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Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne addresses a crowd of first responders, politicians, and community members at the grand opening of the new Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center in Kent.

Putnam Opens New Training Center for First Responders



Brewster Fire Department President Tommy Regan and Chief Mike Miller spoke at the opening.

The brand new, state-of-theart Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center designed to provide a modern, safe, and comprehensive environment for local first responders to hone their skills and prepare for emergency situations is now officially open. Local officials, first responders, and community leaders gathered July 10 to celebrate the ribbon cutting and grand opening.

"This project is not just about a building – it's about investing in the future of our first responders and ensuring they have the best resources to keep our community safe," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "This facility will serve not only Putnam County, but also the surrounding region, providing critical training opportunities for years to come."

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Real Estate Market Continues to Show Signs of Stability

The real estate market across Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties continued to show signs of resilience and stability through the second quarter of 2025, according to a recent report by Houlihan Lawrence.

It notes that in Westchester County, the luxury segment remains particularly strong, with significant buyer activity in the \$2-million-and-above category and continued interest across most towns. Demand for homes with updated interiors, desirable locations, and proximity to transportation has remained consistent. Despite higher mortgage rates, many buyers remain eager to act quickly when quality properties become available.

According to the report, inventory challenges persist throughout the region, with Westchester facing a particularly tight supply which has kept prices elevated, especially for homes in well-established

communities. Buyers continue to prioritize homes with modern updates, outdoor space, and convenient access to amenities. In addition, well-priced listings continue to attract multiple offers.

It's a more mixed picture for the markets in Putnam and Dutchess counties. Homes in the \$1 million to \$2 million segment continue to see healthy buyer interest, especially among those seeking more space or a greater value proposition than neighboring counties.

However, properties priced above \$2 million have experienced longer days on the market, reflecting increased caution as buyers contend with affordability challenges and elevated borrowing costs. Still, homes that combine acreage, privacy, and thoughtful updates continue to draw buyer attention

The trend of relocation from *Continued on Page 13*

Energy Discount Policy Expanded

Includes Moderate-Income Customers

The New York State Public Service Commission last week adopted a new enhanced energy affordability policy that will provide energy bill discounts to gas and electric utility customers below median income who do not qualify for existing low-income Energy Affordability Policy programs.

This expands the state's existing goal of holding low-income households' energy utility bills to 6 percent or less of household income. The new policy also addresses program integration, eligibility, enrollment, benefit levels, utility budget levels and bill impacts, program evaluation, and coordination with other state affordability programs.

"Affordability is a top priority, and today's action will help more New Yorkers affordably power and heat their homes," said PSC Commission Chairperson Rory Christian. "This new Enhanced Energy Affordability Policy will allow hundreds of thousands more households to become eligible for utility bill relief."

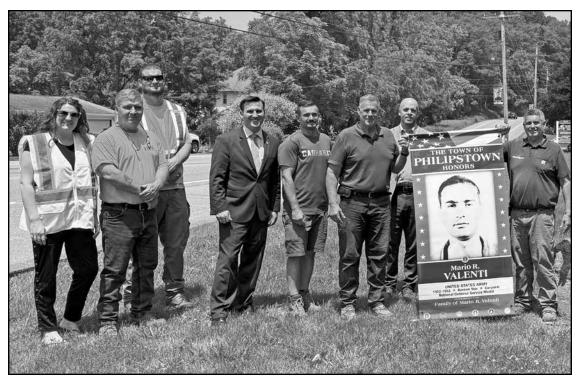
The 2023-24 state budget

required the commission to establish this discount program for utility customers below median income who do not qualify for low-income EAPs to achieve a target 6 percent energy burden. The commission determined that this new policy would achieve this directive in the most prudent manner and with the least impact to ratepayers by modeling it after the existing EAP program and directing utilities to open enrollment within six months of the commission's decision.

To be eligible, utility customers must be at or below the state median income or, in New York City and Nassau County, at or below area median income. The enhanced energy affordability policy leverages existing energy affordability policies and programs for low-income customers.

Since the commission's establishment of the existing energy affordability policy in 2016, the state has had a goal for low-income customers to pay no more than 6 percent of their annual household income toward energy bills. The utility EAPs

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The Valenti family honors their dad and patriarch of the family, Mario Valenti, with a Philipstown Hometown Heroes Sign. From left are Assistant Coordinator Alyssa Covelli, Lead Crew Chief Craig Moran, Chief Sign Maintenance Worker James McGovern, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, John Valenti Jr., William Valenti, Dain Pascocello, and John Valenti Sr.

Philipstown Hometown Heroes **Program Enters 3rd Year**

A proud town rich in history is celebrating its third year of honoring its military heroes by displaying them for all to see.

Philipstown Hometown Heroes launched its military tribute banner program in May 2023 and has grown every year since.

In addition to all the proud

families who have sponsored banners for loved ones, an anonymous donor has also helped the program to grow by allowing it to honor 10 additional veterans who were not able to participate due to absence of family, or financial hardships.

It takes a community to come together to make a program like this a success, and Philipstown is such a community. Approvals are needed from the town and county; licenses are required from Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Verizon and/or AT&T; permits must be obtained from the New York State Department of Transportation; and the manpower to actually do the heavy lifting must be coordinated.

Philipstown Town Supervisor John Van Tassel and the town board voted unanimously in 2023 to support the program, and Putnam County stepped up big time to make it happen. County Executive Kevin Byrne provided his chief of staff, initially Matt Covucci and now Dain Pascocello, along with Highway Department Commissioner Tom Feighery, Lead Crew Chief Craig Moran, and Chief Sign Maintenance Worker James McGovern, to assist.

Ryan Bozsik from Benchmark Auto has also been vital to the program.

This year, Assistant Coordinator Alyssa Covelli joined the program, helping to clean the banners, identify and mark special request banners, and accompanied the coordinator and highway crew on the installation days.

This team works through both public and private bureaucracy and red tape for months before the county's bucket truck actually raises Moran into the air to work his magic, along with McGovern a combat veteran himself.

"There is no more rewarding work than one that brings smiles and tears to the faces of veterans and their families," said Coordinator Cindy Trimble. "This program is just a small token of our community's appreciation for their sacrifices beyond our comprehension."

The banners are usually installed along Route 9 and Route 9D the week before Memorial Day and taken down the week after Veterans' Day. After being taken down, they are cleaned and stored at the American Legion Post 275/ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2362 by Commander Jake Cassidy.

Anyone interested in participating in the Philipstown Hometown Heroes military tribute banner program may email a request to philipstownhometownheroes@ gmail.com.



Working Mom By Holly Crocco

'You're Killing Me, Smalls!'

We are officially in full summer mode. Dripping in ice cream, up until double-digits, black feet from walking around barefoot, sunburned, sweaty, malnourished, exhausted and unkempt.

There's no schedule, there's no learning going on, and the pool absolutely counts as a bath.

Just in case you're wondering where we're at ...

Anyway, in an attempt to get a little reprieve from the oppressive heat, I recently turned on a summertime classic, "The Sandlot." My husband asked if it would be appropriate for the 7-year-old, to which I rolled my eyes.

I mean, it's practically a rite of passage.

Ouickly – almost immediately - I had to tell Mikey that even though the kids in the movie are older, some of them are saying and doing things they shouldn't be, like spitting and swearing, and calling each other names.

And asking, "Is this kid an L-7 weenie?"

Also, I realized there are many different elements of the movie you pick up on watching it as an adult, such as the fact that there is zero adult supervision happening. None. It's wake up, eat breakfast, and get out of the house.

It's "Sayonara, kids!" and they are off on their bikes to ride into town, play baseball, and otherwise wreak havoc.

As it should be.

I even noticed the kids had lit candles in the treehouse so they could make s'mores, and the parent in me cringed at how dangerous

Man, what a "Karen" I've turned into.

Mikey gave me the side-eye as these kids climbed fences - something he gets yelled at for doing – and telling each other to "shut up," which is another punishable offense in our house.

When he asked why the boys were out past dark without their parents, I really drove home that these kids were "much ... much older than Mikey." I had to say it without looking him in the eye.

I didn't have it in me to go into the fact that it was also a different world back in the 1990s, when our childhoods were filled with freedom. Let's let kids be kids a little longer before we hit them with all the harsh realities.

Besides, he already thinks I'm

There were also many parts of the movie I had completely forgotten about. Such as a kid fake drowning. That required a "pause" so that I could explain to Mikey that you never do that. It's not funny and, just like these kids, he will get kicked out of the pool – or beach, or wherever - for the rest of the summer.

Then came the infamous tricked kiss with Wendy Peffercorn, and things really got awkward since we're still very much in the "girls have cooties" stage

The scene where the kids all eat dip and puke their brains out was actually easy to explain, as I just told Mikey that the kids ate a bunch of junk before getting on the ride. I left out the part about it being tobacco.

