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Happy 250th Birthday, America!



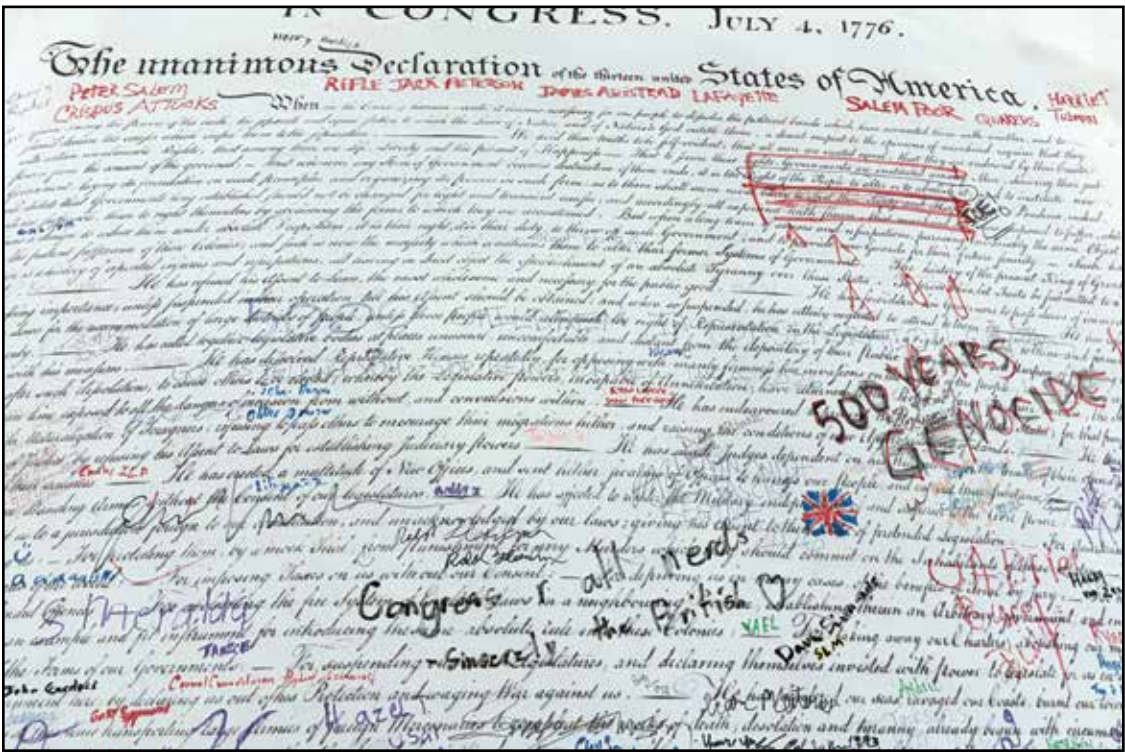
Communities across Putnam celebrated the Fourth of July – and the 250th anniversary of the signing of our country’s Declaration of Independence – with various events and festivities. While the strong storms that swept through the area foiled some celebrations (see related story, page 1), Patterson was able to enjoy scheduled fireworks the evening of July 3. Photo by Patterson Fire Department.



The Lake Peekskill Floatilla was one of many events that took place over the July 4 weekend to celebrate the holiday. Take a look inside for more photos from various communities. Provided photo.

What Defines Vandalism?

Political Comments on Public Display Causes Uproar



Were political messages scrawled on the replica Declaration of Independence hanging at the Historical Courthouse in Carmel an act of vandalism, or an exercise of one’s First Amendment right? Photos provided by the Putnam County Executive’s Office.

While early reports last week suggested the newly-restored Sybil Ludington statue on Lake Gleneida had been graffitied, some later mused that perhaps the discoloration was related to recent rainfall mixing with the wax coat on the statue.

By Holly Crocco

As part of continuing county-wide celebrations of America’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne is notifying residents that another larger-than-life replica of the document will be on display at the Putnam County 4-H Fair &

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Carmel School Board Creates Hiring Committee

By Holly Crocco

The Carmel Central School District is in the process of reforming its hiring process, following a situation last month in which the school board opted not to approve a list of hires, citing a poor vetting process.

During the Carmel School Board’s July 1 meeting, resident Ryan Shilling expressed concerns about transparency and consistency regarding the

district’s hiring process. He stated that, a few weeks prior, two candidates who had completed what seemed to be the district’s full hiring process, had contracts rescinded after the board failed to approve their hiring. This came after the candidates interviewed with committees, taught demonstration lessons, met with the administration, interviewed with the superintendent, received

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Putnam Recovers From Holiday Weekend Storm

By Holly Crocco

America’s 250th birthday went out with a bang in the Hudson Valley, with extremely high temperatures mixing with wicked rain storms and damaging winds, not only foiling weekend Fourth of July plans, but bringing down wires, causing rain and water damage to homes and buildings, and resulting in multiple vehicle accidents.

A powerful, fast-moving storm tore through the area July 4 with winds clocked at 88 miles per hour, according to local fire departments. While the worst of the storm was over in less than an hour, it left a trail of destruction

that left many residents without power.

According to the Pattenon Fire Department, Route 311 was inaccessible in multiple places, and Route 22 was down to single-lane travel with debris. Several residents also had trees crash onto and into their homes.

“We had crews working multiple locations simultaneously,” wrote the department. “And once we had confirmation that the power was out, our firefighters used chainsaws on some of the massive trees to get them off the roadway so that emergency service crews could get through quickly.”

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A BIG BAND FOR A BIG CELEBRATION!



The Norm Hathaway Big Band performed its annual Fourth of July concert in Red Mills Historic Park in Mahopac Falls on July 4, providing patriotic tunes for attendees who came out to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.



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Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

A Wiggle Goes a Long Way

There are some moments in parenthood that no one prepares you for. One of them happened to me recently.

Picture this: we're in the movie theater watching the new Minions movie, with the 8-year-old sitting between me and my husband. I have a plastic tray with pretzel bites in my hands, while Mikey has the ginormous bucket of popcorn in his lap and a bag of Skittles in one hand and a slushie in the other. My husband has the tub of soda and a package of Twizzlers in his possession.

We didn't reserve seats ahead of time so we have to sit in the second row and crane our necks to take in the big screen.

After the 47,682 trailers that precede the feature movie, the Illumination logo comes on and Minions begins.

Mikey immediately leans over and whisper-shouts at me, "Mom! ... MOM!"

I shush him and lean in. "What?" I whisper.

He waves me closer with a hand that is so greasy I can see the light from the screen bouncing off his fingers.

I lean a little farther. "What

is it?"

He cups that greasy hand around his mouth, and I'm so close that it's also touching my face. He whispers, "I need you to pull my tooth out."

I pull back a little and get a good look at him, and I can see that he's using the tip of his tongue to wiggle is front right tooth – and it is, indeed, very wiggly.

Looking back at the goods in my lap, I flop the little aluminum flap back over on the cheese dip and lean over the child to jab my husband with the plastic container. His eyes never leave the screen as he reaches a hand out and takes whatever I'm handing to him, a dopey smile on his face as he laughs at whatever is happening on the screen.

Then I attempt to extract the tooth. I squint and swivel to try and get a good look inside Mikey's mouth, and I feel the tooth moving around in there, but either there's too much saliva on it, or my fingers are too greasy from the popcorn butter to get a good grip.

Either way, my fingers are slipping right off.

"It's going to have to wait until after the movie," I whisper to him.

"But Mom, I can't eat my popcorn. What if I swallow my tooth."

Fair.

"Fine," I whisper. "Let's go out into the hallway.

He nods, and I take the bucket of popcorn from his hands and shove that at my husband, who is still living his best life. Then I take Mikey's candy and put it in my pocket, and put his slushie in the holder.

Together, we duck and shuffle out of the aisle. Thankfully this theater is roomy, so we don't have to do the whole "Excuse me... So sorry!" as we pass all the other movie-goers.

Of course we end up at the wrong side and have to duck and sprint past the front row – and the entire theater – to get to the side that has the exit door.

When we finally get into the hallway the lighting isn't any better, so we head for the concession area. Angling Mikey in the best lighting I can find, I tip his head this way and that, and with a napkin I attempt to grab the tooth in question.

He immediately pulls away with an "Owe!" and shakes his head. "It's not ready," he tells me.

Of course it's not.

So we head back to the theater, duck and shimmy back down our aisle, and take our seats. Mikey elbows his Dad who passes the popcorn back down the line, blissfully unaware of the events that have transpired.

That was four days ago and the suspect tooth is still in place.

Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Press & Times and mother of an 8-year-old boy. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.

Letters to the Editor

Lawler Raises Living Costs

Dear Editor:

Congressman Mike Lawler continuously makes life more expensive.

Lawler does not have a solution, because he is the problem.

