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Conley to Take on Lawler in November

McCracken, Cunningham Win GOP Primaries in County Legislative Races

By Holly Crocco

Cait Conley won the Democratic primary for Congress in the 17th district, with CBS News reporting that she took 50 percent of the vote. Challenger Beth Davidson earned 32 percent and Effie Phillips-Staley received 15 percent. Conley will take on Mike Lawler in November.

In Putnam County, Conley received 57 percent of the vote (2,825 votes), while Davidson received 21.5 percent (1,063 votes) and Phillips-Staley earned 18.5 percent (911 votes).

"Thank you to the voters of New York's 17th district who trusted me with their vote to be our fighter who takes on Mike Lawler in November," Conley said on election night. "To everyone who voted for another candidate, I look forward to the opportunity to earn your support in taking back the



Winner of the Democratic primary for Congressional District 17 Cait Conley on election night. Provided photo.

Hudson Valley. We are united now by something much bigger than any one campaign: the fight to defeat Mike Lawler, take back the House, check this administration, and de-

liver for the working families of the Hudson Valley."

Conley's top challenger, Davidson, congratulated her opponent on a hard-fought win.



Republican winners Joseph Cunningham, left, and Tanner McCracken, right, celebrate with Putnam Legislator Jake D'Angelo. Provided photo.

"Tonight the voters of NY-17 chose a different path forward, and I congratulate Cait Conley on her win," Davidson said on election night. "While this outcome is

disappointing, my commitment to this community has not changed, and I will work hard to ensure Cait defeats Mike Lawler in November."

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World Cup... Brewster Style!



Brewster students got in on the World Cup action before the end of the school year. Sixth grade world language students at Henry H. Wells Middle School finished their studies learning about the importance of soccer in the culture of Italy and Spanish-speaking countries. This included information about the history of the World Cup currently taking place here in the U.S.



All nine Spanish and Italian classes at Wells played soccer games against each other, representing their respective languages and cultures. The youngsters arrived ready to play "calcio" and "futbol." Provided photos.

Gas & Food Prices Soar This July 4th

While GasBuddy recently released its 2026 Independence Day gas price forecast, projecting the national average price of gas will fall to approximately \$3.75 per gallon July 4, it's still the second most expensive Independence Day on record behind the all-time high of \$4.80 in 2022.

The projection comes despite six consecutive weeks of national average declines following a spring spike driven by the Strait of Hormuz closure. The recent U.S.-Iran framework agreement has helped ease supply fears and pull prices lower, but the accord remains fragile and risks to the upside are significant, according to GasBuddy.

However, with the U.S. Department of Treasury authorizing the sale of oil by Iran, oil prices recently fell below \$70 per barrel, which may help consumers see lower prices, faster, with global inventories benefitting from the additional oil.

"Six weeks of declines sounds like good news, and in

some ways it is, but the context matters," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "At roughly \$3.75, this would be the second most expensive July 4 ever recorded, roughly 65 cents higher than last year and nearly \$1 above where prices started in 2026."

The U.S.-Iran agreement gives markets hope, but it's being tested, continued De Haan. "Any breakdown in those talks could reverse the recent relief quickly," he said. "Drivers should use every tool available to find the lowest prices near them before filling up."

While the projected \$3.75-per-gallon average represents a dramatic improvement from May's peak of \$4.57, it still marks roughly a 65-cent increase from last July Fourth's \$3.10 average, and a stark reminder of how significantly the Strait of Hormuz closure reshaped the price environment for 2026.

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Letters to the Editor

Lack of Republican Support for Putnam Pride Disgraceful

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inform Putnam County residents that their county executive, Kevin Byrne, felt it important to stop by the Putnam Pride table during the amazing June-teenth event held by Linda Paris on Friday, June 19, to launch into a defense of his record on LGBTQ+ rights, just before making it clear to me that he does not consider Pride events “family-friendly” or appropriate for children.

When I informed him that the majority of Pride attendees are families, and that our event is extremely family-friendly, he said, “Well, I just wouldn’t personally feel comfortable bringing my kids there.”

Byrne has never attended a Putnam Pride, so would have no idea. To my knowledge, no Republican elected official ever has. It is a public event and they’re free to come. I did make it clear to Byrne that Republican politicians would not be welcome to speak at Putnam Pride, considering the current party’s vehemently anti-trans agenda; there is simply no justifying that.

You can’t vote in lockstep with a blatantly transphobic platform and then expect to be welcomed at Pride events.

It is customary (but not required) for nonpartisan 501(c)3 organizations to provide equal treatment to sitting politicians, so I informed Byrne that if a Re-

publican did ever ask to speak, I would simply have no politicians speak. We already only allow elected officials to speak if they have proactively reached out to us and have proven their advocacy on LGBTQ+ rights.

As I said, no Republican has ever asked, so it hasn’t been an issue, and there are absolutely Democrats I would reject as well.

What 501(c)3s cannot do is promote candidates for office or allow politicians and candidates to talk about or promote campaigns. Putnam Pride does not endorse or allow candidates for office to speak – we focus on local activists and activism, and that is why our speakers this year were almost entirely representatives of, or advocates for, the trans and immigrant communities which have been terrorized and actively discriminated against – locally and nationally – over the last year.

Here’s the other thing: Byrne explained that he has made an assumption about Pride being unsuitable for children, but as the county executive, he has never even attended one of the seven Putnam Prides we have held without them. As a parent, he does not have to bring his children anywhere he doesn’t want to, but one would think he’d make an effort to at least show his face alone at the county’s only Pride event.

As I told him, it is a public event and all are welcome – as long as they are there to enjoy themselves and the day and they

remain respectful of our speakers and performers throughout.

*Eileen McDermott
Brewster
Putnam Pride*

Lawler Speaks Up for Immigration Reform

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Judy Allen’s letter regarding the Sheridan Gorman tragedy. This young lady would be alive today if it weren’t for the policies of the left allowing, let’s call them what they are, illegal aliens into the country.

This is a left and far left policy, which ICE is here to correct. The Democrat Party’s dangerous, costly, and murderous policies have put us in this situation. It would have benefited the country if we had had strong leadership in the first place and prevented these problems.

Unfortunately, the left’s willingness to allow anyone to cross the border and then allow them to vote is exactly the reason for their willingness to let illegal aliens in in the first place. We have suffered long enough from the weak left agenda. Mike Lawler is just calling it as he sees it, but the left always finds the truth a hard thing to swallow.

The United States has very strict immigration laws which, if followed, will keep everyone safe. We were a country of legal immigrants until the Democrats got their hands on our borders. We need to get back to the lawful system of immigration that we have in place and make our country safe for all again.

*Ray Rau
Brewster*

Academic Honors

Marley Matorin of Carmel has graduated from the Wooster School in Connecticut.

The Harvey School in Katonah has announced the names of area students who have earned academic honors for the spring term. Several have been recognized for making the Head’s List as Cavalier Scholars with a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher, the Head’s List with a 3.7 GPA, or the Honor Roll with at least a 3.3 GPA.

Mahopac – Noah Carlevarini, grade 9, Honor Roll; Elisabeth Scarfone, grade 9, Head’s List; and Ally Zimmerman, grade 9, Honor Roll.

Patterson – EmileyRose Murphy, grade 10, Head’s List.

Putnam Valley – Dylan Cuddy, grade 11, Head’s List; and Finnegan Wood, grade 6, Head’s List.

Correction

Philipstown Food Pantry, which has a 50-year history, has seen utilization increase 41 percent in the first quarter of 2026 compared to the first quarter of 2025. It now serves more than four times as many households each week as it did pre-pandemic, in 2018. In fact, during the first four months of 2026, it served more neighbors than in all of 2018. An article in a recent issue included incorrect information.

The Kent Zoning Board of Appeals is expected to hold a public hearing on a cell tower proposal at 7 p.m. July 20 at town hall. Last week’s issue listed the incorrect meeting date.

Celebrate Culture & Community at 4-H Fair



Livestock and various agricultural clubs will be on hand at the fair. Photo provided by CCE-Putnam County.



Face painting is just one of the many activities available at the fair.

Each summer, the Putnam County Fair & 4-H Showcase bursts to life with the energy of local talent, commitment to community, and the unmistakable spirit of 4 H youth leadership.

The Putnam County Fair & 4 H Showcase returns July 25 and 26 to Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel/Kent, offering a fun-filled weekend of family-friendly entertainment, educational exhibits, and community activities – all with free admission and parking.

“The Putnam County Fair & 4 H Showcase is a tradition rooted in community spirit,” said Stefanie Hubert, executive director of Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County. “Each year it brings together families, local organizations, and talented youth to celebrate what makes Putnam County special. From hands on exhibits to food, crafts, and entertainment, the fair strengthens connections and honors the timeless spirit of summer in our county.”

With Rev250 in full swing, this year’s fair will celebrate “Revolutionary Putnam County” with reenactors performing throughout the weekend, and exhibits and displays celebrating Putnam’s place in the early history of our nation.

County Executive Kevin Byrne called the fair one of

the best traditions of the summer, bringing together families, farmers, students, local businesses, and community organizations from across our county.

“Whether you’re watching a reenactment, trying a hands-on activity, or meeting the historians and volunteers who keep our stories alive, there’s something to spark curiosity and create memories for visitors of all ages,” said Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy.

The fair’s 4 H showcase will include youth demonstrations, animal exhibits, archery, and horse presentations. Attendees can also enjoy gardening advice from Master Gardener volunteers, a pollinator garden display, youth exhibits, sewing, and – new this year – the Big Beautiful Blossom Adult Flower Exhibit.

Additional attractions include a NY Cruisers car show Saturday, K9 demonstrations by the New York State Police and Von Wolfenfels K9, corgi races, youth and adult judged exhibits, live music and a DJ throughout the weekend, and food trucks, craft vendors, inflatables, games, and pony rides.