I believe it was after Benny Rodriguez said, "Anybody who wants to be a can't-hack-it pantywaist who wears their mama's bra, raise your hand," that Mikey got antsy and we turned off the movie to do something else.

Or maybe it was after Ham Porter told one of his buds, "You mix your Wheaties with our mama's toe jam!"

Either way, I had forgotten how many "your mom" jokes are in the movie – not that it will deter us from finishing it one of these days.

But if anyone could give me a heads-up about any other inappropriate scenes coming my way, that would be great.

In the meantime, we'll be out stepping barefoot on pricker bushes and cutting our lips on

Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mom of a 7-year-old boy. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.

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Professor Louie Returns to Tompkins Corners

Professor Louie & the Crowmatix will bring their mix of rock, rhythm, and blues back to the outdoor stage at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, on Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

Grounds open at 5 p.m., when attendees can peruse the work of craft artisans, and/or settle in with a lawn chair and a picnic. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

The concert will be held indoors if it rains.

Performing since 2000 and averaging 150 shows annually across the U.S. and internationally, Professor Louie & The Crowmatix will bring songs from their new album "Crowin' Around," along with classics by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legends The Band, Commander Cody, and Graham Parker.

This Grammy-nominated group of Woodstock All-Stars originated as the studio band for producer and musician Aaron Hurwitz during his collaboration with The Band. Bassist Rick Danko gave him the nickname "Professor Louie" as a tribute to his contributions.

Louie later went on to coproduce The Band's final three albums during the 1990s.

Professor Louie's Legacy Allstar Band continues to grow with talented musicians who reflect a unique vision of this tumultuous world and the times we live in.

For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook, or email info@tompkinscorners.org.



The Hudson Valley InterArts building at 40 Jon Barrett Road in Patterson was damaged in last week's torrential rain. Photo by Patterson Fire Department.

Strong Storm Causes Damage in Putnam

A fast-growing lightning storm hit the area July 14 that dumped about 5 inches of rain in the region in less than two hours, according to the Patterson Fire Department. This deluge quickly caused rivers to flood and storm drains to become overwhelmed, leading to numerous emergency calls in a short period of

The department said the bulk of the calls came in just after 4 p.m., including several fire alarms, transformer fires, trees down, road hazards with cobblestonesized rocks strewn across major roadways from water washout, and foot-deep water in several locations. This forced the temporary closure of several roadways, including Route 22 and Haviland Hollow Road.

"The biggest call of the day came from Jon Barrett Road where

We Will Miss

Lake Carmel

Motestino Santucci, 64, July 12. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Carmel

Dorothy Jane Grana, 88, July 14. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mahopac

Holly Taylor-Garcia, 41, July 9. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Patricia "Patty" Rathschmidt, 69, July 12. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Cold Spring

Mary C. Schlitzer, 64, July 9, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Brewster

Carl D Wesche, Jr., 79, July 10. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Patterson

Harold W. Barrett (Hal), 77, July 12. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615. a building partially collapsed during the downpour," the department stated. "Thankfully, the building was completely empty at the time and nobody was injured."

The building that collapsed is part of Community Based Services and Hudson Valley InterArts, where plans to develop an early learning center are taking shape.

"Emergency personnel were immediately onsite to ensure appropriate steps were taken to prevent further damage and make sure no one entered the compromised space," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "This microburst of extreme rainfall had also caused numerous road washouts, downed trees, and damage along Route 22. We are extremely grateful to all those first responders who were working throughout (the) storms."

Community Based Services has assured the county it remains

committed to moving forward with opening the early learning center at that location, according to Byrne.

"Our team will continue to assess conditions on the ground and work with CBS and its engineers to ensure the program's long-term success," he said.

The Patterson Fire Department thanked Putnam Lake F.D. for assisting with the numerous calls, the town highway department for helping to quickly remove blockages, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for assisting with the road closures.

"We also want to give a special word of thanks to all the local fire department members – 100 percent volunteer – that left their paying jobs early to put themselves in harm's way while the storm was still raging, to help close roads, cut fallen trees, and help keep our community safe," stated the department.

Two Dozen Citizens Naturalized in Carmel



Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti hosted a Naturalization Ceremony on July 16 at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel, where he administered the Oath of Allegiance to 28 new citizens from 19 countries. The Hon. Anthony Molé served as the officiating judge. New citizens hail from China, Guyana, Haiti, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Poland, Thailand, United Kingdom, and beyond.

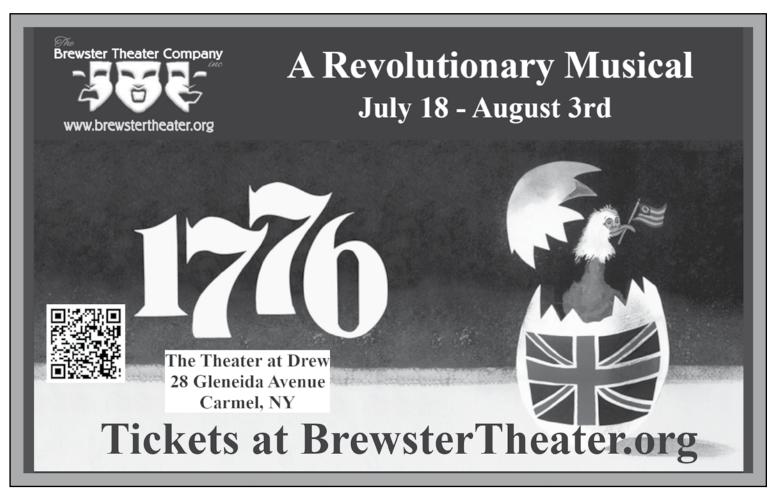


Academic Honors

Anthony Pisciotta of Carmel has been awarded a Deutsch Family Scholarship, sponsored by Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits. He is majoring in adolescence education at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Jake Patino of Carmel has been awarded a Deutsch Family Scholarship, sponsored by Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits. He is majoring in musical theater at Long Island University.





BOCES Hosts Regional Leadership Institute

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, in partnership with the School Administrators Association of New York State, recently hosted a day for school leaders from throughout the region to learn, grow, and connect. The

theme for the annual event was leveraging leadership for a sustainable future.

The 12th annual Regional Leadership Institute on July 8 at Putnam Valley High

School drew more than 100 school leaders from across the region and beyond.

Presentations on neurodivergence and English language learners, leadership and sustainability, leading a multigenerational workforce, and many other topics engaged participants in thoughtful discussions about best practices for superior student outcomes.

"We are so excited for you to be here today and engage in learning opportunities, and especially to connect with each other,"

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Services Tasha Wright.

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said BOCES Assistant Director

of Leadership & Student Support

engagement also included break-

out sessions for district, elementa-

ry, and secondary school leaders.

Other presentation topics included

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Name Changes

The full day of forums and

Dr. Stephen Hancock, assistant superintendent for human resources for the Brewster Central School District, noted the impor-

change.

Putnam Valley Central School District Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Luft closed the day

literacy and math education for

leaders, and graduation requirements.

tance of being open to

"To be a good leader, you have to be flexible and willing to change," he said. "And change takes time."

with advice for leaders.

'Take care of yourselves," he said. "You have to find a way to sustain yourselves so that you can do amazing things for students."

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell MS, RD, CDN



Nutrition for Warm Days

As I write, we're enduring a heat wave, with highs in the nineties and the humid "feels like" temperature even higher. Hot days like this don't inspire cooking. It's nearly impossible to stand over the grill, while heating up the kitchen is a non-starter. The heat can also shift appetite and escalate the risk of dehydration (even when we're in an air-conditioned space). Here are some strategies to remain nourished and hydrated:

Cook Early: If possible, cook earlier in the day, when the temperature outside isn't quite as high and your kitchen can tolerate the heat better. Likewise, it will be easier to grill before it's unbearable outside. Recipes like the one below work well with leftover, chilled chicken. You can also use chilled proteins in wraps or over cold grain salads.

Heat Wave Friendly Appliances: If you prefer a warm meal, use your slow cooker. There are many recipes that can be prepared in a slow cooker beyond just soups and stews. Alternatively, if you have a panini press, air fryer, or toaster oven, you can prepare a warm meal without warming your kitchen.

