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A Warm Welcome for Former County Exec. Bondi



It was a packed house – or foyer – as former Putnam County Executive Bob Bondi, right, was honored by current County Executive Kevin Byrne, center, during a Feb. 20 ceremony at the County Office Building in Carmel.

By Holly Crocco

Thirty-three years after he was first sworn into office as the third Putnam County executive, and 13 years after leaving office, Bob Bondi was honored with a plaque and a celebratory gathering Feb. 20 in the County Office Building in Carmel.

Many county government employees and elected officials past and present welcomed former County Executive Bondi during his visit, which included a tour of county facilities, followed by a plaque unveiling ceremony. The plaque commemorates Bondi's 30-plus years of service in elected office to Putnam County, including 20 years as county executive.

"Bob, Putnam County wouldn't be Putnam County the way it is today if it wasn't for you," said former Legislator Dan
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A plaque honoring Bob Bondi, who served as county executive from 1991 to 2010, is now on display in the County Office Building in Carmel.

Kent is Last Town To Form Paid Ambulance Service

By Holly Crocco

The Town of Kent has hired an emergency medical services program coordinator to help form a paid ambulance service.

Councilman Chris Ruthven explained at the Feb. 20 Kent Town Board meeting that it is the consensus of the town and the two fire departments (Kent and Lake Carmel) that a paid ambulance service is needed, to work in tandem with the volunteer firefighters and EMTs.

"Although great, they're volunteer services and we're getting a lot of our calls that have to be responded to by outside towns," he said.

The per diem coordinator will help the town handle the administrative side and legal aspects of having a paid ambulance program. "It's just a lot to undertake, and to move this thing along," said Ruthven.

Kent Fire Department Chief Matt Valente said that if EMTs are paid for their time, more will be available.

"In recent years, we've seen a decrease in the amount of certified (volunteer) EMTs, which is what you need on an ambulance to go out," he said. "With that decrease, it's making it hard for us to staff our ambulances, which makes us rely on neighboring towns – Carmel, Putnam Valley, the county – to get EMS services to our residents."

Valente said the amount of time it takes to complete a certification course to become an EMT, in addition to the amount of time an EMT is out on a call,

makes it difficult to find people who can make the commitment.

According to Valente, it takes members several minutes to get to the firehouse from their homes and several more to get to the scene. Then there is the assessment and treatment that takes place on-site before transporting the patient to a hospital or specialty medical center. Once the drop-off is made, the volunteer has to return to the firehouse to complete the required paperwork for the state.

This can sometimes take upwards of 2 hours, which is a difficult commitment for volunteers to make.

In addition, Valente said the farthest house in the district from the firehouse is 15 minutes away, but when a 9-1-1 call is made, volunteers first have to get to the firehouse from their homes, which could add another 10 minutes before a patient receives care.

If a paid ambulance is ready and waiting, it cuts down the response time.

"I think that overall, having an ambulance that's staffed 24/7, 365 is going to improve the safety for town residents," he said. "We are the last town to have a paid service... so I think this is definitely an improvement and a step in the right direction."

While the town has formed incentives to attract more volunteers, such as scholarship opportunities, tax breaks and benefits for first-responders, and free training, the two departments
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Student Panel Addresses 'Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism'

Racism & Bullying Addressed at Brewster Forum

State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, recently hosted a special forum, "Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism," which featured comments and insights from a dozen high students from around the region regarding racism, hate language, bullying, the effects of social media, and ideas on how to bring people together.

The event took place at the First United Methodist Church of Brewster at the invitation of Pastor Elaine Pope-Joffrion.

"The rise of hate and intolerance in our communities has increased in recent years, and it is crucial that we, as a society, acknowledge and understand this systemic problem while finding ways to address it," said Harckham.

"This forum was meant to provide a safe space for these students to express themselves and share their experiences, and I am so grateful for the remarkable observations and feelings they imparted to us. It is truly heartbreaking to realize how pervasive racism and hate speech is in our schools and communities."

This was the sixth "Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism" forum Harckham has hosted since taking office in the State Senate five years ago. The dozen students at the most recent event represented nine different schools, from Brewster, Croton-Harmon, Chappaqua, Cross River, Somers, New Rochelle, Ossining and Somers.

About 20 parents and com-
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State Sen. Pete Harckham with students at the recent "Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism" forum in Brewster. Photo by Victoria Doody/Harckham's office.

Seedling Sale Order Deadline Approaches

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County have once again teamed up to offer a tree and shrub seedling sale.

Trees reduce the amount of stormwater runoff, which reduces erosion and water pollution while stabilizing shorelines, reducing the effects of flooding. And the selection of plants at the sale includes native trees, shrubs and perennials that support birds and pollinators.

The online sale has been a resounding success, with many plants sold out. However, there are still plenty of native shade trees, flowering shrubs, and evergreens to choose from. Be sure to shop before the deadline of March 24. Plants

will be sold online only, on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are limited quantities of seedlings.

Why native plants? Plants native provide food and shelter for nesting birds, and nectar and pollen for specialist pollinators like many native bees.

“Our backyards, gardens and parks can provide vital habitat for pollinators and birds, especially if we choose native plants well suited to our growing conditions,” said Jen Lerner, senior resource educator at CCE. “Look for gorgeous fall color from shining sumac, and clouds of white flower from beach plums and sand cherries.”

New this year are larger shade trees available in smaller pack sizes so buyers can try a few.

Bareroot strawberries complement the selection of fruit-producing plants. Fruit trees this year include seed-grown pawpaws, and bareroot New York grown apples selected for disease resistance.

All proceeds of the sale will be dedicated to CCE’s new education center at the county-owned Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute in Brewster.

Visit cceptutnamcounty.org/2024TreeShrub to see available plants and wildlife boxes, and details on the order deadline and pick-up dates.

For more information, contact Lerner at jjs95@cornell.edu or 845-278-6738, or visit putnam.cce.cornell.edu, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.



Letters to the Editor

Congress Can Do Better

Dear Editor:

I write today because I am so deeply upset with Mike Lawler and this Congress and what they have done to this county and indeed our standing in the world.

We in this district helped create the least successful Congress since the start of the Civil War. We helped

hand over the keys of government to a party that refuses to govern. Since the mid-terms, we have seen the U.S. Congress descend into madness and now we are all seeing its true obstructionism laid bare.

Republicans preach about border security but refuse to vote on a bill to address that. They pearl clutch about Israel and Taiwan security assistance and every day the

people of Ukraine die while vital security assistance is denied. For what? Nothing more than Twitter likes and to appease the nakedly authoritarian wing of the Republican Party and the approval of Trump.

The only theater of war that Putin and men of ilk have seen success in is in the American Congress. Every day, Putin sees military failure in Ukraine and stunning victory in the U.S. Congress. This ineffectiveness is not limited to foreign fields of battle—it damages us daily. Bills are not being passed and Congress has just barely agreed to simply keep the government running, and that is not how a functioning democracy runs. House Republicans have abdicated any responsibility in government and their feckless, cynical and weak majority in the house has proven this. We as a country look shambolic and disorganized. How can our allies trust us? How can we provide the needed services and functions of government if the House is content to do nothing?

No one is good enough for Trump; no act of political cowardice great enough or humiliation low enough for Trump. Republicans will actively torpedo their own bill just to satiate the ego of one man.

Mike Lawler has made clear he cares about truly nothing. He will back the speaker as even conservative bills languish on the floor. He has done nothing but make a few TV appearances to pretend to be moderate, while marching in lockstep with the MAGA movement when politically advantageous to him. He is absent in his district, he is absent in governance, and he seems only interested in placating the MAGA movement in a sad effort to maintain relevance.

Mike Lawler is a man not equal to these times; he has proven time and again to stand for nothing. In these grave times when everything is being challenged, from America’s standing in the world, American border security, where the post-war global order is at and, yes, the idea of American democracy are all hanging by a thread.

Our Congress seems to be willing to sell out the entire American ideal and our allies to please one man. We deserve and need better.

*Zach Disador
Southeast*

Hypocrisy by Lawler

Dear Editor:

Our old buddy, Republican Congressman Mike Lawler, is at it again. In his most recent newsletter, he bemoans the fact that his bill for restoring a portion of the tax

deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) was rejected by the House of Representatives. He, of course, places the blame for that rejection solely on the Democrats.

However, Mr. Lawler neglects to mention three important facts. First, the elimination of the SALT deduction was imposed by a Republican Congress as part of the Trump tax bill of 2017.

Second, the Republicans have a majority, however slim, in the House and can pass whatever they want. Yet, fully 18 – eighteen – of Mr. Lawler’s Republican colleagues defied him and voted against his SALT legislation, dooming it to defeat.

Finally, Mr. Lawler, always the self-proclaimed champion of bipartisanship, had recruited Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.) to co-sponsor his legislation. Yet, Ms. Sherrill voted against the resolution advancing the bill. Why? Because the Republican House leadership decided to pair the SALT bill in the vote with another resolution that condemned President Biden’s energy policies. And no Democrat – in fact, no one who actually cares about the ravages of climate change and future of our country – could possibly support such a measure.

So, c’mon, Mr. Lawler. Many of us in the Hudson Valley, and Ms. Sherrill, as well, would dearly love to restore the SALT deduction. But don’t go blaming the failure of your bill on the Democrats when your fellow Republicans couldn’t muster up enough votes to pass it. And next time, how about bringing it up by itself, rather than tying it to a known poison pill for the other party – and all other patriotic Americans.

