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A Celestial Celebration!



The April 8 total solar eclipse brought people across the country outside during the day to view the rare occurrence, when the moon passes between the sun and earth and leaves us in darkness for a short time during the day. Brewster elementary and intermediate school students viewed the eclipse at school, while middle and high school students were dismissed early with a pair of glasses to use at home or at afterschool activities.

Students across Putnam County enjoyed the event, with special NASA-approved glasses that were handed out. Mahopac High School's Jennifer Degl gathered 150 students on the turf field for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Brewster Schools Consider 2.9% Tax Levy Increase

By Holly Crocco

The Brewster School Board is considering a 2024-25 budget that once again stays below the state-mandated property tax cap.

During the March 26 school board meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Victor Karlsson said the administration is proposing a \$119.6 million budget, which represents a 3.35 percent, or about \$4 million increase over this year.

Under the proposed budget,

the tax levy will increase \$2.3 million, or 2.9 percent, which is below the property tax cap of 3.12 percent.

Karlsson noted that this is the eighth year the district has budgeted below the tax cap, saving homeowners a collective \$7.4 million in taxes it could have collected but didn't.

With a total of \$82.6 million generated through taxes, the remainder of the district's revenue

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Alliance Seeks to Reduce Overdose

Members of The BRIDGE Alliance – professionals from across dozens of organizations and sectors – joined together at the Bureau of Emergency Services in Putnam last month to focused on the shared long-term goal to reduce fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses countywide.

A review of data that included information related to 911 overdose-related calls and gathered through law enforcement was presented by an analyst from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program covering Putnam County. Attendees then split into three work groups to address topics such as de-stigmatization, hope for

recovery and youth-specific needs.

“We have to approach this problem from every angle, as accidental overdose continues to be a leading cause of death across our nation,” said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. “Collaboration between different agencies and providers is key so that no one is working in their own silo. We’re very proud of the group we’ve assembled, and it is our sincere hope this group can foster some unique local solutions to an ongoing global crisis.”

Overdose remains one of the leading causes of injury-related death in the U.S. While the ma-

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The Brewster Fire Department paid its respects to fallen firefighter William “Billy” May on April 6.



Photos courtesy of BFD.



Brewster Firefighter Laid to Rest

The Brewster Fire Department joined family and friends in bidding farewell to firefighter William “Billy” May, Badge 779, on April 5. He passed away March 29 at the

age of 26.

May joined BFD on Feb. 13, 2020, at the age of 22. He served his community for more than four years and, according to the department,

“quickly became a rising star who brought the best out of everyone he interacted with. Billy always had a smile on his face and was a great friend to anyone who knew him,”

BFD posted on social media.

May is survived by his father and mother, William and Johanna; and siblings Christopher and Jennifer.

A wake was held April 5 at Beecher Funeral Home, with a funeral serve April 6 at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Brewster.

Kent OKs Natural Resources Inventory

The Town of Kent has adopted a comprehensive Natural Resources Inventory, created by the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee and town board, marking a significant step forward in the town's commitment to preserving its natural beauty and resources for future generations.

Initiated in 2019, the NRI project was a collaborative effort guided by the town's comprehensive plan of 2008 and the KCAC, and supported by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The project received technical assistance and \$49,640 in grant funding from the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program.

Staff from Hudsonia Ltd., a non-profit environmental organization, worked with a volunteer town steering committee for nearly two years to develop the NRI. The result is a GIS-based document that provides valuable insights into the quantity, quality, distribution and condition of Kent's natural resources, including soils, water resources, habitats and wildlife.

In addition, local biologists Bill Buck and Beth Herr contributed more than 1,000 hours of field work and analysis over a three-year period to create a biodiversity index documenting numerous species of plants, mammals, birds, fish and insects that may be found in Kent's diverse habitats. They were assisted by other volunteer naturalists and scientists who participated in field work in Kent and/or helped to



Pictured are biologist Bill Buck, Biodiversity Research Center Director Emerita Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia Ltd., Kent Conservation Advisory Committee Chairman Bill Volckmann and Kent Town Councilwoman Anne Campbell.

identify and catalogue specimens.

The document is illustrated with photos provided by town residents.

The draft NRI was presented to the public and to various governing boards and committees for feedback, ensuring transparency and community involvement in the process. After rigorous review and compliance with DEC requirements, the Kent Town Board approved and adopted the NRI, along with an appended biodiversity inventory.

"The adoption of the NRI underscores our commitment to responsible stewardship of Kent's natural resources," said KCAC Chairman Bill Volckmann. "This comprehensive inventory will serve as a vital tool for informed decision-making, guiding land use planning,

zoning decisions and environmental protection efforts."

The NRI will be utilized by town boards, committees, agencies and the public to support informed decision-making processes. It will be regularly updated and made available to the public, reinforcing transparency and accessibility.

The Kent Town Board extended its gratitude to all those involved in the development of the NRI and the accompanying biodiversity inventory, including members of the KCAC, the NRI Steering Committee, volunteer naturalists and scientists, community contributors, Hudsonia Ltd. staff, and the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program.

For a downloadable version of the NRI document, visit www.townofkentny.gov/conservation-advisory-committee or <https://kentac.info>.



Director Bob Dumont, seated center, with the cast and crew of "Noises Off." Photo by Stacy Dumont.

See 'Noises Off' in Carmel

The Brewster Theater Company's zany production of Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" opens Friday, April 19, and runs for three weekends at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org, or at the door.

Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. April 19, 20, 26 and 27, and May 3 and 4; and at 2 p.m. April 28 and May 5.

The play is directed and produced by Bob Dumont and stage-managed by Karen Tunney, both of Patterson. Chris Gillespie of Carmel is the assistant director.

Dumont describes "Noises Off" as the most challenging play he has ever been involved with.

"The onstage mayhem coupled with building a monster of a spinning set has been an all-consuming process for so many of us at BTC,"

he said. "And I know the audience is going to enjoy and appreciate the levity of the chaos and the pretty impressive scenery."

When the characters of Tony Award-winning playwright Frayne's "Noises Off" rehearse and perform in a doomed tour of a farce called "Nothing On," everything that can go wrong does in a production described by New Yorker Magazine as "sublime chaos."

The production features Christopher Gladys and Paul Stein of Brewster; Stacy Dumont, Rob Dumont and Adam Browne of Patterson; John Palacio and David Nielsen of Westchester; Yelena Bregman of Carmel; Maddie Landau of Rock Tavern; and Jessica Beitscher of Mohegan Lake.

"Noises Off" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

In March 2023, the Southold Town Board approved a 12-month moratorium on BESS facilities. On March 29, 2024, they extended their widely supported moratorium for an additional 12 months. The Southampton Town Board enacted a six-month BESS moratorium in August 2023 and renewed it for an additional six months in February 2024. Brasher, in October 2023, placed a 12-month moratorium on BESS facilities.

In addition, numerous municipalities are drawing up their own regulations to govern this new technology of battery storage systems. Early this year, the "will of the people" won in Raquette Lake; National Grid stated recently, "plans for their battery energy storage facility in Raquette Lake was scrapped."

Despite contributing to cleaner energy, these battery systems are uniquely susceptible to extreme weather conditions, possibly causing environmental hazards. Lightning strikes, heavy rain, wildfires and other weather events can all cause these batteries to malfunction. Lithium cells can experience thermal runaway, which causes them to release very hot, flammable, toxic gases.

In large storage systems, failure of one lithium cell can cascade to include hundreds of individual cells. The hot, flammable gases can result in an explosion, or a very difficult fire to extinguish.

It is now time the Carmel Town Board explain why, in early 2023, it did not consider a moratorium and is still not considering a moratorium. The number-one responsibility of the town board is the safety and well-being of the residents and business owners.

Write to the Carmel Town Board requesting a moratorium. It is the "will of the people."

Joyce Lambert
Mahopac

Letters to the Editor

Curzio Seeks Re-Election to Carmel School Board

Dear Editor:

I am proud to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Carmel School Board.

During my two terms as your school board trustee, I can report that I have worked tirelessly to fulfill my campaign promises to oppose any unnecessary tax increases on the people of our district, who are already severely overburdened with excessively high taxes.

