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Enough, Already!

Blizzard Leaves the Region Buried in Snow



Schools and businesses were closed, grocery stores raided, snow blowers fired up, and travel bans were issued in Putnam County, individual towns and villages, and across the state Feb. 22 to 23 as a blizzard dropped up to a foot and a half of snow in certain areas of the region. Here are some reader photos that were shared from us – many from the great indoors – as the snow fell, and after. Additional photos are on page 15.



Carmel Schools May Use Capital Funds To Improve Bus Lot

By Holly Crocco

The Carmel Central School District is considering putting a transportation capital reserve project before voters in May, which would renovate the bus lot currently in use at Kent Elementary School – at no cost to taxpayers.

According to Superintendent of Schools Michael Plotkin, the district is seeking to use between \$2 million and \$2.5 million in capital reserves to invest in improved safety and efficiency at the site.

“As many of you know, over

the last decade or so, a lot has been spoken about the bus garage and what the needs of that are, and we found a way to address this that would be done in a tax-neutral way,” he said following a Feb. 14 public forum, in which about 30 people came out to view the space and learn about the project.

At the current site, what pavement does exist is uneven and broken. “A majority of this facility’s outdoor space is mud, potholes, and divots,” said Plotkin. “This

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Castellano Named Southeast Super.

By Holly Crocco

The Southeast Town Board voted unanimously Feb. 19 to appoint former Putnam County Legislator Joseph Castellano as the interim town supervisor, effective March 1. He will serve through Nov. 3, when a special election will be held to fill the seat throughout the remainder of the term.

According to the resolution confirming his appointment, the board found it “necessary and



Joseph Castellano will fill the role of Southeast town supervisor through November.

appropriate to fill the office of the supervisor with a qualified individual willing to devote full-time attention to the position.”

“I think we have a strong board made up of individuals with diverse backgrounds who are not driven by politics but what’s best for the Town of Southeast, de-

spite what some may assume,” said Acting Supervisor Eric Larca. “Managing operations of the

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Vision for ‘Forest Classroom’ in Garrison Takes Shape

By Holly Crocco

The Garrison Union Free School District is considering developing an outdoor educational learning space on forested property that has been deeded to the district over the past 70 years.

“This is something that, obviously, there is a lot of interest in and the board is very excited about,” said Garrison School Board President Dan Jasnow at the board’s Feb. 11 meeting.

The project would cost just shy of \$500,000.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Greg Stowell, the district was deeded a total of 181 acres of forest between 1956 and 2003, and for a number of years there has been discussion about how to best leverage it to provide immersive, disciplinary instruction for students in a natural environment.

An advisory committee was

formed last year, and money was set aside in this school year’s budget to work with architects to design a proposal.

According to Jeana Fletcher, a landscape designer with CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning, the project calls for developing a parking area off Route 403 and a 5-foot-wide trail that leads to a clearing where “classroom” lean-to structures would be located.

She said the committee sought a site that could house visiting school groups, so the parking lot needs to be able to fit school buses, as well as allow emergency vehicle access, in the event of an incident. Composting, accessible toilets would be placed adjacent to the parking lot so they can be easily maintained, and would have a solar-powered fan and ventilation system.

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This rendering by CPL Architects shows the vision for an outdoor educational learning space at the Garrison Union Free School District.

Letters to the Editor

Keep School Board Elections Nonpartisan

Dear Editor:

I have been aware of Carmel School Board elections since I was a student rising through the district's schools, onward to the present as a third-generation owner of property that has been in my family since before the then-local, one-room schoolhouse was consolidated into the district.

In all that time the elections have been clearly nonpartisan, with no affiliation to the political parties through which candidates seek town or higher office. The main points of contention between candidates have been advocacy of more spending to improve the schools (with the result of higher property taxes) or more control of spending to ease property taxes (with the result of less improvement of the schools).

The passing majorities have made proposals for the local voters that have succeeded or failed depending on the passing moods of the times.

It discomfited me to read the letter from the Carmel Republican Committee urging candidates for the school boards to seek partisan endorsements, just as it has discomfited me to see any candidates for school board announce that they have such endorsements. One's educational priorities can be held without regard to what one's views are on other political issues, and affiliations outside scholastic matters

should be irrelevant.

In today's environment where people face demands to hold 100 percent adherence to the platforms of one party or another with any deviation denounced, let the educational system stay outside these conflicts.

Louis Epstein
Kent Lakes

Electric Bills are Unmanageable

Dear Editor:

Following is my letter to Sen. Pete Harckham regarding the crucial issue of excessive and outrageous New York State Energy & Gas bills for 2026.

Albeit a cold winter, nothing has changed since last year in your article "Residents Urged to Fight NYSEG Rate Hikes." In fact, my bills for January and February jumped \$700. So how has anything changed? How are people going to support themselves anymore?

I feel compelled to be an advocate for the voiceless and the elderly because they have to choose between paying high food bills or paying high electric bills. As much as it hurts, these responsible citizens/seniors will pay both for fear of closure reprisals.

I thought my bills were high, but when consulting my neighbor, he received his complimentary NYSEG bill for \$1,900. Now, this fellow is recovering from a fall,

therapy, and Parkinson's.

Our heating bills are coming painfully close to what we pay in school and/or town taxes. This year's annual heating bill will exceed my town taxes by \$500.

Putnam has recently been designated by the Post as the most unaffordable county in New York, along with Westchester and Rockland. I totally, 100 percent agree.

Anyhow, I hope you shed some light and focus on the issue of affordable heating in our county – whatever it takes.

Dear Mr. Harckham:

The voting majority can no longer stay silent regarding the exorbitant and insane NYSEG bills received by the citizens of Putnam County. Never in 57 years of living here have I seen such crazy bills: \$915 per month in December and \$1,234 in January.

Seniors, such as myself, should not have to take a loan out to pay their monthly electric bills, especially as in my case – dishwashing by hand, stovetop cooking only, laundry done outside the house, three rooms upstairs closed off and only enough heat downstairs to keep the pipes from freezing, basin bodily washing, and arctic-layered clothing under five blankets while watching television. We're living like the depression of 1938.

As our representative in Washington, and other representatives in the Assembly, you need to hear your constituents and tell the governor to start fracking and opening up the nuclear power plant in Buchanan. And we don't need climate zealots preaching to us about solar and wind when these alternatives are not cutting the mustard.

We desperately need relief in this "blue" state. And why in God's name do we constantly allow the insane increase to a company with so many power outages?

Seniors need some kind of relief in the form of tax abatements, and we need it now. There's no reason why hometown Buffalonians are paying \$100 for heat and we're paying over \$1,000 per month. Actually, we are paying more for heat than mortgage and car payments.

NYSEG representatives are tone deaf and don't give a hoot about the elderly in the county, however, a copy of the letter will go to them.

Marion Lewandowski
Mahopac



Working Mom By Holly Crocco

That's so Sus

We have reached the age where everything I do embarrasses Mikey.

One of the first offenses I committed was back in August when we went to WWE Summer Slam in Philadelphia. There we were in a packed arena with a bunch of grown men wearing Bron Breaker T-shirts and A.J. Styles hats, yelling out "John Cena sucks" (my husband was one of them), and when Jey Uso appeared from a side entrance and the whole place went dark except for a little halo over him, the entire arena yelled out his signature "Yeet" and did the hand movements along with him.

And I had the audacity to join in the fun.

"Mo-om!" the 7-year-old yelled over the crowd, effectively turning my three-letter title into a two-syllable word. The eye-roll acted as punctuation.

For the record, it was completely acceptable for his father to "Yeet."

This past year I also learned that some things that happen among the family are intended to stay within the family.

Example: For the last 10 months, Mikey and I have been singing KPop Demon Hunter songs in the car at the top of our lungs. All of them. Every single lyric – we know them all. However, over the holiday break I drove Mikey and a friend to an arcade for a playdate and when "Golden" came over the radio and I turned it up and started to sing.

Apparently that was very uncool of me... Like, totally.

I watched the red flush of shame creep up his neck as he again grumbled a "mo-om!" from the back seat, unable to even look at his little friend.

Then, on one of the days off in February, I went to drop

him off at a sports program at a nearby recreation center. The offspring stopped me at the entrance to the gymnasium with a hand on my stomach and said, "OK, you can go now." He didn't even want me to go in!

Also recently, I've found out that using lingo all the kids are using is a sure-fire way to get myself banned from being seen in public with the child. One day I picked him up from basketball practice and he said, "Oh, man, my legs are totally cooked!"

I thought it was hysterical! So, a few days later after shoveling out from mountains of snow, I came in and said, "Man, my muscles are cooked!"

With the scoff this kid gave me, you would have thought I hung our underwear out on the front porch.

But I think the parents are finally learning to use this knowledge to their advantage.

My husband and I were talking with some other parents at a sports practice and it was brought up that the kids are suddenly dropping the "six-seven" trend. Another parent who had a kid a few grades older than ours informed us it's because the parents started saying it, and even dressed up as the number for Halloween – and that made it instantly lame.

Brilliant!

I've decided to apply this logic to some other trends that irritate me to see if I can get Mikey to shift gears a bit ...

So if you see me walking around in compression pants under athletic shorts in the 17-degree weather, or saying things like "That's so sus," just know it's all part of my master plan.

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

Brewster & Carmel School Boundary Line Adjusted

Housing Development Will No Longer Be Dissected

By Holly Crocco

Both the Carmel and Brewster school boards last week unanimously approved resolutions to make a boundary line change that would place an incoming development entirely within the Brewster Central School District. In exchange, Carmel Central School District will be gifted several properties.

