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Students across New York State went back to school last week, with a promising 2025-26 school year ahead of them. At Mahopac Central School District, teachers, administrators, staff – and even the mascot – greeted incoming students. Additional photos from the first day of school from Carmel and Brewster schools are on pages 8, 9, and 16.

Welcome Back, Students!



The community is reminded that with schools back in session, more students are walking to and from the schools, as well as loading and unloading from buses, and should be alert on the roadway. Provided photos.

Patterson Fire Dept. Getting New Tower Ladder Truck

By Holly Crocco

The Patterson Fire Department was recently granted permission to purchase a new tower ladder truck to replace its current 100-foot, 1989 vehicle, and finance it via a seven-year loan, although the approval came with a caveat from the town board that such big financial decisions need to be handled in a more cooperative manner going forward.

First Assistant Chief Albert Rossi, who also serves as chairman of the department's Ladder Truck Replacement Committee, explained at the Aug. 27 Patterson Town Board meeting that a week prior the department had requested the use of restricted funds for the purchase of a \$1.9 million apparatus, and was surprised to hear that permission had not yet been granted – especially since a purchasing agreement has already been signed.

The department had already put down 25 percent – about \$488,000 – for the purchase, with money coming from its vehicle replacement fund. That leaves 75 percent – about \$1.4 million – to be financed. An additional approximate \$161,500 is needed for equipment, travel, installation, and other costs.

The five-member Ladder Truck Replacement Committee formed in 2022 for the purpose of researching the most financially responsible way to replace its current tower ladder truck.

"The committee met numerous times, compiling the needs and limitations of our response area, including our apparatus bay size, bridge heights, weight restrictions, turning

restrictions," explained Rossi. "In addition, we looked at building heights, building occupancies, and accessibility within the town."

The committee received quotes from five emergency services vehicle manufacturers, with prices ranging from \$1.6 million to \$2.6 million. The bids were narrowed down to three, with a decision made in October 2023 to go with the Sutphen Corporation. Rossi cited build quality, reputation, price, and vehicle specs such as a shorter length and tight turning radius as reasons for the decision.

The truck from Sutphen will fit in the firehouse, which was a concern of members from the onset. "That played a large role in the decision of purchasing this ladder," said Rossi. "This is one of the shorter ones on the market."

The committee worked with the fire department's board of directors to determine financing options, looking into five-, seven-, and 10-year loans, with interest rates ranging from 5.33 to 7.25 percent.

In November 2023, the committee approved the 25 percent upfront payment, with the remaining 75 percent to be paid via a seven-year loan through Tompkins National Bank at 5.33 percent interest, and a purchase agreement was signed with Sutphen. The department transferred \$488,000 from its vehicle replacement fund to make the down payment.

While the current/old truck will be sold, the committee doesn't expect to get much from it.

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Sheriff Hess & Undersheriff Menton Take the Reigns *Hess Endorsed by Putnam GOP in November Election*

By Holly Crocco

With the late Sheriff Kevin McConville laid to rest, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office has reorganized its leadership.

Brian Hess, who was sworn in as undersheriff only two weeks prior to McConville's passing when Thomas Lindert retired, has taken the reigns as sheriff to finish out the year. He was recently endorsed by the Putnam County Republican Committee to replace McConville on the November ballot and run for the position, which would keep him in the seat for another four years.

McConville died Aug. 22 at the age of 68, after serving almost four years as the county's top cop.

Although McConville announced in the spring that he would not be running for re-election due to failing health, it was determined

that his name would remain on the ballot because state law prevents political parties from replacing candidates unless they die or are disqualified.

With his passing, Hess will now be the Republican candidate on the ballot.

"I'm honored and excited to receive the Republican endorsement," Hess said in a statement. "I look forward to working with everyone here to keep Putnam safe and strong for our families and future."

Hess served with the Westchester County Police Department from May 1999 to September 2025, when he joined the PCSO. Prior to that, he was a police officer with the New York City Police Department from 1997 to 1999, and a communications officer with the Westchester

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Acting Sheriff Brian Hess will run for election in November.



Undersheriff James Menton is sworn into office on the steps of the Historic Courthouse in Carmel, with his wife by his side.

Patterson Man Facing Animal Cruelty Charges

A 20-year-old Patterson man was recently arrested by the Putnam County SPCA and faces animal cruelty charges after allegedly killing a rabbit.

According to Chief Ken Ross, on Aug. 18, the Putnam County SPCA received a call for assistance from the New York State Police regarding the death of a 6-pound Flemish mix rabbit, caused by severe blunt force trauma and strangulation.

The body of the rabbit, which was found in Patterson, was

taken by Putnam County SPCA detectives to Guardian Veterinary Specialists where a necropsy was performed. The results showed severe bruising throughout the body and a collapsed trachea. Through information provided by NYSP, SPCA detectives were able to arrest Luis Parrales on Aug. 28 and charge him with one count of aggravated animal cruelty, a felony under the NYS Agriculture & Markets Law.

The Putnam County SPCA is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corpora-

tion that receives no funding from the ASPCA, New York State, or the federal government. Its mission is to prevent cruelty to all animals by enforcing the state's cruelty statutes via a countywide humane law enforcement department, providing medical care and shelter to abused animals, and providing humane education to schools and other interested groups.

For more information, visit www.spcaputnam.org or call the 24-hour hotline at 845-520-6915.



Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

Yeet!

A friend who works for WWE scored us some tickets to the Monday Night Raw in Philadelphia last month and it was hands down the best night of Mikey's life. It blew Christmas out of the water, put Universal Studios to shame, and make New York City wish it was never born.

I had low expectations for the whole night, mostly because I was worried about the timing. The event didn't even start until 8 p.m. (doors opened at 6:30), and it was nearly three hours long, which gets us into dangerously overtired territory.

Mikey is a huge WWE fan. Huge. His father got him into it, and the kid knows all the entrance music for all the wrestlers, their finishing moves, who's won more title belts in a certain season, which wrestlers are part of Monday Night Raw and which are part of Smackdown, who's dating who, and all the juicy drama that goes with the whole show.

When we arrived at the arena, Mikey immediately began looking for the merchandise table since we told him he could buy a T-shirt. We quickly located the first merch table, and the line accompanying it was about five people deep and wrapped a literal half-mile around the entire stadium – overlapping the other merch table lines that were just as long.

Since I didn't really care if I watched the entire show, I told Mikey I would run out during one of the matches and buy the merchandise. So after he pointed out which shirt he wanted, we found our seats. Although the stands were only half full at the time, the chants were already flying.

And Mikey was eating it right up.

From across the arena we heard, "O.T.C. ... O.T.C. ..." (I would later learn that to be Roman Reigns' calling card, if you will.)

Then, our side of the venue let out a low rumble of, "Wo-ahhh...ohhh...ohhh..." and Mikey raised his hands in the air to swing them the way an orchestra conductor would. When I leaned over and asked what that was all about it, he and Mike said in unison, "It's for Seth Freakin Rollins."

Mikey grinned because he knows he can only say "freakin" if he's referring to the trademark name WWE star. (Much like he can say "hell" only if he's singing the "Lava Chicken" song from "Minecraft"... Thank you Jack Black.)

After much ado, the lights went down, the music started, fireworks went off, and smoke filled the air.

And with every wrestler that ran down the catwalk toward the ring that night, Mikey nearly lost his mind. Becky Lynch, Bron Breaker, The Judgement Day ... you name 'em, he loved 'em.

Because he knows all the entrance music for these athletes, as the first notes of a song rang out through the place, he knew

exactly who was coming out. He would jump up from his seat and scream "Oh my gosh it's Rhea Ripley!" or "No way, it's Dirty Dom!"

It reminded me of being a teenager at a concert by one of my favorite bands and, with the single strum of the guitar, knowing exactly what song was about to be played.

The highlight of the night was the match between Bron Breaker and Jey Uso. Since that was the main event, it was teased earlier in the night. Music started and the crowd went wild – including Mikey – and Seth Freakin Rollins, Bron Breaker, and Paul Heyman came out to rile up the crowd. All of a sudden, people across the arena from us started freaking out and Mikey jumped up, screaming and pointing.

"Oh my gosh it's Jey Uso!" he yelled as I had to hold him back from falling over the seats in front of us.

Then the entire arena – again, Mikey included – raised their arms up and slammed them down while yelling "Yeet." Then the trash talk started and Mikey was totally there for it, with "Yeet!" cheers and arm movements throughout the entire stadium every few minutes.

