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A Dozen Horses Safely Removed From Barn Fire in Patterson



At about 8:20 p.m. Jan. 10, the Putnam Lake and Patterson fire departments were dispatched to High Point Equestrian Center on East Branch Road for a reported barn fire. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed smoke coming from the structure, and investigation found the fire was located in a hay storage area of the stable. According to PLFD, it was a "quick knockdown," but prolonged operation due to confined and heavily-stacked hay storage. Firefighters worked to remove hay from the structure and drown persistent embers, as the New Fairfield Fire Department (Connecticut) established a water supply at the Putnam Lake Dam.



About 12 horses were safely removed and relocated, with assistance from sheriff's deputies. The center thanked all the first-responders, as well as staff, "for quickly springing into action and caring for all the horses. Thank God no horses were injured," the center reported. Provided photos.

State Announces Resiliency Plan for Extreme Weather

A resiliency plan to protect New Yorkers from extreme weather was recently announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul, as part of her 2024 State of the State agenda. Following an onslaught of drenching rain, furious storms, sweltering heat and bitter cold, the plan outlines multiple actions for New York to continue building more resilient communities and adapt to the impacts of climate change, she said.

ditional Building Code's 2024 update, which includes crucial items such as higher standards for resistance to wind, snow and temperature extremes.

Protecting Communities

Hochul proposes to equip localities with the tools they need to fend off floods and keep the lights on by directing the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services to supply local and county partners with additional generators, high-flow pumps and flood barrier technology. The state would fund and deploy flood barrier technology, generators, pumps and ancillary equipment for counties to use and maintain.

Protecting Homes

A tremendous amount of valuable real estate and infrastructure in New York State are within reach of rising seas. Therefore, Hochul proposed a series of policies to protect homes and businesses from future flooding.

The Resilient & Ready Program would create a flexible fund to support resiliency efforts for low- and moderate-income homeowners ahead of future storms. The program would enable Homes & Community Renewal to assist households that experience flood damage to make necessary repairs in the aftermath of storms, and would cover the cost of proactive flood mitigation improvements.

The governor also seeks to develop a comprehensive adaptation and resiliency plan to ensure state entities and localities can equitably adapt to climate change, including assessing impacts on disadvantaged communities, ecosystems, infrastructure and vulnerable economic sectors. She plans to give the public tools to understand and act on climate risk, including web-based drought prediction tools, urban heat island mapping and modeling resources, a projected floodplain mapping tool, and an update of the state's stormwater design manual to account for increased storm intensity associated with climate change.

The Blue Buffers Voluntary Buyout Program would encourage buyouts in communities most vulnerable to flooding. It would prioritize outreach and education first, and then begin identifying voluntary projects based on the level of flood risk.

Protecting Vulnerable New Yorkers

The Codes Counsel would be directed to overhaul the building codes design to adopt the Interna-

Hochul said she will advance key recommendations from the Extreme Heat Adaptation Plan, the *Continued on Page 10*

Low Inventory Levels Lead to Drop in Home Sales

Houlihan Lawrence: Rate Cuts in 2024 May Lead to More Sellers

Opportunities and challenges marked the fourth quarter real estate landscape in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Q4 Market Report released recently.

Notably, the 2023 market saw a continued decline in home sales by approximately 21 percent on average, primarily due to persistent low inventory levels over the past few years. The report shows that despite the sales decline, median sale prices increased across most markets, on average 9 percent, offering sellers favorable returns.

In Putnam County, single-family home sales for 2023 were down 25 percent compared to 2022, and median sale prices were down 1 percent. Dutchess County sales declined 21.2 percent, with median sale prices up 3.4 percent; and Westchester County sales were

down 23.7 percent, while median sale prices were up 4.3 percent.

"Amidst the inventory scarcity, we continue to benefit from the diverse offerings of recreation, cultural amenities and vibrant communities our region has to offer," said Liz Nunan, president and CEO of Houlihan Lawrence. "Most areas have sustained heightened demand across all price points, further fueling the competitive buyer environment. However, a small sign of change has emerged with a slight uptick in inventory observed in select luxury markets, although this remains an exception rather than the norm."

Looking ahead, the report notes that recent statements from the Federal Reserve indicating a potential reduction in interest rates in mid-2024 may serve as a catalyst, prompting more buyers and sellers to enter the market and start to al-

leviate the inventory shortage.

Putnam County saw 25 percent less homes sold in 2023 versus 2022, with the median sale price down 1 percent.

Westchester County saw 23.7 percent more homes sold in 2023 versus 2022, with the median sale price up 4.3 percent. In northern Westchester, 22 percent more homes were sold in the Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers areas, with the median sale price up 1 percent.

In the Croton-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Lakeland, Peekskill and Yorktown areas, home sales decreased 28 percent, while the media sale price went up 6 percent.

Dutchess County saw 21.2 percent fewer homes sold in 2023 versus 2022, with the median sale price up 3.4 percent. In southwest Dutchess, 21 percent fewer homes



were sold in the Beacon, East Fishkill, Fishkill, La Grange, Poughkeepsie, City of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger areas, with the median sale price up 4 percent. In the Beekman, Dover, Pawling and Union

Vale areas, 38 percent fewer homes were sold, with the media sale price up 12 percent.

Luxury Market

Faced with a lack of inventory *Continued on Page 11*

Letters to the Editor

Representative Government Needed in Carmel

Dear Editor:

What does it mean to have a representative government? It is a hallmark of our democracy, to ensure all voices are represented and reflected in their government.

In Carmel, our elected leaders have deluded themselves into thinking they represent all of us by simply ignoring those of us who aren't in their social circles. This tyranny of the majority is not giving us the good government we deserve.

At the Jan. 3 organizational meeting of the Carmel Town Board, I pointed out that it would be nice to have a voice from the hamlet seated on the town board to ensure it is represented.

Councilman Kearns injected that his children often visit their grandfather in the hamlet, for what that's worth to the constituents.

Councilman Lombardi was particularly heated in his defense of his presence in Carmel hamlet, taking umbrage at my suggestion that someone from the hamlet could better represent the hamlet. "I am in the hamlet all the time because I am a member of the Knights of Columbus," he proclaimed.

While I am sure the brethren of the Knights appreciate Mr. Lombardi's regular attendance, this is not what I was talking about. I know

the contribution of the Knights, having been raised Roman Catholic by deeply believing parents. I have a deep respect for the faith, vocation and loyalty of the Knights of Columbus, and my mother was a Colombiette. But let us never confuse a faith-based community group with representative government.

People of Carmel should know that to be part of Mr. Lombardi's Carmel constituency, you must be a practicing Catholic and male.

I highly doubt Mr. Lombardi will meet all of his constituents at the Knights of Columbus hall – none of the women or people of other faiths, to say nothing of lapsed Catholics, let alone non-believers who also pay taxes. One should not need to be a male practicing member of a Catholic church to be represented in a democracy.

But, then again, I am pretty sure we don't have an actual democracy here in Carmel... Or in Mahopac for that matter.

I hope someday soon the forgotten people of Carmel will understand their local government isn't even thinking about them. While the board opted to leave Baranowski's seat open, it will be on the ballot this fall.

Remember, a truly representative democracy is literally one election away.

Kathleen Valletta, Esq.
Carmel

Once Again, Mahopac H.S. Brings the House Down with 'Illusion'

Mahopac High School's auditorium was packed as 27 student-musicians and crew members took to the stage for Illusion, the school's annual rock concert, in late December. The beloved concert has been bringing the house down for the past four decades, and this year's performance was no exception.

"Our musicians and crew do two practices a week for eight or 10 weeks leading up to the performance," explained Stas Pryzmylski, the concert's architect since 2006. "Every year we get professional sound and lighting in. We get the same gear they use at music festivals with 100,000 attendees. Very few students get the chance to use or perform with that sort of gear."