Camarda Realty Investments is in the process of developing 185 acres between Putnam Plaza and Route 312 in the Town of Carmel, with Gateway Summit to offer age-restricted senior housing, and The Fairways to offer family housing. The location straddles the existing boundary line between the two school districts – not only dissecting streets, but in some cases, homes.

Carmel Town Tax Assessor Christopher Paleo recommended the districts' boundary line be ad-

justed so that The Fairways falls entirely within the Brewster district, since an environmental assessment review predicted two-thirds of potential students residing at the future housing development would go to Brewster if the boundary remained.

Both districts were in agreement that all the kids who live in the development should attend the same schools.

During an October Brewster School Board meeting, Victor Karlsson, assistant superintendent for finance and operations at Brewster, noted that having actual homes divided by the boundary presents a logistical nightmare when it comes to taxation and school district designation.

"You may have a situation where a home is bisected by the boundary line – they may be assessed in Brewster Schools but are

eligible to attend Carmel Schools," he said. "They attend Carmel Schools. Carmel then bills Brewster, and Brewster has to pay Carmel the property taxes collected on that home... It is a very challenging situation to be in and we are trying to avoid it."

It is anticipated that adjusting the boundary line will increase Brewster's taxable assessed value by another \$3 per \$100,000. In exchange, Brewster will give over some commercially zoned land to Carmel.

During the Carmel School Board's Feb. 24 meeting, Vice President John Curzio II applauded both districts for working together.

"This does benefit students," he said. "Literally houses would have been split if there wasn't a boundary line change, so this is what is best for our kids and again we thank all our partners."

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Legislator Gouldman Running for Putnam Valley Town Supervisor

Putnam County Legislator Bill Gouldman last week announced his candidacy for Putnam Valley town supervisor, pledging to bring his record of fiscal responsibility, community service, and environmental stewardship to Town Hall.

Gouldman, a longtime Putnam Valley resident, small business owner, and current chairman of the Putnam Valley Republican Committee, said his campaign will focus on protecting the character of the town while addressing the infrastructure and affordability challenges facing local families.

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to represent the people of Putnam Valley in the County Legislature," he said. "Now, I am ready to take the next step in serving the community which my family and I have called home for decades. Putnam Valley is a special place, and I am running for town supervisor to keep it beautiful, affordable, and moving



Bill Gouldman

forward in a responsible way."

Gouldman has served on the Putnam County Legislature since 2015, and during his tenure has been an advocate for water quality, transportation improvements, and responsible budgeting. He said those same priorities will guide his work at the town level.

"My top priorities are clear:

protecting and improving our lakes and drinking water, investing in long-overdue road and infrastructure upgrades – including advocating for town sewers where applicable – while ensuring that local government lives within its means," said Gouldman. "We can preserve our natural beauty and small-town quality of life while making smart improvements that benefit residents today and for generations to come."

Gouldman and his wife, Ilene, have lived in Putnam Valley for 32 years, where they raised their daughter and remain rooted in the community.

Although an election for town supervisor was held in November and Democrat Alison Jolicoeur took office in January, another election will be held this year due to changes to state election law. The state wants towns and villages to have two- or four-year election cycles, instead of three years, with no more local elections on odd years.



A woodchuck was rescued last week from the side of a road in Cold Spring.

Woodchuck Rescued in Cold Spring

A "suspicious individual" was apprehended by the Cold Spring Police Department a day after a blizzard dumped more than a foot of snow on the region.

A police officer was flagged down the morning of Feb. 24 by a resident who discovered an injured woodchuck curled up on Lunn Terrace. The very cold animal was located near a pet carrier that had been left in a snowbank.

"We can only assume a well-intentioned Good Samaritan attempted a rescue mission, reconsidered their life choices, and decided to leave the equipment behind in hopes someone else would finish the job," wrote the Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association on social media. "Mission accepted."

The officer utilized the abandoned carrier to safely secure the woodchuck and transport it to Brewster Veterinary Hospital for care.

"It was cooperative during transport and declined to comment," noted the PBA. "We truly appreciate the compassion shown by whoever made the initial effort. Wildlife situations can be unpredictable, and if you're unable to safely assist, please contact the Cold Spring Police Department so we can respond appropriately."

The woodchuck – identified as a female – was reportedly doing well after an initial evaluation. She suffered a slight pelvic injury and was administered fluids and antibiotics, was alert, eating, moving around, and resting comfortably in an incubator later that day.

"All signs are pointing toward a full recovery," said the PBA.

Cold Spring Village Mayor Kathleen Foley noted at the Feb. 25 meeting of the village board that the animal will be taken to Green Chimneys in Brewster for rehabilitation before it is released back into the wild.

According to Ben Nandy, a reporter for News 12 Westchester & News 12 Hudson Valley, police say this is another sign that local wildlife are being pushed out of their habitat as the village continues get busier.

"They've seen a significant uptick in wildlife being active in residential areas," reported Nandy. "They've dealt with an eagle grabbing a koi fish from a backyard pond and dropping it on a car, breaking a window. They've also had to tend to an injured hawk. Police say these encounters are becoming more frequent as the village develops."

Lake Louise Culvert Replacement Project on the Horizon in Kent

By Holly Crocco

Kent residents who live in the Lake Louise community are happy to hear that the long-awaited culvert replacement project is expected to begin construction by the fall.

"It's about time you get an explanation of what's going on," Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer told residents gathered at the Feb. 17 Kent Town Board meeting, who came to hear an update from project engineers.

"We have 14 small bridges that we're in charge of in the Town of Kent," he explained. "Most of them were built between 1920, with the coming of the Model T and the car... and the 1950s."

As such, many of those bridges have been approaching

70 to 100 years old, with 10 of them being replaced in-house already. "They were not built for the heavy traffic that we have today – concrete trucks, oil trucks, septic trucks," said Othmer. "They all had to be replaced."

The Lake Louise bridge, however, remains.

According to Othmer, property records indicate that the first house was likely built in the South Lake community in 1940. By the 1950s, the area became a neighborhood, and about 105 houses now exist there.

In 2018, the state Department of Environmental Conservation rated the culvert a "class B/medium hazard," saying it was "unsound, deficiently recognized, and in poor condition."

After applying to for a grant through the Bridge NY program

and being rejected in 2017, the town won a \$1 million grant in 2021 to renovate the bridge and the spillway. "Here we are, five years later, we're finally going to get this going," said Othmer.

The town does not have to match any of the funding for the grant.

Jeremy Bourdeau, senior associate at Barton & Loguidice consulting firm, explained that anything less than 20 feet in span is considered a culvert; it could be a small pipe under your driveway or a large concrete pipe. "We call it a culvert, most call it a bridge... It's semantics," he said.

The culvert at the south end of Lake Louise Drive, at the intersection of South Lake Road, is a small one that spans

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We Will Miss

Carmel

Nicholas Joseph Martin, 34, February 3. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Cold Spring

Raymond Nania, 92, February 16. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac

Mary Bertrand Tocidlowski, 88, February 16. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Joseph Iuni, 95, February 16. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

Patterson

Julio Carlos Caballero, 81, February 13. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Putnam Valley

Benedict "Ben" Manna, 87, February 17. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Beatrice "Bea" Fico, 83, February 14. Heritage Funeral Home, Putnam Valley, (845) 526-3000.

Brewster

Kathleen Moorehead, 91, February 8. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Donald Eugene Navin, 96,

February 13. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Joseph D. Cipriani, 43, February 15. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Lesta Susan Cordil, 76, February 21. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Jeffrey Caravetta, 67, February 19. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144



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County Executive Kevin Byrne presents to the committee recently.

Byrne Earns Support of County GOP Committee

The Putnam County Republican Committee has officially nominated Kevin Byrne as its endorsed candidate for county executive in the November election.

Byrne was formally placed into nomination from the floor by Carmel resident Alana Sweeney, and the committee's members voted in full support of his candidacy.

"I am deeply honored to once again earn the support of the Putnam County Republican Commit-

tee," said Byrne. "We have built real momentum by focusing on affordability, accountability, and accessibility, and I'm proud to run alongside an outstanding slate of Republican candidates – from our County Legislature to Congress – who are committed to delivering results for the people of Putnam County."

The unanimous nomination adds to a growing list of endorsements Byrne has secured for his re-election campaign,

including support from Teamsters Local 456, LIUNA Local 60, the Uniformed Firefighters Association, the Environmental Police Benevolent Association, New York Hispanic American Law Enforcement Officers H-PAC, the Westchester County Corrections Superior Officers Association, the Asian American Republican Committee of Westchester, the Dominican American Republican Club, the Bull Moose Project, and Boilermakers Local No. 5.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Smoothies

Your Goals, Blended: Smoothies for Every Kind of Day

When you're looking for a customizable tool for everyday balance, look no further than smoothies. Creamy, refreshing, and nutrient-rich, smoothies can be crafted to match your goals. Made when whole produce is blended, smoothies are a better choice than simply juicing produce, which diminishes fiber. In some cases, you may make smoothies to simply add to your daily intake of fruit, vegetables, and greens. But, if you're looking to create a satisfying beverage that offers as much nutrition as a balanced meal, read on.