Easy Proteins: It's important to have protein throughout the day, especially if the heat diminishes your appetite. Beans, tofu, and whole grains are versatile and easy to add to your plate for a protein boost. Eggs are also very convenient. Make a hearty frittata to pair with a simple salad or an omelet loaded with satisfying vegetables and

Hydration: Dehydration can come on very quickly, especially on a hot summer day. Remain hydrated throughout the day with no added sugar, calorie free beverages. Also add watermelon, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, or celery for added fluid

Allison J Stowell MS RD CDN serves as the online dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. To learn about FREE, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hannaford. com/dietitians. For more on the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Southwestern Chicken Salad with Creamy BBQ Dressing (1 Guiding Stars)

www.Hannaford.com

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 2 lb. total)
 - 3/4 cup barbeque sauce
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
 - 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 6 cups chopped romaine lettuce 1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup fresh or frozen and thawed corn kernels
 - 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
- 1 avocado, pitted, peeled and
- 1 cup tortilla chips, broken into 1" pieces

Directions:

- 1. Place racks in uppermost part and middle of oven and heat to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and set aside.
- 2. Combine chicken, 1/2 cup barbecue sauce, and salt in a medium bowl and toss to coat; arrange on prepared baking sheet. Transfer baking sheet to middle rack of oven and bake until thickest part of chicken registers 165 degrees, 30 to 35 minutes. Move chicken to upper rack and broil until sauce has caramelized and darkened in spots, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and let rest 10 minutes.
- 3. While chicken is resting, whisk buttermilk, mayonnaise, and remaining 1/4 cup barbecue sauce in a medium bowl until smooth. Divide lettuce among four bowls and top evenly with pinto beans, corn, tomatoes, avocado, and tortilla chips.
- 4. Slice each chicken breast across the grain into 1/2"-thick slices and arrange over salads.
- 5. Drizzle with dressing and serve immediately.

Sorghum BLT Salad

(Family Features) Sorghum BLT Salad

Ingredients:

Dressing:

2/3 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup milk

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 tsp freshly cracked pepper salt, to taste

Salad:

1 pound bacon

3 cups cooked whole-grain

1 head romaine lettuce, rinsed, dried and shredded

1-2 cups mixed greens, torn into 1-inch pieces

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved 1/4 cup fresh parsley, coarsely

4 green onions, thinly sliced salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

Parmesan or goat cheese (op-

Directions:

To make dressing: Blend may- Checkoff Program



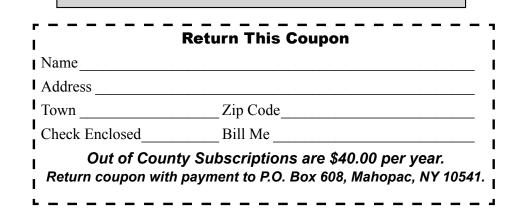
onnaise, milk, garlic powder and pepper until smooth and creamy. Season with salt, to taste. Refrigerate until ready to use. To make salad: In large, deep

skillet over medium-high heat, fry bacon. Turn frequently until evenly browned. Drain on paper towel and crumble.

In large bowl, combine sorghum, lettuce, mixed greens, tomatoes, parsley, green onions and bacon. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and toss with dressing. Top with Parmesan or goat cheese, if desired, and serve.

Servings: 4-6

Source: United Sorghum



had a reconstruction project at Dam

4 in Charleroi, Penn., about a 6-hour

drive from his parents' home in the

Bronx. He was able to visit them

often during the 32 months he was

Construction Co., spanned 35 years.

He started as an office engineer and

was promoted to project engineer

before he left Charleroi. At Al John-

son, his projects included work with

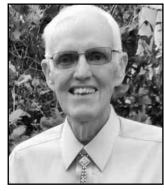
Joe's career with Al Johnson

on that project.

Obituary

Joseph Edward McGowan III

Joseph Edward McGowan III was born Feb. 25. 1940. in the Bronx, N.Y., to Joseph and Elizabeth (Dolan) McGowan. Joe was the oldest, later joined by brother John and sister Patricia. The young family resided on 262nd Street in the Bronx,



Joseph Edward McGowan III

just blocks away from family and lifelong friends.

Joe attended St. Margaret's of Cortana Parish School in the Bronx, then went onto Cardinal Hayes High School, an all-boys private Catholic High School in the Concourse Village neighborhood of the Bronx. Other notable students who attended Cardinal Hayes were Regis Philbin, George Carlin, and Martin Scorsese. The 1958 commencement exercises for Cardinal Hayes High School were held at St. Patrick's Cathedral where Joe graduated with High Honors.

He attended Manhattan College in the Riverdale section of the Bronx where he received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in 1962. While at Manhattan College, he was a member of Chi Epsilon, the National Civil Engineering Honor Fraternity; the American Society of Civil Engineers; and the Society of American Military Engineers. His early work experience included seasonal sewage disposal helper for the Department of Public Works for the City of New York, and later as junior civil engineer for the Bureau of the Budget for New York City.

Joe and his brother John were very active in Boy Scouts. One of the highlights of his scouting career was attending the 1953 Boy Scout Jamboree in Irvine, Calif.

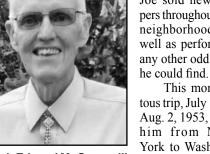
To raise enough money for the trip, Joe sold newspapers throughout the neighborhood, as well as performed any other odd jobs

This momentous trip, July 10 to Aug. 2, 1953, took him from New York to Washington, D.C., by train

to Colorado Springs, where they ascended Pikes Peak to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Grand Canyon, and California stops - Santa Ana, Long Beach, Irvine, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Redwoods - to Salt Lake City, Utah, then Yellowstone National Park. This trip of a lifetime influenced Joe for the rest of his life.

Growing up in the shadows of the Brooklyn Bridge, a cablestayed suspension bridge, Joe knew early on that he wanted to build "big things," which led him to pursue a civil engineering degree and career. Shortly after graduation from Manhattan College, he headed to California and got a job in a rotational training position with the State of California Department of Highways in San Francisco. In September 1963, he enrolled in Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., where he received his master of science degree in civil engineeringconstruction management in May

After his graduation from Stanford, he interviewed with two major construction companies: Peter Kiewit and Sons of Omaha, Neb., and Al Johnson Construction Company in Minneapolis, Minn. Although he could have earned a higher wage with Kiewit, he chose to hire on with Al Johnson Construction Company because they



the numerous districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas Highway Department, Missouri Pacific Railroad, American Electric Power Service Corporation, Bureau of Reclamation, Ebasco Constructors, Inc., and Idaho Power Company.

From Charleroi, Penn., he went onto Ozark and Little Rock, Ark.; Carters, Ga.; Gainesville, Ala.; Amory, Miss.; Justice, W.V.; St. Paul, Minn.; Racine, Ohio; Pointe Coupee Parish, La.; Jackson, Wy.; Concordia Parish, La.; Kuna, Idaho; Coushatta, La.; Eleanor, W.V.; and Pittsburgh, Penn. Joe worked on dams, highway and railroad bridges, powerhouses, spillways, locks, cofferdam removal, and hydroelectric plants.

Joe was promoted to project manager in 1974, project sponsor in 1985 and vice president of the corporation in 1992. In July 1982, he received his professional engineer certificate from the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying & Landscape Architecture from the State of Minnesota.

After completion of the R. D. Bailey Lake Dam in Justice, W.V., in January 1980, Joe returned to the Minneapolis office to complete punch list items, assist with ongoing projects, and estimate new work. As he returned to work in, what he would call a "mausoleum of an office," he heard the laughter of the company's purchasing secretary/receptionist and immediately "knew" he was going to marry her one day.

It took a fair bit of convinc-

ing, but he finally captured her heart and married Monica Flatt on Sept. 25, 1981, at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in a small ceremony with immediate family. Their romance, touted as "we're just friends," was the best kept secret at the office, and the phone lines across the country were buzzing on Monday morning with the news: "Did you hear what Joe McGowan did?"

After years of moving around the country, from one construction project to another, Joe and Monica returned to Minnesota in June 1993, where Joe was "permanently assigned" to the main office, stepping into his role as project sponsor and vice president of the corporation. They spent that year designing and building their dream home outside of Lakeville, thinking they would spend the rest of their days at their idyllic location in the Hills of Credit River. Monica's deep western South Dakota roots eventually drew them back to Custer, when they sold their dream home in May 2018 and returned to the Black Hills.

Joe enjoyed spending time in Custer "at the ranch," but always wished he could have a "view of the needles." When circumstances prevented them from moving back to her parents' home, Monica found their new home with a view of the Needles and Joe was content. He enjoyed the serenity in his walks at Stockade Lake, continued his lifelong pursuit as a birder, and soon discovered and made new friends.

Joe passed away Monday morning, July 7, 2025, at 4:08 a.m., at Monument Health Custer Hospital after a brief illness. As Monica was leaving after that final goodbye, a Great Blue Heron flew overhead, heading east toward the dawn's early light - surely a sign from Joe and God that "all is well."