When the wrestler mentioned an "extreme rules match," I thought Mikey was going to hyperventilate. I yelled, "What does that mean?" and before my husband could answer, Mikey screamed, "They're gonna break tables and stuff!"

With that expectation set and anticipation high, the other matches unfolded. At some point I dipped out to buy the T-shirt (the line was almost non-existent at that point, thank the lord), and purchase some snacks.

Now, my husband and I have a system we deploy when we are at such events: We fill the kid with sugar and hope for the best. It's not a fool-proof plan, but c'est la vie.

After I got the merch I went over to the concessions stand and got two boxes of popcorn (one for Mikey and one for my husband and I to split), a stick of blue cotton candy, a red slushy, a bottle of water, and a fountain soda. Sixty-one dollars later I was heading down the stairs to our seats with the popcorn boxes under my arms, the slushy and the soda in my hands, and my teeth clenched around the rim of a big plastic cup that the bottled water was poured into (apparently the plastic bottle can be used as some sort of weapon).

And the slow released of junk food began. We started with the popcorn, which Mikey washed down with some slushy. Then he broke into the cotton candy, only to then eat the rest of the popcorn intended for me and Mike.

As the night went on and it got later, we could see the kid losing steam. He started to slump in the seat, there were some big yawns, and we could see that he

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Letters to the Editor

Why Was Sheriff's Illness Covered Up?

Dear Editor:

As our community mourns the passing of Sheriff Kevin McConville, we honor his service and extend our deepest sympathies to his family. This is a time for reflection, but also for an uncomfortable yet necessary conversation about transparency and the state of our county's leadership. This discussion is not meant to dishonor his memory, but to address systemic failures that should never be re-

peated.

For the better part of two years, it was widely known, although never publicly acknowledged, that the sheriff (allegedly) was battling a serious illness. His attendance became increasingly sporadic, with multiple extended absences, and his last known contact with his deputies was in May of this year.

Even as his presence with the department dwindled to a minimum, there was no transfer of power and his name continued to appear on official department

releases to maintain the illusion that he was still actively leading.

It was only this past June that his health was finally acknowledged, when he announced he would not seek re-election. This statement was accompanied by the claim that he would return to work and serve out the remainder of his term, which most – including a wide network of our county's top elected officials and political party leaders – (reportedly) knew was an impossibility.

This culture of secrecy extended beyond the public to the very deputies under the sheriff's command who were not informed through official channels of the recent, sudden retirement of Undersheriff Lindert, who had unofficially assumed command of the department, or the subsequent appointment of Brian Hess as his successor.

Instead, they learned of these critical leadership changes through a social media post from a political ally of the sheriff and forwarded emails from other departments.

As taxpayers, we have a right to know why our county's highest-paid law enforcement official concealed his illness and continued to hold his title and salary long after it was clear that he could not perform his duties. The answer, I'm afraid, is a system that inadvertently incentivizes such deception by providing a substantial financial benefit to public officials who pass away while in office.

Although we may honor the man and his service to our community, we cannot allow our collective grief to become a barrier to accountability. The residents of Putnam County and the brave men and women who protect us deserve a full, honest explanation from all who were complicit in this cover-up, as to why personal and political convenience were allowed to be prioritized over public trust and safety.

*Frank Stabile
Patterson*

Trump & Lawler

Should Resign

Dear Editor:

President (Donald) Trump and Representative Mike Lawler must resign their political positions immediately. Both Trump and Lawler do not care about the interests of their constituents. All President Trump and Lawler care about are their billionaire and millionaire friends that elected the both of them.

*Joseph Cariddo
Mahopac*

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‘Healthy School Meals for All’ Launched Across the State

The launch of Healthy School Meals for All, which takes effect this school year, was celebrated during an Aug. 27 press conference at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Brewster hosted by Assemblyman Matt Slater.

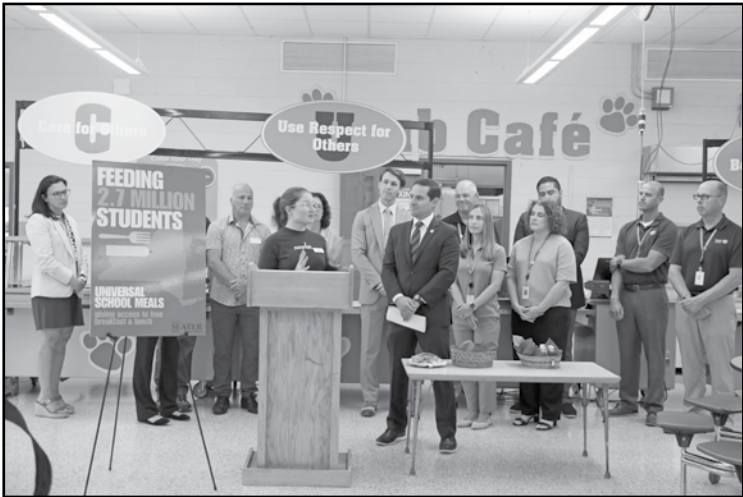
A longtime advocate for addressing food insecurity, Slater previously created the Food Insecurity Task Force as Yorktown town supervisor and has been a cosponsor of this initiative since joining the Assembly in 2023. He was joined at the press conference by local school leaders, superintendents, elected officials, and organizations working to address food insecurity, who highlighted the impact this initiative will have on students and families in the Hudson Valley.

“Universal free school meals not only help eliminate the stigma associated with traditional free and reduced cost meals, but also provide a significant financial benefit to families, including those who are just above the income threshold for traditional meal assistance,” said Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O’Leary. “This program will help families save hundreds of dollars per child each month, freeing up resources for other essential basic living expenses.”

Slater called the initiative a milestone for New York families. “With the full implementation of universal free school meals, more than 2.7 million students across our state will now receive free breakfast and lunch each school day – no stigma, just healthy meals for every child,” he said. “Every student deserves an equal shot at success, and providing the fuel they need to reach their potential is a lifeline I’m proud to see finally become reality.”

According to the assemblyman, parents will save around \$165 per child, per month, or roughly \$2,000 a year.

“At a time when 38 percent of households in both Westchester and Putnam counties fall below



Local school leaders, superintendents, elected officials, and organizations who are working to address food insecurity join Assemblyman Matt Slater at a press conference Aug. 27 in Brewster.

the ALICE survival threshold, these savings will provide relief,” he said. “Students who are properly nourished have better attendance, higher test scores, and more positive classroom behavior. No child in New York should ever sit in class hungry, and with this program, none will.”

Brewster Superintendent of Schools Michelle Gosh credited the district’s Child Nutrition Services Director Cathy Hancock for her forward thinking in getting Brewster qualified for the community eligibility provision in November 2023.

As a result, all Brewster students were able to receive free breakfast and lunch.

“The impact was immediate,” said Gosh. “This not only allowed us to offer much-needed nourishment to all of our students in grades prekindergarten through 12, but we also saw it lift worries from some students and their families, remove barriers to learning, and diminish any stigma associated with needing this support. It was a transformational change within the district.”

Making meals universal for students across New York State scales and expands these efforts, eliminating the need to qualify on a yearly basis using criteria that could shift unexpectedly, ex-

plained the superintendent.

Mahopac School Board member Tanner McCracken said no child should ever attend school hungry. With free school meals for all, students can purely focus on learning, growing, and thriving in a healthy and nutritious environment.

“Under the previous state budget, the Mahopac Central School District missed the threshold to qualify for free meals funding by just a few percentage points,” he explained. “This left hundreds of students who could have benefited from free school meals to miss out on this vital initiative. Along with parents and residents of Mahopac, we advocated for universal school meals. We are beyond thankful to Assemblyman Matt Slater for delivering this funding for all school districts in New York state. This will go a long way for Mahopac families.”



Tables at last year’s book sale were overflowing with offerings.

Patterson Book Sale Opens Sept. 20

The annual Patterson book sale is returning for its seventh year, thanks to the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department. The first day of the event is Saturday, Sept. 20, and it will run through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Again this year the sale will be held – rain or shine – in the pavilion and under two giant tents on the grounds of the fire department, 13 Burdick Road, across from the Patterson Library on Route 311.

There has already been an amazing number of donations from the community, and fire department members have been busy sorting the books into more

than 70 categories. In addition to many adult fiction and non-fiction, there is a large selection of children’s and young adult books, plus a massive assortment of vinyl LPs, DVDs, Blue-rays, and CDs.

Donors can drop off books and other items in the designated storage container located near the pavilion on the fire department grounds. The storage container will be open day and night through Sept. 13.

