



Hanukkah began last week with events across the county celebrating the Festival of Lights. At the Chabad of Putnam, kids in Hebrew school crafted Western Wall menorahs. Later in the week, menorahs were lit in Brewster and Carmel.

Hanukkah Celebrated in Style



Michal Korer recently hosted her annual Hanukkah Storytime at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, where she read a story and led a craft.

Opioid Settlement Funds Distributed To Area Agencies

Five local organizations that had applied to receive opioid settlement funds will be granted more than \$700,000 in funding, announced Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne last week.

Putnam, like many counties across the state, has received a large amount of money as part of a landmark settlement with manufacturers of prescription opioids and major pharmaceutical distributors. Earlier this year, Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature agreed to set up a formal request for proposal process to distribute funds.

These funds were approved for distribution at the Dec. 5 legislative meeting.

"Prior to the pandemic, the opioid crisis was the public health crisis of our lifetime, and in many ways COVID only exacerbated it," said Byrne. "It's critical that we get this money into the hands of those experts who will be helping those struggling with addiction. We received some incredible proposals from local providers and I'm confident they're going to do excellent work moving forward. Thank you to everyone who put in so much work evaluating the proposals."

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, who chairs the county's Health Committee, was part of the committee that evaluated all proposals.

"Anytime we can increase residents' access to help and support of services, we should take advantage of that opportunity," she said. "I was extremely impressed with all the requests submitted, and I'm glad we were able to get this done."

The community providers that applied all provided detailed plans to utilize opioid settlement money to enhance their integrated co-occurring substance misuse and mental health treatment services.

PeopleUSA's proposal includes enhancing services at the Rose Hose in Garrison, as well as hiring a full-time peer navigator with lived experience to help individuals manage their own ongoing recovery.

St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor in Garrison plans to enhance treatment and recovery efforts at its residential and outpatient facilities by hiring a part-time psychotherapist and a part-time specialist.

Brewster's Green Chimneys' focus on services for youth is expected to include integrating a substance misuse program for those age 10 to 21.

CoveCare Center in Carmel expects to develop a community training center for staff at all levels across a range of community agencies, including the Behavioral Health Hub in Philipstown, to include medication prescribers, clinicians, front desk staff, care managers, peers and support staff.

Finally, the Putnam County Prevention Council plans to use this funding to focus on preventing fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses by increasing access to *Continued on Page 11*

Salinger's Orchard Seeks Expansion; Draws Traffic Concerns

By Holly Crocco

Neighbors who live on or near Guinea Road in Southeast love being able to frequent Salinger's Orchard to pick up locallygrown produce, fresh-baked pies and other seasonal goods.

But they don't love the traffic the historic family-ownedand-operated business brings to the narrow, winding road.

And, with fourth-generation owner Tim Salinger seeking approvals from the town to expand the business on his 63-acre property over multiple phases to include an addition to the farm store building, a cidery and, eventually, an event building, nearby residents are asking for stakeholders to consider how this will increase traffic along the residential road.

According to the site plan

application, Salinger's plans include a 2,884-square-foot addition to farm store building, to expand the kitchen and seating area, and increase storage space. This would require demolishing the existing deck. In addition, a current storage area would be turned into a 1,225-square-foot cidery.

This would be part of the first phase of construction, which was originally hoped would get underway by late this year or early 2024. This would also include improvements to parking, as well as ingress and egress.

In a later phase – originally set for winter 2024-25 – plans call for the construction of a new 6,530-square-foot event building to host weddings and other seasonal events that could hold

s up to about 180 people.

A new sewage disposal area for the event building and addition would be designated, and Salinger is working with the county on a septic design. He is also working with the Putnam County Watershed Council to create a 1,200-square-foot agricultural use building.

The project requires site plan, subdivision and conditional use approval from the planning board, and several area variances from the zoning board.

Salinger has expressed during planning board meetings that he plans to maintain "that neighborhood farm stand feel" of the business. He said the addition to the farm stand building will not add space for shoppers, but rather expand the kitchen *Continued on Page 11*



Salinger's Orchard in Brewster has plans to expand its farm store, as well as add an event venue.

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Letters to the Editor

Slater's Comments on Sanctuary State Policy are Outrageous

Dear Editor:

I was very confused by Assemblyman Matt Slater's guest column regarding New York State's sanctuary state policy. He begins with a brief comment on the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the recent Hamas assault on Israel. The relevance of these two events to NYS' sanctuary policy is quite obscure.

His reference to "Biden's open border policies" immediately put his comments into the deep hole of partisan politics. Our borders are completely overwhelmed by record masses escaping Latin American countries plagued by such issues as a collapsed economy, corrupt or incompetent leaders or control by drug cartels.

The House of Representatives has actually reduced funding for increased border control agents and instead raised funding for border walls that will take time to build and can never close the nearly 2,000-mile border. I cannot fact check all his claims, but let's assume they are correct.

He cites that border agents

confiscated 27,000 pounds of fentanyl and they have also spotted people on the terrorist watch list. That sounds to me like the agents are doing a good job, but we all know that a lot also slips through.

But he seems more concerned with NYS's sanctuary state policy. That policy prevents a law enforcement officer from stopping an individual solely to inquire about their immigration status. His proposed legislation (A. 7319) would require NYS to do a background check and fingerprint every immigrant (legal or illegal) coming into the state and then claims that doing so would "prevent violent incidents." I certainly doubt it.

He does not mention the cost associated with his proposal or how to intercept them at the many NYS road border crossings and trains and buses.

If he is really interested in reducing violence in our state, he might look into assault weapon ownership and tighten background checks. Even better would be to increase funding for mental health programs, as most of the violence comes from unstable people.

> George Baum Kent Lakes



Brewster EMS Makes its Debut

The Brewster Fire Department and Brewster/Southeast Fire District have joined forces to form Brewster EMS.

The Brewster/Southeast Fire District was notified about a month ago that Ambulnz will no longer be providing a 24-hour basic life support ambulance for the fire district, which led the board of fire commissioners and the office of the chief to establish Brewster-Southeast EMS, Inc.

With more than 2,000 calls to date, Brewster is the busiest ambulance in Putnam County, according to BFD. It's goal is to provide the residents of Brewster and Southeast with the best possible pre-hospital medical care without relying on a third-party ambulance service. It will be run as a nonprofit company.

Brewster Fire Chief Michael Miller said he feels very optimistic about the new EMS service.

"The establishment of Brewster EMS was no easy feat, but we unanimously believe the citizens of the Town of Southeast and the Village of Brewster not only deserve the best care we could provide to them, but are entitled to it," he said. Brewster EMS ambulances will be staffed by two trained EMTs 24 hours a days and 365 days a year. Brewster Fire Department volunteer EMTs will continue to supplement the career EMTs when available, with additional calls in the district and different events.

"This is a proud moment and we're beyond excited to be a part of this new chapter in Brewster Fire Department history," said Miller.

He thanked the previous EMS providers for their dedicated service over the years.

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Carmel & Put Valley VFWs Receive State Funding

Two veteran service organizations in the 94th Assembly District – Carmel Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1374 and Putnam Valley VFW Post 391 – have been awarded \$75,000 and \$72,500, respectively, for much-needed capital improvements through the Veteran's Nonprofit Capital Grant Program, which has served as a pillar of assistance for essential community organizations committed to aiding New York's veterans, service members and their families.

These grants will empower the Carmel and Putnam Valley VFWs to elevate their services, enhance facilities and ultimately cultivate a more enriched livelihood. Assemblyman Matt Slater. R-Yorktown, has championed the district's VFWs, recognizing them as enduring symbols of the heroic individuals who risked their lives for their communities. In October, in addition to these grants, a \$75,000 grant was announced for Mahopac VFW Post 5491. With these grants, Carmel VFW will be renovating its auditorium and Putnam Valley VFW plans to install Americans With Disabilities-compliant ramps and replace its roof and HVAC system.



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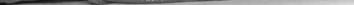
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Putnam Valley Town Hall Putnam Valley Library "The Carmel VFW is a vital piece of our community that serves our veterans every day," said Carmel Town Supervisor



Members of Putnam Valley VFW 391 with Town Supervisor Jackie Annabi, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Putnam County Legislator Bill Gouldman and others.

Mike Cazzari. "The town is very appreciative of this investment by the state that will help with some crucial improvements to the VFW's building."

During the 2023 budget proposals, the restoration of these cuts had support from both parties in Albany as Slater, along with several of his Democratic colleagues, called for restoration of the proposed cuts to fund nonprofit veterans' organizations like VFWs.

"This state investment in the Putnam Valley VFW will go a long way in modernizing this important facility that serves our local heroes," said Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Jackie Annabi. "We thank all of our partners who made this a reality and look forward to seeing the improvements come to fruition."

"I am honored to announce two local veterans service organizations have received these essential grants," added Slater. "All across the Hudson Valley, our VFWs and American Legions are in need of enhancements to continue serving the brave men and women who have defended our country but face the financial challenges of funding these projects. This now marks three veterans organizations in the 94th Assembly District that are receiving funding from New York State and I am excited to see the muchneeded enhancements and renovations they will bring about."