Our district's current fiscal crisis was not brought about because our community was taxed too little. This present crisis was brought about because the Carmel Central School District spends too much and has spent too much for too many years, despite all the warnings.

I wear it as a badge of honor that I am the only Carmel School Board member in the district's history that was brought up on failed removal charges for my instrumental role in defeating two tax-and-spend bond referendums, which were not necessary for this school district and would have resulted in massive tax increases.

Additionally, I have opposed irresponsible high-tax budgets. I have also been willing to work with my colleagues to deliver several other budget proposals that incorporated my proposed savings and benefited our students and overall community.

Last year, I led the effort to repeal the infamous transportation facility bond. The repeal represented \$7.4 million never being billed to our already overtaxed community.

In conjunction with repealing the bond, I supported the authorization of a contract of sale for the associated land for \$3.4 million, which ensures that our taxpayers are protected and places that land back on the tax rolls.

I remain steadfast in my commitment to fiscal responsibility and against unnecessary tax increases. I also remain fully committed to keeping you, the taxpayers of our district, fully informed of what this school board is doing with your hard-earned tax dollars.

Most importantly, I have met my commitment to ensure our students receive the education they are entitled to, and deserve, in the Carmel Central School District. To this end, I fought this year to ensure kindergarten would never be on the chopping block during school budget debates, while also supporting the inclusion of field trips, clubs, sports, the Carmel High School Alternative High School program, and music and art programs.

I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail soon, and I would be honored to earn your support in the upcoming school board election Tuesday, May 21.

John Curzio II
Lake Carmel

Moratorium: Why not us?

Dear Editor:

Throughout NYS since early 2023, there has been a growing public health/safety concern in regard to battery energy storage systems (BESS).

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Iyanna's wish is revealed during a kickoff event for Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley at ShopRite of Carmel. Photo by Everett Collie.

Make-A-Wish Campaign Kicks Off at ShopRite of Carmel

ShopRite's annual two-week fundraising campaign to benefit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley kicked off April 14, and was preceded by ShopRite of Carmel hosting a wish reveal for wish child Iyanna, who was surprised with the news that her wish to go to Walt Disney World is being granted.

Carmel Store Manager Bob Gillick worked closely with local law enforcement agencies – including the Lake Carmel, Carmel and Kent fire departments; Carmel EMS; and the Kent and Carmel police departments – to greet Iyanna at arrival with lights and sirens.

County Executive Kevin Byrne, Assemblyman Matt Slater and County Legislature Erin Crowley all presented Iyanna and her family with certificates marking the significance of her Wish Reveal Day.

Twenty-seven ShopRite stores throughout the Hudson Valley – including ShopRite of Carmel – are collecting donations at checkout through April 27 to support Make-A-Wish and its mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Research shows children who have received a wish are able to build the physical and emotional

strength needed to fight critical illnesses.

Since its inception in 1986, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley has granted more than 3,200 wishes for children in the Hudson Valley region. To date, through shopper donations, ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc., has raised more than \$790,000 for Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley and more than \$970,000 in total, between all the Make-A-Wish chapters participating in the campaign.

"We are extremely grateful for ShopRite's continued generosity and support of our organization," said Kristine Burton, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley. "Through ShopRite's continuous fundraising efforts and the community's generous donations, we have the ability to provide more children and their families with life-changing experiences that can bring them joy in the face of truly challenging times. We're looking forward to another successful fundraising campaign with this great community partner."

The Hudson Valley chapter of Make-A-Wish includes eight counties. For more information, visit hudson.wish.org.

Mahopac Man Faces Child Porn Charges

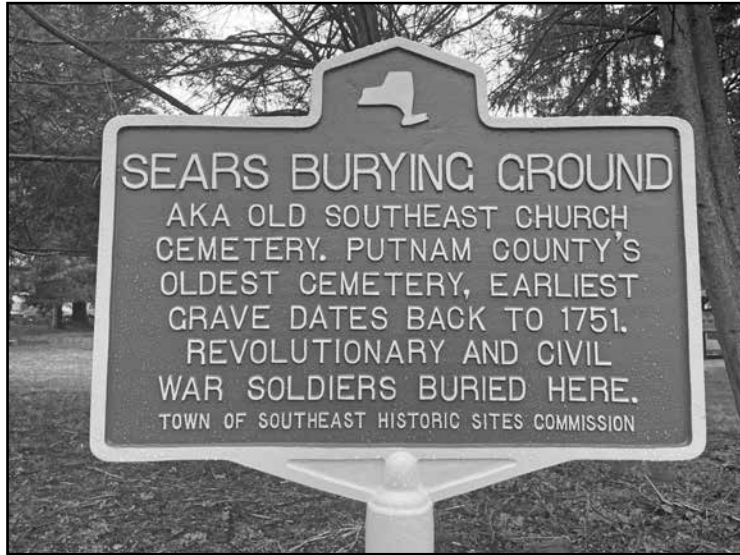
A Mahopac resident was arrested last month by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for allegedly possessing child pornography.

According to Sheriff Kevin McConville, beginning in February, members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation began a probe after receiving information that a Carmel resident was in possession of images of "child sexual abuse material."

The BCI executed multiple search warrants with the assistance of electronics storage detection K9 Hannah. On March 29, 53-year-old John Towers was arrested and charged with two counts of promoting a sexual performance by a child and three counts of possessing a sexual performance by a child, both felonies; as well as one count of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

He was arraigned in Carmel Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail or \$100,000 bond.

Sears Burying Ground to Get Historic Marker



The unveiling of a new historic marker for the Sears Burying Ground, also known as the Old Southeast Church Cemetery, is scheduled April 27.

By Jack Alcott

The Sears Burying Ground, also known as the Old Southeast Church Cemetery – the site of the oldest marked grave in Putnam County, dating back to 1751 and the resting place of Revolutionary and Civil War veterans – has a new historic marker. An unveiling, sponsored by the Town of Southeast and the Historic Sites Commission, is scheduled Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

The cemetery, located at 1601 Route 22, is just north of the Red Rooster diner.

The iconic blue-and-yellow metal signs mark several other historic sites around Southeast and Brewster – and the county – and highlight important people, places and events around New York State.

Many of Southeast's earliest settlers are interred at the cemetery, and it includes family plots and monuments engraved with many old names, such as Barnum, Crane, Crosby and Kent. The oldest marked grave is that of Abigail Moss Kent, wife of Elisha



The oldest marked grave in Putnam County is at the Sears Burying Ground in Southeast. It belongs to Abigail Kent, wife of Elisha Kent, who died in 1751.

Kent, who died in January 1751 at age 33.

The recently restored and reunited gravestones of Revolutionary War hero and militia Captain Jedidiah Wood and his wife, Abigail, are also on view at the burying ground. Wood is famous for helping to take wounded American soldiers along a trail in what is now Brewster village to a field hospital in Danbury.

Abigail's 1815 tombstone vanished in the late 1970s from a family graveyard on the Woods' former farm behind Marvin Mountain. The stone was discovered in the woods near Tonetta Lake in 2022 and was later erected next to her husband's at the Old Southeast Church Cemetery, aka Sears Burying Ground.

The Woods' bodies remain in unmarked graves at the old farmstead near Nelson Boulevard.

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Carmel Cruisers Roll into Putnam Plaza

The Carmel Cruisers are back for their third season of free Wendy's car shows at 1894 Route 6, Carmel. Cruises are from 3 to 9 p.m. the last Thursday of the month and every other Saturday, beginning Thursday, April 25 and Saturday, April 28 and continuing through the end of September; as well as 9 a.m. to noon every Sunday, beginning April 28 and continuing through the end of October. Weekly updates can be found on Facebook.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Spring Cleaning

If spring cleaning is on your list, then it may be a good time to take it into your kitchen. Whether it's to consume the make ahead winter casseroles you froze, reorganize your pantry, or to simply see what your family has pushed to the back of the fridge, a deep kitchen clean out is essential.

How long can I freeze food? While it's tempting to leave frozen foods for months (or years), most items will lose their quality. Ground meat can be stored for three-four months, but bread tends to last for up to three months. While most casseroles are good for up to six months, this may be a good time to enjoy dishes that you're not likely to enjoy on a hot summer day.

