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The Carmel Fire Department helped the guests of honor arrive in style during the Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association's parade of lights Dec. 6 along Gleneida Avenue. The event was the capstone of the annual Holiday on the Lake festivities, which took place all day. It began with breakfast with Santa at the fire department. For additional photos, see page 7.

Holiday Spirit is Alive in Putnam!



The tree in Nelsonville's Village Park was lit Dec. 6. It was a chilly night, but treats, music, and community spirit kept attendees warm.

Brewster Bruins 10U Football Team Remains Undefeated

By Holly Crocco

The Brewster Bruins 10U Football Team was recently recognized by the Southeast Town Board for another undefeated season – making three consecutive years that the team has not had a loss.

“What I’ve been told about this team from more than one person is that they play together as a team,” said Town Supervisor Nick Durante at the Dec. 4 town board meeting. “It doesn’t matter if they were a starter or a backup – everyone cheers for everyone.”

There was even a handful of first-year players who exceeded all expectations.

“The coaches are very excited to see how you guys grow and what the future holds for you, so keep it

up,” said Durante.

The team is led by Head Coach John Christmann, as well as many assistant coaches, and is supported by all the team parents.

During the recent meeting, Durante read a statement from one of the coaches:

“What truly sets them apart – what becomes obvious every single Sunday – is they play for each other. They lift each other up. They protect each other. They defend each other. They celebrate each other. There is a selflessness in the way that each player takes to the field – something you can’t teach in a day, a week, or even a season. It comes from long, hot summer practices, and late weeknight sessions after homework.

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Players, coaches, and parents of the Brewster Bruins 10U Football Team were recognized during the Dec. 4 Southeast Town Board meeting for another undefeated season. Provided photo.



Santos Vasquez Ramirez, 28, is escorted out of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office following his arrest for the murder of taxi driver Aurelio Zhunio-Orbez. Photo provided by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Pawling Man Charged With Murder of Brewster Cab Driver

By Holly Crocco

A Pawling man was arrested last week and charged with the murder of a Brewster cab driver whose body was discovered in the Croton Falls Reservoir five days earlier.

Santos Vasquez Ramirez, 28, was arrested outside his residence by Putnam County sheriff's deputies just before 7 p.m. Dec. 12. According to Sheriff Brian Hess, the suspect confessed to the crime after his arrest, while answering questions by investigators.

He has been charged with second-degree murder and first-degree robbery, both felonies, and was arraigned in Southeast Town



Aurelio Zhunio-Orbez
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The sheriff's office was dis-
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Advocates Urge Support for New York Health Act

In response to federal health-care cuts driving up premiums and reducing coverage for millions of Americans, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining, recently held a town hall-style forum at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison.

The event brought together healthcare experts to discuss the New York Health Act, a state-level bill that – if enacted – would guarantee comprehensive, universal healthcare for every New Yorker while lowering costs.

“It is appalling that the Trump administration and the Republican majority in Congress have chosen to make it significantly harder for people to obtain and afford the healthcare they need to survive and thrive,” said Levenberg.

“However, we should not pretend that the American healthcare system was perfect before this summer. The real problem is a system that puts profits over people, and allows insurance companies and all kinds of other middlemen to drive up healthcare costs without improving our health.”

The event featured former Assembly Health Committee Chairman Richard Gottfried, who authored the original New York Health Act legislation.

“New Yorkers spend tens of billions a year on deductibles, co-pays, out-of-network charges, and no coverage for long-term home care and nursing home care,” he said. “Doctors and hospitals are underpaid by Medicare and Medicaid.



From left are Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, primary care physician Dr. Reena Agarwal, psychologist Sinam Ward, Senior Director of Health Initiatives at the Community Service Society of New York Carrie Tracy, and former Assembly Health Committee Chairman Richard Gottfried.

The New York Health Act will fix all of this for all of us.”

Carrie Tracy, senior director of health initiatives at the Community Service Society of New York, educated attendees about how federal healthcare cuts are affecting New York and will affect the state in the future if bold action is not taken.

“The sad fact is that new federal legislation, called H.R.1, will leave up to 1.7 million New Yorkers uninsured,” she said.

Jeff Mikkelson, co-founder of Hudson Valley Demands New York Health, closed the event by encouraging community members

to get involved in their efforts to lobby state and local lawmakers on both sides of the aisle regarding the issue, noting that this need not be a partisan issue.

“Federal healthcare cuts are already driving up costs and threatening access to care for families across New York – but we are not powerless,” said Mikkelson. “Tonight showed that our community is ready to fight for a better system – one that guarantees healthcare to every New Yorker and ensures no one ever loses coverage because they changed a job, lost income, or got sick.”

Car Crashes into Local Deli



A vehicle crashed into Crossroads Deli in Mahopac last week, causing extensive damage. Photos provided by James Nugent.



A local business-couple needs a little holiday magic.

The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, Carmel Police Department, and Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps were dispatched Dec. 9 at about 9 p.m., to Crossroads Deli & Catering at the corner of Route 6 and South Lake Boulevard in Mahopac for a two-car accident in which one vehicle crashed into the building.

According to News 12 Westchester, an 18-year-old Mahopac resident driving a Jeep attempted a left turn into the deli parking lot when he struck a Toyota being operated by a 61-year-old male traveling on Route 6.

