache.”

These plaintive cries are on the lips of many wine drinkers in the United States. And so the debate over the effects of sulfites continues amongst wine drinkers and producers. Allow me to clarify the debate over sulfites and offer a recently announced possible solution.

Sulfites occur naturally in wines as a byproduct of fermentation. By definition, all wines contain sulfites. So why the label? And why do consumers read the label as a warning, not simply as an ingredient in wine?

For centuries, winemakers have been adding supplemental, natural sulfites to their wines in order to preserve the freshness from bottling to consumption. In general, this is a good thing.

In the 1970s, salad bars began to proliferate in the United States. Lettuce and other perishable vegetables at the bars were sprayed with high doses of sulfites to prevent wilting. In its infinite wisdom, and penchant for overkill, the federal government reacted to all this consumer complaints of adverse reactions to salad bar fare. In 1988, it mandated sulfite labeling on certain products, including wine; the logic being that such notification would aid those allergic to avoid such products.

The underlying facts are that less than 1 percent of Americans are allergic to sulfites. That is unfortunate for those afflicted, yet among foods containing sulfite additives, wine is on the low end of the scale. Bacon contains approximately 600 ppm (parts per million; equivalent to one milligram per liter), raisins and dried apricots over 1,000 ppm.

All of these concerns notwithstanding, the science behind sulfite additives is clear. Levels up to 40 ppm occur naturally. Any levels above 10 ppm require government labeling – a very narrow band for compliance. The average levels are 150 ppm - or less. No label is required if sulfite levels are less than 1 ppm; very few wines do not

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 display the sulfite label. The European Union has no labeling requirements regarding sulfites. Hence the lack of labels on wines sold domestically in Europe. Secondly, since many of these wines are consumed shortly after production and bottling, naturally occurring sulfites may not be supplemented as readily for preservation as they are in the United States. Many American travelers returning from Europe marvel at the “freshness” of the Italian, French and Spanish wines they consumed.

So how to deal with sulfite additives? Suffer through them? Never drink white wine again (or red for those highly sensitive?).

A logical solution would be to remove them from a bottle of wine once it is sold. However, no one has thought to pursue this feat – until recently.

I recently came upon a fund-raising campaign at the crowdfunding website Kickstarter. A Chicago entrepreneur, James Kornacki, is seeking funding for a sulfite filter. His pledge page describes the product: “Ullo is a revolutionary new wine purification product that removes sulfites, restoring wine to its natural, preservative-free state.”

Just place the filter over a glass or decanter and pour the wine through. The Ullo system uses “a porous, food-grade polymer filter to selectively remove sulfites, while allowing the other compounds in the wine to flow through unaffected. Through Selective Sulfite Capture”, Ullo maintains the original flavor and character of the wine while reducing sulfites to a more naturally occurring level of less than 10 ppm.”

His goal is $100,000. To date he has nearly 1,200 backers who have pledged over $128,000. For a minimum pledge of $60, a backer can receive one purifier, base and five filters (each with a six-month useful life). Deliveries are projected to begin next February.

A sulfite-allergic consumer’s dream come true? Or just another alluring product deemed for failure? Are you ready to jump on the pre-release bandwagon? There’s still time to pledge. If successful, it has the potential of ending the plight of millions of consumers – whether that plight is physical or psychological.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick’s credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.
Annual Book and Media Sale: Until Monday, August 24 in the Program Room at the Library. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend of the Library can join at the door or through the library’s website at desmondfishlibrary.org. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 (at the corner of Route 9D) in Garrison. For more information about the sale, please contact the Library at 845-424-3020 or email glorypam@gmail.com.

Volunteers Wanted: If you like to cook, if you are organized, or if you just like to work with others, Putnam CAP can use your help. CAP is seeking volunteers to assist with the Soup Kitchen, the Food Pantry and general office tasks. Volunteers should be willing to commit to a regular schedule in order that these ongoing programs can run uninterrupted. No experience necessary, just a willingness to work for the benefit of others. Call Mary at the CAP office at 845-278-8021 ext.

Art on Display:
The Vision of One, The Power of Two, Champions of Millions. August 29 through November 8. The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center. Passing Storms & The Evolution of Shape: September’s Exhibits at Gallery 66 NY involves our Environment through two exhibits: “Passing Storms” and “The Evolution of Shape.” “Passing Storms” features painter Rick Thurston and photographer Gregory Martin. “The Evolution of Shape” features mixed media artists Cindy Booth and Carol Flaitz. Each of us has experienced an extraordinary moment in nature; moments that are always fleeting but leave an indelible imprint on your soul. These artists revisit and reflect on these moments over the passage of time through their travels on land and sea. Dates: September 4 – September 27.  

