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County Moves Toward Bringing Animals Back to Tilly Foster

By Holly Toal

In what may be the first step toward bringing animals back to Tilly Foster Farm, the Putnam County Legislature last week approved a lease agreement with a licensed veterinary technician, in which she will live on the property rent-free in exchange for her service.

Teresa Delahanty, who is an employee of the county's highway department, runs a dog training business in the region, called K9-1 Specialized Dog Training, LLC. With a degree in veterinary science, she has volunteered at South Putnam Animal Hospital in Mahopac and is a certified Foundation Style Dog Trainer with more than 10 years of education dog owners about behavior, health and more.

The one-year agreement was approved by the Legislature 7-2, and is now awaiting signature by the county executive; it is not yet final.

According to Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker, the idea originated when it was realized that the county could utilize someone who is already employed by the county to take on this endeavor without an added salary, hence the exchange for living quarters.

"It's a great fit," he said of

Delahanty living on the farm. "It gives us an opportunity to bring some smaller animals back... I was encouraged by the number of people I talked to who are looking forward to having smaller animals (at the farm)."

Legislator Barbara Scucimarra, R-Philipsstown, said entering this lease agreement is a step in the right direction for Tilly Foster Farm. "In all our meetings about Tilly Foster all we heard was that people wanted animals brought back to the farm," she said. "This way, the woman is coming in, she's living there, she knows animals."

Legislator Lou Tartaro, R-Kent, said the farm could only benefit from having a licensed veterinary technician on-site. "We really need someone," he said, adding: "It's almost like an exchange of services."

"I think it's a great fit," added Legislator Roger Gross, R-Southeast.

However, Legislator Dini LoBue said she sees the arrangement as a "conflict of interest," due to the fact that Delahanty is a county employee. Further, she questioned how much time this person would



Mahopac Relay For Life Hits \$4M

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event returned to Mahopac High School on May 31, where thousands of people walked laps, enjoyed activities, and spread the message of hope among people affected by cancer, and their loved ones. This was the 16th annual Relay event in Mahopac, and over that time, more than \$4 million has been raised through local efforts. (Relay has been held nationally for 30 years.) Mahopac is one of the biggest Relay events in the eastern U.S., and one of the top 20 events held in the New York-New Jersey region. Additional photos are on page 11. Photo by Holly Toal.



Lake Carmel and Kent first-responders were recognized June 3 by the Kent Town Board for aid provided to Elizabeth Kafalias after she experienced a cardiac event.

First-Responders Honored for Saving Life

The Kent Town Board took a few moments out of its legislative meeting last week to honor some members of the community that have been credited with helping save the life of a young Lake Carmel woman.

At about 7 a.m. April 28, a frantic call for help was received by dispatchers Brendan Stevens and Brian Neary at the Putnam County 911 Center, from Jeanne Strittmatter who reported that her 21-year-old daughter, Eliza-

beth Kafalias, had collapsed on the floor of their Lake Carmel home and had stopped breathing.

While the Lake Carmel Fire Department and Kent Police Department were dispatched to the home, the dispatchers provided Strittmatter with instructions over the phone on how to perform CPR to her daughter.

It was only a few minutes before first-responders arrived at the home. Lake Carmel F.D. Capt. Patrick Ryan, firefighter

Candice Telesco and police officer Alexander Vanderwoude took over CPR on Kafalias, while police officer Thomas Varbero used an automated external de-

fibrillator from his patrol vehicle to administer an electrical shock to Kafalias, in an effort to get her heart pumping again.

A few seconds after the shock was performed, Kafalias took a deep gasp, but did not yet regain consciousness.

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Comedy Show Benefits Veteran Projects

Some very important Brewster veteran projects are making big differences in crucial health care for veterans and families – locally and around the nation.

Semper Fi Odyssey is a unique transition program open to all branches of the military's wounded, injured or ill. Through it, Brewster Veterans of Foreign War Post 672's Relief Fund provides food, clothing, shelter and access to medical care, and Brewster High School's Semper Fi Students program are actively pitching in to keep local veterans and active troops feeling healthy and cared for.

Putnam County-based H.G. Fairfield Arts is joining with VFW Post 672 and Semper Fi students of Brewster High School to sponsor a comedy show to benefit these Brewster veteran projects, on Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS Performing Arts Center. The night's line-up aims to raise spirits, funds and awareness, and includes national headlining comedian and Navy veteran PJ Walsh (Brewster alum, Class of 1990); the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs' outstanding female comedian Mary Dimino; and the 195 Home of

Rock 'n Roll's on-air personality Lou Milano (BHS alum, Class of 1997).

"It is important to keep the post's Relief Fund healthy for cases of either personal tragedies or emergencies that our veterans and their families face," said Sgt. Ed Todd (20th Infantry, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, ret.), commander of Brewster VFW Post 672. "We are here to help veterans – it's what we do."

H.G. Fairfield Arts' and PJ Walsh's "Courage Continues At Home Comedy Tour," now in its fourth year, focuses attention on VFW Post 672's 75th Jubilee, which will be celebrated in September, and on the positive and healthy impact local Brewster veteran projects have in Putnam County – and nationally.

Local civil/environmental engineer and BHS grad John Folchetti (USMC, lt. col., ret.) is one of Semper Fi Odyssey's team leaders. Run by MGen T.S. Jones (USMC, ret.) in the mountains of Pennsylvania with some support coming from the Semper Fi Fund, Semper Fi Odyssey and its professional-yet-volunteer team leaders are committed to each participant's

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