Is this still good? This is the question that comes up most when cleaning out the kitchen. The next question is "is this actually expired?". The dates on product packages can be confusing for sure. In most cases, they let you know how the quality of the product is changing (not safety). Here is a simple guide:

"Best if Used By/Before" date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

"Sell-By" date tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. It is not a safety date.

"Use-By" date is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. It is not a safety date.

Do I have to throw out this sauce or marinade? Once opened, jarred sauce is good for less than a week, while marinades can last up to a month.

What about spices? Spices and herbs won't "go bad" but will lose their flavor and potency. Dried herbs tend to decline faster (one-three years) than ground herbs (two-three years). Whole or unground spices will last the longest (up to four years). Store them in a

cool, dark, dry place to make them last longer.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: astowell@hannaford.com.

Shrimp Scampi Casserole (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Turn an Italian restaurant favorite into a weeknight staple with this all-in-one casserole. Just assemble and bake; no need to boil the pasta or even thaw the shrimp.

- Ingredients:**
- 3/4 lb. rotini pasta
 - 1 (32-oz.) bag frozen fully cooked shrimp
 - 1 cup frozen green peas
 - 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, cubed
 - 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
 - 2 tsp. cornstarch
 - 1/4 cup heavy cream
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/2 lemon, zested and juiced
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
 - 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan (optional)

Directions:
Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In a 9x13" baking dish, spread pasta in an even layer. Scatter shrimp and peas over top. Top evenly with butter cubes.

In liquid measuring cup, combine chicken broth and cornstarch. Whisk until smooth. Pour broth mixture and cream into baking dish. Sprinkle garlic and zest and juice from lemon over baking dish. Season with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil and bake 25 to 30 minutes, until pasta is al dente and shrimp are fully thawed, stirring at the 20-minute mark.

When pasta is done, garnish with parsley and Parmesan, if desired. Serve immediately.

Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes

(Family Features)

Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes with Cinnamon-Maple Topping

Topping:
1 3/4 cups plain Greek yogurt (fat free, 2% or 5%)

1/3 cup maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pancakes:

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 egg, lightly beaten
3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
1/2 cup milk
3 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla oil

1 cup fresh blueberries or chopped fresh strawberries

Directions:

To make topping: Stir yogurt, syrup and cinnamon. Cover and refrigerate.

To make pancakes: In mixing bowl, stir flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate bowl, whisk egg, yogurt,



milk, butter and vanilla. Add yogurt mixture to flour mixture. Stir just until combined (batter should be slightly lumpy).

Scrape batter into large plastic food storage bag. Oil nonstick griddle or large nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat. Cut off about 1/2 inch from corner of plastic bag. Squeeze batter, about 1 tablespoon at a time, onto hot griddle. Cook 1-2 minutes per side, or until pancakes are golden brown, turning to second sides when bubbles form on surface of pancakes and edges are slightly dry.

Serve warm pancakes topped with cinnamon-maple yogurt and sprinkled with berries.

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Obituary

Corinne P. Greenberg

Corinne Phyllis Greenberg died in Miami, Fla., on March 17, 2024, from natural causes. She was 95 years old.

Passionate about the power of the arts, medicine and education to enrich the lives of so many, she was a dedicated philanthropist and volunteer who felt a profound obligation to improve the world around her. Perhaps most importantly, Corinne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother whose love and empathy defined the larger Greenberg family for decades.

Known to her family and friends as "Corky," Corinne believed deeply in the importance of philanthropy as a way to enhance the lives of the underprivileged. As long-time directors of The Starr Foundation, she and her husband, Maurice R. Greenberg, sought to support countless medical, social and cultural institutions around the world, but particularly in New York City where she and her husband proudly resided.

The breadth and depth of her philanthropic activities were a sign of her true focus on having a tangible impact above anything else. In fact, to those who knew her closely, she was regularly self-effacing, eschewing the publicity that such charitable efforts often draw. However, there were some causes and organizations that were especially close to her heart.

Corinne was chairperson of the National Board of Young Audiences/Arts-for-Learning, having started serving on its board in 1984. As a strong proponent of public education, she cherished this work because she believed in the transformative power the performing arts can have on children from all walks of life. She wanted students to have as much exposure as possible to the arts because of the joy it brings and

the impact it can have on the ability to learn and grow.

Her contributions to culture in NYC also included her service on the boards of the 92nd Street Y and the Orchestra of St. Luke's.

Drawing on her background in and knowledge of science, Corinne recognized the paramount importance of medicine as a way of serving her city and those who sought treatment there. She was a member of several volunteer committees at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center, including as a charter member of the Executive Committee of the Lying-In-Hospital in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and as a member of the New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center Council.

She also served on the Executive Committee of the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center and was a founding member of the Women & Science Committee at the Rockefeller University.

Corinne Greenberg, nee Zuckerman, was born in NYC on Dec. 26, 1928, and raised in the Bronx with her brother, Donald Zuckerman. Corinne possessed a special blend of vivaciousness, talent and kindness. Her love of music was lifelong, playing both the piano and flute as a child; she graduated from the High School of Music & Art with a major in voice and later studied piano at the Manhattan School of Music.

Her zest for life was also evident in her love of the outdoors. She was an avid skier and tennis player throughout her life; both family and friends fondly remember spending hours with her on the slopes and court.

Corinne was ahead of her time in several ways, particularly in her professional pursuits. She was an outstanding student and perpetually curious, embracing computers

before many others did. Having graduated with a B.B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Miami, Corinne studied systems design and computer programming at IBM, and worked as a programmer and systems designer at Fiduciary Trust Company and The New York Hospital.

She met her husband, Maurice, when they were students at the University of Miami, and they married in 1950. They spent many years together in NYC, in Brewster, at their home in Florida, and traveling the world. Even amid her many pursuits, her family was always her top priority. Corinne had an uncanny ability to make everyone feel special. She made sure to commemorate every family milestone – birthdays, school performances, sporting events, graduations and more.

Corinne is survived by her husband, Maurice; brother Donald; children Jeffrey, Evan, Scott and Cathleen; grandchildren Caroline, Elizabeth, Matthew, Jacob, Ben, Annabel, Noah, Julia, Alleta and Ana; and six great-grandchildren.

Corinne's family wishes to share the following thoughts regarding her passing: "We are deeply saddened by the passing of our mother. She was a remarkable woman who leaves a proud legacy for all of us – one of charity, family and a passionate commitment to improving the world around her. We miss her dearly but are heartened by the fact that we shared so many wonderful moments together over the years."

A private funeral service will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that charitable donations be made to Young Audiences/Arts-for-Learning.

Antolino 'Tony' Astrologo

Antolino "Tony" Astrologo, beloved husband, cherished community member and respected salesman, passed away March 8, 2024, in Carmel, at the age of 85. He was born Jan. 31, 1939, in Mount Kisco, to Antolino and Elizabeth (Taylor) Astrologo.

Tony is survived by his devoted wife, Lorraine (Herrmann)

Astrologo.

He worked as an auto parts salesman at Advanced Auto Parts in Carmel. Tony will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., 10 Fowler Ave., Carmel; 845-225-3672 or www.cargainfuneralhomes.com.

Putnam Land Trust Celebrates 55 Years

The Putnam County Land Trust will celebrate 55 years of "protecting what matters in Putnam County" on Saturday, April 20, with a celebration at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel.

Tickets are \$85 and include a cocktail hour, during which the Brewster High School Orchestra will perform. Bourbon tasting will also be available, as well as a live and a silent auction, and raffles.

Videos and photos of board

members, stewards and volunteers from over the years will be on display during the course of the evening, as Putnam County Land Trust celebrates the people, nearby land trusts, Scouts and the bouldering community and others who have worked with the trust over the years.

The dinner journal will feature information about each of the groups that have helped with almost 1,300 acres of land permanently protected.

We Will Miss

Brewster

Petra Martinez, 26, March 28, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

William James May III, 26, March 29, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Peter Henry O'Hagan, 79, March 29, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel

Jessica Fitzpatrick, 47, March 26, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mary T. Dunn, 88, March 29, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Sandra Cole Seymour, 90,

March 29, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Crucy F. Castelli, 98, April 2, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Theresa L. Wissell, 86, March 31, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Elizabeth Goscinski, 101, April 1, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Cold Spring

Patricia "Patsy" Johnson, 81, March 31, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Linda Brucato, 78, April 3, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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Drunk-Driving Arrests

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office recently made several arrests.