Donations should be placed inside the container, not left outside. It is helpful fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books are placed in separate bags or boxes.

No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or damaged books are accepted.

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Antique Appraisal & Buying Event

Have you ever looked at a family heirloom or a vintage find and wondered what it's really worth?

Now's your chance to find out and support a great cause. An Antique Appraisal Day & Buying Event hosted by the Brewster Elks Lodge and Astor Galleries is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Brewster Elks Lodge, 1430 Route 22.

Stephen Cardile, longtime appraiser and founder of Astor Galleries, will be bringing a team of experts to Brewster to appraise a wide range of items from furniture and collectibles to unique curiosities. The cost is \$10 per item, or three items for \$25. There's a limit of six items per person.

No appointments are necessary; guests will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A local representative will be available to make house calls by appointment for those who have large collections or estates.

In addition to appraisals, Astor Galleries will be making competitive offers on the spot for a variety of items, including precious metals such as fine jewelry, gold and silver dollars, and even scrap gold and silver; timepieces such as vintage and antique watches; and sterling silver such as tea sets, bowls, flatware, and more.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

"This event is a fantastic opportunity for the community to get an expert opinion on their antique and vintage items," said Stephen Cardile, director of acquisitions and founder of Astor Galleries. "Whether you're curious about a family heirloom or thinking of selling, our team is here to help. Plus, your participation directly supports the wonderful local charities of the Brewster Elks Lodge."

For more information, visit www.astorgalleries.com/appraisal-days or call 800-784-7876.

Astor Galleries' mission is to assist individuals who are looking to liquidate personal property by providing them with honest evaluations, as well as reliable and compassionate service, enabling clients to get a fair price for those items. Specializing in fine art, jewelry, antiques, and collectibles, over the past 45 years Astor Galleries has developed a global network of interior decorators and private collectors, enabling clients to realize record-breaking prices for those types of items.

The Brewster Lodge supports the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association of Putnam and Southern Dutchess Counties, and The Home Service Program serving adults and children with disabilities. It also contributes to many local causes.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Simple Family Meals

Last week I wrote about your "fall reset". Part of your fresh start this fall is likely to be a seasonal shift in menu planning and family meals. Let's recall some simple strategies for making family meals in less time and with less effort.

Ingredient prepping: Pass on meal prepping and go with ingredient prepping instead. While it's beneficial to batch an entrée to use for a night or two (or one night today and freeze for a future meal), let's avoid eating the same meal several days in a row. Instead, ingredient prep protein, grains, and vegetables. Pair with assorted seasonings, sauces, dressings for quick meals.

Deconstructed meals: Speaking of quick meals, the key to feeding a busy family during the week (or to make it easier for a smaller household), is to focus on deconstructed meals. Use the ingredients you prepped to make an assortment of dishes that work for individuals when they're hungry. With deconstructed meals, a balanced plate (or bowl) is just minutes away.

Strategic family meals: It's essential that members of your household can eat when they're physically hungry. Mostly likely, this doesn't happen at the same time for everyone. This may mean that traditional family dinner doesn't happen every night. Go for family meals on the weekends or when they work for you but pass on it mid-week if you notice that your children (for example) are hungry a different time than you.

Air Fryer Mini Meat Loaves, Green Beans and Sweet Potato Fries (1 Guiding Stars)
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Ingredients:
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled
2 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
1 (10-oz.) bag Nature's Promise Organic Green Beans, trimmed
1/3 + 1/4 cup barbecue sauce,

divided
1/4 cup breadcrumbs
1/2 yellow onion, finely chopped
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 lb. lean ground beef
Cooking spray

Directions:
Preheat air fryer to 400 degrees F. Slice sweet potatoes into fries. To a medium bowl, add potatoes and 1 tablespoon oil. Season with salt and pepper. Toss to combine. In batches if necessary, add potatoes to air fryer basket. Close and cook 10 minutes. Shake air fryer basket and continue cooking sweet potatoes another 10 minutes, until crisp and deep golden. Transfer to a platter. Cover with foil to keep warm.

While potatoes cook, to same medium bowl, add green beans and remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Season with salt and pepper. Toss to combine. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine 1/3 cup barbecue sauce, breadcrumbs, onion and garlic powder. Add beef and mix to combine. Shape into 4 (about 3 1/2") mini loaves.

Coat bottom of air fryer basket with cooking spray. Place meat loaves into air fryer and coat tops with cooking spray. Cook until loaves are crispy on the outside and internal temperature reaches 160 degrees F, 10 to 12 minutes.

Transfer meat loaves to platter and spoon remaining 1/4 cup barbecue sauce over meat. Cover and let stand 10 minutes. Place green beans into air fryer basket and cook 10 minutes, shaking basket halfway through, until crisp and tender. Transfer to platter. Serve with meat loaves and sweet potato fries.

Allison J. Stowell MS RD CDN serves as the online dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. To learn about FREE, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hannaford.com/dietitians. For more on the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

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Potato Pizza Puffs

(Family Features)
Potato Pizza Puffs

Ingredients:
1 med Wisconsin russet potato
2 cups cold water
3 whole garlic cloves, crushed
1 sheet frozen puff pastry dough
nonstick cooking spray
1/2 c Parmesan cheese, grated
1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup pepperoni
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 cup marinara sauce

Directions:
Wash and scrub potato thoroughly. Pat dry and thinly slice into 1/8-inch rounds.
Place sliced potatoes in saucepan and cover with cold water. Add crushed garlic cloves to the water.
Parboil potatoes 5 minutes until slightly tender. Thaw puff pastry and roll out slightly with rolling pin. Cut into 12 equal strips.



On foil-lined tray generously sprayed with nonstick cooking spray, sprinkle with Parmesan and Italian seasoning then shingle 3-4 par-cooked potato slices with 3-4 pepperoni slices. Top slices with mozzarella followed by puff pastry strip. Push edges of pastry down onto foil to slightly "seal" puffs, keeping contents within pastry.

In air fryer set at 400 F, bake 7-8 minutes. Wait for cheese to cool before removing puffs from tray. Gently peel potato pizza puffs off foil. Serve with marinara sauce.

Servings: 12
Source: Family Features



The county’s new Early Learning Center was ready to greet youngsters last week.

Putnam Early Learning Center Opens

The Putnam County Early Learning Center began offering services from its Hudson Valley InterArts Building location in Patterson last week.

The seven-room facility, operated by nonprofit Community Based Services in collaboration with the Putnam County Health Department and Brewster and Carmel schools, offers educational and daycare programming for students and their families and is part of the county’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative to encourage public awareness and expanded access to services for children with special needs.

The center currently serves 19 students, with five additional schoolchildren scheduled to join in the coming weeks.

The County Legislature approved the center’s creation in June – albeit with some debate.

“Our Early Learning Center is a groundbreaking and collaborative initiative to offer high-quality early learning services in a classroom setting to Putnam County families,” said County Executive Kevin Byrne, who spearheaded the initiative.

According to Byrne, in the past, some parents were forced to send their children on lengthy bus rides outside the county to access essential programs, which exhausted children, stressed worried parents, and cost local taxpayers up to \$1 million each year in heightened transportation costs.

“People said we couldn’t get this done, and I’m proud to say they were wrong,” he said. “Together, we found a way to effectively reform the mandatory preschool special education model and empowered parents with special-needs children for a better, less-expensive service.”

Byrne acknowledged county employees Valerie Kurtz and Shan-

na Seigel, and Director of Public Health Rian Rodriguez for their work in “championing the reimagining of educational and early learning services in our community.”

“Thank you to County Executive Byrne for shepherding the Early Learning Center through the approval process with New York State and for his steadfast commitment to our preschool-aged and special-needs students,” said Kurtz, health department supervisor of early intervention and preschool. “Simply put, this program will change lives.”

Byrne also expressed his gratitude to the Town of Patterson for its assistance in making this project a reality.

“The Town of Patterson was proud to play a role in advancing this project through our local planning process and helping to ensure it crossed the finish line,” said Supervisor Rich Williams. “Hosting the Early Learning Center here in Patterson is a point of pride for our community and we are grateful to see it come to fruition. This is a meaningful investment in our children, our families, and the future of Putnam County.”

The county executive’s office also thanked state lawmakers for their support, including Sen. Pete Harekham, whose office helped the county to navigate the complexities of Albany’s red tape to ensure a timely license was received by New York State’s Office of Children & Family Services.

History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



Photo by Lynn Floto, owner of Lynn’s Coffee & Donut Shop on Main Street.