We are all suffering from higher grocery bills, outrageous healthcare and healthcare insurance charges, expensive gas, and crushing interest rates on mortgages and credit cards. Since Lawler entered office in 2025, prices have climbed more than 14 percent overall, with food up over 22 percent and rent up 24 percent.

Lawler's support of an unnecessary war with Iran sent living costs up even higher. The May inflation rate rose to 4.2 percent. This is way above the Federal Reserve Bank target of 2 percent, and it may trigger even higher interest rates.

At the same time, our national debt has ballooned to \$39 trillion due to unfettered spending. Our national debt is now larger than our entire economy. Imagine that you earn \$75,000 tax free and owe \$80,000. That's why U.S. household debt has reached an all-time high of \$18.8 trillion.

Economists warn that when debt grows faster than the economy, it drives up our borrowing costs, slows wage growth, and increases prices for everyday goods. Yet Congressman Lawler supported legislation that will add roughly \$3.4 trillion more to the deficit over the next decade.

You cannot claim to be con-

cerned about inflation and debt while voting to make both substantially worse.

Higher deficits put upward pressure on interest rates. That means higher mortgage payments, more expensive car loans, and record credit card rates. These higher costs hit working families directly. Meanwhile, cuts to programs like Medicaid and SNAP shift even more financial burden onto households that are already struggling to keep up.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there has been a rise of "stealth layoffs and contract work." Many companies have moved away from traditional, full-time W-2 hiring, to limit overhead costs like health insurance and retirement matching. Employers are favoring contract work. This trend replaces stable, reliable incomes with unpredictable earnings, no benefits, and individualized financial risk, thus cutting benefits and raising families' costs for medical care even more.

We need leadership who will take fiscal responsibility seriously and understand that reckless policies in Washington translate into higher costs here at home. Right now, Mike Lawler's record is making life much more expensive for the people whom he represents.

On Nov. 3, I'll be proud to vote for Cait Conley because, quite simply, we cannot afford to keep Lawler as our congressman.

Mark Lieberman
Yorktown

'Mardi Gras in July' in Brewster

The Brewster Summer Music Series will host Gotham Kings at the gazebo in Southeast Veterans Park for the first time, Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m., for a showstopping free concert.

Two-time Grammy-nominated trumpeter Alphonso Horne's Gotham Kings are a dynamic, New Orleans-inspired jazz ensemble that regularly performs as the Mardi Gras house band at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

The Gotham Kings have earned a reputation for delivering electrifying performances celebrating the rich traditions of early American jazz. Drawing inspiration from King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band and the pioneering artistry of Louis Armstrong, the ensemble brings the spirit of New Orleans to audiences through an energetic blend of rags, stomps, blues, and funk.

Concertgoers are urged to wear beads and masks; the Cultural Arts

Coalition will also be handing them out to the crowd.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to Tom and Jerry's Irish House.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The 50/50 raffle will take place as usual, and the community is asked to bring non-perishable food donations for Brewster Cares.

For more information, visit www.CulturalArtsCo.com/Brewster-Summer-Music-Series.

Clarification

Headlines to Letters to the Editor are written by the editor. A recent letter-writer disagreed with a headline that stated Putnam Pride seeks support from the Republican Party. Specifically, her criticism was directed at County Executive Kevin Byrne.

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Harrigan to Lead Mahopac School Board Districts Organize for 2026-27 School Year

By Holly Crocco

School districts across Putnam are welcoming new leadership at the administrative level and the board level as they organize for the 2026-27 school year.

During the July 1 reorganizational meeting of the Mahopac School Board, new Superintendent of Schools Vincent DiGrandi and board trustees Joseph Catalli, Lindsay DiCerbo, and Adam Savino were sworn into office, before elections for board president and vice president took place.

Trustee Nicole Iacono nominated Chris Harrigan, calling him “a strong and consistent voice in our district, both as a community member and in his role as a board trustee.”

“He’s always showed respect, doesn’t allow outside noise to waver his reasoning, takes the time to truly listen to all perspectives, asks thoughtful questions, and makes decisions based on careful consideration and sound judgement,” she said. “His leadership reflects a clear commitment to doing what is right and what is best for our school community.”

Harrigan – who faced calls for his resignation last year after it was learned that he works as an agent for the federal Immigrations & Customs Enforcement – said he has experience leading a team of people with different perspectives, skills, and goals, while remaining calm and working toward a shared mission... all of which he can apply to the board president role.

“Over the past two years serving on this board has given me a deeper understanding of our district, our educational system, and the role we play in supporting student success,” he said. “During that time, I’ve worked hard to learn, listen, and contribute in a meaningful way.”

Harrigan said he will keep the very residents who voted for him in mind as he considers what is best for the district.

“While many board members were supported by organizations and groups, my candidacy was built on community involvement and a commitment to our students,” he said. “If elected board president, I will work to foster collaboration, maintain open communication, and ensure that our board remains focused on providing the best opportunities for students, and being attentive to the needs of our community.”

Also nominated for the position was Jennifer Travis.

In his endorsement, Trustee Adam Savino said Travis “perfectly embodies the precise competencies, temperament, and specialized knowledge required to lead our board effectively.”

“She brings extension hands-on knowledge in general education, special education, and social-emotional wellness, ensuring holistic, student-first decision-making,” he said. “She reacts to conflicts with objective facts rather than emotion, always driving toward the best possible outcomes for our students.”

Travis, who was born and raised in Mahopac, said the community means the world to her.

“I’ve really loved my time serving on the board,” she said. “I feel that I could be a benefit to the school district to serve in the role as president.”

Travis said she would prioritize board collaboration, working on the school’s multi-tiered system of supports for students, developing a special education strategic plan, exploring lunch service options, and making sure the community understands the board’s role.

“I am a leader in my every day job,” concluded Travis. “I do believe I have all the characteristics needed for this role.”

Harrigan won the majority support from his peers, with Trustees Catalli, Iacono, Lucy Massafra, and Kyle Potter – along with himself – voting him president of the board.

For vice president, Travis was nominated by Trustee Lisa Carway.

“No matter what role I serve in, I believe in this district,” said Travis.

Harrigan nominated Massafra, who has served as second-in-command for the past two years.

“This experience has strengthened my commitment to students, families, education,

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Alcohol Guidance: Update

Earlier this year, I wrote about Dry January and the growing sober curious movement. Halfway through 2026, trusted health organizations are backing this trend with updated guidance and new research. Summer days are marked by barbecues and beach days, often paired with seasonal beverages. So, it’s a good time to highlight these revised recommendations. If it’s all new to you, and your own intake exceeds recommendations, maybe it’s also a good time to consider Dry (or “Damp”) July.

Definition of a Standard Drink

Let’s begin by reviewing the definition of a standard drink. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a standard drink (in the US) contains about 14 grams (0.6 fluid ounces) of pure alcohol. This looks like:

- A 5-ounce glass of wine at 12% alcohol by volume
- A 1.5-ounce shot glass of distilled spirits at 40% alcohol by volume
- A 12-ounce regular beer at 5% alcohol by volume*

*Some craft beers are as much as 10% alcohol by volume, making 12 ounces the equivalent of two standard drinks. The same goes for many canned cocktails.

Alcohol Consumption Guidance

Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies, Rutgers University

Last month, the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs published the results of a new study on alcohol intake. Using weekly consumption reports, investigators examined the per-occasion impact on a person’s health. The goal was to understand the connection between alcohol consumption and morbidity and mortality in the US. The authors concluded that alcohol consumption should be limited to one drink per day or less to lower risk of developing health issues.

American Heart Association (AHA)

The AHA has also updated their guidance on alcohol intake. Previous advice suggested that alcohol (like red wine) may be beneficial. However, the AHA has deter-

American Cancer Society (ACS)

Alcohol is classified as a class #1 carcinogen (the highest risk group) and linked to seven different types of cancer. For this reason, the ACS recommends limiting intake to no more than one drink per day for women and two drinks a day for men. For breast cancer prevention, specifically, women should limit or abstain from alcohol altogether to lower risk

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Tropical Ginger Punch (1 Guiding Stars)

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Ingredients:

- 3 cups 100% orange juice
- 3 cups 100% pineapple juice
- 1 Tbsp. grated fresh ginger
- 4 cups club soda
- Orange wedges (optional)

Steps:

In a large pitcher, stir together orange juice, pineapple juice, and ginger.

Refrigerate to infuse punch with ginger (1 hour).

Just before serving, stir in club soda.

Serve over ice, garnished with orange wedges, if desired.

Bang Bang Tuna Sliders

(Family Features)

Bang Bang Tuna Sliders

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces tri-color shredded cabbage (coleslaw mix)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (1 lime)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 cup mayo
- 2 tablespoons sweet Thai chili sauce
- 1 can Bumble Bee Snackers Thai Chili Tuna, included whole chili minced and reserved
- 4 slider buns

Directions:

In small bowl, mix cabbage, lime juice, oil and salt.