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and until 5 p.m. Sunday, at 201 Gipsy Trail Road.

For more information, visit cceputnamcounty.org.

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Dozens of nurses, along with local elected officials and other advocates, gathered outside Putnam Hospital in Carmel last week to demand a fair contract.

Putnam Hospital Nurses Seek Safe Staffing & Fair Contract

Approximately 200 nurses at Northwell/ Putnam Hospital are fighting for a fair contract that delivers safe staffing for quality patient care, which is a priority for nurses – many of whom often work short-staffed.

In December 2025, nurses in Putnam Hospital’s two medical surgical units started their shift understaffed nearly half the time, according to the New York State Nurses Association.

In a staffing committee meeting June 11, executives allegedly proposed a one-nurse-to-eight-patients “safe staffing standard” in medical/surgical units. The widely recognized safe staffing standard in medical/surgical units is 1:5. Putnam’s current standard ratio is 1:6.

Most hospitals in New York State set their standards at 1:5 or 1:6.

“I live in this community, and my parents and I have been patients at Putnam,” said Nicole Cadella, president of the NYSNA local bargaining unit at Northwell/Putnam Hospital. “I want this hospital to be the best it can be, but it can’t be the best if it is understaffed. On our main hospital floors – the medical/surgical units – nurses sometimes have eight patients each, when the safe standard is five or six. I just imagine my father in that hospital bed.”

Melissa Hendrickson works in the medical/surgical units and

said she has seen understaffing firsthand.

“In the last few months our patient census has been high, and we haven’t had enough nurses to safely staff our patients,” she said. “If one or two nurses call out, it becomes a crisis. Staffing on day shift is even worse. Sometimes they are staying two hours late just to catch up on their work.”

Nurses say Northwell Health, the largest private employer in the state and one of the wealthiest healthcare systems, can afford to safely staff Putnam Hospital – and put it in writing.

“Northwell should be ashamed that after acquiring a small community hospital – and the only hospital in Putnam County – they are now trying to lower safety standards for nurses and patients,” said NYSNA President Nancy Hagans. “We know they have the resources to staff safely and deliver the quality care this community deserves.”

The nurses’ contract expired Dec. 31, 2025.

The New York State Nurses Association represents approximately 45,000 members and is New York’s largest union and professional association for registered nurses. It is an affiliate of National Nurses United, the country’s largest and fastest-growing union and professional association of registered nurses, with more than 225,000 members nationwide.

96, June 18. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac

Dorothea M.A. Schuldeis,
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Luz Vergara-Colón, 96, June 17. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Cold Spring Barbara Alice DeMilio,

The Putnam Business Community Speaks

Campaign Seeks to Give Businesses a Seat at Legislative Round Table

The Putnam County Business Council recently announced the launch of The Putnam County Business Community Speaks, a multi-platform campaign designed to capture the voice of local business owners and bring their priorities directly to elected officials at the county, state, and federal levels.

At the heart of the campaign is the Putnam County Legislative Round Table, an annual forum that convenes business owners and elected officials for an open dialogue about the business climate and economic development in Putnam County. This year, the council is expanding the reach of the event through a coordinated outreach effort that includes a podcast series, blog content, social media, email communications, and a partnership with the Putnam County Press & Times.

“As an independent, non-government-funded business advocacy organization, we believe it’s time to get back to our basics – and that means putting a laser focus on fostering the business climate and economic development of Putnam County,” said founding Chairwoman Jennifer Maher. “This campaign is about giving every business owner in Putnam County a real seat at the table and making sure their voice is what drives the conversation with our elected

officials.”

“The relationship between the business community and our elected officials has never been more important,” added Nat Prentice, founding vice president of government relations. “This report gives legislators something concrete – real data, real priorities, straight from the people who are running businesses and creating jobs in Putnam County every single day.”

The campaign kicks off with the debut podcast episode of “The Putnam County Business Community Speaks” series, featuring Maher, Prentice, and Vice Chairman Nick D’Andrea discussing the history behind the Putnam County Business Council, the vision driving this campaign, and what they hope the business community and elected officials will take away from the Legislative Round Table.

Access the launch podcast at <https://putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com/legseries>.

“Putnam County has an incredibly resilient and diverse business community,” said D’Andrea. “What we’re doing with this campaign is making sure that the community has a unified voice – one that elected officials at every level can hear loud and clear when it matters most.”

Business owners throughout the county are encouraged to complete the Legislative Round

Table Survey, which covers topics including workforce availability, property taxes, infrastructure, energy costs, permitting delays, and economic development. Responses will directly shape the agenda for the upcoming round table.

The survey, podcast episodes, and additional campaign resources are available at putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com.

Take the survey directly at: <https://putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com/legsurvey>.

The Putnam County Business Council is partnering with Holly Crocco of the Putnam County Press & Times and other regional organizations to amplify the campaign and ensure broad participation from businesses across all industries and communities in Putnam.

The Putnam County Business Council is the voice of the local business community, dedicated to championing a dynamic, inclusive, and prosperous economic environment for all. Through advocacy, education, and strategic partnerships, it supports businesses of every size and industry – nurturing entrepreneurship, fostering collaboration among business leaders, and cultivating a future where economic opportunity and community well-being go hand in hand.

For more information, visit putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com or call 845-228-8595.

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Historic Increase in Infrastructure Funding

State and local lawmakers are applauding an increase in Consolidated Local Street & Highway Improvement Program funding.

CHIPS provides municipalities across New York with financial assistance for the maintenance of local roads and bridges. This year's state budget includes a \$50 million increase in CHIPS funding, bringing the statewide program total to a record \$698 million. Combined with other local aid programs, municipalities will receive \$1.4 billion in state highway funding this year to provide the resources needed to maintain safe and reliable roads and bridges while also keeping pace with rising construction costs.

"Local highway departments are on the front lines of maintaining the roads and bridges that residents rely on every day,"

said Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown. "The \$50 million increase will provide municipalities with critical resources to address infrastructure needs, improve public safety, and help ease the burden on local taxpayers."

For a second year, State Sen. Pete Harcham, D-Peekskill, and his team helped secure a \$50 million increase in CHIPS funding, "which underscores the state's ongoing commitment to keeping our critical infrastructure updated and in good repair," he said.

"For the residents of Carmel, every extra dollar makes a difference," noted Carmel Highway Superintendent Mike Stern, who said the funds will be used to help repair and resurface roads, improve drainage systems, enhance public safety, and extend the life of infrastructure while also reduc-

ing future maintenance costs.

"The cost of blacktop, pipe, fuel, equipment, and just about everything else we use has gone up, but the roads still need to be maintained," said Patterson Highway Superintendent Edward Foster. "This funding helps get more work done and keeps our roads safer for residents, (and) will take some pressure off the local taxpayers."

"Investments like this make a real difference for local municipalities as we work to maintain and improve our roads," added Southeast Highway Superintendent Michael Burdick.

In Kent, the additional funding is enabling the purchase and installation of permanent concrete headwalls at two of the stream crossing locations where the current infrastructure is constantly eroding and washing out.

In Putnam Valley, Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler said he hopes this increase will allow the town to mill and pave one additional smaller road this year that otherwise would have had to wait until next year.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



5 Smart Swaps for a Healthier Fourth of July

With a few simple food swaps, we can enjoy the Fourth of July holiday while keeping nutrition top of mind. Let's build a healthier cookout menu using fresh produce, lean protein, and smarter sides and desserts that keep gatherings fun and flavorful, without sacrificing nutrition.

More veggies: Find simple ways to add more fiber-rich veggies to your plate. Replace the chip bowl with a veggie platter, grill veggies to complement the main dish, add diced veggies to your sides.

Choose leaner protein: Go for leaner cuts of steak or 90% lean ground beef. Even better, replace beef with very lean ground chicken or turkey. You'll consume fewer calories and less saturated fat.

Balanced sides: It's easy to overconsume carbohydrates when your plate includes pasta and potato salad, buns, corn, and other starches. Instead, mix up sides to include more veggies and protein by switching the grain (to quinoa or high protein pasta for example), adding garden salad, and including beans (like edamame).

Replace high fat creamy ingredients: We can also improve the nutritional quality of our sides. To add protein, while lowering calories and saturated fat, replace creamy, whole milk ingredients with non-fat, plain Greek yogurt. Alternatively, look for recipes that use olive (or vegetable) oil in place of cream.

Less decadent desserts: Go for smaller servings of ice cream, petite cupcakes, and mini brownies. Add fresh (or grilled!) fruit. Or make your own ice cream cookie sandwiches using mini cookies and a tiny scoop of ice cream.

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

All-Purpose Summer Marinade (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

This versatile marinade will help you grill up delicious, flavorful meals all summer long. Soy sauce, Worcestershire, vinegar, brown sugar and spices create a savory-sweet mix that works with everything from chicken and shrimp to tofu and vegetables.

- ¾ cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)

To a bowl or jar, add oil, apple cider vinegar, brown sugar, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, paprika, cumin, garlic powder and cayenne pepper, if using. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk or seal and shake to combine. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days.

Use marinade to coat your protein and veggies: pour over chicken, shrimp, tofu, pork or vegetables, toss to coat, and refrigerate 2-24 hours (on the shorter end for lighter proteins and vegetables, and longer for thicker cuts). For skewers, thread marinated pieces onto skewers before grilling so they cook evenly. Reserve a small amount of marinade to brush on as a glaze during the last few minutes of grilling.

Optional: To make easy chicken and vegetable skewers, set the greased grill to medium-high. Thread 1 lb. marinated chicken and vegetable pieces, such as peppers and onions, onto skewers. Grill skewers until chicken is browned and cooked through and vegetables are tender and lightly charred, about 7 minutes on each side. Garnish with chopped chives.