Get Your Greens

Smoothies are a delicious way to add greens to your day. This is especially helpful if you don't tend to eat salads or add greens to your meals. It's also helpful if you need a fiber boost. Take it further with a satisfying, protein-rich blend that offers more than just greens (visit GuidingStars.com for the recipe for Melissa's Green Breakfast Smoothie, a balanced blend of greens with 13 grams of protein!). Hesitant? Start with soft baby spinach. When combined with flavorful fruit like frozen berries or banana you won't even know it's there (promise!).

Protein Rich

Pass on protein and your smoothie won't be satiating. Protein digests slower than carbohydrates and keeps you fuller for longer. There are excellent options to add to your blend, including protein powder, silken tofu, non-fat plain Greek yogurt, or protein enhanced dairy alternative. With these add-ons, smoothies can help you achieve your daily protein goals. This is especially important for individuals using GLP-1 medication.

Heart Healthy Fats

Like protein, dietary fats are also key to making a satisfying smoothie. Dietary fats help slow digestion of the smoothie, and assist in controlling blood sugar. Go for heart healthy fats like ground flaxseed, chia or hemp seeds, nut or seed butters, or thinly sliced

or crushed nuts that can blend well. These fats, which are high in mono and poly unsaturated fats, are helpful for maintaining healthy cholesterol levels and reducing risk of heart disease.

Antioxidants

Antioxidants are found in the rich colors of our fruit and vegetables. Colorful fruit, berries, and vegetables are rich in polyphenols, a type of antioxidant that prevents chronic disease (reducing risk of diabetes and heart disease). Go for an assortment of options, including frozen wild blueberries or dragon fruit, which are nutrient-rich and bring bold color to your beverage. For balanced intake, I recommend choosing an antioxidant-rich smoothie, made with satisfying fat or protein to create a balanced blend.

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

Chocolate Covered Cherry Smoothies
Hannaford.com
(3 Guiding Stars)

If you're looking for a simple breakfast option, make a big batch of these smoothies and freeze in single-serve portions. Take one out of the freezer when you take one out of the fridge and you'll have smooth sailing for a tasty grab-n-go meal when you need one.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups frozen pitted cherries
- ½ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup plain, non-fat Greek yogurt
- ¾ cup unsweetened almond milk
- 1 banana, frozen and chopped
- 2 tbsp chocolate protein powder
- Pinch kosher salt

Steps:

Add all ingredients to a blender and process until completely smooth. Serve immediately.

Easy Lemon Blueberry Bars

(Family Features)
Easy Lemon Blueberry Bars

Ingredients:

- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup fresh blueberries
- 2/3 cup white chocolate chips, divided
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F. In bowl, combine butter, cake mix, eggs, blueberries, 1/3 cup white chocolate chips and pecans. Butter 7-by-11-inch pan and spread mixture evenly into pan.



Bake 30-35 minutes.

Let cool then melt remaining white chocolate chips and drizzle over bars.

Tip: If melted white chocolate chips are too thick, add a little oil before drizzling.

Source: Culinary.net

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Deputy Accused of Domestic Assault

A Putnam County sheriff's deputy was recently suspended without pay while the department investigates a domestic assault charge filed against him.

Kevin Osika, 43, of Mahopac, who is also vice president of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Police Benevolent Association, was charged Feb. 21 with two misdemeanor counts related to a domestic incident.

According to news reports, New York State Police were dispatched to a Carmel home for a past domestic incident involving a physical altercation. Osika was charged with third-degree assault-intent to cause physical injury,

and second-degree aggravated harassment. He was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and released without bail, and a temporary order of protection was issued.

Osika, who is a 10-year member of the force, has been suspended without pay while the department conducts an investigation, at the onset of which his department-issued firearms were confiscated.

Osika, along with PBA President Daniel Hunsberger and Treasurer Matthew Kraiskey, recently filed a lawsuit in federal court Feb. 5, alleging that the county used faulty calculations to underpay employees for overtime worked.

Drug Charges

A Mahopac man is facing narcotics and weapons charges following a traffic stop Feb. 7.

According to the Carmel Police Department, just before 10:30 p.m., Putnam County 911 forwarded a report of a white Ford F-150 driving erratically westbound on Route 6 in Mahopac. Carmel officers canvassing the area located the vehicle at the BP Gas Station.

A records check revealed that the registered owner, Steven Bisordi, 46, had an active, extraditable arrest warrant out of the New York State Police barracks in Queensbury. A positive K9 alert further led to the recovery of fentanyl, multiple glass pipes, and other drug paraphernalia located on Bisordi and in his vehicle.

An imitation firearm was also located in the vehicle, said police.

Bisordi was charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, misdemeanors. He was processed at CPD headquarters and released with appearance tickets pending a future court date.

A Carmel man is facing drug charges following an investigation conducted by the Putnam County

Sheriff's Office after receiving a lead from Homeland Security Investigations-New York's Hudson Valley office.

According to Sheriff Brian Hess, on Feb. 10, members of the Special Investigations Unit – with assistance from the Major Crimes Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Conditions Unit, and the Carmel Police Department – executed a search warrant at a residence in Carmel. During the execution of the warrant, investigators located and seized quantities of ketamine, several hundred vials of anabolic steroids, approximately \$15,000 in cash, and an assault-style weapon.

Investigators also discovered materials consistent with the operation of a steroid production laboratory, said police.

Joseph Kocinsky, 29, was arrested and charged with second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance-intent to sell, and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, all felonies; and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned in Carmel Town Court and released with future court dates.

Academic Honors

The following Fairfield University students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester: Olivia Ambrosio, Timothy Carlin, Gabriella Gileno, Ryan Martin, Claire O'hanlon, and Rebecca Pfeffer, all of Brewster; Joseph Bally, Elizabeth Flynn, Gabriela Laca, Patrick Mahoney, Nevan Nystrom, and Patrick O'Connell, all of Mahopac; and Bethany McIntyre of Carmel, Molly Muller of Garrison, and Julianna De Giorgio of Putnam Valley.

Aidan Galler of Garrison graduated, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of North Dakota on Dec. 19 with a bachelor of science in aeronautics, commercial aviation.

Emily England Sullivan of Brewster, a junior political science major at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester.

Sewell Announces Second Run for Kent Supervisor

Alex Sewell is again running for Kent town supervisor, following a tight race for the position in 2025.

Although an election for the seat was held in November, another will be held this year due to changes to state election law, as the state wants towns and villages to have two- or four-year election cycles, instead of three years, with no more local elections on odd years.

Endorsed by both the Kent Democratic Committee and the Westchester-Putnam Working Families Committee, Sewell says his approach is both enterprising and actionable. "My primary aim is to give agency to the people in our town and to provide them with the help, mechanisms, and opportunities to feel secure in their futures here," he said.

Sewell, who lives with his wife and son in Lake Carmel, was born into a Catholic orphanage and raised by a nurse and a sheet metal fabricator. He said he would bring unique experience to the position of town supervisor, having worked as a union laborer and steward (USA 829 under IATSE).

Locally, Sewell has served on the Climate Smart Task Force and as a prior advisory board member and juror for the Putnam Arts Council, which handles the dissemination of state funding to nonprofits. He is also a steward of the county's land conservation trust, hosts events for Sustainable Putnam, and assists with local programming for Lake Carmel's Arts on the Lake.

His goals and commitments



Alex Sewell

include extending business opportunities, increasing access to Kent's natural spaces, advocating for large-scale community events, supporting the creation of a Young Business Association, and establishing land trust housing for lower-income residents and essential workers.

"We are presented with very few resources here and it's up to us to be proactive in making our unique set of circumstances become a strength, and to rally behind that," said Sewell.

From lakes to hiking trails, nature is Kent's most valuable resource – and Sewell said he believes this environmental stewardship warrants economic support. He plans for open dialogue with state government and New York City officials to secure grants and other funding for the community.

For Sewell, innovation begins on the local level. "From each end of the political spectrum and everything in between, in

talking with townspeople, I'm finding a lot of unifying ground that can result in real, progressive change," he said.

According to Jennifer Cabrera, vice chairperson of the Westchester-Putnam Chapter of the Working Families Party, "Alex's deep love for his community combined with a natural ability to connect with others brought him within a hair's breadth of winning the seat in 2025. Now, backed by a powerful coalition who share his vision of a unified Kent where all can thrive, Alex is perfectly positioned for victory."

Anna Walsh, co-chairperson of the Kent Democratic Committee, agreed.

"Kent deserves a town supervisor who shows up for this community, and that's Alex Sewell," she said. "The Kent Democratic Committee is proud to endorse him."

Last year, Sewell lost to incumbent Supervisor Jaime McGlasson by a vote of 1,716 to 1,613.

Through solidarity, transparency, and embracing a shared vision for Kent, Sewell said he believes that economic growth and vibrant new attractions are possible without sacrificing Kent's natural beauty.

"It's these efforts made in unity that will give our children a reason to return to Kent and start families of their own," he said. "We cannot afford to be without ideas."

The general election this year is Nov. 3. For more information about Sewell's campaign, visit alexsewellforkent.com.