In another small bowl, mix mayo, chili sauce and minced chili from tuna can.

On bottom of each bun, evenly divide layer of coleslaw followed by tuna. Drizzle sauce over top, to taste. Cap with top bun and serve.

Servings: 2
Source: Bumble Bee Tuna

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An Unsung American Hero

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our War of Independence, it is important to remember the amazing life – and heroic death – of Chief Daniel Nimham, who was one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Revolution.

Nimham was born in 1726, according to a deposition he filed in 1762. Following the death of his father, One Shake, in 1750, he became the sachem of the Wappinger and Nochpeem tribes. Nimham was described as being “of the Wiccopee,” a sub-tribe of the Nochpeem located along the Kent-East Fishkill border, and extending into the Fishkill area. His people had already been displaced from most of their established villages as the Native population declined due to the European diseases for which they had no natural immunities, and from the wars between the tribes and the Europeans.

It is believed that Nimham was baptized into the Christian faith around 1745, choosing the name Daniel. Like his namesake, he was born in an era of great hardship and despair for his people. He challenged the land grab perpetrated by the Philipse family, in which they expanded a legitimate 15,000-acre purchase into more than 200,000 acres, with no further compensation and without a valid deed to cover the enlarged area.

When England went to war with France in 1755, he served with the English alongside Rogers’ Rangers, using hit-and-run tactics that would later be valued during the Revolution.

Nimham’s people had been moved to the Stockbridge settlement for their protection during the war. Upon his return, Nimham found that most of his former lands had been settled by the Philipses’ tenant farmers.

In December 1761, King George III issued a proclamation instructing that “persons having seated themselves on land claimed by Indians to remove therefrom on pain of being prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law.” Nimham took this to heart and began negotiating his own leases with the tenant farmers who were unhappy with the Philipses’ terms, which became known as “Indian deeds.”

In 1762, he filed a claim with the Common Council to regain the disputed lands. On March 6, 1765, a hearing was commenced, and the case was made to show that the Philipses had not filed a valid deed showing all of the disputed lands, and in fact their deed had never defined the western and southern borders. When it seemed their case had been proven, Beverly Robinson, the husband of Susannah Philipse Robinson, pulled a deed from his pocket dated Aug. 13, 1702, in which all of the disputed lands were accounted for.

Although this deed had never been seen or recorded before, the Common Council – made up of other wealthy landowners – was satisfied and ruled in favor of the Philipses.

Nimham was not deterred,

and the following year he sailed to England to make his case in person, meeting with the Lords of Trade, who were impressed with his claim. Nimham then filed a new petition, and the hearing commenced in March 1767. Tenant farmers testified that the Philipses acknowledged that the disputed lands were the Natives’ hunting and fishing grounds, and that the tenants must also settle with them.

The Common Council once again sided with their own, proclaiming that Beverly Robinson was “a man of character, of prudence, and of undoubted loyalty.”

Following the start of the Revolution in 1775, Nimham, his son, and fellow braves joined the patriots’ cause. They served at Breed’s Hill, Valley Forge, and Monmouth, and in 1778, George Washington recruited them for a light infantry company utilizing the same tactics employed by Rogers’ Rangers.

On Aug. 30, 1778, Nimham and his braves successfully forced a British retreat at the Battle of Kingsbridge. The following day, the British – including the notorious Banastre Tarleton – lured Nimham’s company into an ambush. When the company of American troops under Major Stewart fled the field, Nimham’s fate was forever sealed.

As described by the historian William Pelletreau in 1886, “with all hope of successful resistance gone, he called out to his people to flee, but as for himself, ‘I am an aged tree, I will die here.’ When the next morning dawned, there, still and cold in death, on the field he had defended so bravely, lay the last sachem of the Wappingers...”

“A person who stands on the high land in Carmel, south of Lake Gleneida, sees far to the northwest, three lofty mountains that tower above all the country round. To the middle peak, which is the highest, we have given the name of the last sachem of the tribe that once ruled all the lands that can be seen from its highest summit: and we trust that in honor of his valor, and of the faith sealed with his blood, on the field where he fought for the liberty of America, it will bear to all future time the name of Mount Nimham.”

Tom Maxson is chairman of Highlands Historic Preservation and author of “Mount Nimham: The Ridge of Patriots.”

Kent to Dedicate Statue Honoring Chief Daniel Nimham



A dedication ceremony for a bronze statue honoring Chief Daniel Nimham is scheduled July 18 at Kent Town Center.

The Kent Conservation Foundation and Kent Historical Society join the town in inviting the public to a dedication ceremony for a bronze statue honoring Chief Daniel Nimham on July 18 at Town Center, at 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes.

A traditional ceremonial blessing and “saging” of the statue will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the dedication ceremony at 2 p.m.

Nimham was the last chief of the Wappinger people and stands as one of America’s earliest combat veterans. (See adjacent column.)

The new monument is a 4-foot-high version of the acclaimed 8-foot bronze statue erected by the Town of Fishkill in June 2022. Both pieces were created by award-winning sculptor and Kent resident Michael Keropian.

The installation is the culmination of a dedicated, multi-year community effort by the Kent Conservation Foundation, Kent Historical Society, Arts on the Lake, and Kent Public Library. The project was financed in part by a grant from the Office of State Sen. Pete Harckham, alongside donations raised through the Kent Conservation Foundation.

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer and his crew recently completed building the base for the statue, which includes a time capsule to be opened at the tricentennial in 2076.

In tandem with the outdoor dedication, indoor screenings of the short documentary “The Creation of the Daniel Nimham Sculpture,” produced by local filmmaker Jeff Hodges of Parker/Hodges Productions, Inc., will take place inside Town Hall. The film will be



Kent Highway Department members who helped build the base for the statue include Jack Diskin, Tyler McMath, James Nix, and Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer.

shown at noon and again after the ceremony.

The Town of Kent farmer’s market will also be held at the town center that day, from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m., and will feature crafts, produce, and food vendors.

For more information about the artist and the creation process, visit keropiansculpture.com.

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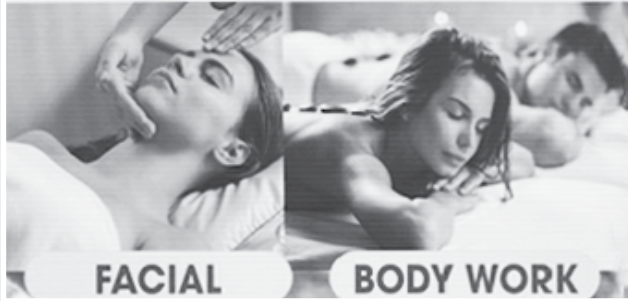
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‘1776’

Putnam actors will perform in the musical “1776” through July 18, as part of Musicals at Richter in Danbury. Featuring a live band and a cast of 25 local actors, performances take place outdoors Friday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m., at Richter Arts Center, 100 Aunt Hack Road, with discounted performances Thursday, July 16. Grounds open at 7 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and students, and \$15 for children 10 and younger. Bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating.

Tuesday, July 14

Garden Club

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, July 14 at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before the club’s presentation given by two accredited judges on the topic of horticulture entries for submission to a juried flower show. Members and their guests are encouraged to bring a light lunch. For information, visit <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub>.

Social Security Info. Session

Mahopac Public Library will present a Social Security educational seminar Tuesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. Join Wayne Quint from Quint Investments & Insurance Services to understand your options to make the best choice for your specific situation. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Summer Yoga

Summer yoga with Julia at Mahopac Public Library begins Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m., and continues for eight weeks. Join Julia Harrer for a one-hour Hatha Yoga class designed for all levels. Through mindful movement, gentle breathwork, and light meditation, you’ll be guided to deepen your connection to body, breath, and spirit. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Library Board Meetings

The Patterson Library Board will meet July 14 and Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the library.

Tibetan Singing Bowls

Used for centuries for meditation and healing, learn how the range of sounds created by Tibetan Singing Bowls restores the normal vibratory frequencies of the mind, body, and soul in a hands-on workshop with Michelle Clifton in the peace of Patterson Library park, Tuesday, July 14 at 11 a.m. Adults only. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Restore Old Town Hall

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites anyone interested in the restoration of Old Town Hall to attend an informa-

tional meeting July 14 at 7 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, where the group will review a building condition reports, outline its vision for transforming the space into a vibrant community cultural arts center, and discuss what is needed to accomplish its goals. To RSVP, email info@CulturalArtsCo.com.

Agritourism Webinar Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Agritourism Program Work Team will host a monthly webinar series designed to support both new and established agritourism operators from noon to 1 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. This educational series provides practical guidance, timely tools, and real-world strategies to help farms strengthen agritourism operations, manage risk, enhance visitor experiences, and improve long-term business sustainability. Free. Register online.