At about 10:45 p.m. April 5, a deputy traveling northbound on Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley was struck by a southbound vehicle that crossed over into his lane, and he sustained injuries to his eye and hand. He was transported to Hudson Valley Hospital for treatment.

The driver of the other vehicle, Jennifer Hunt, 42, was determined to be intoxicated after failing field sobriety tests. She was arrested and charged with second-degree felony vehicular assault, first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, and the traffic infractions of operation with a license restric-

tion, failing to keep right, moving from the lane unsafely, speed not reasonable and prudent, and operating a vehicle while using a mobile device.

Hunt was processed at the Putnam County Correctional Facility and arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court, where she was released on her own recognizance with a future court date.

At about 2:30 a.m. April 6, deputies reportedly saw a vehicle operating erratically, including failing to maintain its lane on Danbury Road in Southeast. A traffic stop was made and the driver, Hector Buchyolos, 38, of Brewster, was determined to be intoxicated after failing multiple field sobriety tests.

He was taken into custody and transported to PCCF for processing where he was charged with misdemeanor DWI, and

aggravated DWI for having a blood-alcohol content greater than 0.18 percent. He was issued an appearance ticket for Southeast Town Court.

At about 1 a.m. April 7, Putnam County 911 broadcasted an alert for an erratic driver in the area of Route 22 and 311 in Patterson, which was being followed by a concerned citizen. Deputies were able to locate the westbound suspect vehicle on Route 6 in Carmel and initiated a traffic stop after seeing the vehicle swerve out of its lane.

After reportedly failing field sobriety tests, Kathleen Hibbs, 72, of Wappingers Falls, was arrested and transported to PCCF for processing. She was charged with misdemeanor DWI and moving from the lane unsafely, and released with an appearance ticket for Carmel Town Court.

At about 11:20 p.m. April 7, deputies were dispatched to a one-vehicle crash on Tammany Hall Road in Patterson, where a vehicle had traveled off the roadway and struck a mailbox. After interviewing the driver, Elizabeth DeLuca, 46, of Patterson, and conducting field sobriety tests, she was placed under arrest and charged with misdemeanor DWI, and aggravated DWI for having a BAC greater than 0.18 percent. She was processed at PCCF and released with an appearance ticket returnable to Patterson Town Court.

Cuomo Returns to EMS Director Role



Bob Cuomo

Bob Cuomo recently began his second stint as director of emergency medical services for Putnam County. He returns to this pivotal role that he previously held from 1997 to 2018, and is poised to lead the county's EMS agencies with a wealth of experience and an unmatched dedication to serving the community, according to County Executive Kevin Byrne.

"Bob Cuomo's return as the director of EMS is a testament to his unwavering commitment to public safety and emergency response," said Byrne. "His leadership will ensure Putnam County continues to deliver high-quality emergency medical services to our residents."

With a career spanning more than four decades in emergency medical services, Cuomo began as an EMT and paramedic in 1978.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Bob Lipton highlighted Cuomo's proven track

record and dedication to the community.

"Bob Cuomo's return brings a steady hand to our EMS operations," he said. "We have confidence he'll be instrumental in maintaining the high standards of care our residents deserve."

Cuomo expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve Putnam County once again.

"It is an honor to return to this role and continue serving the residents," he said. "I am committed to ensuring the individuals providing life-saving in field treatment are well-equipped, highly trained, and ready to respond to any emergency situation."

In his new position, Cuomo will be responsible for the oversight of county EMS agencies, EMS education programs and various training initiatives. His leadership seeks to uphold the county's commitment to providing timely and effective emergency medical services to its residents.

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Putnam County Community Events

Thrift Shop

Drew Thrift Shop at 26 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, has lots of interesting items at low prices. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and the first Saturday of every month.

'Autism Through Art'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition and the Studio Around the Corner are hosting "Celebrating Autism Through Art," featuring work by clients of the ARC Mid-Hudson New York, through April 28 at 67 Main St., Brewster. Gallery hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Run For School Board

Two seats are up for election on the Carmel School Board, each serving a three-year term beginning, July 1 and ending June 30, 2027. Anyone interested in running should contact District Clerk Joanne Stevens at jstevens@carmelschools.org or 845-878-2094, ext. 201, for the necessary documents. Nominating petitions must be returned to the clerk by 5 p.m. Monday, April 22.

Petra Island Raffle

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will raffle off a boat ride to, and tour of Petra Island's Frank Lloyd Wright House in Lake Mahopac, to raise funds for its Putnam County Columbus Day Parade. Tickets are \$10 and seven winners will be selected. Each may bring a guest. The drawing will take place at Evening in the Piazza at Mahopac Chamber Park on Saturday, Aug. 17. Tickets are available at all IAC events and at Freight House Café, 609 Route 6, Mahopac. For information, call Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655 or Donna Massaro at 845-628-1872.

Tuesday, April 16

Needlework Club

Grab your knitting needles, crochet hooks or needlework and enjoy a morning of stitching and chatting with other crafters at Patterson Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. This is a new drop-in group that will meet every Tuesday. Adults only. For information, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Carmel School Board

The Carmel School Board will host a budget presentation April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit carmelschools.org, click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet in person Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida, and the minutes and a recording will be posted to www.putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Kent Library Board

The Board of Trustees of the Kent Public Library meets at the library the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., which for the first half of the year will be April 16 and May 21.

Super Smash Bros

Kids age 7 to 12 may join a Super Smash Bros Ultimate Game Night on Tuesday, April 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Challenge your gaming abilities and meet new friends along the way. Registration is required.

Worms at Work

Children in grades four through eight are invited to Kent Public Library on Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m. to learn all about worms. Also, learn about turning food scraps into fertilizer for growing new plants – it's called vermicomposting. Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers Barbara Murphy and Erin McNally will show participants how simple it is and how to create your own worm composting bin. Register online.

Feeling Groovy

Join popular kids' musician Patti Hupp for a music class that will have little ones singing, dancing and feeling groovy Tuesdays, April 16, 23 and 30 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Brewster Public Library. For ages 0 to 3. Registration is required.

Wednesday, April 17

Carmel Town Board

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

Keyboard Shortcuts

Looking for a faster way to copy, paste, find and get things done on the computer? Join Mahopac Public Library at 12:30 p.m. April 17 in a discussion about what keyboard shortcuts are, practice using a few common ones, and learn how to find more. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, April 18

Adult Coloring

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host an adult coloring club every Thursday in April at 1 p.m. Registration is required at carmel-library.org/calendar.

Tai Chi

Master Dave Cunniff of In Balance Concepts will provide Tai Chi instruction for adults Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. beginning April 18, at Brewster Public Library. Strengthen your body and mind through the use of traditional techniques and modalities. Registration is required.

Art Center Open House

Garrison Art Center will hold an open house Thursday, April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing. Learn about classes and workshops, and register for the Summer Art Institute Program for High Schoolers and receive a \$60 discount. Visit the printmaking studio and learn about our community arts outreach programs, enter a raffle, admire gallery exhibitions and savor treats from Vera's Marketplace.

Teen Gaming

Teens age 13 to 17 are invited to join Brewster Public Library for

some fun with puzzles, board games and video games on the Switch, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 18 and 25. Bring your favorite game or choose from the collection of library games. No registration required.

Friday, April 19

Belden House Meeting

Friends of Belden House will hold a meeting Friday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. What is next for Belden House? The court has decided. Find out about pivoting for a new lease on life. Materials will be distributed.

'Noises Off'

The Brewster Theater Company will present "Noises Off" from April 19 to May 5 at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.brewstertheatercompany.org. This is a hysterical look into the world of theater and the crazy antics of creating and staging a show. Mishaps, mistaken identities, not-so-secret showmances and more will keep you laughing as you experience the action behind stage and in front.

'On the Trail'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome On the Trail to its stage Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. A modern acoustic band that explores everything from bluegrass to contemporary pop. Tickets are \$20 at www.eventbrite.com.