California Grape Fennel and Citrus Salad

(Family Features)
California Grape
Fennel and
Citrus Salad



- Ingredients:**
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - sea salt, to taste
 - 3 cups halved Grapes from California
 - 3 fresh mandarin oranges, peeled and sectioned
 - 1/2 cup very thin slivers fennel (anise)
 - 4 cups baby arugula
 - 1/3 cup roasted, salted pistachio kernels

Directions:
In large bowl, stir olive oil, lemon juice, honey and salt. Add grapes, oranges and fennel; toss to coat. Place arugula in four bowls and top with fruit. Sprinkle with pistachios and serve.

Servings: 6
Source: California Table Grape Commission

Juneteenth Celebrated With Music, Dancing & Drumming



Community Alliance For Empowerment, Black Heritage Events PC, and Arts on the Lake joined forces June 19 to host the county's fourth annual Juneteenth event at AotL. The event featured speakers, African drumming, dancers, music, food, and more. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.





Genevieve Faivre will headline the Brewster Summer Music Series on July 8.

Hear ‘Cinematic Soundscapes’ in Brewster

The Brewster Summer Music Series will bring back singer Genevieve Faivre, a Brewster High School alumna now performing at venues throughout the New York metropolitan area, Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m., at the gazebo in Southeast Veterans Park.

Faivre’s shows span the genres, from “Hot To Go – A Chapell Roan Tribute” to Studio Paradiso’s “David Lynch Tribute.” The theme of this year’s show will be “Cinematic Soundscapes” featuring Faivre and her band of professional musicians interpreting songs from iconic movies

like “Back to the Future,” “Star Wars,” “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” “Psycho,” and many other favorites.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to Tom & Jerry’s Irish House.

The Brewster Summer Music Series continues every Wednesday evening through Aug. 5. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy food vendors, ice cream trucks, sponsor displays, and a 50/50 raffle.

For more information, visit www.culturalartsco.com.

Meanderings

Lou Orfanella

The Fifty-Year Walk

The skies are bright with only a few scattered clouds looking down upon the water. The air is fresh as I walk along Maple Road alongside the reservoir in Southeast with old friends Sharon (Mahoney) Cahill and Jim LaPorte.

We do this as often as we can – once or twice a month if the stars and our schedules align. We have known each other since high school. Jim and I were Carmel Rams while Sharon was a Brewster Bear.

We were brought together 50 years ago when we became members of a newly formed outdoor “high adventure” explorers post that introduced dozens of Brewster and Carmel teens to each other, as well as to some from neighboring towns. We were part of the co-educational division of the Westchester-Putnam Council of the Boy Scouts of America. We spent time every month enjoying outings and building what would in many cases become lifelong friendships.

During our high school years, we hiked countless miles on the Appalachian Trail, canoed on rivers ranging from the Delaware to the

Ten Mile to a chain of lakes on a weeklong excursion along the Raquette River in upstate New York. There were weekends at Camp Siwanoy in Wingdale, sometimes hosting children from Manhattan to give them a taste of country life, and one time including a hot air balloon ride.

We spelunked into caves and learned the difference between stalactites and stalagmites. We practiced rappelling off the roof of one of the buildings of our sponsor, Lloyd Lumber, and then did the actual rappel off of Breakneck Ridge overlooking the Hudson River. Being high-adventure teenagers at the time, the name of the cliff we were descending amused but didn’t frighten us.

The closer we all grew as friends, the more the borderline between Carmel and Brewster disappeared. Our schools may have remained rivals on the sports fields, but the desire to sneak the opposing town’s “welcome to” street sign onto the top of the other’s homecoming celebration bonfire had certainly faded.

High school became college

and college became careers. Some members of the scouting group moved far away while others remained close to home and raised their own children near the trails, lakes, and rivers we once enjoyed together.

Some partnerships endured while others found members parting ways.

When someone is passing through the region, it’s more likely than not that a group text will arrive trying to set up a gathering. When an old friend has something to share, we can all expect our phones to ping and a photo to show up – like when John DelDuco and his wife, Pam, were in the audience of “Live with Kelly and Mark.”

These days, Sharon, Jim, and I continue to enjoy each other’s company. Fifty years ago, our conversations were filled with discussions of our crushes, the movies, music, and TV programs we were enjoying, and of the next camping trip we were planning. Today, our exchanges may veer into what our adult kids are up to, Social Security and retirement benefits, and recent medical appointments. This ultimately leads us to agreeing that it’s a different world from the one in which we grew up.

The world may be different, but fortunately, old friends remain and continue to create new memories.

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Pawling Man Allegedly Exposes Himself in Patterson

A Pawling man has been

arrested following a months-long investigation by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation into a public lewdness incident that occurred in Patterson earlier this year.

According to Sheriff Brian Hess, on Feb. 21, his office received a report that a male had exposed himself and engaged in a lewd act while parked in the Acme supermarket parking lot on Route

22. Two occupants of a nearby vehicle reported seeing the suspect intentionally exposing himself and masturbating while looking toward their occupied vehicle.

One of the witnesses was under the age of 17.

Richard Davis, 61, was arrested June 19 in Southeast, and charged with public lewdness and endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors. He was released with a future court date.

Bicyclist in Critical Condition After Crash

A bicyclist was listed in critical condition following a crash with a pickup truck last week in Philipstown.

At about 10:30 a.m. June 22, members of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office responded to the area of Route 9 and Horton Road.

The bicyclist, identified as Nelson Guerrero, sustained serious injuries and was transported to the North Highlands Fire Department, where he was subsequently

airlifted to Westchester Medical Center for treatment.

The operator of the pickup truck, identified as Richard Nairn, remained at the scene and fully cooperated with law enforcement.

The sheriff’s office is investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident with assistance from the New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. The investigation remains ongoing.

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Putnam County Community Events

Land Trust

Volunteers Sought

Anyone interested in becoming a Putnam County Land Trust trustee may contact Ernie Palmieri at erniepalmieri7@gmail.com.

Vendors Wanted

Vendors are sought for the upcoming Putnam County Fair & 4-H Showcase on July 25 and 26 at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Showcase your business, crafts, food, or services in front of a local crowd during this annual community event. For more information and application, contact 845-808-1994.

Tuesday, June 30

Stars, Stripes & Crafts

Get into the spirit of the season with a Fourth of July craft June 30 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. All materials will be provided, and designs will be accessible for a range of ages and skill levels. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Pollinator Workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will host a kid-friendly pollinator-garden workshop Tuesday, June 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Explore bees, butterflies and other pollinators and ways to support them. Light refreshments. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org>.

Wednesday, July 1

Volunteers Sought

Friends of the Great Swamp is looking for volunteers July 1, 2, and 3 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to help with invasive plant removal on an early forest habitat on FrOGS's private Cricket Hill Preserve in Dover Plains. This will help a variety of indigenous animals such as New England cottontails, box turtles, pollinators, wild turkeys, and numerous songbirds that thrive in this habitat. If you are interested in helping, email info@frogs-ny.org. Bring lunch or snacks, and drinks. Bring work gloves and tools, if you have some (loppers, saws, clippers).

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: July 1 and 8; Aug. 5 and 12; Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Meetings

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

Bookends Band

The Brewster Summer Music Series will kick off July Fourth weekend with a free concert featuring the return of Bookends Band – back by popular demand after captivating a record-size audience last year – Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m., at the gazebo at Southeast Veterans Park. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to Tom and Jerry's Irish House.

Thursday, July 2

Summer Concerts

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will hold its Sunset Concert Series Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., at Sycamore Park, on the following dates: July 2, Patrick Perone Elvvis Tribute & The Blue Suede Rockers; July 9, Nashville Drive; July 16, Andrea & The Armenian Rugriders; July 30, Back to the Garden 1969; Aug. 6, Orquesta Afinke. Free.

Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department will present its Thursday night summer concerts from 7 to 9 p.m., at Johnson Field. July 2, Andrea & the Armenian Rug Riders (fireworks); July 9, Phineas & the Lonely Leaves; July 16, British Rock Show; July 23, FDR Drive Band; July 30, Hey Baby Band; Aug. 6, Smoked Glass; Aug. 13, Mike Risko Band; Aug. 20-Family Day, Elysian & CJ the DJ (5 to 7 p.m.), and Loose Wheel Band (7 to 9 p.m.). Food for sale.

Councilwomen

Office Hours

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

Fireworks

The Town of Putnam Valley Independence Day fireworks are scheduled July 2 at dusk, at Johnson Field at Putnam Valley Town Park, 156 Oscawana Lake Road.

'National Treasure'

Patterson Library will show "National Treasure" on Thursday, July 2 at 1 p.m. It stars Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates, a historian and treasure hunter searching for a legendary fortune hidden by America's Founding Fathers. Following clues concealed in historic landmarks and the Declaration of Independence, Gates must stay one step ahead of rivals and the FBI in a fast-paced adventure filled with secrets, puzzles, and daring discoveries. Adults age 18 and older only. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, July 3

Independence Celebration

The Town of Patterson's Rev250 Committee will present its first town revolutionary celebration with fireworks, a live band, cotton candy, food trucks, farmers market, and pony rides Friday, July 3 from 3 to 9 p.m., on the lawns of Petersens Greenhouse, Patterson Library, and the Patterson Fire Department on Route 311. Patterson Rotary will host touch-a-truck and sell concessions. Parking is at the town hall, fire department, and Front Street. Rain date for fireworks only is July 10.

Live Music

Arts on the Lake's summer concert series begins Friday, July 3 at 7 p.m., with Amelia Sasson & Company performing covers and

originals, at the Boyd Concert Lawn at 640 Route 52, Kent. Admission \$10.