Senior Services

The Putnam County Office for Senior Resources will host an open hour July 14 and Aug. 11 from noon to 1 p.m., at Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring.

Wednesday, July 15

Cut Flower Webinar Series

CCE’s Cut Flower Program Work Team invites cut flower growers to join a free monthly webinar series focused on practical, research-based strategies to support successful production. From noon to 1 p.m., on July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. Free. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org>.

Re-Enactor

Michael Baker will present “Dr. Joseph Warren” on July 15 from 6 to 7 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Warren was instrumental in the start of the American Revolution. Hear how he led the Patriots’ battle in Boston and helped spread the spirit of revolution throughout the colonies. He set Paul Revere on his ride and inspired the Founding Fathers in Boston and throughout the colonies, which resulted in the Declaration of Independence that he did not live to see. Register online.

Do You Remember Freedomland?

Walk down memory lane with Mike Virgintino as he shares the fascinating history of Freedomland, the Bronx theme park that celebrated American history, Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Through stories, images, and cultural context, this nostalgic journey brings back the magic of a beloved theme park and a unique moment in New York history from 1960 to 1964. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Jay Prince & Friends

The Brewster Summer Music Series continues Wednesday, July 15 with Jay Prince & Friends, a nine-piece lineup of New York City session musicians delivering a mix of funk, rock, and R&B. The free concert begins at

6:30 p.m., at the gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park in Brewster. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at Tom and Jerry’s Bar & Grill.

Veterans Benefits

Join Marine Corps veteran and accredited National Veterans Service Officer Richard Buck for an informative session designed to help veterans and their families better understand the benefits and resources available to them. Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Thursday, July 16

Summer Concerts

The **Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department** will hold its Sunset Concert Series Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., at Sycamore Park, on the following dates: July 16, Andrea & The Armenian Rugriders; July 30, Back to the Garden 1969; Aug 6, Orquesta Afinke. Free.

Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department will present its Thursday night summer concerts from 7 to 9 p.m., at Johnson Field. July 16, British Rock Show; July 23, FDR Drive Band; July 30, Hey Baby Band; Aug. 6, Smoked Glass; Aug. 13, Mike Risko Band; Aug. 20-Family Day, Elysian & CJ the DJ (5 to 7 p.m.), and Loose Wheel Band (7 to 9 p.m.). Food for sale.

‘Find Your Files’

Mahopac Public Library will present “Find Your Files” on Thursday, July 16 at 11 a.m. This class will cover the basics of file management on PC computers, including how to navigate the file explorer, how to find downloaded items, and how to organize your files so that you can find them. You can bring your own laptop to class or use one of the Learning Lab laptops. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Women’s GOP Club

The Putnam County Republican Women’s Club meets every third Thursday of the month. Consider joining in discussion about Republican programs, policies, and issues affecting the county. Email the president at putnam-womensgop@gmail.com for more information, including time and location.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Adults may join Friends of the Patterson Library for a trivia night hosted by Garry Leavy of Let’s Go Trivia on Thursday, July 16 at 6 p.m., at the library. Come solo, bring friends, or meet new teammates. The \$5 donation includes play, light bites, and the chance to win prizes. Raffle baskets available throughout the evening. Teen volunteers will provide free on-site babysitting for children age 3 to 12. Separate registration is required for babysitting. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

‘The Land Before Time’

Brewster Public Library will show “The Land Before Time” on Thursday, July 16 at 10 a.m. Enjoy popcorn and juice for kids, along with an activity packet to complete while watching the film. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Friday, July 17

Marc Berger & Ride

The Arts on the Lake Summer Concert Series continues Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m., with Marc Berger and Ride performing the full range of American roots music – country, blues, folk and rock n’ roll under the stars on the Boyd Concert Lawn at 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel. \$10. Street cuisine available from Chef Rubeo’s food truck.

Story of Enoch Crosby

“Master Spy of the Hudson Valley: The Story of Enoch Crosby” is scheduled July 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As part of Putnam County’s REV 250 commemoration, presenter Ann Fanizzi will give a fascinating look at double agent Enoch Crosby, often described as the “James Bond of the 18th Century.” Discover the true story of one of the county’s most intriguing Revolutionary figures that helped shape a nation. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

‘Into the Woods’

The Brewster Theater Company will present “Into the Woods” at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Fridays, July 17, 24, and 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, July 18 and 25, and Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, July 26 and Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door. (Reservations are recommended.)

A Minecraft Adventure

Mahopac Public Library will host “Travel Through Time – Lost Egypt (A Minecraft Adventure)” on Friday, July 17 at 5 p.m. Presented by Arrayscape Gaming. Embark through Ancient Egypt, uncovering secrets within the Great Pyramids, the Great Sphinx, and the hidden tombs of this legendary civilization. Your mission is to locate and activate four levers concealed in ancient pyramids and temples using clues in ancient texts to navigate each step. Learn basic coding using Minecraft and teamwork. For grades four through eight. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Saturday, July 18

Music Festival

Bear With Us will take place Saturday, July 18 at Greenwood Features, 269 Greenwood Ave., Bethel, Conn. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., with performances from 4 to 11 p.m. The event – held in memory of Joe “the Actual Bear” Apuzzo of Brewster – will feature two stages of live music. Food from Fat Tony’s Deli & Pizzeria, and refreshments from Greenwood Features will be available for purchase. All ages. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$60 on the day of the event.

Book Sales

Friends of Kent Library will hold “third Saturday” Book Cellar sales in July, and August, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aging Well

Mahopac Public Library will present “Stay Sharp Mentally at Any Age” on Saturday, July 18 at 1 p.m. Join Dr. Edward Markowitz, certified wellness instructor

by the Foundation of Wellness Professionals, as he discusses nutritional and lifestyle advice that will help you stay sharp mentally at any age. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam residents may bring their dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hubbard Lodge, 2920 Route 9, Cold Spring. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. No tags. If you do not have proof of vaccination, your pet will receive a one-year rabies vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. For information, call the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390, ext. 43160.

Nimham Statue Dedication

The Kent Conservation Foundation and Kent Historical Society join the town in inviting the public to a dedication ceremony for a bronze statue honoring Chief Daniel Nimham on July 18 at Town Center, at 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes. A traditional blessing and “saging” of the statue will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the dedication at 2 p.m. Screenings of the short documentary “The Creation of the Daniel Nimham Sculpture” take place inside Town Hall, at noon and again after the ceremony. A farmer’s market will also be held at the town center that day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Liberty Three

An evening of music, dance, and colonial hospitality is scheduled Saturday, July 18 at 6 p.m., in the Historic Carriage House at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. The Liberty Three will transport audiences back to the spirited atmosphere of an 18th-century public house. Revolutionary-inspired fare, including pork and beans, cornbread, cheese plates, beverages, and desserts, will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door. Students free.

Tour Constitution Island

Tours will be offered of Constitution Island on Saturdays, July 18, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., departing from 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Register at www.constitutionisland.org.

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Firearm Owners Assoc. Welcomes New Leadership

The Putnam County Firearm Owners Association is the largest Second Amendment organization in the county, bringing together firearm owners, sportsmen, hunters, competitive shooters, collectors, and citizens who believe in protecting the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The organization was incorporated in October 2014 by Nicholas Castellano, whose vision helped establish a local organization dedicated to education, advocacy, and responsible firearms ownership. More than a decade later, Castellano remains an active member – a testament to his continuing commitment to the association and its mission.

This year, the association has undergone a significant reorganization and restructuring, designed to strengthen the organization and position it for the future. The restructuring includes updates to its governance, leadership, and organizational practices with the goal of promoting transparency, accountability, and long-term stability.

These changes were undertaken to ensure the association remains well-equipped to serve its members, advocate for Second Amendment rights, and continue growing as Putnam County’s leading Second Amendment organization for years to come.

While the association serves Putnam County, its membership extends beyond county lines, including members from all around the Hudson Valley.

Membership is open to anyone who supports the Second Amendment. Whether an individual is an experienced firearm owner, a recreational shooter, a hunter, or simply believes in preserving constitutional freedoms, the association welcomes those who share its commitment to responsible gun ownership and the protection of individual liberties.

Throughout the year, it provides educational programs; guest speakers from the National Rifle Association, New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, New York TAC Defense, and elected officials who provide judicial and legislative updates; and opportunities for mem-



Putnam County Firearm Owners Association leadership includes, from left, Director Bob Cullen from Brewster, Treasurer Helen Moss from Yorktown Heights, Director Joe Melhado from Hartsdale, Recording Secretary Cindy Trimble from Cold Spring, President and founding member John O’Connor from Brewster, Vice President and founding member Marilyn Miller from Brewster, Membership Secretary Henry Lopez from Putnam Valley, and Financial Secretary Eric Cyprus from Brewster. Missing from the photo is Director Chris Turan from San Antonio, Texas.

bers to stay informed about issues affecting firearm owners at the local, state, and national levels.