Just before the show, some performers and crew members took a moment to reflect on Illusion and their own experiences with the annual concert. Many of this year's performers and crew are seniors who will be moving on from MHS, but said the experience of participating in Illusion will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

"Illusion has given me a rare outlet to express myself and perform," said senior Ella Atkinson, who participated for the third year. "Not many kids get the chance to



Mahopac High School students perform during Illusion.

rock out on stage in front of a big crowd. I'm excited to find new opportunities to continue to sing after I graduate."

"I love to perform, and last year was the first time I got a chance to play for so many people," added senior and second-year drummer and singer Ricky Vega. "Some of the people who came to see the show last year recruited me into their band. We're going to play in front of a crowd of a thousand people in June."

Senior Brooke Geller, who is a third-year veteran of Illusion, production assistant and Pryzmylski's right hand, said she's learned a lot from him about music and

production, but also about working with people and managing a show.

"We have so much creative freedom," she said. "I made the intro video and students got to pick the songs."

Senior and fourth-year guitarist Rob Dusovic said he takes his academics seriously, but music is a passion for him, as well.

"I'm pretty set on biomedical engineering, but I might want to do something finance/business related," he said. "But I'm definitely going to keep playing guitar. When I go to college, I hope I can find some people that want to play, too."

Arts on the Lake Forms A Cappella Chorus

New Lecture Series Highlights Art Classes

Arts on the Lake has announced the creation of "Lakeside," a mixed a cappella chorus to be based at the arts center at 640 Route 52, Kent, which will sing arrangements in various forms of a cappella music – folk, jazz, pop and barbershop harmony. Those interested in joining are encouraged to attend an introductory meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m., at the arts center.

The roots for this new chorus come from founders Robert Bradley and Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox's love of singing. Both have long been emersed in the Barbershop Harmony Society, where they met singing in the same chorus.

Wilcox, classically trained in voice, will be the musical director. He has been part of men's chorales, a jazz choir, chamber groups, and barbershop choruses, quartets and octets. While attending UC Berkeley, he studied jazz and blues with Aaron Blumenfeld.

Wilcox further developed his love for harmony, serving as vice president of music with the Mixed

Harmony Brigade of New England. In 2023, he attended conducting training at the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harmony University. He is also a professor and co-chair of history at Western Connecticut State University.

The first songs Lakeside will be working on are "Blue Skies" and "Fly Me to the Moon."

AotL has also announced a new virtual lecture series by Alex Shundi on the art of the American West and how the grandeur of the landscape and the attitudes, esthetics and crafts of its indigenous inhabitants served as great subjects to painters, sculptors, writers, photographers and filmmakers.

Shundi's successful series of art/culture/history lectures has covered topics as varied as primitive influences and spirituality in art, to exploring cuisine and art. Presented via Zoom, each series meets for one hour on six Monday evenings.

A painter born and raised in Italy, Shundi studied painting at Yale, and has traveled studying and

making art in most corners of the globe. As a teacher, he has students who have studied painting with him for more than 10 years in his intensive painting class, which he teaches once a week at AotL.

Shundi has taught and exhibited his work all over the world, has work in many noted public and private collections, and has – amongst his countless unusual life episodes – raced in many "off the road" international rallies throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. He currently teaches at AotL and the New York Technical Institute.

Arts on the Lake is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to sponsor, encourage and create opportunities for the residents of the Town of Kent and the larger Putnam community, to participate in and appreciate the arts, serving as a home for performances, exhibits, classes and workshops.

For more information about events, classes and group meetings at Arts on the Lake, visit artsonthelake.org or call 845-228-2685.

Carmel Schools Budget Season Underway

The Carmel Central School District is starting to build its budget for the 2024-25 school year. In doing so, administration is asking residents to complete a survey at carmelschools.org, so it can gather public opinion on certain matters.

"The survey will be open until Jan. 24 at 5 p.m., but the sooner you fill it out, the quicker we can get started on creating a budget that will work for our entire community," said Assistant Superintendent for Business John Fink.

For those interested in the

finer details of the budget, it will be discussed during public meetings on the following dates, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carmel High School library: Jan. 23 (instructional areas at the high school and middle school, and athletics), Feb. 6 (instructional areas in elementary and special education, ESL and PPS), Feb. 27 (expenditures, revenues and tax levy), and March 12 and 26.

In addition, a presentation is scheduled April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget

hearing is scheduled May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21.

Residents may also check the district's website in the coming weeks for information regarding a "superintendent's coffee" on Feb. 13, when the budget will be discussed.

If you can't make the meetings, go to carmelschools.org, click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," where all presentations will be available throughout the process.

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Putnam County Democrats Chairperson Jen Colamonico with Mondaire Jones, the committee's endorsed congressional candidate for NY17.

Putnam Dems Make Early Endorsements for 2024 Jones, Montgomery, Levenberg, Harckham Get Backing

Putnam County Democrats officially endorsed Mondaire Jones as its candidate for New York's 17th Congressional District at its annual meeting Nov. 30, joining neighboring Westchester and Rockland counties in the backing.

Putnam Dems also took formal endorsement votes in support of incumbent County Legislator Nancy Montgomery (District 1), Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg (District 95), State Sen. Peter Harckham (District 40), U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and President Joe Biden.

During the annual meeting, Jones inspired party leaders from all six Putnam towns by recounting his successes during what he calls the most productive Congress in modern history (2019-20), and talked about his goals for the future as Democrats take back control of the House of Representatives.

"In one of the most competitive races in the country, in an election that could literally decide the fate of our democracy, Putnam Democrats stand ready and energized to take back this seat and get Congress back to working for the American people," said Putnam Dems

Chairperson Jennifer Colamonico. "Mike Lawler must be held accountable for how little he has done other than support a literal zealot to lead his do-nothing caucus – no matter how many mailings he sends spinning fabrications of the truth."

In 2023, Democrats won 62 percent of the seats where they competed across Putnam. Voters re-elected Putnam Valley Highway Supervisor Shawn Keeler, as well as the Philipstown team of Supervisor John Van Tassel, town board members Judy Farrell and Bob Flaherty, Town Clerk Tara Percacciolo and Highway Superintendent Adam Hotaling. They also elected Angela Thompson-Tinsley as Philipstown town justice, and outgoing Putnam Valley Clerk Sherry Howard to the Putnam Valley Town Board.

Putnam County Democrats intends to support candidates in other races this year, including State Senate District 39, State Assembly District 94, two other seats on the Putnam County Legislature and a special election for Carmel Town Board. Interested candidates should contact the committee as soon as possible, at info@putnamdemocrats.com.

Audition for 'Noises Off'

Auditions for "Noises Off," a comedic play within a play written by Michael Frayn, will be held by Brewster Theater Company on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 1 and 2, at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Email BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com for an appointment, and visit brewster-theater.org for audition and show information.

All roles are open for this

production.

"Noises Off" will be directed by Bob Dumont and staged managed by Karen Tunney, both of Patterson. Performances are April 19 and 20, and 26, 27 and 28; as well as May 3, 4 and 5.

Brewster Theater Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater, entertaining audiences and bringing artists together in Putnam County and its surrounding areas since 2000.

New Agreement for County Employees Union

On Dec. 15, County Executive Kevin Byrne signed a memorandum of agreement for the Putnam Management Association, alongside PuMA President Shawn Rogan. Five days later, the MOA was approved by a unanimous vote of PuMA members. The agreement covers compensation, benefits, holidays and other items related to the PuMA-covered public employees through Dec. 31, 2027.

"This four-year agreement reflects the dedication of both parties to fostering a positive work environment, ensuring the well-being of county employees, and our mutual commitment to fiscal responsibility," said Byrne. "This is a fair and responsible contract for both our public employees and our taxpayers. I thank the members of our respective negotiating teams for all their hard work at the negotiation table."

The county executive said he looks forward to building on this progress as the county seeks to complete negotiations with its other collective bargaining units.

