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Garrison Union Free School District celebrated Veterans Day by honoring Philipstown veterans, including Dan Dillon, Bob Emig, Ralph Garrison, Bill Gunning, Elliott Hammond, Charlie Junjulas, Lou Liotti, Luis Lopez, Steven Mazzuchelli, Steve Merando, Rick Peterson, Fred Reich, James Silvano, Robert Heinz, Floyd Miller, Tyler Mojer, and Will Felder.

Putnam Thanks its American Heroes *Veterans Day Celebrated Countywide*



Ceremonies, parades, wreath-laying commemorations, and many other events took place across Putnam on Nov. 11 to mark Veterans Day. From service organizations, to schools, local governments, and even individual communities, these guests of honor were celebrated for their service and sacrifice. Here, Brewster American Legion Post 71 and VFW Post 672 hosted a ceremony at Veterans Park/Electrozone Field. Additional photos are on pages 6 and 7.



Veterans from WWII through the War in Afghanistan were honored at the annual Chow Down hosted by the Putnam County Vet2Vet program Nov. 2 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. More than 200 veterans were served during two seatings.



C.V. Starr Intermediate School in Brewster paid tribute to those who have served or are actively serving the U.S. armed forces by acknowledging individuals from the community – including parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family relatives.



From left are Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Kent Town Board member Shawn Boyd, Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson, and Town Board members Anne Campbell and Christopher Ruthven – with a few future leaders – during the unveiling of a sign commemorating the new “Lake Carmel Veterans Memorial Bridge” at South Terry Hill Road.

Kent Footbridge Dedicated

A walking bridge that was completed last year in Lake Carmel was dedicated Nov. 11 during Veterans Day commem-

orations.

According to Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer, the “Lake Carmel Veterans Me-

morial Bridge” on South Terry Hill Road stands as a symbol of connection, community, and the

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It's Official: Dems Take Put Valley & Patterson Seats

By Holly Crocco

The absentee ballots have been counted and the results are in, with Democrats officially gaining victories in a couple of key town races in Putnam County.

While the 2025 election took place Nov. 4, absentee ballots were accepted by the Putnam County Board of Elections through Nov. 12.

According to the numbers posted Nov. 14, Putnam Valley incumbent Republican Town Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi was defeated by Democrat Alison Jolicoeur by 23 votes (1,477 to 1,454).

For Putnam Valley Town Board, Republican incumbent Christian Russo was the top vote-getter, with 1,550 votes,

while Democrat C.J. Brooks unseated incumbent Republican Stacey Tompkins by a vote of 1,536 to 1,505.

In the Town of Patterson, Democrats Stacy Dumont and Gwen Dougherty secured their victories, with 1,101 and 1,083 votes, respectively, unseating Republicans Joseph Esposito and Mary Smith, who received 1,048 and 1,020 votes.

For Kent Town Board, incumbent Democratic Councilwoman Anne Campbell came out on top with 1,680 votes, with Republican Eileen Olifiers grabbing the other seat, with 1,640 votes – unseating incumbent Republican Jorma Tompuri by only nine votes. Democrat Becca Niitzel received 1,466 votes.

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ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc., presented a check to UFCW Local 1500 in support of its annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser, on Nov. 3 at the ShopRite of Carmel.

\$21K Raised for Cancer Awareness

ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc., recently presented a check for \$21,620 to UFCW Local 1500 in support of its annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser, continuing a longstanding tradition of solidarity in the fight against breast cancer. The money will go to the American Cancer Society. The check presentation took place Nov. 3 at the ShopRite of Carmel, which led the charge among 14 participating ShopRite stores by raising more than \$3,000 during the one-week campaign held Oct. 12 to 18. UFCW Local 1500 is a New York-based union representing more than 20,000 food workers in the state, many of whom

Letters to the Editor

Proud to Provide the Largest Tax Cut in County History

Dear Editor:

Earlier this month, I signed

and approved Putnam County’s 2026 budget, continuing three straight years of tax relief for our residents and more than \$10 million in total savings since I took office. It also fulfills a key

promise I made during my State of the County Address: a new \$1 million cut to the property tax levy – the largest cut in county history. The \$1 million levy reduction in the 2026 budget, complemented by nearly \$1.5 million in additional cuts since 2023, doesn’t just help today’s taxpayers – it limits how much future legislatures and executives can raise property taxes without busting the tax cap. Our affordability agenda delivers real relief where it matters, and it makes good on my commitment to make Putnam County more affordable, accountable, and accessible for all residents. Under my administration, county taxes have not gone up a single penny. In fact, both county property taxes and sales taxes are lower today than when I took office. Other budget highlights include: \$2.3 million in real revenue sharing with towns and villages to support local tax relief and infrastructure; \$2.5 million in anticipated savings from tax-free purchases on all clothing and shoes less than \$110, both online and in stores; a property tax rate of 2.39 – the lowest in nearly 20 years; and a 58 percent reduction in long-term debt if we continue my administration’s practice to limit new borrowing through the end of 2026. This budget, with support from the County Legislature, also funds vital programs, from food assistance for vulnerable residents and seniors to a bold new pilot paramedicine program that can transform healthcare delivery. It promises better handicapped-accessible transit options by investing in a new far-reaching transit study and bolsters mental health services to take on one of our nation’s and state’s greatest challenges. At a time when dysfunction in Washington continues to frustrate many, and when New York continues to rank first in all the wrong places, Putnam County has proven that government can work when leaders focus on results, prioritize spending, and put people first.

work in ShopRite stores. Over the last decade, ShopRite has donated nearly \$320,000 to the annual fundraiser by UFCW Local 1500. “To our customers and retail teams: thank you for your generosity and willingness to give,” said Steve Savas, president of ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc.

Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive



Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

Play Ball!

My apologies for such an extremely long time since my last column... Life got a little busy. In truth, these columns will probably become less frequent since, as Mikey gets older, some of the things I want to share seem less cute and more like exploitation.

Whatever, he’s too young to hold a grudge.

So this year we did fall ball. Mikey never played T-ball or Little League before so we didn’t have high expectations. But a friend’s dad was coaching the team, and the registration fee wasn’t too bad since it’s a shorter season, so we figured... What’s another sport to add to the roster?

And then off to we went to buy the pants and belt, a better glove, some more balls to practice with, the right-sized bat, and a helmet. At the suggestion of the coach, we also got him his first cup, which comes with special underwear with a little pocket for it. That got a giggle out of Mikey who ran around the house adjusting to his “weenie protector.”

We drew the line at yet another pair of cleats and made him wear his flag football cleats for baseball, since I guess they are a closer match than the soccer ones. Three different pairs of cleats just sounds excessive to me.