Meetings also provide a forum for members to exchange ideas, ask questions, and engage with elected officials and subject matter experts.

The Putnam County Firearm Owners Association meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Paladin Center, 39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel. Monthly meetings are open to members and guests interested in learning more about the organization and its mission.

Anyone interested in more information can email info@pcfoa.org or call 845-384-2966.

Scholarship Winner

Gabriella Bartholdi of Mahopac High School is the recipient of the 2026 Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship from the Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc.

This \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Putnam County high school senior pursuing a degree in human services. This year, MHA-Putnam received 14 applications, making the selection process especially challenging.

Bartholdi plans to attend Sacred Heart University this fall to pursue a degree in occupational therapy. She said her goal is to combine her education, dance experience, and passion for helping others to inspire confidence, independence, and joy in the lives of those she serves.

For more information about MHA-Putnam, visit www.mh-putnam.org or call 845-278-7600.

We Will Miss

- Brewster**
Mary Elizabeth Moorehead, 90, July 1. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
- Carmel**
Robert C. Reichelt, 69, July 2. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
Robert Karl Dreher, 93, July 4. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.
Charles H. Shaffer, 82, April 15. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.
- Garrison**
Michael Bean, 73, July 2. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.
- Mahopac**
Elsa Maria Gonzalez Petic, 93, June 30. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.
Karen B. Karner, 76, June 30. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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In 1898, Harry Miller wrote:

**“As we halt by the spy’s grave, and think of his career in the Revolution,
we are impressed anew by its mysterious and extraordinary character.
Hopefully, twenty-first century readers will reflect upon
the fortitude and moral fiber of a truly heroic American.**

WELCOME HOME, SYBIL!



A time capsule was buried under the monument, to be opened the next time Sybil is taken away for a facelift.



The Sybil Ludington statue was returned to its home on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel on July 3, after undergoing restorations. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.



Residents gathered to welcome the statue back home, and watched as a crane lifted it back in place.



By Holly Crocco

A crowd of spectators lined Gleneida Avenue to welcome the return of the Sybil Ludington statue July 3, as a parade escorted the recently refurbished structure from the Kent Elementary School to her permanent resting place in front of Lake Gleneida in the hamlet.

Sybil was lifted from the stone foundation April 27 to undergo her first comprehensive restoration in

decades.

Anna Hyatt Huntington sculpted the bronze statue, which was first dedicated in 1961. It depicts the teenager holding a stick and shouting a call to arms while sitting astride her horse Star. Cast in bronze and mounted on a fieldstone pedestal, the statue is one-and-one-third-times life-size.

"We can all trace back our relatives to someone who served

or contributed to the American Revolution," said Chloe Pollack, president of the New York State Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution.

Pollack said she wishes more people knew that Ludington was only 16 years old when she completed her historic ride. "It's really inspiring to me that she was so young and she was able to do all this," she said.

Jennifer Pollack agreed.

"I think people get a little nervous about quoting history for young women and children because their stories were not told – they were not kept in history," she said.

Before Sybil was placed back on her "throne," Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne – who announced the "Save Sybil" restoration effort more than a year ago – helped the Friends of the

Daughters of the American Revolution place a time capsule within the monument.

"So the next time Putnam County needs to step up and restore Sybil, they're going to see what was documented during 'America 250' and our restoration," he said.

According to County Historian Jennifer Cassidy, the statue will be rededicated in April of next year.

LAKE PEEKSKILL FLOTILLA MAKES A SPLASH!



The Lake Peekskill community hosted its annual Fourth of July Flotilla on July 4 on the lake. Boats, kayaks, and other vessels were decked out in red, white, and blue to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, with refreshments and kids' activities provided by the Lake Peekskill Community Association. Photos by Bill Gouldman.





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Hudson Valley Represented in World Cup

SEATTLE – A lot of fans had a real kinship and rooting interest in the USA men’s soccer team during the World Cup.

Midfielder Tyler Adams of the USA men’s soccer team was born and raised in Wappingers Falls. He is also one of the captains of the team.

Alas, the U.S. was eliminated from the tournament with a 4-1 loss to Belgium in the knockout round of 32.

“Today wasn’t a good day,” Adams said in the postgame press conference. “It’s tough to judge right now, especially after our loss. Overall, there are positives that we’re going to take away from this... Yes, it stings. I don’t like to be eliminated from anything.”

Adams did not play for Roy C. Ketcham High School, but briefly

attended the school until his talents took him to Major League Soccer’s New York Red Bulls Academy. He now plays professionally in the English Premier League – one of the most highly regarded leagues in the world.

Still, he was well-known enough to be recognized by Putnam County soccer fans.

This was his second time representing the U.S. in the World Cup. He is now 27 years old.

He understands that being one of three hosts for this year’s tournament and the expectation for the U.S. team brought in many new fans.

“That was the goal – to obviously inspire people,” he said. “The support is growing in the U.S. I think we saw that the support was unbelievable.”

Interim Superintendent Frank Miele for his leadership, saying, “I thank Frank for leaving this place in such a good position... Nobody can outwork that man – he’s unbelievable.”

Lastly, DiGrandi encouraged not only students, but the entire community, to read this summer.

“Please, pick up a book – read something,” he said. “Find enjoyment in the fantasy world. Read a biography of a great American. Learn how a combustion engine works. Please, find a new passion... read. Read with a parent, read to a sibling. Please, read.”

Other districts in Putnam county had uncontested elections for leadership.

During the Carmel School Board’s July 1 reorganizational meeting, Melissa Orser was re-elected president of the board and John Curzio II was reelected vice president.

During its July 1 reorganizational meeting, the Putnam Valley School Board unanimously elected Janette Yeter president of the board, with Barbara Family unanimously elected vice president.

During the Brewster School Board’s July 7 reorganizational meeting, Kerry Cunningham was unanimously re-elected president of the board, and Cynthia Fox was unanimously elected vice president.



Scribbles on a Notebook By Rich Thomaselli

The Athletes of Tomorrow

The combination of the 250th birthday of the United States of America and the possible final games in the World Cup for stalwarts like Ronaldo of Portugal and Neymar of Brazil brought one thought to mind: the passing of the torch in any aspect of life is inevitable, and our youth is the future.

You see it most often in sports. I mean, where else is a 39-year-old person considered over the hill?

Even the person who is arguably the greatest female tennis player of all time doesn’t get the benefit of the doubt – and Venus Williams is only 46 years old.

But that is considered ancient history.

That’s where our youth come in... The leaders of tomorrow.

Whether they know it, whether they accept it, the mantle of leadership now falls to them.

And that is true for almost anything – business, politics, family dynamics... even sports. That’s why we should embrace and support our youth. They truly are our future.

Call it the changing of the guard.

In the meantime, we honor and appreciate those who have set the path for us. It really is the circle of life.

The children are our future... The circle of life... Hey, somebody should make a song about those concepts.

Oh, wait ...

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

Renegades Alumni Selected for Futures Game

FISHKILL – A couple of prospects are still making waves for the Hudson Valley Renegades Minor League Baseball team, even though they haven’t worn the uniform in a while.

Major League Baseball announced the rosters for the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game. Former Renegades players Carlos Lagrange and George Lombard Jr. have been selected to represent the Yankees on the American League team managed by Larry Bowa.

Lombard Jr., 21, is the consensus number one prospect in the Yankees system and currently plays with the Yankees’ Triple-A affiliate, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. He played for the Ren-

egades across the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

This will be Lombard Jr.’s second Futures Game appearance, having also been selected in 2025. MLB Pipeline rates him as the number 20 prospect in baseball.

Lagrange, 23, is rated the number four prospect in the Yankees system and also currently plays for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He pitched for the Renegades in 2025 and went 4-2 with a 4.10 ERA and 64 strikeouts in 41.2 innings across eight starts. This is his first Futures Game selection.

MLB Pipeline rates Lagrange as the number 85 prospect in the sport.

Additionally, 2025 Renegades

Manager James Cooper has been announced as the third base coach for the American League squad. Cooper led the Renegades to a franchise-record 79 wins in 2025 and is currently managing the Double-A Somerset Patriots.

Since the Futures Game began in 1999, 26 former Renegades players have been named to a Futures Game roster, including 2001 Futures Game MVP Toby Hall, Evan Longoria (2007), Jeremy Hellickson (2010), Anthony Volpe (2022), and Spencer Jones (2023-24).

In the meantime, this year’s edition of the Renegades are still wallowing below .500 as they prepared to wrap up a series against the Rome Emperors.

Weather Dampens Summer Sports

You know what they say about athletics – the weather is always the great unknown.

That certainly has been tested so far this summer.

“You can’t play tennis, you can’t play golf, because you never know what’s going to happen,” said Garrison resident Camilla

Byrnes. “Even my poor kids never know when they’re going to have a practice or a game interrupted.”

High school practices and camps have been outright canceled because of the weather.