Brewster ... 40 Years Ago

That’s John Cesar campaigning for mayor in full outrageous plaid with a Tam o’ Shanter atop his noggin in 1985. He’s wearing an “Underdog Party” button on his lapel – a political party he invented because the more established parties didn’t want him on their ticket.

A former Ringling Bros. Circus clown, Cesar sported various attention-getting clashing plaid outfits that year. He was 69 years old when he made his first run for public office, saying he was

looking for something to do in retirement.

After his Brewster cottage tragically burned down during the mayoral race, he lived in his van for a while, usually parking on a back street. In the morning, he’d drive over to Main Street

and campaign at the curb from the white van, which he artfully painted with a bulldog symbol as part of his Underdog logo.

He later went on to win the Brewster mayoral race five times over, all as an Underdog.

Voters loved his extroverted personality and he always greeted everyone by name, even if he’d met them just once. A showman, he never missed a moment to entertain.

After he was elected, Cesar moved into the village office (some said he was living there 24-7) and strung up a hammock next to the mayor’s desk, behind which he hung a large framed portrait of his hero – P.T. Barnum. (I was there and witnessed that amazing moment).

That’s Artie Myslim on guitar in the photo. He was owner of the Southeast House at the time and leader of the fab Artie Miles Jazz Band. Myslim was usually on clarinet and he loved the music of Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, but was not above blowing some bebop.

He’d sometimes jam at the Southeast House bar with 90-year-old Piano Mary playing on an upright in the corner, her Schaefer beer within easy reach.

When she was a teen in the 1920s, Mary played piano for the silent films shown at Old Town Hall – first movie house in Brewster before The Cameo and The Ritz.

The fiddler in the pic is Dave Hagan.

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

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Attendees to a prior military collectibles show peruse the displays.



County Executive Kevin Byrne is joined by Kent Town Councilwoman Anne Campbell and other members of the Kent Historical Society.

Military Collectibles Show

A military collectibles and knife show will return to Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St., on Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Historical items for sale will include insignia, medals, uniforms, equipment, swords, knives, insignia, headgear, books, artwork, and more. The material will

cover the years from the American Revolution to the present day. There will also be several uniformed “living historians” ready to answer questions about the eras they represent. Vendors come from all over the northeast. Admission is \$10, with chil-

dren younger than 12 admitted free with an adult. Part of the proceeds of this event go to Patterson Recreation Center and The American Veterans Historical Museum. For more information, contact the rec center at 845-878-7200 or The Duffle Bag at 845-878-7106.

‘Chief Daniel Nimham Day’ Celebrated in Putnam

County Executive Kevin Byrne recently proclaimed Aug. 29 as “Chief Daniel Nimham Day” in Putnam. Raised in Fishkill, Nimham was a Wappinger Indian and sa-

chem – or leader – to his people who died fighting alongside Continental Army forces in the Bronx in 1778. Byrne hosted an inaugural “History Pavilion” at the Putnam County Fair in late July, where visitors could learn more about Nimham and other founders, surrounded by local historical organizations and societies. Putnam County is no stranger to recognizing Nimham’s accomplishments: A memorial honors the Wappinger leader at Veterans Memorial Park in Kent, and the 1,054-acre Nimham Mountain Multiple Use Area that includes Nimham Mountain is a popular destination for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts in the Hudson Valley. “Daniel Nimham was a diplomat-soldier and an inspirational leader of the American Revolution whose ties to our region are a source of pride and lasting inspiration,” said Byrne. “Ahead of our nation’s 250th birthday next year, it’s important to remember the sacrifices of those like Chief Nimham who put themselves on the line for the cause of independence.” He added: “For these reasons and more, Putnam County’s motto remains proudly ‘Where the country begins.’”

Man Struck by Car in Kent

A pedestrian was reportedly seriously injured Thursday when he was struck by a vehicle near the intersection of Route 52 and Towners Road in Kent. At about 4:25 p.m. Sept. 4, the Kent Police Department received a 911 dispatch to the area. Police officers, along with Kent EMS, Lake Carmel firefighters, Putnam County sheriff’s deputies, New York State Police, and the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services responded to the scene. The victim was transported by Empress Emergency Medical Services to Danbury Medical Center. According to social media, the victim survived the incident. “The individual is a family member and is stable, all things considering,” wrote one community member. “He is extremely lucky but has a long road ahead.” The area was closed to traffic for an extended period of time as an investigation was initiated.

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First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac is offering Sunday School to kids age 4 to 12. Participating children attend the 10 a.m. worship service and after the children’s sermon are led to class. Confirmation Class, for eighth-graders and older, is Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Christian Education building on Secor Road. After class, students attend the 10 a.m. worship service with their families. www.mahopachchurch.org.

Brewster Library

Seeks New Director

Brewster Public Library Executive Director Gina Loprinzo recently announced her retirement, effective Dec. 31, after 12 years of leadership. The library’s board of directors has already begun its search for a new leader. Anyone interested and qualified may submit a letter of interest and resume Kathleen Sakowitz, president of the board, at trustees@brewster-library.org.

Al-Alon Meetings

Al-Alon meetings take place Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Enter from the Husted Road double-white door.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Garden Club

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before the club’s presentation. This month’s program on healthy garden soil will be given by Janis Butler, master gardener at CCE. Members and their guests are welcome to bring a lunch. <https://brewstercarmel-gardenclub.org>.

Healthy Eating

Patterson Library will present “Healthy Eating from the Garden” on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon. Are you a vegetarian, or want to include more vegetables in your diet? Hannaford dietitian Joy De Caro will explain how to eat healthier with delicious and nutritious recipes made with garden veggies. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Roaming Readers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Readers, a friendly walking group, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays through November, weather permitting. Meet at the library and enjoy a walk through Carmel. All fitness levels. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Sept. 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

History Hunter

Join Kent Public Library and the Kent Historical Society for a history presentation by local metal detectorist and amateur archeologist Andy Eichhorn on

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. He uses metal detectors and knowledge of soils to unearth various artefacts, many of which are directly related to the Colonial history of our region. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

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 MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Meditation Circle

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will hold its monthly meditation circle Sept. 11 at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Each month, Kris Noelle of Kris Noelle Wellness will gently guide you through a soothing meditative journey designed to restore your spirit. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Art Museum Tour

Patterson Library members will meet at Magazzino Italian Art Museum in Cold Spring on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11 p.m., for a docent-led tour of the museum’s permanent collection and special exhibit. Arrive by 10:45 a.m. to check in. Registration is required as tickets are limited. Adults 18 and older. Transportation is not provided. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Sept. 12

Playwright Festival

The Brewster Theater Company’s fifth annual Playwright Festival presents six new one-act plays chosen from more than 100 submissions this year, at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Sept. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Benedict Arnold’s Flight

The Putnam History Museum will host a hike outlining “Benedict Arnold’s Flight” on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning at the Marcia’s Mile parking lot/Glenclyffe trailhead in Philipstown. Follow the infamous traitor’s escape route on a moderate guided hike. One mile in length with rocky, uneven terrain. \$12 for PHM members and \$15 for non-members. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Pegasus Gala

Pegasus Therapeutic Riding will mark 50 years of service with an anniversary gala Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 4 p.m., at its Brewster farm. Guests will share dinner, cocktails, dancing, and stories from the Pegasus community. Tickets are \$150. For information, tickets, or sponsorship opportunities, visit www.pegasustr.org/2025gala or contact Sciarriello at csciarrillo@pegasustr.org.

Blues & BBQ

Patterson Rotary will present its annual Blues & BBQ Festival on Saturday, Sept. 13 from noon to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 14 from noon to 6 p.m., the Patterson Fire Department grounds, 13 Burdock Road. Featuring The Shambles, The Outcrops, Grapefruit Head, Led’s Grove, TNT Dyn-O-Mite Band, The Robert Hill Band, Dylan Doyle Band, and Debra Devi.

Kent Community Day

Kent Community Day is scheduled Sept. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the town green at 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes. For information, visit www.townofkentny.gov/recreation-parks, email recreation@townofkentny.gov, or call 845-531-2100.

Repair Café

Sustainable Putnam’s Repair Café returns to Mahopac Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Anyone may bring up to two household items for a free repair by expert volunteers. If needed, parts are sold at cost. Registration is appreciated, although walk-ins are welcome. Free refreshments are provided. sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe or 646-598-6560.