Saturday, April 20

Improv Class

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present an acting improv workshop for teens,

led by actor, playwright, director and professional coach Charise Greene, on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. \$30 per student. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Body Kite

Body Kite will perform April 20 at 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster, with visuals by Bill Morrison and Laurie Olinger. Tickets are \$20 at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/culturalartsco/bodykite-420.

Book Donations

If your winter organizing or your spring cleaning has left you with gently-used books to donate to the Mahopac Public Library's Book Barn, bring them to the Library Adult Garden on Saturday, April 20 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (rain date Sunday, April 21 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.) For this special April 20 donation day only, you are not required to make an appointment. To donate at other times, call 845-628-2009, ext. 143.

Paint Ceramic Pots

Teens age 12 and older are invited to the Kent Public Library on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. to paint their own ceramic pots in celebration of Earth Week. Each participant will add soil and flower seeds to their artistic creations. Register online.

Shred Event

Town of Carmel residents are invited to a shred event Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Michael Geary In-Line Memorial Rink parking lot across from the Mahopac firehouse on Route 6. Three file boxes allowed per car. Don't worry about removing staples, paper clips, metal strips on folders. No plastics, CDs/DVDs, X-rays, hard drives, three-ring binders, binder

clips. For information, visit www.ci.carmel.ny.us.

Sunday, April 21

'Many Moons'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will host an artist's reception for "Many Moons," a multi-media exhibition featuring the work of award-winning black/indigenous artist Dennis RedMoon Darkeem, on Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. Meet the artist and learn about his work. Refreshments will be served.

History Hike

Putnam History Museum will host a history hike at the West Point Foundry on April 21. Step back in time and visualize the 19th-century industrial complex, powered by natural resources from the surrounding landscape. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Wine Tasting

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will hold its eighth annual wine tasting festival and competition Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at its clubhouse, 141 Buckshollow Road. Food, raffles, games and more. \$40. RSVP by April 15 to Sandra Cefaloni-Henderson at 914-582-4373 or Ken Lauro at 914-720-4304.

'Old Exit 19'

The eclectic trio Old Exit 19 will offer a program of "serious fun music," capped by the world premiere of Robert Cinque's oratorio "Remnants of Grace," on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets may be reserved for \$10 at www.facebook.com/OldExit19 to pick up at "will call," or at the event for \$20.




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'Showcase of the Stars' Dazzles in Brewster




From left are Sarah Cassidy, Gage Delawder, Emiko Dunn and Hailey Zoller.



Contemporary, tap, hip-hop and other styles of dance were on display at Showcase of the Stars. Photos by Holly Crocco.


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By Holly Crocco

While the dancers of Seven Stars School of Performing Arts in Brewster have an annual showcase and recital, this year, a special event was orchestrated just for the performance teams, as a sort of rehearsal for a bigger competition coming up in June.

"This show is their practice," said teacher Nicole Aravena.

However, the event was nothing short of professional.

Makeup and wardrobe sections filled the backstage area at the Brewster High School on March 26 and 27, while performers prepared for "Showcase of the Stars." Audiences were entertained by performances to "Me and Bobby McGee," "Man in the Mirror," "Chicago" and "What the World Needs Now" – among many others – as groups and soloists graced the stage.

"It's pride, and there's nothing better," Aravena said of watching her students perform after a year of hard work mastering their dances.

She explained that dancers go through two weeks of evaluation each May to set the casting for each team the following year.

"All of the dancers on the team compete in every single style, so they are versatile," said Aravena. "They are placed based on how they work as a team... This is the first time we are doing a show with just the performance teams."

One of those team members, senior Sarah Cassidy, has been dancing for 16 years – nine with Seven Stars.

"I love to dance because I get to see my friends every day, and everyone is here for the same reason: They love to dance," she said.

"This is my chosen family. Dance has brought me many memories."

Seventh-grader Gage Delawder, who has been dancing for nine years, said tap is his favorite style – as did ninth-grader Emiko Dunn, who has been with Seven Stars for nine years, although she's been dancing for 10.

"That's what we all kind of learned first," said Dunn of tap, admitting she still gets nervous before a show or competition. "I do think that being with your group, being all together, makes you more calm."

Jordan Coates, a seventh-grader who has been dancing for 10 years, said each performance takes just as much mental preparation as it does physical. "I go through the dance as perfectly as I can in my head," he said.

Fifth-grader Hailey Zoller has been dancing for seven years. "You can attach real-life scenarios to dancing, and express yourself," she said.

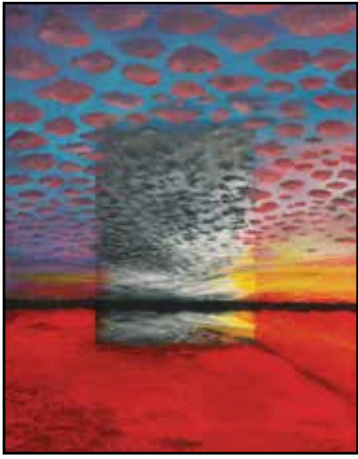
Aravena praised all the dancers for putting their hearts into their performances.

"I wasn't the most flexible dancer. I couldn't hit the highest note," she said. "But I had a fire inside me... I'm a tough teacher. I definitely feel that what I'm very skilled at is lighting a fire in them."

Showcase of the Stars was a leadup to the dance company's biggest competition of the year, Kids For Kids, which donates 100 percent of funds raised to children's charities. Since its inception, KFK has donated \$3 million.

Seven Stars School of Performing Arts is located at 509 Route 312, Brewster. For more information, visit sevenstarschool.com.

‘Dreamscapes’ at Kent Library



“Dreamscape.”



Hillary Korn Fontana

An exhibit by Hillary Korn Fontana titled “Nature’s Dreamscapes” is on display at the Kent Public Library throughout the month of April.

Fontana is a self-taught mixed-media artist living in Westchester who grew up experimenting with different mediums of visual and digital arts, woodworking, glass, textiles and silversmithing. In addition, working professionally as a graphic designer for more than 20 years in the corporate and non-profit world provided support for a family and a sense of security.

However, she said creating “hands-on” artwork has allowed her more freedom of expression as an artist, and to go beyond her emotional boundaries.

“The balance and intrigue of a project comes to fruition when I can combine multi-layers of materials to create my pieces,” said Fontana. “Before I start that session, I have already visualized the finished product. But sometimes it grows and evolves in a new direction, like a person with different strengths and personalities.”

Group Art Show ‘Moments’

Arbor Gallery invites the public to join in celebrating life’s diverse moments, spanning from the ordinary to the extraordinary, the chaotic to the peaceful, and the nostalgic to the unexpected through “Moments.” The exhibit showcasing works by 40 artists is on display through April 26, inside Promenade on 6, 1875 Route 6, Carmel.

“This exhibition will feature artwork in various mediums and price ranges for all to appreciate,” said curator and gallery owner Kelly Edwards. “To truly immerse in the ‘Moments’ theme, artists have been invited to create at the gallery during the exhibition period, which I’m incredibly excited about for all involved.”

To access a schedule of the artists participating in the live art sessions at the gallery, visit www.arboregallery.art. This presents a unique chance for patrons and art appreciators to witness art creation in real-time and gain insights into artists’ processes and inspirations. The schedule is regularly updated, so keep an eye out for new live art sessions scheduled during the exhibition dates.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 7 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 845-704-4384.

As a hearing-impaired person, Fontana said she uses her artwork to create communication.

“The silence allows me to focus on how to connect with my audience by using colors, textures or even words,” she said. “I want the viewer to feel raw emotion and self-reflection, thus creating their internal conversation.”



Pinwheels for Prevention

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and last week, Putnam County continued its tradition of planting a large community pinwheel garden in front of the Sybil Ludington statue at Lake Gleneida in Carmel to raise awareness. This month – and all throughout the year – the Child Advocacy Center encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Putnam a better place for children and families, ensuring parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children.



Changing seasons brings woes for those suffering from allergies

While spring brings on warmer temperatures, longer days and blooming foliage, it can also bring on seasonal allergies. With preventative measures and treatment, people can find ways to lessen bothersome allergy symptoms.



What causes seasonal allergies?