The accident caused the Toyota to strike the building, causing extensive damage to deli.

The 18-year-old was transported to a hospital for evaluation and was issued a summons on scene for failure to yield to the right of way.

Crossroads is owned by James and Denise Russell, who have been serving sandwiches, burgers, salads, and more to the community for 15 years.

After the crash, Denise Russell posted a plea to social media: “OK folks if anyone has some plywood and maybe some hammers. Crossroads Deli & Catering was hit by a car. We need a little help. Please and thank you.”

Son James Nugent explained that his parents are working with their insurance company to determine how long it will take until repairs can be made.

“Our family is trying to navigate the uncertainty of what lies ahead,” he said. “We don’t know exactly how long it’s going to be.”

Nugent said his parents may have to postpone their holiday catering offerings.

In the meantime, customers are asked to be patient – and supportive – until the business can reopen.

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Letters to the Editor

Creative Solutions Needed for Town Budget

Dear Editor:

No one likes to see taxes go up, especially when the cost of essentials – like food – are also significantly increasing.

Perhaps it is time to reexamine where the money is going and search for ways to become more efficient. It is too easy to just raise taxes. I have a few suggestions which the Kent Town Board might consider.

Why is the receiver of taxes a full-time job? At the very least it should be seasonal like parks and recreation. The county real estate office is only 4 miles away and that is where much of the money is going.

We are a much smaller community than Carmel, which is where most of us Kentees shop and dine; could we partner with them on a number of services such as the assessor’s office, road maintenance, and even police?

Another area is the employees benefit contract. How does it compare to neighboring towns or to the benefits paid by major employers in the region like Verizon, IBM, or NYSEG?

I suggest an independent consultant be retained to analyze our budget and seek ways to increase our efficiency by regional sharing of resources.

George Baum
Kent

MCB Church Brings Advent Story of Jesus to Life



Shepherds included Russell Hernandez, Larry Light, Joe Galeno, and John Sanseverino, with sheep Brooklyn and Lana visiting from a Pawling farm.



Mount Carmel Bible Church presented a live nativity Dec. 6, to coincide with Holiday on the Lake festivities. “It was a beautiful, spiritual, small-town event,” said Pastor Andrew Columbia. Joseph was played by John Sanseverino, Mary was played by Adalyn Velez, and Ezekiel Hernandez played the part of baby Jesus. Photos by Erris Moreno and Jessica Piccolino.

Participating church volunteers, as well as attending guests, raved about the experience, which featured performers, a choir, refreshments, and a fire pit. Columbia lead the crowd in singing “Silent Night,” “Joy to the World,” “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,” and “O Come All Ye Faithful.”



Route 301 was closed between Gipsy Trail Road and Dixon Road for several hours after the Dec. 11 crash. Photo provided by CPD.

Brewster Man Killed in Carmel Crash

Brewster man was killed in a car crash on Route 301 last week. According to the Carmel Police Department, Vito Planamento, 74, was traveling eastbound on Route 301 near Smokey Hollow Court at about 9:15 a.m. Dec. 11, when his 2024 Subaru Impreza rounded a curve and struck a pickup truck and trailer carrying an excavator. Planamento sustained serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital, where he later died, said police. The impact also caused a secondary collision involving two additional vehicles. One of the other drivers sustained minor injuries. According to Carmel police, unsafe speed appears to be a contributing factor. Route 301 was closed between Gipsy Trail Road and Dixon Road for several hours during the investigation. CPD was assisted at the scene by the Kent Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, New York State Police, Putnam County Fire Police, Carmel EMS, Carmel Fire Department, NYS Department of Transportation, and LifeNet.

Funding Secured to Pave Route 311

A total of \$4.7 million in state funding has been designated to resurface Route 311 from Route 52 to the Empire State Trail in the towns of Kent and Patterson. This project is part of a broader \$121 million investment in the Mid-Hudson region that will repave 195 lane miles across 13 separate projects in 2026. “This is a triumph for our local roads,” said Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown. “For years we’ve been pushing for funding to accurately meet the needs of our roads. Many, such as Route 311, have deteriorated and are in desperate need of repair. This is a fundamental investment for the safety of our commuters and pedestrians.” However, there is a caveat: Despite this region being the most asset-heavy Department of Transportation region in the state, it has long been underfunded. “In 2021, we received just 9 percent of DOT’s capital program, despite maintaining roughly 15 percent of the state’s highway system,” said Slater. “Alongside Sen. (Pete) Harckham and our local partners, we will continue the fight for increased, fair funding to secure our proper share and keep our roads safe and maintained.” For far too long, Route 311 has needed meaningful attention, according to Harckham, D-Peekskill. “This resurfacing project will greatly improve safety and reliability for the thousands of residents, commuters, and businesses that rely on it every day,” he said. “We will continue advocating for fair, sustained funding so that all of our roadways remain safe, functional, and fit for the future.” Kent Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson called the funding a win for residents. “The condition of Route 311 has gone on far too long, and I’m glad to see action finally being taken,” she said. “I am thrilled to learn the wonderful news that NYSDOT will be repaving the worst section of Route 311 next year,” added Patterson Town Supervisor Rich Williams.