And, honestly, we thought his interest in the game would wane as the season went on, seeing as there is a fair amount of standing around in baseball.

Well, here we are underestimating the kid time and time again. For someone who had really only ever tossed a baseball around in a game of catch, the 7-year-old was a natural. His skill was right up there with the other players who had been playing the game for a few years – and even better than some.

He clearly gets his athletic ability from his mother...

Anyway, during those first practices we watched as Mikey learned to “shuffle, shuffle, throw.” He made an alligator with his mitt and his hand and lunged to pick up ground balls. And he learned that he can run right over first base, but not the others.

And during those first games, his head was totally in it. I watched him stand at third base while his team was out in the field, and any time we heard the crack of the bat against the ball and it went in his general direction, he ran for it – even if the coaches ended up calling a foul ball. His head was in the game!

I absolutely thought he’d be counting the clouds.

His batting is about on par with the rest of the team at this age, with a 50/50 chance of him having to end up using the tee. Since it’s a

bunch of second-graders, they only play three innings, and they rotate through the entire lineup, instead of switching after three outs.

They also don’t play “three strikes and you’re out.” Everyone gets several pitches to try and hit it and an unlimited amount of fouls balls. If they can’t make the hit, they pull out the tee.

So while we still have some practice to do at bat, Mikey was truly phenomenal out in the field. He often played shortstop, or the position between first and second base. (It’s possible that’s not a real position, but since no one is hitting a homer during these games, they pull the kids off the outfield and kind of sprinkle them everywhere infield.) There was one game that he grabbed numerous ground balls and threw them right – and I mean right – into the mitt of the first baseman for an out.

It was exhilarating! He even caught a few balls that were thrown to him when he was positioned at first base.

One of Mikey’s greatest strengths is that he’s fast – and apparently more aware than I give him credit for. During one of this team’s turns at bat, the other team had a duo that was constantly getting the batter out at first base. So, during Mikey’s turn, he just tapped the ball and bunted it a few feet, then took off, making it safely to first base.

After he successfully made it to home plate and returned to the dugout, my husband asked him why he didn’t hit it with more power. You know what the kid said?

Mikey said he knows he can’t yet control where he hits the ball, so he kept it close to make the other kids have to run father to get it, because he can run faster than them and he knew he could easily make it to first base before they got him out.

The little shyster.

The season seemed to go quickly, as I believe it was only eight weekends long. But I have to tell you, I really liked watching him play baseball! A few other moms griped that it was the more boring of the sports their kids play, but I wholeheartedly disagree.

I do feel like there’s room for improvement in the comfort of the aluminum bleachers, though. I mean, it’s 2025... I don’t think a little more back support is too much to ask.

Oh, something I won’t miss? Finding Mikey’s weenie protector sitting on my counter right next to the bananas.

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Putnam Sheriff's Office Arrests

A 27-year-old man was arrested Nov. 3 following a public lewdness incident that occurred on the Putnam County Trailway in Carmel.

According to Acting Sheriff Brian Hess, members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office were conducting nighttime patrols of the trailway and bike path when, at about 11 p.m., in the area behind the Putnam Plaza, they saw a man later identified as Dennis Cantoral Lopez fully nude.

He was taken into custody without incident and charged with public lewdness, a misdemeanor; and trespass, a violation.

In accordance with New York State law, Cantoral Lopez was released on an appearance ticket returnable to Carmel Town Court at a later date.

A Kent man was arrested earlier this month after reportedly violating an order of protection.

According to Hess, on Nov. 1, deputies were called to the parking lot of a business located on Route 6 in Carmel, for a report of a juvenile being approached by someone who is the subject of a full stay-away order issued in connection with a prior incident.

According to the report, James Dickson, 83, initiated contact with the juvenile and made statements similar in nature to those that led to the previous charges. The juvenile documented the encounter and provided video evidence to investigators.

Following an investigation, deputies and investigators responded to Dickson's residence, where he was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with second-degree criminal contempt for violating the order of protection.

Dickson was arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court and held at the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or \$5,000 bond.

A former Patterson resident was recently arrested for failing to update his information with law enforcement as a condition of his being designated a level two sex offender.

In June of 2024, investigators began a probe into Jamey Puente, then 55, for failing to update or confirm his address with the NYS Sex Offender Registry for the last three years and for failing to appear at the sheriff's office for his photograph, which is required to be updated every three years.

A warrant was issued for Puente's arrest and in early October, he was arrested by authorities in Houston, Texas, and arrangements were made to have him extradited back to New York to face his charges.

On Nov. 1, investigators from the sheriff's office flew back to New York with Puente in custody. He was arraigned the next day in Patterson Town Court on two felony counts under NYS corrections law, of failing to appear for a photograph and for failing to answer the verification form.

Puente was fitted with an ankle monitor by the Putnam County Probation Department and released with a future court date.



From left are business owner Cindy Dean Radovich, Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce President Christine Picone, Assemblyman Matt Slater, and business owner David Radovich.

Radovich & Dean Music a 'NYS Historic Business'

Radovich & Dean Music in Carmel was recently presented with a New York State Assembly proclamation by Assemblyman Matt Slater, celebrating the store's induction into the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry following his nomination.

Radovich & Dean Music is a family-owned-and-operated business and has been serving the Hudson Valley since 1973.

The NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry, administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, honors businesses that have been in operation for at least 50 years and have made significant contributions to their community's history.

"Cindy and Dave should be exceptionally proud of the musical community they have built in the Hudson Valley," said Slater. "Their passion for music, education, and service shines through everything they do at the store and in their classrooms."

Founded by David Radovich, a multi-instrumentalist and band director, and his wife Cindy Dean Radovich, a classically trained pianist, Radovich & Dean Music began in Lake Carmel before moving to its current location in the hamlet. Over the years, the store has provided generations of students and professional musicians with quality instruments, instruction, and expert repair services.

Now, their daughter Tiffany continues the family legacy, operating The Studios – the store's dedicated lesson department.

"Music has always been a family affair for us, from my father Rudy Dean and now onto our daughter Tiffany," said Cindy Dean Radovich. "We are grateful to Assemblyman Slater and the State of New York for recognizing the decades of work our family has poured into this business and our community."

Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce President Christine Picone congratulated the business owners.

"Cindy, David, and their family have inspired so many students and musicians over the decades," she said. "The chamber is proud to see a local business with such deep roots in our area honored by the state for its incredible legacy."

Winter Coat Drive

As temperatures begin to drop, Putnam Community Action Partnership is kicking off its annual winter coat drive to collect new winter coats for children in need. The program is aimed at ensuring every child in Putnam County stays warm and safe during the colder months – regardless of their family's financial situation.