Saturday, July 4

Norm Hathaway

Big Band

On Independence Day, Carmel's Recreation & Parks Department will host its traditional concert at Red Mills Park, located at Route 6N and Hill Street in Mahopac. The public is invited to enjoy a free outdoor concert featuring The Norm Hathaway Big Band from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join friends and neighbors for an evening of music and patriotic celebration.

Mekeel's Chapel Event

Mekeel's Corners Chapel will host its Rev250 celebration Saturday, July 4 at 10 a.m., at 321 Route 301, Cold Spring. Readings of select passages from the most important founding documents of the U.S., including the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. Fred Martin and Karen Kapoor will lead attendees in the singing of patriotic songs and hymns. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Road Race

The Putnam County Classic Road Race, sponsored by Taconic Road Runners, is scheduled July 4 at 7 a.m., in Mahopac. For information and to register, visit www.runner.org/july4.

Boat Parade

The fifth annual boat parade on Lake Mahopac is scheduled July 4 at 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 5

Fireworks

An America 250 Fireworks Celebration is scheduled July 5 at 7 p.m., on Independent Way in Brewster.

Monday, July 6

Summer Reading Kick Off

On Monday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library, join David Plae and put your knowledge to the test with a one-of-a-kind storytelling trivia experience featuring the Founding Fathers, the Revolutionary War, and the people and events that shaped our democracy. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org. Sign up for the summer reading challenge and receive a goodie bag and raffle ticket for special prize.

Movie Matinee

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will continue its special six-month series featuring "The American Revolution – Episode Four: Conquer a Drawn Game (Jan. 1777-Feb. 1778) A Film by Ken Burns" on July 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Continue following the Continental Army through harsh winters and desperate battles, revealing how determination and a bit of luck helped turn a stalemate into renewed momentum.

Tuesday, July 7

Dinosaur Project

A teen DIY paper mache program featuring dinosaurs will begin Tuesday, July 7 at 5 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. This is a three-day craft as it will require

time, patience, and a day to dry. For grades six through 12 Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Serve on the Library Board

Join Reed Memorial Library in Carmel for a board recruitment information session to learn what it means to serve on the library's Board of Trustees, either July 7 from 11 a.m. to noon, or 6 to 7 p.m., at the library or Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., via Zoom. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park in Mahopac. The program presented will be "Seed to Bouquet" and Thomas Madden from Alders Wholesale Florist will explain how the flowers used in bouquets get to the florists. Members are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Wednesday, July 8

Energy Affordability Workshop

Are you confused by your utility bill? Do you wonder if you're in the right residential rate program? Is budget billing a good option for you? Join Sean and Joe from the Putnam Energy Affordability Campaign for an informative workshop July 8 at 4 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Bring your utility bill. To register, visit bit.ly/kentutilitybill.

Genealogy

"Unearthing Early American Records" presented by Sarah Gutmann, accredited genealogist, is scheduled July 8 from 6 to 7 via Zoom, with Reed Memorial Library of Carmel. This genealogical program focuses on colonial through 1870 ancestral records and is designed for both beginners and experienced researchers. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month at noon at George's Place on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. For membership, email MCL-PutnamCountyny242@gmail.com.

Creative Writing Workshop

Renowned writer Gail Carson Levine will return to Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, July 8 at 3 p.m., with an opportunity for youth age 10 to 17 to join her free creative writing workshop. If you enjoy crafting stories or poems, this workshop is for you. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Genevieve Faivre

The Brewster Summer Music Series will bring back singer Genevieve Faivre on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m., at the gazebo

in Southeast Veterans Park. The theme of this year's show will be "Cinematic Soundscapes" featuring Faivre and her band of professional musicians interpreting songs from iconic movies like "Back to the Future," "Star Wars," "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Psycho," and many other favorites.

Thursday, July 9

Dino Show

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Back to the Dino Show with the Nutty Scientist" for ages 4 and older July 9 at 6 p.m. Registration is required at 845-225-2793.

St. James Feast

Saint James the Apostle Church, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, will hold its 2026 Feast on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 9, 10, and 11, from 6 to 10 p.m.) Zeppole, sausage and peppers, steak heroes, Polish food, pizza, hamburgers, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, soft drinks and other delights. Rides and games of skill for all. Air-conditioned casino. Beer tent. Nightly Music. Raffles. Prayer tent and religious gift shop.

'Hamilton'

Patterson Library will show "Hamilton" on Thursday, July 9 at 1 p.m. The film captures the groundbreaking Broadway musical created by and starring Lin-Manuel Miranda, telling the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton through musical theater. Filmed with the original cast, the production brings history to life with powerful performances, unforgettable music, and a fresh take on the birth of the U.S. Adults age 18 and older. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, July 10

Pudding Street Band

Arts on the Lake's Summer Concert Series will present The Pudding Street Band, featuring classic rock, pop, and blues under the stars on the Boyd Concert Lawn on the shore of Lake Carmel, on Friday, July 10 at 640 Route 52. Music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Food and refreshments available from Chef Rubeo's food truck.

Movies in the Meadow

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host movies in the meadow Fridays at dusk at Camarda Park. July 10, "The Good Dinosaur;" July 31, "The Lego Movie;" Aug. 28 "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Free.

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Nancy shows off her temperstry.

Mahopac Library to Showcase ‘The Tempestry Project’

A one-of-a-kind traveling art project that depicts climate data from the Hudson Valley from 1895 to 2025 in the form of “temp-estries” knit by artisans across the Hudson Valley will be on display this summer at Mahopac Public Library in the Third Floor Gallery.

The Mid-Hudson Library System has partnered with knitters and knitting groups at member libraries – including Mahopac – that worked together to create this large-scale exhibit telling the story of not just climate change, but the history of libraries in the region and the personal histories of the knitters.

A temperstry (or temperature tapestry) is a knitted scarf-sized wall hanging that shows the daily high temperatures for a specific location and year. Collectively,

a group of temperstries for one location creates a powerful visual representation of changing temperatures over time.

Knitted linen stitch creates a beautifully sturdy fabric that won’t stretch the way that crochet and knitted garter stitch do, and won’t curl the way stockinette does. This works well for temperstries, which may be displayed for long periods of time.

The Tempestry Project will be on display through July 27, with a reception scheduled July 11 from noon to 2 p.m., when the public can meet the artisans, view the full temperstry collection, and enjoy light refreshments.

For more inquiries, visit mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries or email mplgallerycommittee@gmail.com.



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Showtime: Carmel Cinemas Reopens!

It’s true – Carmel Cinemas has reopened under new ownership after more than a year of being closed, and is now showing a slate of new movies. Word is that many of the theater’s longtime employees have returned, and that popular programs like senior prices and “Discount Tuesdays” will continue. In addition, the county administration has discussed opportunities to partner on sensory-friendly showings for children on the autism spectrum and families with special needs as part of its ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative. For showtimes and more information, visit <https://carmel.boxofficecinemas.com>.

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Local BOCES Gets \$5M Food Infrastructure Grant

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES is one of two entities chosen to receive \$5 million through round three of New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program, to improve meal preparation and distribution for kindergarten-through-grade-12 students using local agricultural products.

The initiative will provide a total of \$50 million over five years to eligible applicants in all 10 regions of the state to facilitate the on-site

processing and preparation of fresh, nutritious meals; increase the use of more healthy, local New York food products; and provide a boost to New York farmers.

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES has been awarded \$5 million to establish a regional food processing and workforce development hub. This shared-use regional food infrastructure project will address gaps in processing capacity, workforce readiness, and distribution

that limit institutional procurement of New York-grown and processed food in the area.

Plans include the construction of a state-of-the-art food processing training facility that includes both an educational building and a shared use of a new modular kitchen, as well as a refrigerated truck to facilitate last-mile delivery of processed products to the partner schools. The modular kitchen will be equipped with a configuration

of commercial-grade processing equipment to support hands-on instruction and credentialed workforce development.

The educational building will provide classroom space for instruction in food safety, nutrition and local procurement practices, basic kitchen training areas for hands-on skill development and inventory management systems, as well as dry storage and standalone cold and freezer storage units to support farm

participation and improve overall supply chain efficiency.

"The projects funded through the Regional School Food Infrastructure Program so far are truly creating a lasting impact on the schools and communities they are serving," said New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball.

In each of the five rounds of the program, two regions will be awarded \$5 million each – until all regions are awarded.

A VISION REBORN



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CARMEL, NY ---- THE FRIENDS OF BELDEN HOUSE APPLAUDS THE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DEP AND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGARDING THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC 1760 BELDEN HOUSE.

On June 15, 2026, in fulfillment of over a quarter of a century of extraordinary advocacy by former County Executive Bondi, Putnam Deputy Historian, Sallie Sypher and the late Bruce Heilman, Chair, The Friends of Belden House agreed that Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation Board act as our delegate in the pursuit of continuing positive negotiations with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection that ultimately may result in the rehabilitation and restoration of Belden House's former Gothic glory. The District's broad focus in considering a range of soil and water resource conservation resources and management of land disturbing activities to minimize the impact on water quality, meets DEP'S concerns and its emphasis on establishing extensive community alliances in furthering historical and cultural landmarks meets those of the Friends of Belden House.

The Friends of Belden House commends DEP former Deputy Commissioner Paul V. Rush who in a November 27, 2023 letter, attested to the fact that "While Belden House has been a concern for decades, DEP remains hopeful for a pragmatic solution and is more than willing to facilitate and engage in productive discussions toward that end." Soil and Water District officials capitalized on this aspiration and provided the essential pragmatic ingredient for the commencement of discussions. These discussions had their antecedents in the 2006 DEP Press Release by then Commissioner LLOYD which recognized "Belden House as a tangible reminder of the pre-colonial and colonial farms and landscapes" and value to DEP as a watchman of the reservoir. Collaborating with Friends of Belden House and then County Executive Bondi, \$2.9 million was allocated for the restoration of Belden House. However, the subsequent financial crisis of 2008, aborted all plans.