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Barbara M. Rocco, 93, November 26. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
Theodore J. Marsek Jr., 79, November 26. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
- Carmel**
Robert Benedict LePere, 76, November 21. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
Otto J. Romanino, 89, December 5. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.
- Patterson**
Albert Joseph Trinchillo, 83, December 2. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
- Putnam Valley**
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NY Crusiers Holds its Largest Toy Drive Yet!

The New York Cruisers recently held its largest toy drive for kids in need, collecting toys and other goods to benefit 60 children and 40 adults in Putnam County. This comes on the heels of the club also completing its annual turkey drive, giving out 60 turkeys and nearly 40 bags of food to local families. During a celebration at the Mahopac firehouse, the club thanked Sandy Puglielle and her team at ShopRite of Carmel for being a community partner that helps make these events possible. The NY Cruisers car club meets from 3 to 9 p.m. Fridays at Lakeview Plaza in Brewster, from May to October. Photo provided by Club President Tom Broderick.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Gluten Free Baking

Alternatives to all-purpose flour create baked goods with more heart-healthy fat, protein, and fiber. Here's a guide to using some in your own kitchen. While these flours are naturally gluten-free, look for a gluten-free label to create celiac-safe baked goods.

Cassava flour

Cassava flour comes from the cassava plant (sometimes referred to as yuca) and is micronutrient rich. Coming from the root of the plant, it also contains a type of fiber that's beneficial to our gut. Cassava flour is quite versatile. Unlike some other alternatives, cassava flour can replace wheat flour with a 1:1 ratio. However, it's generally recommended to start with 2/3 cup cassava flour and 1/3 cup wheat flour for every cup.

Oat flour

Oat flour maintains some of the fiber, protein, and iron oats are known for. It's ideal for baked goods with a high moisture content, such as cookies, muffins, and quick breads. If you're substituting oat flour for all-purpose, increase the liquid (or fat) in your recipe. Replace 1 cup all-purpose flour with 1 1/4 cups oat flour (or 1/3 cup for breads that need to rise).

Almond flour

Almond flour is rich in heart-healthy fat, micronutrients, and protein. It's also lower in carbohydrate. There are so many ways to use almond flour. It's my personal favorite for gluten-free baking. Try it in your cakes and cookies—it will add a delicious, nutty, creamy texture. Baked goods will likely be flat and dense if you try to swap almond flour entirely for all-purpose. Instead, either swap some out or look for recipes that already call for almond flour. And for a lighter texture, look for finely ground almond flour.

Coconut flour

A quarter cup of coconut flour has 10 grams of fiber and 6 grams of protein, along with potassium and iron. Coconut flour can be used in a variety of sweet and savory

baked goods. Use just 1/4 cup to replace 1 cup of all-purpose flour. (Note: It will absorb some of the liquid in your recipe.)

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

Chocolate-Almond Spice Cookies Visit Hannaford.com for nutrition information

Ingredients:
2 cups almond flour
1 cup sugar, plus more for rolling
4 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 large egg white
Confectioners' sugar, to dust (optional)

Directions:
1. In the bowl of a food processor, combine the almond flour, sugar, chopped chocolate and pumpkin pie spice. Process 1 min., until mixture turns into a fine powder. To food processor, add the egg white and pulse until a stiff dough forms.
2. Line two baking sheets with parchment. Sprinkle work surface lightly with sugar. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness (if dough is too sticky to roll, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 15-20 minutes). Using a 2- to 3-inch star or snowflake cookie cutter, cut dough into shapes and transfer to prepared pans. Let dough sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour and up to 4 hours. If desired, dust with the confectioners' sugar.
3. Preheat oven to 375°F. Bake cookies 15 minutes, until slightly puffed. Cool completely before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Sweet Potato Goat Cheese Bites

(Family Features)
Sweetpotato Goat Cheese Bites

Ingredients:
2 medium sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons coconut or olive oil spray
1 teaspoon seasoned salt
5 ounces goat cheese
2 tablespoons honey, divided
1/4 cup chopped candied or toasted pecans
1/3 cup dried cranberries
1 tablespoon fresh basil, sliced thinly, for garnish

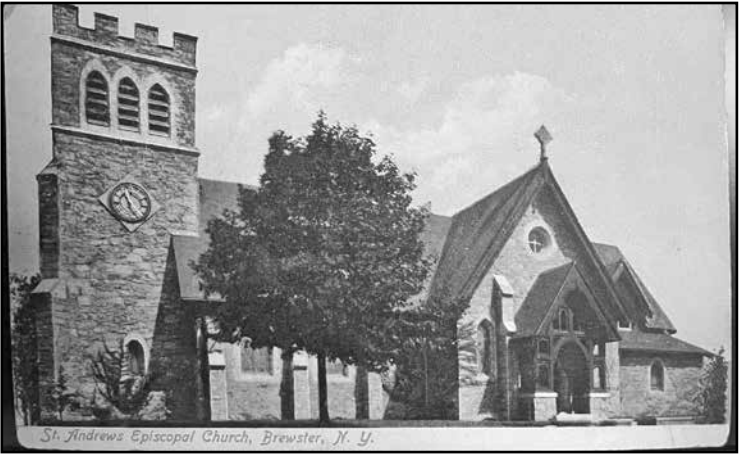
Directions:
Preheat oven to 450 F.
Slice sweet potatoes 1/4-inch thick.
Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Layer sweet potatoes on top of parchment paper.
Spray sweet potatoes with coconut spray and sprinkle with



seasoned salt. Flip sweet potato slices and repeat.
Bake 10 minutes. Flip slices and bake 10 minutes. Transfer sweet potatoes to serving plate.
Mix goat cheese and 1 tablespoon honey until whipped and creamy. Spread goat cheese over sweet potato slices.
Sprinkle with pecans and cranberries. Drizzle remaining honey over sweetpotatoes.
Garnish with basil and serve.
Servings: 24
Source: North Carolina Sweet-potato Commission

History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



St. Andrew's Church on Prospect Avenue in Brewster boasts a beautiful Tiffany stained-glass window.