"Our negotiations went quite smoothly and swiftly because each party had respectful and realistic expectations that resulted in a fair and reasonable outcome," said Rogan. "Our members are vital to the efficient operation of county services and this contract reflects their dedication and hard work. We believe this contract is great for our members, but also will help us to enhance the quality of services provided to Putnam County residents."

The contract includes a 2.75 percent salary increase effective



PuMA President Shawn Rogan, left, and County Executive Kevin Byrne sign the newly-agreed-upon union contract, which awaits legislative approval.

Jan. 1, 2024, and a 2.5 percent increase Jan. 1, 2025, 2026 and 2027. It also includes a yearly retention bonus of \$1,000 for 10 years of service, \$1,500 for 15 years (a \$500 increase), \$2,000 for 20 years (a \$500 increase)

and \$2,500 for 25 years (a \$500 increase).

The agreement and pending contract have been sent to the Putnam County Legislature for its review and consideration for approval.

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Lake Mahopac Rotary Collects 400 Coats for Community

The Lake Mahopac Rotary Club held its annual coat drive Jan. 6, when community members donated 400 coats. Rotarian Dr. Chris Perrone facilitated the drive and allowed his office to be utilized as a drop-off point.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
 MS, RD, CDN



Dry January

Dry January started as a small campaign to abstain from alcohol in the first month of the year. But in recent years it has grown into a challenge that millions of people engage in. There are many benefits to drinking less. And a month-long reset may lead to a long-term shift in alcohol intake. Given the number of Americans who regularly drink, Dry January may be a trend worth engaging in.

Alcohol consumption is associated with an increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Just one drink per day increases a woman's risk for breast cancer, among other health concerns. However, science shows that your body likes a month without alcohol. In just one month, moderate-to-heavy drinkers who abstained from alcohol experienced a reduction in blood pressure, better blood sugar control, weight loss, and a reduction in cancer risk factors.

Research also finds that people who engage in Dry January are drinking less, even six to eight months later. It also sets the stage for other wellness goals. One positive change then leads to another, especially when we're sleeping better and have more energy (common with less alcohol). There's also the benefit to your wallet.

If you would like to shift your relationship with alcohol, then find the support you need to be successful. Maybe it's relying on a friend who's also working toward the same goals. Or consider online communities that help people moderate their alcohol intake. Alcohol Change UK, the nonprofit that founded the Dry January campaign, offers the Try Dry app. You can track your alcohol intake any time of the year and work toward consuming less. Likewise, the Sunnyside online community shares support and tips for reducing alcohol intake. These resources promote a mindful, low-pressure approach to achieving a Dry (or "dryish") January.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN

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Southwestern Sweet Potato Tofu Scramble (3 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Protein-rich tofu stands in for eggs in this hearty scramble—a great option for vegans. Try leftovers wrapped in a tortilla or over microwave-ready brown rice.

- Ingredients:
- 1 (14-oz.) package extra firm tofu
 - 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2" pieces
 - 1/2 tsp. ground turmeric
 - 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, sliced
 - 1 (15.5-oz.) can low sodium black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
 - 1 tsp. chili powder
 - Lime wedges and chopped cilantro, to garnish (optional)

Directions:

Drain tofu and pat dry with a paper towel. Using your hands, crumble tofu into pieces. Place in a strainer and press out excess moisture with the back of a spoon.

Meanwhile, to a 12" nonstick skillet on medium-high, add sweet potatoes and 1 cup water. Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes, until sweet potatoes are mostly tender, and liquid has evaporated. To skillet, add tofu, sprinkling turmeric on tofu and stirring to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

To skillet, add oil and stir in bell pepper, beans, corn, and chili powder. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, until peppers are tender, and tofu is browned, adding 1/4 cup water if too dry. Serve immediately with a squeeze of lime and chopped cilantro, if desired.

Tex-Mex Beef Skillet

(Family Features)
 Tex-Mex Sweetpotato Beef Skillet



- Ingredients:
- 2 medium sweetpotatoes
 - 3 bell peppers (combination of red, yellow and orange)
 - 1 small onion
 - 2 tbsp butter, divided
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 pound lean ground beef
 - 1/2 cup beef broth
 - 1 can diced tomatoes
 - 8 ounces tomato sauce
 - 1 can Mexi or Southwest corn
 - 1 tbsp Southwest seasoning
 - salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

Rinse and scrub sweetpotatoes to clean. Chop into 1/2-inch cubes. Dice bell pepper and onion. Set aside. In skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil or butter.

Add garlic and saute until fragrant, being careful not to burn.

Add ground beef, breaking apart and stirring until cooked through, 5-7 minutes. Remove garlic and beef to covered bowl or plate; set aside.

In same skillet, add remaining oil or butter. Saute peppers, onion and sweetpotatoes until slightly tender. Pour in broth, diced tomatoes and tomato sauce; cover and simmer 12-15 minutes.

Stir in cooked beef and corn. Cook until liquid reduces and mixture thickens slightly. Add seasoning and salt and pepper, to taste.

Servings: 6
 Source: North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission



Students in Nancy Faccilonga's fourth grade class use popsicle sticks as microphones to act as TV reporters during a lesson on storytelling.

Kent Elementary Students Learn to Be Storytellers

It is not easy to tell a story. In addition to coming up with a good tale and learning to organize a lot of information, there are writing skills that are easy to miss until an educator points them out.

Teacher Nancy Faccilonga explained some of the rules of good storytelling recently when her fourth grade students revised a personal narrative about a child who had polio.

"We go over a lot of foundational skills," she said. "We do a lesson on sensory words, a lesson on dialogue, a lesson on vital verbs. Then they put all the pieces together."

To revise the narrative, the students pretended to be television reporters on the hunt for the details of a story.

Holding a popsicle stick like a reporter's microphone, 8-year-old Madison asked Emilio a question: "How did the experience of having polio change you?"

"I didn't give up and I felt stronger," said Emilio.

"Felt stronger - that's sensory," said Madison.

The lesson was part of the curriculum of Core Knowledge Language Arts. The Carmel Central School District instituted CKLA as its districtwide reading and language arts program this

year in kindergarten through sixth grades. The approach is based on research into the science of reading, which has shown students have greater success when rules for phonics, decoding and writing are explicitly spelled out, according to Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Lauren Santabarbara.

"We piloted three different programs for 12 weeks and then we measured students," she said. "CKLA came out on top. Now we have all three elementary schools implementing the same program, providing our students with similar experiences."

Over in Cathleen Rossetti's fourth grade class, students took the same lesson in another direction. They color-coded their narratives on their laptops to highlight different elements. They used yellow for sensory words, red for dialogue and blue for active verbs. They also used the thesaurus feature in Microsoft Word to try and expand their vocabulary.

"I like that because you can change normal words into something better," said Emma. "I changed 'good' to 'magnificent.' I changed 'excited' to 'thrilled' and 'fast' to 'speedy.' I would never have thought to use the word 'magnificent.' It makes me a better writer."

We Will Miss

Brewster

Barbara A. Howard, 65, January 5, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mahopac

Kjell Sand, 82, January 3, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655,

Carmel

Nora Hartney, 85, January 3, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Lew Henry "Bud" Walter, 78, January 4, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

George John Baker, 78, January 3, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

John F. "Jack" Hughes, 93, January 3, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Valley

Robert Levesque, 99, January 4, Heritage Funeral Home, Putnam Valley, (845) 526-3000.

Garrison

Francis J Lahey, 94, January 2, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Cold Spring

Matthew Rodzevik, 32, December 31, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Margaret Irene Budney, 90, January 6, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Obituary

Lew Henry Walter

Lew Henry Walter (Bud) passed away Jan. 4, 2024, at Weill Cornell Hospital at the age of 76, from pneumonia.

Lew was born March 4, 1947, in New York City, the son of Lew Walter and Dorothy Zerrenner Walter.

Lew and family moved to Carmel, N.Y., in 1953, where he graduated from Carmel High School. He later graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and Harvard Business School.