Putnam Valley Junior Has the 'Heart of a Giant'

It's official: Putnam Valley High School junior Eduardo Recinos has the heart of a Giant.

Recinos, accompanied by his team and family, was surprised with the grand prize trophy in the 2023 USA Football Heart of a Giant Award program by New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones, alongside Dr. Samuel Taylor, sports medicine surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery and associate team physician for the NY Giants, during a Dec. 6 ceremony in the Giants' team locker room at MetLife Stadium.

Recinos was also awarded a \$1,000 equipment grant for the PVHS football program for being a finalist, and another \$9,000 equipment grant for being named the winner – totaling \$10,000 for the school's program.

"Working with USA Football, HSS and the Giants to honor the most inspiring local high school students with a unique love for the game of football is very meaningful to me," said Jones. "I am thrilled to join Eduardo's teammates and coaches today to celebrate his accomplishment of winning this year's award for demonstrating what it means to have the heart of a Giant, and I wish him all the success in the future."

Recinos is team manager for PVHS's football team, where he provides support to players and coaches on and off the field, bringing positivity to the team each practice and game. He was diagnosed with Spastic Cerebral Palsy at birth, and was unable to walk on his own as he got older, among other various day-to-day challenges he had to persevere through as he grew up.

Following numerous surgeries and rehabilitations, Recinos was able to walk with the assistance of a walker. However, he never let his diagnosis hold him back, and he continued to push himself to one day be able to walk on his own with no assistance. Now, Recinos can be seen in the halls of his high school and on the sidelines with his team walking on his own, after taking on each daily challenge with joyful determination.

"I have had the honor of being a part of this 10-year program recognizing local tri-state student athletes who demonstrate what it takes to have a heart of a Giant," said Taylor. "Through this initiative, we have acknowledged incredible students within our local communities, and I am delighted to celebrate today with Eduardo." Recinos has always had a passion for sports, and prior to joining the football team as team manager, he could be seen carrying a football around school every day. Showing off the courage he had built throughout his life, Recinos approached PVHS football coach Ryan Elsasser this past season after wanting to find a way to be a part of the team for years. He initially asked if he could play and practice with the team, but both sides decided on Recinos being the team manager, which greatly excited Recinos - and the players.



Putnam Valley High School junior Eduardo Recinos was presented with the Heart of a Giant Award by New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones. Photo courtesy of Talkin' Giants.

mitted himself to the team and attended every practice and game, as well as providing motivational support for the team through engaging with and pushing the players to achieve their goals. Through this opportunity with the football team, Recinos has established newfound selfconfidence, and he has built an incredible bond with the school - including fellow classmates, teammates, teachers and staff through his uncanny ability to bring people together through an inspiring and upbeat personality.

Due to his diagnosis, he spends his school day offsite in BOCES programs designed to build his vocational skills and independence. However, his role as team manager has allowed him to expand his social circle, and touch many lives with his incredible story of defiance and perseverance.

'USA Football is honored to reward Eduardo Recinos with this year's Heart of a Giant award," said USA Football CEO Scott Hallenbeck. "The Giants and HSS have been exceptional partners during the past decade. We look forward to continuing to collectively celebrate students and athletes who display the same unmatched perseverance and love for the game as Eduardo." USA Football's Heart of a Giant Award, presented by Hospital for Special Surgery and the New York Giants, celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. In that time, the program has expanded to highlight not only high school tackle football players, but all tri-state flag football athletes, student managers, student mascots or other designated student team members who demonstrate a relentless work ethic and unmatched love for the game. For six weeks, coaches submitted a group of weekly nominees for their commitment, teamwork, will, character and dedication. At the end of the voting process, there were six finalists and five honorable mention nominees named, for a total of 11 finalist honorees for this year's 2023 Heart of a Giant Team.

Each finalist then submitted a video, which featured their coaches, family and teammates stating why that finalist has the heart of a Giant.



Driver Extricated After Crashing into House

The Brewster and Carmel fire departments, along with Putnam County medics and Ambulnz EMTs, were dispatched at about 12:30 p.m. Nov. 29 to a home on Carmel Avenue in Brewster for a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a house, with entrapment. First-responders found a sedan driven by an elderly woman that had struck a parked car and careened into an enclosed porch in the front of a house, injuring and trapping the driver. Rescuers worked quickly to stabilize the vehicle and the building, and extricate the occupant. All of the injured parties were transported to Danbury Hospital for treatment and evaluation. The village building department was called to the scene to make sure the house was structurally sound.

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Brewster Elks Honor Students

Brewster Elks Lodge 2101 celebrated its student-writers of the quarter with a Dec. 4 awards dinner for the students and their families at its headquarters. This first quarter's honorees hail from Henry H. Middle School and were recognized for their writing skills, academics, effort and numerous other attributes that make them outstanding students. From left are (front row) Ariana Whitman, Sofia Antaloskey, Alison Gutierrez Cervantes, Valentina Samayoa Morales, Bailey Charbonneau, (back row) Elks Youth Activities Chairman Peter Priolo, Henry Naughton, Ethan Allen Yu, Jacob Pantoja, Logan Klotz, Alen Damaso Lemus and Mark Tallerico.



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Nutrition Corner By Allison J. Stowell MS, RD, CDN



Cheers! The Holiday Season is Here

Holiday season 2023 is officially here (of course, if you work in retail, it's been "here" for a while). The coming weeks will likely be filled with parties, mid-week commitments, and more to spread holiday cheer. Whether you're hosting a gathering or attending one, I've got an idea for that.

To make your holiday easier, we've created hundreds of recipes on Hannaford.com. Many are modified for special dietary needs, and all have beautiful, inspiring pictures. Here's how I use these recipes to approach this most joyful season.

When I'm asked to "bring a dish" I think about what's usually lacking at a pot-luck party. The simple answer is anything with vegetables. Usually I bring a unique, colorful salad to ensure the offerings include something allergy-friendly and nutritious.

When I'm hosting a dinner, I seek to keep it simple but guestworthy. Above all, I ensure that it's stress free. This usually means that something is in the oven or on the stove (made and cleaned up ahead). My menu is planned around time with my guests instead of time in the kitchen with dishes like Porcini-Rubbed Rib Roast with Shallot-Herb Sauce.

When I have a casual holiday party it's all about hearty appetizers and dessert (yup, dietitians eat dessert). Offer a pureed (drinkable) soup, Warm Hummus Flatbread, or Open-faced Eggplant Parmesan Sandwiches. Or set up a seasonal self-serve "bar" (recipe below!).

For cocktail hour

The busy holiday season calls for cocktail parties before heading to another party, holiday event, or commitment. Start with a fun cocktail and mocktail bar with mixers like Pineapple-Jalapeno Cocktail Syrup. Then offer guests appetizers that are easy to eat while balancing their beverage like Coconut Chicken Satay or Scallop Mango Ceviche.

Visit Hannaford.com for all the recipes noted above.

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Serves: 10

Allison Stowell is a registered

dietitian for Hannaford Supermar-

kets. For more information on free,

virtual nutrition classes and more,

These itty-bitty latkes aren't just cuter-their smaller size means you can sample a wide variety of toppings on your plate.

- Ingredients:
- 2 lbs. russet potatoes
- 2 medium yellow onions
- 2 large eggs $\frac{3}{4}$ cup matzo
- 3/4 cup matzo meal 1 tsp. baking powder
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup canola oil, divided

Directions:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Peel potatoes. Using a box grater or the grater disk on a food processor, grate the peeled potatoes and onions. Transfer both to a kitchen towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out any liquid.

In a large bowl, combine potato mixture, eggs, matzo meal, baking powder and salt. Season with pepper.

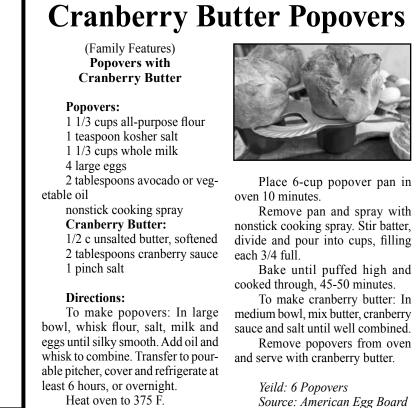
In a 12" skillet, heat 1/4 cup oil on medium-high. Working in batches, add 1 heaping tablespoon potato mixture to pan and press down gently with a spatula to form $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " circles. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, until golden brown.

Transfer latkes to a wire rack set inside a baking sheet. Season with salt to taste. Place latkes in oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining potato mixture, adding more oil to pan as needed. Serve with an assortment of toppings.

Tip: Set out a variety of toppings so guests can customize their own latkes. Try classics like applesauce and sour cream, as well as outside-the-box options like prepared horseradish, fresh dill, Greek yogurt, pomegranate seeds and ketchup.

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The Career Corner *Vickie Causa*

Welcome!

Welcome to The Career Corner, a new addition to the Putnam County Press/Times that will help readers tackle the changing job scene with insights, tips and reallife examples.

The career landscape has changed drastically in the last few years. The COVID pandemic had a major impact, no doubt, but so many other long-held beliefs in the working world have changed – "every decent job requires a degree," "work hard and you'll be rewarded," "9 to 5, five days a week in the office is required," "formal business attire is a must," and so on.