The winter coat drive is accepting new (with tags on) winter coats in all sizes for children age 0 to 18. Donations can be made at Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster.

"We know how difficult it can be for families struggling to make ends meet, and winter coats can often be an unexpected expense," said Marisa O'Leary, Putnam CAP director. "Through this initiative, we hope to ensure every child has the warmth and protection they need during the winter months."

Coats collected during the drive will be distributed to low-income families in Putnam County. Donations will be accepted through Feb. 28.

Financial donations to help Putnam CAP purchase coats for those in need can be made at www.putnamcap.org. For more information, call 845-278-8021.

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Carmel Awarded \$1.2M for Shared Services

The Town of Carmel has been awarded \$1.2 million in state grant funding to go toward projects designed to create efficiencies and lower costs for local governments across New York State.

The funding is administered by the NYS Department of State through its competitive Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, which incentivizes municipalities to engage in partnerships that aim to make New York communities more affordable by reducing municipal costs through consolidations, shared services, and internal efficiencies.

"The New York Association of Towns would like to thank the Department of State for this generous round of the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program," said NYSAT Executive Director Christopher Koetzle. "State support via financial assistance often is the critical element in executing local projects. While towns annually generate nearly \$200 million in revenue through shared services, the LGEG's grant reimbursement program encourages new efficiencies."

The Local Government Efficiency Grant Program provides both planning and implementation funding to local governments that apply to the competitively-scored grant program. Applications are evaluated based on the potential return on investment, project need,

service delivery benefits, operational changes, local and regional capacity, project readiness (ability to complete the project in five years), and the comprehensiveness and specificity of the work plan and budget.

All awards are reimbursement grants.

Local Government Efficiency Grants may be used to cover costs integral to project implementation including legal and consultant services, capital improvements and equipment, and transitional personnel costs not to exceed three years.

A new request for applications for the next round of awards is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

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Putnam Valley Varsity Cheer Team Wins 2nd State Title

The Putnam Valley Varsity Cheer Team reclaimed the Class C New York State Game Day Championship on Nov. 9 at Hudson Valley Community College. Lead by Head Coach Kelly Wilson and Assistant Coaches Nicole D’Addona and Joseph D’Addona, the team delivered an outstanding performance to bring the state title back to Putnam Valley. The team went undefeated throughout both the regular season and postseason, demonstrating dedication, teamwork, and spirit. Photo by Nicole D’Addona.



Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Five Daily Tips for Healthier Holidays

It’s easy to push wellness goals aside as a busy holiday season unfolds. However, when life is busier (and likely more stressful) we need more self-care, not less. Here are some simple tips to keep in mind.

#1 Commit to regular activity with a specific goal such as, “I will exercise for 30 minutes, five times a week.” A measurable goal like this is easier to prioritize and achieve than an abstract goal like “I will work out”.

#2 Spend at least ten minutes every day destressing with something that relaxes you like breathing exercises, meditation, reading, or simply resting. I recommend making it screen free. Also embrace a regular sleep schedule. Poor sleep negatively affects our overall health and makes it harder to meet our daily wellness goals.

#3 Take advantage of Guiding Stars rated, healthful convenience items that help you create balanced meals with less effort and in fewer minutes. When your days are full, these kitchen helpers may mean more time for exercising or relaxing.

#4 Balance your meals and beverages. For example, if your evening plans are likely to be decadent, then have a lighter lunch. Likewise, if dinner is light on vegetables, then have veggies with your other meals and snacks. Also limit beverages with added sugar, calories or other attributes that we’re seeking to avoid or reduce (including alcohol).

#5 For potluck dinners, offer to bring a salad or other veggie loaded dish to ensure that you will have an option that is colorful (rich in vitamins and minerals), high in fiber, and maybe more nutritious than other choices on the buffet table.

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Sesame-Crusted Salmon with Asparagus and Noodles (3 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

A balanced, flavorful meal that comes together in 30 minutes. Japanese Seven Spice (togarashi) is a blend of Japanese peppers and sesame seeds. Look for it in your spice aisle.

Ingredients:
¾ (16 oz) box thin spaghetti
1 bunch asparagus
1 lb salmon fillets
2 tsp Japanese Seven Spice
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 medium red onion
3 green onions
1 lime
2 tbsp reduced sodium soy sauce (or tamari)

Directions:
Cook the spaghetti in boiling water according to package directions. Trim the bottom inch off the asparagus spears. Add the asparagus to the spaghetti for the last 2 min. of cooking. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, remove and discard the skin from the salmon. Cut salmon into 3-inch chunks and rub all over with togarashi seasoning and salt (in moderation).

Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add the salmon and cook for 3 min. per side or until cooked through. Thinly slice red and green onions. Remove the salmon from the skillet.

To the same skillet, add another tbsp oil and the red onion. Cook 4 min.

Meanwhile, squeeze the juice from the lime and combine it with the soy sauce. To the skillet, add the spaghetti, asparagus, soy sauce mixture, and half the green onions. Cook 1 min.

Divide noodles between 4 bowls and top with the salmon. Garnish with the remaining green onions.

Ricotta Toast with Prosciutto & Hot Honey

(Family Features)
Whipped Ricotta Toast with Prosciutto di Parma and Hot Honey

Ingredients:
3 large slices thick-cut sourdough bread
1 container (16 ounces) whole milk ricotta cheese
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
hot honey
6 slices (3 ounces) Prosciutto di Parma PDO

Directions:
In toaster oven, toast bread to desired doneness. Set aside.
In large bowl, with electric mixer, beat ricotta until whipped and creamy, about 2 minutes. Add



salt and pepper, to taste.
Spoon ricotta onto each toast evenly. Drizzle each with hot honey, as desired. Top each with two slices prosciutto.

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Elder Law Advice

Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Companion Protections – or Lack Thereof

The “Golden Bachelor” is back on TV this fall. While many fans of the program yell at the screen when a favorite bachelorette fails to receive a rose, I yell at the screen for different reasons.

I realize marriage is the stated goal for the show’s participants, but wedded bliss is not always in the cards. Sometimes a relationship stays in the companionship zone. It could be live-in or live-apart – we’ve seen it all. This means we’ve seen countless boyfriends and girlfriends in non-marital companionships get the short end of the deal by estate planning failures.

Don’t let that happen to you. Marriage bestows certain estate rights and obligations on both spouses. New York State law protects a surviving spouse’s financial interest when one spouse dies. If there is no will, a surviving spouse is entitled to 50 percent plus \$50,000 of the deceased spouse’s probate assets.

If the deceased spouse made special will provisions, utilized trusts or filled out financial account beneficiary forms to lower or eliminate a surviving spouse’s share, then elective share rights can bump up those shares to 30 percent.

