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After a six-year hiatus, the 32nd Putnam County Columbus Day parade, hosted by the Italian American Club of Mahopac, returned Oct. 5 to the hamlet, where residents and visitors lined the street to celebrate. Honorary Grand Marshals Bonnie Palmiero and Joseph Fierro, Little Miss Columbus Anastasia Cefaloni, Master Columbus Andrew Henderson, IAC President Guilio Cefaloni, Carmel Police Chief Anthony Hoffmann, and Fr. Szymon Kurpios of St. John the Evangelist Church cut the ribbon to debut the Santa Maria on its maiden voyage.

Columbus Day Parade Sails Through Mahopac Once Again



Many civic groups, school teams, community organizations, and others participated in the parade, as well as the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce street festival that took place at the end of the parade route.



Additional photos are on pages 8 and 9. Provided photos.

Durante Proposes Tax Levy Hike For Southeast

By Holly Crocco

During a Sept. 29 special meeting of the Southeast Town Board, Supervisor Nick Durante took some heat for presenting a tentative budget that raises the tax levy by almost 11 percent – blowing the state-mandated property tax cap of 4.23 percent for the town out of the water, and adding about \$50 more in taxes per household.

“You’re proposing a 10.9 percent tax levy increase, which I’m honestly kind of stunned by,” said Councilman Eric Cyprus. “You started off by saying assessed value is going up and that helps. That doesn’t help the residents, that only helps you discuss a percentage.”

He elaborated by saying that, because the total townwide assessed value increased, the supervisor can say the increase is only 4.4 percent (mill rate), but it is actually a 10.95 percent increase to the tax levy.

Durante explained that while the state-mandated property tax cap limits the town’s tax levy

increase to \$306,000, “things we cannot control are at \$352,000 ... so it kind of puts us in a bind right off the bat.”

Increasing expenditures include a 3 percent salary increase for CSEA employees and a 4.5 percent increase for highway department employees. “That alone amounts to \$180,000,” explained Durante.

The budget also include a new position for an assistant building inspector, at a cost of \$110,000.

“I truly believe this is something we really need to look at,” said the supervisor. “We are way behind in the building department with expired permits and how many open permits we have.”

In addition, the town’s contribution to the New York State retirement system has gone up 19.76 percent, health insurance costs are increasing 4.35 percent, and – as everyone knows – electric costs are skyrocketing.

“Luckily, that health insurance (increase) isn’t as high as

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Buyer Demand Keeps Housing Market Resilient

The housing market in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties remained resilient in the third quarter of 2025, with strong buyer demand, rising home prices, and stable supply-demand ratios across most segments, according to a recent report by Houlihan Lawrence.

Putnam County experienced a 20 percent increase in home sales and a 2 percent rise in the median sale price to \$610,000. Notably, school districts like Haldane and Lakeland posted significant price appreciation – up 43 percent and 41 percent, respectively.

The market remains highly competitive across most price points. Inventory decreased slightly year-over-year, while pending sales rose 25 percent, indicating sustained buyer interest into Q4.

Houlihan Lawrence’s Putnam County market includes Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane and Lakeland school districts, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley.

In Westchester, single-family home sales increased 9 percent

year-over-year, with 1,617 homes sold in the third quarter. The average sale price rose nearly 3 percent, reflecting continued competition, particularly in the mid-to upper-price ranges. Homes sold at 104.6 percent of asking price on average, and price per square foot rose to \$488. Supply-demand remained balanced overall, with notable demand growth in the \$1 million to \$3 million ranges.

Dutchess County saw a 6 percent decrease in home sales, likely due to constrained inventory in lower price ranges. However, prices continued to rise, with the average sale price up 4 percent to \$625,092 and price per square foot up 11 percent to \$293. Despite fewer transactions, the market remains tight, with homes selling at 101.2 percent of list price and a low average of 60 days on market.

“Across all three counties, high demand and limited inventory continue to drive price growth and quick sales,” said Houlihan Lawrence President & CEO Liz

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Fifth-graders enjoy lunch as part of the new 5th Grade Academy at George Fischer Middle School in Carmel.

Carmel Launches 5th Grade Academy

For Elianna, a Carmel fifth-grader, the best thing about middle school is that she feels independent. “You get to move from class to class,” she said. “And you get lockers.”

The students themselves may not notice it, but George Fischer Middle School’s new 5th Grade Academy, which launched in September, is designed to

provide age-appropriate levels of independence while giving students a safe transition from the self-contained environment of elementary school.

Rather than throw them fully into the middle school routine, the academy focuses on the academic and developmental needs of students on the cusp of adolescence.

“Adjusting to a middle school environment can be challenging,” said Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben. “Our fifth-graders will have access to a schedule and support structures that reflect their developmental needs, with three core classes in the morning and the opportunity for specials and lunch in the middle of their school day.”

The changes in school routine start on the trip to school. Fifth-graders must sit in the front rows of the school bus, and are the first to exit the bus in the morning and the first to depart in the afternoon.

“We sit in the front of the bus because we are the youngest,” explained Rylee, age 10. “I like that.”

The fifth-graders enter and exit the school directly through the fifth-grade wing of the building, which is off limits to students in grades six through eight.

“It’s been very helpful to not have students from the other grades in the fifth-grade hallway,” said one teacher. “It’s quieter. There is less disruption.”

The academy offers more than physical separation from the older students. It includes activities that promote positive peer interactions, build self-esteem, and support social development.

Fifth-graders will also receive instruction focused on digital literacy, including how to access online resources responsibly and understand the importance of managing their digital footprint.

“I have heard only good things from parents,” said Joe Keenan, assistant principal for the fifth grade. “The changes we have made, especially with the buses, have gone a long way toward protecting the fifth-graders.”

The academy can also foster stronger relationships between students, staff, and families.

“This is such a big school in comparison to our three elementary schools,” said GFMS Principal John Fratto. “Keeping fifth-graders separate and supported will help them build relationships with students who might be from the other side of town. Those friendships will keep them grounded throughout their school years.”

Letters to the Editor

Lawler is No Moderate

Dear Editor:

After reading the recent newsletter from Representative Mike Lawler, I feel compelled to point out that the budget bill he is so proud to have supported will end Affordable Care Act subsidies and cause millions of Americans (many of them Lawler’s own constituents) to lose their health insurance coverage. The bill also does next to nothing to fight the skyrocketing premiums the rest of us are paying.

Mr. Lawler claims to be a moderate Republican but he supports his party leadership’s refusal to enter bipartisan negotiations on the bill to keep the federal government open. Democrats are demanding the bill restore funding to the Affordable Care Act, a position favored by large majorities of U.S. citizens.

Mr. Lawler has also failed to speak out about lies that some of his fellow Republicans are telling about the ACA giving “illegal aliens” free health insurance coverage. The allegation is false, and Rep. Lawler knows it.

I wish Mike Lawler would stop trying to have it both ways. He should move away from MAGA and be the “moderate” he claims to be.

Maria Modica-Snow
Peekskill

A Vote for Sprague for Legislator

Dear Editor:

I am really excited to vote for Thomas Sprague as Putnam County legislator for District 6.

Everyone knows Thomas. He and his family have owned and operated Bob’s Diner in downtown Brewster for over 30 years. Thomas has always been a great listener and takes our local problems and issues seriously.

As a business owner and a parent raising a young family here, Thomas will bring a strong, fresh voice to Putnam County government. As a father with two young children, he is committed to a Southeast that is both affordable and provides a good quality of life for all our residents.

My family and I are proud to be casting our ballot for Thomas Sprague this Nov. 4.