New phrases are now the norm, such as "quietly quitting," "hybrid schedules," "video conferencing" and a "condensed work week," to name a few.

The notion of loyalty has changed, as well. Not so long ago, a person could expect to spend 10 to 15 years, or even an entire career with a single employer, be rewarded monetarily for excellent performance and be granted promotions or bonuses depending on company performance – all with a sense of true accomplishment and personal value.

Now, staying with the same employer between five and 10 years can age your skill level, your experience and your value to a new opportunity. Perhaps your boss is in another country... How do you establish a working relationship, team meetings and collaboration? Not to mention how many times organizations are merged, rightsized or downsized, or the number of roles being offshored to a lower-cost location.

And what's up with resumes and cover letters? What do you include, and how do you highlight your chances of an interview? And once the interview is scheduled, what can you expect? How can

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Mary Ellen McCaughey, 76, November 23, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Martin Koening, 86, De-

you stand out, and how do you even find opportunities among all of the different job sites?

How do companies decide who is included in a downsizing, and how do you cope with "survivor guilt" when half of your department – and close friends – have lost their jobs?

And let's not forget the generational differences. At this point in time, there are Baby Boomers, Millennials, Gen X and Gen Z individuals simultaneously in the workforce. Your new boss may be younger than you, or your coworkers may be from a totally different generation. As such, how do you establish relationships for a smooth workplace?

Each generation has its own unique characteristics, values and work styles that can influence how they interact with their colleagues and approach their work. This scenario requires organizations to develop multigenerational strategies in recruitment, orientation, talent management, retention and succession planning.

As you can imagine, there are a multitude of topics to cover when talking about the career scene today. Going forward, The Career Corner will take a deep dive into popular topics and keep you up to speed on trends and pitfalls. In future editions, you'll find a list of frequently asked questions received over the years that provide answers to some commonly experienced situations.

My solid experience in global corporate human resources roles gives me plenty of experience to pull from. I look forward to sharing!

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Enoch Crosby DAR Bestows Medal

Kenneth Stevens, president/ registrar of the Westchester-Putnam Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, was presented with the Hannah White Arnett Medal and certificate by National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Enoch Crosby Chapter Regent Joan Hay and Registrar Libby Baker during the recent SAR Westchester-Putnam Chapter annual luncheon at Le Fontane in Katonah.

Susan Seal, president of the Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters, was the guest of honor.

The Hannah White Arnett Medal is one of DAR's newest recognitions. It is awarded to a member in good standing of the SAR or Sons of the Revolution for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism.



Regent Joan Hay and Registrar Libby Baker of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Enoch Crosby Chapter recently presented the Hannah White Arnett Medal and certificate to Kenneth Stevens, president/registrar of the Westchester-Putnam Chapter SAR.

The medal is awarded one time only by the Enoch Crosby chapter.

Hay thanked Stevens for always being supportive of the chapter and making himself available for participation. She elaborated that he, along with other SAR members, has joined the Enoch Crosby chapter when marching in the Brewster Memorial Day parade, and attended its genealogy workshop, the DAR New York State Conference and the NYS Children of the American Revolution Conference.

If you think you might have a direct descendant who was a patriot in the American Revolution and would like to explore the possibility of joining the DAR Enoch Crosby chapter, contact Baker at libbybaker@aol.com.

More information on the Sons of the American Revolution is available at www.ess-sar.org.

Southeast Vet Tech Convicted After Stealing Medicine

A Dutchess County resident has been convicted of third-degree grand larceny and third-degree criminal possession of stolen property following a Dec. 1 jury trial, after allegedly stealing medication from a Southeast animal hospital.

According to Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy, Eliza Sanchez, a veterinary technician formerly employed by Guardian Veterinary Specialists, was convicted of stealing life-saving oncology medications from the facility that are used to treat animals

with cancer.

Members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office responded to the animal hospital July 28, 2022, after fellow employees reported seeing Sanchez placing these medications in her personal bag. Employees said they saw Sanchez do this on prior occasions before reporting her to management, which ultimately led to her arrest and termination from the business.

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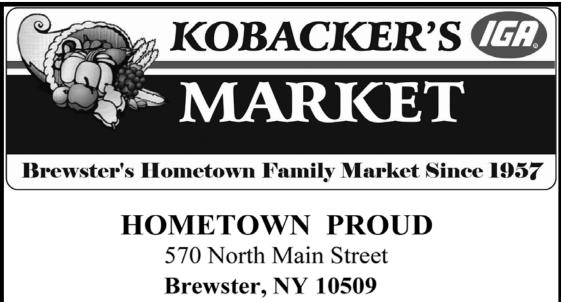
cancer medications for dogs, cats

- people's beloved pets - would

be stolen by a vet tech," said Tendy. "It's just a really low thing to do. Fortunately, the Guardian employees and management were vigilant and reached out to law enforcement."

The case was investigated by PCSO and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Mackenzie Ferguson and Melissa Lynch.

Sanchez is scheduled to be sentenced by Putnam County Court Judge Anthony Molé on Jan. 31. She faces between two and seven years in state prison.



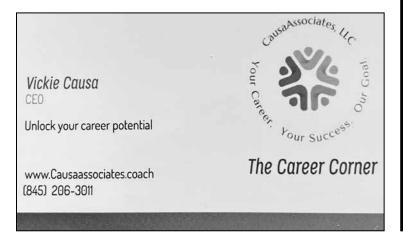
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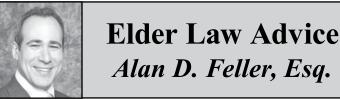
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Putnam Service Dogs the Winner of Pocketbook Bingo

Putnam Service Dogs held a Pocketbook Bingo event Dec. 4 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, where a packed house played for a chance to win designer handbags, while also raising money for the organization that raises service dogs to help people with disabilities other than blindness. Hudson Valley Credit Union employees Laura Rannekleiv and Teuta Ramusevic served as Bingo callers.



I'll Be Home for Christmas

Part of an elder law attorney's job is to turn festive and fun holidays into opportunities for serious, analytical reflection. Christmas is no exception.

I'm not saying that you should refrain from merriment or not sing along to "White Christmas" – that would brand you as a party pooper. We do not want that.

But what is important is that you take notice of your aging loved ones.

The winter holidays are rare occasions when the whole family gets together. For many of us, a text replaces a phone call. A phone call replaces a quick pop-in. A quick pop-in replaces a full visit. We have condensed the amount of time we spend with our closest relatives, and lost time equals lost understanding.

Sensing adversity through patient observation and conversation then flushing it out is preferable to waiting for the shoe to drop and reacting, and a Christmas visit is a perfect time to engage and listen.

The "Uncle Fred" you saw last year was still physically imposing. He lifted dining room chairs like they were matchsticks. He was outspoken on politics, sending delicate ears scurrying for cover. This Christmas, however, you spot Uncle Fred slumped in his kitchen chair munching on an onion roll. You try to bait him with some politically explosive banter, and he responds with a shrug. He looks older and tired.

Uncle Fred has definitely weakened a bit in the intervening 12 months. A year is enough time to process changes in appearance and disposition, and while a slight decline is not a license to place Uncle Fred in a nursing home after the Christmas cookies are served, it is a merely a wake-up call to take his planning more seriously.

Does he have a recent Power of Attorney? Did he ever create the Trust he always talked about?

Uncle Fred's example marks a familiar trajectory. Sometimes, a visit home really jolts an adult child. Clutter, piles of papers and dirty dishes hit your eye the second you settle in your parents' doorway. How unsettling these images are directly correspond to your loved ones' lifelong views on cleaning. Recognizing changes that are wildly out of character should lead to fast action.

If someone is experiencing great difficulty managing their basic day-to-day activities, then practical solutions should be sought. There are home health and companion care services that can restore some order. These services can be covered by Medicaid, paid privately or through long-term care insurance.

If remaining at home involves too many logistical headaches, then assisted living residences are an intelligent alternative.



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Contact Us at sales@putnampresstimes.com To Learn How You Can Advertise Your Business Online I can envision the reaction to this article: Senior family members guzzle four cups of coffee before company arrives, rushing around the house to perform extra cleaning; or seating Cousin Annette far away from grandma so she does not entertain any thoughts about putting her in a "home."

To be clear, making sure loved ones are doing well is always a noble goal in keeping with holiday spirit. A strong, supportive family looks out for one another.

Happy holidays from everyone at The Feller Group, P.C.!

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Putnam County Community Events

Book Barn Sales

Start your holiday shopping with \$10 gift cards for sale at the Mahopac Public Library Book Barn. Other specials: buy one get one free children's paperback books and James Patterson novels; and buy 10 or more books and receive one free book (excluding collectibles) or one free Book Barn tote bag. Hours are Tuesday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday 4 to 6:45 p.m.; and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holiday Train Show

Arts on the Lake's annual Holiday Model Train Show at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, for both children young and old, is greatly expanded and includes The Nutcracker Railroad. The show runs through Jan. 15. More information at www. artsonthelake.org.