When the body’s immune system reacts to something in the environment, seasonal allergies can develop. They usually occur during spring/summer due to the presence of specific types of vegetation (e.g., trees, flowers, grass).

What are some of the common symptoms of seasonal allergies?

Common symptoms of allergies include itchy/watery eyes, runny nose, congestion and sneezing. Asthma attacks may also occur in people who suffer from asthma and in those who are triggered by pollen.

How can you prevent/lessen your allergy symptoms?

Some common treatments for allergies include taking oral antihistamines and nasal corticosteroids. Reducing exposure to allergens/avoiding allergen triggers can also greatly reduce allergy symptoms.

The CDC recommends:

- Avoid touching your eyes while outside
- Wash your hands when you go back inside
- Keep windows closed during pollen season
- Use high-efficiency filters in your home’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system



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TOWN OF CARMEL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



LEGAL NOTICE

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

APRIL 25, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **ROBERT ALTERO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain gazebo and legalize room above garage. The property is located at 3 Curry Spur, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.12-1-17

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' rear (gazebo)	2'	8'
25' front (garage)	0' (over property line. Easement agreement needed.)	25'

- Application of **THOMAS SIMONE** for a Variation of Section 156.15 & 156.47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to retain deck. The property is located at 9 Battista Dr., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.16-1-30.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
25' Front	23' (to steps)	2'
10' Side	.5'	9.5'

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **JOSEPH GUEVAREZ** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Use Variance for permission to install a residential ground mounted solar array on lot with non-conforming use. The property is located at 56 Hill Street, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.6-2-25.

- Application of **MELVIN SALAZAR** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to install existing shed. The property is located at 138 Crane Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #54.14-1-41.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' Rear	5'	5'

- Application of **JOHN TYNDAL** for a Variation of Section 156-10A seeking a Use Variance for permission to retain shed (no main building). The property is located at 717 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.42-1-3.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Shed as Accessory	No Principal Use	To allow shed on lot without principal use (main building)

- Application of **BRIAN TREUHAFT** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain shed -12' x 16'. The property is located at 137 Chestnut Ridge Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #43.17-1-20

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
15' side	6.6'	8.4'

- Application of **ESTATE OF KATHERINE O'CONNOR** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Use Variance for permission to retain existing shed - no Principal Use. The property is located at 200 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #65.17-1-3.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Shed Accessory to Principal Use	Shed without Principal Use	Allow Accessory Use w/o Principal Use
20' side	0'	20'

- Application of **PATRICK MURPHY** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to retain/legalized existing shed. The property is located at 16 Lindy Drive, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.13-1-9.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' Side	5'	5'
10' Rear	3'	7'

- Application of **SHELDON & LORI GINSBERG** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to replace deteriorating wood fence in front of house on South Lake Blvd with a PVC fence of same size (replace wood). The property is located at 795 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.43-1-16.

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

- Application of **PHILLIP LEPORE** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to extend deadline on granted variance to allow for planting shrubs; retain shed. The property is located at 28 Cross Hill Rd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.42-1-69.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
SHED:		
10' side	2'	8'
10' rear	2.1'	7.9'

- Application of **DEBRA BUDHAL JOHNSON** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to re-build deck. The property is located at 26 Topland Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.34-1-1.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' side yard	7.9'	2.1'

By Order of the Chairman,
John Maxwell

Carmel

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting and Election by the qualified voters of the Carmel Central School District, in the Counties of Putnam and Dutchess, New York (the "District"), will be held in each of the voting districts set forth below at the place specified in each election district where the annual budget vote and election will be conducted by voting machine on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM. A public hearing shall be held for the purpose of presentation of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof for the 2024-2025 school year on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the George Fischer Middle School Auditorium, 281 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that two vacancies exist on the Board of Education for the seats of Trustee John C. Curzio II and Trustee Melissa Orser as follows: Two (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, not later than Monday, April 22, 2024, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least sixty-eight (68) qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following propositions in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

(1) a proposition to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

(2) RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of Carmel Central School District, in the Counties of Putnam and Dutchess, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct safety and security improvements to District buildings (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District with the assistance of Triton Construction (the "Plan"), which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; such Project, to include (as and where required) improvements to enhance the safety of facilities and buildings, including door lock hardware and entrance enhancements; door and window replacements; security cameras; emergency lighting; window security and strengthening measures, including intruder-resistant film; and acquisition of AED machines; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not

to exceed the estimated total cost of \$11,800,280; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$11,800,280 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$11,800,280 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into three (3) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or propositions involving expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, for the 2024-2025 school year, and for the election of Board members shall be held in each election district at the place designated as follows: Election District No. 1. Register and vote at Carmel High School. Election District No. 1 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents who are within the Towns of Carmel, Southeast and Putnam Valley. Election District No. 2. Register and vote at Kent Elementary School. Election District No. 2 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Towns of Kent in Putnam County, and East Fishkill in Dutchess County. Election District No. 3 Register and vote at Administrative Offices of Carmel Central School District. Election District No. 3 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Town of Patterson.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a statement of estimated expenses for the school year will be completed, and copies shall be made available, including the tax exemption reporting form, at each school house in the District in which school is maintained from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the District Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and at any free association or public library in the School District, during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters. The Budget will also be available on the District website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required. No person shall be entitled to vote at the annual budget vote and election whose name does not appear on the register of the School District, or who does not register as herein provided.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person registered to vote with the Putnam or Dutchess County Board of Elections pursuant to the Election Law is eligible to vote at the annual meeting without prior registration with this school district. If any person has heretofore registered to vote with the school district and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, they are eligible to vote at the annual meeting on May 21, 2024.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER

NOTICE that the qualified voters of the District may register on any regular business day at the office of the District Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM until five (5) days prior to the vote. No person shall be entitled to vote whose name does not appear upon the School Register or upon the registration list furnished by Putnam and Dutchess Boards of Election for election districts encompassing the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register of qualified voters, including military voters who have registered to vote, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District at the School District Office, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, in said School District; that such register shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of said District on each of the five (5) days prior to the vote between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, except Sunday, on Saturday May 18, 2024 by appointment only, and at the polling places on the date of the annual meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, pursuant to Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots for the budget vote and election of board members may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the District. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter's authorized agent set forth in the application, at the District Office. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued and a list of all military voters to whom military ballots have been issued, will be available for public inspection in the said office of the Clerk during regular office hours until the day of election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may obtain an application to register as a qualified voter of the District and military voters who are registered to vote in the District may obtain an application for a military ballot, for the Annual Meeting on May 21, 2024 by contacting the District Clerk at 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, Telephone (845) 878-2094, Ext. 201, or email jstevens@carmelschools.org. The military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration and/or ballot application by mail, facsimile or email. The completed application to register and/or for a military ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2024. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise sent no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District clerk by 5:00 P.M. on May 21, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CARMEL CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
DATED: Patterson, NY
By: Joanne Stevens
March 2024 Clerk, Board of Education

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**Date: 04/08/24
TAX MAP #64.12-2-19**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR A WETLAND PERMIT**

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F. Maintain a presence on the internet and social media outlets with continual updates and posts relative to upcoming events, attractions, business openings, as well as permanent tourist attractions, restaurants and other tourism-related events;

G. Promote tourism and tourist-related events, including, without limitation, annual and/or seasonal special events at tourist sites such as: Tilly Foster Farm and Tilly's Table, Boscobel, Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park, Putnam County Golf Course, as well as various food and beverage festivals, tourism lecture series and any and all other events and festivals of interest to the general public;

H. Work closely with the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation to assist in the marketing of local businesses and economic ventures related to tourism;

I. Report to the Legislature on a quarterly basis, or as often as is directed, relative to the operations of the office;

J. Perform such other and related duties as may be required by the County Executive.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room 318, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click "Send us a message" <https://www.putnam-countyny.com/county-executive>, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

Dated: April 5, 2024
Carmel, New York

C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney
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NOTICE is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the **PUTNAM COUNTY COURT AND TRUST FUNDS** for the period beginning **JANUARY 1, 2022** and ending **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**, have been examined by the Office of the State Comptroller and that the Report of Examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing Board of the **COUNTY OF PUTNAM** may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the Report of Examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller and file such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than **MAY 30, 2024**.