Before Lew attended graduate school, he served a stint in the Navy as a supply officer on the destroyer USS Hamner during the Vietnam War. He was proud of his Navy service and had a photo of the ship on which he served in his apartment.

Lew received his MBA from Harvard in 1973. Upon graduation, he joined Arthur Young and Co., a firm of CPAs. Lew left for a job in finance at Pepsi, where he was the comptroller of its European operations.

After returning to the U.S., Lew worked for RKO and Squibb, and then moved on to Johnson & Higgins, where his title was controller. He retired from Marsh McClellan in June 2001.

Lew had an artistic eye. While living in London, he fell in love with British antique furniture (mostly Georgian) and British Victorian watercolors, which were in his NYC apartment.

Lew was an avid games player. While he enjoyed tennis,



Lew Henry Walter (Bud)

baseball, and games such as trivial pursuits (which showcased his command of a variety of topics), he was an excellent card player. Although he played all kinds of card games, duplicate bridge was a passion. One comment that appealed to him was a comment by a world famous professional player that Lew was the best non-

professional bridge player that he (the pro) was aware of.

Since COVID, he played bridge online most days with Richard Weissman, a dear friend.

Lew loved following the antics of the stock market and enjoyed his forays as an investor. Last, but not least, he became a very good cook.

Surviving him are his sister Carole Maeder; niece Kirsten Terry and her husband, Dan Terry, and their sons Alex and Curtis; his nephew Travis Maeder and his wife, Trish Maeder, and their son Mason and daughters Mikayla and Cierra.

Lew loved and cherished his family. His friends will miss his wit and his kindness. One of his defining characteristics was that he was a superb listener.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate Lew Henry Walter's life has already taken place.

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Carmel Rotary Sets \$70K Goal for B-Ball Fundraiser

Carmel Rotary Club, Carmel High School Interact Club and CHS Mentor Club will present the 17th annual Community Basketball Challenge Fundraiser on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the CHS gymnasium, 30 Fair St., Carmel, once again offering nonprofit organizations and community groups an opportunity to raise funds to support their programs and services.

Organizations, clubs, adults and youth, and businesses are invited to sign up to raise money for their favorite nonprofit organization. You don't have to be a basketball player or know how to play the game to participate.

Participants ask for pledges per basket and/or flat donations from as many supporters (cliente, friends and neighbors) as they can. At the event, participants will attempt to complete as many baskets as possible during a 2-minute period. Each successful basket will be tallied against per-basket pledges and added to flat donations to equal the amount due from each of the participants' supporters.

Trophies will be awarded in the youth division and prizes in the adult division, to the persons successfully completing the most baskets in the various age groups.

Details on how to become part of the Community Basketball Challenge are available at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2208>, or by emailing rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com.

"This year we have set a goal of \$70,000," said event Co-Chairpersons Al Lotrecchiano and Mary Shanley. "Our local not-for-profits and community projects provide invaluable services to our Putnam County communities. We continue to see increased demand for the basic needs of food, shelter, health services and education, making the Community Basketball Challenge so important."

Although the goal is aggressive, both Lotrecchiano and Shanley say it is achievable with the support of the community.

Since 2008, the Community Basketball Challenge has raised more than \$610,000, benefitting 91 local and regional organizations.



Carmel Rotarians are preparing for this year's Community Basketball Challenge.

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Larceny Charges

A Maryland woman was recently arrested by Putnam County sheriff's deputies after allegedly stealing about \$8,000 worth of merchandise from a Southeast business.

According to Sheriff Kevin McConville, on Dec. 29, deputies from the Narcotics Enforcement Unit saw a vehicle linked to an organized retail theft group parked outside a Southeast business. Shortly after, they saw a man and woman leave the store with merchandise and enter the vehicle.

Deputies made contact with the subjects, and the female provided forged identification and provided a fictitious name, said McConville. She was later identified as Ana Codreanu, 19, of Baltimore. The man was a juvenile relative of hers.

Through video footage, deputies confirmed a theft of approximately \$8,000 worth of merchandise from the store.

Further investigation revealed that Codreanu had three active warrants, in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, for similar crimes and had stolen items from other area businesses earlier in the day, according to the sheriff.

Codreanu was charged with third-degree grand larceny, third-degree criminal possession of stolen property, two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, and fourth-degree conspiracy, all felonies; and misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child.

Child Protective Services was contacted, and the juvenile was turned over to a relative.

Codreanu was arraigned in Kent Town Court and released on her own recognizance for the charges from the Town of Southeast. She was held without bail as a fugitive from justice, while she awaits extradition for her out-of-state warrants.

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Putnam County Community Events

Board Members Sought

Putnam County last week began accepting applications from qualified individuals to serve on the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board. Interested applicants should submit a brief cover letter and resume to the county executive via email to CountyExecutive@putnamcountyny.gov, no later than Jan. 30.

Community

Basketball Challenge

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Art Lecture Series

Arts on the Lake has announced a new virtual lecture series by Alex Shundi on the art of the American West and how the grandeur of the landscape and the attitudes, esthetics and crafts of its indigenous inhabitants served as great subjects to painters, sculptors, writers, photographers and filmmakers. Presented via Zoom, each series meets for one hour on six Monday evenings. For more information, visit artsonthelake.org or call 845-228-2685.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Resume Help

Join Amanda Arias, a human resources professional, at Kent Public Library on Tuesdays in January from 10 to 11 a.m. for one-on-one resume help, mock interviews, assistance with applying for jobs online, and more. Let a professional review your resume and cover letter to ensure your best chance of getting hired. For teens, adults and seniors. Registration is recommended at <https://kentlibrary.org> or 845-225-8585; walk-ins welcome.

ArtSmart Program

Introduce your child to the great masters of art Tuesdays, Jan. 16 and 30, and Feb. 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Brewster Public Library. Children and their caregiver will recreate a famous work of art. All materials provided. This three-session program will be led by Miss Patti Hupp and is sponsored by the ArtSmart World Foundation. For ages 3 to 5. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421.

Emergency Preparedness

Brewster Public Library will present a New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participants be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421.

Kent Library Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kent Public Library will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16

at 7 p.m. in the library. The board generally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., which for the first five months in 2024 will be Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16 and May 21.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 17; Feb. 7, 14 and 21; March 6, 13 and 20; April 3, 10 and 17; May 1, 8 and 15; June 5, 12 and 19; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Raising Goats & Sheep

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present Beginner Sheep & Goats on Jan. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom. Learn infrastructure needs, forage, and the management basics for health and lambing/kidding. Discuss an introduction to breed selection, regulations, marketing and other factors for meat, dairy and fiber production. Resources for raising small ruminants available through CCE programs will be shared. \$10. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org/events>.

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.

Monday, Jan. 22

Retirement Planning

Brewster Public Library will present a retirement planning program Monday, Jan. 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., to provide participants with information and concepts that many have found useful in assessing their progress or building their retirement plan from the start. Kevin Tunney, financial services professional with New York Life, will discuss ways to not only protect the assets you accumulate, but also to minimize the risks of outliving your savings. Registration is requested at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421; walk-ins are welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Budget Meetings

The Carmel School Board will discuss the 2024-25 budget on the following dates, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carmel High School library: Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 27, March 12 and 26. In addition, a presentation is scheduled April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School

auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit carmelschools.org, click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

A Cappella Chorus

Arts on the Lake has announced the creation of "Lakeside," a mixed a cappella chorus to be based at the arts center at 640 Route 52, Kent, which will sing arrangements in various forms of a cappella music – folk, jazz, pop and barbershop harmony. Those interested in joining are encouraged to attend an introductory meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m., at the arts center.

Save Belden House

Friends of Belden House will update the community on DEP litigation and the town and county's commitment to the property Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Park building at the corner of Fair Street and Route 52/Gleneida Avenue. For information, visit www.friendsofbeldenhouse.org, email geesewatch@aol.com or call 845-654-0742.