Tinker Hill Climb

Area first responders are invited to participate in the Tinker Hill Climb 2025 on Saturday, Sept. 13, in honor of those lost on 9/11. This challenge is a ¾-mile steep terrain climb. Meet at Putnam Valley Fire Department-Station 2, 710 Peekskill Hollow Road. Lineup is at 11:30 a.m., with the climb starting at noon. Shuttle transportation is provided to and from Tinker Hill. A BBQ will follow at the station. Donations will benefit the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/tinkerhill2025>

‘Retirement Plans 101’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Retirement Plans 101: What’s in Your IRA, 401(k), or 403(b)?” on Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. This session is especially valuable for anyone currently contributing – or who has previously contributed – to these plans. Presented by Frank Calderone of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Registration is required at carmel-library.org/calendar.

Intro to Composting

Join our CCE Master Gardener volunteers Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, to learn about composting, followed by a hands-on lesson in the demonstration garden. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring gardening gloves. \$10. Register at cceptutnamcounty.org.

Parade

The Brewster Fire Department will host a parade Sept. 13 at 4 p.m., along North Brewster Road (Route 312).

Defensive Driving

Kent Public Library will host a defensive driving class Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. This class is offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com.

\$40. A portion of the proceeds benefit the library. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Special Service

The Historic Union Valley Cemetery and Chapel will hold its annual service Sunday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m., to remember those who have been interred there since 1860. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Tag Sale

The Kent Historical Society will host a benefit tag sale Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1374 Route 52, Ludingtonville.

A Capella Group

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will hold an interest meeting for a new a capella group, Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m., 67 Main St., Brewster. The group will meet Sunday afternoons in Brewster.

Open Mic

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will welcome Ellen Devlin to the Poets’ Corner on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. An open mic will follow the reading. All writers are welcome. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Students are free.

Monday, Sept. 15

Udemy Demo

Learn about Mahopac Public Library’s new resource, Udemy, during demonstrations Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m., or Wednesday, Sept. 17 at noon. With Udemy and your library card, you have access to 25,000-plus on-demand video courses across 75 categories in business, technology, and design. Ages 18 and older. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

‘Little Women’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Little Women” on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Sept. 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Sept. 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.

Art Series

Artist Sharon Nakazato invites the public to explore a variety of mediums in a welcoming, unstructured environment Tuesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m., at Patterson Library. Learn new skills and techniques, and leave each session with artwork that reflects your creative journey. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Library Meetings

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov.

18 and Dec. 16.

The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet Sept. 16 and Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will present “Woodstock, 1969: A story of Peace, Love, and Music” on Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. Join musician and historian Alex Prizgintas as he takes you on a journey through this legendary event, blending live electric cello performances of iconic Woodstock-era songs with fascinating historical context about the region and the festival that defined a generation. Registration is required at carmel-library.org/calendar.

Thursday, Sept. 18

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 utnamwomensgop@gmail.com for more information, including time and location.

Friday, Sept. 19

Film Night for Adults

Mahopac Public Library will host a movie night for adults Friday, Sept. 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, Sept. 20

‘Violin Odyssey’

Music at St. Mary’s will continue Sept. 20 at 2 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Violinist Daisy Jopling and pianist Matt Herskowitz present a magical musical journey. Free concert for all ages. Donations accepted.

Documentary Screening

A special screening of “Paint Me a Road Out of Here” will take place at the Philipstown Depot Theater on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m., at 10 Garrison’s Landing. After the screening there will be a question-and-answer session with GAC alum Arielle Amsalem, the film’s editor and producer, who will share insights into the documentary’s creation and the ongoing work it inspires. Tickets for the screening are \$50 and available at www.garrisonartcenter.org/fallfundraiser.

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Brewster Bears Come

Kids from pre-kindergarten through high school returned to the Brewster Central Schools campus last week, where they were greeted by teachers, principals, and other staff – including Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michelle Gosh. Provided photos.



e Out of Hibernation



Audition Notice

The Brewster Theater Company will hold auditions for “A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play,” adapted by Joe Landry with music by Kevin Connors, on Oct. 15 and 16 at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

All roles are open for this large cast production, and performances are Dec. 5 through 13. Visit brewstertheater.org for audition and show information, and email btexmascarol@gmail.com with questions and to

schedule audition appointments. “A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play” will be directed by Judy Brewster of Southeast. Stacey Cohen of White Plains will produce, and George Opfer of Yorktown Heights will stage manage the production.

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country prior to departure, but will acquire the language skills through experiencing the day-to-day local culture and attending regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also seeks American families who are interested in hosting an international student from Spain, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Thailand, Japan, and many other countries. These young students will attend the local American high school for an academic year or semester.

Students or families interested in learning more about becoming an ASSE exchange student or host family should contact ASSE at 1-800-677-2773 or asseusaeast@asse.com, or visit www.study-abroad.asse.com.



The Cold Spring Farmers' Market, which operates Saturdays at Boscobel House & Gardens, was recently awarded state funding.

Cold Spring Farmers' Market Receives State Funds

Following National Farmers' Market Week, celebrated during the first full week of August every year, more than \$1.12 million was awarded to 25 farmers' market organizations across the state through Round 3 of the Farmers' Market Resiliency Grant Program.

The Cold Spring Farmers' Market was awarded \$25,000.

This announcement follows Gov. Kathy Hochul's warning to New Yorkers regarding the impact of federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on New York's agricultural industries and vulnerable families.

More than 400,000 transactions were made by New Yorkers using their SNAP benefits to purchase fresh food at farmers' markets in 2024 through the state's FreshConnect Program, resulting in more than \$10 million in revenue for participating farmers.

"The growth in the use of SNAP at farmers' markets under Gov. Hochul's leadership has benefited low-income families, farmers, and communities across the state," said NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Commissioner Barbara Guinn. "These grants will strengthen local farmers' markets, preserving and expanding access to fresh, affordable, New York-grown food while helping to address hunger and food insecurity."

Funding was awarded to 25 farmers' market organizations across the state to help make local products more accessible to consumers by building out infrastructure, including booths, signage, and electronic infrastructure like website development – including online sales capabilities.

This round of funding is awarding the greatest number of projects to date, with an increase of 19 projects over the second round of the program.

"New York continues to show its commitment to strengthening local food systems by investing in farmers' markets around the state," said Farmers' Market Federation of New York Executive Director Jack Riffle. "Investments like this have meaningful impacts beyond the organizations receiving funding. So hooray to the organizations receiving this support – your projects will help the bottom line for your vendors and improve the quality of life in your communities."

Sheriff Hess & Undersheriff Menton Take the Reins

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County Department of Emergency Services fire control division for about a year and a half.

Larry Burke, a Cold Spring police officer, will appear on the ballot on the independent Serve & Protect Party line. No Democrat has been named in the race.

Burke started his law enforcement career with the New York City Transit Police, patrolling the subway system. He transferred to the NYPD and was assigned to the 40th Precinct in the South Bronx, where he became the precinct's

community officer. Burke later moved into the Detective Bureau's Narcotics Division, working in narcotics enforcement, eventually rising to the Bronx Narcotics Major Case Squad.

On Sept. 3, James Menton was sworn in as undersheriff. A native of Carmel and a 1991 graduate of Carmel High School, Menton brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to the department. His career includes roles as detective first grade with the NYPD, and criminal investigator with the Westchester County District Attorney's Cold Case Bureau.

"We are honored to welcome Undersheriff Menton back to the county where he grew up and where he continues to raise his family with his wife, Tara, and their two children – both of whom are carrying on his legacy in law enforcement," stated the department.

Grand Larceny & Drug Arrests

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office recently announced the arrest of a Brooklyn woman who was charged with grand larceny after allegedly scamming a Carmel woman out of half-a-million dollars.

In August 2024, a deputy took a report from a Carmel resident who claimed she was scammed out of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past seven years. The victim said she had sent the money to an individual she knew and befriended when she was a teacher in New York City, with the belief that the money would be used for college and for medical treatments.

The woman also sent various payments to the subject's girlfriend

for alleged housing and care for her children.

The total loss to the victim was about \$500,000.

Over the course of the next eight months, investigators were able to acquire and review numerous bank and phone records and obtain a warrant for the arrest of the female suspect.

On Aug. 28, 2025, investigators arrested Natasha Mansfield, 26, and charged her with second-degree grand larceny, a felony. She was arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court and, due to bail reform, released on her own recognizance with a future court appearance.

After receiving anonymous

tips from concerned citizens about possible drug dealing last month at a condo complex in the Town of Southeast, members of the sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Unit conducted surveillance of the area and Sept. 2, made a traffic stop that resulted in an arrest.