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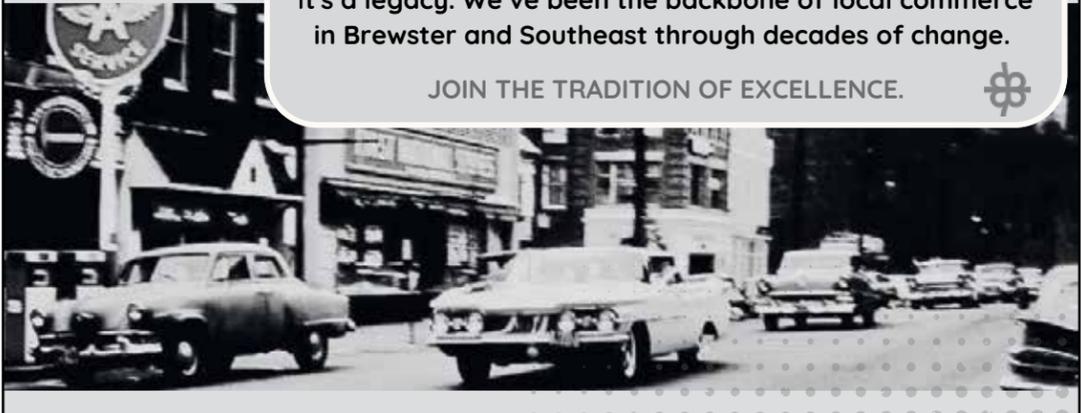
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Slater Backs 'Lights on With Energy Relief' Plan

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, last week stood alongside Assembly Republican Leader Ed Ra and members of the Assembly Minority Conference to unveil the "Lights On With Energy Relief" plan – a proposal aimed at lowering utility costs, strengthening grid reliability, and restoring balance to New York's energy policy.

With electricity prices for residential consumers having

risen 47.1 percent since 2019, Assembly Republicans outlined what they are calling immediate relief measures for ratepayers and long-term reforms to secure affordable, reliable power for the future.

The LOWER plan includes income-based rebate checks of up to \$400 for utility ratepayers, providing direct financial relief to families struggling with rising monthly bills. The proposal also requires that surplus and uncommitted funds in the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority's climate investment account be returned directly to ratepayers as bill credits.

"New York is having an energy heart attack that we cannot ignore," said Slater. "The LOWER plan provides targeted rebate checks, returns unspent funds back to ratepayers, and restores balance to our energy policy by investing in nuclear, natural gas, renewables, and advanced tech-

nologies. This is about immediate affordability, reliability, and common sense for a sustainable future."

The plan also advances what Assembly Republicans describe as a true all-of-the-above energy policy – expanding pipelines, natural gas, nuclear, renewables, and other advanced technologies to ensure affordable and reliable power generation across the state.

"These funds are collected through energy surcharges that New Yorkers pay every single month on their utility bills," said Slater. "Most ratepayers have no idea that billions of dollars are sitting in a state-controlled account while they struggle to pay their electric bills. There is currently an estimated \$2.4 billion available, and it is outrageous that a state agency is holding onto this money instead of returning it directly to the families and small businesses who paid into it."

Obituary

Louis R. Gasparini

Louis Gasparini, 92, of Brewster, died Feb. 26.

He was a life member of the Brewster Fire Department, having served as a past commissioner and past chief, as well as a Korean War veteran and an active member of the community.

"His smile lit up every room he walked in," wrote BFD. "His memory will shine on forever in our hearts."

The Southeast Town Board held a moment of silence at its



Louis Gasparini was a life member of the Brewster Fire Department.

Feb. 19 meeting to honor Gasparini.

"Lou was one of the Great Generation, and I've always been told that a man's legacy is the quality of his offspring, and we're lucky to have one of his offspring as our town justice," said Southeast Town Attorney Willis Stephens Jr. "Lou was a

mainstay in this community for most of his life, and a dear friend of my father and a dear friend of mine."

Gasparini was predeceased by his wife, Marie Gasparini; and his siblings John Gasparini of Fort Worth, Texas, Josephine Crawford of Brewster, and Beatrice Peterson of Albuquerque.

He is survived by his children Marielena Schwenk (Edwin Schwenk) of Brewster, Michele Gasparini of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Louis U. Gasparini (Caitlin Powers) of Brewster; his brother, Thomas Gasparini (Ellen Gasparini) of Danbury; and his grandchildren Justin Priar of Hudson, Fla., Mark Gasparini of Brewster, Matthew Gasparini of Brewster, and Emma Gasparini of Brewster.

A wake was held Feb. 27 at Beecher Funeral Home, and a Mass of Christian burial took place Feb. 28 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, followed by burial at the St. Lawrence O'Toole cemetery.

Brewster Armchair Actors Present 'Ripcord'

The Brewster Theater Company's Armchair Actors will present "Ripcord" by David Lindsay-Abaire, one night only, Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., at The Theater at Drew, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

"Ripcord" is a wickedly funny play with twists and turns that will shock the audience, as a seemingly harmless bet between two senior living residents escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship.

It will be read by Diane Preston and Ralph Barone of Mahopac, Ellen Lang of Brewster, Rob Dumont of Patterson, Zulie Lozada of Yorktown, Steve Zerilli of Carmel, and Frankie Petrucci of Wappingers.

Tickets are \$15 and available at brewstertheater.org or at the door.

The 2026 Armchair Actors Series is produced by Stacy Dumont of Patterson.

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Putnam County Community Events

Snow Ordinance

To facilitate the removal of snow from the roads withing the Town of Kent, through April 15, the overnight parking of vehicles on the town right of way is prohibited. Violators will be issued a traffic summons and towed at the owner's expense. All individuals plowing snow must remove it from the town right of way. Also, anyone whose vehicle becomes disabled during a snow event and abandoned must call the Kent Police Department.

Find Shelter

Brewster Cares' winter shelter is open nightly at 8:30 p.m. (you must arrive by 9 p.m.) Daytime warming center hours are 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet for screening at 72 Main St., Brewster.

'Fixers' Needed

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

Women's GOP Club

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

Tuesday, March 3

Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park. Light refreshments will be available and members are encouraged to bring lunch. The program will be a discussion on design elements.

Table Talk

CoveCare Center will hold Table Talk Tuesdays, including dinner and conversation about living a drug-free life, at the following locations: Sauro's Town Square Pizza in Patterson on March 3, Cacciatori Pizza in Mahopac on March 10, Gaetano Pizza & Café in Brewster on March 24, and Cold Spring Pizza on March 31. All events begin at 6 p.m. Reservations are required at prevention@covecarecenter.org. Adults must be present with their children/teens.

Teen Advisory Board

Teens age 13 to 17, join Brewster Public Library's Teen Advisory Board interest meeting Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m., and make your voice heard. Share ideas for programs, books, and events you'd like to see at the library. Earn community service hours. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Seussical Science

Celebrate Dr. Seuss Week at Brewster Public Library with a special program featuring Bartholomew and the Oobleck on Tuesday, March 3 at 4:45 p.m. For ages 4 to 6. Enjoy a storytime and then make your own Oobleck. Registration is recommended at brewsterlibrary.org.

Revolutionary

Putnam County

Mahopac Public Library will showcase a Revolutionary Putnam County history exhibit March 3 through April 10. Explore the county's role in the American Revolution through interpretive content, custom artwork, and an exhibit on Israel Putnam. Presented in partnership with the Revolutionary Putnam County Committee and the historian's office. The reception will open March 7 at noon with a talk by educator and reenactor Robert Buccheri.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: March 3 and 17, April 14 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Wednesday, March 4

Read Across

America Day

Mahopac Public Library celebrates Read Across America Day on Wednesday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. A Carmel police officer will be the guest reader for a special storytime. Hear a story, do a craft, and learn about this career. For children of all ages. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Medicare Webinar

Join Dan Calabrese from Sunrise Advisors Group and Kent Public Library for an informational Introduction to Medicare webinar Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. This presentation will cover original Medicare, supplements and how they work with Medicare, Part D, Part C (also known as Medicare Advantage), the best way to pick a plan, and more. Registration is required at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: March 4, 11 and 18; April 8, 15 and 22; May 6, 13 and 20; June 3, 10 and 17; July 1 and 8; Aug. 5 and 12; Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Meetings

Reed Memorial Library's Board of Trustees will meet March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel.

Thursday, March 5

Safeguard Your Property

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Methods to Safeguard Your Real Estate Property From Wrongdoers" on March 5 from 5 to 6 p.m. Attorneys Robert Weis and Tracy Reimann of Sayegh Law in Carmel will explain how property records work, what signs to watch for, and the simple steps every homeowner can take to protect what's theirs from frauds, scams and other risks. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Councilwomen

Office Hours

Patterson Town Councilwoman Stacy Dumont will hold office hours at the Putnam Lake VFW

on the first Thursday of the month (March 5) at 6:15 p.m., before the Putnam Lake Park District meeting. Councilwoman Gwen Dougherty will hold office hours the third Tuesday of each month (March 17) at Patterson Town Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Both Stacy and Gwen invite the public to request a meeting at a time convenient for residents. Email StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org or GwenDougherty@PattersonNY.org.

Dr. Seuss Storytime

Kids age 4 to 8 may join Brewster Public Library for a storytime and craft featuring "Horton Hears a Who" on Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. Listen to the story and enjoy a craft afterward. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Friday, March 6

Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Patterson Library will host a trivia night fundraiser Friday, March 6 (snow date March 13) at 6:30 p.m., to raise funds for the Patterson Library Friends. Light bites, wine, raffles, and rounds of trivia. Age 18 and older. Tickets are \$50 at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, March 7

Live Trio

Tompkin Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will kick off its 11th season Saturday, March 7, with Cécilia, a Québec-based trio celebrated for its electrifying traditional music and joyful virtuosity. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Repair Café

Sustainable Putnam's Repair Cafe returns to the Mahopac Middle School on Saturday, March 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring up to two household items for a free repair by expert volunteers. (If needed, parts are sold at cost). Lamps, clocks, toasters, small appliances, audio equipment, small furniture, clothing, and more are repaired on site, while you wait. Registration appreciated, walk-ins welcome. Free refreshments provided. <https://sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe>.