Coat Drive

Putnam CAP is accepting donations of new children's winter coats, with tags on, for kids and teens age 0 to 18 years. Coats can be dropped off at 121 Main St., Brewster, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or until 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

GOP Women

The Putnam County Republican Women's Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Brewster VFW, 262 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster. New members welcome. For information, email putnamwomensgop@gmail.com.

Italian-American Club

The Italian-American Club of Mahopac is seeking new members to join in celebrating Italian heritage and culture. Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 141 Buckshollow Road. Contact President Giulio Cefaloni for more information at 845-745-2655 or gcefaloni@fordham.edu.

Art Gallery

Arbor Gallery, located inside Promenade on 6, 1875 Route 6, Carmel, is currently featuring framed archival prints by Carmel residents Kelly Edwards and Scott Garrette, wooden bowls by Edward Bryan of Hudson Valley Woodworking, illuminated fused glass pieces by Christine Groppe of CGroppe Glassworks, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends. For information on shows, events and opportunities, country and family. Free for members, \$10 for others. Register at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Thursday, Dec. 14

'Five Nights at Freddy's'

High school students are invited to enjoy a pizza dinner while watching "Five Nights at Freddy's" (rated PG-13), an American supernatural horror film based on the video game series of the same name, Thursday, Dec. 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ninth-through-12thgraders. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421.

Clean-Energy Consultations

Schedule a free 30-minute, one-onone clean energy consultation at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 14 between 4 and 6 p.m., with Sustainable Putnam's Energy Coach Joe Montuori. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/ calendar.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Mad Hatters Concert

All ages are invited to celebrate the holiday season with a festive concert by The Mad Hatters Chorus at the Brewster Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. Register at brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Bluegrass Concert

The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association's band, The Blue Mask Boys, will return to Reed Memorial Library in Carmel to play a concert of traditional bluegrass and holiday tunes Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

'It's a Wonderful Life'

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" by Joe Landry will be presented Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. \$20. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Raffle

The Friends of the Mahopac Public Library are sponsoring a holiday raffle for a basket of gourmet treats, including pasta, olive oil, soup mixes, sauces and more, courtesy of LBI Oil and Vinegar. Purchase tickets at the front desk for \$5 each. Drawing is Sunday, Dec. 17. Proceeds support programs and presentation by Dr. Michael Zeilnhofer will highlight the important role the 11 men from Gallaudet College (now Gallaudet University) had in shaping NASA's human spaceflight program. Registration is required whether you are attending in person or via Zoom. Visit https://kentlibrary.org, email Programs@KentLibrary.org or call 845-225-8585.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Holiday Concert

Carmel High School musicians in brass and vocal ensembles will perform holiday music at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 19 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary. org/calendar.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet Tuesdays, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

'Andrea Bocelli: Family Christmas'

Patterson Library will show "Andrea Bocelli: Family Christmas" on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. This special "concert" captures the wonder and music of the holidays with a mix of classic carols and original songs from the Bocelli family's brand new multi-generational album. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will

meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster on Dec. 21.

Friday, Dec. 22

Caroling

Christmas caroling for family and friends will take place Friday, Dec. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Promenade on 6, 1875 Route 6, Carmel. Song book provided. For a solo, email PO6@gennifermaher.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Blues Jam

The Hudson Valley Blues Society will host its next blues jam Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. A backline is provided so bring your instrument, your voice, or just listen to some great music; no pedals for pedalboards. \$7 for HVBS members; \$10 for non-members. BYO refreshments; water and soft drinks sold. www.thehvbs.org.

Monday, Jan. 1

Concert for Peace

A New Year's Day Concert for Peace will take place Monday, Jan. 1 beginning at 2 p.m. at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Enjoy music, poetry and more. \$10. Tickets at www.culturalartsco.com.

Thursday, Jan. 11

'What Happens Later'

Patterson Library will show "What Happens Later" on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Follow the story of two ex-lovers who find themselves trapped together overnight in an airport. Rated: R. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pat-tersonlibrary.org.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, age 12 and younger eat for free.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Intro. to Feng Shui

Tori McBrien, a certified Feng Shui practitioner and interior designer, will explain the basics of Feng Shui and how we can apply these principles to design spaces that are energetically balanced and support our well-being Saturday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. For adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

'Dreamin' Wild'

Patterson Library will show "Dreamin' Wild" on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. Follow the story of Donnie and his family, the Emersons, after an album he and his brother recorded 30 years ago is rediscovered and labeled a lost masterpiece. Rated PG. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org.



visit www.arborgallery.art.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Medicaid 101

Learn the risks and benefits of Medicaid, presented by local attorney Michael Martin, Esq., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary. org/calendar.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

'Lt. Snow'

Putnam History Museum will present a lecture on "Lt. Lemuel Snow, Patriot and Pioneer" by PHM Trustee Kirk Moldoff on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, and via Zoom. While serving for eight years in the Revolutionary War, Snow spent most of his time in the Hudson River Valley. This story is an epic tale of one man's love of services of the library.

Breakfast, Pet Pics With Santa

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department will host Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at its headquarters. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 1 and older, free for 1 and younger. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee, juice, milk and pictures with Santa. Pet photos with Santa will be offered from 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$10 per family of dogs. To reserve your time slot, email landrews@kentvfd.com.

Monday, Dec. 18

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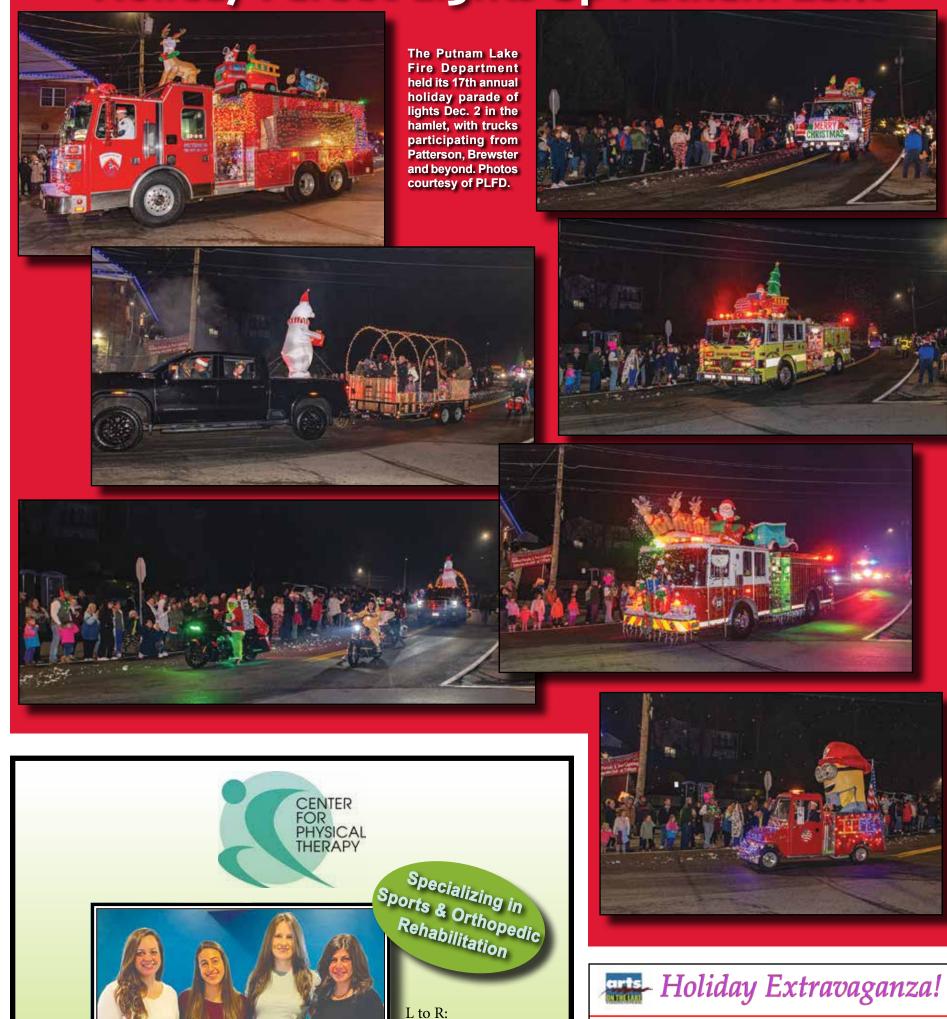
Spaceflight History

Join Kent Public Library on Monday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. for a presentation on the Gallaudet Eleven and their service to Apollo. This Children can write their letters to Santa using stationery available in the Children's room, or bring a letter from home. Be sure your letter includes a return address so Santa can write a letter back!

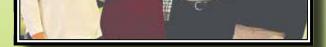


Please place all letters to Santa in the special mailbox located near the Children's Circulation desk between November 27th and December 15th.

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Patterson Artist Featured at Kent Public Library



Patterson resident and artist **Michael Garland**

Work by Garland is on display at Kent Public Library throughout the month.

Pictures by New York Times best-selling author and illustrator Michael Garland, a Patterson resident, are on display at the Kent Public Library throughout the month of December.