According to the sheriff's office, Oma Strachan, 34, of the Bronx, was found to be in possession of crack cocaine, and charged with third-degree criminal possession of narcotics with the intent to sell and fourth-degree criminal possession of narcotics, both felonies. He was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and released on his own recognizance with a future court appearance.



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founders of Slumberkins and authors of "All Feelings Welcome," share guidance to help parents effectively deal with these situations. **Managing Meltdowns** Parents are most effective when they stay calm, speak quietly and move slowly. Counterbalance your child's extreme emotion and behavior with the opposite extreme. Take deep breaths and stay near your child while the emotion dissipates. Scolding only heightens the emotion, so start with empathy, not discipline, and affirm the feelings. For example, "We all get angry sometimes," or "It makes sense that you're feeling this way." Help your child label feelings and seek to understand what caused the outburst. Try



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"sportscasting" – objectively narrating what you see. For example, "I see you taking deep breaths. I see your cheeks are puffed up and your fists are clenched. I know your sister just took your toy and that might make you feel angry. Are you feeling angry?" This technique can help your child associate physiological feelings with an emotional label. Once calm, work with your child to repair and reconnect. Share your coping techniques. For example, "I feel angry sometimes. When I get angry, I like to stomp my feet and turn up my music. Do you want to try this with me?" Model this often, either when you're upset or as a teaching moment by pretending to feel angry. Real-life examples help normalize feelings and teach emotion regulation skills. If you acted in a way you regret – yelling, for instance – address it by apologizing and taking responsibility. This grounding can help you and your child move forward.

Taking Proactive Preventative Steps While big emotions and corresponding behaviors are a natural part of early childhood, there are steps you can take to help mitigate future meltdowns. Develop a routine and stick to it as much as possible. Children thrive with structure; the unexpected or unknown can lead to emotional dysregulation. That said, there will always be disruptions and transitions – some small (such as an out-of-town houseguest) and some large (like

moving or welcoming a new sibling). Discuss these moments in advance to help your child anticipate and prepare for the change. Certain situations, such as the grocery store or a public event, may be triggers for children. Avoiding these situations altogether won't help them learn, so prepare them with social scripting. Tell a story about the situation, discuss what they'll experience and how they might feel and label the emotions. This talk can reduce anxiety, build confidence and make the situation more manageable. Additionally, it's important to recognize a child's emotional state can be intertwined with yours; if you're overwhelmed, stressed or anxious, your child may pick up on that and experience some of those same feelings. Likewise, if you're calm, your child is more likely to be, too.

Finding Helpful Resources When children are not in a heightened emotional state, reading books about characters and big emotions can be helpful. Pause and ask them what they think the character is feeling and if they ever feel that way. Consider "Hammerhead, Mad's Not Bad" and "Felix and the Picnic." To watch a webinar featuring Loquasto, Oriard and Christensen sharing additional guidance, and to access a wealth of parenting insights and resources, visit the Parent Resource Center at GoddardSchool.com. Visit Slumberkins.com for materials and resources for educators, parents and children.

Patterson Fire Dept. Getting New Tower Ladder Truck

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According to Rossi, Town Supervisor Richard Williams was notified in January 2024 of the purchase and financing arrangements. However, in May of this year, Rossi said the department was surprised to discover that "express permission" had not been granted by the Patterson Town Board to use the vehicle replacement funds and borrow the money. "You are absolutely right, over the past few years I've known that the department wants to buy a ladder trucks ... but nobody ever came back to me with a concrete, 'This is what we want to do and this is how we want to do it,'" said Williams. "I was a little surprised when I found out you had already purchased the truck." When Rossi said the annual loan payments had not yet been determined, town board members did some quick math – \$1.4 million at 5.33 percent spread over seven years – and determined that the department's annual payments will likely be more than \$200,000. "Any idea how the fire department is going to pay for that?" asked Williams. "We have approximately \$2 million," replied Rossi, who explained that the money will come out of the department's vehicle

replacement fund and another CD account, which each has about \$1 million. Williams noted that the vehicle replacement fund is meant to provide support for maintaining the department's entire fleet, not just one vehicle, and this decision will deplete the entire fund. "I've done everything in my tenure here to keep the taxes as low as I can because some people can't afford to pay more," said Williams. "That's why we adopted that rule, that before you went and spent money, before you made that commitment, that you need to get approval from the town board. That didn't happen. That's somewhat concerning to me. I know you need the ladder. I'm not going to sit here and say don't buy the ladder..." However, the supervisor said he would have liked better conversation between the department and the town board. Williams suggested the department could have gotten a better interest rate, and could have lessened the annual impact, if a longer loan period was sought. Rossi, however, said the 5.33 percent interest rate was the best out there. "The problem right now is, this is done," Williams told fellow town board members. "They've already put the down payment down, they've already purchased the truck, they've already secured the financing... We have nothing left to do but ratify the decision that the fire department made in purchasing the truck. But going forward we can't do it this way." The vehicle purchase was unanimously approved.



Kent Historical Society Benefit Tag Sale



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9:00am-2:00pm

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Kent Historical Society
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This is a Benefit Sale to aid in the operations of the Kent Historical Society Schoolhouse, fund our programs and enhance the management of our collection.

Interested in a Career in Law Enforcement?

Sign Up to Take the NYS Civil Service Exam

The application period is now open for New York State's entry-level law enforcement civil service exam.

The test is for interested, qualified applicants seeking a position throughout New York at the Department of Environmental Conservation (environmental conservation police officer trainee and forest ranger), the State University of New York (university police officer), and the Office of State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (park police officer trainee).

Qualified candidates can apply at www.cs.ny.gov/police through Sept. 17 to take the exam. There is no cost, as all application fees are waived through December 2027.

"If you like helping people and making a difference in others' lives, a career in law enforcement may be the right fit for you," said Department of Civil Service Commissioner and Civil Service President Timothy Hagues. "I encourage you to apply for the entry-level law enforcement exam and take the first steps toward a job that protects New York's special resources, institutions and, most importantly, people."

Those interested in being considered for entry-level law enforcement positions within state government must first meet the minimum qualifications for

the title or titles of interest and register for the civil service exam by submitting all the required information by Sept. 17 at www.cs.ny.gov/police, where you can also find information about the examination process.

The multiple-choice exam will be offered in November.

All candidates who are qualified to take the NYS entry-level law-enforcement exam will receive an admission notice via mail approximately two weeks prior to the date of the written test. The admission notice will provide the candidate with details about the date, time, and location they are scheduled to appear, along with other pertinent information.

Prospective park and university police officer candidates cannot have passed their 43rd birthday on the date of the written test. There is no maximum age requirement for environmental conservation police officer and forest ranger candidates. All prospective candidates must meet additional requirements, as outlined at www.cs.ny.gov/police.

"DEC forest rangers and environmental conservation police officers are elite, well-trained, and dedicated law enforcement professionals," said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "They specialize in protecting our environment, natural resources,

and public safety, and DEC is committed to helping ensure both units continue to reflect the communities they serve."

The Department of Civil Service estimates that approximately 150 entry-level law enforcement positions statewide will be filled over the next year.

"Safety is paramount on SUNY campuses, and SUNY prepares students for a wide range of careers in law enforcement," said Chancellor John King Jr. "We encourage all interested New Yorkers to take this opportunity and sign up for the exam. We look forward to welcoming successful candidates to help protect and serve our students, faculty, staff, and all who visit our campuses each day."

"We are entrusted with the protection of some of New York's most treasured landscapes, and we invite you to be part of that mission by helping grow our state park police force," added NYS Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons. "Our highly trained and dedicated officers play a vital role in ensuring that millions of visitors each year experience a safe and welcoming environment at our parks and historic sites."

Additional information, including a test guide to prepare applicants for the exam, is available at www.cs.ny.gov/police.



Enjoy an evening at the Maple Grove Farm barn.

Westchester Hosts Reggae-Themed Benefit for Food & Conservation

Westchester Land Trust invites the community to dance, play, and celebrate at its annual fall fundraiser titled Reggae in the Barn on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the iconic red barn at Maple Grove Farm in Pound Ridge.

The evening will be filled with tunes by the acclaimed group Rho & the Nomads, Caribbean-inspired food and drink, a silent auction, and activities for all ages including lawn games and face painting for kids.

All funds raised will support WLT's land conservation mission including farmland protection, and WLT's food-growing program at its headquarters at Sugar Hill Farm.

This year's fundraiser comes at a critical moment for the trust. For more than a decade, the organization has grown vegetables in a volunteer-powered garden at Sugar Hill Farm in Bedford Hills, distributing more than 85,000 servings of fresh produce to Westchester families in need through partnerships with local food pantries.