Songs of Patriotism

Alex Prizgintas will perform on his amplified cello Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m., at Putnam Valley Library. The program presents patriotism, praise, and protest as part of the vital fabric that weaves our differences into our distinct strength. Key hymns, noble anthems of patriotism, and tunes of solidarity as well as resistance make this a program celebrating our union.

Irish Dinner

Patterson Church will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner Saturday, March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the community hall, 11059 Route 311. Dine in or take out. Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread, and more. Adults pay \$17, seniors \$15, children under 12 pay \$5. For information, email pattersoncommunitychurch.org or 845-878-3961.

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Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., at The Theater at Drew, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets are \$15 and available at brewstertheater.org or at the door.

Living with Black Bears

Learn about bears and how to coexist responsibly and avoid unwanted encounters Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Clearpool Model Forest at Green Chimneys, 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County to learn the bare necessities of living responsibly with black bears roaming the neighborhood. \$25. Registration is required at cceputnamcounty.org/events.

Medicare Seminar

Join John Bousquet from the Medicare Resource Group for an informational Medicare presentation Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m., at Kent Public Library. This presentation will cover Medicare basics, avoiding common mistakes, and how to save money and get the most out of your benefits. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Defensive Driving

A defensive driving course will be offered Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m., at Brewster Public Library. For ages 18 and older. This course will offer practical information and techniques to avoid collisions and violations. Upon completion of the class, you will be eligible to receive up to a 10 percent discount on your collision and liability insurance and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. \$40. Bring a lunch. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Sunday, March 8

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 49th annual Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled Sunday, March 8 (rain or shine) along Route 6 in Mahopac. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

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.

Monday, March 9

'Iron Jawed Angels'

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will show "Iron Jawed Angels" on March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Stop by, sit back, and relax while enjoying a movie with friends. Refreshments provided.

Bowling Fundraiser

The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Monday FUNday Bowling" event March 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Spins Bowl Carmel, 23 Old Route 6. \$25 per person includes light bites, and prizes for best bowler, worst bowler, and MVP team. Register at www.brewster-chamber-of-commerce-square.site.

Lake Carmel Parks Dept.

The Lake Carmel Parks Department Advisory Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. on March 9, April 13, May 11, June

8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

The World of Saint Patrick

Through art and archaeology, examine ancient Britain during the centuries it was ruled by Rome, setting the stage for the life of its most famous citizen – a Roman Briton named Patrick, on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Drawing from Patrick's own autobiography and letters, the program traces his journey from captivity to calling, illuminating the fifth-century Ireland he experienced both as a slave and later as a missionary. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Tuesday, March 10

Irish Soda Bread Sale

The Brewster VFW 672 Auxiliary is holding an Irish soda bread fundraiser, with orders accepted through March 10, to Chris at 914-588-0407, Karen at 845-721-0265, or Deb at 845-803-1563. \$20 per loaf. Orders may be picked up Sunday, March 15 between 1 and 3 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 262 Peaceable Hill Road.

Author Talk

Allison Pataki will launch her new book "It Girl" at her hometown library in Garrison on March 10 at 6 p.m. The Desmond-Fish Public Library will present Pataki in conversation with fellow novelist Lauren Willig. Signed copies of "It Girl" will be available for purchase at the event through Split Rock Books and can be preordered at splitrockbooks.com.

Celtic Celebration

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Celtic Sounds & St. Patrick's Day Spirit" on March 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance by Francine and Joel of F&J Music, featuring music, humor, and festive charm. Their vibrant style brings Irish culture to life, creating a cheerful and entertaining St. Patrick's Day celebration. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

History Talks

Join Kent Public Library on Zoom for a presentation by historian and education specialist Jeffrey Urbin from the FDR Museum & Presidential Library on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. From the Great Depression to World War II and beyond, these monthly sessions offer a deeper understanding of FDR's impact on the world stage. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

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Mahopac Junior Designs Financial Literacy Seal



Mahopac High School junior Alison Ortiz with administrators, after it was announced that she won a contest to design the district's financial literacy seal.

Mahopac High School junior Alison Ortiz is the winner of the district's art contest to design an official financial literacy seal that will be placed on the diplomas of students who earn this distinction, symbolizing their achievement in personal financial literacy and the district's commitment to preparing students with essential real-world life skills.

Ortiz created the seal in art teacher Sean Flanagan's computer graphics and animation class. She was recognized for her achievement during halftime of a recent varsity boys' basketball game.

Mahopac School Board Trustee Tanner McCracken spearheaded the proposal to make personal financial literacy a graduation requirement for all students, and the measure was approved unanimously at the board's Nov. 18 meeting – making Mahopac the first school district in New York State to have such a requirement.

Starting with the Class of 2028,

every Mahopac graduate must earn the seal to receive a diploma. Students in grades eight through 12 will learn personal finance concepts through integrated units of study in courses such as English, math, social studies, and economics.

Seniors will complete a capstone project, developing a comprehensive personal financial plan based on a realistic post-high-school scenario (such as going to college, entering the workforce, starting a business, or serving in the military).

In addition, the district will continue expanding its personal finance elective, which is currently the most popular course at Mahopac High School.

More than 200 students in the Class of 2026 and 275 students in the Class of 2027 will qualify for the seal before it becomes a universal requirement in 2028. In addition to every student earning the seal, most will also still take the stand-alone personal finance elective.

A Day on the Farm for Carmel Youth

It's not every school day that kindergartners get to hold chickens on their laps. But the youngsters at Matthew Paterson Elementary School recently got to watch, pet, and hold chickens that teacher Heidi Rolewicz brought in from home.

"They are so cute," said one little girl of the birds, named Sweet Potato, Wheezy, Cocoa, and Cinderella.

The visit was part of a hands-on "farm day" that brought reading lessons to life. The day of activities reinforced the farm unit the children had just completed in their Core Knowledge Language Arts reading program.

"It's a way to follow up on what they learned," said Rolewicz. "Farm day takes the vocabulary and the concepts they have studied in class and brings them to life."

The students rotated among the four kindergarten classrooms throughout the day and worked on a variety of farm chores. They "milked" pretend cows in Jessica Kuney's "dairy barn," a creative setup that featured a paper cow with latex gloves for udders that were filled with a mixture of water and white paint to resemble milk.

Jaylyn gave it a try. "It was a little hard to squeeze it out," she said.

After "milking" the "cows," they also got to make butter by shaking jars of milk. Kuney even brought in some bread so they could taste their homemade butter.

In the other classes, students reviewed farm vocabulary, such as "shelter" and "crops," before participating in creative activities. The students made a barn craft



Students in Heidi Rolewicz's class take turns holding chickens she brought from home.



with different animals in Carol Cassidy and Christina Tucci's class, then created vegetable crops out of handprints and craft materials in Antoinette Stasiak's class.

A highlight for many seemed to be meeting the four chickens in Rolewicz and Perez's classroom. "I have 10 chickens," one boy said. "We get eggs from them."

By the end of the day, students experienced firsthand some of the farm life chores they had been learning about for weeks.



Kent Receives Pro-Housing Grant

The state has awarded \$5 million in technical assistance grants to help certified Pro-Housing Communities undertake activities to increase housing supply.

The Town of Kent will receive \$108,000 to go toward the procurement of planning, engineering, or other professional services that can provide expertise and best practices for a variety of housing growth activities.

Communities applied to receive up to \$250,000 to help in their efforts to create master plans, conduct market studies and zoning analyses, streamline building permits, and assist with implementing similar actions that improve their ability to cultivate a pro-housing environment.

Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Executive Order 30 in July 2023, creating the Pro-Housing Community Program that recognizes and rewards municipalities actively working to unlock their housing potential and encourages others to follow suit.

Under the program, which is administered by New York State Homes & Community Renewal, local governments that are taking action to support housing growth to address the housing shortage

throughout the state can apply to become certified. After becoming certified, localities have exclusive access to up to \$750 million in discretionary state funding.

Since the launch of the Pro-Housing Communities Program, these state funds support up to 20,000 more homes statewide. The 2025 and 2026 state budgets strengthened the program, which has grown to include over 400 certified communities.

"The Pro-Housing Communities Program is an innovative and effective housing initiative that continues to grow as more and more localities join the pro-housing movement," said NYS Homes & Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnuskas. "This funding will ensure local officials have the tools and support to effectively strategize how they can achieve housing growth."

Examples of eligible activities include zoning analysis reports, streamlining and accelerating building permitting services, evaluation of publicly-owned properties for development, request for proposals preparation, housing needs assessments, and impact studies on proposed housing projects.

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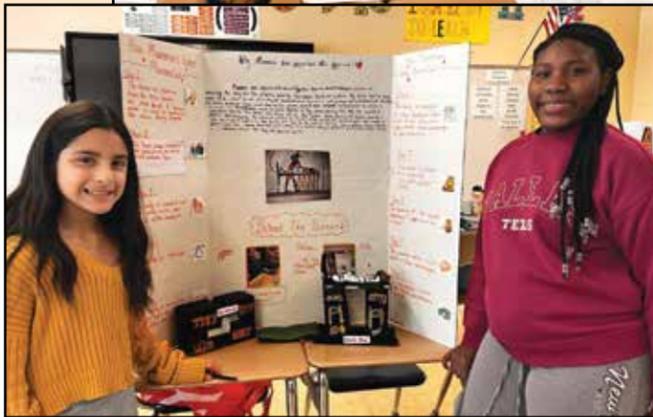
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BREWSTER STUDENTS RECREATE ANCIENT EGYPT



Wells Middle School students show off their projects.