Calling All Musicians

Putnam Symphony Orchestra has openings for all qualified musicians to join its Olympic-themed spring concert April 14. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Brewster High School beginning Jan. 24. There are no auditions and no fee to join. For more information, visit putnamsymphonyorchestra.org or Facebook, email putnamsymphony@verizon.net or call 845-228-4167.

Manage Stress

"Ten Tips to Manage Stress" will be presented by Dr. Wendy Hurwitz on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the library, 1733 Route 6. It is free and open to all. Registration is required by calling

845-225-2439, or online at www.eventkeeper.com.

Educational Consulting

Students and caregivers are invited to Kent Public Library for a presentation by Dustin Horvath, M.S.ED, exploring the transition process upon graduation from high school to post-secondary education for students with disabilities, Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. IDEA vs. ADA, applications, self-advocacy, self-disclosure and more. There will be a Q&A session. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, by email to Programs@KentLibrary.org or calling 845-225-8585.

'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.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 7 and 21, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Friday, Jan. 26

Build, Play & Socialize

Spend an hour of STEM play with a variety of building materials suitable for age 18 months and older, from 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 and 23 at Brewster Public Library. Children and their caregivers can get creative with a supply of Duplo bricks, magnetic tiles and Plus Plus blocks, while socializing with other families. Drop-in, free build program.

Monday, Jan. 29

Teen Advisory Group

The Brewster Public Library is interested in forming a Teen Advisory Group and welcomes input from teens. An informational meeting to discuss fun and exciting ways to promote and grow library services for teens in the community is scheduled Monday, Jan. 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. For age 13 to 18. For planning purposes, registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421.

Henna Program

Professional artist Margie Nugent returns to Kent Public Library on Monday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. to teach participants about henna and decorate each attendee. For grades five through 12. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org> or 845-225-8585.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Learn to Save a Life

Learn lifesaving skills from community professionals during a refresher Basic Life Support (EMT) training Jan. 30, or an accelerated original BLS training Feb. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m., with instructor Ann Daros. Register at www.putnamcountyny.com/life. For information and directions, call the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services at 845-808-4000.

Wednesday, Feb. 1


Auditions

Auditions for "Noises Off," a comedic play within a play written by Michael Frayn, will be held by Brewster Theater Company on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 1 and 2, at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Email BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com for an appointment, and visit brewstertheater.org for audition and show information. Performances are April 19 and 20, and 26, 27 and 28; as well as May 3, 4 and 5.

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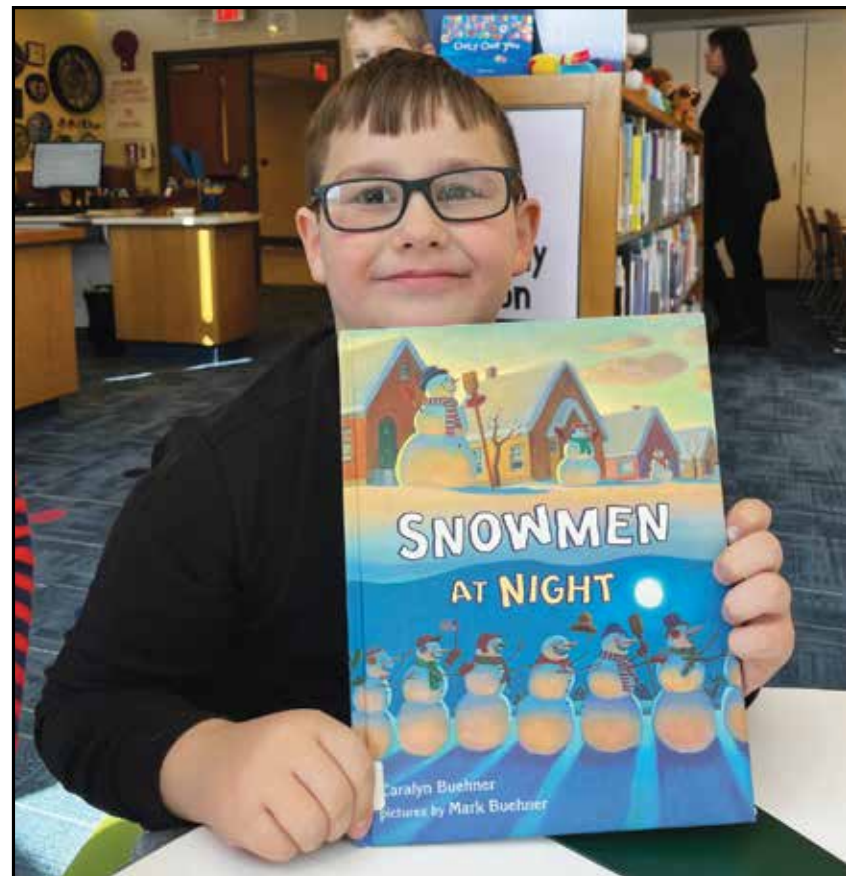



Putnam County sheriff's deputies were invited Jan. 9 to Over the Rainbo... The deputies were gifted with cards, posters and cupcakes as the kids go

Fact vs. Brewster Students L




JFK Librarian Elaine Karczmit recently taught students to identify fiction ver non-fiction books.


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Stormville Photographer Featured at Kent Library



Photography by Stormville artist Caroline Zemira Douglas is currently on display at Kent Public Library.

Several photographs by local artist Caroline Zemira Douglas are on display at the Kent Public Library throughout the month of January. Some of the images can also be seen at <https://friendsof KentLibrary.blogspot.com>.

Douglas, a Stormville resident, is a graduate of Williams College, where she studied geosciences and studio art, and has combined the two in various forms while exploring the overlap between visual art and science. She works with a range of materials and has experience with photography, drawing, painting, linocut, quilting, video, weaving, fresco and more.

The photographs on display at the library were taken in the fall of 2021, during which she conducted research on water quality in the Green River in Williamstown, Mass., for a geomorphology class.

"There are quite a few things to be said about what the Green River has provided for me, but to put it simply, it has offered solitude when I need it, brought togetherness when I want it, and most of all, it has served as a physical reminder that multiple things can exist within one body," she said. "Whether it be the dramatic variation in water dynamics or the fact that I could pursue two of my strongest interests at the very

same location and even in the same moment, it's easier for me to see now that there's no need to box in things that don't need to be confined."

Instead, Douglas said she tries to lean into and celebrate the multidimensional nature of people and places, to bring new perspectives.

The Kent Public Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, and is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, email carolinezemira@gmail.com.

Fiction Learn the Difference



First-graders at John F. Kennedy School in Brewster now know the difference between fiction and non-fiction, thanks to a catchy song and interactive game created by Librarian Elaine Karczmit.

The group recently gathered in the Cubs Corner of the library and sang and discussed the differences. "Fiction is make believe, non-fiction is true (clap)!" They talked about looking at the cover of a book for clues, and the binding for certain numbers.

Karczmit read a non-fiction book on bears, starting with the table of contents and ending with the glossary, and compared that

book to "A Visitor for Bear," which is fiction.

The lesson got even more interesting when she had students play a game with cards she created with little laminated book covers, and a board divided into two parts: non-fiction and fiction. Each student had an opportunity to pick a card and decide which side of the board the book belonged on.

Book titles included "Charlotte's Web," "Dolphins," "Magic Treehouse," "Charlie & Mouse," "Sharks," "Money" and "Junie B. Jones."

The class celebrated its understanding by checking out non-fiction and fiction books.

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Dan Dedvukaj was recognized by the Mahopac School Board at its December meeting for being named Student of Distinction by Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES.

Mahopac Teen is BOCES Student of Distinction

While the December Mahopac School Board meeting was packed with important issues and discussions to be had, the superintendent and board members first took the time to recognize one specific student.

Dan Dedvukaj is a Mahopac High School and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES student who has been studying sports medicine at Pines Bridge. Principal Mike Sowul described Dedvukaj as a “stellar student in his sports medicine class.”

But hard work and smarts are not the only things Dedvukaj brings to the classroom.