Friends of Belden House is encouraged by recent DEP efforts in Bedford to acquire, fund, rehabilitate and then transfer to government entities and not for profits, venues and structures of historical and social and cultural importance to communities. This "Good Neighbor" policy has the potentiality of being replicated here in Carmel and with Belden House. Consistent again with Deputy Commissioner's Rush's "hope to work together with our neighboring communities and come up with any creative solutions there may be."

Pragmatism and creativity of solutions - DEP discussion prerequisites - are in evidence in the Soil and Water Conservation District's proposals "to preserve this historic farmstead as a permanent headquarters of the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, while also serving as a Friends of Belden House historical and interpretative center, a hub for agricultural and conservation demonstration projects, educational programming and community gathering space. The vision also contemplates opportunities to partner with DEP on the East of Hudson public education and interpretative center highlighting the region's watershed stewardship efforts and vital role in protecting New York City's drinking supply."

Friends of Belden House, president, Ann Fanizzi, commenting on the fortuitous duality of purposes and partnerships of DEP, The District and Friends, quoted the words of the former chair, the late Bruce Heilman, "that it was incumbent upon us to retain, for the future, extra-special landmarks, those unique milestones of our advance through time. Belden House is of such consequence."

Lastly, I join Soil and Water Conservation chair, Cassandra Roth, "As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, we have an opportunity to build on decades of advocacy, finally turn years of discussion into meaningful progress and write the next chapter of this remarkable property."

To learn more about Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, visit www.PCSWCD.org
To learn more about Belden House and Friends of Belden House, visit www.friendsofbeldenhouse.org

I TOO, CELEBRATE AMERICA AND A NEW BIRTH

County Participates in DWI-Ignition Interlock Enforcement Initiative

In the coming months, several Putnam County law enforcement agencies will participate in an initiative to enhance enforcement against convicted drunk drivers operating vehicles without ignition interlock devices, or attempting to tamper with or bypass them.

The program, which was developed by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, is funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and will run through Labor Day in Putnam, Jefferson, and Oswego counties – which were chosen to receive this funding to pilot the initiative.

"We are grateful for this funding as this targeted enforcement effort (which) will enhance and strengthen our existing partnerships among our county's criminal justice agencies and local police departments," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

Leandra's Law – which was passed in 2009 in memory of 11-year-old Leandra Rosado who died in a drunk driving crash on the Henry Hudson Parkway in New York City – makes driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol with a child less than 16 years old a class E felony.

Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess said it was meant to protect the public from repeat drunk driving offenders and affirms that ignition interlock devices

are a critical tool in that effort. He said enhanced enforcement initiatives will hopefully send a clear message to offenders who attempt to circumvent the law, and that with collaboration from other departments, can help keep impaired drivers off the road.

Ignition interlock devices prevent those who have been drinking from driving, by making individuals blow into the device before starting a vehicle. If the device detects alcohol, the vehicle won't start.

Under Leandra's Law, judges are required to order the installation and maintenance of ignition interlock devices for all drivers convicted of misdemeanor or felony drunk driving charges on vehicles they own or operate for at least six months at their own expense. The law also makes it illegal to tamper with or circumvent an ignition interlock device.

Any offense under Leandra's Law may result in jail time. Moreover, individuals on probation may be charged with a violation of their sentence if found guilty of an ignition interlock offense.

Individuals who attest under oath that they have sold or transferred title to their vehicles – and as a result aren't required to install a device – still have the ignition interlock condition on their New York driver's license and DMV license file. These drivers are still prohibited from driving

a vehicle without an interlock, but some continue to do so, in violation of Leandra's Law.

Since 2010, courts have issued 213,799 orders for interlock devices, yet 25.9 percent of these offenders install a device within three months of sentencing. Another 15 percent of those convicted with court-issued interlock devices install them later in their sentence. Still, a significant gap remains between those with interlock conditions and those who actually have a device installed on their vehicles.

"The goal of this program is to keep drunk drivers off our roadways," said DCJS Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green. "Interlock devices are a necessary safeguard against dangerous and often deadly behavior."

Green commended local law enforcement partners for their participation in this pilot, which he said will increase compliance with the law and provide a model for other counties to follow.

To prepare for the initiative, members of the probation department, the district attorney's office, and the three police agencies attended a training conducted by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in April.

The grant will fund up to \$35,000 in overtime so that law enforcement in Putnam County can conduct targeted ignition interlock enforcement activities.



Stop by the stand at Boni-Bel Farm on Doansburg Road in Brewster to pick up a taste of summer.

Putnam Farms Offer More Than Just Fruits & Veggies

By Ruby Koch-Fienberg
CCE-Putnam County

This summer, Putnam County is bursting with flavor – and it's the perfect time to get out, explore, and fill your fridge with food grown by your neighbors. Think of it as a delicious scavenger hunt across Brewster, Cold Spring, Mahopac, and every town in between.

Strawberry season is short, sweet, and absolutely worth chasing, and Putnam orchards make it easy to turn a regular Saturday into a mini road trip.

Start at Salinger's Orchard in Brewster, where the farm store smells like warm cider donuts and the shelves are lined with apples, peaches, cherries, and jars of local honey. Grab a bag of fruit, a donut for the ride home, and maybe a pie if you "accidentally" wander past the bakery case.

Head down to Maple Lawn Farmers Market & Garden Center in Garrison for early berries and summer fruit, tucked right in among flats of flowers and vegetable starts – perfect if you want to snack on strawberries now and plant your own for later.

Round things out at Veras Marketplace in Cold Spring, where piles of local and organic produce make it easy to build a rainbow salad, a snack board, or a picnic spread for the riverfront.

If you've ever wanted to build a plate that looks like it belongs on a cookbook cover, now is the time – and local farms are the secret weapon.

At Glynwood Center for Regional Food & Farming in Cold Spring, you can walk into the farm store and walk out with certified organic greens, carrots, tomatoes, and just-dug potatoes, as well as milk, eggs, and cheese to round out your meals. (Glynwood accepts SNAP payments.)

Artemis Farm in Brewster keeps its stand stocked with

organic vegetables, eggs, maple syrup, and house-made breads. It's the kind of place where you can stop in "just for lettuce" and leave with half your week's meals planned out.

Boni-Bel Farm at Green Chimneys adds a little magic: organic fruits and vegetables, eggs, maple syrup, honey, and artisan cheese all in one stop. It's easy to grab a few new-to-you veggies and challenge your family to try a "mystery ingredient" each week.

Building meals that showcase everything farms can provide includes pasture-raised meats and eggs.

Glynwood's farm store is a one-stop shop for pasture-raised beef, lamb, pork, chicken, and eggs, so you can plan a grill night or Sunday breakfast that's 100 percent Hudson Valley. Pair local sausage with sautéed greens and roasted potatoes and you've got a full "Putnam-grown" plate.

At Lobster Hill Farm in Brewster, Farm-to-Fork CSA boxes and on-farm pickup bring patrons goat meat and cheese, pastured poultry, eggs, and produce, all packed with stories to share at the dinner table.

Your support of local farms can easily grow from a nice idea to a lived, tasty habit. Pick one "home base" for the season and commit to shopping there weekly, building your meals around what's in season instead of what's on sale at a distant warehouse.

Challenge your household to try one new local item each week, whether it's Lobster Hill goat cheese, Sugar Shack Creamery Goat Milk Lassi, or a strange-looking squash from RE Endeavors by Ryder Farm or Boni-Bel, and share the results with friends, neighbors, or school communities.

Ruby Koch-Fienberg is the agriculture and food systems coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County.

Town of Carmel Recreation and Parks Department

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‘Whipple’s World’ Highlights Putnam Preservationist

He has spent nearly three decades pointing a microphone at celebrities on New York’s red carpets but at the recent 25th annual Tribeca Festival, the camera finally turned on George Whipple.

“Whipple’s World,” a feature documentary about the NY1 entertainment reporter, Philipstown resident, and Putnam County philanthropist held its world premiere at Tribeca with screenings June 12 through 14.

The film, which is the debut feature of director Adam Paul Verity, captures the many facets of Whipple – father, Ivy League-educated lawyer, farmer, history buff, preservationist, castle-dweller, dog lover, and more – in a fun and endearing look at what life is really like rubbing elbows with the famous.

“George does everything,” Verity said on the red carpet at the premiere. “He’s an entertainment reporter, but he’s also a lawyer who lives in a castle, and he is also a farmer, and he also has this amazing heritage of American history going right back to the Declaration of Independence. When you put all of that together, that’s a unique character, and that’s why we wanted to make this film.”

Whipple became a fixture on the 24-hour cable channel, snagging passing celebrities and putting them at ease. He was so familiar a presence that he was parodied on “Saturday Night Live.”

In 2022, he won an Emmy Award with his NY1 team for their coverage of “On Stage Presents Broadway’s Revival.” The film covers everything from Whipple sparring playfully with Bryan Cranston to his coverage of New York City after Sept. 11, 2001.

Through his father, Whipple is a descendant of Declaration of Independence signers William Whipple, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Stephen Hopkins, as well as U.S. Sen. Daniel Webster, the supposed source of those famous “Websterian” eyebrows.

Verity, who worked alongside Whipple at Spectrum News NY1, said the existing relationship was key to making the project happen. “He was a little reluctant at first, but then thankfully he agreed to let us make the film,” said Verity.

Robin Sanders and Cody Williams produced the documentary.

For Putnam folks, the real pleasure of the film is watching Whipple return home. “Whipple’s World” follows him back to the county where his family has farmed for generations. He is the third generation to have lived at Pine View Farm in Kent, where he was raised and where, as the film recounts, his ambitious father once promoted him to run for Kent town supervisor at the age of 14.