J. Keyes
Brewster

Join the Conversation With Put Valley Library

Dear Editor:

As president of the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Valley Free Library, and as someone who has raised a family here in town, I know how deeply the library touches the lives of our neighbors.

For over 85 years, the library has been a place to learn, connect, and grow together as a community. Now, as we look to

the future, we want to ensure it continues to reflect the values and aspirations of Putnam Valley.

That’s why we’re launching a new strategic planning initiative centered around a series of community conversations. These conversations offer an opportunity for every resident to share their voice and help shape the future of our library. We want to hear what matters most to you – whether it’s new programs, better spaces, expanded digital resources, or creative partnerships with local organizations.

The library belongs to the people of Putnam Valley, and this process is about working together to keep it a welcoming gathering place and a forward-thinking hub for education, creativity, and innovation.

I invite you to join us in these community conversations over the next few weeks and help chart a course for the future of the Putnam Valley Free Library. Together, we can ensure it continues to serve not just today’s needs, but also tomorrow’s opportunities.

Joseph Ferraro
President of the Board of Trustees
Putnam Valley Free Library

Support for Burke for Sheriff

Dear Editor:

I’m not someone who usually writes letters like this but I feel strongly about Larry Burke and what his leadership could mean for Putnam County.

I first met Larry through community work years ago. I’ve watched him show up for people – in schools, in town meetings, and in everyday life. He’s honest, fair, and loyal, and the kind of leader who earns respect quietly, without ever demanding it.

Larry’s a Bronx kid like me, and we speak the same language... But what’s remarkable is that he speaks everyone’s language. He connects with people from all walks of life, listens with genuine interest, and when he speaks, people trust him because he means what he says.

At his recent fundraiser, I even came out of my self-imposed “photography retirement” and volunteered to capture the night. The crowd said it all – people from every corner of the county, with different backgrounds and political views, gathered to support him. That kind of unity is rare these days.

He’s running as an independent, funding much of his campaign himself – not backed by a party machine but by people who’ve seen his integrity up close. He’s about community, families, and doing what’s right. I would trust him with my kid, and I don’t say that lightly.

Larry Burke is good people. And he’s good for Putnam. I encourage everyone to meet him, talk to him, and see for themselves the kind of person and leader he is.

Caitlin Chadwick
Cold Spring

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Lake Carmel Pharmacy

New Health Science & Careers Class at Brewster H.S.



Health Science & Careers students wear Post-It Notes identifying certain muscle groups.

Brewster High School students who think they might be interested in a health science career have a new opportunity this year with the addition of a year-long elective.

Health Science & Careers, which is co-taught by Lisa Vlicky and Nicole Sweeney, provides students the opportunity to explore various healthcare careers as they learn an overview of anatomy, physiology, and basic medical terminology. Students also engage in hands-on experiences for skill development.

Vlicky, a science teacher, and Sweeney, a health and physical education teacher and personal trainer, bring their own special training and expertise to the classroom.

“We like to make things engaging as students learn,” said Vlicky.

A recent “game of the day” called Post-It Parts was meant to teach students about the musculo-skeletal system. “In small groups, try to identify as many muscle

groups as possible,” instructed Sweeney. “With over 600 it will be impossible to get them all.”

Students got to work identifying muscles, labeling and sticking Post-Its onto a classmate volunteer.

“Remember, body movements are accomplished by muscles moving our skeleton,” said Vlicky.

As students discussed and identified muscles they wrote down the common names, and Vlicky and Sweeney, walking from group to group, explained the scientific name and function of each: jaw (masseter muscle – responsible for closing the jaw and chewing food); calf (gastrocnemius and soleus – responsible for walking and jumping); arms (triceps and biceps brachii – responsible for a wide range of movements including flexion, extension, and supination)...

When students slowed down on identifying major muscles, Sweeney and Vlicky let them use Google.

For the most part, students in the class have a passion for the subject matter.

“I want to be an ultrasound technician,” said Adriana Milazzo. “I feel like this class will give me a better understanding.”

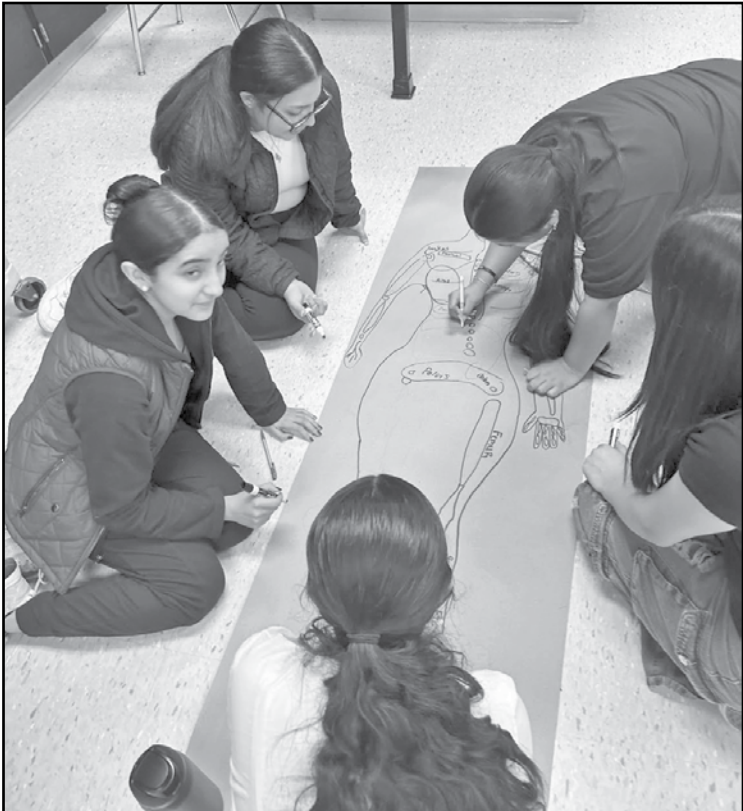
“I want to work in nursing,” added Danella Howell. “My mom works in a hospital field. I talk to her every day after class about what we are learning.”

“My guidance counselor suggested this course because I am interested in this field in general,” noted Deni Hulaj.

“I know I am interested in the health care field, I am just not sure what,” said Taylor Shkreli.

At the end of the game, five student volunteers – Mia Espinoza, Rebecca Lacayo, Adrianna Milazzo, Maddie Regan, and Finn Garcia – stood at the front of the room covered from head to toe in Post-Its.

“I do think taking the Health Science & Careers class benefits



interested students by giving them opportunities to learn about clinical, administrative, and public health roles while they are still in high school,” explained Vlicky.

The students are ready for their next assignment: taping volunteers’ muscles and tendons for ankle injuries as would-be athletic trainers.

We Will Miss

Brewster
Mary Rossini, 93, October 4. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel
Geraldine Cerasuolo, 75, October 7. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Cold Spring
Timothy J. Sullivan, 82, October 3. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

John Joseph Egger, 65, October 6. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac
M. Teresa A. Scanlan, 89, October 3. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

John Patrick “Jack” Anderson, 86, October 6. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Valley
Fanny Mondelli, 70, October 2. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.



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Reward Offered for Info. About Dead Birds

The Putnam County SPCA, along with the New York State Humane Association, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for mutilating and decapitating birds found on a roadside in Kent.

According to SPCA Chief Ken Ross, at about 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division was notified by the Kent Police Department that a clear garbage bag containing dead birds was located on the side of Holland Drive near Route 52, in the area of Lake Carmel.

SPCA detectives found two mutilated and decapitated roosters/chickens and one mutilated and decapitated white dove inside the bag.