Is St. Andrew's Tiffany Window for Sale?

I got a tip from a reliable source that an architect who cares is very concerned that the Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass window at St. Andrew's Church on Prospect Avenue in Brewster might be for sale by the current owners of the historic church.

Circus genius, multimillionaire, and P.T. Barnum right-handman Seth B. Howes – renovator of Brewster's Stonehenge Mansion and builder of Morningthorpe Castle – bankrolled the church about 120 years ago.

It's been an open secret all that time that he paid his friend Tiffany to design and install one of Brewster's major historic and artistic treasures.

It would be a shame if the report is true. There's no doubt the window is extremely valuable – possibly worth millions.

But I find it unlikely that a religious organization seeking a higher profile in our community would willfully sell off such a culturally important artifact, especially since Brewster's deep-rooted circus connection and Howes' legacy are such an integral part of greater American history.

Let's not forget that the Howes created the first real American circus and Big Top tent in the U.S. right here in Brewster's Sodom neighborhood, circa 1825.

But pieces of silver are seductive – just ask Judas Iscariot

Maybe the church's owners can find another way to earn an income off the window by giving tours and charging an entrance fee? It would make a great tourist attraction.

Stephanie Lynn O'Dea Morehead, who is on the board of the Reformed Church of the Tarrytowns in Sleepy Hollow, said there is a collector who has been making offers to owners of Tiffany windows for their private collection.

"We were offered a massive sum for our window (we weren't selling), along with a replacement window of our choice," she commented. "We have a great endowment fund – but we did deliberate because it was such a big offer."

Jack Alcott is the Town of Southeast historian and a Brewster history enthusiast. See more on Facebook, at "Southeast, NY – Historian."

Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants Available

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications for \$851,255 in Volunteer Fire Capacity grants to help rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. The application deadline is Dec. 22.

"Volunteer fire departments are essential partners with DEC forest rangers in battling wildfires across the state," said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "The Volunteer Fire Capacity grant program helps support fire personnel in these departments with the resources they need to continue the vital work protecting our communities and state lands."

The grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC's Division of Forest Protection. Eligible fire departments will receive 50 percent matching funds up to \$3,500 – a \$1,000 increase from last year.

In 2024, the program provided grants to 345 departments.

Eligible fire departments include those that are at least 80 percent volunteer and provide wildland fire protection to a rural area within their jurisdiction. Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all grant process paperwork.

Only expenses directly related to wildland firefighting suppression efforts are eligible for funding, including the purchase of protective fire clothing and personal protective equipment; modern communications supplies for more effective action on incidents; firefighting supplies such as nozzles and hoses, tools, and other smaller scale supplies; and water delivery systems such as cisterns and dry hydrants.

Expenditures not directly related to firefighting such as search-and-rescue supplies, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases, and maintenance items (gas/gas cans, oil, bar chain oil) are not eligible for funding.

For applications and additional information about the grant program, call 518-402-8839 or visit dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/public-safety/volunteer-fire-capacity-grants.



Outgoing Carmel Town Councilwoman Susie McDonough with family at the Dec. 10 board meeting at Carmel Town Hall.

Longtime Councilwoman McDonough Honored in Carmel

By Holly Crocco

The Carmel Town Board honored longtime Councilwoman Susie McDonough during her last board meeting, Dec. 10, concluding a 16-year tenure on the governing body.

"You deserve all the accolades," said Supervisor Michael Cazarri, who detailed McDonough's efforts throughout the years, including being named a Woman of Distinction, supporting the Mahopac Sports Association and Catholic Youth Organization, creation of the McDonough Foundation to raise funds for cancer-related medical research in honor of her late husband, spearheading scholarships for high school seniors, and advocating for veterans.

"Like a mom taking care of the town, she supported the veterans" through initiatives such as the Hometown Heroes banner program, and the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

McDonough's daughter Jess said her mom has always been committed to bettering the town.

"For as long as I can remember she has loved this town with her whole heart," she said. "Not in words alone, but in actions, dedication, and a lifetime of choosing to do what is right for the community she calls home."

A Mahopac High School graduate, McDonough met her husband at Mahopac Inn and went on to raise five kids in Carmel, and is now watching her 10 – soon to be 11 – grandchildren grow up here, also.

"This town is not just where she lives, it's a part of her identity," said Jess of her mom. "She's never once sought recognition, she's never asked to be in the spotlight, her motives have never been self-serving or self-indulgent... Her impact is not something you can summarize in one story, one project, or one title. Her impact is woven into the fabric of this community. In its schools, its small businesses, its families, and the countless people whose lives she has touched."

McDonough said she has been an honor to serve on the board.

"I just really, truly want to thank everyone here for the support over the 16 years, and also it has been such an honor – a true honor and privilege – to work for each and every one of you," she said. "I know we had some disagreements, I know we fought... but I tried to do the best that I could."