However, after losing a key source of this program's funding in 2025, WLT is turning to the community to help sustain this vital vegetable distribution program.

"Our farm garden has been a lifeline for so many Westchester families," said Kara Whelan, WLT president. "We are determined to keep it thriving despite this year's funding setback. Reggae in the Barn is more than a fun night out – it's a chance for people to come

together, celebrate the land, and make sure our neighbors continue to have access to fresh, healthy food, along with sustaining nature preserves across the county."

Twenty percent of the 9,300 acres WLT has protected is comprised of farmland or prime farmland soils. Farmland and food security remain an important part of the organization's mission. In addition to land protection, WLT actively partners with farmers, landowners, and community organizations to strengthen local food systems and expand access to nutritious food.

"It's an evening of music, food, games, and joy, but it's also an evening with purpose," said Susan Leighton, director of development and engagement at WLT. "Everyone who joins us can feel proud knowing their good time directly supports the farms and gardens that feed our neighbors, and the trails and preserves we all love."

Tickets for Reggae in the Barn are available at westchesterlandtrust.org.

Westchester Land Trust works with public and private partners to preserve land in perpetuity and to enhance the natural resources in Westchester and eastern Putnam counties – a densely populated region under persistent threat from the pressures of development. Founded in 1988, WLT has preserved 9,281 acres of open space. More than 1,152 acres of land are owned by the organization that are free and open to the public year-round.

Passport Saturday

The Putnam County Clerk's Office will host Putnam County Passport Saturday on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport as well as the link to make a required appointment is available at www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk. Only the applicants and necessary parents/guardians will be permitted to enter the office for

the appointment.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the U.S. by air. U.S. citizens entering the country from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

For more information, contact Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti at 845-808-1142, ext. 49301.

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Carmel

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Kathleen S. Kraus, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Mahopac Central School District, Carmel Central School District and North Salem Central School District for the year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and that I will attend at the Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York from 8:30am to 4:30pm of each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Saturday hours will be available during the month of September 2025 only, beginning on September 6, 2025, from 9:00am to 12:00pm for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2025 (from October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Receiver of Taxes during the period September 1, 2025 through September 15, 2025. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2025 but before March 15, 2026. Payments after March 15, 2026, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the school districts will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2025.

Kathleen S. Kraus
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Carmel
Mahopac Central School District
Carmel Central School District
North Salem Central School District

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Brewster

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK

MARVIN AVENUE RETAINING WALL RECONSTRUCTION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Village Clerk, Village of Brewster, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509, until 11:00 A.M. on October 9, 2025 immediately after which the bids will be opened publicly and read.

The work under this Contract comprises the furnishing of all tools, equipment, materials and labor for the construction of the Marvin Avenue Retaining Wall Reconstruction located in the Village of Brewster, New York, complete, in place and ready for

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use in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The principal features of the Work to be performed under this project are defined in the Contract Documents and include: site clearing and grubbing; demolition and removal of an existing 1,500 sf face gabion retaining wall; demolition and removal of existing asphalt pavement, concrete curbing and concrete sidewalk; demolition and removal of existing meatal guide rail and chain link fence; rock excavation and removal; installation of a new 3,200 sf face pre-cast concrete retaining wall; installation of new precast concrete catch basins, manhole and cast in place concrete curb and sidewalk; installation of HDPE stormwater pipe; installation of rip-rap; installation of chain link fencing and metal guiderail; installation of roadway maintenance and traffic protection elements; installation of asphalt paving; installation and removal of temporary erosion and sediment control (E&SC) practices; site restoration work including tree and shrub installation and all other appurtenant and related work as shown, specified and required to complete the project.

The foregoing is a general description only and shall not be construed as a complete description of the work to be performed for this project. Prospective Bidders shall refer to the Contract Documents including Contract Drawings for additional project work information.

Contract Documents may be examined at the Village of Brewster Village Hall or the office of the ENGINEER, J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, L.L.C., 31 Sodom Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Copies may be obtained from the office of the Village of Brewster Engineer, J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, L.L.C., 31 Sodom Road, Brewster, NY 10509 beginning on September 9, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Prospective bidder’s requests for mailing of Contract Documents will be filled by Federal Express or United Parcel Service. Prospective bidders shall furnish a prepaid Air Bill or Account Number. Neither OWNER nor ENGINEER shall be responsible for any delay in such shipment. Prospective bidders shall make such request and provide such airbill a minimum of one (1) week prior to the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Neither the OWNER nor the ENGINEER will be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from other sources.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on September 30, 2025, at the Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509. The purpose of the pre-bid conference is to afford the prospective Bidders and interested parties an opportunity to raise questions pertaining to the Bidding and Contract Documents, and for the OWNER or its representatives to clarify matters related to the Project.

Bid security and proof of qualifications to perform the Work shall be as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall comply with all special and statutory requirements in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Contract time of commencement and completion will be as specified in the Agreement.

The Bid Bond Form is contained in the Proposal.

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, or Certified Check accompanied by a Certificate of Surety, the coverage of which is specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

This project is subject to the provisions of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and certificates required thereunder shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Brewster, New York.

For any reason whatsoever, or for no reason, the Village reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bids or to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid except by written request submitted at least twenty-four hours before the time of opening or until the lapse of 45 days after the actual opening thereof.

The Village is exempt from payment of sales and compensating use taxes of the State of New York and of Cities and Counties on all materials to be incorporated into the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

The Village will furnish the required certificates of tax exemption to the CONTRACTOR (s) for use in the purchase of supplies and materials to be incorporated into the Work.

The Village’s exemption does not apply to construction tools, machinery, equipment or other property purchased by or leased by the CONTRACTOR (s), or to supplies or materials not incorporated into the Work.

Non-Discrimination in Employment:

It is the policy of the Village that their Contractors shall comply with all Federal, State, and local law, policy orders, rules and regulations which prohibit unlawful discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race creed, color, or national origin, and will take affirmative action to insure that they are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Provisions concerning this requirement are detailed in the Supplementary Conditions.

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Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

of the following public hearings to be held on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

- Fredy Beltran & Doris Vasquez: Case #20-24– Area Variances (Held Over since August 20, 2025):** Applicant is requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-7 and §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 4 ft. x 6 ft. shed for garbage receptacle storage forward of the principal dwelling. Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures in the R-1 Zoning District to meet a minimum front yard setback of 35 ft. and a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. Structure exists 10 ft. from the front property line and 13 ft. from the side property line; **variances requested are for**

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25 ft. and 2 ft. respectively. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the structure to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 155 Route 164, Tax Map 23.11-1-45 (R-1 Zoning District).

- Rebeca & Steven Bonacci: Case #12-25– Area Variances (Held Over since August 20, 2025):** Applicants are requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 12 ft. x 10 ft. shed in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Shed is located between the side of the dwelling and Wallace Place; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-27A(12) (b) prohibits accessory structures from being located nearer than 15 ft. to the principal dwelling. Shed is 7 ft. from the dwelling; **variance requested is for 8 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Shed is 12 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.** This property is located at 15 Sharon Road, Tax Map 36.23-1-20 (RPL-10 Zoning District).
- Pasquale & Stephanie De Benedictis: Case #20-25– Area Variance:** Applicants are requesting an area variance pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code in order to install a 26kW standby generator. Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 20 ft. Generator is proposed 5 ft. from the side property line; **variance requested is for 15 ft.** This property is located at 626 East Branch Road, Tax Map 24.-2-59 (R-2 Zoning District).
- Nejame & Sons (Andrew & Ronni Anderek): Case #21-25– Area Variance:** Applicant is requesting an area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12) (a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 18 ft. x 30 ft. aboveground swimming pool in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. Property has frontage on three streets and therefore, is deemed to have three front yards. Pool is proposed forward of the dwelling on both the Old Route 22 and Apple Hill Road sides; **variance requested is to allow for the construction of a pool in the front yard.** This property is located at 4 Apple Hill Road, Tax Map 35.6-1-58 (R-4 Zoning District).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the following application to be heard on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York, with a separate public hearing date forthcoming:

- New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless: Case #19-25– Use Variance and Area Variance (Held Over since August 20, 2025):** Applicant is requesting a use variance and area variance in order to install a public utility wireless telecommunications facility. The Patterson Town Code does not permit wireless telecommunications facilities in the GB Zoning District. The proposal includes the installation of a 125 ft. monopole. Town Code §154-7 states that the maximum height for a structure is 38 ft.; **variance requested is for 87 ft.** This property is located at 4 Fairfield Drive.