The film lingers on familiar local sights – the farm, the back



The life of George Carroll Whipple III, a Kent native, is featured in a new documentary.

roads, the long commute to the city that so many residents will recognize, and the Kent farmhouse the family returned to full-time during the pandemic.

Whipple’s name has long been synonymous with historic preservation in the county, and the film traces that legacy. In 1999, he founded the Society for the Preservation of Putnam County Antiquities & Greenways, known as Preserve Putnam. Through it he led the rescue and reconstruction of the circa-1832 Red Mills Baptist Church (now the Whipple-Feeley Chapel, named for deceased Putnam veterans) and converted an abandoned Carmel gas station into Spain Cornerstone Park, home to a memorial to county residents lost on Sept. 11.

For five years, Preserve Putnam served as steward of the county-owned Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster, where Whipple donated more than \$350,000 and helped secure over \$1 million in funding.

His Whipple Heritage Conservation Foundation, established with then-wife Victoria in 2019, preserves endangered North American livestock breeds. That work has placed him at the center of the county’s 250th anniversary celebrations, serving as a volunteer committee co-chairman alongside former Gov. George Pataki and narrating “The Revolutionary Road to Putnam County,” a free drivable audio tour launched as part of the Rev250 celebration.

For all the celebrity and history, the film keeps returning to Whipple’s role as Dad. He became a father later in life, and one of the film’s most tender threads follows his morning ritual of dropping his daughter, Elizabeth, at the Garrison School in Philipstown.

There is a fitting symmetry in the premiere’s timing. Tribeca was founded by Robert De Niro and Jane Rosenthal to bring people

back to lower Manhattan after Sept. 11 – the same downtown Whipple covered as a reporter – and the film debuted during the festival’s 25th anniversary.

While Whipple claims in the documentary that his life makes for boring viewing, the ovation at Tribeca – and the sea of stick-on eyebrows in the crowd – suggested otherwise.

For distribution and screening details, visit whipplesworld-film.com.



A screenshot from bodycam footage recorded while making the arrest.

Road Rage Incident Leads to Weapon Charges

A Southeast man is facing felony weapon charges following an alleged road rage incident in which he brandished a gun.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, at about 8:15 p.m. June 20, deputies responded to a reported menacing with a firearm following a road rage incident in Southeast.

The complainant reported that during a road rage incident on Peach Lake Road (Route 121), a male operating a black flatbed pickup truck stopped his vehicle, exited, and displayed a handgun. The victim was able to drive away and contact 911, while the suspect fled the area.

While en route to the call,

a responding deputy located a vehicle matching the description provided by the complainant and conducted a traffic stop. Additional deputies responded to the scene and took the driver into custody without incident.

Brandon Tompkins, 41, was arrested after deputies recovered a loaded Glock .45 caliber handgun from inside the vehicle. He was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon (loaded firearm), a felony; and second-degree menacing, a misdemeanor.

Tompkins was arraigned in Southeast Town Court where bail was set at \$500 cash or \$1,000 bond.

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Diplomas Bestowed in Putnam Valley



Putnam Valley High School graduates received their diplomas June 18, with the applause of family, friends, and educators filling the stands at the high school field. Contributed photos.



Scribbles on a Notebook By Rich Thomaselli

Not Sold on Endorsement Deals for H.S. Athletes

We are potentially crossing a fine line.

I recently read where a high school athlete was able to use his name, image, and likeness in an endorsement deal. Most state high school athletic associations allow this under certain restrictions. The National Collegiate Athletic Association allowed such a thing for college athletes several years ago, and there are several collegiate athletic programs that

rake in millions of dollars every year – so the players should get a share of that.

I remain noncommittal about high school athletes, however.

Part of me wants the kids to be compensated for their talents. There are countless stories of kids in other sectors making use of their gifts. And as we all know, athletics can have a short shelf life due to injury and other factors.

But the other part of me wants

to maintain the sanctity of high school athletics.

Some might substitute the word “illusion” for “sanctity.” Perhaps I was just brought up in a different era. I kind of like the idea of playing in a Friday night high school football game and then meeting your girl and friends at the local malt shop.

I fear those days are long over, or coming to a close.

The concept of name, image, and likeness – NIL – is important for college athletes. It’s a bit murkier for high school athletes.

Perhaps there will come a time when all this will be accepted. Until then, I think I will cling to the innocence of high school competition.

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.



Pictured are members of the combined Mahopac, Putnam Valley, and Carmel girls' swim team. It remains to be seen whether New York Section 1 public high schools will still compete against private and parochial schools.

World Cup Fever Spreads in Putnam

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – Dale Meritt’s voice was coarse from screaming.

“I’m originally from Carmel,” he said, raising his hand. “France all the way!”

Yes, the World Cup soccer tournament has touched even Putnam County.

Meritt and several friends were at Met Life Stadium to watch France play Senegal last week. France won the game and qualified for the knockout round of 32 in the tourney. France is Meritt’s team, but his mind was

never far from the Hudson Valley.

There are four players from New York on the U.S. men’s national team, including Tyler Adams of nearby Wappingers Falls.

“You can’t help but root for that kid,” said Meritt. “You can’t help but root for the whole team. That would definitely be an experience.”

So far, the entire quadrennial tournament has been an experience for American fans. The culture has been amazing, including the Scottish team fans known as the Tartan Army nearly drinking

Boston dry of beer.

And we haven’t even mentioned the fascination with ranch dressing.

“Heck,” said Meritt, “I’d be happy to send them some Hidden Valley.”

Already taken care of. What, you think the Hidden Valley people would miss a marketing opportunity?

“You know, some people think soccer is slow and boring, but they don’t call it The Beautiful Game for nothing,” said Meritt.

Girls LAX Players Receive Honors

WHITE PLAINS – This is the way to wrap up a season.

Lily Katsetos, a senior defender for the Brewster High School girls’ lacrosse team, has been named a USA Lacrosse Academic All-American. Not only did she show her prowess on the field, but her achievements in the class-

room, as well. She also received all Section 1 honors.

Teammate Amelia Walsh is a recipient of the USA Lacrosse Jackie Pitts Award.

Ashley Koch of Mahopac made the all Section 1 team, as did Haldane’s Kayla Ruggiero.

Walsh was also a first-team

pick.

Giana Puckhaber, Bella Gangemi, and Gianna Cirelli of Mahopac, Isabella Coletti of Putnam Valley, Carmel’s Violet DeLuca and Lindsay Smith, and Kaitlyn Flanagan from Brewster made the second team.

Private vs. Public School Competitions Ousted

WHITE PLAINS – Parochial and private schools can still win a Section 1 high school athletic championship, but it will be their own.

The Section 1 athletic council voted 69-4 to prohibit private and parochial schools from competing for traditional sectional titles against public schools. It

is still unknown whether those schools will be able to compete for a New York State championship.

Keio, Albertus Magnus, Ursuline, and Leffel School are the private schools that will be affected.

The new rule goes into effect for the 2027-28 school year.

Renegades Might Need a Miracle

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – If the Hudson Valley Renegades Minor League Baseball team has any aspirations of making the postseason, they will need a spectacular second half.

The South Atlantic League season is divided into two halves, and Hudson Valley will have to win the second half in order to make the playoffs.

The Renegades finished the first half of the season below .500. The second half of the season

didn’t start very well, either.

Hudson Valley lost back-to-back games against Bowling Green, 5-4 and 7-6, to open a six-game series with the Hot Rods last week. Bowling Green is an affiliate of the Major League Tampa Bay Rays.

The Renegades have lost three games this month in walk-off fashion.

Hudson Valley returns home to Heritage Financial Park on Tuesday, June 30.

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Brewster Schools NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast, New York (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law) hereby invites the submission of electronic bids on GM ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER SCHOOL BUS PARTS for use in the school bus transportation department.

Bids will be received through 10:00 AM at www.bidnetdirect.com on the 10 day of July 2026. By the office of the Supervisor of Transportation at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid form must be obtained electronically at www.bidnetdirect.com. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for *60* days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids.

Board of Education
Brewster Central School District
of the Town of Southeast
County of Putnam, New York
30 Farm to Market Road
Brewster, New York 10509

By Mary E Smith
(Supervisor of Transportation)

Date: June 15, 2026 5
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Kent

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

Pursuant to Section 516 of Real Property Tax Law. Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, has been completed and will be available July 1st, 2026. The final roll will be available for viewing on line at <https://www.townofkentny.gov/assessor>. The final roll may also be viewed at the Assessor's Office, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, and on Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY. A certified copy thereof, will be filed with the Town Clerk's Office.

Seth Plawsky
Town of Kent - Assessor
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Carmel

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF CARMEL, NY COUNTY OF PUTNAM

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Assessment Roll for the year 2026 for the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a copy will be available in the Carmel Town Hall as of July 1, 2025, from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30

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pm. Furthermore, it will also be available through a link on the Town website at www.townofcarmelny.gov.

Christopher Paleo
Assessor
Dated: June 24, 2026

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PLANNING BOARD Town of Carmel - Town Hall Mahopac, NY 10541 845 628-1500 - Ext 190

LEGAL NOTICE

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

JULY 9, 2026

At 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541 or as soon thereafter as possible on the following matters:

LIBERTY BELL TRUCKING CO., INC.

39 & 47 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512 - Tax Map #55.7-1-4 & 5 - Site Plan

By Order of the Chairman,
Craig Paerprer
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Philipstown

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Conservation Board July 2026.