“Dan greets everyone by name – teachers and students

alike,” said teacher Dr. William Brightman. “He also thanks all of his teachers when he leaves, and really takes the time to get to know everyone.”

Dedvukaj brings drive and dedication to his studies every day, and has consistently committed himself to expanding his knowledge in the field of medicine, helping athletes manage setbacks from injuries.

“He has overcome some significant injuries as an athlete, so he really wants to help others understand and manage injuries,” said Brightman. “For his academic success, amazing attitude and strong work ethic, Dan is the perfect choice for Student of Distinction.”



Jennifer points to the word she picked – “optimism.”

Words of Positivity Line Carmel Schools’ Hallways

As an English teacher, Malory Gray knows the importance of choosing the right word.

A member of the district’s Equity Committee, she helped her seventh grade students think about the impact of words as part of the Carmel Central School District’s One Word Project. She then guided the students as they turned their words into works of art.

The same process played out in each of the district’s five schools,

where impactful words line the hallways.

“We did it during homeroom,” said Gray, who teaches English at both George Fischer Middle School and Carmel High School. “The students thought it was cool. Our hope is their one word is what they will turn to and keep in mind when they face hard times.”

The Equity Committee’s goals for the 2023-24 school year include creating an affirming environment for our students, said committee member Michele Love, who teaches third grade at Matthew Paterson Elementary School.

The committee decided on the One Word Project, in which students choose one word to serve as inspiration for the year ahead. Students then turned their one word into a piece of art, and now the artwork is displayed in the hallways at every school – and the words inspire students in every grade.

Gray’s students said they thought a lot before choosing a word that meant something to them.

“I chose ‘goals’ as my word because it reminds you what you are

aiming for,” said Joseph. “If you’re ever not doing too great, it reminds you what you want so it helps you get back on track.”

Gabriel explained why he picked the word “grow.”

“Every day, even if you’re doing nothing, you’re growing, you’re changing,” he said.

Kaitlyn said she picked “believe,” because, “I felt like if you believe you can do something, you are more likely to achieve it.”

Jennifer picked “optimism.” “I think you should always hope for a good thing that you want,” she said. “You just have to try your best and be positive.”

Interim School Superintendent Joseph McGrath called the project a success.

“The districtwide initiative was focused on positivity and growth,” he said. “I think if you walk the hallways of Carmel’s five schools and see the students’ One Word Projects lining the walls, you see the focus, hope and optimism our students embody. I think the Equity Committee’s project more than achieved its goal.”

connections through the removal, rehabilitation, improvement and modernization of municipal and state-owned dams.

In addition, Hochul plans to launch a supercharged Green Resiliency Grant Program to build green infrastructure across the state, including green roofs and permeable pavement.

The governor also seeks to make state agencies more sustainable and climate resilient by investing funds to directly support state facilities and provide the resources to initiate procurement practices that prioritize sustainable and climate-resilient design practices – greening the state’s infrastructure while reducing emissions associated with state operations.

She said she will prioritize investing in natural waterways and streams by creating the Resilient Watersheds Implementation Grant Program. To launch the program, the state will fund priority flood mitigation projects in Westchester County. Hochul will also direct DEC to advance 40 state-of-the-art flood resilience studies in flood-prone watersheds.

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State Announces Resiliency Plan for Extreme Weather

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interagency working group formed in her 2022 State of the State. This includes expanding funding for cooling capacity for schools through the Clean Green Schools Program, and supplying air conditioners to protect the most medically vulnerable from high heat.

Protecting Infrastructure

To ensure New York’s infrastructure is prepared for extreme weather, Hochul said she wants the state to repair aging flood control projects and remove hazard dams.

Flood control projects, including 95 miles of walls and levees, would undergo rehabilitation, removal or repairs. Hochul will also direct the Department of Environmental Conservation to establish a grant program to reduce flood risks and restore environmental

State Funding to Support Bannerman Castle Rehab

Bannerman Castle Trust has been awarded \$107,100 in state funding to repair the historic trails from the waterfront dock to the new section of the North Trail. The project includes replacing two floating docks, repairing steps on the staircase, installing a new outdoor classroom/multi-purpose deck, replacing the concrete sidewalk and installing railing on the middle section of the North Trail.

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced \$1.8 million in grants to support 27 not-for-profit organizations involved with stewardship of state parks, trails, historic sites and other public lands. The grants support public-private partnerships leveraging private funds for new state park amenities, to engage in state park and historic site maintenance and beautification projects, and to provide educational programming and special events.

The focus of this round of funding is on the 2024 New York State Park Centennial Celebration, which promotes public use of the parks.

“Behind many of our favorite outdoor experiences – hikes, picnics with our family, bike rides – there is a hard-working local organization making that experience possible,” said Parks & Trails New York Executive Director Paul Steely White. “These amazing grassroots organizations do so much with elbow grease,



Bannerman Castle has received funding to aid in its restoration.

expertise and volunteerism... But they also need the critical financial assistance our Park & Trail Partnership Grants provide.”

The Park & Trail Partnership Grant program is funded through the state Environmental Protection Fund. Grants are administered by Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. This ninth round of awards will be matched by more than \$350,000 in private funds.

Recipients must raise outside funding of at least 10 percent of their total project budgets.

Cutugno Sr., vice president of private brokerage. “Energy-efficient homes that monitor energy usage and reduce carbon footprint is one path to sustainability. Preservation is another trend of younger, eco-conscious luxury buyers purchasing period homes with the belief that the greenest home is one that is already built. Homes built before 1940 tend to be inherently environmentally sustainable, and although updates are often needed, keeping an existing structure intact is the ultimate recycling project for this group of buyers.”

Cutugno said all eyes are on this year’s presidential election and the impact it will have on the economy and the global landscape. “We are hopeful the expectation of lower interest rates in the second half will help improve the trajectory of luxury real estate north of NYC,” he said.

In Putnam and Dutchess County, the number of luxury homes sold (\$1 million and greater) was down 39.1 percent and the median sale price was down 3.9 percent in 2023 versus 2022. In Putnam, the highest sale price was \$1.75 million, in the Haldane Central School District; in Dutchess, it was \$2.7 million, in Washington.

In Westchester County, luxury home sales (\$2 million and greater) were down 26.7 percent and the median sale price was up 0.9 percent. The highest sale price was \$10 million, in Bedford.

Houlihan Lawrence is a real estate brokerage serving NYC’s northern suburbs. Founded in Bronxville in 1888, it has 32 offices and 1,450-plus agents serving Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster and Orange counties in New York; and Fairfield County in Connecticut. For more information, visit www.houlihan-lawrence.com.

Kent Woman Charged by SPCA

A Kent resident was charged Jan. 8 by the Putnam County SPCA after allegedly failing to register with the Putnam County Animal Cruelty Registry.

According to the Putnam County SPCA, Tammy Williams, 46, was arrested in 2020 on three counts of animal abandonment. She had moved away from Putnam County to another state after her conviction of animal abandonment in 2021.

Earlier this month, the county’s probation department informed the Putnam County SPCA that Williams had relocated back to Putnam in 2023. She made no contact with the SPCA since her return, failing to comply with the provisions of the Animal Cruelty Registry.

Offenders on the registry are required to update their registration information annually in January, and within five days of any change of residential address

and/or upon any official change of name.

A Putnam County SPCA detective met with Williams at the probation department while she was there for an unrelated crime, and was charged with a violation under Chapter 115 of the Putnam County Animal Protection Law. She will be arraigned in Kent Town Court later this month.

The Putnam County SPCA reminds all other individuals on the registry that they must ensure they are in compliance with the county’s Animal Protection Law. Also, any individual, group or shelter adopting, selling or giving an animal to another person must check the registry before the transaction to ensure no person on the registry is attempting to obtain an animal.

The Putnam County SPCA 24-hour hotline can be reached at 845-520-6915. For more information, visit www.spcaputnam.org.