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Tax Map 36.9-1-24 (GB Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee’s Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 18, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 237 Stage Coach Road a/k/a 237 Stagecoach Road, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 15, Block 1 and Lot 13 f/k/a Section 15, Block 1, and Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$928,250.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500399/2020. Cash will not be accepted.

Paul C. Brite, Esq, Referee

Knuckles & Manfro, LLP,
120 White Plains Road, Suite 215,
Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-RPL7 Trust

Plaintiff,

Against

Corey R. Russo, Roberta Resendez aka Roberta Russo Resendez

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 01/30/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 9/29/2025 at 11:30AM, premises known as 31 Larkspur Drive, Brewster, New York 10509, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Tonetta Lake Heights, Town of Southeast, Putnam County, Section 57.5 Block 1 Lot 9 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$673,694.18 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501884/2023

Jack E. Schachner, Esq., Referee.

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CIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 7/24/2025 File Number: 39553 CA
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PUTNAM - INDEX NO.: 501772/2024- SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Plaintiff designates PUTNAM COUNTY as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Section 22.42, Block 1, Lot 5, CARMEL, NY, County of PUTNAM – **FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2019-1, PLAINTIFF**, -against- **PATRICIA PESCE**, if living, and if she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, “JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN DOE #12,”** the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, **DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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upon, or title to said real property by, through, or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, **THOMAS M. CURLEY**, if living, and if he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, “JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN DOE #12,”** the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, **DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered against you and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: Syosset, New York, July 22, 2025. Roach & Lin, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, NY 11791. Tel: 516-938-3100. To the above-named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. GINA C. CAPONE, J.S.C. a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated July 18, 2025 and filed with the PUTNAM County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Section 22.42, Block 1, Lot 5, CARMEL, NY, County of PUTNAM as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 12 KNOLLCREST ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512.
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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR GWST TRUST 2020 1, Plaintiff against ELIZABETH ANN FLOROM HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. SHELDRAKE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a

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Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated December 12, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction will sell at public auction in the courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. premises situate in the City of Carmel, Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Putnam Drive where same is intersected by the division line between Lots 9224 and 9225; being a plot 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet. Section: 22.58 Block: 1 Lot: 26
Said premises known as 109 PUTNAM DRIVE, CARMEL, NY 10512
Approximate amount of lien \$185,950.40 plus interest & costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Index Number 500612/2022.
CIRINO M. BRUNO, ESQ., Referee
Kosterich & Skeete, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
707 Westchester Ave, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604

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Notice of Formation of **BNF Consulting Westchester LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/25.
Office location: Westchester County.
SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served.
SSNY shall mail process to: BNF Consulting Westchester LLC
301 QUARROPAS ST #10D WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601
Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STABBYNESS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/10/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 56 Parrott St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **The Sip Spot LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/30/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Diana Long: 261 Bullet Hole Rd, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **Northeast Sportsmen LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/05/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vito Salvatore 470 Haviland Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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500 PONDSIDE DRIVE LLC
Notice of Formation of 500

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PONDSIDE DRIVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
98 WASHINGTON AVENUE NORTH LLC
Notice of Formation of 98 WASHINGTON AVENUE NORTH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
9 DIPIETRO LANE LLC
Notice of Formation of 9 DIPIETRO LANE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Red Maple Group LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/11/25. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Red Maple Group LLC, 28 Wainwright Drive, Carmel, NY 10121. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Qualification of **BALALAUNDROMATS LLC**
Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/25. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 07/10/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the CT addr. of LLC: 163 Patriot Rd., Southbury, CT 06488. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the State of CT, 165 Capitol Ave., Ste. 1000, Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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Notice of Formation of **Hanke Built Solutions LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on June 6 2025. Office location: Putnam County. 39-3201033 designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (Hanke Built Solutions LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Peter EA Hanke : 61 Settlers Hill Brewster NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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PUTNAM CAP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine pads
- Laundry detergent



DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CAP OFFICE, LOCATED AT 121 MAIN STREET IN BREWSTER MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM AND UNTIL 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAYS.



For more information, please contact us at:
845-278-8021 putnamcap.org

Carmel Schools Welcome Students Back



Carmel Central Schools opened their doors for the 2025-26 school year last week, welcoming kids from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 back to the classroom. Provided photos.



Listen for the Sounds of the Katydid Chorus

By Jill Eisenstein

Have you heard them? Some have been singing most of the summer but about this time, when the birds have fallen silent, the chorus seems louder.

Or maybe it is louder.

One of the loudest among North American katydids, the common true katydid (*Pterophylla camellifolia*) sings from dusk into the night through the late summer and early fall – mating season – providing a beautiful nocturnal soundtrack.

Katydid can be up to 4 inches long, with spindly legs and antennae as long or longer than their bodies. The antennae are covered with sensory receptors that help them find their way around in the dark. There are about 6,400 species worldwide, with the greatest diversity in the tropics.

Katydid could have played in the old-time jug bands – they rub a rigid “scraper” on one forewing against a comb-like “file” on the other. The result is a rasping sound usually composed of two to three notes: ch-ch...ch-ch-ch...ch-ch-ch...ch-ch.

They get their name from these mating calls, which people have said sound like someone repeatedly saying, “Katy, Katy did, Katy did, Katy.”

The forewings of males bend out to make a resonance chamber that intensifies their sound. When there are many males in a location, each male joins one of two choral groups which alternate their songs in a back-and-forth match, forming huge choruses that drown out other sounds of the late summer night.

As temperatures decrease in the fall, the songs grow slower, usually fading into silence sometime in October.

The adults die off. The females will have deposited eggs in plant stems, tree bark, or soil in late summer or early fall, and the katydid eggs hatch into nymphs



Katydid can be heard loud and clear this time of year.

the following spring. They chew on leaves and flowers but rarely cause significant plant damage as they grow into the adults we hear on late summer nights.

By then, they have become geometric wonders – their large wings tower in a pyramid shape much taller than wide above their bodies.

But katydids can barely fly. Instead of instruments for flying, the wings function both as musical instruments to propel reproduction, and camo gear to elude death. Looking absolutely like green leaves in shape and color, the wings are designed to keep them safe from predators like birds, rodents, tree frogs, and praying mantids.

And that’s why you are more likely to have heard them than seen them. Enjoy the performance!

By Jill Eisenstein is a Master Gardener volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County.

Roadside Marker Grants

Communities across 15 states – including New York – are invited to apply for fully-funded roadside markers through the William G. Pomeroy Foundation’s Legends & Lore grant program, through Monday, Oct. 13.

The program commemorates the rich folklore, traditions, and storytelling that shape a community’s identity. Grants cover the entire cost of a marker, pole, and shipping.

For complete program guidelines, marker criteria, and details about applying online, visit www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore.

Eligible applicants include 501(c)3 organizations, nonprofit academic institutions, tribal nations, and local, state, and federal government entities.

Roadside markers educate the public, inspire local pride, and amplify the stories that make each place unique. They strengthen a sense of belonging and can attract cultural tourism, all while preserving local heritage for future generations.

Examples of subjects recognized by Legends & Lore markers include Champy the lake monster, the legend of John Henry, and the story of Betsy Dowdy’s ride.

After the current marker grant round, the next opportunity to apply opens Monday, March 9.

Since its launch in 2015, the program has funded nearly 200 Legends & Lore markers across multiple states. Other Pomeroy Foundation marker programs highlight themes such as food history, transportation, National Register sites, and NYS history.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is a private, philanthropic organization located in Syracuse. As the nation’s leading funder of historical markers, it has awarded nearly 2,900 grants for markers and bronze plaques in 49 states and Washington, D.C.

Learn more at wgpfoundation.org.

Kent Library Exhibits ‘Power & Solitude’



“Cascades.”

Local artist Eric Aguayo explores the dramatic forces of nature alongside moments of quiet stillness in his exhibit at Kent Public Library.

“Power & Solitude” will be on display through Sept. 30.



“Surge.”

These images – from the rugged Cascade Mountains, to the wind-swept dunes of Great Sand Dunes National Park, to the crashing waves of Hawaii – capture the tension between raw elemental power and peaceful isolation.

“Through my lens, I aim to reveal the deep, contemplative solitude that exists within nature’s most powerful scenes, inviting viewers to experience both awe and calm in equal measure,” said Aguayo.



Eric Aguayo is the featured artist at Kent Public Library for September.

The Kent Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit KentLibrary.org.