Dated: **APRIL 1, 2024**
MICHAEL C. BARTOLOTTI
Putnam County Clerk
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the County of Putnam will accept sealed bids for:

Fair Street Reconstruction

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PIN 8756.09
D035980

The Owner is the Putnam County, and the work site is located in the Town of Carmel. The projects limits begin on Fair Street from its intersection with Gleneida Avenue (NY 52) and extend up to a point near John Simpson Road.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: full depth replacement of the roadway and associated pavement markings, construction of new sidewalks, replacement of the closed drainage system, construction of a stormwater bio-retention basin, replacement of (3) box culverts, installation of new street lighting, assist utilities in excavating for the undergrounding of utilities between Gleneida Avenue and Vink Drive, install new landscaping, modify the Gleneida Avenue traffic signal and remove/replace traffic signs.

This is a Federal Aid Project and the latest revisions of the Standard Sheets & Specifications maintained by NYSDOT, which are current on the date of advertisement for bids, shall be considered to be in effect. All pay items and work encountered during the course of the contract shall be subject to the applicable Standard Sheets & Specifications unless otherwise noted in the contract documents.

The DBE goal for this project is: 10%

There are no M/WBE goals for this project.

The EEO Employment goals for this project are:

22.6% Minority Employment Goal
6.9% Women Employment Goal

The use of the NYSDOT approved civil rights reporting software, Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO), is required. Access authorization to EBO can be found at <https://ebo.dot.ny.gov/>

No residential or geographical restrictions will be in effect for this project.

Applicable Federal requirements take precedence over State and local requirements unless State and local requirements are deemed to be more stringent.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Putnam County Purchasing Department, at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, NY 10512, up to and including 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

The County of Putnam officially distributes bidding documents from the Putnam County Purchasing Department or through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. If you have obtained the documents from a source other than the Putnam County Purchasing Department or the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System, it is recommended that you obtain an official copy.

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information if such information is issued. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all addenda by signing and dating the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda form. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under this bid submittal.

The County of Putnam intends to hold a pre-bid meeting with potential bidders to review the project and answer questions. The pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 10 am at the project site. Please meet at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512.

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All bids submitted must include the Non-Collusive Bidding Certification form, the Offeror Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination form and the combined certification form in addition to all other forms, certifications and documents as noted.

This is a unit price bid. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or by a bid bond executed by a surety company acceptable to the County of Putnam, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, made out to the "Commissioner of Finance of Putnam County".

Successful bidder will be expected to provide performance and payment bonds, insurance documents and to faithfully execute a contract with Putnam County.

The successful Bidder and all on-site subcontractors must have an approved CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT at time of bid proposal submission. Bidders may find the CCA-2 forms and instructions for completion online at:

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/statevendors/vendrep/vendorresponsibilityforms?redirect=legacy#Construction>.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 2, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804).

This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC# NY2024004303 and Federal Davis-Bacon Labor rates. The higher of the two must be paid by the successful bidder.

This project is subject to a Project Labor Agreement.

The County reserves the right to waive any minor informality in bidding and to reject any or all bids.

All work must be substantially completed within 730 calendar days from issuance of a Notice to Proceed, exclusive of any approved project shutdown. A pre-construction meeting including, but not limited to, the Contractor, the County, the County's represen-

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tatives and the NYSDOT Local Projects Construction Liaison will be required before the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 State, 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notified all who respond to the related solicitation, request for proposal or invitation to bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration of award.

John Tully, Director
Purchasing Department
40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105
Carmel, NY 10512
John.Tully@putnamcountyny.gov
Phone: (845) 808-1088
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Notice is hereby given that the County of Putnam will accept sealed bids for:

Sprout Brook Road over Canopus Creek Bridge Replacement
PIN 8762.13
D040008

The Owner is the County of Putnam and the work site is located in the Town of Philipstown. The project's limits extend approximately 220' along Sprout Brook Road from 130' south of Winston Lane to 90' north of Winston Lane.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: Bridge replacement with an adjoining intersection work, drainage installation/reconfiguration, heavy stone fill placement, approach work, guiderail installation, striping and site restoration.

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49° 10" West 58.47 feet, South 35° 50' 30" West 26.21 feet, South 22° 12' 40" West 61.50 feet and South 82° 46' West 259.61 feet to lands conveyed to Wayne and Lisa Stephens in Liber 1605 cp 378; THENCE along Stephens, North 8° 32' 20" West 26.34 feet, North 9° 47' 20" West 18.80 feet, North 3° 42' 20" West 31.40 feet, North 6° 49' 20" West 148.60 feet, North 4° 57' 20" West 21.10 feet, North 7° 17' 20" West 89.70 feet, North 3° 06' 20" West 17.60 feet, North 7° 07' 20" West 60.70 feet, North 7° 52' 20" West 33.80 feet, North 8° 32' 20" West 20.00 feet, North 5° 40' 20" West 64.60 feet and North 9° 35' 20" West 23.76 feet to Lane Gate Road; THENCE along Lane Gate Road, North 44° 14' East 30.50 feet, North 49° 22' East 79.10 feet, North 52° 33' East 63.00 feet: northeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 200.00 feet a distance of 82.67 feet, North 28° 52' East 14.72 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 67.81 feet, North 54° 46' East 89.36 feet, North 34° 39' West 3.63 feet, North 54° 43' East 129.10 feet South 35° 20' East 4.10 feet, North 54° 40' East 31.30 feet, South 34° 56' East 3.41 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 38.77 feet and North 76° 03' East 17.55 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE Index No: 500901/2022 Mortgaged Premises: 3154 Route 9 Cold Spring, New York 10516 Tax ID No: 27.12-1-13

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

M&T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. MARY DAWN, INC., SOKHARA KIM, TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, VERIZON NEW YORK INC f/k/a NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY, CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION, VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING TREASURER, PUTNAM COUNTY TREASURER, M&T BANK, TESLA, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK c/o THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, NICE & NEAT DRY CLEANING, Defendants.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court and entered in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on the 28th day of February, 2024, as well as the Decision and Order granted and filed by the Court on the 17th day of October, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512 on the 13th day of May, 2024, at 10:30 in the forenoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: See "Schedule A—Legal Description" attached. Location of Property to

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be Sold: 3154 Route 9, Cold Spring, New York 10516

DATED: Fishkill, New York March 26, 2024 Edward T. McCormack, Esq., Referee

Attorneys for Plaintiff, M&T Bank Seth L. Hibbert, Esq. GETMAN & BIRYLA, LLP 800 Rand Building, 14 Lafayette Square Buffalo, New York 14203-1995 Tel. (716) 853-4340

SCHEDULE A

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of Route 9 and East Mountain Road; RUNNING thence along Route 9. North 00 degrees 33'45" East 216.03 feet per survey, (North 0 degrees 34' East 216.00 feet per deed) to lands now or formerly of Damia;

RUNNING thence along same, North 79 degrees 23'27" East 130.51 feet per survey (North 79 degrees 18'07" East 129.50 feet per deed);

South 4 degrees 53'58" West 134.57 feet per survey (South 4 degrees 22'06" West

134.57 feet per deed);

South 14 degrees 54'40" East 9.00 feet per survey (South 15 degrees 00' East 9.00 feet per deed);

South 81 degrees 35'00" East 50.00 feet per survey (South 81 degrees 40'20" East

50.00 feet per deed);

North 13 degrees 27'26" East 118.53 feet per survey (North 13 degrees 22'06" East

118.53 feet per deed); and South 79 degrees 49'29" East 91.56 feet per survey (South 79 degrees 54'49" East

92.59 feet per deed) so a point on lot No. 29 on Filed Map No. 777A;

RUNNING thence along same, South 52 degrees 44'10" West 59.93 feet per survey (South 52 degrees 44'10" West 60.00 feet per deed), South 00 degrees

parcels 23'34'00" West 13.46 feet and South 38 degrees 10'50" East 1.00 feet to a point;

RUNNING thence South 53 degrees 19'00" West, 69.70 feet per survey (South 53

degrees 19'00" West 69.73 feet per deed); South 63 degrees 20'50" East 11.00 feet;

South 49 degrees 12'48" West 1.27 feet; South 25 degrees 00'39" West 65.00 feet survey (South 25 degrees 00' 09" West 65.00 feet per deed) to East Mountain Road;

RUNNING thence along the same, North 53 degrees 35' 28" West, 99.20 feet and South 54 degrees 17'00" West, 19.69 feet per survey (South 54 degrees 17'00" West 19.67 feet per deed) to the point of BEGINNING.