How about being straight with us for a change? We’re really getting tired of the half-truths and the hypocrisy.

And, if you voters have had enough of this, next November vote for Democrat Mondaire Jones for Congress in the 17th District. His campaign is just getting started, but you can be sure he will not lie to you or taunt you with half-truths. And we will once again have a congressman of whom we can be proud.

*Joel Gingold
Croton-on-Hudson*

A Different Side of the Patterson GOP Endorsement

Dear Editor:

Recently, Peggy Burns, who is secretary of the Town of Patterson Republican Committee, included several misrepresentations in a letter to the editor. As many of her statements were completely false,

I cannot allow them to stand or to impugn the character and good name of a resident of the Town of Patterson who is dedicated to preserving the quality and character of the community.

First, I was present at the Republican committee meeting at which Laura Russo was nominated to run for the Legislative District 4 seat. As such, I am keenly aware of the fact that I was not given the opportunity to interview with the committee. My letter of intent, which was required to be provided to Laura Russo directly, was not read at the committee meeting, nor was it shared with any member of the committee prior to the meeting.

I know this because I am on the email chain of committee members, and I inquired with several members who confirmed they had not received it.

Most importantly, the minutes from the meeting, which were prepared by Ms. Burns as secretary, and which I was only provided with a copy after I specifically asked for same, indicate that only Laura Russo’s letter was read.

Second, Laura Russo did not “temporarily step back from her post,” as interim chairperson of the committee when the position of Legislative District 4 came up. She never indicated she would be recusing herself, or that she was turning the meeting over to the secretary of the committee. Again, the minutes of the meeting confirm that fact.

Third, there was never a vote taken on the nomination of Ms. Russo for the legislative seat. I am certain I did not vote on her candidacy at the meeting in question. Ms. Burns refers to a 14-1 vote and the fact that I was the sole nay vote in this regard. This is such a glaring falsehood that I cannot believe she would even be so bold as to put this in writing, since it cannot be corroborated by her own minutes from the meeting.

Those minutes simply state, “As no other nominations were made, Mary Smith made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Kathy Kelton. Peggy read Laura’s letter.” And then the committee moved on to nominations for the position of town board member. If there had been a 14-1 vote taken, it would have been included in the minutes from the meeting and it clearly was not.

Again, Ms. Russo did not win the endorsement 14-1. She was simply nominated, and nominations were closed. No vote was ever taken.

Fourth, an interview process for the position of town board member did indeed take place, but

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Among the candidates endorsed for statewide office at the Putnam County Republican Committee's recent convention were Assemblyman Matt Slater, (seventh from right) and Gina Arena, (sixth from right) who is running for State Senate.

Putnam GOP Backs Candidates for State Offices *Slater and Arena Endorsed*

The Putnam County Republican Committee held its annual convention Feb. 15 at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor in Mahopac, where it officially backed a couple of candidates.

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, received unanimous endorsement for his 2024 campaign for Assembly.

While in office, Slater says he has prioritized fighting the state's opioid epidemic, building a stronger state economy, supporting local businesses, bolstering law enforcement agencies and reforming ill-conceived criminal justice policies. Committed to making his state, his community and his Assembly district better places to live, work and raise a family, Slater said he looks forward to running again this year.

"I am honored by the Putnam GOP's endorsement and extend my heartfelt appreciation for their steadfast support of my vision for the 94th Assembly District," said Slater. "I look forward to what lies ahead and remaining vigilant and proactive so we can tackle the issues that have burdened our state and our communities. Together, we will continue to work tirelessly to foster safer, more prosperous communities."

Putnam GOP Chairman Andres Gil said Slater has done an exceptional job in Albany fighting for a better, stronger and safer New York.

"We are so proud of the work he accomplished in his first term," said Gil. "We will work tirelessly to send him back to Albany to continue advocating for legislation to address affordability, infrastructure development and public safety."

County Executive Kevin Byrne said Slater continues to represent his district with a drive, passion and commitment to service that is unmatched in Albany.

"While he may live in Westchester with his lovely family, it's clear they have made Putnam County a second home," said Byrne. "There's not an event or activity that happens without his presence being noticed. He is dedicated, knowledgeable, accessible, has the experience and cares. Matt continues to have my full and complete support as he seeks re-election to the New York State Assembly."

"Assemblyman Slater has been a tremendous leader and advocate for Putnam County in his first term," added County Clerk Michael Bartolotti. "There are significant

challenges facing Hudson Valley families that require Assemblyman Slater's tenacious focus and voice. I look forward to joining him on the campaign trail and seeing him in Albany for another term."

The Putnam County Republican Committee also officially approved Gina Arena as its nominee for State Senate District 40.

"Thank you to Chairman Andres Gil and all of the members of the committee for your endorsement and faith in me," she said. "I look forward to winning in November and working hard for the great people of the Hudson Valley. I look forward to running as a unified team along with Congressman Mike Lawler, Assemblyman Matt Slater and all the nominated Republicans. We stand for public safety, affordability and common sense. We have a winning message for New Yorkers in 2024."

Gil called Arena an amazing candidate who connects with voters and understands the issues. "For too long, Albany has ignored affordability, infrastructure development and public safety," he said. "Gina is the best person to fight and advocate for a better New York."

Arena was born and raised in Westchester and grew up in Bedford, then moved to Pound Ridge and Vista. She and her husband, Jim, have lived in Purdys for the past 34 years. Being a working mom with eight children (age 15 to 32), Arena said she knows the importance of balancing work and family while volunteering in the community.

In a Democratic district, Arena ran an aggressive race against Peter Harckham in 2022. She said she is running again to represent everyone in the 40th District, and to make New York a safer, stronger and more affordable place to live, work and raise a family.

To learn more about Arena, visit www.ginaarena4senate.com.

Kent Awarded \$40K for Open Space Inventory

The Town of Kent has been awarded \$40,825 toward its Open Space Plan Initiative as part of more than \$1.8 million awarded to 26 projects in communities along the Hudson River Estuary to help improve water quality, enhance environmental education and advance stewardship of natural resources.

The funding was announced last week by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Now in its 21st year, the Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Grants Program implements priorities outlined in the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-25. To date, it has awarded 643 grants totaling more than \$28 million. Funding for the grants is provided by New York State's Environmental Protection Fund, a resource for environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, water quality improvement and environmental

justice projects.

The funding awarded to Kent is to be used to complete a town-wide Open Space Inventory & Plan to develop strategies to conserve and protect its natural resources.

Riverkeeper, Inc., has been awarded \$59,543 for "Nutrient Analysis in Peekskill Hollow Brook, a Regional Drinking Water Source," a project that will use DEC's Loading Estimator of Nutrient Sources tool to estimate point and nonpoint phosphorus contributions in the Peekskill Hollow Brook watershed, to inform drinking water-source monitoring and protection or clean water plan development for the city of Peekskill and other stakeholders.

Riverkeeper has also been awarded \$150,000 for "Dam Reconnaissance" on 12 Hudson River tributaries, targeting at least 16 priority dams whose removal will restore natural stream flow, improve habitat and aquatic con-


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Elks Honor Student-Writers

Brewster Elks Lodge 2101 hosted an awards ceremony and dinner Feb. 15 for the student-writers of the second quarter, and their families. The honorees were selected from Henry H. Wells Middle School for their writing skills, academic efforts and numerous other attributes that make them outstanding students. From left are (front row) Alexandra Moravick, Angie Gomez Choc, Marjorie Palma Soto, Ava Plouffe, Isabella Coraza Zepeda, Melissa Quijada Lopez, (back row) Elks Youth Activities Chairman Peter Priolo, Elks Treasurer Millie Giordano, Tyler Semple, Samuel Kugel, Willian Gonzalez Mejia, Elks Tiler Graig Gronert, Elks Lecturing Knight Dan Giordano and Elks Trustee Kevin Rogers.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Health Halos

“Health halo” foods are foods that are perceived as good for us. These are the products that end up in your shopping cart thanks to their good reputation. Let’s take a closer look at four of them and see if these products deserve their high status

Granola

Granola has long been the go-to cereal for health-conscious folks. Made from oats and usually nuts, dried fruit, and seeds, granola does seem to be a nutritious choice. However, while granola may contain fiber, whole grains, and heart-healthy fat, it can also be high in added sugar. It’s best to use granola as an “add-on” or garnish rather than enjoying a full bowl.

Greek yogurt

The Greek yogurt section of your supermarket is packed with products for all preferences. Greek yogurt is strained differently than American-style yogurt, resulting in a high-protein, thicker blend. But plain Greek yogurt can be a bit tart. To make it more “taste bud-friendly,” most manufacturers create a product that’s very high in sugar. To avoid this trap, I recommend adding your own fruit to plain, Greek yogurt. Or choose an option made with less sugar or an alternative sweetener.

Dairy alternatives

Over the past few years, dairy alternatives have grown significantly. You can now enjoy “milk” made from peas, oats, nuts, soy, and more. With a health halo reputation, these beverages are the preferred option among many following a plant-based diet. To ensure your “milk” really deserves its health halo, look for options that are lower in sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars.

Protein bars

Many people put a health halo on protein bars as the go-to post-workout snack to support their active lifestyle. However, with long ingredient lists, it’s easy for these products to include ingredients and attributes (like saturated fat) that we should limit to support good health.

Review the nutrition facts panel carefully before choosing your bar.

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.