According to Ross, the area where this bag was found was only a short distance from where other bags of mutilated animals have been found in recent months – possibly the result of ritualistic killings.

Anyone with information is asked to call 845-520-6915 or visit www.spcaputnam.org. Reports can remain anonymous.

The Putnam County SPCA is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation that receives no funding from the ASPCA, New York State, or the federal government. Its mission is to prevent cruelty to all animals by enforcing the NYS cruelty statutes via a countywide humane law enforcement department, providing medical care and shelter to abused animals and providing humane education to schools and other interested groups.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Plant-Based Diet

Many studies have shown that plant-based diets reduce the risk of chronic diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, cancer and obesity. A balanced, plant-forward diet provides protein, fats, complex carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fiber, as well as antioxidants and other phytonutrients. Sustainability experts also identify plant-based diets as the “most efficient way of reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of the food system.” With so many benefits to your health, and our environment, there are many reasons to move toward a more plant-based diet.

Start with one meal a week: Embrace just one weekly meal. With each “meatless meal” you will save 133 gallons of water and reduce your carbon footprint by 8 pounds. If that meal has you passing on a serving of beef, the reduction in emissions is the same as driving your car about 350 miles less.

Make plant-forward dishes: Alternatively, start with a plant-forward dish. Add finely diced or shredded veggies (mushrooms, onions, carrots, zucchini) to burgers, meatballs or meatloaf to increase volume, save money, and create a more plant-forward dish. Or adjust your plate to make more room for vegetables and less space for meat.

Make it fun and interesting: Make your plant-based meal bright and colorful. Then add texture to make it enjoyable as well. Use various spices, then grill, roast, rice, or spiralize your veggies and fruit. Embrace “meaty” portobello mushrooms for burgers. Lastly, finely dice and puree veggies to make patties, veggie burgers and plant-based “meatballs”. Visit Hannaford.com or GuidingStars.com for fun and delicious recipes.

Reminder!: Read nutrition facts panels and limit products labeled “plant based” with added sugar, salt and saturated fat. In this case, plant-based doesn’t mean more nutritious.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: astowell@hannaford.com. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Autumn Squash Curry (1 Guiding Stars)
Hannaford.com

Coconut milk, ginger and curry paste make a fragrant curry sauce while squash and chickpeas roast side by side.

Ingredients:
1 large delicata squash
1/2 (16-oz.) package diced butternut squash
1 (15.5-oz.) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
3 Tbsp. vegetable oil, divided
1 tsp. ground turmeric
3 Tbsp. red curry paste
1 tsp. chopped fresh ginger
2 cups chopped kale
1 (13.5-oz.) can coconut milk
2 (8.8-oz.) packages 90-second jasmine rice
1/2 lime
1/4 cup chopped cilantro, to serve

Directions:
Cut delicata squash lengthwise and remove pulp and seeds. Slice into 1/2”-thick half-moons. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place delicata squash, butternut squash and chickpeas on a large parchment-lined baking sheet and drizzle with 2 tablespoons oil. Sprinkle with turmeric and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Roast until just tender, 18 to 20 minutes, stirring halfway through. Meanwhile, in a large pot, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high. Add curry paste and ginger. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, 2 minutes. Add kale and season with salt and pepper. Add coconut milk and 2 cups water. Bring to a boil over high, then reduce to medium-low. Simmer, partly covered, until kale is tender, 10 minutes.

Microwave rice according to package directions. Transfer roasted squash and chickpeas to pot. Simmer 5 minutes more. Squeeze juice from lime into curry. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in cilantro and serve with rice.

Tuna Stuffed Avocado

(Family Features)
Tuna Stuffed Avocado

Ingredients:
1 packet (2 1/2 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Light Tuna with Old Bay Seasoning
1/4 cup whole kernel cooked corn
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 avocado
lemon wedges, for serving

Directions:
In bowl, combine tuna, corn and minced parsley.
Halve avocado and carefully remove seed.



Divide tuna mixture between avocado halves.
Serve with lemon wedges.

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Wolf Pac Dominates Homecoming Game



The Mahopac High School Marching Band, Mahopac Varsity Cheerleading, and a majority of the student body came out for the big event.

The community came out to cheer on Mahopac Varsity Football, which won its homecoming game Oct. 3 against the Eastchester Eagles, with an end score of 33-14.



Provided photos.



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Southeast Man Facing Child Porn Charges

A Southeast resident was arrested recently by Putnam County sheriff's deputies following a lengthy investigation into the possession and promotion of child sexual abuse material.

According to Acting Sheriff Brian Hess, the investigation began July when the sheriff's office received a referral from the New York State Police Internet Crimes

Against Children Task Force.

On Oct. 2, investigators, with the assistance of special agents and personnel from Homeland Security Investigations-New York's Hudson Valley office, executed a search warrant at a residence in Southeast where multiple electronic devices were seized and examined, revealing numerous images and files containing child

sexual abuse material.

Wanderson Jimenez-Pinto, 18, was arrested and charged with nine counts of each of promoting and possessing a sexual performance by a child, all felonies. He was arraigned in Kent Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility where bail was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond.

Lakeside Harmony Chorus Wins Award

Arts on the Lake's Lakeside Harmony recently won the Plateau A Small Chorus Championship of the Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The district encompasses all of the Canadian Maritimes and eastern Canada to Montreal, all of New England, and eastern New York

State.

Lakeside Harmony is made up of men and women of all ages and sings all genres of a cappella music from pop, to rock'n roll, to barbershop four-part harmony. It has been a part of AotL for more than a year and a half and meets at the center every other Wednesday.

The group is always welcoming new members. More information is available on Facebook or by email to lakesidechorus@yahoo.com.

Additional information about Arts on the Lake, including details about upcoming programs, is available at artsonthelake.org.



Elder Law Advice
Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Parental Protection Tools: Advance Directives

My dad was quite the character. For certain after-school activities, there was a pickup line of cars all waiting for their children to emerge at the appointed time. Dad had to be first... always. Not second, not fourth... first. Mom usually dropped me off and split. Her day was done. Dad would time it so that he arrived on scene not long after. With his daily copy of the New York Times or New York Post in hand, he would park and read. This was all fine with me, as I was able to go home a few minutes early and it made him happy.

One late afternoon, another child's mother slowly crept her station wagon passed each of the parked cars. With my dad focused on some newsprint, the vehicle came to a stop in front of his car, then maneuvered into a makeshift space that technically placed her

first in the pickup line.

Holy mackerel!

Dad went nuts. This is all from memory, from my dad's recounting of the story, so bear with me.

"You can't do that! You have to go to the back of the line and wait!" I am probably sanitizing the language, but he got his point across. The mother pleaded that her son was not feeling well and she had called to pick him up early. "If he's so sick, he should have stayed home!"

By the time I exited the building, I could see that something was up. The mother, my dad, and the very pious religious leader in charge of the program were arguing. It turns out, she allegedly had permission to pick up her unwell son early, but this did not satisfy my dad - who continued to believe the religious leader made up the permission to de-escalate the tension.

Cringeworthy!

Fast forward 17 years to my wedding. I needed a letter from that same very religious leader attesting to my character and upbringing. According to him, I was OK, but he "could offer no opinion on the religiosity or character" of my parents.

You do not choose your parents. You choose how to relate with them. You choose your boundaries and your reactions. As they age, your parents may call on you to offer assistance. They may not initially seek your guidance on estate and long-term care planning issues, but it is important to have those conversations and get their paperwork in order.

Adult children should be mindful of the tools necessary to ensure their parents are protected. This includes advance directives such as Health Care Proxies, Powers of Attorney, HIPAA forms, and Living Wills or MOLST forms. These are the forms that operate while your parents are living, but may be compromised.