Joe was preceded by his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Beth); brother John and his wife, Sheila; parents-in-law Elmer and Ginger Flatt; niece Anne McGowan; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Joe will be missed by his wife of 43 years, Monica; sister Pat; many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; his extended Al Johnson Family; and the many friends he made throughout his life's journey.

A Christian funeral vigil was held Thursday, July 17, 2025, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Custer, S.D. A Christian funeral Mass was held Friday, July 18, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Custer.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Custer.

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Experienced hikers are invited to the July 26 event.

Hike the Gordon Douglas Reserve with FrOGS

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host a hike at Gordon Douglas Reserve-West on Saturday, July 26 at 8 a.m. Arrive early to allow time for registration.

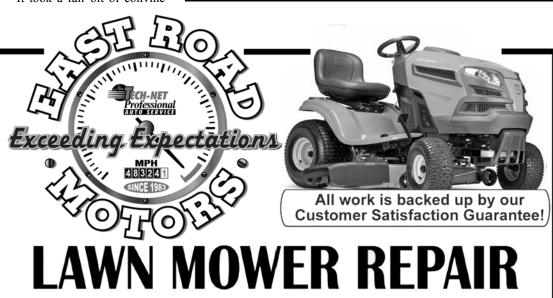
This challenging hike is about 4.5 miles and will last approximately three hours. It will include steep slopes and managing around boulders, and is intended for experienced hikers. Explore rocky cliffs and pass a large glacial erratic while hiking many types of terrain including a 30 percent incline to the top of the mountain for a spectacular view of the Gordon Douglas Reserve.

Bring snacks and plenty of fluids. No dogs are allowed.

Dress for the weather and wear good hiking shoes/boots, as a significant portion of the hike will be off-trail. Practice good tick-bite prevention by wearing repellents, light colored clothing, long sleeves, and tucking your pants into your socks.

There is a \$5 suggested donation per person. To register for the hike, email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com.

Park in the lot at the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station just south of Native Landscaping on Route 22. Participants will cross the boardwalk and depart the Appalachian Trail to hike along the west side of the Swamp River.



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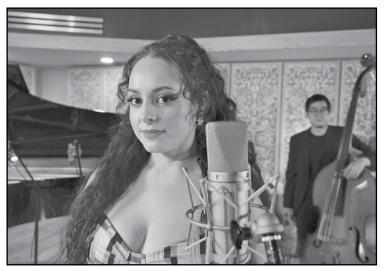
Genevieve Faivre to Close Out Brewster Summer Music Series

The Brewster Summer Music Series will welcome back one of its own as Genevieve Faivre takes the gazebo stage Wednesday, July 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Southeast Veterans Park in Brewster.

A Brewster alumna turned rising star on the New York City music scene, Faivre brings her signature style – and stunning vocal versatility – to close out this year's free concert series.

A classically trained vocalist and musical chameleon, Faivre seamlessly blends genres, creating an unforgettable live performance. Her repertoire includes Brazilian music, Bossa Nova, jazz standards, originals, and a selection of fan-favorite hits performed with emotion, elegance, and flair.

Faivre's resume is as dynamic as her vocals: she has graced the stages of premier New York venues such as City Winery, 54 Below, Webster Hall, Café Wha,



Hear Genevieve Faivre perform July 30.

The Red Pavilion, Red Lion, and The Flatiron Room. She is also the lead cantor at Most Holy Trinity in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

The evening includes food and ice cream trucks, a 50/50 raffle, and community outreach tables. Bring a chair or blanket and settle in for an evening of live music under the stars.

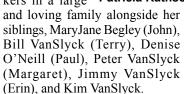
For weather updates and more information, visit www.culturalartsco.com/brewster-summermusic-series.html.

Obituary

Patricia Rathschmidt

"Patty" Rathschmidt, of Mahopac, passed away peacefully July 12, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born July 1, 1956, in the Bronx to Bill and Bridie VanSlyck, Patty grew up in Yonkers in a large Patricia Rathschmidt



Patty was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece, daughter, friend, advocate, and



icated her professional life to caring for others, working first as a nurse and later as a nursing manager in various nursing homes.

But her true life's work reached far beyond her career. Alongside her

husband, she co-founded United For the Troops, a nonprofit organization that has touched the lives of thousands of service members across the globe, sending care packages and spreading love and gratitude to those far from home.

Known for her boundless generosity, quick wit, and ability to make everyone feel like family, Patty had a gift for offering the right advice at the right moment and a warmth that lit up every room. Her strength and kindness left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Patty is survived by her beloved husband, James Rathschmidt; her children Denise Iarussi (Dan), Kathy Moberg (Robert), Michael Kelly (Jen), Tracy Barrows (Michael), Tracy Hascup, James Rathschmidt, and Teresa Reuter (Brian). She is also lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

She loved and cherished her 12 grandchildren every day of their lives. Brandt, Rori, Maci, Addisyn, John, Charlotte, Sophie, Connor, Jaelynn, Danny, Katie, and Dillon were truly the light of her life

Patty was predeceased by her beloved son Luke Rathschmidt; and her parents, Bill and Bridie VanSlyck.

Visitation was July 16 at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac, with a funeral Mass on July 17 at Saint John's Church in Mahopac.

Patty will be deeply missed, fiercely loved, and remembered always for the joy, love, and strength she brought into the world.

Energy Discount Policy Expanded Continued from Page 1

achieve this goal by providing low-income customers with bill payment assistance.

Since 2017, EAPs have provided more than 1 million lowincome New York households with billions of dollars in targeted utility bill relief.

The commission expects the new program will help up to 1.6 million new households below median income qualify for benefits and will extend the existing benefits of New York's energy affordability program to moderate-income households, in addition to the state's most vulnerable customers.



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Putnam County Community Events

'Fixers' Needed

Sustainable Putnam needs volunteer "fixers" with skills in either sewing, gluing, basic electrical or mechanical work, to help at its Repair Cafes. These "repair coaches" work together to diagnose and repair a wide array of household items. Volunteers are provided with snacks and lunch. Email volunteer@sustainableputnam.org or call 646-598-6560.

Al-Alon Meetings

Al-Alon meetings take place Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Enter from the Huested Road double-white door.

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.

Restaurant Gift Card Raffle

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center is hosting its annual restaurant gift card raffle, with tickets available for purchase through Sept. 1. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased at prwwrc. org. Winners will receive a \$100 give certificate to a participating restaurant.

Tuesday, July 22

'Peekskill Riots Part 2'

Mahopac Public Library will present "Peekskill Riots Part 2: 'The Friendly Town by the River" on Tuesday, July 22 at 6 p.m. Join documentary filmmaker Jon Scott Bennett for an in-person showing of the episode. Register at www. mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Roaming Reeders

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Reeders, 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.

Pirate History in the Northeast

Patterson Library will present "Off the Plank – Pirate History in the Northeast," on Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. Edward R. Murrow Award-winning journalist and Peabody Award nominee Davis Dunavin, radio reporter and host of "Off The Path" podcast, will captivate with stories of sunken treasure, dramatic battles, and extraordinary adventures. He will delve into the legends of Captain Kidd, Black Sam Bellamy, and other pirates who once navigated the waters of New York and New England. Adult program. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, July 22 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/ putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Wednesday, July 23

Summer Music Series

The 2025 Brewster Summer Music Series continues Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Southeast Veterans Park at the corner of Railroad and Morningthorpe Avenue: The John H. Smith Band playing blues and jazz July 23; and Genevieve Faivre & Friends playing Brazilian, jazz and more

Thursday, July 24

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: July 24, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Make Phone Charms

Get crafty and personalize your phone with your own handmade charm Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. For ages 13 to 17. All supplies provided. Registration is required.

Mahopac Parade & Carnival

The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual calendar July 24 through July 27, and July 31 through Aug. 2. Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 27. The annual dress parade is scheduled Thursday, July 24 along Route 6.

Friday, July 25

The Brewster Theater Company opens America's 250th birthday celebration year with the beloved revolutionary musical "1776" at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on July 25 and 26, and Aug. 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m.; and July 27 and Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets at www. brewstertheater.org and at the door (reservations recommended).

Outdoor Concerts

The Arts on the Lake 2025 summer concert season continues Friday, July 25, when Yotoco brings the electrifying rhythms of Afro-Caribbean, Son Cubano, Cumbia, Salsa, and Plena music to the stage. All concerts from 7 to 9 p.m. (July 11 may be longer), at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Bring lawn chairs, food, and drinks. Light refreshments sold. Parking is limited. Tickets are \$10. Children younger than 12 free.

Saturday, July 26

Veterans Memorial Chapel Rededication

Miss New York will cut the ribbon at the rededication of the Whipple-Feeley Putnam County Veterans Memorial Chapel, 200 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel, at noon July 26. The event will honor Karl Rohde, Ed Cooke, Peter Allegretta, Erik Aguirre, and the late Denis Castelli for their invaluable contributions to Putnam County and the nation.