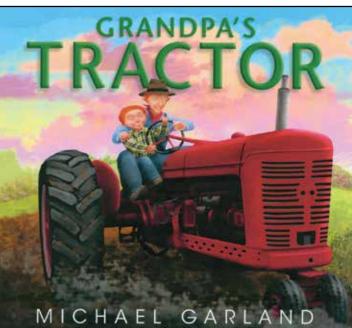
Garland's greatest success has been the writing and illustration of 44 children's picture books, as well as illustrator of more than 50 books by other writers. His "Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook" won the California and Delaware State Reading Awards.

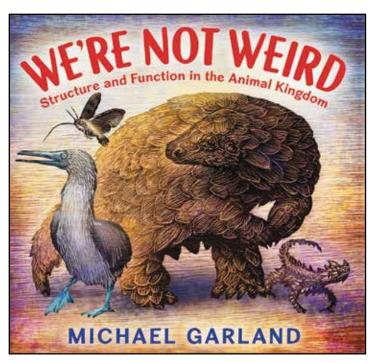
Garland's recent books include "We're Not Weird" and "Ferry Boat" from Holiday House, "Grandma's Farm" from Astra Publishers, and "Grandpa's Tractor" from Boyds Mills - which was selected for The Original Art children's book show at the Society of Illustrators in New York City. "Miss Smith and the Haunted Library" made the New York Times best-seller list.

Currently, "Ferry Boat" is on sale at the Museum of Modern Art, and his 2021 collaboration "The Traveling Camera: Lewis Hine and the Fight to End Child Labor" by Alexandra Hinrichs, which he illustrated, is currently on sale at the Getty Museum.

Garland has illustrated for celebrity authors like James Patterson and Gloria Estefan on best-selling picture books. His illustrations for Patterson's "SantaKid" were the inspiration for Sak's Fifth Avenue's Christmas window display in New York City.

Garland's "Christmas Magic" has become a season classic and is currently in development as an





animated Christmas special.

He has illustrated cover commissions for Forbes, Fortune and Newsweek magazines, as well as best-selling novels, and is frequently asked to speak at schools, literary conferences and festivals across the country.

Recently, Garland was included on the list of the top 100 Irish-Americans by Irish American Magazine.

He is also a fine art painter with many paintings in private and corporate collections around the country.

Learn more about Garland at www.garlandpicturebooks.com or www.michaelgarlandfineart.com, or on his social media pages.

Santa Swings by **Reed Memorial**





Santa stopped by Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 2 to have some milk and cookies, and visit with youngsters before making an appearance at the Hamlet of Carmel **Civic Association's** Holiday on the Lake festivities.



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Investigator Levine, Ranger Pries, Deputy Piqueras with K9 Harlen, Trooper Renzo and Sergeant Piazza recently visited with Putnam County Youth Court members.

Forest Ranger Visits Putnam

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Ranger Pries attended a youth court meeting Nov. 30 at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel, where he spoke to 20 high school students interested in law enforcement careers. Representatives from New York State Police and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office joined Pries to discuss how these agencies respond to various incidents, as well as how the agencies work together.

Forest rangers respond to search-and-rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state state lands and enjoying New

agencies, local emergency response organizations and volunteer search-and-rescue groups, they locate and extract lost, injured or distressed people from across the state.

In 2022, DEC forest rangers conducted 359 search-and-rescue missions, extinguished 162 wildfires covering more than 1,300 acres, participated in 53 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate nearly 900 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

"With more people visiting

York's myriad, world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, DEC's forest rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos.

'Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions for DEC and our countless local, state and national partners."

Kindly 'Mixing it Up' at Matthew **Paterson Elementary**



The Mix it Up Day team of fourth grade kindness ambassadors.



Students start up conversations during lunch.

Sariah picked a question from a pack of conversation starter cards and could not believe her good luck. It was about sports her favorite subject.

"Who is your favorite sports player?" the third-grader in Michele Love's class asked the children at her lunch table.

"Mine is Brianna Stewart of the New York Liberty," she said, starting off the conversation with a group of children she did not usually sit with at lunch. "She is a superstar. I love basketball."

The activity was part of Mix It Up Day, one of the events held during Matthew Paterson Elementary School's Kindness Week.

"Our PBIS study group developed and implemented a Kindness Week, starting with World Kindness Day and culminating in

went home, too, so that students could extend their kind behaviors at home and in the community."

Mix it Up Day was led by a team of third and fourth grade kindness ambassadors. As students entered the cafeteria for lunch, the volunteer ambassadors gave them each a color-coded dot and directed them to the correct color-coded table. The school's parent-teacher organization decorated the cafeteria in advance.

Some children asked to change colors so they could sit with their friends, but the ambassadors explained that making new friends was the point. As the children ate their lunches, the ambassadors walked around, gave out the conversation cards, and friendships began to take shape.

"What's your favorite book?"

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a Schoolwide Kindness Bingo," said Karen Wrobel, school psychologist and chairperson for positive behavioral interventions and support.

"Every morning during announcements, a few kindness behaviors would be shared, and students could color in their Bingo board all week if they engaged in the kind behavior," she explained. "Home kindness Bingo boards

one boy asked.

"Would you rather have a mansion you never leave, or no home but travel the world?" asked another.

"Would you rather eat chocolate all day or marshmallow fluff?" Aven, who is in Gina Boalt's third grade class, asked the children at her table.

The students all agreed they would rather eat fluff.

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and baking area for staff, as well as storage.

"The layout of the store is not changing with this addition," he said during a Nov. 13 public hearing on the project.

During that public hearing, several neighboring residents voiced concerns over traffic volume, speed and overall safety along the road. It was explained that the plans call for widening of the road to 20 feet in some areas. However, speed bumps are not allowed per town code, and stop signs cannot be installed based on Department of Transportation requirements. In addition, fog lines cannot be painted on the roadway, also due to DOT guidelines.

Planning Board Chaiman Tom LaPerch said the town has plans to improve Guinea Road regardless of whether the expansion plans for the orchard are approved. "The reality is the road stinks now, so regardless of whether this goes through or not... this road is going to be improved by the town," he said. "It's on the radar as being a road of high priority."

'I drive that road twice a day, every day - I am the local resident that lives next to Salinger's down the road," said Laura Borneman of Pine View Drive. "We're neighbors. We love you... but we can't support this project."

She said she would prefer it if the road isn't widened, as doing so will only cause drivers - many of whom are trying to divert from backups on Interstate 84 - to speed up.

Salinger, who also lives on Guinea Road, agreed that traffic being rerouted from I-84 is congesting the neighborhood, and noted that he isn't looking to "send more cars north."

"There's a lot of traffic that goes there on the weekend because of the ways of Google Maps," he said. "That is the biggest increase of traffic on Guinea Road. It's not because of Salinger's. It's not because of the bus (food truck). It's not because of my growth in five years. It's because of the highway pushing

traffic this way."

Gregory Tembeck, also of Pine View Drive, said it doesn't matter why traffic has increased on the road, only that neighbors don't want to see it get worse.

"If you're a farm, you're not a venue," he said. "Now you're changing the look of the entire neighborhood and we don't like it... Nobody said you are the cause of this. The road is the way it is... What you intend to do is make more money... Then we have to sit there like we do every Saturday and Sunday and say, 'Well, this is only on the weekends."

Planning board members asked how the event venue will affect traffic, especially if there is a weekend wedding happening during peak season when the farm store is open.

Salinger explained that, ideally, an event wouldn't be happening during peak store hours, which are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. He also said that since the farm does not offer pick-your-own capabilities, the turnaround of each visitor is about 30 to 45 minutes, or quicker, and estimates there to be about 50 to 60 customers per hour at the store.

According to the plans, the improved front paved parking area would be able to accommodate up to 30 spaces, and a combined 109 overflow spaces would be located on the grass in the front of the property, as well as on gravel in the rear.

'With the grass and the pavement and the gravel parking, we're looking to expand by almost 300 percent in phase one, and that would not include anything for the event space," he said.

John Waszak of Pine View Drive questioned whether completing a traffic study at this time of year will provide accurate data, since this isn't the busy season for the farm.

"I think any traffic study that we do now is going to be compromised by the season," he said. "I think they're really busy in the summer and they're really busy this time of year (fall), and it's ending. So if we haven't done a traffic study yet, we really should do it at optimal times for the business... I can't figure in my head what traffic improvements on that road could be made to make this a good idea to have 100-and-some-odd-plus cars and 185 people in that small location."

Another Guinea Road resi-

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dent said it's not just the weekends that see increased vehicles in the neighborhood. "Without this project the traffic is incredible between 4 and 6 p.m.," she said

Town Planning Consultant Ashely Ley said a traffic impact study can be completed during off-peak hours and data can be estimated based on levels from studies done nationally, with a growth factor added, if needed.

However, she suggests more information is needed regarding engineering details for the roadway improvements, better delineation of who will make those improvements (the town or business owner), and a trip generation analysis based on hours of operation so there is a better idea of the comings and goings at the site and how it will fit with the parking strategy.

Salinger said it's not fair for neighbors to say they want the road improved, but then seek to put restrictions on those improvements.

"I'm looking to work with my neighbors, but there has to be a friendly and open exchange,' he said. "I feel there's a lot of hostility, unwarranted, and it's getting pushed in the wrong direction."