Further, she urged residents to give the newly assembled board the same amount of support going into the new year, noting, "It's not easy being up there."

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Chanukah Celebrated at Reed Library



Michal Korer from the Chabad of Putnam was the special guest reader at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel's Chanukah storytime. "Little Readers" enjoyed a Chanukah story, menorah craft, dreidel game, and jelly doughnuts.





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SLEIGH BELLS JINGLING AT HOLIDAY ON THE LAKE



The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association hosted its annual Holiday on the Lake festivities Dec. 6 along Gleneida Avenue. It culminated with the highly-anticipated parade of lights.



A chowder tasting event inside the Cornerstone Park building kept guests warm.



The day included a Christmas Village in the municipal lot, as well as Candy Bar Bingo, and storytime (and milk and cookies!) with Santa and Mrs. Claus, all hosted by the Knights of Carmel.



The holiday market included a petting zoo.



Carolers performed at Cornerstone Park before the tree was lit.



Wagon rides – and trolley rides – were enjoyed by visitors throughout the day.



Volunteers with St. James the Apostle School sold raffle tickets at the holiday bazaar.



Putnam County Community Events

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.

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

Kent Library Food Pantry
The Kent Public Library now offers a free, confidential food pantry for individuals and families in need. No appointments are needed, and the pantry is open during regular library business hours, at 17 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes. For more information, call 845-225-8585 or visit kentlibrary.org. No more donations are needed at this time.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 16
IDA Meeting
The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Dec. 16 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.

Library Meetings
The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Tea Tasting
Patterson Library will host a tea tasting Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Learn how to brew the perfect cup of tea as Mike Harney, local tea master, explains the differences among teas and how they are grown, harvested, and dried as you sample several of the more than 300 varieties of Harney & Sons teas. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Holiday Crafternoon
Kids age 4 to 8 are invited to celebrate the season with fun, festive crafts inspired by Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa, on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 17
Chanukah Party
Teens can join the CTeen “Choco-Lit” Chanukah party Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m., at Chabad of Putnam, 5 Fair St., Carmel, featuring an evening of fun, music, and chocolate treats celebrating

the miracles of Chanukah.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Winter Concerts
The **Carmel High School** band and orchestra will perform a winter concert Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium.
The eighth-grade concert at **GFMS** is scheduled Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m., the sixth-grade concert is scheduled Jan. 8 at 6 p.m., and the fifth-grade concert is scheduled Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. All concerts take place in the auditorium.

Southeast Town Board
The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 at Town Hall.
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.

Mini Wreaths
Teens age 16 and older are invited to the Brewster Public Library for a festive craft session to make mini snow wreaths Thursday, Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m. All materials will be provided. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Friday, Dec. 19
Winter Ensemble
Putnam Chorale’s select winter ensemble will perform “Joy in Every Measure” on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m., at the Graymoor’s Spellman Library in Garrison; and Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Lyndhurst Estate Welcome Center at 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25and are available at putnamchorale.org/next-event.

Winter Solstice
First United Methodist Church in Brewster will mark the winter solstice with a celebration Friday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m., at 83 Main St., featuring Old Exit 19 and guest performers. Admission is \$20, \$10 for students, and \$15 seniors; email music@oldexit19.com for reservations.

Film Night for Adults
Mahopac Public Library will present a film night for adults Friday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. It could be an old Hollywood classic, an international film, a modern trailblazer, or something completely different. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, Dec. 20
Christmas Concert
John and Eddie Fiscella will perform favorite classic holiday songs Saturday Dec. 20 at 3 p.m., at Patterson Community Church, 1062 Route 311. Free. Call 845-878-3961 or email info@pattersoncommunitychurch.org.

Meet the Author
Alexandra Johnson will read from her book, “The Little Red Schoolhouse,” a heartwarming story based on true events, Saturday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Geared for ages 3 to 8. Discover the tale of one Brewster schoolhouse and the teacher

who made a lasting difference in her community. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.
Holiday Show & Sale
The Art Barn will present a holiday painting show and sale featuring original works for viewing and gifting, including colorful Landscapes by Rebecca Rabinowitz and abstract illuminations by Tom Bisogno, on Dec. 20 and 21, from 2 to 6 p.m., at 155 Ice Pond Road, Brewster. View the online show and sale at www.rabzart.com or www.mezmer.art. Text or email before your visit – rebecca@ice-pond.com or 914-629-0027.

Sunday, Dec. 21
Winter Concert
Mahopac Public Library will present a “Holiday Lights” winter concert Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. F&J Music promises a spectacular performance that brings together the magic of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Year’s, and more. Francine and Joel will not only entertain but also invite participants to join in the fun. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Monday, Dec. 22
DIY Cocoa Bombs
Teens age 13 to 17 are invited to create hot cocoa bombs at Brewster Public Library, on Monday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. Learn how to melt, mold, and decorate chocolate spheres filled with marshmallows and cocoa mix. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Reindeer Games
Kids age 7 to 12 are invited to dash, dodge, and laugh their way through a festive round of Reindeer Games on Monday, Dec. 22 at 4:15 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Kids will take on winter-themed challenges, puzzles, and mini activities inspired by the spirit of the holidays. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