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Low Inventory Levels Lead to Drop in Home Sales

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exacerbated by high interest rates, nearly all luxury markets north of New York City experienced double-digit declines in closed sales in 2023 – many for the second consecutive year, according to the Houlihan Lawrence 2023 Luxury Market Report released recently. However, the report noted that interest rate cuts projected in mid-2024 will prompt more sellers to enter the market and help alleviate the inventory shortage.

According to the report, the number of sales greater than \$10 million in Westchester County, and Greenwich, Conn., were close to all-time highs in 2023. Uber-luxury buyers and sellers had the wind at their back. Buyers at this level possessing multiple real estate holdings flexed their spending power as they pursued a well-diversified investment portfolio.

For buyers, lack of inventory created competition. Luxury homes (on average) sold for close to 100 percent of list price. Although days on market ticked up slightly in 2023, listings sitting on the market more than 100 days are often overlooked by buyers due to price and/or presentation.

Conversely, a change in price or staging often transformed a languishing listing into a desirable offering.

The report noted several trends in the luxury market.

“There has been a growing interest in sustainability for luxury real estate buyers,” said Anthony

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ENDANGERMENT

Live @ Odeens BBQ Spins Bowl, Carmel 1/20/24 7-10pm

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Putnam

COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

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

RFB 02-24 BV – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

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

Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024.**

dated: Carmel, New York
January 11, 2024

Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing
Director

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

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RFB 03-24 – AUTOMOTIVE REPLACEMENT PARTS – CHEVROLET/FORD/ CHRYSLER – OEM ONLY

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

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL

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

RFP-01-2024 – MICRO- TRANSIT SOFTWARE SOLUTION AND SUPPORT

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

Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024.**

dated: Carmel, New York
January 11, 2024

Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing
Director

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Kent

Legal Notice
Town of Kent
Notice of the Receipt
and Tax Warrant

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TAKE NOTICE, that the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, has duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Kent for the year 2024; and I will be in attendance at the Kent Town Center located at 25 Sybil's Crossing in the said Town of Kent Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except holidays for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2024 without charges or interest. All taxes received after that date shall have an added interest of one percent (1%) for the first month and an added one percent (1%) for each additional month or fraction thereof, thereafter until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to law. The expense of mailing any notice of unpaid taxes shall be an additional penalty of two dollars (\$2.00) chargeable against the parcels for which taxes have not been paid.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Kent will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the first day of April, 2024.

DATED: December 21, 2023

Stephanie Nix
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Kent
County of Putnam
State of New York
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing on January 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, to consider the application of Twin Oaks Ventures LLC, owner of premises located at 189 Brewster Hill Road, Tax Map 57.-2-52.4, which seeks a Special Permit to allow an Equestrian Center use on the subject premises consisting of approximation 49 acres and located in a R-160 zoning district. All persons interested in the subjection matter hereof will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

By Order of the Town Board
Kathleen Chiudina, Town
Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Kathleen S. Kraus, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the

Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Carmel for the year 2024, and that I will attend at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue in the said Town of Carmel from January 2, 2024 from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2024 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one

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percent for the first month (month of February) and an additional one percent for each additional month until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that \$2.00 shall be charged against each parcel if taxes remain unpaid and a second notice is mailed pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Carmel will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of April, 2024.

Kathleen S. Kraus
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Carmel
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD Town of Carmel - Town Hall Mahopac, NY 10541 845 628-1500

LEGAL NOTICE

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

JANUARY 24, 2024

At 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541 or as soon thereafter as possible on the following matters:

14 NICOLE WAY, LLC (ZAKON)

1065 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 – Tax Map #65.6-1-22 – Bond Return

G & F SUBDIVISION

2054 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512 – Tax Map #55.-2-24.5, 6-1,7-2 & 8-2 – Bond Reduction

CARMEL TERMINALS

79 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512 – Tax Map # 55.11-1-23, 24 & 27 – Amended Site Plan

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112 Stillwater Road, Mahopac, NY 10541 – Tax Map # 75.17-1-52 – Amended Site Plan

By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paepre
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Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
AGAINST
CHARLES KOHN, et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on June 20, 2023.

I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at 20 County Center Carmel, NY 10512 on January 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM premises known as 2003 Kings Way, Carmel, NY 10512.

Please take notice that this foreclosure auction shall be conducted in compliance with the Foreclosure Auction Rules for the Ninth Judicial District, Putnam County, and the COVID 19

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Health Emergency Rules, including proper use of masks and social distancing.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York. Section 44.11, Block 1 and Lot 22.-2003.

Approximate amount of judgment \$103,436.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #501487/2019.

Emily Barile Boccardi, Esq., Referee,

Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: PUTNAM COUNTY. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST B, Pltf. vs. KATHRYN C. MADDEN, et al, Defts. Index #501454/2019.

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Nov. 15, 2022, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on January 29, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., prem. k/a 402 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction, NY a/k/a Section 9, Block 1, Lot 23. Said property being in the Town of Kent, Country of Putnam and State of NY, designated as Lot No. 1 on a certain Map filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office as Map No. 1540 on October 13, 1976. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$515,059.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. GORDON B. FINE, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Atty. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #101015
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST DANIEL P. MCGEE, KATHLEEN E. MCGEE, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 9, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 29, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 51 Sherwood Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, State of New York Section: 36, Block: 2, Lot: 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$480,866.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501005/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Edward T. McCormack, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001714 78860
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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIA-

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TION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MARGARET DUKE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. DUKE, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Discharging Guardian Ad Litem and Military Attorney, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 111 North Brewster Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 45.84, Block 1 and Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment is \$310,973.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500118/2020. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Joseph A. Charbonneau, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 800038/2021

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
v.

ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE MICHAEL S. CASCARANO AKA MICHAEL CASCARANO AKA MIKE S. CASCARANO AKA MIKE CASCARANO, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAKE MAHOPAC WOODS ASSOCIATION, Defendants.

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 attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure

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to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to 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.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Victor G. Grossman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 18th day of December, 2023 at Carmel, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

SBL No.: 64.12-1-17
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, 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 northerly line of North Lake Boulevard, distant 281.6 feet westerly from the westerly terminus of the curve which connects the northerly line of North Lake Boulevard with the westerly line of Bench Road; and

RUNNING THENCE the following twelve (12) courses and distances:

1) Along the North line of North Lake Boulevard and on a curve to the left having a radius of 423.31 feet an arc length of 101.02 feet to a rod;

2) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 41 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West a distance of 158.99 feet to a point;

3) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 78 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 10.00 feet to a point;

4) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 48 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 36.21 feet to a point;

Thence continuing along the same course a distance of 48.36 feet to a point;

5) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 56 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 130.90 feet to a rod set in the easterly line of a 20 foot wide right of way leading to Oakland View Drive;

6) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 30 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East along the easterly line of the aforementioned Right of Way a distance of 48.05 feet to a point on the southerly terminus of Oakland View Drive;

7) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 47 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds East along the southerly terminus of Oakland View Drive a distance of 10.00 feet to a rock with an "X" cut found;

8) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 42 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds East, 25.00 feet along the easterly line of Oakland View Drive and the westerly line of the premises intended to

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be described a distance of 145.00 feet to a rod set; and

9) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 46 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 146.01 feet to a point;

10) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 48 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 17.39 feet to a rod set;

11) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 54 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 13.73 feet to a rod set;

12) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 38 degrees 59 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 162.40 feet to the northerly line of North Luke Boulevard the point and place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 16 Oakland View Road aka 16 Oakland View Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
500 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff against

MARY LYNN MILLER A/K/A.M. LYNN MILLER A/K/A MARY L. MILLER A/K/A MARY MILLER, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered November 30, 2023, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM. Premises known as 30 Bank Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Sec 49.5 Block 4 Lot 68. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Cold Spring, Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$343,124.52 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501195/2022. For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq., Referee File #NY-73000236-16-3