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LLC

Notice of Qualification of PECKHAM RENSSLAER, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/24. Office location: Putnam County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/08/24. Princ. office of LLC: 172 Prospect Hill Rd., Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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BLAIR & SAMI, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Mudry Farm Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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CENTURION BRANDS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Lookout Pass, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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199TH WARING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/23/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO

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Box 477, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of FLOATING CAROUSEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 12 Main Street #1025, Brewster, New York 10509, Attn: Albert Tomasso. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of Yorkshire Enterprises LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/24. Office

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Liquor License

Notice is hereby given that an On-Premise Liquor License, NYS Application ID NA-0340-24-205388 has been applied for by The Arch Restaurant LLC to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises restaurant. For on premise consumption under the ABC Law at 1292 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509.

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'Old Exit 19' to Perform in Brewster

The eclectic trio Old Exit 19 will offer a program of "serious fun music," capped by the world premiere of Robert Cinque's oratorio "Remnants of Grace," on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster.

The program will feature several compositions, including classically-trained violinist/violin maker/soprano Aurelia Landon, pop-jazz pianist/vocalist Carol Jendras and blues/rock singer/guitarist Cinque. The trio brings all these influences together in an intoxicating blend of music that defies labels.

Landon is concertmaster with the Putnam Symphony Orchestra and a soprano with the Putnam

Chorale.

Jendras is also a soprano with the chorale and a classically-trained pianist and piano/vocal coach, and was director of the chorale's 2022 and 2023 summer ensemble.

Cinque has performed frequently in the Hudson Valley, not only with Old Exit 19, but also with the groups Jammers & Company and Fast, Cheap and Loud. His composing/writing credits include the off-off-Broadway musicals "Pheenom" and "Mother Luna."

Also performing April 21 will be harpist Sr. Denise Robillard and violinist Louise Farber.

Tickets may be reserved for \$10 at www.facebook.com/OldExit19 to pick up at "will call," or at the event for \$20.

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Alliance Seeks to Reduce Overdose

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majority of overdose deaths involve opioids, deaths involving synthetic opioids and stimulants have increased in recent years, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

While the rate of opioid overdose deaths in Putnam varies greatly from year to year, data shows a general upward trend in opioid overdose deaths from 2010 to 2021, and people who have had at least one overdose are more likely to have another.

These factors represent the driving force behind the establishment of The BRIDGE Alliance a year ago, with the mission of creating a sustainable and equitable community of providers and residents to expand person-centered services, enhance awareness and promote health and safety for people who use drugs.

"We all have different professional and personal experiences that led us to this alliance, but we have a clear shared goal to reduce overdoses in Putnam," said Shanna Siegel, supervisor for health education for the Putnam County Health Department. "In commitment to this goal, we will continue discussing challenging and even systemic issues, such as acknowledging disparities and identifying barriers to achieving better physical and mental health."

Lauren Johnson, Putnam County's newly hired dual recovery

coordinator, said advocates hope these meetings, and this work, will remain a safe space where people can speak freely and respectfully, while also understanding that the language used matters, and words have power.

"We encourage our partners to embrace person-centered approaches to prevention, education, harm-reduction, treatment and recovery work – in mental health as well as substance use," she said.

The BRIDGE Alliance has expanded since it was launched in March 2023. The steering committee meets monthly and includes representatives from Putnam County's Department of Health; Department of Mental Health, Social Services & the Youth Bureau; coroner's office; sheriff's office; HIDTA; the Prevention Council of Putnam; and the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub.

The expanded alliance, which now meets twice annually, includes the Department of Corrections, Veterans Service Agency, Office for Individuals With Disabilities, and 911. Community partners represent local organizations including Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, school districts, law enforcement agencies, Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, the Mental Health Association-Putnam, CoveCare Center, People USA, Green Chimneys, Child Advocacy Center, Putnam Community Action Partnership and Putnam Hospital.

The BRIDGE Alliance encourages anyone struggling or who loves someone struggling with mental health or substance use challenges to reach out for help. Resources for Putnam residents can be found at <https://putnamcounty.com/thebridge>.

Brush Fire Snuffed Out in Brewster



Firefighters from Brewster, Putnam Lake, Patterson, Carmel, Lake Carmel and Croton Falls worked for hours to extinguish a brush fire April 9 on a hillside on the old Kishawana Golf Club property on Route 22. Photos courtesy of the Brewster Fire Department.



Brewster Schools Consider 2.9% Tax Levy Increase

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will come in the form of state and federal aid, which make up about \$31.4 million, as well as miscellaneous revenue from local sources that make up \$3 million, and \$2.3 million coming from the fund balance.

Karlsson said all the districts in Westchester and Putnam share their budget information, and Brewster is in line with neighboring districts' spending.

"We just happen to be directly in the middle of all of those ranges of schools throughout Westchester and Putnam, both with regard to budget-to-budget increase as well as our proposed tax levy," he said.

Karlsson said one of the biggest revenue drivers is interest, thanks to the Federal Reserve increasing the interest rate to 5.25 percent, meaning the district is earning a lot more on money it has in the bank.

In addition, future state aid increases are anticipated. "We are fortunate, where we are seeing a slight increase of about 3 percent," he explained.

Karlsson also said he is pleased the district is relying less on its reserves.

"For this year's budget we are actually reducing our reliance on our savings to balance our budget, which is a good thing, because we are able to provide future stability should we need it in a leaner year," he said.

Outgoing Superintendent of Schools Dr. Laurie Bandlow noted that the budget comes with no staffing cuts. "We are maintaining our staffing level attained in the last five years," she said.

Karlsson added that this is the sixth year the district has also been able to add to its programming.

"It's really a restoration of where we were in the early 2000s, and we're finally at a level where we should have always been during those lean years, when the state was not affording us the Foundation Aid that was due to us," he said.

In addition, thanks to steadily declining enrollment over the past 20 years – about 1 percent each year – the district is able to maintain smaller class sizes. It is also continuing its pre-kindergarten program.

School board member Jamie Callanan expressed concern over the \$4 million budget increase.

"Last year we did a zero tax levy increase, which was great, but we also got a slew of new bodies (staff) because of Foundational Aid (\$85 million)," she said.

However, she suggested that, while the district claims certain expenditures are beyond its control – such as rising health insurance premiums for employees and pension contributions for retirees – the district can, in fact, control that spending by not increasing staffing, especially considering enrollment is on the decline.

"We always go back to the fact that the one thing we can control is the one thing we can't control... Yet, we're adding bodies," she said. "I have a big concern on continuing to go back to the community with large expenditures when we have a declining

population."

Karlsson, however, said that maintaining staffing while enrollment declines "has assisted us in getting to a point where we now have desirable class sizes."

"Our budget is a balanced budget," he said. "We're not in a position where we are deficit spending or we're seeing recurring deficits. We are in sound financial condition and we will continue to be that way until something really big and unforeseen comes. As a matter of planning, I think we would be foolish to short ourselves now in anticipation of future problems that may never come to be."

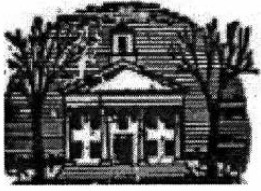
Karlsson pointed to nearby Mount Vernon, which is in trouble because it hasn't raised taxes in five years and is now in "dire straits."

"We probably levy far less than the tax cap allows more so than any other district, and we've done it in a responsible way," he said. "There is not a school district in New York State that is not increasing property taxes."

School Board President Kerry Cunningham said she is happy with what the proposed budget provides to students.

"For years and years we weren't able to meet various mandates that leave a group of our students not receiving the services they are entitled to, and we have finally gotten to the point where we can address some of those and we need to keep doing that," she said. "Of course people don't want to spend more money, but there's a lot going on there for that money."

For more information on the proposed 2024-25 Brewster Central School District budget, visit www.brewsterschools.org/Page/3277.



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