Advance directives authorize trusted individuals, often adult children, to make decisions and receive vital information on behalf of an ill person and frame end-of-life wishes properly. Adult children thrust into these roles have to wear two hats. They must have clarity that their parent is receiving proper treatment, aiming for realistic rehabilitative goals and understanding all of the long-term care options.

Adult children must also manage financial resources intelligently. Medicaid planning with the use of Powers of Attorney is a primary goal when a parent becomes ill. Agents under a Power of Attorney can establish protective trusts, change beneficiaries, transfer assets, and sell property on behalf of the form's creator.

Setting up advance directives early allows for a solid chain of command structure when an emergency happens. Adult children can jump into action immediately and make the decisions that have to be made. Working with an experienced elder care attorney will also ease the stress of an adult child tasked with so many new responsibilities.

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Putnam County Community Events

Teen Film Fest

Mahopac Public Library will present a Teen Horror Movie Festival on Friday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Teens will need to submit a form located at youth services desk or by emailing terrificteens@mahopaclibrary.org. Films must be no longer than 5 minutes. Keep movies to a PG-13 rating. This is for teens in grades six through 12. Deadline is Oct. 22. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Quit Smoking

The Putnam County Department of Health will be offering Freedom from Smoking, an evidence-based smoking cessation program, to individuals who live or work in Putnam. Classes will be held in person from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Department of Health from Oct. 29 through Dec. 10, with an extra class Friday, Nov. 21. Free. Includes Nicotine Replacement Therapy as supply lasts. Pre-registration is required at <https://FreedomFromSmokingOct2025.eventbrite.com>. 845-808-1390, ext. 43155.

Humane Society

Donation Drive

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel is joining The Great Giveback by supporting the Putnam Humane Society. Through Oct. 30, donations to help care for local animals will be collected during regular hours. Used items cannot be accepted, and no food or treats from China.

Grocery Gift Card Raffle

Take a chance to win a \$500 gift card to ShopRite Super Markets. Two gift cards each valued at \$500 will be drawn Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., at the Brewster VFW Post, 262 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets, call Karen at 845-721-0265, Chris at 914-588-0407, or Deb at 845-803-1563.

Holiday Train Show Help

Arts on the Lake in Kent Lakes will be begin constructing its fourth annual holiday train show layout in November and welcomes any model train enthusiasts who would like to help plan and participate. Email office@artsonthelake.org with “holiday trains” in the subject line.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Pumpkin Crafternoon

Kids age 6 and older are invited to Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m., to celebrate fall with pumpkin crafts and Halloween snacks. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

Garden Club Meets

The Brewster Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m., at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. This month’s program is a Halloween “make and take” crafting project that will be given by two members. Club members and guests are asked to bring tweezers and a pair of clippers, as well as a light lunch. <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org>.

Roaming Readers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Readers, a friendly walking group, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays through November, weather permitting. Meet at the

library and enjoy a walk through Carmel. All fitness levels. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Senior Fair

Assemblyman Matt Slater will host a Putnam County Senior Resource Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Connect with valuable resources for older adults, including elder-care attorneys, Medicare specialists, assisted living facilities, telehealth services, Alzheimer’s and memory care organizations, and state and county services for seniors. All seniors, caregivers, and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Halloween Slime

Kids age 4 to 6 and their caregivers are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m., to get spooky and slimy at a Halloween slime-making party. Create your own ooey-goey slime in festive colors and textures. All materials will be provided. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Painting

Workshop for Kids

Kids age 7 to 12 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m., to paint a moon scene on canvas, then cut and fold shapes from construction paper to add a 3D effect to their artwork. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Oct. 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Financial

Literacy Workshop

Assemblyman Matt Slater will team up with Tompkins Bank to host a financial literacy workshop to help community members strengthen their knowledge of personal finance. The event, scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, will cover topics such as “banking 101,” budgeting, recognizing and preventing fraud, and more. Light refreshments will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring a notebook and pen.

Medicare 101

Maggie Flynn of Advocate Health Advisors will help decipher Medicare eligibility and the many options involved in enrolling and choosing a plan during an overview of Medicare with answers to general questions Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Audition Notice

The Brewster Theater Company will hold auditions for “A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play,” on Oct. 15 and 16 at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. All roles are open for this large cast production. Performances are Dec. 5 through 13. Visit brewstertheater.org for audition and show information, and email btexmascarol@gmail.com with questions and to schedule audition

appointments.

Teen Witch Crafts

Make a necklace terrarium with ghosts, crystals, and skeletons Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. For grades six through 12. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Thursday, Oct. 16

Women’s GOP Club

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

‘Graveyard Genealogy’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Graveyard Genealogy” via Zoom, on Oct. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to piece together ancestral stories and uncover family history using resources such as obituaries, last wills and testaments, burial records, and death certificates. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Unclaimed Funds

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli’s Office of Unclaimed Funds will host an event to provide information and assistance to people searching for unclaimed funds Oct. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m., at Desmond-Fish Public Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison. Unclaimed funds occur when people are separated from their money and can come from utility deposits, trust funds, old bank accounts, uncashed checks or unused gift cards.

Shards From

Patterson’s Past

On Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m., join Patterson Library for an evening of local lore as the Patterson Historical Society shares a fascinating collection of tales and anecdotes, including the YMCA camp at Little Pond, the Watkins family and their local artist Bernard, early records of the First Baptist congregation (c. 1760), notable residents during the time of the Revolution, and other stories pieced together from the society’s archives. Adults only. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Geography Trivia

Kids in grades six through eight are invited to join Brewster Public Library for geography trivia led by high school junior Kaitan, on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Test your knowledge of the world as you compete in rounds. Team up, earn points, and see who knows the most about our planet. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Friday, Oct. 17

Chamber Music

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble continues its 40th season with performances of piano, viola, and flute Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St. (Route 9D and 301), Cold Spring; and Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for students and seniors, and available at the door. For

updates, visit <https://doansburg-chamberensemble.org>.

Mappy Hour

Putnam History Museum will host Mappy Hour on Friday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m., p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. A special one-night-only viewing of maps from the PHM’s collections. Enjoy beer, wine, and small bites as staff walk you through a guided viewing of the maps and are available to answer all cartographic queries. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Air-Dry Clay

Join a two-part adult craft workshop exploring the fun and flexibility of air dry clay beginning Oct. 17 from noon to 2 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Create a decorative or functional piece of your choice – no kiln or prior experience needed. Return Oct. 24 to paint and glaze your creation, adding color and finishing touches to bring it to life. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Skilled Trades Camp

The GRIT Foundation, a national non-profit, is hosting a Skilled Trades Camp for kids at Healthy Home Energy in Brewster on Oct. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn hands-on skills like carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and brazing, as well as career paths and community impact. Learn more at www.thegritfoundation.com/grit-camps.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Coal & Food Drive

The Putnam Lake VFW Auxiliary will host its 17th annual food and coat drive Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hannaford Supermarket, 162 Route 22, Pawling; and Sunday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Putnam Lake Market, 74 Fairfield Dr., Patterson. For information, call 845-721-4762.

Music at St. Mary’s

Music at St. Mary’s will present “Transcendental Beauty” featuring classical guitarist Peter Fletcher playing timeless melodies from the 16th to 20th centuries Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Free.

Chorale Gala

The Putnam Chorale will host its annual gala fundraiser, “A Night of Music and Dance,” on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. Guests may enjoy an appetizer hour, dinner, dessert, and a cash bar, all set to the swinging sounds of the Norm Hathaway Big Band. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased at www.putnamchorale.org/next-event.

