

Wounded Veterans & The Arts: The Odd Couple That Works



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Navy veteran and comedian PJ Walsh pictured with USMV MC NY4 President Bill Barber (middle) and V.P. Colin Brennan (on rt) at the half-way point of the first "Run for Veterans Healing: Preventing Veteran Suicides" in San Antonio Texas last June. H. G. Fairfield Arts hosted the Comedy Show featuring PJ Walsh for their national 2013 Presidents Meeting. The Friday, 7:30pm, June 27th, Comedy Show at Brewster H.S. also launches Sullivan County's USMV MC NY4's 2nd run preventing veteran suicides, "Riding For Our Lives."

Wounded veterans and the Arts may not be seen often in the same sentence, yet, 7:30pm Friday June 27th at Brewster High School's Performing Arts Center wounded veterans and The Arts combine together in a successful fit. Arts, Culture, and Community promoter H.G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment brings home national comedian PJ Walsh to benefit a unique transition program for wounded veterans in Semper Fi Odyssey, to pay homage to Brewster VFW Post #672's 75 years of continual service, and to raise funds and awareness for local Brewster programs for veterans, including BHS' Semper Fi Students. Tickets are \$20 at the door,

online, or at Sponsor locations. Entering the discount code of "700" online at <http://www.thebansbeenlifted.bpt.me>, to make it easier for you to help wounded veterans. For more info call 845-363-1559, email office@HGFairfieldArts.org or visit www.HGFairfieldArts.org or www.PJWalsh.com.

Fourth of July Celebration at Red Mills Historic Park

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The Red Mills Historic District Committee, with the Town of Carmel and Putnam County, is having its annual Independence Day Concert on July 4 at 7:30pm. The concert will be at the Red Mills Historic State Park. Music will be provided by the Norm Hathaway Big Band, with the 2nd New York Brigade of the American Revolution, the Putnam Valley VFW Post 391, and the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department. The National Anthem will be performed with musket and cannon fire. There will also be a treat for the kids. After they are called to say the Pledge

of Allegiance with the 2nd New York Brigade of American Revolution, they will get a free ice cream. According to Red Mills Historic District Chairman Allan Wamecke, they are working on getting an ice cream truck for the event. Decorations for the Independence Day celebration were all put up by volunteers on Tuesday, July 1.

Violence in Kent Leads to Arrests

ERIC GROSS

Alleged acts of violence in the Lake Carmel-Kent area have led to the arrests of three individuals. Kent Police charged Nicholas Neill, 26, of Lake Carmel last week with assault, criminal obstruction of breathing and criminal trespass after he allegedly unlawfully entered a former companion's home and reportedly attacked the 29 year old victim. Neill was arraigned by Kent Justice Peter Collins

and was released without bail pending a July 7 court hearing. Kent cops were also summoned to a Lake Carmel residence for a report of an altercation between two women. Chief Alex DiVenietri said officers charged Angelette Torres, 29, of Brewster with assault after determining the woman struck a 28-year-old resident of Lake Carmel in the face causing injury. Torres was also released following arraignment. Police also arrested Kevin

Ryan, 26, of Yonkers last week on a charge of criminal mischief for allegedly damaging a Kent woman's vehicle by throwing an ice scraper onto the hood of the vehicle causing extensive damage. Ryan was arraigned by Judge Kevin Douckhoff and was sent to the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond. The arrests were made by Detective Gerald Locascio and Officers Thomas Varbero, Joseph Fleischman, Kevin Radovich and Daniel Huestis.

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observed scouring stores throughout the plaza as well as the vast parking lots and the rear entrance of the center. Carmel Police Officer Tom Raffaele and his canine Cache

standing 5 feet 8 inches tall and of slim build. This is the fourth time in the past year that a branch of the Putnam County National Bank has been robbed. The Putnam Lake branch was field

Anyone who might have been in the Putnam Plaza on Monday between 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. and observed anything suspicious is asked to call Carmel Police at 628-1300 or the Sheriff's Department at 326 8920.

Day Care Center Program of the Year in Brewster



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The St. Lawrence O'Toole Day Care staff honored for their work.

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St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center received the Day Care Program of the Year award from the Dutchess Putnam Child Care Council. The school was founded in 2010 with only 15 kids enrolled. Now they have close to 65 and room for more.

"We're all very excited," said Director Donna Colella. Barbara O'Neil, Pre K 4 teacher, was recognized for receiving her Master's of Professional Studies, and

Literacy Specialist Amanda Tucker from Manhattanville College, the Kindergarten teacher, was recognized for completing her Master's of Science in Literacy from SUNY New Paltz. The award and recognition was given at the Champion of Child Care Dinner held on May 7 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. St. Lawrence O'Toole's caters to 3 and 4 year olds, as well as a Kindergarten program. There are pre-K and after-school programs as well, and works with St. Lawrence church for Mommy and Me classes

for 2 year olds. The school will be encompassing 1 year olds into that next year.

"We're putting in a garden in our playground area for the children to do some planting and we're looking to get some kind of a climbing structure or some kind of piece of playground equipment for our playground. Colello told the Courier. Future plans also include the installation of Smart Boards for the Pre-K age classrooms, and fresh coat of paint will be on the wall of St. Lawrence O'Toole's

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Eric Gross

A memorial has been created outside the gated Mahopac Point Community in memory of the teenager.

removed their gun belts and boots and dove into the lake without hesitation and began searching for the teenager. Lt. Brian Karst found the lifeless body a short time later. The Mahopac FD Rescue Squad rushed the teenager to Putnam Hospital Center where she was pronounced dead.

The chief said the depth of the water where the victim drowned was over 10 feet: "She was a strong swimmer and had been swimming for years living on Lake Mahopac. This is a tragic accident that has affected many people in our community. Lake Mahopac

ing in this body of water." Cazzari had praise for the members of his department who jumped into the lake: "They were spent both physically as well as emotionally. We are all parents. Many of us reside in this community. The death of this beautiful child is an awful tragedy."

Dealing with sudden loss is difficult at any age. The superintendent reminded the community that "adolescents were particularly vulnerable since they have limited experience with grief and may not have fully developed the coping mechanisms of adults. In the aftermath of loss, everyone struggles to make sense of what happened." School social workers, psychologists, and counselors were on hand at both the middle school and Mahopac High School since last Friday assisting those in need. A friend of the Nolan's has thanked the community for its support adding: "The family is asking that every one say a prayer for Jenni that she is in God's Hand, and at Peace."