Cornhole Tourney

Putnam Lake Fire Department will hold its fourth annual cornhole tournament Saturday. July 26 at noon (check in begins at 10:30 a.m.), at the Patterson Fire Department on Route 311. \$60 for a team or \$30 per person. Prizes for first, second and third place. Food and drink for sale. Email smartin@ plfd.org for details.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam residents can bring their dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. noon at Hubbard Lodge, 2880 Route 9, Cold Spring. Bring a photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. If you do not have proof, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. All dogs must be leashed. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

County Fair

& 4-H Showcase

CCE's Putnam County Fair & 4-H Showcase is scheduled Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. The fourth annual duck derby is July 27 at 3 p.m. Participants sponsor plastic ducks which race downhill and the winner will receive cash and prizes valued at \$350. It's \$5 per duck, five ducks for \$20, or 25 ducks for \$75. Proceeds support CCE-Putnam's capital campaign for the Cornell Barn at Tilly Foster Farm. Adopt your ducks at cceputnamcounty.org.

Professor Louie

On Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m., Professor Louie and the Crowmatix will bring their mix of rock, rhythm and blues back to the outdoor stage at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Grounds open at 5. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door. Indoors, if it rains.

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Tuesday, July 29

Energy Savings Session

Desmond-Fish Public Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison, will host a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop Thursday, July 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by an energy advisor from CCE-Putnam County, it offers a free session to help participants improve home energy efficiency, reduce utility bills, and access energy-saving programs and resources. It includes free energy savings kits with do-ityourself items like door sweeps, weather stripping, LED bulbs, and smart power strips. Register at desmondfishlibrary.org.

'A Complete Unknown'

Patterson Library will show "A Complete Unknown" on Tuesday, July 29 at noon. Nominated for eight Academy Awards, the film tells the story of a then-unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arriving in New York City with nothing but his guitar, forging relationships with musical legend Pete Seeger and others as he rises to fame culminating in a groundbreaking performance at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival that sets him on the path to becoming a legend. Rated R. Adults 18 and older only.

Wednesday, July 30

'Library Talks'

Putnam County executive Kevin Byrne will "Talking in the Library" on July 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Patterson Library.

Adult Trivia Night

Mahopac Public Library will host an adult trivia night Wednesday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m. Join JB from Hudson Valley Trivia for a night of Bingo trivia. Test your knowledge during four rounds covering a wide variety of topics. There will be a prize for the winner of each round. Register at www. mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Wyld Blu

Award-winning Alana Wyld & Wyld Blu take the stage at the Patterson Library on Wednesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. (rain date Aug. 6) for an outdoor summer concert. Blues with a bold, flavorful twist, infused with rhythm, heart, and soul. Bring a chair. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, July 31

Live Concerts

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will hold free concerts the following Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sycamore Park in Mahopac: July 31, Patrick Perone Elvis Tribute & the Blue Suede Rockers; Aug. 7, Good Old Brothers.

Science Program

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Science Heros: Adventure of the Missing Color" on July 31 at 6 p.m. for families with children age 4 and older. An interactive learning adventure with hands-on science experiments. Registration is required at Carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

Yoga in the Park

Patterson Library will present yoga in the park Thursdays, July 31, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 at 10:30 a.m. For all levels. Julia of Yoga In The Trees will lead meditation and movement for a new experience with this ancient practice. Bring a mat or blanket and water. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Aug. 1

Teen Trivia Night Mahopac Public Library will host a teen trivia night Friday, Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. Invite your friends, make a team, show off how much you know and win prizes. This month's theme is surfing the web. Registration is required at www. mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Teen Art Takeover

Teens in grades seven through 12 may join Kent Public Library for a three-week summer art series beginning Friday, Aug. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore a new artistic style each week, guided by local artists. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Aug. 5 and 19 (daytimes), Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

National Night Out

The Carmel Police Department and PBA will host National Night Out events Aug. 5 at Airport Park, from 5 to 8 p.m., coinciding with the grand opening of the new playground at the park. Food trucks, bounce house, and more.

The Town of Kent and its police department will host National Night Out events Aug. 5 beginning at 6 p.m., at 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. Food, fund, safety demos, and more.

Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Library Meeting

The Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the reference room of the Carmel library on the following dates: Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Board meetings are open to the

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Aug. 6 and 13; Sept. 3, 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Google Calendar Basics

Mahopac Public Library will present "Google Calendar Basics" on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. Discover how Google Calendar can keep you on time and organized. Add events and reminders to your calendar, and share them with others. To participate in the practice activities, bring your Google (Gmail) username and password. This class is hybrid - in person and virtual. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Friday, Aug. 8

Movies in the Meadow

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host movies in the meadow at Camarda Park at dusk on Friday, Aug. 8. Free.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Drawing Class

Library will host a drawing class Saturday, Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. Join local artist Keith Mueller for "Drawing Jewelry: Make It Sparkle and Shine." Students will learn basic and refined techniques for graphite pencil drawing. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

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Brewster Cadets Participate in NJROTC Leadership Academy



Five cadets from Brewster High School – Cody Martine, Riley Borneman, Sam Sanchez Gil, Chasiti Bobet-Diaz, and William Mattson – participated in the recent National Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps Leadership Academy & Sail Training. Cadets began each day at 4:45 a.m. and didn't end until 9 p.m. Every participant stood a two-hour night watch every third night, add-

ing to the stress and fatigue.

Throughout the session, they learned lessons in leadership, teamwork, and discipline, while also mastering the basics of sailing on Narragansett Bay. Most importantly, they discovered they can endure pressure, rise to the occasion, and carry these lessons into every challenge life presents.

Cadet Kat Chepel returned as an aide, helping lead and mentor the next group of emerging leaders.

Supporting them every step of the way was Carol Luby, who volunteered as a "platoon mom" and who was a presence the cadets could rely on and whose dedication and encouragement helped her platoon win every single event – a first in Leadership Academy & Sail Training history.

The graduation ceremony featured Admiral Pottenburgh as the guest speaker. Pottenburgh oversees all college ROTC programs, high school NJROTC units, Enlisted Recruit Training, and Officer Training Command accessions. Amid these nationwide responsibilities, Brewster stood out as Brewster High School was one of only two schools recognized in graduation remarks – and Brewster's Sophia LaRocca was the only cadet mentioned by name.





Summer in Full Swing at Camp Herrlich

Camp Herrlich got a little help from some community organizations recently to keep campers entertained and cool during the height of summer. Friends from Patterson Library brought superhero-themed activities and crafts to the center, including an obstacle course and superhero masks.

Patterson firefighters had just as much fun as the campers recently when they helped the youngsters cool down with a water fight. There were water balloons, squirt tubes and – of course – large firefighting water hoses.







2025 Summer Concerts

Arts on the Lake

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This project is made possible, in part, through the Putnam Arts Council's Arts Link Grant Program with public funds provided through the NY State Council on the Arts with support from the Office of the Governor and the NY State Legislature.



Info & Tickets: \$10 **Artsonthelake.org**

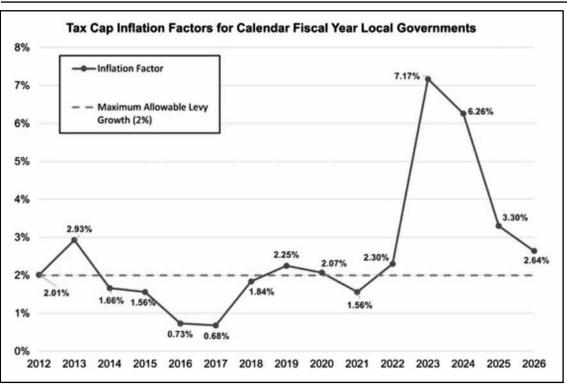
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NYS Tax Cap to Remain at 2% in 2026

The 2026 property tax levy growth will be capped at 2 percent for local governments that operate on a calendar-based fiscal year, according to data released last week by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

This figure affects tax cap

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calculations for all counties, towns, and fire districts, as well as 44 cities and 13 villages across the state.

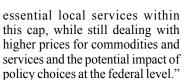
"Allowable tax levy growth will be limited to 2 percent for a fifth consecutive year," said Di-Napoli. "The challenge for local governments will be maintaining

this cap, while still dealing with policy choices at the federal level."

DiNapoli's office calculated the 2026 inflation factor at 2.64 percent for those local governments with a calendar fiscal year, above the 2 percent allowable levy increase.

plied to local governments (excluding New York City) and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2 percent with certain exceptions.

The law also includes a provision that allows municipalities to override the cap.