“Crazy,” said Brewster’s Mike DeMeglio.

Crazy indeed.

The weather has gone from tolerable one day to severe storms the next. That’s not to mention the oppressive heat in some places. The humidity has made it feel more like Florida at times than Putnam County.

“And don’t forget the flooding,” added James Nguyen.

Harrigan to Lead Mahopac School Board

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and the community,” she said. “I believe in the past we’ve made meaningful progress and I’m committed to building on that momentum.”

Massafra was elected by her colleagues, with votes from Catalli, Harrigan, Iacono, Potter, and herself.

Following the elections, Carway expressed hope that the board will have stronger communication this coming year.

“I know that last year, I feel like there was a little bit of a disconnect with communication, and I feel that would be wonderful if we were able to get back to everyone and work together and share with the entire board,” she said.

During the board’s regular meeting, which followed the reorganizational meeting, new Superintendent DiGrandi thanked the school community for giving him a warm welcome.

“I know everyone has high expectations of me,” he said. “I have high expectations of myself and look forward to going to work.”

He also thanked outgoing

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Carmel School Board Creates Hiring Committee

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offers, and signed contracts.

"At the time I had hoped that was an isolated situation," said Shilling. "Today, I am no longer convinced that it was. Since then, there appears to be inconsistency in how the hiring process is being applied."

While candidates – and principals making hiring decisions – deserve clarity and consistency, he said the action stirs up a broader concern.

"No one should be hired because of who they know, that's clear," said Shilling. "But no one should be denied an opportunity because of who they know, either. Every candidate should be evaluated based on their qualifications, their experience, and their ability to serve students... Introducing a new step in the process at the end of the cycle raises question about timeline and how they can rely on a process that's still changing."

Newly-sworn in Trustee Dan Minieri told Shilling this matter is something he plans on delving into.

"The questions you asked were things that I would express similar concerns about because we want to bring highly qualified individuals into this district, and I believe that no matter what a last name is, it should be about qualifications," he said. "I do not, at this time, know enough about that process, but I will find those answers out."

Trustee Nicholas Magliano said he was pleased with the work that took place during the new temporary Hiring Committee's first meeting earlier in the week.

"Just in that short time, what was established – I can confidently say that if we were to never meet again, we have still made quite an improvement already in this process," he said. "This gives us a foundation to work off of and this should hopefully deal with some of the issues that Mr. Shilling talked about that we have historically had... and standardize and unify the hiring process."

Later in the meeting, Magliano accused board leadership of not looking into the matter quickly enough. Still, he said he's happy with the action being taken. "I'm a little shocked that it took this long to start, but nonetheless, here we are making progress," he said.

Trustee Frank Grasso said the board is working to address "defects" in the existing hiring process.

"We are making real strides to make corrections to the policies that need to be smoothed out," he said. "It will take some time to produce a coherent and consistent policy, and we're working on it now."

Superintendent Michael Plotkin said the district is already well on its way to establishing better hiring protocol. "We need to build a process in order to build confidence that no resume or person is favored," he said.

So far, the committee has

developed and codified a process that anonymizes the screening of applicants. He said a rubric was created to use as a metric for candidates, who will then go on to screening interviews, demo lessons, and committee interviews. It clearly lays out who is responsible for what, and includes a paper trail and reference checks, he said.

The new process delves into onboarding and notification, a review process, and how to widen the net to attract more people. "We don't want this to become an inhibiting factor, we need it to become an enabling factor," said Plotkin.

Trustee Jordi Douglas took exception to people conveying that the former procedure was inadequate at attracting quality candidates.

"The words that are being used, the narrative that is being put out there says that this system is totally broken... That all of this has led us to hire flawed candidates," he said. "That's not the case. We have incredible teachers."

Douglas, who was the lone dissenting vote when the board decided to halt the hiring process last month, said the new process is about being able to better articulate why certain hiring decisions are made. He added that the board could have voted to finish the current hiring round and move forward with a new process, instead of disrupting the lives of those who thought they had jobs.

Trustee Michael Torpey apologized to the candidates that were affected by the board's decision to wait until a hiring committee can look at the current process.

"It's not what we wanted to do," he said. "I believe we were moving at the speed of the administration's request. We were told that we needed to keep the hiring process moving."

The committee was quickly assembled and met with Plotkin to go over what he put together.

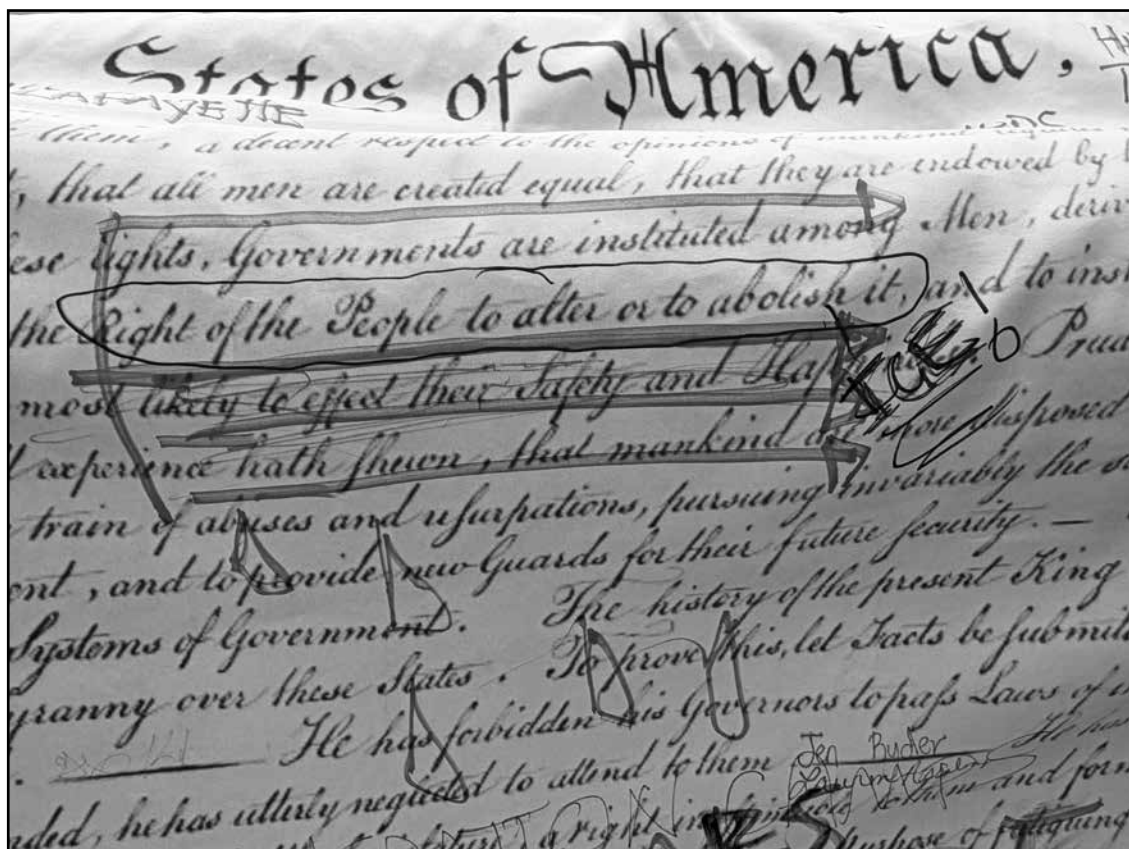
"We did not really get too much involved," said Torpey. "We had some suggestions, some that were taken, some that were hashed out and were not... I think it was in the best interest of the district and the candidates going forward that we got the ball rolling."

"We have fantastic teachers, staff in this district," continued Torpey. "But there have been a lot of questionable hires in this district, historically. And this is exactly the type of thing voters put us in these seats to fight against."

Board President Melissa Orser said the district needs to be able to identify how candidates are chosen – from receipt of resumes, to interviews, to offers.

"I'm looking for more than just articulation, I'm looking for a process," she said. "It hasn't been done... Unfortunately, there was some collateral damage, and that's awful. We all feel terrible about that. We've discussed that. Nobody wanted that to happen. But worse is this board being complicit in a process that we know wasn't (verifiable)."

The committee will meet again in August to receive feedback on the process so far, as well as whether rubrics need to be changed, and other considerations.



The replica Declaration of Independence in Carmel was removed from public display after unwanted comments marred it.

What Defines Vandalism?

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Showcase at the end of the month, for residents and visitors to sign.

The original display – which debuted at the "Putnam County Heroes: Battle the Redcoats" reenactment in June, and traveled to various county events throughout the month where community members signed their names to an item that was intended to become an "artifact" in the county's history – was "defaced" over the Fourth of July weekend.