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

Protein-rich tofu stands in for eggs in this hearty scramble—a great option for vegans.

Ingredients:

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

Directions:

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

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

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

Roasted Cauliflower and Potato Spinach Salad

(Family Features)

Roasted Cauliflower and Potato Spinach Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 3 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 pound fingerling potatoes, quartered
- 1 package (8 ounces) Fresh Express French Blue Cheese Salad Kit

Directions:

Heat oven to 425 F.

In large bowl, toss cauliflower florets with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning and 1/4 teaspoon salt; mix well. Arrange in single layer on sheet pan.

Bake cauliflower 30-40 minutes, tossing once halfway through, until tender and lightly charred. Cool.



In bowl, toss potatoes with remaining olive oil. Sprinkle with remaining Italian seasoning and salt; mix well. Arrange in single layer on sheet pan.

Bake potatoes 20 minutes until tender and lightly browned. Cool.

Place greens from salad kit in large bowl; add roasted vegetables. Drizzle with dressing from salad kit; mix well. Top with croutons and blue cheese from salad kit.

Servings: 4

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Free Bountiful Meals Expand to Putnam Valley Library

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's Bountiful Meals program now has a freezer at the Putnam Valley Free Library – increasing its capacity to serve people in need in the area.

The program has two freezers in Putnam County senior centers, with additional funding from the Farm Fresh Food Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley to expand to all four senior centers by the end of 2026.

This new freezer in Putnam Valley marks a significant expansion of the program, now extending its reach beyond seniors to serve all members of the community in need of food assistance.

Made possible through the New York Food for New York Families Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, this initiative aims to bolster food access and agricultural supply chain resiliency throughout the state.

The Bountiful Meals program sources produce and meat from local farms such as Lobster Hill Farm and Space on Ryder Farm in Brewster, and Fishkill Farms. By supporting local farmers, the program not only provides local economic opportunities but also ensures access to fresh, nutritious foods for all residents. The provisions are cooked up into meals by the local non-profit Second Chance Foods, an organization



Putnam Valley Free Library Director Amina Chaudhri, left, and CCE-Putnam Ag & Food Systems Coordinator Ruby Koch-Fienberg unveil a new Bountiful Meals freezer.

based in Brewster dedicated to rescuing surplus food and transforming it into nutritious meals for those in need.

“We are thrilled to enhance our Bountiful Meals program with the support of the New York Food for New York Families Program,” said Ruby Koch-Fienberg, agriculture and food systems coordinator at CCE-Putnam. “With this new freezer installation, we can broaden our reach and provide food access for all members of the Putnam Valley community through

innovative partnerships.”

The Putnam Valley Free Library will host the new Bountiful Meals freezer during its regular operating hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's community programs and events, go to cceptnamcounty.org, or visit Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

A Celtic Celebration at Tompkins Corners

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will open its 2024 season Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., with an evening of Celtic music featuring Liz Hanley, Jefferson Hamer and the TC Ceili Band.

Hanley (fiddle, vocals) grew up in an Irish-American family in Boston. She studied voice and violin at New York University, earning a bachelor of music degree in violin performance. Her repertoire spans genres from traditional Irish and American to rock and classical. She has toured globally with the late Dr. Mick Moloney and the Green Fields of America, the progressive folk rock ensemble Froggelly and Symphony, and the chamber rock band Emanuel and the Fear.

Hanley's debut album, “The Ecstasy of St Cecilia,” was hailed as “a gentle work of beauty” by FolkWorld. Her sophomore album will be arriving this year. Both records feature long-time collaborators and friends Hamer and Eamon O’Leary of the Murphy Beds.

Hamer is a Brooklyn-based guitarist, singer and songwriter who has toured and recorded al-

bums with Anais Mitchell (“Child Ballads,” winner of a BBC2 Folk Award), Sarah Jarosz (as guitarist and harmony singer on her Grammy-nominated “Blue Heron Suite”), and Session Americana.

The Murphy Beds, his long-running traditional folk duo with O’Leary, has released two self-produced albums, about which the Huffington Post wrote, “(the album) bears repeated listening from start to finish, with 10 beautiful, crystalline songs.”

The Tompkins Corners Ceili Band was established in 2020 under the direction of Joe Mahon and has performed at numerous TCCC events and Irish seisiúns.

Tickets to the March 9 show are \$20 and may be purchased at www.tompkinscorners.org or at the door.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization located in the historic church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road. Events include concerts, plays, visual arts exhibits and classes, historical talks, family events, Poets’ Corner/open mics, and a farmers market all summer long.

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The Putnam County Youth Bureau's free Pegasus Program will return Thursday, March 28 and continue April 4, 18 and 25; and May 2, 9 and 16; from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Bureau office on the Donald B. Smith Governmental Campus, 110 Old Route 6, Carmel.

Pegasus is a confidential educational program for children age 5 through 14, accompanied by an adult, who have a parent or family member suffering from alcoholism or other drug dependency. The goal of the program is to provide youth with a knowledge of addiction, coping skills and

emotional alternatives, and show them they are not alone and that other children have similar family circumstances and feelings.

The parent group is made up of both those in recovery and co-dependents. Some are in recovery and want their children to understand their disease, and know they are at a higher risk of becoming addicted.

Pegasus is offered twice a year in eight-week sessions, and pizza is provided at each meeting.

Pre-registration is required by contacting Sheila Hanley at 845-808-1600, ext. 46126; or sheilaj.hanley@putnamcountyny.gov.

Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Nelsonville

Pierre H. Travis Jr., 68, February 11, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac

Anthony J. Di Giovanni of Mahopac, 77, February 13, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Valley

Baker, Dina M., 86, February 4, Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

We Will Miss

Brewster

Margarito Lopez Reyes, 44, February 9, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel

Patrick Fallon 61, February 13, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672..

Southeast

Theresa V. Booth, 96, February 18, Cargain Funeral Home,

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Robin O’Leary

This dance workshop is scheduled Monday, March 4 from

7 to 9 p.m. at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Admission is \$20 for BTC members and \$30 for non-members. Registration at brewstertheater.org is required.

All dance levels are welcome.

O’Leary has danced in dozens of musical theatre productions around the country. She has a doctorate degree in educational psychology and currently works at the Hunter College School of Education, training the next generation of educators.

The Brewster Theater Company is 501(c)3 non-profit community theater, serving Putnam and the surrounding areas since 2000.

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Brewster Summer Music Series Returns in June

The fourth Brewster Summer Music Series will kick off in June and organizers are looking for sponsors, donors and supporters.

The series begins Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gazebo at Southeast Veterans Park, near the corner of Railroad and Morningthorpe avenues in Brewster (also known as Electrazone field). The series will feature a variety of music genres on successive Wednesday nights through July 31.

The Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department and the Cultural Arts Coalition are collaborating to organize this year’s series of events, and to continue offering free concerts thanks to donations by local sponsors.

Sponsors reap benefits of marketing and social media promotion, while supporting the performers and the community



It may be cold now, but summer is only a few months away and organizers are gearing up for the fourth annual Brewster Summer Music Series at Southeast Veterans Park (Electrazone Field).

at large. This year, along with local businesses, BSMS is looking for fans who have attended previous concerts, urging them

to become “supporters.”

“People who have attended the shows over the past four years are so appreciative,” said co-producer Katy Faivre. “I think this is a great way for them to contribute to the outcome, whether it’s \$25 or \$2,500.”

To become a sponsor for this series, email bsms@culturalartsco.com, visit www.brewstermusicfestival.com, or make a tax-deductible contribution at www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1251774.

Sponsors are asked to commit by April 1.

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining cultural arts for Brewster, Southeast and the region. Since 2010, it has spearheaded the restoration of the Southeast Old Town Hall, its home at 67 Main St., Brewster, while presenting hundreds of affordable arts offerings at the Studio Around the Corner, the Old Town Hall Theater and other local venues.

For more information, visit www.culturalartsco.com.

Mental Health Assoc. Offers Scholarship

The Mental Health Association in Putnam County is again offering its \$500 Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded to a local high school graduate who is planning a career in the human services field.

Applications are available at www.mhputnam.org, by emailing info@mhputnam.org or by calling 845-278-7600, ext. 204. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 17.

The Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc., is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to promote recovery for individuals and families coping with mental health issues. Through community-based programs, it works with adults, children and families providing support and opportunities for learning, understanding and growth. MHA also serves as an educator and advocate for the community at large.

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Putnam County Community Events

Free Trees for Kids

Kent Public Library is partnering with Neighborhood Forest for Earth Day 2024. Register your child to receive a free tree to plant in your yard. Registration lasts until March 15, at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

Seedling Sale

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County's tree and shrub seedling sale continues through March 24. Plants will be sold online only, on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are limited quantities. There are still plenty of native shade trees, flowering shrubs, and evergreens to choose from. New this year are larger shade trees available in smaller pack sizes. All proceeds benefit CCE's new education center at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Order at cceptnamcounty.org/2024TreeShrub.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

CCSD Budget Meetings

The Carmel School Board will discuss the 2024-25 budget on the following dates, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carmel High School library: Feb. 27, March 12 and 26. In addition, a presentation is scheduled April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit carmelschools.org, click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Feb. 28, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

'Barbie'

Patterson Library will show "Barbie" on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. Following the chance to leave Barbie Land and venture into the real world, Barbie and Ken quickly realize the ups and downs of living among humans. Rated PG-13. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Blues Jam

The Hudson Valley Blues Society hosts a blues jam every fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. A backline is provided so bring your instrument, your voice, or just listen to some great music; small pedalboards now permitted. \$7 for HVBS members; \$10 for non-members. BYO refreshments; water and soft drinks sold. www.thehvbs.org.

