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Students enjoy handmade arcade games at CV Starr Intermediate School in Brewster.

Student-Run 'Caine's Arcade' A Win-Win in Brewster



Doro Cat was a popular ring toss game.

A hum of animated chatter and laughter filled Brewster teacher Frank LaMorte's classroom Feb. 1 as students bounced from station to station playing homemade, arcade-style games designed by their peers.

For the sixth consecutive year, LaMorte, along with Michelle Marzziotti and Kathryn Marchionno, hosted Caine's Arcade – an event that requires their students to create games from recyclable materials found around their homes. Then, the entire school is invited to test out the student-made games.

According to LaMorte, the event started after teachers throughout Brewster Central School District received an email from then-Superintendent Jane Sandbank that contained a video called "Caine's Arcade," which was about a 9-year-old California boy who spent a summer making a cardboard arcade

in his dad's used auto parts store.

LaMorte was inspired by what he saw, and CV Starr Intermediate School's Caine's Arcade was born.

"This event aims to teach students innovation, critical thinking, and the use of engineering or technology in creating imaginative, fully functional, arcade-style games," he said. "They're using perseverance, communication skills, science, math, art – everything we want them to learn skills-wise. Different core subjects are melded together in this event."

LaMorte's enthusiasm for the event is contagious, as is evident by the excitement students displayed as they explained their games to their peers or played game after game made by other students.

There was a game called Hungry, Hungry Kitty, which was like Skee Ball but required players to

throw a fish into a cardboard cat's mouth.

There was Doro Cat, an elaborately decorated ring toss game named after its creators' special nicknames. The girls who created it wore special Doro Cat T-shirts with "STAFF" printed on the back.

"It's great," said LaMorte, explaining that, aside from critical thinking and collaborating, there's also perseverance included in each piece of the event, from designing the games to playing them. Communication is another big part of it.

"The kids are meeting and communicating with kids they may have never met before or they might have walked right past on the bus or in the hallway," he said.

Interaction with their peers also seemed to be one of the highlights for students.

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County Considers Merging EMS Dispatch Centers

By Holly Crocco

In an effort to consolidate services and provide better coverage, the county is working on a plan to merge the dispatch center at the sheriff's department with the 911 call center at the county's Bureau of Emergency Services.

According to BES Commissioner Ken Clair, the first phase of the plan would involve making physical changes at the Emergency Operations Center at the BES, located in the Donald B. Smith Campus on Old Route 6 in Carmel. Specifically, officials are looking to add six new consoles, or desk areas, to accommodate sheriff's dispatchers.

"We're looking for future expansion, now, so we're putting six additional in, so we'll have 12 consoles," said Clair during the county's Feb. 13 Protective Services Committee meeting. "We may just do three this year and three the following year, depending on what the final costs come in to. But in order

to get the sheriff's dispatchers to our building, we need at least three spots."

The second phase would involve moving the sheriff's dispatchers over to the BES building.

"Being under the same roof, there's a better line of communications to better serve the community here in Putnam County," said Sgt. Matthew Monroe of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. The dispatchers would be within ear shot of one another, "so if there's something hot going on, our dispatchers can hear it and they can relay that information immediately rather than 911 having to pick up the phone and saying, 'This is an update... this is an update...'" he said.

According to Monroe, all of the dispatchers would be cross-trained in each department's operations.

"Our dispatchers currently do not have the level of training and expertise that the 911 dispatchers have, certainly in the fire and EMS

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'Dr. Mike' to Become Permanent Health Dept. Chief

By Holly Crocco

After four years as the interim health commissioner, Dr. Michael Nesheiwat is one step closer to solidifying his position as head of the Putnam County Health Department.

The county's Personnel Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Nesheiwat as health commissioner during its Feb. 13 meeting. The appointment will be voted on by the full Legislature during its March 5 meeting.

"Dr. Nesheiwat has served as acting commissioner of health since the vacancy (was created), and he has insured that the level of services being provided to our residents has not faltered, and in fact has continued to improve under his leadership," said Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson. "He has served the



Dr. Michael Nesheiwat

Putnam County community for decades as a trusted physician and health care professional, advocating tirelessly for important new health initiatives and for environmental protections and improvements."

Nesheiwat was appointed acting commissioner of the health department in 2015 by County Executive MaryEllen Odell after the previous commissioner was removed from office, and has served in an interim capacity ever since.

"I am extremely proud to continue my full-time responsibility as commission of the health department," said Nesheiwat. "I am very pleased to serve the people of Putnam County – the county I was raised in."