Guided Hike

Join CCE-Putnam County Master Gardener volunteers on a guided hike Saturday, Oct. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. at Dennytown Fahnestock State Park (rain date Oct. 19). Visit a reforested mining area, Civilian Conservation Corps lakes and public works, beaver dams, and a vista. This 3-mile hike has a 400-foot ascent, but also follows level dirt roads, through a shady forest.

Trunk-or-Treats

Patterson Fire Department will host a trunk-or-treat Saturday, Oct. 18 (rain date Oct. 19) from 6 to 8

p.m. Wear your costume and enjoy entertainment as you circle the trunks of Halloween-theme decorated cars and collect some candy. People, families, and groups willing to decorate their space and give away candy are needed. There is a prize for best trunk. Candy donations being collected.

The Mahopac Falls Fire Department will hold a trunk-or-treat event Saturday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m., at 17 Luccaro Lane. Music, carved pumpkin contest, candy, bounce house. Cars participating in the event arrive at noon. To register a car, email fundraising@mahopacfallsvfd.com.

CoveCare Center will host a haunted trunk-or-treat Saturday, Oct. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m., at 1808 Route 6, Carmel. Free. Open to all.

Halloween Bingo

Kids age 5 to 10 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m., to enjoy a spook-tacular twist on a classic game – Halloween Bingo. Attend in costume. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Harvest Fest

On Saturday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 5 p.m., Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will host its annual Harvest Fest, an afternoon of live music, local craft artisans, kids’ activities, food, and a farmers’ market. Kids can take a deep dive into a giant pile of leaves, and Retake/Remake will offer a craft table. Bring kids in costume. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Kids free.

FrOGS Celebration

The 29th annual Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19, at Christ Church on Quaker Hill, 17 Church Road, Pawling. The celebration will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Free. Birds of prey demo, educational exhibits, kids’ activities and more. www.frogs-ny.org.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Animal Blessing

Patterson Community Church will host a Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m., at 1062 Route 311. All are welcome. Animals should be leashed or in carriers. For information email info@pattersoncommunitychurch.org or call 845-878-3961. Bring a can of cat/dog food for the Patterson Food Pantry. If due to age, illness or any other reasons your pet would not be happy at this blessing, bring a collar, bandana, toy, or photograph to be blessed.

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Three women are standing behind a table covered with a purple cloth. The table has various items on it, including a basket of candy and some papers. A banner with the word 'TEAM' is visible in the background.

A booth for the American Cancer Society. A woman is standing behind a table with a purple cloth. There are signs and a banner that says 'Every cancer. Every life.' The banner also has the 'RELAY FOR LIFE' logo.

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The 32nd annual Putnam County Columbus Day parade, hosted by the Italian American Club of Mahopac, returned Oct. 5 to the hamlet, where residents and visitors lined the street to celebrate. Provided photos.



This year's grand marshal was Frank Lombardi, and the honorary grand marshals were Bonnie Palmiero and Joseph Fierro. They are pictured with IAC President Giulio Cefaloni.





Poet/DJ Brittany Carrasco hosts TOSCAC's coffeehouses.

Share Spooky Talents at Costumed Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to its first costumed open mic Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups start at 7 p.m.

There is a suggested \$5 donation.

This popular series has been attracting performers and audience members from all walks of life and all stages of the artistic journey. The intimate, inclusive atmosphere of the studio offers a unique chance to join together in Brewster Village to uplift each others' creativity.

Poet, DJ, and host Brittany Carrasco sets a vibe so welcoming that many audience members who came solely to watch have found themselves first-time poets, performing the work they just wrote by the end of the night.

The addition of costumes to this lively atmosphere for the Oct. 23 event promises an unforgettable experience for all.

There will be one more coffeehouse before the end of the year, scheduled Thursday, Nov. 20.

TOSCAC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering and sustaining the arts in Brewster, the Town of Southeast, and the surrounding region. While spearheading the restoration of its home – the historic Southeast Old Town Hall – the coalition has presented hundreds of engaging arts offerings at Old Town Hall Theater, Studio Around the Corner, and other local venues.



Hear Momenta Quartet on Oct. 19 in Cold Spring.

Momenta Quartet Performs at Chapel Restoration

Momenta Quartet will perform Maurice Ravel's "String Quartet" and Ursula Mamlok's "String Quartet No. 2," along with music by Palestrina, on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m., during Chapel Restoration's Sunday Music Series at 45 Market St., Cold Spring.

The concert is free and open to all. Donations are encouraged.

Consisting of violinists Emilie-Anne Gendron and Alex Shiozaki, violist Stephanie Griffin, and cellist Michael Haas, the New York City-based Momenta Quartet has premiered more than 200 works, collaborated with more than 250 living composers, and was praised by The New York Times for its "diligence, curiosity, and excellence."

In the words of The New Yorker's Alex Ross, "few American players assume Haydn's idiom with such ease."

Momenta has appeared at such prestigious venues as the Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery, Rubin Museum, Miller Theatre at Columbia University, the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, Chamber Music Cincinnati, and the Louisville and Philadelphia Chamber Music Societies.

The quartet's latest album "Alvin Singleton: Four String Quartets" was released to critical acclaim in 2022 by New World Records. Its debut album "Similar Motion" featuring visionary works by Debussy, Philip Glass, and Arthur Kampela, is available on Albany Records.

Upcoming recording adventures include a project to record all 13 string quartets by Mexican microtonal maverick Julián Carrillo (1875-1965) for Naxos, the complete string quartets of Roberto Sierra, and an American album featuring diverse works by Elizabeth Brown, Jason Hwang, Shawn Jaeger, Yusef Lateef, and Matthew Greenbaum.



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Durante Proposes Tax Levy Hike For Southeast

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we thought it would be," said Durante.

While the town's expenditures are estimated to be plus-4.5 percent, revenues are estimated at minus-5 percent.

Durante noted that a stagnant real estate market in town isn't helping any. "Mortgage tax is taking a pretty good hit," he said. "There's not a lot of movement with people buying homes and getting mortgages."

In addition, while the planning department had several big developments taking shape over the past few years, that's not the case going into 2026.

Revenues from the building department are estimated to be similar to what they are this year. "We left it there because we're short already going into this year," explained Durante. "I don't want to make that number too big."

Cyprus said that, while that reasoning is fair, it's hard to justify hiring new assistant building inspector if the revenue isn't there to support it.

"We can't say we're spending money on the building de-

partment to increase revenue if we don't really plan on that increasing revenue," he said.

Councilman Eric Larca noted that the courts aren't bringing in much money, either, to which Durante explained that the proposed court budget remains the same as this year "because we're behind right now."

Cyprus suggested that changes be made in how the court operates. "It looks like we're running over-budget and over-time in that department," he said. "And instead of trying to address that we're just increasing the budget."

Durante said that this year the department is training two new employees, so payroll is higher.

"But they won't be newer next year, and we budgeted for it," noted Cyprus, who explained that the added overtime won't be needed next year.

"I realize a lot of things are out of our control, but was there anywhere in here that you were able to find some savings to offset everything you mentioned," he asked the supervisor.

Durante said that while some of the interest and earnings lines may have some wiggle room, "there wasn't anything significant."

The board met again Oct. 9 to discuss the budget and provide an update on changes made so far. Check next week's issue for the latest report.

Touchdown for Mahopac United Flag Football!

District Kicks Off Inaugural Season at MetLife Stadium



Mahopac's first Unified Flag Football team recently visited MetLife Stadium for a special event with the New York Giants. Provided photos.