These protections are non-existent for companions. Lived together in the same home for 30 years but the home’s title is exclusively in the name of the deceased boyfriend? Tough luck. Pack your bags.

Your girlfriend promised you she would add your name as beneficiary to her will and her IRA but failed to do so before she died? That money is not going to you.

The only real way to ensure assets pass from one companion to another after they die is to make an effective estate plan. In many companion cases, a will and its expected

probate is not the right choice. Trusts and beneficiary designations are usually the way to go.

Companionship relationships often present challenges to immediate family – children, grandchildren, and siblings. Probate requires necessary parties to “sign off” on a deceased person’s will. The tales of adult children who do not get along with a parent’s boyfriend or girlfriend is legion.

Costly delays in probate and contested proceedings drain estates. Trusts and beneficiary designations allow for smoother transitions and transfers of assets to a companion without court intervention or easy blockages by disgruntled family members.

Companions excluded from advance directives (powers of attorney, health care proxies, HIPAA forms) run into major difficulties when their partners become ill. Adult children who are also agents under a power of attorney will exert control and begin removing access to assets to prepare for Medicaid planning. This separation momentum sometimes includes health care access if adult children and the companion are at odds and the companion is not a health care proxy or listed on a HIPAA form.

The estate planning conversation can be tricky, especially if one companion has pushed for marriage and the other has resisted. Ultimately, this is about protecting your companion. You share a life and offer security to each other. To not provide proper estate planning protection to each other can have a profoundly adverse impact.

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Mahopac Senior a National Merit Commended Student

Mahopac High School Principal Patrick Keevins recently presented senior Felix Copp with a National Merit “Letter of Commendation” for his outstanding academic achievement.

About 34,000 students across the nation have been recognized as commended students in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program, placing among the top 50,000 high scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

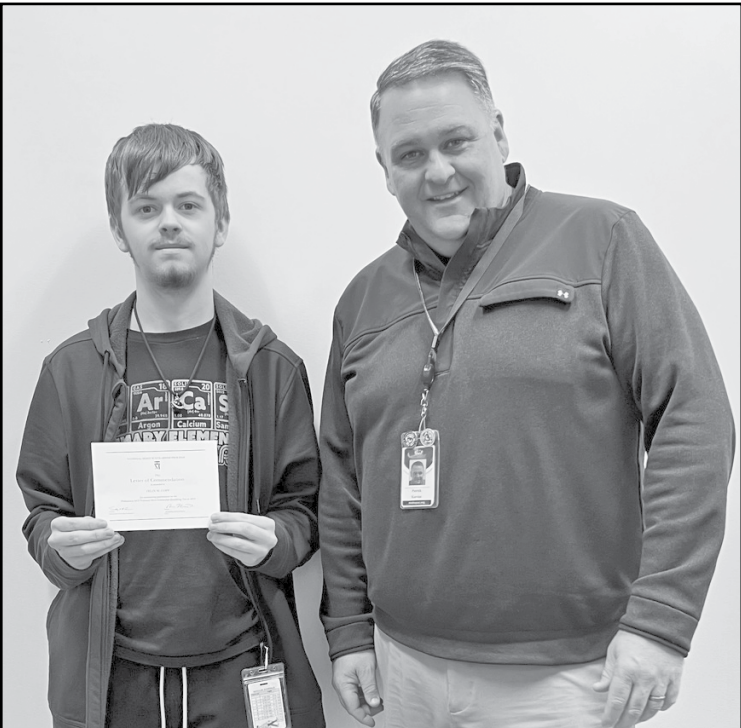
Copp said he was surprised and grateful when he learned about the honor. “At first I didn’t realize how significant it was,” he said. “Once I looked into it, I felt proud and thankful to be recognized.”

An accomplished student with a passion for science, Copp said his favorite subjects are chemistry and physics. He credits teacher Dennis Quackenbush for playing a key role in his success, noting that “he is very supportive toward his students and teaches valuable skills.”

Outside of class, Copp participates in the Gaming Club, Model United Nations, and the National Honor Society, and he fences competitively at the Fencing Academy of Westchester.

Looking back on his journey, Copp said he hopes other students see his story as a reminder that growth and change are always possible.

“I struggled as a student in middle school,” he said. “But



Mahopac High School senior Felix Copp with Principal Patrick Keevins.

through determination and effort, I was able to become a top student and earn this commendation. It’s always possible to change your mindset and rise from where you are.”

Keevins praised Copp’s achievement and character, noting

that the recognition is a testament to both his academic ability and his resilience.

“Felix’s achievement is a reflection of his hard work, curiosity, and perseverance,” said Keevins. “We’re incredibly proud of him and all he’s accomplished.”

**Looking For Something to Do?
Check Out Our Community
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Commissioner Lipton Retires

October marked the retirement of Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Robert Lipton, who closed out a 44-year career in emergency services dedicated to the people of Putnam County.

Lipton began his public safety journey in Carmel after moving to town with his family in 1970. What started as a friendly dare to complete an EMT class became a lifelong calling – first with the Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps, then with the Carmel Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks and served twice as fire chief.

In 2013, Lipton joined the Putnam County BES as deputy commissioner, later serving as assistant commissioner, acting commissioner, and ultimately being appointed commissioner in 2023. Throughout his tenure, he led the county through countless emergencies, storms, wildfires, and large-scale incidents while keeping public safety his top priority.

According to CFD, Lipton’s motto, “Do a good job and make your organization a little better each



The Carmel Fire Department recently celebrated the retirement of Putnam County BES Commissioner Robert Lipton.

day,” captures the spirit with which he served.

“As he begins his next chapter in Arizona, we thank him for his decades of service, friendship, and commitment to protecting the residents of Putnam County,” wrote CFD.

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Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac welcomed local veterans from the Mahopac VFW and American Legion posts for a celebration Nov. 10, where students expressed appreciation through music, artwork, and handwritten letters. One of the honored guests was James Dipelesi, a World War II veteran whose presence provided students with a meaningful connection to living history. The event concluded with a schoolwide parade, where students lined the hallways waving American flags and cheering for the veterans as they walked the building.





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Thanksgiving Comes Early

It was another great districtwide senior citizen Thanksgiving luncheon hosted recently by Carmel Central School District and sponsored by the Carmel Teachers' Association. Members of the food services department prepared a turkey dinner – and students served it – to the guests of honor at each of the district's schools. Audrey Romanovsky, a Carmel High School science teacher, organized the event districtwide.



AY, PUTNAM HONORS THOSE WHO SERVED



Below: The Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department paused to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The department welcomed Nils Mockler, a survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima, who shared reflections on his time in the Marines. The department also recognized one of its own, Frank Rush IV, also a U.S. Marine.