"Dr. Mike," as he is commonly known, *Continued on Page 14*

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monly referred to, is a well-known physician throughout the county. He is one of three elected county coroners, and acts as the medical director at the Putnam County Correctional Facility on weekends, which is a position that is not paid by the county, he said.

He recently gave up his well-established family medicine practice, and is no longer head of the medical staff at Putnam Hospital Center, which was a position he had held since 1992. He is also no longer on the PHC Board of Directors.

Lawmakers expressed their confidence in Nesheiwat during last week's appointment.

"I know there was some conversations (about his many roles) going on before his appointment,

and I just wanted to say I'm in favor of appointing Dr. Nesheiwat..." said Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown. "I'm confident that his responsibilities in his other practices have sort of taken a turn where he's going to be able to commit more time to the county, and I don't think we can ask for a better director of the health department.

"I'm really looking forward to working with him because many of those programs that he is responsible for, I will be talking to him about bringing them over to Philipstown and Putnam Valley," she continued.

Nesheiwat received his medical degree in 1985 and completed a medical internship at Brooklyn Hospital. His post-doctoral training included a residency in family practice at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers, where he also received training in emergency room trauma medicine.

A Carmel resident, Nesheiwat and his wife of 22 years, Heyam, who is a Carmel School Board member, are the parents of Sara and Michael.

Brewster Theater Presents 'Rumors'

"Rumors," a Neil Simon comedy favorite, will be presented by the Brewster Theater Company on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m.; and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the theater at Drew United Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

The production is directed by Dan Friedman of Carmel and produced by Jenna Isabella of Cortlandt Manor and Brandy Mae Hughes of Bethel, Conn.

Friedman returns to direct for BTC following his "immensely enjoyable experience" directing "You Can't Take It With You." He said "Rumors" was one of his top picks because he appreciates both Simon and a good farce, "so it is the best of both worlds."

"Rumors is a large ensemble show and is filled with very talented members of the Brewster Theater



From left are (back row) cast members Brian Bagot and Tim Trehalla of Peekskill, Joe Manuele of Carmel, Bob Dumont of Patterson, Steve Zerilli of Carmel, (front row) Michelle Orifici of Patterson, Judy Brewster of Brewster, Amanda Booth of Holmes, Pam DeHuff of Pawling and Denise Barnard of Brewster. Photo by John Isabella Jr.

Company, including several new folks whom we are thrilled could join us," said BTC Artistic Director Christopher Gladysz. "If you want an evening of belly laughs, then you need to put 'Rumors' on your

calendar." Tickets are available at brewstertheatercompany.org. For additional information, email BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com or call 845-206-9013.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals, will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following:

RFP 2-19 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DANBURY WASTEWATER DIVERSION PROJECT

The County of Putnam officially distributes bidding documents from the Purchasing Department or through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System. Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Putnam County Director of Purchasing, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 OR you may visit the website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com to download documents. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M. on March 22, 2019.

Dated: Carmel, New York February 14, 2019
Sgd/Alessandro Mazzotta,
Purchasing Director

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Putnam County Purchasing Department

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed offers will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

RCO 1-19 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAYS

RCO 2-19 GENERATOR REMOTE MONITORING SYSTEM

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com.

Sealed offers must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 2019 or online at https://putnamcountyny.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities.

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dated: Carmel, New York February 14, 2019
Sgd/Alessandro Mazzotta,
Purchasing Director
Putnam County Purchasing Department

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Kent

Legal Notice Office of the Assessor Town of Kent

The Town of Kent Assessor's Office would like to advise the public that the final day for filing exemptions is **March 1, 2019**. In accordance with Real Property Tax Law, any new or renewal applications need to be filed in my office by **Taxable Status Date - March 1, 2019**, with the exception of the Agricultural Exemption which needs to be filed by April 1, 2019. If you are in need of forms or any additional information, you may contact the Town of Kent Assessor's Office, Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, N.Y. 10512 or call (845)225-8020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Paul E. Jonke, Assessor

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a continued public hearing on February 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, to consider the application of PLI, LLC, owner of premises located on US Route 6/202, Tax Map No. 68.-2-48.2 (also known as "Stateline Retail Center") located within the SR-6 Zoning District, seeks Site Plan approval, Wetlands Permit and a Special Permit to allow construction of a "Large Retail Establishment" as defined in the Zoning Code consisting of approximately 184,800 square feet of retail space and a 14,800 square foot, two story office building. All persons interested in the subjection matter hereof will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

By Order of the Town Board
Michele Stancati, Town Clerk

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