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Southeast

SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

PLAYERHAVEN, LLC - Application is being made for a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed indoor, commercial recreation facility that will conduct structured and instructional training to no more than 25 people at a time located at 1944 Route 22, Brewster, NY, in the OP-2 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 35.-2-3. The commercial recreation use would be inside an existing building and requires no exterior modifications. The proposed commercial recreation

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facility would be approximately 9,652 square feet and located in a larger commercial building with 50 parking spaces.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: June 11, 2026

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct work sessions to review potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following application:

1. **Roxana & Alcides Avelandeda**, owners of property located at 95 Tulip Road, Tax Map ID 69.13-1-7, seek to vary the provisions of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct a deck on an accessory structure which, as proposed, does not comply with current setback requirements, as follows: Front (southerly) setback where approximately 55' is proposed where a minimum of 100' is required; and Side (westerly) setback where approximately 85' is proposed and a minimum of 100' is required in a R-160 zone.

2. **Brian Pareschi & Maureen Fitzgerald**, owners of property located at 297 Dingle Ridge Road, Tax Map ID 79.12-1-2, seek to vary the provision of Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicants to construct and in-ground swimming pool which, as proposed would be located 33' from the rear (westerly) property line where a minimum setback of 100' is required and 35' from the (northerly) side property line where a minimum setback of 100' is required in an R-160 zone.

3. **Michael and Kathy Daigneault**, owners of property located at 343 Starr Ridge Road, Tax Map ID #79.-1-7, on referral from the Planning Board, seek to vary the provision of Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicants to construct an Accessory Residential structure which, as proposed, would be located 31.6' from the front property line where a minimum setback of 100' is required; 6.6' from the side property line where a minimum setback of 100' is required; a total side yard setback of 33.5 is proposed where a minimum total setback of 200' is required; a side yard depth of 6.6' is proposed where a minimum side yard depth of 100' is required; and a lot size (existing) of 69,214 sq. ft is proposed where a minimum lot size of 160,000 square feet is required in an R-160 Zone.

4. **La Famiglia Inc.**, owner of property located at 1591 Route 22, Tax Map ID #46.-1-18, on referral from the Planning Board, seeks to vary the provisions of the Zoning Code to legalize an existing free-standing sign which is located 11' from the front property line where a required minimum front setback for a sign is 15' and a total sign area of 60 sq. ft. is proposed where a maximum of 32 sq. ft. is permitted in the SR-22 Zone.

5. **Glafkos Keramidas**, owner of property located at 1460 Route 22, Tax Map ID #57.-1-14,

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on referral from the Planning Board, seeks to vary the terms of the Zoning Code to permit the premises to be used for General Business with outside storage, which would require the following variances: Lot size where 3.6 acres exist and a minimum lot size of 5 acres is required; lot width where 305' exist and a minimum lot width of 400' is required; and lot depth where 354 ft. exist and a minimum lot depth of 400 ft is required in the SR-22 Zone.

6. **Dean Dignelli**, owner of premises located at 341, 357 and 361 Route 312, Tax Map ID #45.-2-46, 45.2-47 and 45.-2-48, on referral from the Planning Board, seeks the following variances from the provisions of the Zoning Code, to permit the commercial premises to be developed as proposed: maximum lot coverage where 69.2% coverage is proposed where a maximum coverage of 45% is permitted; minimum open space where 30.8 % of the lot is proposed and a minimum opens space of 55% is required; and a front set back of structures of 16' is proposed where a minimum front setback is 100' in an ED Zoning District.

By Order of the ZBA
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman
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Legal notice

Extra Space Storage facility operators' sale for non-payment of storage Charges Pursuant to the power of sale contained in State of New York,

Lien Laws Re: Self Storage Facilities/NY CLS Lien Section 182(83) thru Chapter 738(94)4. General Charges and satisfaction of the facility

Operators. The Following Property will be sold at Public Auction on: July 9, 2026 at 11:00am, on the premises of: Extra Space Storage/and Online@WWW.StorageTreasures.com 1639 Route 22 Brewster, NY 10509. Reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason

Whatsoever. Unit#1118 One(1)1982 280ZX Nissan Datson color blue Vin#JN1HZ04S7CX461893 Belonging to: Michael Kousouros
By: Auctioneer WWW.StorageTreasures.com

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, vs. SATURNINO DEJESUS, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 6, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 13, 2026 at 3:30 p.m., premises known as 129 Fairmont Road, Carmel, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Lake Casse, Mahopac, in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 65.14, Block 1 and Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment is \$578,954.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed

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Judgment Index #501049/2023.

Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 254156-1

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA M. COOPER, ETAL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Decision & Order & Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 29, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Steiner Drive n/k/a 38 Steiner Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 64.9, Block 1 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$616,868.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501476/2022.

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 222812-1

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Commissioner of Finance of Putnam County, as Limited Administrator of Estate of **Linda Antonucci**; Victor Antonucci; Denise Puente; Putnam Hospital Center; Midland Funding, LLC; State of New York; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 5, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 13, 2026, at 2:30PM, premises known as 43 Sunset Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section: 4.19 Block: 1 Lot: 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$250,641.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500765/2024. Paul C. Brite, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: May 26, 2026 90228

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL

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CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST DEANA M LAGANA, SALVATORE LAGANA, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 20, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 20, 2026 at 11:30 AM, premises known as 103 Kentview Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section: 10.20 Block: 1 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$927,582.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501385/2024. Cirino M. Bruno, Esq. Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001452 90194 P. 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8 - 39

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PROBATE CITATION

File No. **2026-31**
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT - PUTNAM COUNTY CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Joseph Myslim, having a last known address at 28 Robers Drive, Putnam Valley, New York 10579

A petition having been filed by Holly Halime Cipriani, domiciled at 88 Sunset Drive, Brewster, New York and Merieme Mary Schaniel, having at address at 16 Taylor Street, New Milford, Connecticut

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Putnam County at 44 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on July 24, 2026 at two o'clock in the forenoon of that day, who decree should not be made in the estate of Hatixhe Myslim, lately domiciled at 88 Sunset Drive, Brewster, New York 10509, admitting to probate a Will dated January 24, 2021, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of HATIXHE MYSLIM, deceased,, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Holly Halime Cipriani.

Hon. Anthony R. Molé
Dated, Attested and Sealed Surrogate

June 9, 2026

Irene Muller

Chief Clerk

Nancy Tagliaferro, Esq.
Hogan, Rossi & Liguori
Attorney for Petitioners
3 Starr Ridge Road
Brewster, New York 10509
Tel. No. (845) 279-2986
ntag@hrlawyers.com

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE

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BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-B, Plaintiff against

CHAD GEFFNER, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 23, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 27, 2026 at 9:30AM. Premises known as 21 Colonel Court, Holmes, NY 12531. Sec 2. Block 1 Lot 7. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$356,621.87 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501156/2023.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633. Raymond A Cote, Esq., Referee File # 22-12589NY

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **BEAR CREEK SPORTSMAN LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 1915 RT. 9 - BOX 263, GARRISON, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **Grover House LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/08/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 286 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Kim Brower Coaching LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 4/9/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kim Brower Coaching LLC, 29 Tyler Ct Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **FOURTH POLE FILMS, LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/22/26. Office Location Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Fourth Pole Films, LLC at PO Box 778, NY, NY 10013. Reg. Agent: eR-

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esidentAgent, Inc.1 Rockefeller Plaza Ste 1204, NY, NY 10020. The principal business address of the LLC is 205 Hudson St, Ste 1002, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activity

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Uncle Fannie's Attic, LLC**. Articles of Org.

filed with SSNY on 6/9/26.

Office Location: Putnam County.

SSNY designated as agent of LLC

upon whom process may be served.

SSNY shall mail process to: c/o

Uncle Fannie's Attic, LLC, 98

Kent Shore Drive, Carmel, NY, 10512.

Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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GUIDING HAND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLLC Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/2026. Office: PUTNAM COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 BROADWAY SUITE 615, NEW YORK, NY, 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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EMIZ HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/15/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3191 US Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

33 MELVILLE LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 38 Stonewall Farm Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Tri County Timber LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 03/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Tri County Timber LLC, 2891 Route 22, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIMEFLOW CONCRETE PUMPING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/1/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3845 Danbury Rd., Brewster, NY 10559, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DOB CONSTRUCTION AND WOODWORKING LLC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Filed 5/28/26. Office: Putnam Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 79 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: General.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST LAKE BLVD LLC.

Filed 4/30/26. Office: Putnam Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jeremy L. Havens, Esq., 28 Railroad Ave., Ste 2c, Warwick, NY 10990. Purpose: General.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LONG TRAIL MULTISPORT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/2026. 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, 4049 Fairways Drive, Carmel, NY 10521. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUTNAM COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of **Arrunategui Consulting, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/23/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Arrunategui Consulting, LLC, 11 High Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Nisbeth Alignment Group LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/8/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nisbeth Alignment Group LLC, 242 Austin Road, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of **SAM BREWSTER, LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/26. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 06/06/26. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to F. Mark Roscioli Jr., 1050 Runaway Dr., Pennsburg, PA 18073. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the Commonwealth, PO Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8722. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **ESP Trucks LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: ESP Trucks LLC 3330 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **11 Parsonage St, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on April 27, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY

designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

mail process to: Anderson Registered Agents, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite

210, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tech Advantage LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/16/24. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 20 Saint Anthony Pl, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Freid Realty LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/24. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 296, Shenorock NY 10587. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAHANAN LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 80 FAIR ST, COLD SPRING, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RAF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/27/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 48 GLEN RIDGE RD, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MILE 54 CONSULTING LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 99 WASHINGTON AVE, STE 700, ALBANY, NY 12260. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE 2026 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 333 MAMARONECK AVE #438, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A D V E N T U R E S THROUGH FLAVOR LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 814, CARMEL, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Byrnes Brighter LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/08/2026. Office

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Young female senior citizen **LOOKING FOR FURNISHED ROOM**, and/or Efficiency/Studio apartment to begin June 30 thru November 30, '26. I am quiet, clean and responsible. Have been with present landlord almost 15 years. Prefer lower Putnam County. Would love to hear from you!