The Garrison Union Free School District honored Philipstown veterans with a special performance by its choir.



Mahopac VFW Post 5491 and American Legion Post 1080 hosted their annual parade along East Lake Boulevard from the post home to the monument by the library, where a ceremony took place.

C.V. Starr Intermediate School in Brewster acknowledged individuals from the community who are currently serving or who have served – including parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family relatives.

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Putnam County Community Events

Gift Card Drive

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center is holding its annual gift card drive through Dec. 8. Gift cards for \$25 and \$50 may be dropped off between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 935 S. Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Suggested retailers are Vissa, Mastercard, Amazon, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, ACME, Tops Market, Citgo, Mobil, Shell, BP, Walmart, Target, Kohl’s.

Learn Italian

The Italian American Club of Mahopac is planning to offer Italian classes in 2026, taught by a certified Italian teacher Saturdays during the months of March and April. Classes will be for ages 5 to 9, 10 to 14, and adult. Anyone interested may call Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655 or Linda Cefaloni 914-582-4373.

Winter Coat Drive

Putnam Community Action Partnership is collecting new winter coats (tags still on) in all sizes for children age 0 to 18. Donations can be made at Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster, through Feb. 28. Financial donations to help Putnam CAP purchase coats for those in need can be made at www.putnamcap.org. For information, call 845-278-8021.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

Library Meetings

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

‘Bob Trevino Likes It’

Patterson Library will screen “Bob Trevino Likes It” on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Lily Trevino unexpectedly befriends an online stranger with the same name as her self-centered, estranged father Bob. Their friendship exemplifies the power of connection and its profound impact on a person’s life. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go www.pattersonlibrary.org.

‘Festive Flora’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Festive Flora: The Poisonous Plants of the Holiday Season” on Nov. 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. Join Madame Datura, esteemed druid and horticulturist, for an enchanting exploration into the poisonous plants that have long been associated with the holiday season. Learn a deeper understanding of how nature and myth have intertwined to create the holidays we know and love. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Solid Waste

Management Plan

Putnam County is requesting public comment for the Putnam County Local Solid Waste Management Plan with the planning period of 2025-34. The plan will be presented Nov. 18 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel. The public comment period will be open through Dec. 31. For information about attending the presentation, visit <https://ow.ly/7pCH50XmcLL>.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Self-Defense

Carmel Police Department will provide defense training for the community Wednesday, Nov. 19, with a session for seniors and parents from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and a session for older teens and adults from 7 to 9 p.m., in Doherty Hall at St. James the Apostle Church, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. 845-225-2079 or www.stjamesapostle.org.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Nov. 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Fall Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to share their talents in a safe and inclusive space at its fall coffeehouse/open mic Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups start at 7 p.m.; open mic starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

Women’s GOP Club

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

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: Nov. 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Teen Tea Tasting

Brewster Public Library will present a “Sip & Savor Teen Tea Tasting” on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m., for ages 13 to 17. Sample a variety of teas, from fruity blends to calming herbal brews, while learning about their flavors and origins. Chat with friends and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere. Registration is required.

Friday, Nov. 21

Mahjong

Play mahjong at Kent Public Library with Dana Murry amidst a relaxed group of fellow beginners Friday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. All levels welcome. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Film for Adults

Mahopac Public Library will present a film for adults Friday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. It could be an old Hollywood classic, an international film, a modern trailblazer, or something completely differ-

ent. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Holiday Kickoff

The Patterson Recreation Department will host its fifth annual holiday kickoff celebration Friday, Nov. 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the recreation center on Front Street. Entertainers, vendors, lights, decorations, food, crafts, a visit with Santa.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Mekeel’s Chapel

Open House

Mekeel’s Corners Chapel will host a Thanksgiving open house Saturday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the historic 1867 chapel and warm up near the woodburning stove.

Yoga

Yoga for adults will take place Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m., at Kent Public Library. Join Jennifer Nikischer, RYT, for a 45-minute session of yoga. For all abilities. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Thanksgiving Parade

The second annual Lights of Lake Mahopac Thanksgiving Parade is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 22. Festivities start at 5 p.m., at the Michael Geary Memorial Hockey Rink on Route 6 at Croton Falls Road in Mahopac. Music, vendors, food trucks, kids train, petting zoo, puppy adoption and more. Parade begins at nightfall, from East Lake Boulevard to the rink. 914-557-1406.

‘Santa’s Workshop’

Putnam Symphony Orchestra’s annual holiday extravaganza is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m., at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center. Meet Santa and Frosty, join in a snowball fight, trim the “tree,” count down to the shimmering lights, and join in caroling with the orchestra as it ushers in the holiday season. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors – or bring the whole family for \$40. Tickets are available at www.putnamsymphonyorchestra.org and at the door.

Monday, Nov. 24

Make Suncatcher Wands

Kids age 7 to 12 can make autumn nature suncatcher wands at Mahopac Public Library on Monday, Nov. 24 at 4:30 p.m., using colorful autumn leaves, twigs, and natural treasures. Registration required.

Bookmark Makers

Kids age 4 to 6 and their caregivers may make bookmarks at Mahopac Public Library on Monday, Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Kids will cut and paste letters and pictures from old magazines to make their own name bookmarks. Add bright colors, stickers, and fun designs. Registration required.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Parade

Story & Craft

Kids age 4 to 6 and their caregivers are invited to a Thanksgiving Parade-themed storytime and craft on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 4:30 p.m., inspired by the magic of the big parade. Make your own “balloon” animal craft just like the

giant balloons that float down the streets. Registration is required.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Holidays in the Park

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce will host Holidays in the Park on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Chamber Park in Mahopac. Tree and menorah lighting, caroling, refreshments, Santa and more. Free.

Chamber Ensemble

The Sherman Chamber Ensemble will present “All That Jazz,” a tribute concert celebrating the 100th birthdays of jazz legends Oscar Peterson and Mel Tormé, on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m., at Christ Church, 17 Church Road, Pawling. General admission is \$30, with children age 16 and younger admitted free. Purchase tickets at www.SCEmusic.org or at the door.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

‘Brush Hour’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Brush Hour with Sarah Miller Totten” on Dec. 2 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join local artist Toten who will guide participants step-by-step through creating their own masterpiece. All supplies provided. Register at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

‘How to Spot AI Images’

Mahopac Public Library will present “How to Spot AI Images” on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. Artificial intelligence has become increasingly present. It has also become more difficult to spot. Learn tips for spotting if an image is created by AI and strategies for information literacy. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Library Meeting

The Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the reference room of the Carmel library on Dec. 3. Board meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, Dec. 4

‘Cowboys & Skinners’

Mahopac Public Library will present “Cowboys, Skinners & The No-Man’s Land” featuring Jonathan Kruk on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Westchester County was a dreadful No-Man’s Land during the Revolutionary War. Cowboys, mainly Loyalists, stole cattle for the British Skinners. Patriots carried out raids and tried to thwart Cowboys. Performing in period dress, master storyteller Kruk engages audiences and shares stories of the members of these brutal bands. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Friday, Dec. 5

Crafters & Quilters Sale

Mahopac Public Library will present a Community Crafters & Quilters craft sale Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6. Shop for handmade bags, stuffed toys, knitted and crocheted blankets, scarves, mittens, and more. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Mahopac Public Library.