In accordance with state law,

The tax cap, which first ap-



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Food Safety for Summer Grilling

By Cornell Cooperative **Extension**

The risk of foodborne illness increases during the summer months because diseasecausing bacteria grow faster on raw meat and poultry products in warmer weather. Bacteria also need moisture to flourish, and summer weather – often hot and humid – provides the perfect conditions.

USDA's Meat & Poultry Hotline is providing the following recommendations for grillers:

Be safe by thoroughly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds after handling raw meat. If soap and water are not available at the picnic site, bring disposable towelettes or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Hand-washing is one of the simplest ways to help reduce the threat of foodborne illness.

Sauces and marinades used on raw meat or poultry should never be reused on cooked foods. Reused marinade could potentially harbor bacteria that can make people sick. Recycling the marinade as a dipping sauce after the food has been cooked is a bad idea if it has not been boiled first.

Always allow meat and poultry to marinate in the refrigerator. At room temperature, bacteria on raw meat and poultry can double in number every 20 minutes. Likewise, thaw meat and poultry in the refrigerator never on the counter.

One of the most common mistakes people make is serving cooked food on the same plate that was used to transport the raw meat or poultry from the kitchen to the grill. Crosscontamination can also occur when vegetables or other uncooked foods come into contact with cutting boards, plates, and utensils that were used for raw meat and poultry products.

Likewise, it's important to have more than one spatula, fork, and other utensils on hand when grilling. Backyard chefs often use a spatula or kitchen tongs to place raw food on the grill and later use the same uten-

sil to remove the food after it's been fully cooked. But, because the utensil came into contact with raw food, it could harbor bacteria and transfer it to the cooked food.

Studies show the color of cooked poultry and hamburgers is not a reliable way to determine if foods have been cooked to a temperature high enough to kill bacteria like E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella. The only way to be sure food is safely cooked is to use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature. All poultry products should reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Ground beef and pork should be cooked to 160 degrees, and steaks, roasts, and fish should be cooked to 145

Drinks aren't the only food products that should be chilled. Popular picnic items like hot dogs, raw hamburgers, and salads should be packed in a cooler with enough ice or freezer packs to keep the temperature inside at 40 degrees or below.

Alternatively, when transporting hot foods to your picnic like fried chicken or BBQ ribs, take the most direct route. Hot take-out food should be eaten within two hours, and within one hour if the temperature exceeds 90 degrees.

Foods left out in temperatures higher than 90 degrees will become unsafe in just one hour. Because summer picnics and barbeques often last for more than a few hours, food that has been cooked and left sitting on the table for several hours should not be eaten. Hot foods need to be kept at 140 or higher. Use the grill and warming trays to maintain these temperatures.

Put leftovers and perishables back on ice after eating. Don't send leftovers home with the guests unless this food is transported in a cooler with ice and immediately chilled. These foods can reach the "danger zone" (40 to 140 degrees), where bacteria can grow and multiply if not properly chilled. Also, cold foods need to be kept at 40 degrees or lower.



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Yorktown Grange Fair Announces Entertainment Lineup

East Coast Pro Wrestling wows the crowd at last year's event.



Whiskey's Edge will return to the Yorktown Grange Fair this year. Photos courtesy of the Yorktown Grange Fair.

The Yorktown Grange Fair has a robust lineup for its 2025 event, bringing back favorites while mixing in some new sounds and experiences.

The 101st Yorktown Grange Fair welcomes three new-to-the-

The 101st Yorktown Grange Fair welcomes three new-to-the-fair music groups: The Crew, Jokerz Wild, and Not Sorry.

The Crew boasts a high energy show with selections from seven decades of rock, soul, and pop hits. Jokerz Wild, fronted by vocal sensation Alex Nikki, is known for its unique sound and powerful performances, blending classic rock influences with a modern edge. Not Sorry is one of the top classic rock cover bands in the tri-state area and will be playing the best of the best from Black Sabbath to Bon Jovi.

In addition, Kilted Colin is bringing the funny to the fair this year with a family-friendly circus comedy show that will reach serious heights – literally – as he plays bagpipes from atop a 10-foot unicycle.

For those looking to learn some new dance moves, Cameron

Kelly Line Dancing will be on hand to offer lessons during the Whiskey's Edge show Sunday. This year, Whiskey's Edge is returning to the main stage – a fan favorite with a mix of today's new country and some of yesterday's best hits.

Coming back for kid-focused fun this year are Kurt Gallagher, and Annie & the Natural Wonder Band. These two seasoned acts are always a hit with small people and parents.

For those that love chancing upon a little bit of magic and clowning around, Ringling Brothers Circus alum Adam Auslander will be returning with his strolling variety act.

Last but not least, East Coast Pro Wrestling will return for a couple fantastic shows. These muscled maniacs have won the hearts of fairgoers and become a must-see for everyone.

The 2025 Yorktown Grange Fair will take place Sept. 5, 6, and 7 at the fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road. For more information, visit www.yorktowngrangefair.org.

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State Insurance Fund Launches Extreme Heat Equipment Credit

The New York State Insurance Fund's new Extreme Heat Equipment Credit has launched, helping qualifying small businesses protect their workers through the purchase of personal protective equipment and supplies designed to minimize the effects of heat exposure.

With 2024 being the hottest year on record, and each year between 2015 and 2024 ranking among the 10 hottest years on record, rising temperatures have become a critical occupational hazard for many industries. Extreme heat can lead to heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion, and can exacerbate preexisting conditions such as asthma, kidney disease, or heart disease.

Exposure to extreme heat can also impair cognitive and motor functions, increasing the risk of on-the-job accidents.

The NYSIF Extreme Heat Equipment Credit is available to small businesses (those with up to 10 employees) in manufacturing, warehousing, carpentry, landscaping, and farming - all industries where workers are often exposed to extreme temperatures. These businesses can receive a one-time credit of \$1,000 or 10 percent of their annual workers' compensation premium, whichever is less, toward the purchase of PPE designed to protect workers from the effects of extreme heat.

Eligible purchases under the NYSIF Extreme Heat Equipment Credit program include fans, ventilation systems, cooling vests, ventilated hard hats, UV-resistant safety glasses, and cooling towels. Policyholders that qualify can apply for the

credit at nysif.com/ppe.

"Federal law requires all employers to provide a working environment free from recognized hazards that can cause serious injury or illness," said The Business Council of New York State President and CEO Heather Mulligan. "New York employers are leaders in protecting their workers from these hazards, including exposure to extreme temperatures. By providing the New York State Insurance Fund Extreme Heat Equipment Credit, NYSIF is reinforcing its commitment to supporting New York employers in this effort. We encourage all eligible businesses to take advantage of this credit to reinvest in their small businesses.'

NYSIF is the largest workers' compensation insurer in the state and among the 10 largest nationwide. It covers 2 million workers and insures 200,000 employers in the state. NYSIF's mission is to guarantee the availability of workers' compensation, disability insurance, and paid family leave at the lowest possible cost to New York employers while maintaining a solvent fund.

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School Supplies Drive

Putnam Community Action Partnership has enlisted the help of Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, to launch its annual Back to School Supplies Drive to help 500 school-age children in need prepare for the upcoming school year.

The drive is currently accepting backpacks and \$25 gift cards to Staples, Target, or Walmart, which will be distributed to families throughout the region. Donations are being accepted through Wednesday, Aug. 13, at multiple drop-off locations – including Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster; Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St.; and the Carmel, Kent, Southeast, Putnam Valley, Yorktown, and Somers town halls.

"Low-income children simply having basic school supplies

Real Estate Market Continues to Show Signs of Stability

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New York City and surrounding metro areas remains a significant factor, as more buyers continue to pursue properties outside the city. Hybrid work models have reinforced this trend, bringing new energy to suburban and rural markets alike.

"Looking forward, we anticipate competitive conditions in Westchester to persist, particularly for updated, well-located properties in desirable towns," said Liz Nunan, president and CEO of Houlihan Lawrence. "In Putnam and Dutchess, homes that are priced appropriately and meet buyer expectations for space and condition will continue to move, although the higher-end market is likely to remain more measured. With demand for quality homes holding firm and inventory levels tight, the market in these counties is expected to remain active as we move through the second half of 2025.'

In Putnam County – including Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley – the number of homes sold was up 14 percent, and the median price was up 9 percent in the second quarter.

The luxury real estate market across Westchester, Fairfield, Columbia, Putnam, and Dutchess counties remained resilient throughout the second quarter of 2025, underscoring the lasting appeal of quality properties with space, privacy, and desirable locations, according to the Houlihan Lawrence.

"Despite elevated borrowing costs, buyers continue to show strong demand for properties priced at \$2 million and above, with the upper end of the market holding steady, particularly for well-maintained, turnkey homes," said Nunan.