Upcoming Defensive Driving Classes:
Saturday, September 12 
Defensive Driving at Kent Library. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kent Public Library at 17 Sybil’s Crossing in Kent Lakes. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. The cost is $40, with a portion benefiting the library. Registration is required at www.kentlibrary.org or call 845-225-8858.

Saturday, September 26 
Putnam Valley Parks and Rec. New York Safety Class. Given by Cummings Safety Benefits - Get a savings of 10% on your car insurance (collision and liability) for three (3) years; and reduce up to 4 points on your license. Classes are one day, with no tests. * You can now take this class on-line @ NYSP.com. Go to promotions and type in code # RCS35. The cost for this is $35. This is a savings of $14 over the regular on-line fee. Cost is - $35. Classes are held at Putnam Valley Town Hall. FMI: 845-526-3292.

Teen Programs at the Kent Library: 
Teen Chocolate Party at the Kent Public Library. The first is a Teen Black Light Party on Monday, August 3rd from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a plain black or white t-shirt and decorate it with neon fabric paint. The library will have glow in the dark activities and snacks. The second program is a Teen Chocolate Party on Friday, August 7 from 4 to 5 pm. Do you love chocolate? Have a blast at this chocolate themed party just for teens! Play games, do a craft and eat some of your favorite chocolate treats. Both programs require registration. Teens can register by clicking on the calendar & events button at kentlibrary.org or by calling the Kent Library at 845-225-8858.

Auditions: Spotlight Arts will be holding open auditions for the Rick Abbot comedy, Play On! Auditions will take place on Monday, August 17 & Tuesday, August 18 from 7 p.m.–9 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner 67 Main Street, Brewster. A one-minute comedic monologue should be prepared and memorized for the audition. If cast, $150 tuition fee is required to participate in this educational program. Rehearsals are Wednesday from 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. with performances October 16th & 17th. Students, ages 11 – 18, should schedule their audition appointment online at www.SpotlightArtsInc.com.

Register Now: 
Thursday, September 3
Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors: William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, to using an iPad, to Digital Photography. To view the available classes visit us at www.putnamrsvp.com/clic.

Thursday’s: 
Paws to Read at the Kent Public Library: Join volunteers from Therapy Dogs International, and their dogs at Kent Public Library, for the Paws for Reading Program, select Thursdays and Fridays in July and August. This program is designed to give children, ages 6–10, the opportunity to gain confidence and improve reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. This is a free event. One-on-one fifteen minute sessions are available by appointment only. Registration is required. Call the Kent Library at 845-225-8858 for times and dates, and ask to reserve a time which is convenient for you. You may also register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org. The library is located at 17 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes.

Friday’s: 
Puppet Story Time & Crafts: Brewster Public Library until August 14, from 11 a.m.–noon. Children ages 2-5 are invited to attend a puppet show and then create a puppet of their own. Registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit http://tinyurl.com/pzpf6bb. Children of all ages are invited to drop by the Brewster Public Library on Fridays, July 10 to August 14, from 1:00-3:00 pm, to make a creative craft. Registration is requested. Young children may need some assistance. For more information call 845-279-6421 or visit http://tinyurl.com/o9x04dk.

Cancer Support Available: 
Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, offers a wide range of free support groups women with breast and ovarian cancer. Groups focus on topics pertaining to living with cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment. They are offered in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess, and by toll-free teleconference. For a complete calendar of groups at all locations, visit www.supportconnection.org. Advance registration is required for all groups; call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 12
Oktoberfest: At the German American Social Club - Under a giant Party Tent - Rain or Shine! Featuring live Bands: “The Alpine Squeeze” Sat Sept 12th & “Die Schlauberger” Sun Sep 13th. Come to a relaxing country setting in Putnam Valley to enjoy Live music & a variety of German & American foods, along with imported beers, Viennese Cafe & Oktoberfest pretzels! There will be activities for the kids & a free bouncy tent too! Indoor clubhouse bar, Free ample parking, ATM on premises, 1 p.m.–8 p.m. Adults $10, children under 14 Free with an adult. More info: www.wgac1936.com Please no outside food, drink or coolers.