Thursday, Feb. 29

Winter Coffeehouse

The Cultural Arts Coalition will present its winter coffeehouse, the first of a quarterly series, Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m., at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Poet and DJ Brittany Carrasco will host this open-mic-style evening of poetry, acoustic music, comedy and stories shared in a supportive, cabaret-style environment. Sign-

ups start at 7 p.m. Admission (at the door) is \$5, and refreshments will be served. Other coffeehouses are scheduled Thursdays, April 11, Aug. 22 and Nov. 7. www.culturalartscsco.com.

Friday, March 1

Trivia Night

Putnam History Museum will host an American Revolution Trivia Night on March 1 at 7 p.m. at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, or remotely. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20. Register at www.putnam-historymuseum.org.

Irish Soda Bread Sale

The Brewster VFW Post 672 auxiliary is holding a homemade Irish soda bread bake sale fundraiser. \$20 per loaf. Orders will be accepted by phone from March 1 to 10. Call Chris at 914-588-9497, Deb at 845-803-1563 or Karen at 845-721-0265. Orders can be picked up Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Light Up the Sky

Light Up the Sky to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital on March 22 at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Carmel. Release lanterns and participate in a silent auction. Vendors sought. A vendor networking party is scheduled March 1, with free advertising for vendors and donors. Follow Instagram for information. Text or call 407-545-5061, or email lightupthesky2939@gmail.com.

'Romeo & Juliet'

The Brewster Theater Company will present a special production of Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" on Fridays and Saturdays, March 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m., at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door.

Saturday, March 2

'Inside Emily Dickinson'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will kick off Women's History Month with an empowering literary and theatrical experience Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Tickets cost \$20, or \$10 for students, and may be purchased at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/culturalartscsco/inside-emily-dickinson. Refreshments will be served.

Good Witch of Salem

Arts on the Lake will present "A Magical Afternoon" with the Good Witch of Salem, on Saturday, March 2 from 1 to 3 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent. Children of all ages (accompanied by an adult) are invited to this story experience, and make crafts. Tickets are \$40 for one child and adult, and \$15 for each additional child. AotL members receive a \$5 discount. Ticket includes admission and all crafting materials. Tickets at www.artsonthelake.org. For more, visit www.goodwitchofsalem.com.

Community

Basketball Challenge

Carmel Rotary Club, Carmel High School Interact Club and CHS Mentor Club will present the 17th annual Community Basketball Challenge Fundraiser

on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the CHS gymnasium, 30 Fair St., Carmel, once again offering nonprofit organizations and community groups an opportunity to raise funds to support their programs and services. Details are available at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2208>, or by emailing rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com.

Monday, March 4

Beginner Dance

Would you like to learn and practice some standard dance steps used by choreographers? Consider joining the Brewster Theater Company and Robin O'Leary as they "Start at the Very Beginning, a Very Good Place to Start," on Monday, March 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Admission is \$20 for BTC members and \$30 for non-members. Registration at brewstertheater.org is required.

Cancer Support Services

Support Connection, Inc., will hold the following virtual (telephone/Zoom) support groups for women with: advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m.; breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer Wednesdays, March 6, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.; ovarian cancer Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m.; and breast cancer Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Advance registration is required at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290, or supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor.

Sonic Tournament

Join Kent Public Library for an epic PS5 Sonic Superstars Tournament on Monday, March 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. Play as Knuckles, Tails, Sonic and Amy Rose - work together to defeat the evil Dr. Eggman. Snacks provided. For grades five through 12. Registration is recommended at <https://kentlibrary.org>, Publicity@KentLibrary.org, or 845-225-8585.

Tuesday, March 5

Book Groups

The Reads at Reed Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson. Also, Reed Memorial Library's Short Story Discussion Group meets alternating Wednesdays at 1 p.m., also via Zoom.

Kent Town Board

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

Table Talk Tuesdays

CoveCare Center will present Table Talk Tuesdays to promote resilience and family connections, at 6 p.m. at: Sauro's Town Square Pizza, 1072 Route 311, Patterson, on March 5; Cold Spring Pizza, 120 Main St., on March 12; Cacciatori Pizza, 941 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac, on March 19; and Gaetano Pizza & Café, 100 Independent Way,

Brewster, on March 26. Reservations are required. Email prevention@covocarecenter.org or call 845-225-2700, ext. 117. Includes complimentary pizza, soda and light dessert.

Lake Mahopac

Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, March 5 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome and asked to bring their own lunch. Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The program presentation will be "Current Trends in Flower Arrangement" by Karen Climi, owner of Flower Boutique Shop in Mahopac. www.lakemahopacgc.com.

Medicare Plans

Do you receive Medicaid or Veterans benefits? Did you know you can also register for Medicare and receive additional benefits? Tuesday, March 5 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library, Maggie Flynn of Advocate Health Advisors will explain how to increase your benefits by enrolling in all the plans you qualify for. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, March 6

Carmel Town Board

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

Thursday, March 7

Southeast Town Board

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

Celtic Duo Concert

Join Patterson Library on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a musical evening with the Celtic Duo Dan Ringrose and Jeanne Freeman. They will entertain with traditional Irish and Celtic music with a touch of contemporary folk. Adults only. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Trivia Night

CoveCare Center will present an online trivia night Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Teams of up to 10 compete through four rounds of trivia. Prizes for first place and best team name. \$25 per player. Mulligans are \$30 per pack of three, for rounds one through three only. Sign up at <https://covocarecenter.org>.

Saturday, March 9

Celtic Celebration

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will open its 2024 season Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., with an evening of Celtic music featuring Liz Hanley, Jefferson Hamer and the TC Ceili Band. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at www.tompkinscorners.org or at the door.

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Reduce College Costs

Learn how to research the true cost of college and how to negotiate the college tuition Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. at Kent Public Library. Discuss FAFSA, grants, loans, scholarships, work study programs, federal vs. private loans, 529 plans and the Navient lawsuit. For teens and adults. Registration is recommended at <https://kentlibrary.org>, Programs@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Sunday, March 10

Parade

The Northern Westchester/Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled Sunday, March 10 (rain or shine) at 2 p.m., along Route 6 in Mahopac.

Breakfast

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

Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corner Cultural Center will host a Poets' Corner featuring Kateri Kosek on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Open mic will follow. Register on-site. \$10.

Monday, March 11

Storytime With Teachers

A special story time with teachers in kindergarten through fourth grade from Kent Primary School is scheduled Monday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>, youth-services@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Author Talk

Meet local author Mary Elizabeth Neils and discuss her new book, "A New Reflection: Creating Your Best Self," on Monday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Neils is a licensed NYS school psychologist and former special education teacher whose life mission has been to support individuals in their quest to take action toward positive change. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, Programs@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

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New Painting Exhibits at Garrison Art Center

“Painting Out Loud” featuring the work of Stanford Kay is on display at the Garrison Art Center through March 10. This is the artist’s first solo show at the gallery.

The exhibition is a dialog between unconscious impulses and the desire to create meaning. Kay said he endeavors to paint intuitively and work without an agenda, maintaining a state of mind where he is present and open until resonant forms and relationships assert themselves in his work.

As he paints, words and phrases that serve as working titles and veritable signposts enter Stanford’s mind and persist throughout a number of paintings. Kay’s critical thinking takes over, and the painting is then steered to where he thinks it needs to go – but he also embraces spontaneity and the unknown, allowing for the artistic journey to occur.

“Painting Out Loud” will be on view concurrently with



“Waiting” by Tatana Kellner, acrylic on paper.

“Sideway Glances,” an exhibition of paintings by Tatana Kellner – another first-time solo artist at GAC.

A founder of the Women’s Studio Workshop in Rosendale, Kellner’s personal history has led her to think about how society as a whole learns about the past and how that interpretation

affects our understanding of contemporary culture and, ultimately, our lives.

The current political landscape, with the erosion of civil liberties and the deterioration of public dialog, parallels Kellner’s experience growing up in communist Czechoslovakia as the daughter of Holocaust survivors.



“Involuntary Exit” by Tatana Kellner, acrylic on paper.

Contemplating today’s stressed and troubling world, Kellner utilizes painting and printmaking to create new pathways and visions to allow us to breathe and find a way to move forward in our troubled yet beautiful world. She said her process is organic, expressive and intuitive.



“Outlier” by Stanford Kay, acrylic on canvas.



“The Space Between Us” by Stanford Kay, acrylic on canvas.

Kellner said she is interested in exploring the unknown, welcoming each day with bravery and an open heart. Through a process of accumulation and subtraction, she embraces the subjectivity of her particular experience and perspective.

The galleries at Garrison Art Center are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, at 23 Garrison’s Landing. For more information, call 845-424-3960 or visit garrisonartcenter.org.

GAC is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. It is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.

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Both are contagious and impact the respiratory system which can lead to severe illness. Some shared symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, and muscle aches. It is important to get tested for exact diagnosis and treatment.

Who is at risk for Flu or COVID-19 complications?

Those aged 65 and older, pregnant women, and adults with chronic health conditions who have been hospitalized are most at risk. Additionally, children under the age of 5, especially those under 2 years old, are also at a higher risk of facing severe complications.

How do I keep myself and my family protected?