Book Sale

Friends of Kent Library will host its Big Holiday Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, in the Book Cellar at the library. It kicks off Friday with an “early bird preview” from 10 to 11 a.m., with a \$10 admission fee. Following the preview, the event will open to the public with free admission, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, the sale runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adult books \$1 to \$2. Children’s books from 50 cents to \$1, CDs are priced at five for \$1, and DVDs will be on sale for four for \$1.

‘A Christmas Carol’

The Brewster Theater Company will present “A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play” at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 5 and 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13; and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7. Adapted from Charles Dickens’ classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, it recreates the experience of a 1940s broadcast with actors playing multiple roles, live music, and Foley sound effects. Tickets are \$28 and available at thebrewstertheatercompany.thundertix.com.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Holiday Market

Hudson Valley InterArts will host a holiday market and wellness weekend Dec. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 40 Jon Barrett Rd Patterson. Featuring handmade gifts, wellness classes, music, refreshments, and more. Hudson-ValleyInterArts.Org

Holiday Fun at Reed

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will celebrate Holiday on the Lake on Dec. 6, beginning with snacks and craft at 11 a.m., DJ Pro Sound at noon, and a visit from Santa at 1 p.m. The library will re-open at 6 p.m. for the community’s parade of lights and hot chocolate.

Cookies With Santa

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host Cookies With Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Sycamore Park, with three sessions available: 2 to 2:45 p.m., 3 to 3:45 p.m., and 4 to 4:45 p.m. Decorate cookies, meet Santa. For residents age 2 to 10. \$20 per child.

Live Nativity

Mount Carmel Bible Church will present a live nativity with live animals Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., at 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Refreshments available. www.mcbchurch.online.

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Friends of Kent Library are ready for the Big Holiday Book Sale.

Holiday Book Sale at Kent Library

Friends of Kent Library will host its Big Holiday Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, in the Book Cellar at the library. Bargain hunters and book lovers will find thousands of gently-used books, CDs, and DVDs at unbeatable prices.

The sale kicks off Friday with an “early bird preview” from 10 to 11 a.m., with a \$10 admission fee. Following the preview, the event will open to the public with free admission, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, the sale runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shoppers can expect to find

approximately 14,000 books, all sorted into categories. Adult books are available for \$1 to \$2, with some collectible and first-edition titles priced higher. Children’s books range from 50 cents to \$1, while CDs are priced at five for \$1. DVDs will be on sale for four for \$1.

Proceeds from the event will support the library’s programs, museum passes, and other initiatives.

For those who can’t make it to the holiday sale, the Book Nook is open year-round whenever the library is open.

Carmel Schools ‘Reviewing’ Concerning Comments by Trustee

The Carmel School Board and the district’s superintendent last week denounced inflammatory comments made by a recently-elected school board member that seemingly attacked the Islamic community, in a video he posted on Facebook following the election of Zohran Mamdani as mayor of New York City.

Trustee Michael Torpey posted the video on election night, after Mamdani was elected the city’s first Muslim mayor.

“So New York City, congratulations and thank you for doing your part in the Islamic takeover of western society,” he says in the video.

Torpey, who was elected in May, quickly issued an apology, saying he didn’t mean the remarks as an insult to the Muslim community.

“I would like to apologize for my recent comment regarding the NYC mayoral race and retract my earlier statement,” he posted on social media. “While it was shared privately and not made in any official capacity,

I recognize that I should have chosen my words more carefully. My remarks were too broad and could be interpreted as carrying negative implications for the Islamic community, which was never my intention.”

The board of education and Superintendent of Schools Michael Plotkin quickly issued their own statement in response to Torpey’s video.

“The Carmel Central School District condemns the recently circulated video created by one of our trustees,” they wrote. “The video is offensive, and we will not tolerate any attacks on members of our community, in this instance our Muslim families.”

Administrators said the district is taking the matter seriously and “reviewing the situation in keeping with our policies and responsibilities under state and federal law. We also extend our support to those who have been affected and invite community members to continue engaging with us in a constructive and compassionate dialogue,” they stated.

It’s Official: Dems Take Put Valley & Patterson Seats
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With the absentee ballots counted, the Putnam County Democratic Committee celebrated its party’s victories.

“Last week’s elections were

more successful than we have seen in a long time,” it wrote. “Across Putnam, Democratic candidates won 11 of the 18 races we contested – that is a 61 percent win rate.”

Also according to the committee, a recent change in voting laws that moves many local elections to even years will change the election dynamics, so more voters can have a say in local government in 2026. The ballot will be long, including federal, state, county, and local races.



Putnam County SPCA Chief Ken Ross with State Sen. Pete Harckham. Photo by Tito Davila/Harckham’s office.

Putnam SPCA Buys New Vehicle With State Grant

A \$50,000 State Senate grant secured with the assistance of Sen. Pete Harckham has helped the Putnam County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals purchase a new vehicle that will strengthen its ability to enforce animal cruelty laws and respond swiftly to incidents.

“The Putnam County SPCA performs critical work enforcing animal cruelty laws and safeguarding the welfare of animals,” said Harckham. “I am proud to support its efforts with this grant for a reliable, purpose-built vehicle that will help the organization’s officers respond quickly and continue their vital mission.”

The 2023 Dodge Charger is a police model specifically designed for law enforcement use. Built with high-durability parts to withstand the constant wear and tear of patrol duty, the vehicle offers enhanced performance, safety, and longevity – all essential for the SPCA’s officers, who often operate in challenging conditions to investigate and prevent animal cruelty.

“This new vehicle will significantly improve our operational capacity,” said Putnam SPCA Chief Ken Ross. “Our officers are on the front lines every day, responding to cruelty complaints and emergencies throughout the county. Sen. Harckham’s support ensures we can continue to carry out our mission safely and effectively, protecting both animals and the community.”

The vehicle was purchased with funding from the State Aid to Municipalities program.