Statements such as "500 years genocide," "Congress r all nerds," and "5,000 children in concentration camps," as well as the word "ICE" after the portion of the document that states "...the right of the People to alter or abolish," were unwelcome on what was supposed to be a fun, interactive piece of public property erected to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

"On the afternoon of July 4, local law enforcement learned the display had been defaced with political graffiti," explained Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "Our County Historian's Office promptly removed the display to preserve history and the matter was referred to law enforcement for further investigation. Security footage from law enforcement personnel, along with surveillance cameras monitoring the Historic Courthouse and county complex, do exist and are being reviewed to help verify the identities of those responsible."

Only a few days later, July 8, Byrne was notified that the newly restored Sybil Ludington statue on Lake Gleneida in Carmel appeared to have been graffitied with paint. The recent rainfall, it is assumed, made whatever was written or drawn illegible.

The statue recently underwent a \$100,000 restoration and was re-mounted just days prior. (See story, page 8.) According to Byrne, that renovation included an outer layer of wax coat that seems to have protected Putnam's heroine, and the restoration team was able to remove the graffiti.

Byrne said it's unknown if the two acts are related.

As news started to circulate



It is unclear whether the markings on the newly-remounted Sybil Statue in Carmel was graffitied, or suffered a weather-related impact.

about the document being removed from public access due to "vandalism," the conversation turned to how one defines that word.

According to Byrne, the document was left hanging on the Historic Courthouse in Carmel with a note encouraging passersby to sign it... Not leave political comments.

"In my opinion, signing the Declaration of Independence means signing your name," he said. "A lot of people participated in this civic engagement on public display."

That includes hundreds of children, parents, residents, and visitors who signed the document as a symbolic affirmation of the nation's founding ideals, he said.

"The Declaration of Independence is our nation's founding document," continued Byrne. "Regardless of political beliefs, it deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Every American enjoys the constitutional right to free speech, but intentionally defacing a public display created for families to celebrate our history and heritage is not an act of civic engagement; it is an act of gross disrespect."

However, according to law enforcement, no laws were broken seeing as individuals were encouraged to write on the document.

"Those present were merely exercising their First Amendment rights by participating in an activity the county invited everyone to partake in," said one resident in an email to the newspaper.

When State Sen. Pete Harcham, D-Peekskill, heard the news, he also denounced the actions of violators.

"Freedom of speech is a fundamental tenet of our society, but defacing historic monuments only fuels division rather than meaningful dialogue," he said. "Thank you to our local law enforcement agencies and Putnam County officials for their swift response to this situation."

This drew criticism from some residents, with one commenting: "So we're all clear what happened here: the county put out a sheet of paper with the Declaration of Independence on it for folks to leave messages on that would be put in a time capsule... Then, it turned out they didn't like some of those messages, and they flipped out and cried 'vandalism' before admitting that nothing of the sort occurred."

Regardless, a second replica of the Declaration of Independence has already been secured and will be available for residents to sign during the Putnam County 4-H Fair & Showcase on July 25 and 26 at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel/Kent.

"I encourage everyone who shares our love of country and appreciation for our nation's founding ideals to stop by, add your 'John Hancock,' and help demonstrate that respect for American history will always outweigh those who seek to diminish it," said Byrne.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) 2025 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 2025 fiscal affairs of the Town of Carmel and political subdivisions for the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025 have been audited by the Town’s Independent Auditing Firm, and that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk where a copy is available to all interested persons. Pursuant to Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, will in its discretion, prepare a written response to the audit report of the independent public accountants and file any such response in the office of the Town Clerk as a public record after acceptance of the report.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk
July 9, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE KENT PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TRAIL CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TAX MAP: 32.-1-25

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing pertaining to the property noted above will be held before the **Town of Kent Planning Board on Thursday, JUL 16, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent, NY 10512** or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard.

This project is for an Erosion Control permit, a Wetland Permit and a Site Plan for modifications being made to the property, docks and courts.

At this hearing all persons speaking in favor of or in opposition shall be heard. If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this project, please send them to: planningkent@townofkentny.gov. The telephone number for the Kent Planning Board is: 845-306-5612.

An Erosion Control Permit will be required. Weather conditions have precluded a site inspection. The applicant provided a wetland Delineation and there is no proposed disturbance in the wetland buffer.

June 25, 2026
Publish July 1 through Jul 16, 2026
By order of:
Vera Patterson, Secretary for
The Town of Kent Planning Board
County of Putnam
planningkent@townofkentny.gov

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 25 Sybil’s Crossing Kent Lakes, NY 10512

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Kent will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 20th, 2026** at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY at 7:00 p.m. to review the following applications

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1. Daniel Liptak
8 Teatown Ct.
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-26-004 - Requests: ZBA interpretation of 4/16/26 order to remedy. Applicant seeks determination existing dock work was reappear and maintenance, not reconstruction. Tax Map # 33.65-1-36

2. Gerard Quattrucci
36 Robin Drive
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-26-005 –Requests: Extend deck to the edge of the house for a new sliding door. Tax Map # 33.17-1-4.

3. NYC DEP
465 Columbus Ave., Suite 350
Valhalla, NY 10595

ZBA-26-006-Requests: Dioxon Road Parcel 43.-2-64. Interpretation of property use for proposed accessory structure.

4. Homeland Towers and Verizon Wireless
59 Hortontown Hill Rd.
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-25-024 – Requesting a 30 ft. height variance, 10 ft. side and 135 ft. rear for a proposed cell tower. Tax Map # 9.-1-5.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will entertain any other business, which is properly presented to the Board.

SITE INSPECTIONS ARE THE 2nd. SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. Between 9am & 10:00am
CC: Town Clerk

Town Board
Zoning Board of Appeals Members
Planning Board Clerk
Wm. Walters, Building Inspector

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 67 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING TAXATION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on July 7, 2026, Local Introductory Law No. ____ of the year 2026, which Local Law will amend Chapter 67 regarding Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lake, New York, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day, or as soon thereafter as may be held, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated: July 8, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE KENT TOWN BOARD

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson
Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as **Verizon Wireless** (Verizon Wireless) proposes to construct

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a 120-foot monopine communications tower with an overall height of 125 feet, at the approx. vicinity of 4 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, NY 12563 (41.459086, -73.553188). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Katherine Lawlor, k.lawlor@trileaf.com, 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, (410) 853-7128.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Philipstown ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Philipstown
Town Hall
238 Main Street
Cold Spring, NY 10516

Separate sealed bids for the E. Mountain Road South Channel Widening Project will be received by the Town of Philipstown at the office of the Town Clerk, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring NY 10516 until 11:00 o’clock AM local prevailing time on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following location:

Office of the Town Clerk,
238 Main Street, Cold Spring NY 10516

Copies may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk located at 238 Main Street upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder or non-bidder shall be entitled to a refund of this payment in accordance with Section 102 of the General Municipal Law upon the return of such sets in good condition as determined by the Town.

Each bid shall be accompanied by acceptable form of Bid Guarantee in an amount equal to at least five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid payable to the Owner as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and file acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after the award of the Contract.

OWNER RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Town of Philipstown hereinafter called the OWNER, reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Owner.

S T A T E M E N T O F
NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on the Contracts are required to execute a non-collusion bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The Town of Philipstown hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage

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rates to be paid under the contract. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

7/15/2026

BY Tara Percacciolo, Town Clerk
Date

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL

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

RFP-04-2026 – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS 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 proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026, dated: Carmel, New York, July 9, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director, Putnam County Purchasing Department**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

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

RFB-25-26 BV – CUSTOM CLOTHING, APPAREL & ACCESSORIES 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 www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026, dated: Carmel, New York, July 9, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-B, Plaintiff against

CHAD GEFFNER, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 23, 2025, I will sell at public

auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209,

20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 27, 2026 at 9:30AM. Premises known as

21 Colonel Court, Holmes, NY 12531. Sec 2. Block 1 Lot 7. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$356,621.87 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501156/2023.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District’s Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633. Raymond A Cote, Esq., Referee
File # 22-12589NY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB**, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2023-R1, Plaintiff, vs. **MICHAEL J. HOAG A/K/A MICHAEL HOAG, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 26, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 2407 Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 20, Block 1 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment is \$404,523.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501723/2023.

Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 232472-1

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LLC

GUIDING HAND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLLC Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/2026. Office: PUTNAM COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 BROADWAY SUITE 615, NEW YORK, NY, 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

EMIZ HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/15/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3191 US Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

33 MELVILLE LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 38 Stonewall Farm Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Tri County Timber LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 03/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Tri County Timber LLC, 2891 Route 22, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIMEFLOW CONCRETE PUMPING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/1/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3845 Danbury Rd., Brewster, NY 10559, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DOB CONSTRUCTION AND WOODWORKING LLC. Filed 5/28/26. Office: Putnam Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 79 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: General.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST LAKE BLVD LLC. Filed 4/30/26. Office: Putnam Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jeremy L. Havens, Esq., 28 Railroad Ave., Ste 2c, Warwick, NY 10990. Purpose: General.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LONG TRAIL MULTISPORT, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4049 Fairways Drive, Carmel, NY 10521. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUTNAM COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of **Arrunategui Consulting, LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/23/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Arrunategui Consulting, LLC, 11 High Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Nisbeth Alignment Group LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/8/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nisbeth Alignment Group LLC, 242 Austin Road, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of **SAM BREWSTER, LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/26. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 06/06/26. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to F. Mark Roscioli Jr., 1050 Runaway Dr., Pennsburg, PA 18073. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the Commonwealth, PO Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8722. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **11 Parsonage St, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on April 27, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Anderson Registered Agents, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tech Advantage LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/16/24. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 20 Saint Anthony Pl, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Freid Realty LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/24. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 296, Shenorock NY 10587. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAHANAN LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 80 FAIR ST, COLD SPRING, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RAF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/27/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 48 GLEN RIDGE RD, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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MILE 54 CONSULTING LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 99 WASHINGTON AVE, STE 700, ALBANY, NY 12260. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE 2026 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 333 MAMARONECK AVE #438, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A D V E N T U R E S THROUGH FLAVOR LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 814, CARMEL, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Byrnes Brighter LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/08/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Byrnes Brighter LLC, 19 Carillon Road Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **SightAngle Systems LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 06/17/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o SightAngle Systems LLC, 1511 Route 22 Suite A1 #104 - Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **POINT SCS LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/18/26. Office in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 403 FARMERS MILLS RD CARMEL, NY, 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LA BOOZA BELLA, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/16/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 63 AQUEDUCT RD, GARRISON, NY 10524. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Girl From Ipanema, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/31/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Girl From Ipanema, LLC, 500 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Peckham Real Estate NY, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/26. Office: Putnam County.

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SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DANNY'S PROPERTY 2 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/23/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 313 ROUTE 6N, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GRM CONSULTING SERVICES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/4/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1511 NY 22, Ste. 118, Brewster, NY 10509, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Pine View Farm I LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/29/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o George Whipple, 250 Old Stone Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Pine View Farm II LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/29/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o George Whipple, 250 Old Stone Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **LJB Inspections, LLC** . Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on June 20, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 549 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **30 Milan Road LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/23/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, 360 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **POST ROAD HOUSE LLC** . Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/30/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Post Road House LLC, PO Box 16, Garrison NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Jodi Carlson Art LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 6/23/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jodi Carlson Art LLC. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROVEN 1926 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/17/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 859 FAIR ST, CARMEL, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of Formation of **CK3 Enterprises LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CK3 Enterprises LLC Purpose, 336 Horseman Blvd, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **JJA Silva Property Group LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 7, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to: 12 Main Street, Unit 2186, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

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165 FAIRFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Hawk Ridge Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **Third Track Home Services, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Third Track Home Services, LLC, 2 Miller Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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A multi-family building on See Avenue in Mahopac partially collapsed July 6 due to water damage, leaving three families temporarily homeless. Crews used planks to help residents safely exit the building.



St. John the Evangelist Parish in Mahopac suffered extensive damage after rain pummeled the area for days on end.



Multiple road closures caused chaos throughout the county, including Secor Road at Agor Lane in Mahopac Falls.



The CVS in Pawling was completely destroyed in a July 4 fire.



At about 6:25 p.m. July 7, Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched with Carmel Police Department to a residence on Dixon Road for a fallen tree and wires down, which caused a vehicle fire.



Putnam Recovers
From Holiday
Weekend Storm
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Putnam County remained in a flood watch through July 7, as steady rain continued. During that time, New York State Electric & Gas worked to restore power to more than 18,000 customers within its Brewster division.

“More than 640 field personnel are making strong progress restoring power following Sunday’s

severe storms across Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties,” NYSEG reported. “Crews are replacing 54 damaged poles, hundreds of downed wires, and clearing debris with more than 40 tree crews.”

The company distributed dry ice for residents left without power, at locations in Southeast, Patterson, and Putnam Valley.

Putnam’s neighbors to the north may have taken the hardest hit, as various fire departments battled a fire July 4 that ended up leveling the CVS store and pharmacy in the village.

According to the Pawling Fire Department, the structure fire was reported at about 8:10 p.m.

“What would unfold in the next few hours would be one of the largest fires the Pawling Fire Department has ever experienced,” wrote PFD on social media. “Pawling, along with numerous mutual aid departments from Dutchess, Putnam, and Litchfield counties... battled the fire until the early morning hours. Heavy Fire eventually took over the building. Firefighters were removed from the roof and a switch was made to a completely defensive operation.”

Firefighters from Patterson, Carmel, Lake Carmel, Putnam Lake, and other departments assisted at the scene. While the building was a total loss, no fire-

fighters or civilians were injured during the 16-hour operation.

In Mahopac, St. John the Evangelist Parish suffered extensive damage after rain pummeled the area for days on end.

“It was flowing like a river here (July 6),” Rev. Fr. Szymon Kurpios told News 12 Westchester. “Damaged all the basement social hall, also the top of the church and the first floor of the church was full of the water.”

Also in Mahopac, a multi-family building on See Avenue partially collapsed July 6 due to water damage, leaving three families temporarily homeless.

Members of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department first

arrived on the scene and determined that the basement cement block wall on the front side of the building had collapsed into the basement. Once the wall collapsed, the front entry porch sagged downward by several inches.

Timber planks had been put in place to bridge the gap from the front doorway to solid ground so the one remaining resident on the second floor could exit.

The Town of Carmel Building Department deemed the structure unsafe and condemned the property, and the American Red Cross was contacted to assist with shelter for the families that occupied the three apartments.

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Putnam Friends Lead National Children’s Arts Initiative



“Famous Art Color & Cook Book” by Patti Sheehan Hupp features coloring pages, recipes, and other creative content.

After more than two decades devoted to inspiring creativity in children, Brewster arts educator and nonprofit founder Patti Sheehan Hupp is turning a lifelong mission into a nationwide movement.

Through The ArtSmart World Foundation, Hupp is leading an ambitious campaign to place high-quality art education books into the hands of children – free of charge – by partnering with schools,

pediatric hospitals, libraries, and after-school enrichment programs across New York and, ultimately, the U.S. Just 90 days after the publication of Hupp’s first book, 1,000

copies have already been slated for donation – an early milestone that demonstrates both community enthusiasm and the growing need for accessible arts education. The first installment of 250 books will

go to the Carmel Central School District this fall.

“My goal isn’t to publish books,” said Hupp. “It’s to remove barriers so every child, regardless of where they live or their family’s circumstances, has the opportunity to experience the joy, confidence, and creative thinking that art inspires. Through free art classes and free books, that goal is in sight.”

Hupp’s inaugural title, “Famous Art Color & Cook Book,” is the first in a series introducing children to celebrated artists through coloring and other creative activities, and healthy, family-friendly recipes inspired by famous works of art. Designed to encourage creativity, conversation, and learning across generations, the book transforms art history into an engaging, interactive experience.

Hupp partnered with fellow Putnam County resident and illustrator Jean Basiletti, whose vibrant artwork brings each artist and activity to life while inspiring the next generation of young creators. At 25 years old, Basiletti is the next generation of artists.

“I’ve had a draft of this book kicking around since 2010,” said Hupp. “It was just waiting for Jean to grow up and bring it to life.”

The book also features recipes created by Hupp’s childhood friend Trisha Howell, a functional medicine nutritionist whose contributions encourage families to nourish both creativity and healthy lifestyles around the kitchen table.

The book is currently available through Amazon and will soon be distributed through IngramSpark, making it accessible to more than 39,000 bookstores, libraries, schools, and retailers worldwide. A portion of every sale will be donated to the ArtSmart World Foundation to provide free books to children.

Hupp’s passion for arts education has defined her career for more than 20 years. After graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, she founded a nonprofit theater company in New York City at just 25 years old. After moving to Putnam County to raise a family with her husband, Kevin, she opened The Children’s Center of Goldens Bridge, where she developed the ArtSmart curriculum that has inspired thousands of young learners through art, music, and creative exploration.

Today, through The ArtSmart World Foundation, Hupp is expanding that vision nationally. The foundation is actively seeking corporate sponsors, philanthropic partners, and community donors to help scale its giving campaign. Financial support will enable thousands more books to be donated to classrooms, children’s hospitals, libraries, community organizations, and after-school programs serving children who might otherwise have limited access to arts education.

“If we can donate 1,000 books at the beginning of this journey with minimal donations, imagine how many children we can reach with the support of corporate partners and community business leaders,” she said. “Reaching our youngest learners is critical to their future success. Together, we can create opportunities for children across the country to explore art, build confidence, and discover the joy of learning through creativity. That’s direct impact.”

For more information, call 646-234-5995, email info@artsmart-world.org, or visit www.artsmart-world.org.



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