If you've ever visited a natural history museum, you know the impact of seeing a moment frozen in time.

Henry H. Wells Middle School sixth-graders are learning about ancient civilizations that depended upon rivers – Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Inis Valley – in a project called River Valleys Culture Project Exhibition. The unit started with in-class lessons and culminated with physical projects, including dioramas, shared amongst their peers.

There were pyramids made out of cardboard, a Sphynx made out of clay, a Barbie "mummified" in gauze, plastic game coins for Pharaoh's treasure, hieroglyphics etched into Play-Doh, a jam jar with foam eyeballs to show the mummification process, and actual ancient Egyptian food for sampling.

According to social studies teacher Scott Potusek, the idea behind the assignment was to showcase and explore the rich cultural heritage of river valley civilizations by researching an aspect of river valley civilizations' social structures, religious beliefs,

technological advancements, and artistic expressions.

"Students were expected to ask questions, analyze sources, and explore multiple perspectives to understand a feature of these ancient cultures more deeply," he said.

Blake Ponzini created a scene of an Egyptian village.

"My project is inspired by ancient Egypt and the pyramids, water areas, houses, and inventions from that time," she said. "Did you know Egyptians called their land Kemet, which means soil-rich land along the Nile? The Nile was the most important feature for villages because people drank it, used it to water their crops, and could travel down the river."

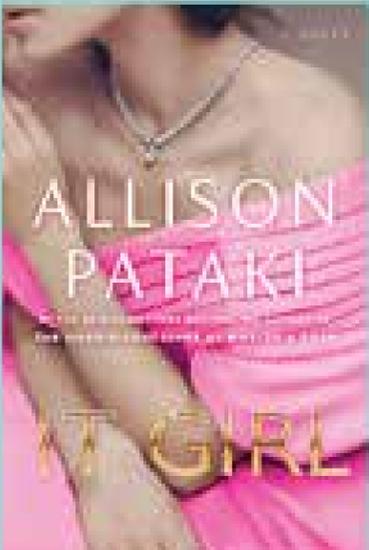
The projects were set up in the sixth grade social studies classrooms and students walked from project to project – museum style – and took notes on highlights: most creative, most unique, or ones that resonated.

"I really liked the Pyramid of Giza project," said Andy Cardona. "I learned that the pyramid is that of the Khutu and is the largest one in Egypt."

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Austin Road Elementary School celebrate a love of reading.

Mahopac Concludes 'One School, One Author'

Austin Road Elementary School recently concluded its annual "One School, One Author" initiative, bringing students together through a shared literacy experience centered on books written by Wendy Mass.

The program engaged the entire school community, with grade-level selections that allowed all students to participate while fostering a love of reading.

This year, kindergarten and first grade students read "Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight," second and third grade students explored "Bob," and fourth and fifth grade students read "The Lost Library."

Austin Road staff volunteered to record themselves reading sections of each book, allowing students and families to follow along at home each evening. Students also answered weekly comprehension questions that unlocked clues revealed on Friday mornings, building excitement and anticipation as the program progressed.

Families received program details through the school's Sunday Update email, including a program trailer video created by STEAM teacher Patricia Huestis, which was also shared in classrooms. Each student received a copy of their grade-level book, along with calendars and family letters to support participation at home.

The initiative was made possible through support from the Austin Road Parent-Teacher Organization.

In addition to promoting literacy, the program encouraged discussions around themes such as friendship, respect, compassion, kindness, acceptance, and perseverance. The initiative concluded with a final clue reveal and schoolwide celebration, marking the culmination of weeks of reading, learning, and collaboration.

"This program creates a unique opportunity for our entire school to share in the joy of reading," said Principal Bryan Gilligan. "It was wonderful to see students and families engaged each week, building excitement together, and making meaningful connections through these stories."

"Honk for Democracy" reads the hand-lettered sign – and drivers do.

For each of the last 52 Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., activists have gathered at the intersection of Routes 9D and 301 in Cold Spring. The peaceful gatherings have been spearheaded by Cold Spring residents Alex Dubroff and Carolyn Llewellyn.

One Year of Peaceful Protest in Philipstown



Alex Dubroff and Carolyn Llewellyn have been leading the Saturday morning protests in Cold Spring for the past year.



Protesters have gathered at the intersection of Routes 9D and 301 over the past 12 months.

"We needed to take some action," explained Llewellyn. "It was early in the administration but the instant assaults on the Constitution, the implementation of Project 2025, the creation of DOGE all demanded that more needed to be done."

The signs waved by the group over the past year have focused on calling out threats to the U.S. Constitution, attacks on science, denial of climate change, economic injustice, attacks on civil rights and black history, illegal tariffs, disrespect to veterans, cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, release

of the Epstein files, and the activities of Immigration & Customs Enforcement officers.

Attendance has ranged from 30 people on days of extreme cold to a turnout of more than 150. Mostly local residents, the group is often joined by hikers off the train from New York and residents of neighboring Beacon, Highland Falls, Peekskill, and Putnam Valley.

The regular members are part of a larger coalition, Hudson Valley Joining Forces, that originally formed in 2016 and remains focused on "defending democracy, pushing back on extremism, and supporting neighbors most harmed by political policy," according to their mission statement.

"Our ancestors fought for freedom from tyranny right here on this very soil in the American Revolution, so we need to be well-informed citizens," said Dubroff. "Our democracy is at stake."

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K9 Chase with his handler.



K9 Mikey

Sheriff's Office Loses Two K9 Partners

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is mourning the recent passing of two of its K9 partners in two days.

K9 Chase, retired, passed away Feb. 12 at the age of 12. He was a bloodhound who dedicated several years of service to the residents of Putnam. Specializing in tracking, he played an important role in assisting investigations and locating missing persons.

Chase served alongside his handler, Senior Investigator Randal Hill. Together, they formed a trusted and dedicated partnership.

K9 Mikey was put to rest Feb. 13 following a sudden and unex-

pected aggressive illness.

Mikey, a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois from Holland, was a New York State-certified patrol and explosive detection K9. For four years, he served the residents of Putnam County alongside his handler, Deputy Christopher Tompkins, forming an unbreakable bond both on and off duty.

Mikey was named in honor of Brewster firefighter and Sheriff's Deputy Michael Neuner—a tribute reflecting the courage, dedication, and spirit he carried throughout his career. He played a critical role in numerous investigations and in the apprehension of criminal offenders.



Brewster students (above) performed Feb. 9, while Mahopac students played Feb. 25.

Brewster & Mahopac Schools Host Inaugural String-A-Paloozas

More than 300 musicians and their families descended on the Brewster Performing Arts Center on Feb. 9 for String-a-Palooza 2026. The night was a celebration of the orchestra program at Brewster Central School District in grades four through 12, and the concert included the music of Vivaldi, Pachelbel, and even Led Zeppelin.

Teachers Kim Orwick, Hideo Schwartz, and Angela Gullo spent months preparing their students for this massive undertaking, with a goal to foster a broader sense

of musical community across buildings – showing older students how far they have come and younger students where they will go if they continue participating in the performing arts.

Over at Mahopac High School, String-A-Palooza was celebrated Feb. 25, bringing middle school orchestra students together with high school string musicians for a morning of collaboration, learning, and performance.

MHS Orchestra Director Katelyn Tai and Mahopac Middle

School Orchestra Director Kyra Cain highlighted the value of the experience.

“String-A-Palooza was a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect, learn from one another, and experience the joy of making music together,” said Tai.

“It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm and collaboration across grade levels,” added Cain. “Opportunities like this help our younger musicians feel excited about their future in the orchestra program.”



Linda Paris gets ready to cut the cake at a recent black history celebration at Arts on the Lake in Kent.

Putnam County Honors Black History

A celebration of the heritage and contributions of black Americans – particularly those who fought in the American Revolution – was held at Arts on the Lake in Kent on Feb. 21. This fifth annual celebration was organized by Linda Paris of Black Heritage Events of Putnam County.

More than 100 people gathered to enjoy music, food, and the opportunity to learn more about the significant roles played by black Americans in U.S. history, starting before the American Revolution.

Paris gave the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of integrating black history into the teaching of American history at all levels – in schools and at home.

“This year marks the 100th anniversary that black history is being celebrated,” she said. “Back then, Calvin Coolidge was presi-

dent, who was a big proponent of African-Americans, who he called the negro people, and especially of Howard University.”

Because this year marks the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, Paris honored unsung Revolutionary War heroes. With a large poster, she called attention to three men who fought for the Patriots:

Rifle Jack Peterson, a marksman in the 3rd Westchester militia who stopped Major Andre from escaping with the plans of West Point; Peter Salem, freed by his enslaver in 1775 to fight in the 6th Massachusetts Regiment and who proved his bravery in many battles; and Salem Poor, who purchased his freedom and then fought for the Massachusetts militia and who was honored for bravery and gallantry at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775.