PUTNAM COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES

Brewster:

- **Putnam CAP;** 121 Main St | 845-278-8021 | Monday, Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, Wednesday 8:30am-6:30pm
- **Brewster Community Food Pantry Inc;** 10 Park Street | 914-649-8002 | Tuesday 10am-12pm, Thursdays 1pm-3pm
- **Warm Meals;**
- **Brewster Cares;** 31 Prospect St | 845-279-6146
- **Table of Grace Community Food Kitchen;** 83 Main St | 845-279-7611 | Hot lunch on Saturdays from 11am-1pm

Carmel:

- **Gilead United Presbyterian Church;** 9 Church St | 845-225-4586 | Fridays 10am-12pm (Carmel & Kents residents only)
- **Casa Servir;** 1118 North Horsepound Rd | 914-299-8745 | Thursdays 5pm-7pm
- **Mount Carmel Bible Church;** 76 Gleneida Ave | 845-225-4255 | Wednesdays 2pm-4pm

Mahopac:

- **St. John’s Church;** 221 East Lake Boulevard | 845-628-2006 x141 | Fridays 10am-12pm

Putnam Valley:

- **Putnam Valley Food Pantry;** Grace United Methodist Church; 337 Peekskill Hollow Road | 845-458-1251 | Saturdays 10am-11am

Patterson:

- **Patterson Community Church;** Route 311 | 845-878-3961 | Sundays 11am-12pm | *Soup Kitchen is open on the 4th Sunday from 12pm-2pm*
- **New Life Christian Church;** 29 Marshall Court | 845-278-9407 | Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Cold Spring:

- **First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown;** 10 Academy St | 845-265-3220 | Saturdays 8:30am-10am (Philipstown residents only)

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The 80-person Putnam Chorale will perform “Shimmering Night: Songs of Mystery & Wonder” in Beacon and Carmel.

Putnam Chorale Presents ‘Songs of Mystery & Wonder’

The Putnam Chorale will present two evocative concerts of “Shimmering Nights: Songs of Mystery & Wonder” in December. Performances are scheduled Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Joachim Church in Beacon; and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m., at the St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel.

Performed by the chorale’s 80 voices, this program explores a world shaped by light, mystery, and spiritual reflection – a musical journey that dwells between earth and heaven.

Across 20th- and 21st-century choral landscapes, audiences will hear tender lullabies, haunting chants, and breathtaking harmonies as composers Benjamin Britten, Ola Gjeilo, Robert Cohen, and others illuminate the stillness of winter and the quiet wonder of the human spirit.

During these concerts, the Putnam Chorale will perform the world premiere of “The Serenity of Snow,” a new work by award-winning composer Robert Cohen.

Under the artistic leadership of Dr. Jason Tramm, music director and conductor since 2023, the ensemble continues to raise its artistic profile and deepen its connections within the region.

“In ‘Shimmering Nights,’ we invite listeners to catch a glimpse of the hidden light that lives in quiet moments – the hush before dawn, the stillness of snowfall, the glow of wonder in the heart,” said Tramm. “As singers and accompanists come together, we hope to offer an experience both intimate and transcendent, a musical reflection on the mystery and beauty that surrounds us.”

The concerts will feature harp, cello, and piano accompaniment, as well as solo performances drawn from the ranks of the chorus.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students younger than 18, and free for children age 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased at putnamchorale.org/next-event or at the door.

DAR to Award Individual \$25,000 Scholarships

Undergraduate and graduate students studying American history can apply for a \$25,000 scholarship from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution through Jan. 31. The “DAR America 250! Scholarship” will provide a one-time \$25,000 award to 10 students in 2026 and is offered to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

“We see no better way to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary than with these transformative and life-changing scholarships investing in the development of the next generation of American historians who will study our past and help us understand new aspects of the great American story,” said Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR president general.

The DAR gives more than 30 scholarships annually, awarding close to a total of \$250,000 a year to students across the country, but the organization has never provided a singular scholarship of this size. The significant amount of the “America 250! Scholarship” and that it will be awarded to 10 students is a testament of the importance of the American history education that DAR places emphasis on and in honor of the special celebrations taking place throughout 2026 in honor of the 250th anniversary of the nation.

Applicants may apply at <https://dar.academicworks.com>.

Students currently majoring in American history in an accredited university or college undergraduate or graduate program in the year 2026 are eligible to apply. Recipients must be U.S. citizens, prove a minimum 3.5 grade-point average or equivalent, and prepare a one-page online essay either on the founding of the nation or on the applicant’s personal volunteer achievements for community and country.

Students are urged to apply well ahead of the Jan. 31 deadline, as the scholarship application requires transcripts and letters of recommendation that must be submitted by others.

Questions may be emailed to america250scholarship@nsdar.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
Carmel NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled “Zoning”. Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at townofcarmelny.gov. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel Alice Daly, Town Clerk P. 11/19 - 40	County Office Building, 40 Glenaida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025, dated: Carmel, New York, November 13, 2025, Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director, Putnam County Purchasing Department P. 11/19 - 33	the following commodities and/or service: RFB-27-25 – SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF WALK IN REFRIGERATOR FREEZER & ACCESSORIES Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Glenaida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025, dated: Carmel, New York, November 13, 2025, Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director, Putnam County Purchasing Department P. 11/19 - 31	SSNY shall mail process to: Porrima Properties LLC, 144 Hickory Bend Rd W, Carmel, NY, 10512, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26	Notice of Formation of GP CPA PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/2025. Office location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 960 US-6, Suite 126, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: to practice the profession of Public Accountancy. P. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10
	PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service: RFP 13-2025 – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE SERVICES Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Glenaida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, dated: Carmel, New York, November 13, 2025, Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director, Putnam County Purchasing Department P. 11/19 - 31	PUBLIC NOTICE Storage Unit Auction Sale: the following units containing household items and other goods will be auctioned on the online auction site storageauction.com on Dec 5th 2025 at 10:00am by Stack N Stor Leon Davis #2242 2160 Rt 22 Patterson, Ny 12563 P. 11/19 - 17	PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of STK HEATING SERVICE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/25. Office location: Putnam County. Princ. office of LLC: 227 Church Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Stephen Keeler at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity. P. 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26	PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of See-SaoNoi1, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 09/02/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Pat Longobucco, 9 Pleasant Ridge, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10
Putnam COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service: RFP 12-2025 – GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS, FOOD & BEVERAGE AND LARGE SPECIAL EVENTS Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam			PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of Terra Tree and Stump LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/29/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Terra Tree and Stump LLC 172 Haviland Hollow Rd. Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3	PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of Michaela Lynn Events LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 09/02/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Rustic Lane Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
	PUBLIC NOTICE LLC Notice of formation of Porrima Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 09/25/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.			



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CAREERS’ Thrift Boutique

Moves to a New Location

‘Take a Walk in Her Shoes’ Honors Local Women



CAREERS’ new thrift boutique space is located at 531 Route 52, Suite 4, Lake Carmel.