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM

SUNMARK CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. RICKY NELSON VENTURA; MARK HAMILTON VENTURA; AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES, CO., INC.; WEST-CHESTER MEDICAL CENTER TAYLOR CARE CENTER, C-2; CUDDY & FEDER, LLP; TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN; RNV GREEN PROCESSING & SUPPLY CORP.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; PATRICIA PATINELLA; and JEFFREY PHILLIPS, Defendants. Index No. 500792/2020 In pursuance and by virtue of judgment of foreclosure and sale duly granted by this Court on June 28, 2023 and entered in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$324,937.77, plus continuing interest, plus costs and legal fees totaling \$36,177.86, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Supreme Court, Putnam County, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, in Room 209, on the 5th day of February 2024, at 10:30 a.m. of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment and be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain piece, plot or parcel of land situate lying and being in the TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the southerly side of Lane Gate Road with the westerly side of Route 9; THENCE along Route 9, South 20° 34' East 647.01 feet to land now or formerly Jerome and Nickolas Rossi; THENCE along Rossi, South 79° 53' 30" West 233.50 feet, South 31° 00' West 18.91 feet, South 28° 08' 50" West 158.04 feet, South 52° 49' 10" West 58.47 feet, South 35° 50' 30" West 26.21 feet, South 22° 12' 40" West 61.50 feet and South 82° 46' West 259.61 feet to lands conveyed to Wayne and Lisa Stephens in Liber 1605 cp 378; THENCE along Stephens, North 8° 32' 20" West 26.34 feet, North 9° 47' 20" West 18.80 feet, North 3° 42' 20" West 31.40 feet, North 6° 49' 20" West 148.60 feet, North 4° 57' 20" West 21.10 feet, North 7° 17' 20" West 89.70 feet, North 3° 06' 20" West 17.60 feet, North 7° 07' 20" West 60.70 feet, North 7° 52' 20" West 33.80 feet, North 8° 32' 20" West 20.00 feet, North 5° 40' 20" West 64.60 feet and North 9° 35' 20" West 23.76 feet to Lane Gate Road; THENCE along Lane Gate Road, North 44° 14' East 30.50 feet, North 49° 22' East 79.10 feet, North 52° 33' East 63.00 feet: northeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 200.00 feet a distance of 82.67 feet, North 28° 52' East 14.72 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 67.81 feet, North 54° 46' East 89.36 feet, North 34° 39' West 3.63 feet, North 54° 43' East 129.10 feet South 35° 20' East 4.10 feet, North 54° 40' East 31.30 feet, South 34° 56' East 3.41 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 38.77 feet and North 76° 03' East 17.55 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee, FALCON RAPPAPORT & BERKMAN LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, New York 11570, (516) 599-0888. Location of Property to be Foreclosed: 1 LANE GATE ROAD, COLD SPRING, NEW YORK 10516.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN-

DEX NO. 500696/2022 COUNTY OF PUTNAM

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST

Plaintiff, vs.

PETER JAMES BURKE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. BURKE; STEPHEN R. BURKE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. BURKE; KATHLEEN E. BURKE, JAMES MICHAEL BURKE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. BURKE if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. BURKE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CRESTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 233 PEACEABLE HILL ROAD, BREWSTER, NY 10509

Section: 56.16, Block: 1, Lot: 21

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 Filed:
 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
 Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which mortgaged premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint

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is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
 THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$104,000.00 and interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Putnam on November 29, 2016 in Book 6659, Page 65 covering premises known as 57 Union Valley Rd, Mahopac, NY 10541.
 The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons 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

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how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
 Dated: Bay Shore, New York December 26, 2023
 Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP
 /s/BY: Linda P. Manfredi
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706
 (631) 969-3100
 Our File No.: 01-099081-F00

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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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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:

JANUARY 25, 2024 - 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **ROBERT ALTERO** for a Variation of 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	Provided	Variance Required
10' rear (gazebo)	2'	8'
25' front (garage)	0' (over property line. Easement agreement needed.)	25'

- Application of **BORE COTAJ** 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	Provided	Variance Required
Dock:		
Lake frontage 50'	6.25'	43.75'
Minimum Area 3,000 sf	280 sf	2,720 sf

- 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 25'	23.75'	1.25'
Accessory front setback of 25'	8.83'	16.17'

- Application of **DRANA VUKAJ** 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.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **NORMIN LLC (Norman Sas)** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to construct 2nd floor addition. The property is located at 36 Lillian Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #64.11-1-37.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
40' Front	36.32' (Kirk Lake Dr.)	3.68'

- Application of **P&R ESTATE CORP.** for a Variation of Section 156.15 seeking a Use Variance for permission to legalize a four-family structure (formerly 2 apts & 2 commercial). The property is located at 122 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #44.13-2-68.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Lot Area 40,000 sf	17,360 sf	22,640 sf
Lot Width 200 ft	147 ft	53 ft

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Lot depth 200 ft	185 ft	15 ft
Front Yard 40 ft	22.8 ft	17.2 ft
Rear Yard 30 ft	23.1 ft	6.9 ft
Building area 5,000 sf	3,200 sf	1,800 sf
Use Variance	Mixed Use	Multi Family (4-family)

- Application of **AFC URGENT CARE** for a Variation of Section 156.41C(2) seeking an Area Variance for permission to extend sign larger than 40 square feet. The property is located at 1844-1936 Route 6, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.11-1-4.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Allows 40 sf	78.80 sf	38.80 sf

- Application of **NORBERT LATAWIEC** for a Variation of Section 156-45.2B(1) seeking an Area Variance for permission to retain accessory apartment. The property is located at 1350 Route 6, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #54.15-1-17.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Structure to be existing 1/21/98	Structure (garage) built after 1/21/98	To allow accessory apartment in garage built after 1/21/98

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Physics students at BHS with the Rubens tube.

In Brewster, a Passion For Fire, Music, Boats & Pirates

If you could pick a project for physics, it would probably include fire and music. At least it did for members of Peter LaMoreaux's physics class in Brewster High School, who had the chance to choose their passion project.

"We picked the Rubens tube, a flame tube that shows the relationship between sound waves and sound pressure," said Emiko Dunn.

The class gathered around to watch the impressive display, with goggles, butane and music.

The project, which the group made themselves out of plumbing tubing, a balloon, sealant and duct tape, was the top choice because it was just really cool.

As they played the song "This Music is Fire," the flame ignited and danced with the beats.

"We put the balloon at the end because sound travels through it," said Mikey Subin. "When the sound waves cross, the pressure pushes gas out of the tube at the top where we made holes."

"There is this app that we

picked songs from," said Dante Gulla. "It was great because we could pick songs with different pitches, which would affect the flames. So, one song which had one pitch was different from other songs with more pitches and the flames would go up and down depending."

Another group has a passion for boats, so they decided to make a cardboard boat and study the physics of buoyancy.

"We studied Archimedes Principle, which is basically an object, totally or partially immersed in a fluid or liquid, is buoyed up by a force equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the object," said Matthew Van Buskirk.

"The hardest part was really making the boat - we needed to cover it entirely in duct tape so it wouldn't sink," said Damian Sondej.

"Once we made it, we went to Green Chimneys and used their pool," added Pablo Romero. "We all got in and it worked because it

was sound and we distributed our weight evenly."

The Plundering Plummer Project by William Tierney really made a bang.

"I binge-watched 'Pirates of the Caribbean' one weekend and decided to make a cannon," he said. "I used gunpowder and a soda bottle and shot BBs at a tree. I think I got up to 280 feet."

Calculating the velocity of a ball shot out of a cannon is a deceptively difficult task, according to Tierney.

"On paper, all you need is a distance and a time," he said. "In reality, the ball goes wicked fast, to the point where it's a blur even with slow motion video. The pressure builds behind the ball and due to how tightly it is packed and the lack of an escape route, it has to launch the ball with a strong velocity."

In the end, Tierney said the project was fun, inexpensive, and made for great memories with his dad, who helped him build the cannon.

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