Further, Salinger said he has no intention of enhancing the property just to turn around and put it up for sale. "I'm not selling this property," he said. "It's been in my family for 100 years."

The public hearing was left open at the close of the November meeting, with it to continue at the Jan. 8 planning board meeting. In the meantime, a traffic study was formally requested by the board.

Franciscan Friars Celebrate 125 Years

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Atonement, the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement in Garrison are commencing a series of local and international celebrations this month and into 2024.

• Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral & Jubilee Celebration: The Friars will hold a liturgical gathering Friday, Dec. 15, the Society of the Atonement's Foundation Day, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City at 4 p.m. For more information and to register, call 845-424-2143.

• The 800th Anniversary of the Nativity: Join the Friars on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Graymoor in Garrison. More than 100 unique Nativity sets from around the world will be showcased. Guests can tour the diverse creche display and enjoy refreshments and a musical experience in the Cardinal Spellman Library. To register, call the Holy Mountain Retreat Center at 845-690-1124.

• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Graymoor founders Fr. Paul Wattson and Mother Lurana White celebrated the first Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 1908. It is now observed and celebrated annually as a period of eight days during which Christians can join together and pray for unity within the faith, reflect on scripture and participate in communal services.

The theme for 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is, "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself," from Luke, Chapter 10, verse 27. The Week of Prayer will be observed Jan. 18 through 25. Visit the Friars' Facebook page for more news on the Week of Prayer and visit the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute website to order 2024 Week of Prayer materials.

• Retreats & Pilgrimages: Guided retreats and pilgrimages at the Holy Mountain Franciscan Retreat Center at Graymoor, the spiritual headquarters of the Friars, will provide participants with a transformative spiritual experience. These events offer individuals an opportunity for reflection and personal growth amidst the tranquil and picturesque surroundings of the Hudson Valley highlands. Additional information can be found at atonementfriars.org.

The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement have long stood at the forefront of promoting dialogue, unity and compassion in a world often marked by division. In 1898, Wattson and White founded the Society of the Atonement to help bring about "At-One-Ment" - the reconciliation of Christians and their churches and unity in fulfillment of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one."

Atop the Holy Mountain of Graymoor across more than 300 acres in Garrison, the Friars carry out several ministries and offer a number of programs that promote hope, healing and harmony.

Among the Friars' ministries is St. Christopher's Inn, where people can receive addiction treatment and recovery, as well as spiritual healing. St. Christopher's Inn has been saving lives more than 114 years.



Opioid Settlement Funds Distributed To Area Agencies Continued from Page 1

naloxone, peer support services, drug testing kits and training.

"The funding will enable the Prevention Council to sustain and expand our prevention, harm-reduction and recovery support services, with the goal of preventing and reducing opioid overdose and the associated negative health outcomes for the residents of Putnam County," said Kristin McConnell, executive director at the Prevention Council of Putnam.

"I was thoroughly impressed with the level of care and exper-

tise that went into each proposal, noted Sara Servadio, the county's commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services & Youth Bureau. "We're trying to create a cohesive county-wide system of care that has no wrong point of entry. We need to make it so that anyone seeking help feels welcome in receiving that help, and that the assistance they are receiving is effective in addressing their complex and unique needs.'

Earlier this year, the county sought proposals from providers to help create a system of integrated co-occurring substance misuse and mental health treatment services, so as not to hoard settlement funds, but rather ensure they are distributed effectively in the community.

Individuals from DSS, the purchasing department and other community volunteers evaluated all proposals.

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ZONING OFFICE

1. Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, Inc.: Čase #23-23 - Special Use Permit and Area Variances (Held over since November 15, 2023): Applicant is requesting a special use permit pursuant to §154-96 of the Patterson Town Code: Churches, parish houses and convents to operate a Church/Religious center on five parcels in a residential zoning district. These properties are located at 12, 43, 46 & 58 Nosh Kola Lane and 429 Ice Pool Road. Tax Maps #34.-4-15.5, 34.-4-15.4, 34.-4-15.3, 34.-4-15.2, 34.-4-15.1 (R-4 Zoning District). This application includes a request for three area variances as follows:

• Town Code §154-96(B)(1) states that the lot area size and setbacks shall conform to the requirements of the district in which it is located. The minimum front yard setback in the R-4 Zoning District is 40 ft. The existing Caretaker's Cottage has a front yard setback of 19.34 ft.; variance requested is for 20.66 ft.

Town Code§154-96(B)(3) states that the frontage and access for the lot shall be on a state or county road. The lot has frontage on a Town Road; variance re-quested is to allow 0 ft. of frontage on a state or county road. • Town Code §154-96(B)

(5) states that any parking areas and access drives shall be suitably screened from any adjacent residential areas with a vegetative buffer of no less than 50 ft. The parking area closest to Ice Pond Road has approximately 10 ft. of vegetative buffer; variance requested is for 40 ft. of vegetative buffer.

2. Nelson Colon: Case #31-23– Area Variances (Held over since November 15, 2023): Applicant is requesting five area variances pursuant to \$154-58 and \$154-7 of the Patterson Town Code to construct a second-story addition, front porch, and secondstory deck to an existing nonconforming dwelling located on a nonconforming lot. This property is located at 124 Lake Shore Drive. Tax Map #25.48-2-15 (RPL-10 Zoning District). Variances requested are as follows:

• Town Code §154-58 states that no nonconforming portion of any building may be extended. The existing dwelling is nonconforming and located on a nonconforming lot; variance requested is to allow the enlargement of a nonconforming structure.

• Town Code §154-7 states that principal structures must meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Front porch will be 7 ft. from the front property line; variance requested is for 8 ft.

ject property has frontage on two streets, and, therefore is deemed to have two front yards. Existing pool is located forward of the dwelling on the Gordan Road side; variance requested is to allow the pool with attached deck to remain in the front yard. Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a front yard setback of 15 ft. Existing pool is located 0 ft. from the property line; variance requested is for 15 ft. Town Code §154-7 also requires accessory structures to meet a side yard setback of 10 ft. Existing pool is located 0 ft. from the side property line; variance requested is for 10 ft.

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• Hot Tub: Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) forbids accessory structures from being located in a front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Existing hot tub is located forward of the dwelling on the Gordan Road side; variance requested is to allow the hot tub to remain in the front yard. Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a front yard setback of 15 ft. Existing hot tub is located 2.5 ft. from the property line; variance requested is for 12.5 ft.

• Shed: Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft. Existing shed is located 5 ft. from the side property line and 2.5 ft. from the other side property line; variances requested are for 5 ft. and 7.5 ft. respectively. • Fence: Town Code §154-

15(A)(1) forbids fences from exceeding 4 ft. in height within the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Fence is located forward of the dwelling on the Gordon Road side, as well as along the side property line forward the dwelling; variance requested is for 2 ft. in height over the 4 ft. permitted.

 House: Town Code §154-7 requires principal structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. Attached enclosed porch is located 0 ft. from the side property line; variance requested is for 15 ft.

By Order of the ZBA Lars Olenius, Chairman

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Carmel

LEGAL NOTICE

By the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Carmel pursuant to Section 267 Town Law, notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on:

2. Application of **BORE <u>COTAJ</u>** for an Interpretation of Section 156-15. Applicant owns the parcel upon which the temporary dock is located and a parcel improved by at least one residential dwelling unit which is directly across the street but separated by a road (i.e. East Lake Blvd.). Applicant seeks an Interpretation that the intent of the statute (i.e. a dock when not located on a parcel improved by at least one residential unit) is met under the circumstances set forth herein or, in the alternative, the following area variances (table below). The property is located at 148 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #76.30-1-5.

Code Requires/Allows Variance Re-Provided quired

Dock: Lake frontage 50'

43.75 Minimum Area 3,000 sf 280 sf 2,720 sf

NEW APPLICATIONS:

3. Application of **MICHAEL** J FESTO for a Variation of Section 156-101 & 156-47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to encroach upon front & rear setbacks with garage, and expand non-conforming Use (two-family). The property is located at 247 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.16-2-1.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required

Accessory front setback of 23.75' 1.25' 25'

Accessory front setback of 25' 8.83' 16.17

4. Application of JUDE BROWER for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain shed. The property is located at 525 North Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #65.9-1-9.

Code Requires/Allows Variance Re-Provided quired 10' 6' 4'

5. Application of **DRANA <u>VUKAJ</u>** for a Variation of Section 156-47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to put up a pergola near the pool on lot with: two 1-family dwellings and one 1-family dwelling. The property is located at 515 Route 6N, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.10-1-18.

By Order of the Chairman,

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side and nine foot from property rear. Tax Map 12-3-64

Tracy Tillary 771 Horsepound Road Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-23-029 Renewal of accessory apartment, Permit # SUP-17-001

Tax Map 22.-1-10

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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6.25'

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS FOR TOWN WETLAND CONSULTANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the Town of Kent will be requesting sealed proposals for a TOWN WETLAND CON-SULTANT. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent at the Office of the Town Clerk Journal Clerk of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 p.m. local prevailing time on December 28, 2023 and then at said of-fice shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for those persons submitting proposals (hereinafter, "bidders"), including Information for Bidders, General Conditions, Specifications, non-collusive bidding certification, and other documents included as part of this request for proposal (RFP) may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York. This information will also be posted on the Town of Kent website at www. townofkentny.gov.