DIY Snow Globes
Kids age 4 to 6 may make mini-snow globes Monday, Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. All materials provided. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Lego Program
Mahopac Public Library will present a LEGO program for kids age 5 to 11 on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. Build a creation with the library’s collection of LEGO bricks, then leave it on display for all to see. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Snowstorm in a Cup
Youth age 7 to 12 may enjoy a hands-on winter STEM activity Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 4:15 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Kids will create their own snowstorms in a cup using simple materials, then watch the swirling magic come to life. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Melted Snowman Slime
Kids age 4 to 6 may make their own melted snowman slime Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Mix, stretch, and play with slime that looks just like a melted snowman. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service
The Hone George Carroll Whipple III and Miss Elizabeth Marie Whipple will present the 193rd annual Christmas eve service Dec. 24 at 10 p.m., at the Whipple-Feeley Putnam County Veterans Memorial Chapel, 200 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. A night of festive cheer, Christmas stories, and more. RSVP to george@georgewhipple.com.

Monday, Dec. 29
Pokémon Card Extravaganza
Mahopac Public Library will present a Pokémon Card Extravaganza on Monday, Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. An afternoon of playing Pokémon, trading cards, and doing a special card-themed craft. First preference given to residents of Mahopac/Mahopac Central School District. All children in fifth grade and younger must be accompanied by an adults. Registration opens Dec. 1. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Indoor Snowball Fight
Mahopac Public Library will present an indoor snowball fight Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. Enjoy relay races, an edible craft, and a giant snowball fight – in the warmth of the library’s community room. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Thursday, Jan. 1
‘Concert for Peace’
Ring in the New Year with music, readings, and camaraderie at a peaceful gathering at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Thursday, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. Attendees may enjoy the “Concert for Peace” for free, but a \$20 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be available. Reservations at www.culturalartsco.com.

Friday, Jan. 2
‘Smallfoot’
Mahopac Public Library will screen “Smallfoot” on Friday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m. For kids in kindergarten and older. Rated PG. Bring pillows, blankets, snacks, water and a friend. No registration required.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
CCE Cut Flower Webinar Series
The fifth annual Cornell Cooperative Extension cut flower webinar series begins Jan. 6 and continues Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. over five weeks. This is a popular series of online events with speakers, a variety of subjects concerning growing cut flowers, and interaction between speakers and attendees. Webinars will be recorded and sent to registrants for future review. \$60 for all five sessions, \$20 for single sessions. Register at pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration.

Thursday, Jan. 8
‘A Walk In the Woods’
Patterson Library will screen “A Walk In the Woods” on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. An aging travel writer embarks on one final adventure: hiking the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail with an eccentric friend. Along the way, they encounter a cast of quirky, determined fellow

hikers and discover unexpected lessons about life, resilience, and the enduring power of friendship. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Jan. 10
‘Your AHA Year’
Patterson Library will present “Your AHA Year” on Saturday, Jan. 10 at noon. After 35 years of corporate achievement and training thousands to reach their potential, Jeff Arnold now empowers people to transform their lives from the inside out. In “Your AHA Year,” he shares his personal journey and proven steps to help you define, pursue, and achieve your version of better so you can take bold, actionable steps toward lasting change. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Sunday, Jan. 11
Breakfast
Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Chakra Workshop
Join Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees for an inspiring exploration of the Seven Major Chakra Energy Centers on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m., at Patterson Library. Learn how each chakra connects to both the physical body and the subtle energy body. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 14
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 MCLPutnamCounty242@gmail.com.

Thursday, Jan. 15
Senior Forum
Yvonne Niles of the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources will be at Patterson Library on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 11:30 a.m., to discuss the many programs available to area senior citizens. A light lunch will be available. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

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Holiday Magic Continues with Festival of Trees & Concert for Peace in Brewster

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition's Festival of Trees continues throughout the holiday season at Old Town Hall, 67 Main St., Brewster.

Many community organizations have designed Christmas trees for the annual event, which opened Dec. 7 along with the village tree lighting.

Students from the CV Starr Elementary School chorus, led by director Danielle Ortiz Welsh, kicked off festivities with caroling on the steps outside the Old Town Hall Theater. The Southeast Museum welcomed attendees with complimentary hot chocolate and cookies, after which students and community members joined together in song as they caroled down Main Street, arriving in time for the tree lighting.

Inside Old Town Hall, the Festival of Trees spotlighted the work of local organizations.

Around the back of the building at Old Town Hall, ring in the New Year with music, readings, and camaraderie at a peaceful gathering at the Studio Around the Corner on Thursday, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m.

Attendees may enjoy TOS-



Many community organizations are participating in the annual Festival of Trees, which opened Dec. 7 at Old Town Hall in Brewster.

CAC's popular annual "Concert for Peace" for free, but a \$20 donation at the door is suggested to cover costs and support the organization's efforts to bring affordable and inspiring arts to the community.

The concert will feature music by Mozart, John Rutter, R.

Strauss, and Vaughan Williams, played by Robert Zubrycki on violin, Keve Wilson on oboe, Mike Mulder on piano, and tenor Philip Anderson.

Works include John Rutter's much-loved "Brother Heinrich's Christmas," which tells the story of the 14th-century Dominican

mystic Heinrich Suso who – according to legend – notated the carol "In Dulci Jubilo" after it had been sung to him by a band of angels. Told with warmth and humor, the piece features Sigismund of Luxembourg, Brother Heinrich's donkey, a Christmas celebration at the monastery, a hard-to-please ab-

bot, and a wine-loving archbishop.