Mahopac Central School District's new Unified Flag Football team kicked off its inaugural season with an unforgettable trip to MetLife Stadium, where students and coaches took part in a special event hosted by the New York Giants and Special Olympics New York.

Mahopac, along with teams from Greenburgh, North Castle, Irvington, Brewster, Hendrick Hudson, and Byram Hills, will compete in the first Unified Flag Football season for Section I of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association over the next several weeks, culminating in a championship game later this fall.

At the MetLife event, student-athletes enjoyed lunch and refreshments before heading to the field for a player meet-and-greet and team photos. Afterward, they took part in a series of fun skills-and-drills activities, working alongside NY Giants players including Super Bowl champion Eli Manning, wide receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey, and defensive end Elijah Garcia.

Mahopac Unified Flag Football co-coach Shaun McGee described the day as one the team will never forget.

"It was the best day ever," he

said. "Our players were able to get signed autographs and take pictures with the players. Everyone caught passes from Eli and practiced their touchdown dances. You could tell all the Giants players were there because they wanted to be there and that made the event extra special."

Mahopac athlete Brianna DeVecchia shared her excitement about the day.

"MetLife was a great experience," she said. "I caught a pass from Eli. It was really fun."

Mahopac Central School District Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics Steve Luciana emphasized how meaningful the experience was for the students – and for the district as a whole.

"Unified athletics are about inclusion, teamwork, and joy," he said. "Seeing our students learning from professional athletes and celebrating the day together is what makes sports so powerful. This program is helping to strengthen our sense of community both on and off the field."

The trip marked an inspiring start for Mahopac's Unified Flag Football program, which continues to build on the district's strong tradition of inclusive athletics and student engagement.

Maxwell Debuts First Song From 'Sybil Rides, the Musical'

The first song from "Sybil Rides, the Musical" titled "What a Beautiful Day Today Is," put together by local writer and composer Larry Maxwell, will be released Friday, Oct. 17 on more than 20 different platforms including Spotify and Apple Music.

This is the first release in a series of 30 songs Maxwell is putting together for "Sybil Rides, the Musical." The production is based on the book "Sybil Rides: the Female Paul Revere, the Burning of Danbury & Battle of Ridgefield," written by Maxwell.

"What a Beautiful Day Today Is" is the first song in the musical and is sung by 16-year-old "Sybil Ludington." It has a style similar to that of Alan Menken, who did the music for many Disney movies.

Menken, and Lin-Maule Miranda, who produced the music for "Hamilton" and some Disney movies, are two big inspirations behind Maxwell's work.

Ludington is one of the Hudson Valley's own local Revolutionary War heroines. She has been mentioned in various books and articles since the 1860s including "The History of New York" by Martha Lamb, and was honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a special stamp in 1975 – during America's bicentennial.

The songs in "Sybil Rides, the Musical" provide a personal insight into various characters who played a part in America's struggle for independence. The musical includes songs not only portrayed by Ludington, but other historical charac-

ters from the Hudson Valley and nearby Fairfield County, Conn., including American spy Enoch Crosby, Abraham Nimham of the Wappinger tribe, militia member and freed slave Joseph Angevine, 17-year-old unsung hero Luther Holcomb from Bethel, Conn., Loyalist Dr. Jonathan Prosser who attempted to capture Sybil's father Col. Henry Ludington, and many more.

Maxwell is looking for people interested in collaborating with him to bring "Sybil Rides, the Musical" to the stage or film. New singles are scheduled to be released each week over the next few months.

Maxwell also has a new book called "An Encounter with Sybil Ludington" coming out in November.

Free College Application Submissions Through November

Students across the state can apply to nearly 130 colleges and universities for free this fall, as application fees at the State University of New York, City University of New York, and dozens of private colleges and universities are being waived.

With application fees typically ranging from \$50 to \$90 each, these waivers may save students and families significant money and help ensure every New York student has the opportunity to apply to college.

SUNY is waiving up to five

application fees per student from Oct. 20 through Nov. 3, CUNY is waiving application fees from Nov. 10 to 21 for students outside of New York City, and private colleges and universities are participating at various times throughout the month.

Find a complete list of participating schools at www.hesc.ny.gov/school-counselors/college-application-month. Additional assistance with college applications and information on related events can be found on the college's webpages.

"By waiving college applica-

tion fees, we're not only making higher education more accessible and affordable but also sending a clear message that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed," said NYS Higher Education Services Corporation President Dr. Guillermo Linares. "I commend our participating schools for stepping up and playing a vital role in this initiative, ensuring students have the guidance and resources they need to confidently take this important step toward achieving their higher education goals."



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Pharmacists May Continue to Administer COVID Vax

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced an extension of Executive Order 52, which allows pharmacists to continue administering COVID vaccines, providing access for all New Yorkers who wish to be vaccinated.

The executive order will be in place for at least another 30 days while work continues on a long-term legislative solution to protect the immunization and health care rights of New Yorkers.

Additionally, Hochul is calling on the federal government to make the COVID-19 vaccine available through the Vaccines for Children program. In the interim, she has directed the Department of Health to explore additional solutions to make sure all children – including uninsured kids – have access to vaccines.

“As we call on the federal government to make this vaccine available through the Vaccines for Children program, the department will keep working to remove bar-

riers and protect families’ access to immunization,” said New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald.

The Executive Order is part of Hochul’s long-term strategy to protect access to vaccinations in New York. She will begin working with the State Legislature on a legislative solution to ensure permanent and continuing access to vaccines, including administration of vaccines by health care professionals, and insurance coverage.

New York is also working in coordination with – and helping to lead – a regional, multi-state public health collaboration among northeast states, which brings together public health leaders across the region to develop evidence-based recommendations and approaches on vaccination, disease surveillance, and emergency preparedness. The collaborative also supports state public health laboratories in sharing resources and expertise to strengthen regional readiness.

NY Launches Retirement Savings Program

The New York State Secure Choice Savings Program, a new state-sponsored retirement savings program for private-sector employees who do not have access to a workplace retirement plan, was announced last week.

More than 50 percent of working New Yorkers do not have access to a retirement plan through their employer, but now – for the first time in state history – those New Yorkers will have an easy way to save for their future.

New York Secure Choice is free and allows employees to save automatically through payroll deductions into portable Roth Individual Retirement Accounts they own and keep.

Following a successful pilot program, New York employers with

10 or more employees that do not already offer a qualified retirement plan will now be able to provide their employees the opportunity to save for retirement at work.

“New York Secure Choice provides a simple way for workers in New York State to save for retirement with every paycheck,” said NYS Department of Taxation & Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. “By making saving automatic, the program helps more New Yorkers take control of their financial future.”

New York Secure Choice will notify employers required to facilitate the program and provide them with registration details. If you are an eligible employer, you can also enroll by visiting www.NewYork-SecureChoice.com.

Carmel Embraces Young ‘New Language Learners’



Kent Primary School ENL teacher Angeline Solimine reads to her kindergarten students.



Students in Sarah Albrecht’s English as a New Language class shake their homemade maracas.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, English as a New Language teachers Sarah Albrecht and Angeline Solimine read books to their Carmel students that sprinkled some Spanish words in with the English text.

Albrecht read “Pepe and the Parade: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage” by Tracey Kyle to her first-graders at Kent Primary School.

In the book, Pepe goes to the city to see a Hispanic heritage parade that showcases clothes, food, and music that come from places like Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.

“Todos Celebramos!” the grandfather/abuelo says in the story.

One line in the book reads: “Abuelo shakes maracas. People love the ‘chuk chuk’ sound.”