The Town of Kent, hereinafter called the "Town", reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any request for proposal in the interest of the Town. STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

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

STATEMENT OF EQUAL-

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Yolanda. D Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Put-nam County, New York, will ac-cept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023, at which time they will be opened and publicly read for Bituminous Asphaltic Concrete In-Place.

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and available on the town's website at www.townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. The non-collusion bidding certificate may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription 'Asphaltic Concrete In-Place"

The right is reserved to re 012ject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR TOWN OF KENT

I, Yolanda D. Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Put-nam County, New York, will ac-cept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023, at which time they will be opened and publicly read for:

1. Rock Drill or equivalent 2. Excavator Kebelco sk 200 (22 tons) with 5000# rock blaster hammer

Excavator Komatsu pc75uu (8 tons) with 1500# rock blaster hammer

4. Bobcat e50 (5 tons) with 1000# rock blaster hammer

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

• Town Code §154-7 also states that principal structures must meet a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. Front porch will be 10 ft. from each side property line; two variances are requested for 5 ft.

• Town Code §154-7 limits impervious surface coverage levels to a maximum of 38% of the lot. Proposed addition, porch and deck will bring impervious surface coverage levels to 42%; variance requested is for 4%.

3. Michael Frey: Case #33-23– Area Variances (Held over since November 15, 2023): Applicant is requesting nine area variances in order to legalize an existing pool with attached deck, hot tub, shed and fence on an existing, nonconforming lot. This property is located at 300 Lake Shore Drive. Tax Map #25.65-1-18 (RPL-10 Zoning District). Variances requested are as follows:

· Pool with Deck: Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) forbids accessory structures from being located in a front yard. The sub-

	John Maxwell		
<u>DECEMBER 21, 2023 –</u> <u>7:30 P.M.</u>	P. 12/13 - 129		
To hear the following ap-	PUBLIC NOTICE		
plications:	Kent		
HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 25 Sybil's Crossing Kent Lakes, NY 10512		
1. Application of <u>ROB-</u> ERTALTERO for a Variation of <u>Section 156 15</u> containing a Variation	Agenda December 18, 2023		
Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain gazebo and legalize room above garage. The property is located at 3 Curry Spur, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.12-1-17 Code Requires/Allows	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV- EN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Kent will hold a Public Hearing on <u>Monday</u> <u>December 18, 2023</u> at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY at 7:30 p.m. to		
Provided Variance Re- quired	review the following applications		
$\begin{array}{c} 10' \text{ rear (gazebo)} \\ 8' \\ 25' \text{ front (garage)} \\ 0' \end{array}$	1. Andrew & Lauren DiSanza 381 Ludingtonville Road Holmes, NY 12531		
(over property line. Ease- ment agreement needed.) 25'	ZBA-23-028 Variance for a shed. Seven foot from property		

The Town of Kent hereby notifies all persons submitting proposals that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, qualified bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit request for proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status in consideration for an award.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT YOLANDA CAPPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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Town Clerk's Office Town of Kent

NOTICE OF ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF KENT

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Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Highway Equipment & Operator"

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

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Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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I, Yolanda D. Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, will accept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023, at which time they will be opened and publicly read for the following.

Ice and Snow Highway Sand F.O.B and Highway Sand Delivered.

All items must meet the approval of the Highway Superintendent. Hauling distance and roads to be traveled over must meet the approval of the Highway Superintendent.

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Highway Sand" bids. Must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. The noncollusion bidding certificates may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR STREET SWEEPING BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF KENT Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Street Sweeping".

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The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR TREE WORK BID FOR THE TOWN OF KENT

I, Yolanda. D Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, will accept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023 at which time they will be opened and publicly read for "Tree Work".

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal aw. The non-collusion bidding certificate may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2026.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Tree Work".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Bituminous Asphaltic Concrete".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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SNOW PLOW, GRADER BLADES AND CUTIING EDG-ES

Blades must be of good quality and meet with approval of the Highway Superintendent.

GENERAL HAND TOOLS, WHEELBARROWS, STREET SIGNS, TIRE CHAINS AND HOOKS

Chains must be delivered to the Route 311 Highway Garage and meet approval of the Highway Superintendent.

BANKRUN, WATER WASHED SAND, CRUSHED STONE, WATER WASHED GRAVEL, CRUSHED BLUE-STONE ITEMS N04

All items must meet the approval of the Highway Superintendent. Hauling distance and roads to be traveled over must meet the approval of the Highway Superintendent.

SALT The bidder must be at a rea-

sonable distance to Town garage to insure delivery same day.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE

Calcium Chloride in 100Ib bags in lots of 1 to 20 tons, delivered to 301 and 311garages, also the price picked up at the plant. PUBLIC NOTICE

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31,2025.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF KENT

I, Yolanda D. Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, will accept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023 at which time they will be opened and publicly read for Rental of a Tri-Axle Dump Truck with Operator and Rental of a Rubber Tired Front End Loader - Caterpillar Model 938G or Equivalent with Operator.

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. The non-collusion bidding certificate may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Rental of a Tri-Axle Dump Truck with Operator" Or "Rental of a Rubber Tired Front End Loader - Caterpillar Model 938G or Equivalent with Operator".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

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tor with Operator, or equivalent equipment, for the Highway Department for the Town of Kent.

All of the bids must meet the specifications of the Town of Kent. Copies of the information for bidders, general requirements, bid specifications, non-collusive bidding certification, bid proposal forms, and hold harmless agreement may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk. Bids must be submitted at the above address in sealed envelopes and must bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and the following inscription: "Bids for excavator with stump shear, a horizontal grinder and an excavator with operator".

Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2026.

The Town of Kent reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to re-advertise for new bids. Bids shall be awarded in accordance with General Municipal Law § 103.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI, Town Clerk

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Southeast PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on December 18, 2023, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to preview potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following applications:

1. Marisol & Jose Pena, owners of property located at 333 Turk Hill Road, Tax Map ID 78.-2-29, seek a variance from sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same requires minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicants to construct a deck attached to an existing residence with a proposed side yard setback of 0' where a minimum of 100' is required in a R-160 zone.

2. Wilmer Argueta & Elma Alarcon, owners of premises located at 17 Karlsen Lake Road, Tax Map IDs 46.9-1-33, seek to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same requires minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing single family residence within the side yard of the premises which requires a side (westerly) yard setback variance of 13.8' where 16.2' is proposed and 30' is required in a R-60 Zone.

I, Yolanda. D Cappelli, Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, will accept sealed bids at the Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 28, 2023 at which time they will be opened and publicly read for Street Sweeping.

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal aw. The non-collusion bidding certificate may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids must be submitted on a bid form and may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 until January 31, 2026.

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF KENT

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Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. The non-collusion bidding certificate may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. The bidder must be at a reasonable distance to town garage to insure delivery same day of order.

LIQUID CALCIUM- CUL-VERT PIPE, CATCH BASIN TOPS, CONCRETE CATCH BASINS, CAST IRON GRATED, GUIDE RAIL AND POST (IN-STALLED)

EQUIPMENT LETTERING Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the town's website at www. townofkentny.gov.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face there of the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Highway Materials" bids. Must be accompanied by a noncollusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. The non-collusion bidding certificates may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office. Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk

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TOWN OF KENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS AN EXCAVATOR WITH STUMP SHEAR, A HORI-ZONTAL GRINDER AND A EXCAVATOR WITH OPERATOR FOR HIGHWAY DEPART-MENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that sealed bids will be received by the Town of Kent at the office of the Town Clerk, Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 noon on December 28, 2023 and then at said place be publicly opened and read aloud for a price per day for an excavator with stump shear, a CBI Horizontal Grinder and a Hitachi Excava3. Preke Radonia, owner of premises located at 2366 Route 6, Tax Map ID No. 56.-1-14, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same requires minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing dwelling within the rear yard of the premises which requires a rear (easterly) yard setback variance of 41.7' where 9.3' is proposed and 50' is required in a GC-2 Zone.

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By Order of the ZBA Timothy Froessel, Chairman

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-TY OF PUTNAM, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSO-TRUST NATIONAL ASSO-CIATION, NOT IN ITS IN-DIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KEITH JORDAN A/K/A **KEITH R. JORDAN**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Con-firming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on September 27, 2023, 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 January 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 37 Putnam Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the build-ings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 22.74, Block 1 and Lot

13. Approximate amount of judg-ment is \$193,930.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500925/2022. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

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Gordon B. Fine, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-TY OF PUTNAM

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Plaintiff AGAINS

Sabrina Morrone; Sergio Recine; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 30, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 8, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 5 Grove Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All

that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Roaring Brook area, of the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York, Section 41.14 Block 1 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$523,672.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800067/2021 fka 0001678/2009. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Ninth Judicial District.

Anthony G. Maccarini, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC

Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard

Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 26, 2023

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUN-TY OF PUTNAM

NATIONSTAR MORT-GAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COO-PER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

V.