The \$3 million-and-above category continues to perform well in Westchester County, fu-

can make all the difference, leveling the playing field and fostering a sense of belonging that is crucial for academic success and selfesteem," said Putnam CAP Director Marisa O'Leary. "Putnam CAP is grateful for Assemblyman Slater's unwavering support in highlighting this critical need and encouraging our community to donate."

"No kid should have to worry about whether they have a backpack or basic supplies on the first day of school," said Slater. "This drive gives every student the chance to walk into class feeling prepared and supported. A small donation can go a long way, and it's one of the simplest ways we can show up for each other as neighbors. If you're able to, please consider donating."

eled by low inventory and steady interest from both local buyers and those relocating from metro areas. Buyers are prioritizing homes that offer updated interiors, outdoor amenities, and proximity to transportation and village centers

The luxury segment in Putnam and Dutchess counties posted mixed results for the second quarter.

The \$1 million to \$2 million market remains active, with buyers attracted to larger homes and properties with acreage that deliver value relative to neighboring counties. For properties priced above \$2 million, activity is more selective, as buyers weigh affordability and borrowing costs against lifestyle considerations.

Homes that combine privacy, thoughtful renovations, and out-door space continue to appeal to discerning buyers, while properties requiring substantial work or carrying ambitious pricing are seeing longer days on the market.

The report notes that the ultra-luxury segment – above \$10 million – remains highly selective across all counties. Buyers at this level expect architectural significance, privacy, and exceptional locations, with well-maintained, move-in-ready estates seeing steady results.

"Looking to the second half of 2025, the luxury market is expected to remain competitive for homes that align with buyer expectations," said Nuna. "Modern updates, desirable locations. and outdoor living features remain top priorities. Broader economic conditions and interest rate fluctuations may influence buyer behavior, particularly in higher price points, but demand for quality homes in lifestyle-driven markets across the region should continue to support stability and healthy activity in the months ahead."

In Putnam County, luxury home sales were up 5.1 percent in the second quarter while the median sale price was down 5.1 percent. The highest sale price was in Mahopac, at \$3.7 million.

Houlihan Lawrence is a real estate brokerage serving New York City's northern suburbs. For more information, visit www.houlihan-lawrence.com.

Putnam Opens New Training Center for First Responders

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The previous fire training center had been significantly underutilized for years, with the training tower deemed unsafe more than a decade ago. The burn facility was closed repeatedly due to costly repairs, forcing many first responders to travel outside the county for necessary training.

Now, with the new facility open and operational right in the Town of Kent, first responders can benefit from a fully functional space to improve their skills.

"A lot of effort went into making this project happen," said Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Robert Lipton. "I want to thank the county executive for having the vision and leadership to make this a priority, and I thank the Fire Advisory Board and the committee that helped design it."

Funding for the \$1.6 million project came from a combination of sources, including more than \$1 million in repurposed American Rescue Plan Act dollars, \$200,000 from the county's capital projects fund, and direct funding from the BES budget. In addition, State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, secured \$250,000 in state grants to support the project.

"Our first responders sacrifice so much for us each and every day," said Harckham. "They put their lives on the line and sometimes put their family second to protect this community. We owe them everything we can do to keep them safe, and safety comes from training and repetition. By having this local facility, we can enable more consistent training and better outcomes."

The Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center is named



Officials cut the ribbon to officially open the new, state-of-the-art Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center in Kent.

after Michael Neuner of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department who was killed in the line of duty fighting a house fire in 1997.

"Every day we honor the legacy of Lt. Michael Neuner through continuous trainings, who this facility is named after," said Brewster Fire Chief Mike Miller. "This building stands as a testament to our commitment to learn and grow."

"Places like this are so important because I, myself, have made mistakes here, and learned to navigate them so I don't make mistakes in the field," added Brewster Fire Department President Tommy Regan. "Going through consistent trainings at places like this will help prevent another tragedy like we had all those years ago."

Putnam County has also worked to support its volunteer first responders by providing a property tax exemption for those who serve. Last month, the County Legislature passed legislation to expand that property tax credit, which was made possible by actions of the New York State Legislature.

"Thanks to the hard work of Sen. Harckham and Assemblyman (Matt) Slater, soon we will be able to expand the 10 percent property tax exemption to volunteers who serve in Putnam County," said Byrne. "This is a win for our community and helps ensure that more people will be encouraged to serve as first responders."

"Putnam's first responders deserve a facility right here in Putnam County that is worthy of their commitment," added Slater, R-Yorktown. "We have worked to pass legislation to help recruit more first responders, which are desperately needed."

The Putnam Legislature played an instrumental role in supporting the funding for this project.

"I thank and congratulate everyone who was part of making this project happen," said Chairwoman Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls. "I also want to thank our emergency service volunteers who put themselves on the frontlines without hesitation."

The renovated campus is a critical step forward for Putnam County, ensuring first responders are well-equipped to face any emergency situation.

"This new center, along with the expanded tax exemption, helps ensure our first responders have the tools they need to stay here and continue protecting our community," said Byrne. "We are investing in our future and I look forward to seeing the impact this project will have on our community for many years to come."





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You're Not Alone: Managing Menopause Symptoms

(Family Features) Hot flashes may be one of the better-known indicators of menopause, but women may experience a wide range of symptoms as they enter this stage of life. However, treatment options can ease – if not alleviate – most of these experiences.

Menopause signals the end of a woman's reproductive years, beginning as early as their 30s for some women. This natural process results in the stop of menstruation with the shifting hormones also creating a list of physical and emotional symptoms.

Perimenopause, which commonly occurs in the mid-to-late-40s, lasts four to eight years. This transitional stage is characterized by fluctuating ovarian activity, which can alter the frequency and duration of a woman's period and disrupt estrogen production. Menopause is officially reached when the ovaries cease ovulation and a woman has gone 12 months without a menstrual period.

Despite increasing conversations among peers, many women Flashes: Prevention is one of the

experience disruptive symptoms and have difficulty managing them, according to a Nielsen IQ Aging America Forecast. Additionally, 90 percent of women reported never having been taught about menopause in school, according to a study published in "Post Reproductive Health."

Uncomfortable symptoms like hot flashes and weight gain often begin during perimenopause and may continue through postmenopause - in some cases, for the rest of a woman's life. The intensity and duration of these symptoms can vary from person

With 45 percent of women in the U.S. currently experiencing some phase of menopause, per the Nielsen IQ Aging America Forecast, the company K-Y is on a mission to provide support and relief where it's most needed and empower women to take control of their menopause journey at every stage.

Beat the Heat & Soothe Hot

most effective ways to manage hot flashes – those sudden waves of heat that often affect a woman's chest, neck, and face, sometimes accompanied by sweating and redness. Identifying and avoiding common triggers such as caffeine, alcohol, or spicy foods can make a difference. Calming exercises, like slow, steady breathing, can help bring a hot flash under control, as can a cold drink, cool shower, or portable fan.

Deal with Dryness to Restore Moisture: Hormonal changes can cause vaginal dryness, often leading to discomfort. To alleviate this, try a non-prescription product designed to add moisture and provide long-lasting relief to

Master Moods Caused by Hormone Changes: Fluctuating hormones during menopause can impact your mood, leading to unexpected emotional highs and lows. While some doctors prescribe hormone treatment such as birth control pills to help regulate hormone swings, you can also manage mood issues by doing activities that bring joy and minimize stress. Mindful exercise like yoga or tai chi can help manage your shifting moods.

Ease Your Headaches to Restore Your Day: If you're susceptible to migraines, it's important to know menopause can exacerbate them or even be the trigger that causes migraines to start. Knowing what sets off your migraines may be your best line of defense. However, if you're unable to relieve the discomfort through self-care measures, consult with your doctor to adjust your current treatment plan or create a new one.

Nurture Lost Desire & Reconnect with Intimacy: As your libido fades, you may need to make a more conscious effort to maintain an active sex life. While factors like poor sleep, stress, and depression can lower your interest in intimacy, maintaining regular sexual activity can support overall health, including minimizing problems with dryness and improving your mood.

Ouiet the Heat to Sleep in Comfort: Night sweats - hot flashes that happen at night – can be managed by wearing cool, cotton pajamas and using layers of covers you can easily shed. You may find extra relief from sleeping with a fan or using cooling pillows and sheets. Keeping your room cool and dark can also help promote more comfortable, uninterrupted rest.

Clear Acne & Take Control with Confidence: Pimples aren't just for teens; they often make a return appearance as you're walking through this new transitional stage of life. However, you're likely more confident and better equipped to care for your skin this time around. To help prevent flare-ups, avoid oily products like sunscreens and cosmetics. Stick with oil-free options designed to keep pores clear. If necessary, talk with a dermatologist about a program designed for your unique skin care needs.