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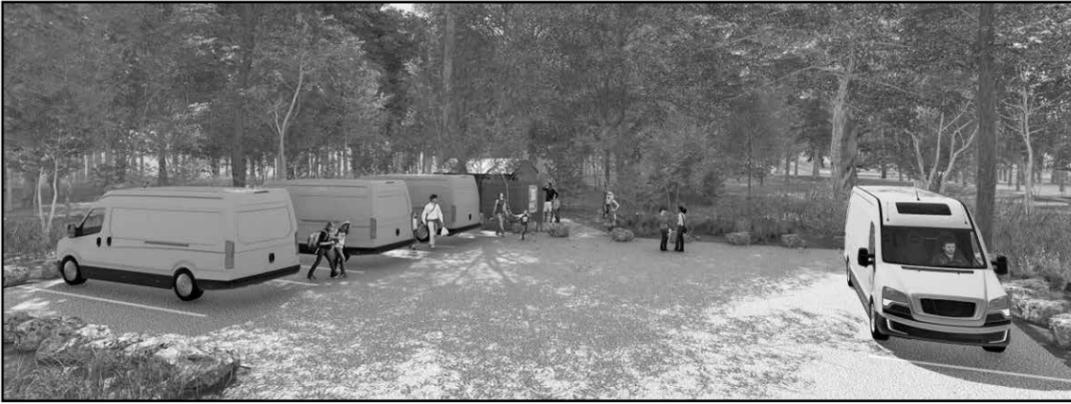

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A parking lot and composting bathroom are part of the plan. Rendering by CPL Architects.

Vision for 'Forest Classroom' in Garrison Takes Shape

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No drilling or plumbing would be necessary.

All aspects of the proposal would be Americans With Disabilities Act-complaint and fully accessible.

"The site was really picked because the terrain opens up a little bit," explained David Hunsberger, principal architect at CPL. "The idea is the path is going to run through the space, and the structures are going to be a stop along that... The committee was very determined to see a variety of learning spaces. There's going to be small group instruction, there's going to be times when the groups need to come together and get some direction, and then go out and do their own thing."

Therefore, the plan includes a number of different seating configurations using natural elements for kids to sit on, draw at, explore, make observations from, and jump around to.

"It seems to be a lively space but also focuses around that structure, which we call a gathering space, which gives them a home base to come back to," said Hunsberger. "The classroom itself will also have spaces for displaying projects or art."

The structures will be made of

natural materials, including a simple shed roof, and a storage area for teacher supplies.

The site would be closed down in the winter months.

"That looks amazing," Jasnow told the consultants after their presentation. "In my opinion, this accomplishes a couple of very important goals that we have heard about from our staff and the administration here, as well as from community members, which is making sure—number one—that our school forest which is this incredible resource we have as a district, a unique resource, is more accessible to our entire community and to all of our students."

He said the other main piece is making sure the district can leverage the resource to deepen educational opportunities for students—having a location to display artwork, offering different types of learning environments, and even making it a center for data collection or a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) lab.

"In my view, I think it seems like we're very much on the right track to hitting those very important goals," said Jasnow.

The project may be completed in two phases, with the parking lot and trail upgrades coming first, along with the bathroom, followed by the creation of the teaching structures.

The total cost estimate of the project is \$493,740.

"Based on what we've seen and what we expect, these prices are in line with what we're thinking the cost will be," said Hunsberger.

Superintendent Stowell explained that a maintenance budget has been considered, to periodically replace gravel, service the bathroom regularly, and provide necessary upkeep. "That was a really big discussion, and that's going to be part of our budgeting process," he said.

February's school board meeting was the first presentation by architects regarding the proposal. After gathering feedback from students, parents, teachers, and the greater community, the board will consider incorporating the project in the 2026-27 budget as a capital project. Bidding could take place next spring, with work to commence in the summer of 2027.

Trustee Peter Lesser, who chaired the advisory committee, praised the proposal.

"I love the fact that you really listened to the idea of making the classroom not so separate from the forest, and I think we heard that from the teachers, too—you go to the forest to be in the forest," he said.

Stowell said the community's response to the project has been positive. "We have this wonderful resource, and what better way to leverage it?" he asked.

Garrison is designated by the New York State Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School, and having this resource would expand on the district's teachings regarding sustainability and environmental education, but in a natural forest.

"It's hands-on—you just can't duplicate that in the classroom," said Stowell.



Robert Zubrycki will be the featured performer March 15 in Brewster.

Classical Composers to Perform Broadway Hits in Brewster

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to an afternoon of romance and adoration as Brewster's Robert Zubrycki—a Broadway musician—along with Lisa Tipton, Adria Benjamin, and Peter Sanders perform "A Love Affair-Classical Composers & Broadway" on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster.

The program includes some of the most beloved love stories of Broadway music and features the works of Bernstein, Borodin, Cole Porter, Gershwin, Villa-Lobos, and more.

Zubrycki is a versatile violinist renowned for his extensive contributions to both classical and Broadway music. A member of the orchestra for Disney's "Aladdin" on Broadway, he is concertmaster for the New York City Chamber Orchestra as well as a member of Orchestra Lumos and the American Symphony Orchestra.

He also performs as concertmaster for the New York Oratorio Society and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

Tipton, violinist and co-founder of the award-winning Meridian String Quartet, has toured internationally and held residencies at Queens and Bard Colleges. She won distinctions

from the Evian International Competition, Artists International, and Chamber Music America, and performs regularly with Amici NY, Orchestra Lumos, Little Orchestra Society, American Symphony Orchestra, and on Broadway.

Benjamin, a violist, is a longtime member of Orchestra Lumos. She performs as an orchestral musician, chamber musician, and in NYC as a recording studio and Broadway musician. She is a nationally recognized music educator through her work at Mannes College's Preparatory Division, where she conducts three orchestras; teaches viola, chamber music, and performance workshops; and chairs the string department.

Sanders, a cellist, is a native New Yorker and a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music. He has been a member of the New York City Ballet Orchestra since 1999 (for which he has served as acting principal), performs with the Riverside Symphony, and Orchestra Lumos, and has performed and recorded as a guest artist with the Perspectives Ensemble.

Tickets to the Brewster performance are \$25, or \$20 for students and seniors, and can be purchased at www.culturalarts-co.com or at the door.

Castellano Named Southeast Super.

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town requires experience, sound judgement, and a steady hand, especially during a transition period like this."

Larca said Castellano is the most qualified person to lead the town through this interim period.

"He brings decades of public service and institutional knowledge to this role, including approximately 30 years with Westchester County, and service in a legislative capacity in Putnam County," he said.

Castellano thanked the board for its support and said he looks forward to the opportunity to serve.

"I've been in government a

long time," he said. "I was a county legislator for 12 years, chairman for two years... I'm looking forward to working with this great group of people for the town. I'm looking forward to the challenges, and I'm ready to hit the bricks right away and hope for good stuff, and try to protect taxpayers the best I can."

Castellano served on the Putnam County Legislature from 2013 to 2024, and also served eight years on the Southeast Zoning Board of Appeals.

He is filling the role vacated by former Supervisor Nick Durante, who announced his resignation at the Jan. 22 Southeast Town Board meeting.

Castellano will fill the role until the special election in November. The winner of that election will immediately enter office (not wait until January) and will have to run again in 2027, since that's when Durante's term would have expired.



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Carmel school buses currently park in a lot that is partially mud and dirt, at Kent Elementary School.

Carmel Schools May Use Capital Funds To Improve Bus Lot

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leads to a lot of problem with safety and efficiency,” and makes snow plowing and weather-related cleanup difficult.

“The proposal will address these concerns and make sure we have a much improved facility to provide transportation for our students and a safe work environment for our employees,” he said.

According to the superintendent, proactive planning such as paving and reconfiguration of the site will save the district money over time and secure the facility so there is no interruption or delays in the transportation of students to and from school.

“We also think that by increasing the lot size and the area that is paved, we will optimize the space and definitely enhance vehicle maintenance,” he said. “Right now, the bottoms of our vehicles are more quickly rotting out” because they are sitting on dirt.

Plotkin reiterated that this project can be done using only reserves and with zero tax impact.

Simultaneously, it will improve traffic flow, provide a secure facility for students and staff, optimize space and vehicle maintenance for reliable service, and create a forward-thinking infrastructure plan for long-term district needs, he said. This includes safer ingress and egress at the lot, new fencing, and controlled access points – protecting district assets and ensuring site security.

Additionally, it will not impact learning spaces or parking, the athletics fields, playground, or other outdoor spaces used by students and the community at Kent Elementary School.

According to Plotkin, the plan moves the buses further from the school, further from the property line (to be a good neighbor), and creates a larger paved area with proper drainage.

“This is about taking what we have and making it better, and also preparing this for the future in case any other additional needs should emerge,” he said.

The use of district capital funds has to be approved by voters, and the proposition is expected to be part of the May school budget vote.

Plotkin said the next step in

the process is to collaborate with architects, file necessary paperwork with the New York State Education Department, share updated project details with the public, then put it to a vote. If it is approved, work is expected to begin in the summer of 2027.

“We are excited about this project because we feel that for the amount we will spend, we will have a maximum impact on the efficiency and operational abilities of our transportation department,” said Plotkin. “We will add longer life to our buses and provide a safer work environment for our workers.”

Residents are asked to share their thoughts and comments via a three-question survey by March 6, at www.carmelschools.org (click on the superintendent’s message). So far, about 72 percent of respondents have said they would likely vote in favor of the project.

During the Feb. 24 Carmel School Board meeting, Plotkin said some respondents wrote comments such as, “If you can’t buy a whole new yard for the buses, this is a great way.”

However, the prevalent comment theme was: “This is long overdue. This seems like a cost-effective way to approach the persistent challenge for this site,” according to the superintendent.

Board Vice President John Curzio II noted that the audit committee will be meeting this month to vote either favorably or against the proposal.