Albrecht had her students make maracas of their own by filling plastic eggs with pinto beans and wrapping them in brightly colored tissue paper.

“I like this,” said Gael, 6,

shaking his maraca and giving a little wiggle.

“I’m going to use a lot of colors,” added Mia, 6. “I’m going to make a rainbow.”

In the library, ENL teacher Angeline Solimine read “Isabel and Her Colores Go to School” by Alexandra Alessandri to her kindergarten students. It’s the story of a girl who is afraid to go to her first day of school because she doesn’t speak English.

“She was sad because she didn’t understand the language – yet,” said Solimine. “You are all learning English, too. Think of how much you have learned already.”

While most English skills are taught in subject areas throughout the day, students who need extra help attend more intensive English language classes for one period a day.

“There are a lot of good words to learn in this book,” Solimine told the class. “What are ‘corazones’ in English?”

Elena, who is 5, put her hand on her heart to show she understood.

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Senior Resources Fair in Patterson

Assemblyman Matt Slater will host his third annual Putnam County Senior Resource Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St.

The event connects older adults and caregivers with more than 40 valuable local and state resources, including elder care attorneys, Medicare specialists, assisted-living facilities, tele-health providers, Alzheimer’s and memory care organizations, and county and state senior services.

All seniors, caregivers, and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

“Our senior resource fair has become one of the most important traditions we host each year because it provides tangible assistance to older adults and their families,” said Slater. “We want to make sure every senior in our community knows where to turn for help and support.”

Buyer Demand Keeps Housing Market Resilient

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Nunan. “The data suggests ongoing strength in the mid- to high-end markets, while entry-level buyers face increasing competition due to low supply. Strategic pricing, preparation, and timing remain critical for both buyers and sellers as we head into Q4.”

Also according to Houlihan Lawrence, the luxury real estate market across Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess, as well as Fairfield County in Connecticut, remained strong in the third quarter, with rising transaction volume, competitive pricing, and robust demand. Sellers continued to benefit from low inventory, fast-moving deals, and above-ask sale prices in most areas.

Putnam and Dutchess counties posted a 61 percent jump in \$1 million-plus sales in Q3. Median price declined 10 percent to \$1.3 million, influenced by increased activity at the entry luxury level. However, homes sold quickly and competitively at 103 percent of asking.

The highest sale price in Putnam in Q3 was \$2.3 million in Mahopac.

Westchester County recorded 292 luxury sales (\$2 million-plus), a 13 percent increase year-over-year. Homes sold at an average of 104.4 percent of asking price, spending just 32 days on market. While the median sale price dipped slightly to \$2.6 million,

Seniors who participated in the recent Westchester County Senior Resources Fair said they found it especially beneficial.

“It’s not always easy to know where to turn when you need help, but this fair brought everything right to us,” said Tim Smith of Yorktown. “I really appreciate Assemblyman Slater bringing this to our community so that seniors can learn about the resources and programs available to us.”

strength in the \$5 million to \$10 million segment and steady activity in the \$3 million to \$5 million range underscore sustained buyer appetite.

“Overall, the Q3 luxury market remains highly active, with fast absorption rates, limited supply, and notable gains in high-end price bands,” said Nunan. “While median prices fluctuated slightly in some areas, strong demand and low inventory suggest continued momentum into Q4.”

Houlihan Lawrence is a real estate brokerage serving New York City’s northern suburbs. Founded in Bronxville in 1888, the company has 32 offices and more than 1,450 agents serving Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster, and Orange counties in New York, and Fairfield County in Connecticut. For more information, visit www.houlihanlawrence.com.

Teens Help Keep Seniors Connected



The Putnam County Youth Council completed another Senior Tech Connect, this time at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, where teens helped their older neighbors learn to use some of the latest technology.



7 Energy-Saving Tips

Simple steps to help homeowners cut utility bills

Fall is the perfect time for homeowners to take simple steps to lower utility bills, improve comfort and take advantage of available rebate programs. While 71% of homeowners say energy efficiency is important, according to research from the Alliance to Save Energy, fewer than 35% consider their homes efficient.

Plus, heating and cooling account for 50-60% of total household energy use, and more than half of U.S. homes remain under-insulated with outdated HVAC systems. With colder weather on the way, a few smart changes now can pay off all winter long.

“Now is the ideal time to put efficiency in focus; and it isn’t about one big project, it’s about small steps that add up to comfort and savings,” said David Rames, senior product manager at Midea. “We want to empower homeowners with practical tools and modern technology to help them cut utility bills, improve comfort and take advantage of rebate programs that can make upgrades more affordable.”

Consider this expert-backed guidance from the experts at Midea to help improve home efficiency:

Seal it up: Air leaks around windows, doors and attics can account for up to 30% of heating loss, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Use weatherstripping and caulk to prevent waste. Adding attic insulation is another small investment that can lead to major energy savings.

Smarten your thermostat: A programmable or smart thermostat can automatically adjust heating schedules and save up to \$180 per year.

Upgrade your filter: Replace HVAC filters monthly during peak seasons to improve airflow and reduce system strain.

Invest in efficiency: Replacing aging systems with high-efficiency heat pumps can cut heating costs by up to 50% while also providing energy-efficient cooling in summer.

Explore new technologies: Consider a next-generation heat pump that is designed to deliver reliable heating even in sub-zero temperatures. For example, the Midea EVOX All Climate Heat Pump provides 100% heating output down to -31 F and continues operating at -40 F, making it an option for families across the country who want to be more energy efficient.

Compact plug-and-play technology solutions like the Midea packaged window heat pump (PWHP) can offer an efficient upgrade option for apartment renters or multifamily housing. These can be installed in less than an hour and plug into most standard outlets.

Take advantage of rebates: Federal, state and local utility programs can help consumers save thousands on energy-efficient upgrades, such as qualified heat pump systems. Check available offers before making a purchase.



Look for the CVP rating: Choose a heat pump tested under the new Controls Verification Procedure to help ensure the efficiency you see on paper translates to actual savings at home. The first manufacturer worldwide to have its systems certified to this new standard, Midea gives families added confidence in their real-world performance.

Fall may go by quickly, but the habits it encourages can deliver benefits year-round. When homeowners stay mindful of efficiency, they save money, support a more reliable energy grid and create a

more sustainable future for their families. From quick DIY fixes to advanced heat pump technology, families have more tools available to take charge of their energy use and choose solutions that fit their lifestyle.

“Efficiency is no longer a luxury; it’s a necessity for comfort and cost savings,” Rames said. “With the right tools and choices, families can take control of their energy bills this winter and for years to come.”

For more information, call 1-888-643-3262 or visit mideacomfort.us.

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

To Place Legal Notices, Email (legals@putnampresstimes.com) or Call 845-628-8400

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF KENT AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to N.Y.S. Education Law Section 259, and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Kent at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF KENT FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$81,809) TO THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$648,495) ANNUALLY?