STEPHEN KOVALESKI, ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 21, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein NA-TIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plain-tiff and STEPHEN KOVALESKI, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on January 08, 2024 at 11:30AM preprints from no. 24 11:30AM, premises known as 34 HILLSIDE TERRACE, BREW-STER, NY 10509: Section 67.7, Block 1, Lot 23:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH-EAST, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judg-ment Index # 501492/2019. Jack E. Schachner, Esq. - Referee. Rob-ertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury,

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New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will

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be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCA-TION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUM-MONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF PUTNAM - SPE-CIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- TROY E. **PAYSON**, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. PAYSON; DEBRA ANN PAYSON AND JOHN B. KEANE, III, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE DECEDENT GEORGE H. PAYSON II, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. PAYSON; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUST-EES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ADMINISTRATORS, TROST EES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDI-TORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UN-DER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT GEORGE H. PAY-

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Diesel Fuel- delivered to 301 and 311, Highway Garage.

Fuel Oil-#2 heating purpose for Route 311and Route 301 Highway Garages, Lake Carmel Park Department Garage, Old Town Hall, Kent Town Center Complex (Town Hall, Police, and Library), Lake Carmel Community Center, Huguenot Road and Arts on the Lake. Please list cost of annual service per year and hourly repair rate thereafter.

Bidder must be within 40 square miles to deliver promptly. The bid must be priced on the low New York Harbor Barge Resellers as of ______, plus transportation and delivery. Attach copy of Journal of Commerce.

Complete specifications are on file in the Town Clerk's office at the Kent Town Center and on the Town's website at www.townofkentny.gov. Bids must be submitted on a bid form accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and must bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and the inscription "Fuel and Diesel Oil".

Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.

By Order of the Kent Town Board.

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(legals@putnampresstimes.com) or Call 845-628-8400

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF KENT

Dyed Diesel for Generators delivered to Kent Town Com-plex, Town Hall, Kent Police Department, Kent Library, Horsepound Road, Will Way and Marion Way and Town of Kent Highway Garages at Ludington and Smokey Hollow.

Bidder must be within 40 square miles to deliver promptly. The bid must be priced on the low New York Harbor Barge Re-sellers as of ______, plus transportation and delivery with a 3,000 gallon truck. Attach copy of Journal of Commerce.

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AND TOWN NOTICES To Place Legal Notices, Email

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Yolanda D. Cappelli Town Clerk				Bid prices will be effective from January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.
TOWN OF KENT BID FORM			The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to procure by State/County and other towns Contract bid if prices warrant.	
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HERITANCE, LIEN OR OTH-ERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE

OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED

IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); NEW

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT); NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names un-known to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corpo-rations having an interest in, or

rations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Com-

plaint, Defendants - Index No. 500773/2022 Plaintiff Designates

Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that

the subject premises is situated in Putnam County. To the above

named Defendants-YOU ARE

HEREBY SUMMONED to answer

the Complaint in this action and

to serve a copy of your answer, or,

if the complaint is not served with

this Summons, to serve a notice

of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after

the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or

within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not

personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in

case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That

this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of

the court dated November 2, 2023.

NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this sum-mons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Send-ing a payment to the mortgage

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company will not stop the fore-closure action. YOU MUST RE-SPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE AT-TORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVIC-ÌNG, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C. Capone, J.S.C. Dated: November 2, 2023 Filed: November 2, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage covering the premises known as 102 Hillair Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Dated: November 17, 2023 Filed: November 17, 2023. Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Richard F. Komosinski, Esq., 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 P: (914) 345-3020

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SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF a certain Writ of Execution, issued out of the SUPREME COURT, COUN-TY of QUEENS, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied upon and taken which I shall expose for sale as the law directs at the lobby of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, 3 County Center Carmel, New York, on the 8th day of February, 2024 at 10:00 in the forenoon of that day- all the right. title, and interest which LORMAT CONSTRUCTION CORP. (now known as LORMAT REALTY CORP.) and LORMAT REALTY CORP. (formerly known as LOR-MAT CONSTRUCTION CORP.) had on the 1st day of September 2022 or at any time thereafter of, in, and to the following property, to wit:

46-54 Miller Road Carmel NY 86.11-1-11

ALL that plot, piece or parcel of land, with buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, more par-ticularly bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Miller Road, formerly Beckers Road, at the division line between the premises being described and land of Louise Lotrecchiano, formerly of Mt. Hope Enterprises; RUNNING THENCE along

said division line south 81 degrees 08' 50" east 213.61 feet to the division line between the premises being described and land now or formerly New York Central Rail-

road (Putnam Division); THENCE along said division line south 55 degrees 23' 20" west

92.34 feet to a point; THENCE continuing on a curve to the left having a radius

of 1,959.58 feet, a distance of 213.39 feet to the easterly side of Miller Road;

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THENCE northerly along the easterly side of Miller Road north 8 degrees 51' 10" east 218.44 feet to the point of place of BEGIN-NING

46-54 Miller Road Carmel NY 86.11-1-10

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Miller Road where the same is intersected by the division line between premises being described and land now or formerly of Mario & Alfred Passero formerly of Patsy & Lena Cilurzo and formerly of Ferrieri; RUNNING THENCE along

said division line South 81 degrees 08' 50" East 242.63 feet to the division line between premises being described and land now or formerly of Mario Agri;

THENCE along said division line South 10 degrees 54' 51" East 128.80 feet to a cross cut on a rock found in the division line between premises being described and land now or formerly of State of New York, formerly New York Central Railroad;

THENCE along said division line South 55 degrees 23' 20" West 100.00 feet to the division line between premises being described and land of Louise Lotrecchiano, Thomas Lotrecchiano, Jr. and Mollie E. Lotrecchiano, formerly of Miller;

THENCE along said division line North 81 degrees 08' 50" West 213.61 feet to the easterly

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side of Miller Road;

THENCE along same North 8 degrees 51' 10" East 190.00 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING Sale is subject to all lawful liens.

Terms of the sale are strictly cash or bank check; 10% payable at time of sale and remainder by 4PM of sale date.

The Sheriff reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

> Dated: 11/29/2023 Kevin J. McConville Sheriff of Putnam County 3 County Center Carmel, New York 10512 Sheriff File: 23000681

Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel E. Sully, Esq. 241 86th Street Brooklyn, NY 11209 718-748-8257a

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **PLAN-Kent LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-06. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Should mail process to PLAN-Kent LLC: PO Box 1549 Carmel NY 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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CLASSIFIEDS

GENERAL **MERCHANDISE**

RAMP - 14-foot Traverse rust-proof aluminum ramp, 30 inches wide, 2 inches side curbs. Welded construction, no support legs needed. Barely used. Purchased from expressramps.com. \$700 OBO. 845-278-6917. 12/13

HELP WANTED PART-TIME CLERICAL in Yorktown office. 5-10 hours per week, time flexible. Competitive pay. Call Frank 914-329-8495. 11/29

BUYING VINTAGE CAM-ERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MIL-ITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSI-CAL INSTRUMENTS, COM-ICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN AND MORE. PLEASE CALL FRANK 914-763-8766. 2/28

WANTED - Private collector buying fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 1/31

SEEKING FrOGS TREASURER AND BOARD MEMBER

Friends of the Great Swamp has an immediate opening for a Treasurer who will manage our bank accounts, oversee our annual budget, liaise with our tax preparer, track income, document expenses, file property tax exemptions in 3 towns, and maintain insurance coverage. The incumbent will serve on the Board of Directors and chair the Finance Committee whose members will assist with these responsibilities. This is a volunteer position critical to supporting FrOGS' mission to preserve and protect the health of The Great Swamp watershed. If you are interested in filling this important and rewarding role, please contact our Chairmen Ken Luhman at 203-767-8391 or frogspaddle22@gmail. 12/13, 12/20 com.

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE **EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**

Exam Title & No: Senior Account Clerk 69-068 OC Exam Date: February 10, 2024 Salary: \$48,827-\$59,291 (2023 rate) Last Filing Date: December 18, 2023

CLASSIFIED ADS

PRINT CLEARLY your AD on the form below and send it to: PUTNAM COUN-TY PRESS, P.O. BOX 608, MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541 by the Wednesday before publication, or email your ad to advertising@putnampresstimes.com. We will run your ad for four (4) weeks. If after that time you wish to renew for another four

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weeks, resubmit your AD on the form. The price for classified advertising is \$17.50 for 25 words. Please include a check with your submission. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			Exam Filing Fee: \$35 To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/ default.aspx or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808- 1650 X46105. EEO/AA 12/13		
			PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS Exam Title & No: Emergency Services Dispatcher 85-611		
NAME			Exam Date: January 27, 2024 Salary: \$49,286 Putnam County (2023) \$45,822.40 Town of Kent Police (2024) \$47,910.10 Town of Carmel Police (2023) Last Filing Date: December 17, 2023 Exam Filing Fee: \$35		
ADDRESS	OT ATE	710	To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties,		
CITY SIGNATURE	STATE	ZIP PHONE	and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/ default.aspx or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808- 1650 X46105. EEO/AA 12/6, 12/13		

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Includes a link to your business from our website 1/2 and 1/4-page ads discounted 30% Sign up for multiple weeks and receive a FREE Business Spotlight article with photo Email advertising@putnampresstimes.com or call 845-628-8400 for more information