To prevent illness from these two viruses, it is important to ensure that you are up to date on your vaccinations. Additionally, practicing general safety measures daily can be beneficial. These include regular handwashing, avoiding contact with individuals who are sick, and covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If you are already sick, refrain from contact with others.

Importance of a primary care physician

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“Into the Rabbit Hole” by PAC member artist Danielle Rogers.

Call to Artists: March Exhibition Opportunity

Artists age 18 and older are invited to be part of the Putnam Arts Council’s 2024 Members Exhibition scheduled to open Saturday, March 16 from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Belle Levine Art Center, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac.

PAC is asking artists to contribute one piece of original fine art completed within the past three years and not previously exhibited in the gallery space at the Belle Levine Art Center. Two-dimensional work cannot exceed 36 inches in any direction, including the frame. Three-dimensional works must be manageable by one person.

Works do not need to be for sale, but if works sell, PAC retains

a 35 percent commission.

Hand-delivered work will be accepted Saturday or Sunday, March 9 or 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the arts center. A \$15 entry fee must accompany each submission. Digital images are not accepted for this show.

An exhibit prospectus outlining more details can be found at putnamartscouncil.com, along with an entry form that should accompany work upon delivery. Entry forms will also be available at drop-off.

For more information, call 845-803-8622 or email joyce@putnamartscouncil.com. Interested artists can join PAC at drop-off, or online anytime.



The Good Witch Flies in this Weekend

The Good Witch of Salem flies in this weekend to present a magical afternoon for children at Arts on the Lake in Lake Carmel.

Ashley Tina, aka The Good Witch of Salem, is a teacher, children’s author and wellness role model for children. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Revere, Mass., and continued to build her career by receiving a master’s degree in special education, as well as additional teaching licenses in English as a second language and early childhood education.

As much as she enjoyed teaching, Tina said she wanted to expand her education skills beyond the classroom and teach children more than just academics.

“I wanted to reach children on a larger scale beyond the 20 that I would see every day,” she said. “I saw and experienced the need for kids to have guidance

and to be supported socially and emotionally.”

This desire led to the creation of “The Good Witch of Salem” character and book, as well as a storefront in Salem, where she has been able to build a world that supports her mission of encouraging children to “find magic within themselves by thinking and acting with positivity.”

The magical day at AotL on Saturday, March 2, from 1 to 3 p.m., includes an interactive storytime, crystal magic, affirmations and intention settings, color potions, broom decorating and meet-and-greet photo time.

This will be Tina’s only New York appearance.

Adults must accompany their children for the entire event.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$40 and includes all crafting materials. For more information, visit www.artsonthelake.org.

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Food Donation & Recycling Bill Delivers for NYers

5M Pounds of Food Distributed to Regional Food Banks

State Sen. Pete Hareckham's 2021 law requiring supermarkets to make excess, unsold food available to organizations involved with helping residents with food insecurity – like food pantries – has led to the distribution of more than 5 million pounds to the state's 10 regional food banks, he announced recently.

"So many of our neighbors are still facing food insecurity, which is why we cannot let up our fight against hunger in our communities," said Hareckham. "The success of the food donation law in stocking food pantries statewide while continuing to raise awareness of how neighbors can help each other is truly remarkable. As always, I am thankful to all those who have donated, and also for the many volunteers who are fighting hunger in New York."

In his testimony during the State Legislature hearings on the proposed 2024-25 state budget, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos noted that his agency, in partnership with Feeding NYS, had diverted more than 5 million pounds of nutritious food headed toward landfills that was instead donated to food banks serving food-insecure New Yorkers.

"The Excess Food Act legislation brings vital support to

emergency food providers such as Putnam CAP," said Marisa O'Leary, Putnam Community Action Partnership director at Westchester Community Opportunity Program. "As food insecurity continues to increase in our community, the donations from local supermarkets will strengthen our ability to provide low-income families with access to nutritious food."

Hareckham's law, which was amended to extend its functioning period through 2026, has received \$4.8 million in support from the DEC through the Environmental Protection Fund to help Feeding NYS and the 10 regional food banks to dramatically increase donations, beginning in October 2021. The funds were used by Feeding NYS to deploy staff to grocery stores, restaurants, colleges and other food industry facilities to increase participation in the program and encourage food donations.

The fund also supported several equipment purchases for the 10 regional food banks to increase food pickup capabilities at food pantries, meal centers and other partner agencies.

The partnership between the state and Feeding NYS is a nation-leading model for food diversion programs. According to Hareckham, the implementation of the law and investments

by New York to put the program into action have been tremendously effective: As of October 2023, Feeding NYS reported receiving more than 300,000 pounds of monthly food donations over the last six months, with an increasing number almost every month. This is a significant increase from 50,000 to 60,000 pounds per month, when the program launched in October 2021.

The program reached the 1-million-pound food donation milestone in August 2022.

News investigations have highlighted how food production and food waste are major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Each step of food production – from growing, harvesting, processing and packaging, to transportation and storage – releases harmful gases such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere.

On average, Americans waste about 35 to 40 percent of the food that is produced nationwide. This results in food production being to blame for 25 to 33 percent of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide – and when that food is wasted, the emissions that brought it forth are, too. Food scraps that are often perfectly safe to eat unfortunately end up being thrown out, where they sit in landfills to decompose and release even more methane.



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'Free' Snowmobiling Weekends

Two free snowmobile weekends for all out-of-state and Canadian snowmobilers to rev their engines in the Empire State will occur March 1 to 3, and 8 to 10, encouraging out-of-state visitors to ride the 10,500 miles of snowmobile trails across New York.

During this time, the registration requirement in New York is waived for already properly registered and insured out-of-state snowmobiling enthusiasts. Participants in these free snowmobiling events must operate a snowmobile that is registered in their home state/province and must carry any applicable insurance as required.

Outside of this promotion, out-of-state and Canadian snowmobilers are required to register their snowmobiles with NYS before hitting the state's trails.

The state has made an ongoing commitment to snowmobile trail maintenance, and its local grants program is funded by snowmobile registration fees collected by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and deposited into the Snowmobile Trail Development & Maintenance Fund. County and municipal governments distribute the grants to about 230 snowmobile clubs across the state, which in turn groom and maintain the trails.

Trail conditions vary depending on snowfall amounts and other factors. New York State Parks cautions snowmobilers, fishermen, skiers and snowshoers to put safety first and to proceed with extreme caution before venturing on ice- or snow-covered bodies of water.

Historically, the two leading causes of snowmobile injuries in NYS are excessive speed and operator intoxication.

Snowmobile drivers and passengers are reminded to always wear a helmet and appropriate gear, including bibs, jackets, boots and gloves. They should also always ride with a buddy or group, and tell someone where they will be riding and an expected return time.

They are also reminded to remain on marked trails, and respect landowners and obey posted signs.

Remember, frozen bodies of water are not designated trails. If you plan to ride on ice, proceed with caution and be aware of potential hazards under the snow. If you choose to ride on ice, wear a snowmobile suit with flotation built-in and carry a set of ice picks as a precaution.

Check the websites of area snowmobile clubs for information on trail conditions, including the status of grooming. Individuals operating a snowmobile should be familiar with safe riding practices and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

DEC recently enacted speed limit regulations for the length of the Adirondack Rail Trail, which posts limits of 15 miles per hour in Saranac Lake and Lake Clear.

The DMV reminds New York riders that snowmobile registrations must be renewed annually. DMV allows snowmobilers to renew registrations online, by mail or in person. Snowmobile registration costs \$100 but is decreased to \$45 if the snowmobiler is a member of a local snowmobile club.

Academic Honors

Asher Duke from Patterson has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall 2023 semester.

Elias Duke from Patterson has been named to the Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall 2023 semester.

Kent is Last Town To Form Paid Ambulance Service

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haven't seen much of a bump in participation.

"We did see a little bit of an increase, but nothing substantial to be able to staff that ambulance adequately to where it needs it," said Valente.

Ruthven noted that the town can receive Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance runs, and work with the fire departments to secure equipment, reducing the cost of the paid service.

Kent Fire District Chairman Barry Sanel also voiced his support for having a paid ambulance service.

"We started out as a fire department, then we became an ambulance corps, and the ambulance is a majority of what we respond to," he said. "We have excellent members... but right now it is very challenging."



Northern Westchester – Putnam 47th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade

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Brendan McDonnell

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Parade will be kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:30 by the 9/11 memorial on the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road

Parade will kick off at 2:00 pm sharp. Lineup will be on Route 6 between Mt. Hope Road and the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department

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Ways to Support Underappreciated Professionals

(Family Features) Unsung heroes make everyday living possible. They work behind the scenes and tackle some of the most demanding work imaginable, such as maintaining facilities and keeping them in tip-top condition.

You can show your appreciation for deserving workers such as your favorite school custodians or office maintenance staff members in numerous ways, including the following suggestions from Rubbermaid Commercial Products, supporters of cleaning and maintenance professionals nationwide.

Write Thank You Notes: In today's digital world, handwritten notes are a novelty. The times may be changing, but the impression that a thoughtful handwritten message leaves behind hasn't changed at all. Keep a supply of blank notecards so you can offer notes to those who make a difference in your life. The sentiments don't need to be long – a simple expression of gratitude is enough to brighten someone's day.

Participate in Appreciation Events: You might receive information from local schools or businesses about opportunities to support maintenance staff, such as hosting meals or helping with cleanup in classrooms or offices. Finding opportunities to support

underappreciated custodial staff can allow community members to show thanks in meaningful ways.