Polling places at which votes may be cast in favor of, or against, the foregoing Question by all duly qualified voters as registered with the Putnam County Board of Elections are as follows:

KENT TOWN HALL, 25 SYBIL'S CROSSING, KENT LAKES, NY 10512
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 387 ROUTE 52, KENT LAKES, NY 10512
KENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2490 ROUTE 301, KENT LAKES, NY 10512

Registered voters will be able to cast their ballot prior to Election Day at:

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512
NO. HIGHLANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT, 504 Fishkill, Rd, Cold Spring, NY

Saturday, October 25, 2025: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, October 26, 2025: 9 am to 5 pm
Monday, October 27, 2025: 9 am to 5 pm
Tuesday, October 28, 2025: noon to 8 pm
Wednesday, October 29, 2025: 9 am to 5 pm
Thursday, October 30, 2025: noon to 8 pm
Friday, October 31, 2025:

PUBLIC NOTICE

9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 1, 2025:
9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 2, 2025:
9 am to 5 pm

October 1, 2025

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI
TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF KENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson

BALLOON TEST
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING BOARD of a balloon test for a proposed 125 ft. monopole wireless telecommunications facility (cell tower) located at 4 Fairfield Drive (Tax Map 36.9-1-24) that is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025, weather permitting. The public is not permitted to access the site.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Legislature of the County of Putnam will hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the year 2026, as presented by the County Executive and the Report of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Legislature, on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse, Carmel, New York.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any interested persons may review a copy of the Tentative Budget for the year 2026 at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature, Room 321, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, any time during regular business hours after October 2, 2025. A copy of the Tentative Budget may also be found online at putnamcountyny.gov under the Department of Finance.

PURSUANT TO SECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

359 OF THE COUNTY LAW, the maximum salary that may be fixed and payable during the fiscal year 2026 to the members of the Putnam County Legislature and Chairperson, thereof, respective, is as follows:

Legislator's Compensation \$48,173
Chairperson's Stipend \$12,044

BY ORDER OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Diane Trabulsy
Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to review potential applications and to deliberate upon applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following application:

Ryan & Heather Walsh, owners of premises located at 42 Griffen Road, Tax Map No. 56.15-2-59, seek to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to erect a pool fence in the southerly front yard which, as proposed, would be 6' in height where a maximum fence height within the front yard set back is 3'.

The premises are in an R-20 zone.

Dorota & Marian Vyborny, owners of premises located at 440 Maple Road, Tax Map ID 55.12-1-31, seek to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing single family dwelling which, as proposed, would be set back 41.09' from the front (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required; 9.23' from the side (westerly) property line where a minimum set back of 30' is required; and 37' from the rear (northerly) property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required in an R-60 zone.

Marvin Luna, owner of premises located at 19 Elmhurst Avenue, Tax Map ID 56.11-1-9, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing single family dwelling which, as proposed, would be set back 26'6" from the front (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 35' is required; 16'9" from the side (southerly) property line where a minimum set back of 20' is required; 17'8" from the side (northerly) property line where a minimum set back of 20' is required; and and would provide a Total Side Yard set back of 34'5" where a minimum Total Side Yard setback of 50' is required in an R-20 zone.

Joanna & Jamie DiMauro, owners of premises located at 65 Vail's Lake Shore Drive, Tax Map ID 79.-1-40.-64, seek to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicants to construct a single family dwelling which, as proposed, would be set back 13.5' from the side (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 25' is required; 10' from the side (westerly) property line

where a minimum set back of 25' is required; and would provide a Total Side Yard set back of 23.5' where a minimum Total Side Yard setback of 70' is required in an R-40 zone.

Armando Duarte, owner of premises located at 135 North Brewster Road, Tax Map ID 45.84-1-25, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct a retaining wall and associated parking area which, as proposed, would be set back 0' from the front (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 35' is required; and 17' from the side (southerly) property line where a minimum set back of 20' is required. The applicant proposes establishing an accessory use (parking area) which is not a permitted use in a front yard area. The premises are in an R-20 zone.

Margaret Vail, owner of premises located at 2 Bass Lane, Tax Map ID 79.-1-40.-41, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct a porch and deck addition to an existing single family dwelling which, as proposed, would be set back 13' from the front (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required; 15' from the front (westerly) property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required; 25' from the front (northerly) property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required; and 13.76' from the side (southerly) property line where a minimum set back of 25' is required in an R-40 zone.

By Order of the ZBA
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lien Sale

GARAGEMAN LIEN SALE : Kenneth French Auctioneer, will sell Friday October 31 , 2025 at 11:00 AM, at Route 22 Automotive, 3069 Route 22 PattersonN.Y. 12563, One (1) 2003 Toyota, Tundra, Pick Up Truck, White , Vin # 5TBRT341735358743, Belonging To Dimas Salazar Pinto and/or A. Bernalgutierrez, Route 22 Automotive (The Garageman) Reserves The Right To Accept, Decline , or Reject The Bid, And Cancel The Sale At Any Time And For Any Reason Whatsoever.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 26, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on November 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 2407 Route 301, Carmel, NY

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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:

OCTOBER 23, 2025 – 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

HOLDOVER APPLICATIONS:

1. Application of **MARC ANTHONY** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Use Variance to permit three residential apartments in single family zone. The property is located at 592 Long Pond Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.15-1-15.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
1-Family	2-Family w/garage & apartment over.	Applicant seeks Use Variance to legalize 3 living units: 2-family use in main house with garage apartment.

2. Application of **FERNANDO MEDINA** for a Variation of Section 156-19A(1)(a) seeking to keep 6' fence in front of house. The property is located at 44 Kelly Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.15-1-19.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
4' front	6'	2' fence front

NEW APPLICATIONS:

3. Application of **DONNA VIGNONA PALMIERO** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking an area variance for permission to retain existing shed & existing gazebo. The property is located at 52 Baldwin Lane, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #65.10-2-27.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' Rear – Shed	1.8'	8.2'
10' Rear – Shed	.11'	9.89'
10' Rear – Gazebo	0'	10'

4. Application of **SUSAN CAPUTO** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking area variances for permission to retain existing shed. The property is located at 216 Center Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.35-1-11.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' Side	5'	5'
10' Rear	1.5'	8.5'

5. Application of **NELSE, LLC** for a Variation of Section 156-9 and 156-36.21A(5) seeking area variances for permission to construct buildings with the following varied setbacks as part of site plan and subdivision approval. The property is located at 119 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Maps #55.14-1-35, 55.14-1-26.321, 55.14-1-26.322, 55.14-1-26.323 & 55.14-1-26.324.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Pr. Lot 2 – Section 156-9 Min. Lot Area 120,000 s.f. allowed (for single-family residential lot)	73,518 s.f.	46,482 s.f.
Pr. Lot 2 – Section 156-9 Min. Side Yd Setback (for single family residential lot where min. 50 feet is required)	32 feet	18 feet
Pr. Lot 3 – Section 156-36.21A(5) Min. Distance Between Buildings (between multifamily buildings where 50 feet is required)	20 feet	30 feet

MISCELLANEOUS:

MINUTES:

▪ August 28, 2025

▪ September 25, 2025

By order of the Chairman,

John Maxwell

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View Watercolors at Kent Library



“Smile Makers” is one of the watercolors by Georgine Honohan on display at Kent Public Library this month.



Artwork by Georgine Honohan, a watercolorist and daily sketcher, will be on display at Kent Public Library through Oct. 31.

“Watercolor is a medium that enables me to capture what I discover around me,” she said. “It is meditative and full of controlled surprises. The transparency of this medium can capture depth with layers. The flow of the watercolor shows the fluidity of nature, and the light of the paper showing through lends a freshness to my paintings. Watercolor is a constant challenge that absorbs me on a daily basis.”

Honohan says drawing and sketching is an important part of her daily art.

“My love of sunflowers is

showcased here,” she explained. “It is a subject I return to time and time again. To me, they represent both beauty and strength, and the transitory nature of beauty. The complexity of their form intrigues me and challenges me each time I set out to paint them.”

Composition is ultimately the force that holds it all together, noted the artist.

“Line, color, and value are at the forefront of my mind when I begin a watercolor painting,” said Honohan. “It is through daily sketching and painting that I am engaged with the world around me.”

For more information, visit KentLibrary.org.

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