The concert will also include other festive music with opportunities for the audience to join in.

Refreshments will be available.

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot at www.culturalartsco.com.



Last year's Concert for Peace was well attended. This year's event will feature Robert Zubrycki on violin, Keve Wilson on oboe, Mike Mulder on piano, and tenor Philip Anderson.



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne joined Legislator Nancy Montgomery, DPW Commissioner Tommy Feighery, and others to celebrate the official opening of the Sprout Brook Road bridge in Continental Village.

Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement Complete

The completion of the Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement Project was celebrated last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by local elected officials, marking the successful completion of a major infrastructure upgrade that improves safety and connectivity for the greater Continental Village community.

The new bridge, which carries Sprout Brook Road over Canopus Creek, was completed ahead of schedule in late September – several weeks earlier than originally projected – and reopened to traffic Sept. 23. The total project cost was just over \$3.4 million, with \$1.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding applied to the effort. With 95 percent of the cost covered through federal funding, the project was delivered with minimal impact to local taxpayers, according to County Executive Kevin Byrne.

"The completion of this project isn't just some ceremonial milestone," he said. "It represents the hard work and dedication of so many who made this project a reality. From the skilled crews in the field to our local labor unions who ensured quality workmanship every step of the way, we thank you all."

The project was completed by Montesano Brothers, along with members of Laborers Local 60 and 235, Teamsters Local 456, and Operators Local 137. HVEA Engineers served as the construction inspection team, and Creighton Manning Engineering helped design the project.

"Together, we delivered a stronger, safer bridge, and earlier than expected," said Byrne.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, extended deep gratitude to the community.

"This bridge is a lifeline for the

residents of Continental Village, and I could not be more proud to see it completed," she said. "Thank you to County Executive Byrne, the Department of Public Works team, and every worker who contributed. Most importantly, I want to thank the residents of Philipstown for their patience and understanding during construction. Your resilience and cooperation helped make this achievement possible."

The replacement of the aging structure improves vehicular safety and enhances long-term connectivity for residents commuting between Putnam and Westchester counties, while bringing Putnam County to zero red-flagged bridges with structural concerns, down from six in 2020.

At this point, Putnam is one of the only – if not the only county – in New York State known to have no red flag bridges.



Brewster senior Enzo Hoahing with family and educators after being recognized as PNW BOCES's Student of Distinction.

Brewster Teen is BOCES Student of Distinction

Fueled by positive childhood memories and a love of food and cooking, Enzo Hoahing was determined to enroll in Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES' culinary arts program long before his junior year of high school. When the opportunity finally came last year, he took advantage and has quickly thrived as a student in the Career & Technical Education Center program.

The Brewster High School senior was rewarded for his commitment and effort Nov. 18 when the district's Board of Education recognized Hoahing as a PNW BOCES Student of Distinction.

"I'm very appreciative of this honor," he said. "It's really great that my instructors thought I deserved this award."

Hoahing said his interest in food is a lifelong passion,

one honed while visiting his grandfather's chocolate shop in Brooklyn. His knowledge and passion for culinary arts have only increased during his time in the program.

"I've learned a lot more than I knew prior to the program," he said. "And not just about cooking, but also the terminology, and even more about hospitality."

Hoahing said he hopes to continue that education by studying food science at Cornell University or the Culinary Institute of America.

"It is so refreshing to see how much passion and excitement he has for his career path," said Chef Jenn Guiffre.

"When a student has such a strong desire to learn, it makes teaching them a true pleasure. Enzo makes it easy to come to work every day."

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel
Environmental Conservation Board
TOWN HALL - MAHOPAC, NY 10541 – (845) 628-1500

Date: 12/8/25
TAX MAP #75.11-1-27

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A WETLAND PERMIT

Pursuant to the Town of Carmel Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 89-5.

Applicant: **9 Clara Lane LLC - Treisman**

Address: **9 Clara Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541**

Has filed an application with the Clerk of the Town of Carmel where the application and associated documents and maps along with published rules and regulations are available for public inspection.

The applicant requests that a permit be issued to:

Replace existing wood deck (approximately 525 SF) with new foundation, retaining walls to support new stone terrace with stone and concrete steps. Concealed drain in terrace to run rainwater to new rain garden. New railing at terrace.

The property is located: **9 Clara Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541**

Situated within the periphery of a freshwater wetland and the “adjacent areas”. (100 feet of the wetlands associated with) **Lake Mahopac.**

In the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York.

Any person interested in this application who wishes to become a “party in interest” in this proceeding must file a statement of the precise grounds of support of, or opposition to, or interest in the application, with the undersigned no later than **Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**

Any party of interest will be eligible to be heard if a public hearing is ultimately held in connection with application.

Robert Laga

Chairman, Environmental Conservation Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive of the County of Putnam at **Room #102** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on the **23rd day of December, 2025** at **11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** concerning:

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 (2)(h) requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive

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referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

Kevin Byrne
\$181,303
Putnam County Executive

Michael Bartolotti
\$156,963
Putnam County Clerk

John Bourges
\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner

Wendy Erickson
\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner

Michael Nesheiwat
\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner

Nancy Montgomery
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

William Gouldman
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

Toni Addonizio
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

Laura Russo
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

Daniel Birmingham
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

Amy Sayegh
\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

*Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson \$12,044

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

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click “**Send us a message**” countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

Section 3.