“This is a very, very different project than what was attempted or undertaken a decade ago,” he said. “It is not seeking to build any new buildings at the site or renovate any new buildings at the site. It is not seeking to purchase any land.”

According to Assistant Superintendent for Business, Operations, and Human Resources Ken Silver, approvals are still needed for the sale of land on the property just south of the complex – which was proposed to house a new transportation facility but voted down in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The sale is expected to soon be final.

“We need this to happen,” he said of the sale. “It reduces our expenses until 2037, and it brings a sizeable amount of cash (\$300,000) to us at the closing itself... So this is pretty important.”

Further, Silver explained that the reserve fund was established in 2015, with the belief that the money would be used by now. It has \$3.2 million in it, which “can only be used for capital projects.” Lastly, the proposed project is eligible for state aid, so the district will get 60 percent back over 15 years.

Lake Louise Culvert Replacement Project on the Horizon

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over the spillway. If it wasn’t for the earth dam that impounds the lower lake and which carries Lake Louise Drive on top of it, there would be no lake, noted Bourdeau.

“That 300-foot-long earth dam is a very critical part of this, because the original project had nothing to do with the earth dam – it was just replacing the concrete culvert,” he explained. “But as soon as you start working on an earth dam, you have to bring it into compliance under DEC regulations and, in this case, it started to be more of a challenge and more costly than just replacing the culvert.”

The project is limited to the immediate culvert approaches (75 feet on each side). “Basically whatever it would take for us to get that culvert out, drop a new one in, replace the approaches – that’s all that can be paid for under this funding,” said Bourdeau.

Currently, the culvert is cracking and spalling, with erosion at the base of the concrete foundations, and debris blocking outflow. The roadway on top of the earth dam is narrow, limited to one lane, has non-standard guiderails, pavement deterioration, a steep embankment slope on the downstream side, and the embankment is overgrown with vegetation and some seepage has

been noted at the downstream toe of the embankment.

Bourdeau noted that the dam crest, or road elevation, needs to be raised to bring it into compliance, but the Bridge NY funding doesn’t cover that. So engineers came up with a phased approach to first replace the culvert and spillway with the grant funding, then appeal for additional funding for phase two – which would be to install a concrete dam structure or wall on the upstream side of the roadway to raise the dam crest and provide a new structurally-sound dam.

“So, we basically build a more robust concrete wall just on the lake side of the road that would serve as the dam for the future,” said Bourdeau.

As part of phase one, engineers will increase the spillway capacity to meet or exceed design flood requirements, per DEC guidelines. Bourdeau explained that they have to balance the height of the earth dam with the size of the structure, so that water can pass without flooding. To do so, engineers will replace the culvert, reconstruct part of Lake Louise Drive over the culvert, and improve geometric conditions.

This will increase the size of the structure from the current 6 to 8 feet, to about 14 to 16 feet in width. It will allow for two lanes, while not making the culvert “excessively wide,” allowing for cars to pass, introducing standard rails, and making it safer for vehicles.

Engineers are working on the final design for phase one, with approvals anticipated in

March, bidding to start in May, and construction starting in July or August, with a November finish date.

Phase two would extend the concrete wall all the way to the end of the earth dam. “Basically, you’re taking what’s now an earth dam with a road on top of it... That just becomes a road, and you have a concrete wall there that serves as the earth dam,” said Bourdeau.

South Lake resident Stephan Beffre thanked the town, county, and engineers for their advocacy.

“We’ve been fighting for a long time to make some improvements along South Lake,” he said. “This lake has a lot of issues and it’s been neglected for a really long time. We know these dams are all at risk of failure and it may not carry substantial risk for private property damage, but it could lead to potential drainage of our lake if they were to fail.”

According to Beffre, the mean depth of the lake is only 3 feet.

“So we cannot afford to lose any water whatsoever,” he said. “It’s a manmade lake – it needs maintenance. And no one wants to live on a swamp... If we don’t eventually dredge this lake, during my lifetime, we will eventually see this lake become a swamp. And our home values will plummet.”

According to Bourdeau, the county plans to lower the upper dam and abandon it in place, decommissioning it. The middle dam will be remediated with the clearing of trees, replacing the spillway with concrete, and restoring the surface to gravel for future maintenance.

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MARCH 12, 2026

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DEGASPERI CHRISTOPHER

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By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paerprer

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Southeast

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to review potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following application:

1. **Sparta Realty Enterprises, Inc / Salsa Fresca**, owner/tenant of premises located at 1577 Route 22, Tax Map ID 46.-1-16.1, seeks to vary the terms of Section 138-75 D.(3)(c)[1] of the Zoning

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Code as the same prohibits the location of freestanding signs less than 15' from the front property line to permit the applicant(s) to erect a freestanding sign (to replace existing wall signage) which, as proposed, would be located 5' back from the front property line. The subject premises are located in the SR 22 zoning district.

2. **Margaret Vail**, owner of premises located at 2 Bass Lane, Tax Map ID 79.-1-40.-41, seeks to vary the terms of Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property and prohibits the expansion of pre-existing non-conforming structures, to permit the applicant to construct an addition to a single family residential structure which, as proposed, would be located: 41' from the easterly front property line, where minimum setback of 50' is required; 27' from the westerly front property line, where a minimum setback of 50' is required; and 40' for the northerly side property line where a minimum setback of 50' is required in an R40 zoning district.

By Order of the ZBA
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 26, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 23, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 2407 Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 20., Block 1 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment is \$404,523.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501723/2023.

Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq.,
Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 232472-1

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1**, Plaintiff, vs. **UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTIBLES OF THE ESTATE OF GERMAINE CHANDELIER, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 22, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 378 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected,

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situate, lying and being at Roaring Brook Lake, in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 30.18, Block 1 and Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,087,927.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500370/2025.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 242959-2

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **TKP CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 22 ROSE DR., MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **Sterling Oaks, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 01/05/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Arborview Carmel NY, 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Borderless Solutions, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/24/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Almonte Law Firm P C, 2472 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11223-5233. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Cabrera Property Holdings LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY Should mail process to: Julie Cabrera, 90 Cherry Hill RD, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **HOMETOWN HANDYWOMEN LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2025 Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Parsonage Street Cold Spring, New York, NY, 10516, USA. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Hudson Valley Epoxy, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/12/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Hudson Valley Epoxy, LLC, 54 Concord Dr, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **DK Athletics, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/9/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: DK Athletics, LLC, 421 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose, any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **BALDWIN PARK LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/01/02. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o the LLC, P.O. Box 118, Mahopac Falls, NY 10542. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **The Memory Press, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/26. Office location: Putnam Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of **Grace Bell Nutrition, CDN, PLLC**. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/5/26. Office located in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the PLLC to 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Drivers captured these images of dicey travel on the Taconic State Parkway, and readers sent in photos of their properties being buried, after last week's blizzard.



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Students Research Revolutionary-Era Carmel

The spirit of the American Revolution came alive at George Fischer Middle School this winter, as students explored the rich Revolutionary-era history of Carmel and the surrounding Putnam County community in the school's first history contest.

The competition began back in December with a visit to the middle school library from Kara Matteson, educational director of the Putnam History Museum. Matteson spoke with seventh-graders about the Hudson Valley's vital role in the American Revolution, sparking ideas and inspiration for student projects.

To enter the contest, students were required to complete a detailed research paper, cite reliable sources in a reference page, and create a hands-on or creative project connected to their topic.

"We are really doing this to recognize the 250th anniversary of our country," said social studies teacher and department chairperson Lisa Steiner. "It's the first time the school has held a history contest."

Social studies teachers for seventh grade helped students develop their ideas, and school Librarian Lindsay Gerard taught them how to navigate online databases and make use of local resources, including the Putnam Historical Society.

The results were as creative as they were educational. One student produced a dramatic video portraying Benedict Arnold, bringing



Carmel middle-schoolers show off their research.

the controversial historical figure to life. Another wrote a powerful journal from the perspective of an African American soldier fighting during the Revolution.

Adelia crafted a working wheel cipher – a device used to encode and decode secret messages during the war.

In total, 11 students submitted projects, and their work was displayed in the school library throughout February for classmates and staff to enjoy. Several participants also advanced their research to the regional Jean Saunders History Contest, sponsored by the Put-

nam History Museum, with those results to be announced this month.

Projects were carefully evaluated by members of the Junior Honor Society and middle school staff.

The contest winners – Adelia, who studied spies of revolution; Nyah, who researched Peggy Shippen Arnold; Logan, who studied Benedict Arnold; and Chase and Donovan, who researched Rifle Jack and the role of African Americans in the Revolution – were recognized for their outstanding scholarship and creativity, and received special awards for their achievement.

Putnam Valley Blood Drive

The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps will hold a blood drive Monday, March 23 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 218 Oscawana Lake Road.

Community participation has steadily increased at every drive the corps has hosted, reflecting the generosity and spirit of Putnam Valley residents. At the most recent event, an incredible 56 pints of blood was collected – enough to help save up to 168 lives.

"Each pint of blood donated has the potential to save multiple lives," said Lt. Cole Caulfield. "Seeing our community step up time and time again has been truly inspiring. We've grown in volume with every blood drive, and our goal is to continue building on that momentum. The need for blood never stops, and neither does our commitment to supporting our neighbors."

Blood remains in constant demand for trauma patients, surger-

ies, cancer treatments, and medical emergencies, and local hospitals rely on volunteer donors to maintain a stable and ready supply. By hosting regular drives, PVVAC helps ensure lifesaving blood products are available when they are needed most.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. Schedule an appointment at

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/330633.

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