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Putnam Valley Bulls Crowned 14-U WPBA Champs

Putnam Valley’s No.6 Matt Carlsen slides in safely against the tag of Carmel SS Randy Vega last Saturday at Lakeland High where the third-seeded PVC Bulls ended a six-year series of heartbreaking shortcomings by finally winning a coveted championship -- the 14-U WPBA Summer title -- after taking a 7-0 decision from the fourth-seeded Carmel Cubs... see WPBA Notebook
Yorktown 10-U, Put Valley/Cortlandt 14-U Crowned WPBA Champs
Kent Nips Yorktown for 18-U Title; Somers Takes 12+ Title

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor

It was a day to remember for many of the local youths in and about the Northern Westchester/Putnam Examiner region, including WPBA champions from locally-based teams like Putnam Valley/Cortland, Yorktown and Somers.

In all, nine local teams competed for eight different championships in the Westchester/Putnam Baseball Association, which whittled down the field of 64 playoff contenders to 16 last Saturday, before crowning eight champions between the 9-U to 18-U divisions at Lakeland High last Saturday.

Of the eight championships contested, it would be hard to find a more fitting champion than the 14-U team from Bedford Hills/Katonah for 12+ honors via the mercy rule, 12-2.

YW.C. Baseball Commissioner John Campobasso has seen his 10-U Rebels grow from grassroots to champions in three years’ time, doing so with an even-keeled nature that has produced not only great talent and but sound sportsmanship. Exhibit A was the Rebels’ 10-5 win over Bedford Hills/Katonah, the reigning champions within the division, which, despite a solid effort, was clearly outclassed.

“I have seen so much growth from this team the past three years, I love every one of them,” said Campobasso, who is trying to groom baseball players in a lacrosse-dominant town. “We are working hard on making out program one of the best in Westchester. Luckily, I have great people working with these kids, it’s a great mix. Our team has a family type feel and everyone pulls for each other. Our motto is that this team is not about any one or two players, on any day any of these kids can carry us to a win.”

Several did in the title tilt, including starting pitcher was Omar Giret, who threw four shutout innings with five whiffs and one walk while giving up two hits. Brendan Kenneally pitched 1 1/3 and Adam Agresti pitched 2/3 and struck out the last batter to end the game.

Nick Jacoby was 2-3 with a walk and two RBI. Adam Agresti was 2-4 with an 2B, two walks a run scored and made a great play in the 6th inning getting a fielder’s choice at 3B. Brendan Capshaw was 1-3 with a run scored. Stephen "Hags" Haglund was 3-4 with a 2B, two runs scored and two RBI and caught all six innings behind the dish.

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The 14-U PUTNAM VALLEY team has been trying in vain to win its first chip since its District 33 Little League days, but despite its high-level pedigree the chip has proven elusive; until Manager John Millicker’s Bulls rode the back of John Millicker Jr., who chucked four innings of two-hit ball in a 7-0 win over the Carmel Cubs.

Millicker Jr. was unhittable for 3-1/3rd before yielding a pair of seeing-eye singles in the fourth, which amounted to nothing. Reliever TJ Brescia closed the door, prevailing the shutout while providing three scoreless innings of relief. Brescia, a shortstop with pop, was also a spark at the top of the order.

The championship journey began when Putnam Valley (17-3-1) finished the final week of the 2015 summer season with a trio of wins capturing their first WPBA title.

In the first round game, PV/C averaged last year’s playoff loss to Mahopac with a 5-2 victory. PV/C pitching featured Millicker (WP, 5 innings, 9K’s, 3 walks) and Brescia (Save, 2 innings, K, walk).

The offense was led by Chris Foci (2-3, 1B, 2 runs scored, SB) and Troy Kesselmark (2-3, 2 RBI’s). Mahopac was led by pitcher Anthony Sochan’s two hits...
Yorktown's Omar Grit makes a putout from his knees in the Rebels' 10U championship triumph. In second round game, PV/C defeated Somers by a score of 11-4. PV/C received and 1B Kyle Brandsetter's double.

In the championship game, PV/C defeated Carmel by setting the tone early with starter Millicker striking out the side in the top of the first inning. Millicker (7K's, no walks) was dynamic on the bump and aided his own cause by driving in slugger John Listwan with a single the bottom of the first inning. PV/C would never look back.

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PV/C catcher Rob Kocovic slaps a tag on Carmel's Randy Vega to help preserve shutout in Bulls’ 7-0 win over the Cubs in Saturday’s 14-U WPBA championship win.
Johnny Be Good!

Putnam Valley P/SS Johnny Millicker (R) celebrates with teammates Eric Jiminez (L) and Charlie Gatewood (R) after earning the win on the mound with four scoreless, two-hit innings, including seven whiffs. He also delivered a first-inning RBI single and a run-saving assist via shortstop to lead the third-seeded PV/C Bulls to a 7-0 WPBA championship win in the 14-U division over the No. 4 Carmel Cubs last Saturday at Lakeland High... see WPBA Notebook