Source: K-Y.

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Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE SU-PREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLD-ERS OF BANC OF AMERICA MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST CLIVE JOHNS, ANNA JOHNS, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 24, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM, premises known as 8 Clearbrook Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 74.12 Block 2 and Lot 39. Approximate amount of judgment \$607,050.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500324/2024. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001699 85728

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCA-TION,

-against-

KEVN MCGUIGAN, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judg-ment of Foreclosure and entered ment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on September 29, 2022, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCATION is the Plaintiff and KEVN MCGUIGAN, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on August 25, 2025 at 10:30AM, premises known as 9 FULOP LANE F/K/A 3 FULOP LANE, MAHOPAC, NY 10541; and the following tax map identification, 75.6-1-72.

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1601/2023; SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT dated September 13, 2023 Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial BEATA PARUCH, Plaintiff against JAN ONDRISKA, Defendant. ACTION FOR A DIVORCE.

To: Jan Ondriska, you are hereby notified that an action inquest will be held in the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York on August 19, 2025 before Justice Gina Capone at 9:30 am. This Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the State of NY, Putnam County. The object of this action is to obtain judgement for absolute divorce. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear at the inquest or said judgment will be taken against you by default.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Vincent Ansaldi Esq. 2493 Welsch Court Yorktown Heights NY 10598 (914) 217-9975

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Westchester Land Trust Awarded \$97K in State Funds

Westchester Land Trust, a nationally accredited land conservation nonprofit headquartered in Bedford Hills that works with public and private partners to preserve land and enhance the natural resources in Westchester and eastern Putnam counties, was recently awarded three grants totaling \$97,000 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as part of the latest round of Conservation Partnership Program funding.

The funds will be used to support three different projects, including survey work to improve boundary data on land owned by WLT, engaging conservation easement landowners through stewardship, and training to help the organization embody a culture of care across its service area.

The partnership awarded more than \$3 million in grants to 45 nonprofit land trusts across the state. The 61 funded projects are designed to support land trusts and their ongoing work, which complement the state's efforts to protect water quality, prevent farmland conversion, boost public access for outdoor recreation, and conserve open space as part of its goal to protect 30 percent of public lands and waters by 2030.

The grants are supported by the state's Environmental Protection Fund and will be used to leverage an additional \$2.6 million in private and local funding.

"These urgently needed funds will help WLT and the many inspiring conservation groups who secured these competitive grants to protect the land, water, and air that our communities rely on," said Kara Whelan, president of Westchester Land Trust. "The grants we received will enable us to better protect our conserved natural spaces, engage landowners in caring for their land, and ensure inclusive and equitable access to nature for all."

WLT was awarded \$50,000 to

support ongoing efforts to complete land surveys and boundary demarcation of its conserved lands. The trust has been working since 2014 to complete the surveys of more than 41 miles of boundaries surrounding the organization's 33 preserves that total more than 1,150 acres and will use these funds to prioritize boundary staking at preserves that are at risk of encroachment.

"When we conserve land, we make a promise to protect it forever," said Janelle Robbins, vice president of conservation at WLT. "To ensure we can fulfill that promise, we have to have accurate data and clearly understand where our boundaries are to prevent or mitigate encroachments or misuse. These funds will help complete this massive undertaking and give future conservationists the tools needed to protect our communities' land and water resources and all that depend on them."

The second grant, \$32,000,

will be used to improve WLT's conservation easement stewardship by implementing new monitoring and recordkeeping software, providing funds for legal support, and offering more opportunities for landowners to connect with each other and WLT's staff.

Through these efforts, WLT is better poised to defend protected land and reduce the risk of future easement violations, as well as further cultivate a network of informed easement landowners who help WLT protect more than 6,250 acres throughout the region.

"The grant provides resources to streamline our land protection and stewardship systems, allowing us to be better protectors of the land and giving us the tools needed to meaningfully connect with our conservation easement landowners," said Jody Hughes, WLT's conservation easement steward. "They care about the land just as much as we do, and WLT looks forward to being

both a resource and a partner in the ongoing conservation of their land."

The third grant, for \$15,000, will enable the trust to continue working with an equity coach to implement a three-year strategic equity plan that addresses past, current, and future work in this area, with the goal of creating a culture of care throughout the organization and across its efforts. The equity plan focuses on an organizational equity audit and assessment, awareness raising sessions, and foundation building with staff and leadership.

"Equity is at the heart of creating a conservation movement that works for everyone," said Jes Parker, director of communications at WLT. "We're committed to learning and taking action so that all people can feel safe, welcome, and connected to nature. This work brings us closer to a future where open space, fresh food, and clean water are a right, not a privilege, for every community."

Gov. Directs State Agencies to Report on Effects of Tariffs

Gov. Kathy Hochul last week announced actions to assess cost increases and supply chain disruptions "caused by the Trump Administration's destructive tariff policies."

At the governor's direction, Director of State Operations Kathryn Garcia sent a memo to state agencies requiring them to compile key data and information regarding tariff impacts. By Sept. 30, state agencies will provide data on the specific impacts of Trump's tariffs on New York consumers, small businesses, farmers, construction, tourism, and other sectors of the state's economy.

New York State Empire State Development and the Office of General Services will then use the data provided by each agency to develop a statewide tariff economic impact report by Oct. 31.

Additionally, Hochul – a

Democrat – launched a tariff resource guide (https://esd. ny.gov/tariff-resource-guide) to help New Yorkers navigate the "chaos" caused by Republican Trump's tariffs and provide resources on programs available to mitigate the impacts of tariffs.

Over the past six months, the Trump Administration has announced and imposed significant tariffs on imports of goods to the U.S. These tariffs, including major trading partners, "have been announced, implemented, paused and resumed haphazardly, creating uncertainty for families and business owners across the state," according to Hochul.

The tariffs have increased prices for household goods, automobiles, and housing, with the costs passed on to consumers, claims the governor. Such tariffs have also led to supply chain disruptions with increased costs for manufacturing industries, raising

the price of supplies for small and large businesses across the state.

The Trump Administration's tariff policy has increased costs for New York's agriculture sector, including for more than 30,000 family farms, while simultaneously reducing access to international markets for New Yorkgrown and manufactured food products, according to Hochul.

She said Trump's tariff policies have also caused a negative impact on U.S. to Canada trade and tourism, including a 25 percent decline in vehicular border crossings between Canada and New York State in May 2025, compared to the prior year.

To take action, the state will collect and report on key economic and social indicators to New York caused by Trump's tariff policies. State agencies are encouraged to assess and submit information regarding tariff impacts on an ongoing basis.

Clean Water Grants Available for Infrastructure Projects

More than \$325 million in new funding is available for the next round of the state's Water Infrastructure Improvement & Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants program.

This investment aims to help municipalities across the state repair, upgrade, and modernize their drinking water and sewer systems, directly safeguarding public health, improving water quality, and driving economic growth.

According to Gov. Kathy Hochul, by improving infrastructure, the state is not only protecting drinking water and the environment, but also creating good-paying jobs in manufacturing, engineering, and construction – all while providing crucial financial relief to New Yorkers.

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation opened the grant round June 20, and applications, guidance, and webinar information can be found at efc.ny.gov. The website can also connect applicants to Community Assistance Teams who can help local governments address their water infrastructure needs and provide tips for submitting competitive applications.

Applications will be due Sept.

This grant round advances the

state's clean water and affordability agendas by continuing enhanced grant awards for projects that address some of New York's most urgent water quality needs, such as PFAS treatment, and small and rural

sewer projects. Additionally, municipalities are encouraged to submit applications for wastewater treatment plant construction or upgrades, sewer system extensions or rehabilitations, disinfection and advanced treatment technologies to improve water quality, installation or improvement of drinking water treatment systems, replacement or rehabilitation of aging water mains and service lines, replacement of lead service lines, collaborative projects between municipalities to share services or infrastructure, and cost-effective regional approaches to water and sewer infrastructure challenges.

"This major investment from the state in the Water Infrastructure Improvement & Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants program will extend financial support where it is most needed," said State Sen. Pete Harckham. "Maintaining safe, accessible drinking water infrastructure, eliminating contaminants like PFAS, and addressing critical sewer needs are all integral to future growth and prosperity."

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BUYING VINTAGE CAMERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MILITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, COMICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN And More. Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 7/31

WANTED – Private collector buying firemen's helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 8/27

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 12 noon, there will be a rededication of the Whipple-Feeley Putnam County Veterans Memorial Chapel.

Join us as Miss New York, Marizza Delgado, cuts the red ribbon.



The event will honor Karl Rohde, Pete Allegretta, Ed Cooke, Erik Aguirre, and the late Denis Castelli for their invaluable contributions to Putnam County and the nation.

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