Recognize Milestones: Often, those in custodial roles blend into the fabric of everyday life. They're rarely the focal point of celebrations, but often make it possible for others to honor special occasions. Make a point to know about the underappreciated professionals in your life, so you can recognize events like birthdays, work anniversaries and other dates that hold special personal meaning.

Do Your Part: Think about what small steps you can take to make unsung heroes' jobs easier. That might mean picking up after yourself or cleaning up a mess in your workspace. It could involve wiping down your table after lunch. Little gestures can add up to a big difference.

Lead By Example: You don't need to wait for others to join you in recognizing workers whose impacts are made behind the scenes. Speaking up and taking action can serve as a positive example for those around you. You can even take the lead and organize an effort to recognize individuals who rarely receive thanks, such as the custodian at your office or the janitorial team at your favorite retailer.

Source: Rubbermaid Commercial Products.

to handle challenges to designating petitions every year. As such, I was therefore prohibited by the rules of ethics from being a member of a political committee or even to sign a designating petition.

In fact, during my interview, Peter Dandreano, former chairman of the committee, confirmed for everyone present that he had asked me to become involved almost five years ago and I explained these rules to him.

Ms. Burns cannot now ignore these facts that she was given in order to make statements that she believes are politically provocative, however untrue they may be.

I have lived in Putnam County and have been a registered Republican here for 25 years. I was appointed by County Executive Robert Bondi as Putnam's first female county attorney in 2008, a position I held until January 2023. As such, I have been intimately involved in the county budget process, the legislative process, and every aspect of the administration of county government since that time.

Contrary to Ms. Burns' assertion, I have clearly been committed to the preservation of Putnam's Republican values and policies and have worked tirelessly in county government toward that end for 25 years.

Ms. Burns, you are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts (Daniel Patrick Moynihan).

Moving forward, it is my sincerest hope this campaign remains positive and transparent. I intend to run for the legislative seat in District 4 and to campaign on my qualifications and experience alone. I believe this community, as well as our country as a whole, has had enough of negative politics and I would hope my opponent will follow suit.

*Jennifer Bumgarner
Patterson*

Adoptable Pet of the Week



Ida

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Ida is about 4 years old. She is good with some other dogs and would do well in a home with older kids, since she is active and playful. Ida loves everyone she meets and is very affectionate. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.

Letters

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the only reason it did was because I insisted the committee members be informed if other letters of interest had been received for this position. Once I asked, Ms. Russo was forced to notify the members that Joe Esposito had in fact also submitted a letter of interest.

I, therefore, nominated Joe Esposito, which was seconded by Patti Maurer – in an effort to preserve the democratic process and so that he would be given the opportunity to be interviewed. Once interviews of both candidates took place, a vote was conducted via pre-printed paper ballots, which contained both candidates' names. The minutes from the meeting confirm this process and state that "Jo Sudol and Kathy Kelton were tellers. Collected the votes," and then it lists the number of votes that each individual received.

Interesting how the minutes of the meeting clearly articulate the precise voting procedure that took place for the town board seat, but they are devoid of even a single sentence regarding any such vote taking place with regard to the legislative seat.

Fifth, as I informed everyone on the committee, including Ms. Burns, I became interested in filling a vacancy on the Patterson Town Republican Committee since I no longer held the position of Putnam County attorney. I explained that, as the county attorney, I represented the Putnam County Board of Elections, and was therefore required

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A Warm Welcome for Former County Exec. Bondi

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Birmingham, who served as a deputy county executive during Bondi's reign. "You changed the way we think about government."

Bondi served on the first Putnam County Legislature to assemble after the Board of Supervisors was dissolved, in 1979, and was its first chairman. He was a legislator for 11 years before being elected county executive in 1990.

"He led us through some tough economic times," said Birmingham, who noted that Bondi not only shaped the county's economy, but its workforce. "Working here in Putnam County was like working with a family when Bob was here, and that feeling has continued."

Former Carmel Town Supervisor Frank DelCampo, who also served as a deputy county executive under Bondi, said the community is lucky Bondi had the foresight to negotiate the preservation of Tilly Foster Farm.

"He had the innovation and the smarts to know that deals could be made if you're truthful and you're straightforward and you're honest about what you're trying to do," said DelCampo. "He did the same with the golf course."

John Tully, another deputy county executive in the Bondi administration, said the longtime leader always thought about his constituents.

"Bob is a man that, as long as I've known him – either as deputy or a department head or

colleague working for him, or as a friend – Bob always instilled mission, vision and what was in the best interest of the citizens of Putnam County, and doing his best to always maintain fiscal conservatism," said Tully.

Former Sheriff Donald Smith Jr. was another deputy who served under Bondi.

"Bob is a man of high integrity and I saw it each and every day," he said in a video message. "He did not take disagreement as disloyalty. Disloyalty would be to have an idea and not share it with the team."

Former County Executive Paul Eldridge, who was appointed to serve one year in office immediately following Bondi's departure, said he's always looked up to the former county executive.

"I continue to admire you, Bob, and you were wonderful for this county," said Eldridge. "I'm particularly happy about the fact that Tilly Foster Farm was preserved. That could have been condos and it would have been single-family houses, and Bob had the foresight to save it and have it for generations to come."

In addition to his political career, Bondi was also a longtime member of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

"Bob not only helped people in the grand scale of things, but he also got on the street," said MVFD Chief Gabriel Rivera.

"Bob Bondi is a wealth of knowledge that I have the good fortune of being able to draw from," added current Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "I have already sought his advice several times since taking office. Spending the day with him and then honoring his service with this plaque was truly a privilege. He's an honorable and an incredible public servant. It's, in part,

because of his commitment and work that Putnam County is the great place it is today."

Prior to the ceremony, Byrne drove his predecessor to tour a number of county facilities that Bondi had not visited since his last year of service in 2010. This included a walkthrough of the County Office Building, the Putnam County Golf Course, Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute and the Bureau of Emergency Services.

Bondi thanked all the elected officials who served before him, alongside him, and after him – as well as all the departmental employees.

"Over the years I had the opportunity to work with a lot of great people, and that includes 500-plus rank-and-file employees of the county," he said. "They are the ones that actually did all the work. We would pass resolutions and make policy, and they would do the work."

The plaque that now hangs in the County Office Building had been acquired by the county more than a decade ago but had never been put out for public display. Byrne highlighted his desire to hang the plaque in a place of honor during his State of the County address in 2023.

"I deeply appreciate every single person who came out today," said Bondi. "I really didn't know if anyone would show up. It's been a long time. I have a lot of great memories working with so many people in this room, and it's an honor to see all of you here, and to have worked with you on behalf of the residents of Putnam County."

Bondi currently resides in Stueben County, where he owns and operates an organic dairy farm with his wife, Mary Lou, and their son Matt.

Putnam Sees Slight Sales Tax Increase

Local sales tax collections in New York State increased by 0.3 percent in January, compared to the same month in 2023, according to data released last week by NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli. Overall, local collections totaled nearly \$1.9 billion, up \$4.8 million from the same time last year.

"Year-over-year growth in local sales tax collections has slowed significantly, with a nearly flat increase this January compared to last year, when inflation was more than twice as high and New York City's taxable sales were surging," said DiNapoli. "With overall growth having moderated over the course of 2023, local officials should remain cautious in their sales tax revenue projections for 2024."

In January, the mid-Hudson region saw a 7.1 percent decrease in sales tax from the year before. How-

ever, Putnam County experienced a 6.6 percent increase, from \$6.67 million collected in January 2023, to \$7.11 million collected last month.

County and city collections outside NYC totaled \$910 million, a decrease of 2.8 percent; and fewer than half (27 of 57) of counties experienced year-over-year increases.

These monthly sales tax collections are from the cash distributions made to counties and tax-imposing cities by the state's Department of Taxation & Finance, and the amounts are based on estimates of what each municipality is due. In the third month of each calendar year quarter, these distributions are adjusted upward or downward, so that the quarter as a whole reflects reported sales by vendors.

The next quarterly numbers (for January to March) will be available in April.

Student Panel Addresses 'Hate in the Age of Multiculturalism'

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munity members also attended the forum.

Harcsham kicked off the forum by asking the students how racism, hate speech and intolerance impact them, their families and their communities. Immediately, students talked about how much this hateful behavior has become normalized.

"People say things and know they shouldn't," said one student.

"I was bullied, and it stuck with me," admitted another.

"It's so common – and if you complain, people say you're making a big deal about nothing," said yet another student.

"People joke about racism and hate language when it happens," said a fellow student, who added that a classmate drew a swastika on a homework assignment and everyone in the class laughed while the teacher simply ignored it.

The role of social media in racism and bigotry was addressed next, and the students were unanimous in their view that online sites only exacerbate the problem while granting offenders a certain anonymity. Again, this offensive behavior is shared and thought to be funny to many students, participants said.

Some schools even have social media sites where students can make fun of each other, ignoring how much of it can be hurtful, according to one student.

"Social media reinforces the impression that hate language is acceptable, and even encourages people to bring hate into real life," they said.

A troubling takeaway from the forum is how often students spoke of how school administrators and teachers, as well as other adults, do not take complaints or concerns about incidents of hate language, racism and bullying seriously.

"Teachers hear comments all the time and just walk by," said one student.

"My experience is that the teachers laugh about it, too," said another.