Three years ago, CAREERS Support Solutions opened a thrift boutique in Carmel to support its mission of empowering people with disabilities. The store not only raises essential funds to support its programs to help clients find and keep jobs in the community, but it also serves as a supportive training environment where clients not ready for paid employment can build skills, gain confidence, and prepare for future jobs.

The boutique is run by volunteers and has become an asset to the community, offering af-

fordable, high-quality items at a time when many face economic challenges. In addition to supporting programming, the thrift boutique promotes sustainability by giving secondhand goods a new life and reducing waste – allowing shoppers to make a positive impact on both people and the planet.

With the help of volunteers and staff, the boutique moved locations and opened for business Nov. 3 in a new space at 531 Route 52, Suite 4, in Lake Carmel.

“The new space is bigger



CAREERS client Kate Smith works on her retail skills.

and better and will provide a better shopping experience for the community while also allowing us to train our clients with disabilities,” said CAREERS Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria.

CAREERS Support Solutions provides services to hundreds of individuals annually throughout Westchester, Putnam, and lower Dutchess counties. For more information, visit www.careersupportsolutions.org.



Michelle Nicholas

United Way of Westchester & Putnam and the Women’s Leadership Council will host the 13th annual “Take a Walk in Her Shoes” breakfast Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 8 to 10 a.m., at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill, 81 Highland Ave., Tarrytown.

The event brings together community leaders, philanthropists, and advocates to recognize women who are making a meaningful difference in Westchester and Putnam counties. Proceeds from the event directly support programs and services for ALICE (asset-limited, income-constrained, employed) women, children, and families throughout Westchester and Putnam.

This year’s event will recognize two leaders who exemplify dedication to empowering women and being catalysts for change in their communities.

Stacey Tompkins is owner and president of Tompkins Excavating, a family-run business known for its award-winning



Stacey Tompkins

work in commercial site development. Since 2013, she has led the company with a focus on innovation and community impact. Passionate about mentorship, Tompkins works closely with local organizations to inspire young people to explore careers in the skilled trades.

In addition to running her business, she serves as a Putnam Valley town councilwoman and is an advocate for women in construction and leadership.

Michelle Nicholas, founder and CEO of The NICO Consulting, brings her passion for empowering others from Westchester boardrooms to community kitchens. Whether coaching leaders through crisis, building bridges across diverse communities, or creating pathways for emerging talent, she turns vision into reality through authentic connection and an unwavering commitment to lifting others wherever they are.

Tickets to the event are available at uwwp.org/wlcbreakfast.

Warrant Sweep Leads

to Multiple Arrests

Members of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office – working in coordination with the Carmel, Kent, and Brewster police departments, and New York State Police – conducted a warrant sweep operation Oct. 22, targeting individuals with outstanding arrest warrants across multiple jurisdictions.

A total of 38 individuals with active warrants were identified prior to the operation, and by its conclusion, 22 were either located, taken into custody, or had made arrangements to surrender themselves to answer for their respective charges.

Tristan Williams, 27, of Carmel, was arrested on an original charge of third-degree criminal

mischief, a felony.

Brittney Mancusi, 30, of Kent, was arrested on an original charge of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

Vedette Lawler, 43, of Patterson; and Christopher Hammonds, 44, of Carmel, were arrested on an original charge of second-degree criminal contempt, a misdemeanor. Hammonds was also charged with resisting arrest.

Marcus Meyer, 53, of Brewster, was arrested on an original charge of aggravated driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor; and Jorge Chutabalan, 23, of Brewster, was arrested on an original charge of DWI, also a misdemeanor.

Nathaniel Mac Elhinney, 43, of Carmel; Michele Montague, 62, of Cold Spring; and Randy Dickens, 41, of Brewster, were all arrested on an original charge of third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, a misdemeanor.

“This operation demonstrates the power of collaboration among our law enforcement partners,” said Acting Sheriff Brian Hess. “Many of these individuals had previously been arrested and chose not to appear for their court dates. Through coordinated effort and dedication, we successfully brought those with active warrants into custody and helped make our communities safer.”

Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 1/31

WANTED – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 2/28

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE

GOLF BALLS like new. Titleist Callaway, Taylormade, Bridgestone, Srixons. No scuffs. Reasonable price. Call or text Brian at 914-522-1908. 11/19

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BUYING VINTAGE CAMERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MILITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, COMICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN And More.

Kent Footbridge Dedicated

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strength that veterans represent every day.

The project – valued at about \$150,000 – was made possible

through partnership with the University at Buffalo Civil Engineering Department. It replaces the old bridge which had its two 6-foot-diameter culvert pipes washed out on six separate occasions spanning 40 years, most recently in 2023 during major storms.

According to the Mid-Hudson News, Othmer applied for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the \$729,000 bridge project,

but the town was only granted \$689,000.

However, when he discovered that a bridge compatible with the town’s needs was being constructed at the University at Buffalo, he entered an essay contest explaining why the bridge was needed and how it would be used.

And he won!

The bridge was shipped to Kent, where it was installed last November.

Open Call for ‘Small Works’ Exhibit

Putnam Arts Council welcomes submissions for “Small Works,” a joyful holiday exhibition celebrating creativity on a small scale, which take place Nov. 29 to Dec. 14 in the A. Eric Arctander Galler, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac.

Artists age 13 and older may submit up to four original artworks no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches, that were completed within the past three years and not previously exhibited at PAC. Works must be ready to hang. All media is welcome, and all entries will be accepted and displayed.

All artwork will be available for sale with a reduced commission of 30 percent.

Submission fees are \$20 for PAC member artists and \$25 for non-members. Submission forms can be found at www.putnamartscouncil.com and will be avail-

able at drop-off.

Each piece should be labeled on the back or bottom with the artist’s name, title, and price (or “not for sale”), and hand-delivered to the A. Eric Arctander Gallery on Saturday or Sunday, Nov. 22 or 23, between 2 and 5 p.m.

An opening reception is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m., and will include refreshments and spirits.

Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, or by appointment.

A closing event/artist talk is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m., with pickup of artwork from 4 to 5 p.m. Additional pick-up hours are 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

For more information, visit www.putnamartscouncil.com, call 845-803-8622, or email info@putnamartscouncil.com.

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for a county-wide bell-ringing event
to celebrate the start of the
250th American Independence
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Current partners as of 11/8/25:

St. James the Apostle Church, Carmel;
Church of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God, Mahopac;
Meekel's Corner Chapel, Cold Spring; St. Philip's Church in
the Highlands; Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster; Drew
Methodist Church; Carmel; Old Southeast Church; Southeast;
Church of the Holy Communion; Mahopac

Event Coordination: Southeast Museum and
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