WANTED – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 9/30

SERVICES AVAILABLE

WOOD WORKER - made tables, windows, doors, decks, rotten wood on exterior of house, removed and replaced bird and animal damage. 914-203-0031. 7/8

PAINTING – exterior, interior, walls, trim, ceilings; sheet rock repair also. Concrete – sidewalks, recycling bin pads, garage floors, pods, driveways. Contact Stephen at 845-527-1857. 7/22.

YARD MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT. Remove and replace trees and shrubs, cut away from house and roof. Irrigation and drainage systems, clogged gutters. Call Robert at 914-203-0031. 7/22

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Byrnes Brighter LLC, 19 Carillon Road Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **SightAngle Systems LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 06/17/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o SightAngle Systems LLC, 1511 Route 22 Suite A1 #104 - Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **POINT SCS LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/18/26. Office in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 403 FARMERS MILLS RD CARMEL, NY, 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LA BOOZA BELLA, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/16/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 63 AQUEDUCT RD, GARRISON, NY 10524. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Girl From Ipanema, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/31/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Girl From Ipanema, LLC, 500 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Peckham Real Estate NY, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Rev250 Poster Contest Winners Announced



From left are Joyce Picone of the Putnam Arts Council, poster contest winner Emilia Whitbourne, Assemblyman Matt Slater, and Putnam Youth Bureau Executive Director Janeen Cunningham.

Assemblyman Matt Slater recently recognized five young artists as winners of his Rev250 Poster Contest, a district-wide competition designed to engage students in the celebration of America’s 250th anniversary while encouraging them to reflect on the values that have shaped the nation for two and a half centuries.

Haldane fifth-grader Emilia Whitbourne took first place, while George Fischer Middle School fifth-grader Kate Adams took second, sixth-grader Abigail Jones came in third place, and honorable mentions went to GFMS fourth-grader Lala Rose Rosini and Haldane fifth-grader Mae Schneck.

The contest was held in partnership with the Putnam County Youth Bureau, Putnam Arts Council, and libraries throughout the 94th Assembly District. Students were invited to create original artwork highlighting themes of patriotism, honor, freedom, service, and America’s rich history as the nation prepares to commemorate its semiquincentennial in 2026.

“The Rev250 Poster Contest was an opportunity for our young people to connect with our na-

tion’s history and express their appreciation for the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy as Americans,” said Slater. “I want to congratulate all of the participants for sharing their creativity and patriotism.”

“We thank all of the students who participated and congratulate the winners for their outstanding creativity, artistic talent, and patriotism,” added Youth Bureau Executive Director Janeen Cun-

ningham. “Their work reflects a thoughtful appreciation for the ideals and history that continue to shape our country as we approach America’s 250th anniversary.”

Joyce Picone of Putnam Arts Council said it was a pleasure to view the creative submissions by area school students.

“The responses were unique and imaginative, which made it difficult to select award winners,” she said.

Putnam Gets EMS Funds

Putnam County was recently awarded more than \$182,000 in funding to support emergency preparedness efforts.

The funding, provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, supports regional homeland security preparedness efforts including planning, organization, equipment, and training and exercise activities that are critical to sustaining and improving community prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities.

The New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emer-

gency Services manages these programs in coordination with local stakeholders.

FEMA’s Homeland Security Grant Program is comprised of three separate risk-based grants aimed at assisting state, local, and tribal efforts in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism. Those programs are the State Homeland Security Program, the Urban Area Security Initiative, and Operation Stonegarden.

Putnam County has been awarded \$147,000 through the

State Homeland Security Program, which provides funding to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic disasters.

The county has also been awarded \$35,500 via an Emergency Management Performance Grant to support planning and operational readiness for disaster response. This funding assists efforts ranging from development and implementation of training and exercises to acquiring emergency response resources at the county level.

Conley to Take on Lawler in November

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In the race for Putnam County Legislature in District Eight, which represents Mahopac Falls, Mahopac School Board Trustee Tanner McCracken defeated Carmel Town Councilman Frank Lombardi by a vote of 586 to 200 (74 to 25 percent).

“Tonight, the people spoke and they spoke loudly,” Tanner said after the election, calling his win “a victory for taxpayers over the insiders, for neighbors over the political establishment, and for the hardworking families who are tired of being taxed out of their homes.”

Lombardi secured the endorsement of the Carmel Republican Committee, prompting McCracken to force a primary election. McCracken was endorsed by the Putnam County Conservative Party and will now appear on both the Republican and Conservative lines in the November general election.

“Mahopac Republicans voted for affordability, accountability, and

a new direction,” said McCracken. “The days of politics as usual are over... To those who have been standing in the way of real reform, the message couldn’t be clearer: get on board with the everyday people of Putnam County or get out of the way. A new day has arrived, and we’re just getting started.”

After the results came in, Lombardi thanked all his supporters, noting, “I will still be a voice of reason and common sense on the town board that I am proud to continue to serve into 2027.”

He will face Democrat Gwen Burke in November.

Joseph Cunningham defeated Kent Town Board member Jorma Tompuri by a vote of 287 to 180 (61 to 38 percent) in the Republican primary for Putnam County Legislature in District Three, which represents the Town of Kent.

“We crushed it,” Cunningham announced on social media after his win. “We will continue and win in November. Thank you everybody for your support, all the hard work has paid off. I will work my butt off for everybody.”

He will face Democrat Kathy Kahng in November.

In the 39th State Senate district, which represents Putnam Valley and Philipstown, as well as parts of Dutchess, Orange and Rockland counties, Lisa Kaul was victorious

in the Democratic primary. She will challenge incumbent Republican Robert Rolison in the fall.

In Putnam County, Kaul took 56 percent of the vote (1,184), while Evan Menist received 36 percent (765) and Gay Lee got 7 percent (155).

Kathleen Valletta-McMorrow, Robin Fillhart, and Anna Walsh were elected to the Town of Kent Democratic Committee in ED 1; while Thomas Broderick, Noreen Greco, Michele Netter, and Edward Kearns were elected to the Town of Kent Republican committee in ED 5.

Andrew DeStefano, Anthony Acosta, Paul Zazzo, and Edgar Majgual were elected to the Town of Patterson Republican Committee in ED 1; while Jennifer Caruso, Kevin Butler, Mary Butler, and Jennifer Bumgarner were elected to the Town of Patterson Republican Committee for ED 5.

Joseph Capasso, Kimberly Brennan, and Richard Williams Sr., were elected to the Town of Patterson Republican Committee for ED 6. As of press time, Gisele Cott and Larry Maxwell were tied for the fourth seat.

Michael Gallgher, Susan Brown, Linda Griffin, and Michael Griffin were elected to the Town of Patterson Republican Committee for ED 7.

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Senior School Information Systems Support Specialist 24588020
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: \$54,566 (Brewster Central School District)
Last Filing Date: July 7, 2026
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 7/1



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CONGRATS TO CARMEL'S CLASS OF 2026

Carmel High School celebrated its 2026 graduates June 23 with an outdoor commencement ceremony that was postponed a day due to rain. Provided photos.



Mahopac Graduates Honored



Mahopac High School hosted its commencement ceremony for the Class of 2026 on June 24 on the high school field.



Gas & Food Prices Soar This July 4th

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rising this holiday weekend.

Families celebrating the Fourth of July with a cookout will find that prices at the grocery store closely reflect inflation increases over the last year.

The national average cost of an Independence Day cookout is \$73.82 for 10 guests this year, according to an annual marketbasket survey conducted by American Farm Bureau Federation. Nationally, the average price is up \$2.90 from last year, representing a 4 percent increase.

The overall annual inflation rate in the U.S. is 4.2 percent for 12 months ending in May.

In the Northeast, the average is \$71.35, making it the region with the lowest cost in the survey. In comparison, the average in the Midwest is \$71.45; the South, \$72.08; and the West, \$80.

An interesting picture emerges in New York, where the average is \$67.55 – significantly

lower than regional averages. However, that number represents a nearly 14 percent increase over 2025, when the average was \$59.36.

American Farm Bureau economists attribute the increase to multiple factors, including U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data showing that the Northeast experienced the largest regional inflation increase in 2026 and that the consumer price index in the Northeast was 5 percent, compared to 4.2 percent nationally.

At \$7.38 per person nationally (\$6.76 in New York), this is the most expensive Fourth of July cookout since NYFB began surveying costs in 2016. However, after adjusting for inflation, cookout costs have remained relatively stable in recent years and remain below the previous peak reached in 2022.

“Families across the country are dealing with higher prices for many essential expenses like groceries, and New York families are no exception,” said NYFB Director of Communications Amanda Powers. “While America still enjoys one of the safest, most abundant food supplies in the world, it doesn’t take away from the fact that shoppers are feeling pain at the grocery store. It also

doesn’t mean that farmers make more money when prices go up. The profit margin for farmers remains razor thin.”

In fact, after expenses, farmers receive less than 6 cents of every food dollar, said Powers.

The marketbasket survey shows an overall increase in the cost of about a dozen tracked items, including ground beef, pork and beans, strawberries, and hamburger buns. Several factors influenced the increased costs, from severe weather conditions to increases in production, transportation, and labor costs.

However, healthy potato harvests and the falling prices of eggs as avian influenza recedes have contributed to the lower cost of potato salad.

For 2 pounds of ground beef, the national cost is \$14.06, up 5.5 percent from 2025. For 2 pounds of chicken breast, its \$8.06, up 3.5 percent. For a package of hamburger buns, it costs \$2.53, up 7.7 percent. For 32 ounces of pork and beans, the cost is \$3.06, up 13.8 percent.

A 16-ounce bag of potato chips costs an average of \$4.76 nationally, down 0.8 percent from 2025. And two pints of strawberries is \$5.27, up 12.4 percent.

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