"I think teachers have given up trying to stop it," added yet another. Some students said their

schools will reprimand and suspend students for hate speech and racist actions, but that no lessons are learned with the punishments handed out.

"It's just not the teachers who are ignoring this problem, it's everyone working in our school district," said a student.

"I don't think we can punish our way out of this," said another.

Toward the end of the forum, students began to share experiences about different cultural appreciation events held at their schools, as a way to connect to each other and share interests in common values. While some students may not feel the need to connect to peers when they are already connected to their friends, as one student explained, others related how much they enjoyed learning about other students' cultures or even aspects of their different heritages and ethnicities.

"There has to be a greater emphasis on encouraging students to learn from each other," said one student.

"It should be about breaking down barriers," said another. "First educate, then enjoy."

"Seeing how many other cultures were represented at my school made me feel a lot better," admitted yet another student.

Ronald Reid, co-founder of the Putnam County Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, said he was proud to hear from student panelists who spoke so eloquently to the issues still happening in local schools.

"The topic of hate speech and how it has become rooted within our school systems was unanimous among the student panelists," he said. "Some were victims with personal experiences that were never addressed by schoolteachers, administrators or the districts."

Pope-Joffrion said the First UMC of Brewster was honored to host a youth panel discussion on such a crucial issue.

"The young panelists were articulate, insightful and candid, and their shared experiences and opinions were riveting," she said. "I pray their voices will be heard and their experiences will lead to solutions, bringing forth commonalities across our diverse communities and multicultural groups, rather than disparities. Because living together is not just about sharing space, it's about embracing diversity and fostering a shared sense where all are made to feel they belong."



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Career Ready: Prepare Teens for Life After School

(Family Features) For some time, heading to college or joining the workforce have been the standard choices for teens upon high school graduation. Today, in part due to technology and social media, students have access to myriad career paths that are all but traditional.

With an increasingly dynamic career landscape creating an awareness of jobs that didn't exist even 10 years ago and a shortage in the workforce, there's a willingness for both potential employees and employers to look at careers and young talent from a whole new perspective.

"There isn't a 'typical' career anymore," said Dr. Lorna Bryant, Gen Z career expert and head of career education for Pearson Virtual Schools. "With the perfect storm in the workforce of boomers retiring, many people still not returning to work in the wake of the pandemic and a population that has declined for the last 50 years, this generation (age 11 to 26) is positioned extremely well. Employers want and need them."

In short, she said the scales have flipped to the supply side and demand is causing many employers to remove barriers to work entry. "Whether high school grads go to college or work, developing in-demand skills early will help them secure and succeed in the jobs of the future," said Bryant.

She offers the following tips to help students explore the many options in front of them and prepare for the possibilities that await after high school:

Help Young Adults

Cultivate Durable Skills

While technology has transformed the world of work, an increasing number of careers prioritize durable skills over technical or hard skills. Durable skills (also known as "soft" or "human" skills) include collaboration, leadership, communication and attention to detail, along with traits like empathy, grit and resilience.

According to Pearson's "Power Skills" report, these are some of the most in-demand skills for employers. In addition, research from America Succeeds found employers seek durable skills 3.8 times more frequently than the top five technical or hard skills in every location, industry sector and educational attainment level. Possessing these skills is not only attractive to employers, but colleges and universities, too.

One of the best ways to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow, which don't exist today, is to focus on timeless durable skills.

Many students already possess or are actively developing these skills in high school. The key is to raise awareness of their importance, seek ways to boost them and showcase them on college and job applications or resumes.

For example, teens can display their leadership skills by captaining sports teams or starting a club at school. They can showcase collaboration and communication abilities by holding and thriving in student government positions, volunteering or working part-time jobs.

Bridge Passions & Hobbies to Careers

Beginning conversations with children as early as middle school that expose students to job roles, responsibilities and salaries connected to areas of interest is important for setting them up for long-term success. Nurturing interests – rather than dismissing them as flights of fancy – and finding paths to explore that align with those hobbies or interests in real-world applications can open doors to potential careers that may not have previously been considered.

For example, Lake Liao, a 2023 Lighthouse Connections Academy grad, is attending Princeton University on a pre-law track. The flexibility of online school enabled him to dig into his passions for political and community organizing and activism in high school, including activism around climate and environmental policy.

It was through joining local nurses in their fight for a fair contract he realized he wanted to be a lawyer and make a difference in the labor rights cause.

To help students align their values and interests with potential careers, ask questions such as: What is it, specifically, you enjoy about your interests? What jobs rely on related skills (working with your hands, serving others, being creative, etc.)? Do you have the skills to do those jobs? If not, what research and training do you need to acquire the necessary skillset? Are there related jobs available in the geographic location you want to live? Can you make enough money to live the lifestyle you want doing this job? Can you envision enjoying this type of work for 8 (or more) hours per day?

Get a Head Start on Credentials or College Credit

As earning college credits, career-ready credentials and specialized training for future careers is becoming more accessible for high school and middle school students, it's important to research available options. From online resources, workshops, career counselors and accelerated career readiness programs that allow students to enter college or the workforce "job-ready," there are more options available now than ever before.

One example, Connections Academy, a kindergarten-through-grade-12 online school program, has expanded its slate of college and career readiness initiatives for middle and high school students to offer an innovative tri-credit approach where courses can deliver high school credit; industry-recognized micro-credentials (to help qualify for careers in data analytics, UX design, software development, cybersecurity and more); and eligibility for college credit toward more than 150 bachelor's degree programs at partner universities in the U.S.

In addition, the Career Pathways program delivers curated learning experiences in fields such as information technology, business and health care, allowing students to connect with employers, internships and clubs, and take advantage of specialized classes that transition seamlessly to higher education or nationally recognized, industry certifications.

Taking advantage of program offerings, aspiring paramedic Maeson Frymire, a 2022 Inspire Connections Academy graduate, became certified as an EMT before graduating high school. After graduation, he became a firefighter and is now working toward becoming an advanced certified EMT, carving out a career path toward flight paramedicine.

Or consider Abigail Sanders, also a 2022 graduate, who completed her bachelor's degree by the time she graduated high school. Now in the second year of her doctorate program in medical school, she aspires to be a doctor by the age of 22 and uses her love of learning and passion for science to advance her career while seeking to become an oncologist.

For more information on online schools and career readiness programs for teens, visit ConnectionsAcademy.com.

Source: Connections Academy.



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Make Quality Choices at the Grocery Store

(Family Features) Grocery shopping can be stressful when there are so many options, especially if you're making a conscious effort to make high-quality food choices while you shop. Arming yourself with a plan and plenty of information can help you make smarter choices and feel good about the meals you prepare for your family.

According to the Food Marketing Institute's "Power of Meat Report," 62 percent of consumers are looking for better-for-you meat and poultry options. Consider the following ways you can pick up higher-quality products on your next trip to the grocery store:

- Make a list and stick to it.

Going shopping without a plan is a surefire way to make the trip to the grocery store less productive. Creating a list and identifying high-quality products that fit your needs can help you avoid impulse purchases. Plus, list-making can also help save money if you plan meals that let you use ingredients across multiple recipes for minimal waste.

- Pay attention to labels.

Food labels contain insightful details that can help you make well-informed decisions about the foods you buy. Especially when it comes to fresh products, like protein, you can learn a lot about how the food was raised, simply from its label. For example, Perdue's "No Antibiotics Ever" label is the gold standard when it comes to reducing antibiotic use in chicken farming, compared to the "no hormones or steroids" label, which shows adherence solely to federal regulations.

- Know how to select fresh foods.

If you find yourself overwhelmed when it comes to selecting produce and fresh meat, you're not alone. When choosing fruits and vegetables, you generally want produce with a consistent color that is firm but not hard to the touch. Many fresh fruits

and veggies emit an appealing fragrance at their peak ripeness.

When it comes to meat and poultry products, you can use a similar approach. For example, if you're shopping for chicken, press down on the chicken in the package. If it's plump and somewhat resilient, reverting to its shape, it's a fresher pack. Also be wary of excess liquid in the pack, which can dilute the flavor or contribute to a soggy texture.

You may also wonder which cuts are best. For a formal family meal, consider cooking a whole bird, which offers white and dark meat to please all appetites and can serve as a beautiful mealtime centerpiece.

- Take some shortcuts.

Even if you aim to prepare fresh, home-cooked meals most nights, there are sure to be some evenings when you need to squeeze in a quick meal around work, school and extracurriculars. Having a few simple go-to recipes can help. For example, an easy stir-fry with fresh chicken and frozen veggies can shave off prep time while still providing a hot, well-balanced meal.

If you're meal prepping for the week, marinate pre-cut chicken thighs or legs in different spices and seasonings to make cooking throughout the week simpler.

- Shop the store's perimeter last.

In most stores, fresh foods are located in refrigerated sections around the perimeter of the store. This is where you'll find produce, fresh meat, poultry and dairy, giving you most of the essential ingredients for wholesome, well-balanced meals. Saving this section of the store for your last stop can help ensure perishable items spend less time away from refrigeration before you check out.

More chicken recipes and poultry shopping tips are available at perdue.com.