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

Dated: December 9, 2025
Carmel, New York

C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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Paul Eldridge
\$163,358
Personnel Officer

Sara Servadio
\$170,428
Commissioner, Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau

Patricia McLoughlin
\$113,093
Director of Real Property Tax Services

Rian Rodriguez
\$159,650
Public Health Director

Kelly Primavera
\$112,710
Commissioner, Board of Elections

Catherine Croft
\$112,710
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Michele Alfano-Sharkey
\$150,000
County Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application

Date: 12/09/2025
Applicant: ARDIAN PONCE
Facility: SEDGEWOOD CLUB

810 GOLF RIDGE RD
CARMEL, NY 10512
Application ID: 3-3722-00119/00006

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands
Project is located: in KENT in PUTNAM COUNTY

Project Description: The applicant proposes to treat 25 acres of China Pond with aquatic pesticide to control algae. Treatment is within a NYS Regulated Freshwater Wetland and its 100-foot adjacent area.

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Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact

Person no later than 01/16/2026

or 30 days after the publication date

of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person
FRANK J BENEDETTO, III
NYSDEC

21 S Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-0208

CC List for Complete Notice
NYSDEC Region 3 BEH

James Gorman; The Pond Connection

Town of Kent
ENB

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

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 **RCAF Acquisition Trust**, Plaintiff AGAINST **Wilson David**, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 26, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 5, 2026 at 10:30 AM, premises known as 31 Stanwich Road, 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 33.42 Block 2 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment \$349,712.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501525/2024. Cirino M. Bruno, Esq, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Micaela 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.

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Notice of Formation of **Movement Growth & Development LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 7/12/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Movement Growth & Development LLC, 6 Poplar Street, Lake Peekskill, NY, 10537. Purpose: Movement Growth & Development LLC provides individualized and small-group training sessions focused on sport-specific skill and fine and gross motor development for children of all ages and abilities.

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Notice of Qualification of **KINGFISHER PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/26/25. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/31/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Rm. 2500, NY, NY 10020. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez, Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Vitalis Communications, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/02/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Vitalis Communications, LLC, 5 Hildacar Lane, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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*Brewster Bruins
10U Football
Team Remains
Undefeated*

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“Great accomplishments don’t happen overnight,” but through commitment, hard work, and choosing to show up again and again, Durante continued to read. “They are living proof.”

For the past three years, the Brewster Bruins 10U Football Team has not only been tough to beat, but impossible to beat.

“Three years, three seasons, and not a single loss,” said the supervisor. “You guys are putting Brewster back on the football map. Teams and towns are going to come after you, and sometimes it’s tougher to be on the top. They’re going to be looking for you. Stay together as a team, stay coachable, and keep having fun defeating these other towns.”

Team Mom Jenn Neuman was also recognized for the amount of time and effort she has put into supporting the coaches and the team.

"It goes without saying she is a big part of the success this team has had and hopefully it continues to have," said Durante.



Santa Visits Lake Peekskill

Volunteers with the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee hosted a successful holiday party for the Lake Peekskill community. The day included games, arts and crafts, raffles, and a gift from Santa



*Pawling Man
Charged With
Murder of Brewster
Cab Driver*

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patched Dec. 7 to the reservoir near Daisy Lane after a fisherman discovered a body in the water. Deputies and investigators recovered the deceased male, who was later identified by family members as Aurelio Zhunio-Orbez, 66, a cab driver who had been reported missing by his family to the City of Danbury Police Department on Dec. 1, after he failed to return to the taxi base.

He was last seen at the Brewster train station, picking up a fare around 11:30 p.m.

Following a post-mortem examination, the Office of the Putnam County Coroner ruled the death a homicide.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation initiated an extensive investigation that included a search for Zhunio-Orbez's black Toyota Sienna livery cab, which was soon found abandoned in the parking lot of the nearby Purdy's train station and swept for fingerprints and DNA.

A comprehensive review of video surveillance and forensic evidence developed through coordinated efforts with partner agencies led to the identification and arrest of Ramirez.

Zhunio-Orbez was a familiar face in the Village of Brewster, having been a dedicated taxi operator with Orbe's Taxi Service for many years, regularly transporting commuters to and from the Brewster train station.

“Aurelio served our residents with professionalism and care, safely transporting passengers each day to and from their destinations,” wrote Village Mayor James Schoenig. “As a community, we are left to mourn Aurelio’s loss as we cope with this senseless violence.”

Niece Isabel Alvarado has organized a GoFundMe page to help pay for Zhunio-Orbez's funeral expenses.

“My uncle was a dedicated father, brother, uncle, and friend,” she wrote. “He was deeply loved within his community and in other communities as well. As a local taxi driver, he built strong connections with the people he served, and many came to appreciate his kindness, generosity, and hard work... We remain hopeful that justice will be served for this atrocious act.”

Hess thanked the sheriff's office investigators and deputies, the Westchester County Police Department, the Real Time Crime Center, Putnam County District Attorney's Office, and assisting agencies including Danbury Police Department, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police, Department of Environmental Protection Police, and multiple surrounding law enforcement agencies for their assistance.

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