Source: Perdue Farms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, to hear public comment on a proposed LOCAL LAW which would amend Chapter 138 of the Town Code entitled "ZONING", Section 138-4 to provide definitions for "EXTENDED-HOURS MEDICAL OFFICE", "MEDICAL OFFICE COMPLEX" and to amend the definition of "OFFICE USE"; amend Section 138-41 as the same relates to the "filing of approved plans"; and Article X of Chapter 138 entitled "SPECIAL PERMITS AND CONDITIONAL USES" to require a Special Permit for Medical Offices and establish special permit criteria for such uses; amend Article XI of Chapter 138 entitled "OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING" to regulate the minimum necessary parking and loading spaces for certain types of occupancies including office buildings, Medical Offices, Medical Office complex and Animal Hospitals; and amend Chapter 138, Attachment 5 entitled "COMMERCIAL ZONING SCHEDULE" to identify the particular zoning districts that Medical Offices, Medical Office Complex and Extended hours Medical office may be established upon the grant of a Special Permit. Copies of the proposed local law may be found on the Town's website www.southeast-ny.gov or obtained from the Town Clerk of the Town of Southeast, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, during normal business hours.

By Order of the Town Board
Hon. Kathleen Chiudina,
Town Clerk

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SOUTHEAST TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing on March 7, 2024 at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard to consider the application of **ARBORCREEK FARMS LLC**, owner of Premises located at 400-410 Route 22, Tax Map No. 78-1-23, for a Special Use Permit pursuant to Town Code Chapter 138 to allow a Tree Farm to be established on the subject premises which are located in a RMF zone.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Hon. Kathleen Chiudina,
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

LOANCARE, LLC,

V.

ELAINE O'KEEFE, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 07, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein LOANCARE, LLC is the Plaintiff and ELAINE O'KEEFE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I,

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff AGAINST CHRISTINE L. HANKEL, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 11, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 11, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 13 Longridge Trail, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 61.8 Block 1 Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$233,348.74 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500320/2023. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Niki P. Quinn, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-004653 79182

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC, Plaintiff, -against- RAJMONDA X. HODA], MIKE M. SKIRIANOS AND GEORGIOS SKIRIANOS, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF THE DECEDENT MICHAEL SKIRIANOS A/K/A MICHAEL SKYRIANOS A/K/A MIHAEL SKIRIANOS A/K/A MIHAEL SKIRIANOS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT MICHAEL SKIRIANOS

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A/K/A MICHAEL SKYRIANOS A/K/A MIHAEL SKIRIANOS A/K/A MIHAEL SKIRIANOS, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; DERAFFLE MFG CO. INC.; ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS VI, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 500186/2023 Plaintiff Designates Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Putnam County. To the above named Defendants- YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated January 5, 2024. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C. Capone J.S.C. Dated: January 5, 2024 Filed: January 8, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 25 Spring Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. Dated: January 10, 2024 Filed: January 19, 2024. Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Richard F. Komosinski, Esq., 565 Taxter Road Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Phone: (914) 345-3020.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND R. GERATY, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme

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Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 251 Route 301, Cold Springs a/k/a Cold Spring, NY 10516. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 38, Block 3 and Lot 74. Approximate amount of judgment is \$389,656.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501230/2022. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Anthony J. Centone, Esq.,
Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-NCW, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NCW, Plaintiff - against - JOSEPH OLIVERIA/K/A JOSEPH D. OLIVERI, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 6, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 18th day of March, 2024 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York. Premises known as 917 Drewville Rd., Brewster, (Town of Southeast) NY 10509. (SBL#: 67.9-1-17)

Approximate amount of lien \$436,577.83 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 500222/2017. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: January 12, 2024

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

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REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff - against - ER-

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NAN PEREZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 31, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 25th day of March, 2024 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 158 Bullethole Road, Carmel, (Town of Patterson) NY 10512. (SBL#: 34.-3-6)

Approximate amount of lien \$834,194.18 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 501657/2019. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014-2,

Plaintiff,

Against

PRENKA DJELJEVIC, DRITA DJELJEVIC, ET AL,

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 01/04/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/1/2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 34 Avery Road, Carmel, NY 10512, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town Of Carmel, County Of Putnam And State Of New York. Section 55.20 Block 1 Lot 33

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$406,040.02 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501411/2022

John M. Crane, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 28-07 Jackson Avenue, 5th Floor, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

Dated: 1/23/2024 File Number: DJELJEVIC CA

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New Statue of Limitations for Unlawful Discrimination

All New Yorkers who experience unlawful discrimination now have three years to file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul recently.

The new statute of limitations, which took effect Feb. 15, extends from the one year timeframe for filing unlawful discrimination claims that was previously in place.

“This bill provides a more reasonable window of time for survivors of discrimination to bring their claim forward,” said New York State Division of Human Rights Commissioner Maria Imperial.

“While a three-year statute of limitations for sexual harassment in employment has been in effect since 2020, this amendment applies to all forms of discrimina-

tion under the state Human Rights Law,” she said. “It significantly broadens the rights of all survivors of discrimination and helps raise the responsibility and liability of employers, housing providers, public accommodations and educational institutions to abide by the state Human Rights Law at all times.”

Prior to the enactment of this legislation, the Human Rights Law allowed survivors of discrimination one year, from the date of the alleged incident(s), to file an unlawful discrimination claim with the NYS Division of Human Rights. With this new amendment to the law, all unlawful discrimination claims for incidents occurring on or after Feb. 15, 2024, can be filed within three years of the alleged discrimination to the NYS Divi-

sion of Human Rights.

Incidents occurring on or before Feb. 14, 2024, would still require a claim to be filed within one year of the incident, or three years for sexual harassment in employment.

In emphasizing the necessity for the bill, advocates referenced studies showing that survivors of discriminatory experiences often have difficulty processing discriminatory incidents within the current filing timeframe, leaving survivors without legal remedy after the personal healing process.

New Yorkers who have experienced discrimination can file complaints with the NYS Division of Human Rights online, by mail, or in person. For more information about the law and the work of the agency, visit www.dhr.ny.gov or call 1-888-392-3644.

Putnam History Museum Holds Fundraiser Challenge in March

Putnam History Museum will launch its inaugural History-A-Thon Fundraiser & Challenge in March.

Dive into local history and culture with this event, designed to foster exploration, curiosity and adventure during the final weeks of winter – all while raising critical funds for PHM. The challenge provides participants with fun prompts for the month, like “stop to read a New York State historic marker,” “prepare a meal from a historic recipe” or “attend a local talk,” just to name a few.

The museum’s goal is to raise \$2,500 in March to benefit the its work in education, public programming, archival preservation and historic research.

By registering, participants will gain access to exclusive weekly local recommendations, have the chance to win prizes, and make an impact by contributing to the fundraising goal.

Register at putnamhistory-museum.org.

For more information, email Cassie Ward at director@putnam-historymuseum.org.

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Kent Awarded \$40K for Open Space Inventory

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ance document to define specific key roles on watershed planning and implementation for community-based watershed groups throughout the Hudson River Estuary Watershed.

In January, Hochul announced a comprehensive resiliency plan to protect New Yorkers from extreme weather, flooding and other climate impacts as part of her 2024 State of the State address, including \$435 million in the executive budget to help implement the initiatives.

Hochul’s proposed 2024-25 executive budget maintains EPF funding at \$400 million – the highest level of funding in the program’s history.

nectivity, and benefit river herring and American eel – considered two species of greatest conservation need.

The Hudson River Watershed Alliance has been awarded \$75,000 for “Building Organizational Capacity for Watershed Planning and Implementation,” which will create a regional guid-

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF PUTNAM UNIFIED BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE REED FARM CONDOMINIUMS, on behalf of the unit owners of ORCHARD VIEW at REED FARM CONDOMINIUM IV, and the REED FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., plaintiff, against ESTATE OF KENNETH W. POWELL, et al, defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered August 4, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512.

on the 25th day of March 2024, at 9:30 a.m. the premises lying and being in Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, in the Condominium

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known as “Orchard View at Reed Farm Condominium IV” also designated as Unit 8-203B. Together with the undivided 1.3147 percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 203 Apple Tree Lane, Brewster, NY 10509

Approximate amount of the lien is \$83,517.23 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 500212/2023

This sale is subject to a first mortgage presently encumbering premises.

Ten percent of prevailing bid must be paid at sale by bank check.

Craig M. Wallace, Esq., Referee

Goldenberg & Selker, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 399 Knollwood Road, Suite

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112, White Plains, NY 10603

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Hearth, Horse & Home, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/14/2023. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

PRINT CLEARLY your AD on the form below and send it to: PUTNAM COUNTY PRESS, P.O. BOX 608, MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541 by the Wednesday before publication, or email your ad to advertising@putnampresstimes.com. We will run your ad for four (4) weeks. If after that time you wish to renew for another four weeks, resubmit your AD on the form. The price for classified advertising is \$17.50 for 25 words. Please include a check with your submission.

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HELP WANTED SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer Employment – The Town of Kent is seeking Seasonal workers for the Recreation and Parks Department. Experience preferred but not required. Applications can be obtained from the Town Supervisor’s office or downloaded on the Town’s website at www.townofkentny.gov. The Town of Kent is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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POSITION OPENING MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The Town of Kent Highway Department is seeking a Motor Equipment Operator. Candidates must possess a valid CDL Class B New York State Driver’s License.

For additional information on the position please contact Town of Kent Highway Department at (845) 225-7172. Applications can be obtained from the Town Supervisor’s Office or may be downloaded from the Town’s website at www.townofkentny.gov. Completed applications should be submitted to the Kent Highway Superintendent at 62 Ludington Court, Kent Lakes, NY 10512 or by email to highwaykent@townofkentny.gov.

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