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Putnam Mourns Loss of Sheriff Kevin McConville

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville passed away the morning of Aug. 22 at his home in his bed with his family by his side. He was 68 years old.

"Kevin dedicated his life to public service, most recently as one of Putnam County's top law enforcement officials," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "He served with integrity, courage, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to the community he loved."

McConville faced his long illness with the same strength and dignity that marked his career, according to Byrne.

"Even during the most difficult times, his focus was always on the safety and well-being of others," he said. "On behalf of all of Putnam County, I extend my

deepest condolences to Kevin's family, friends, colleagues, and the men and women of the sheriff's department. He will be greatly missed."

McConville was sworn into office Dec. 30, 2021, after having defeated former Sheriff Robert Langley in that year's election. It was his third run for sheriff, having run in 2009 as a Democrat and in the 2013 primary as a Republican.

"You're going to see a significant change in the professionalism of the law enforcement of Putnam County," he pledged during his swearing-in ceremony.

While he had initially intended to run for re-election this November, McConville withdrew that bid earlier this year due to failing health.



The late Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

"A lifelong resident of Putnam County, as sheriff he worked diligently to improve the working conditions for the men and women of the department so they could better serve the

residents of the county," reads a statement issued by the department. "His accomplishments included achieving DCJS state accreditation in law enforcement, obtaining a new records management system, improving radio communication systems to greatly reduce areas of poor reception, and obtaining newer vehicles."

McConville had more than three decades of law enforcement experience, having started his career as a Cold Spring police officer before working for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department.

During his 30-year tenure at the MTA, rising through the ranks from patrolman to chief of police, he created the Interagency Counter Terrorism Team, working with the FBI and

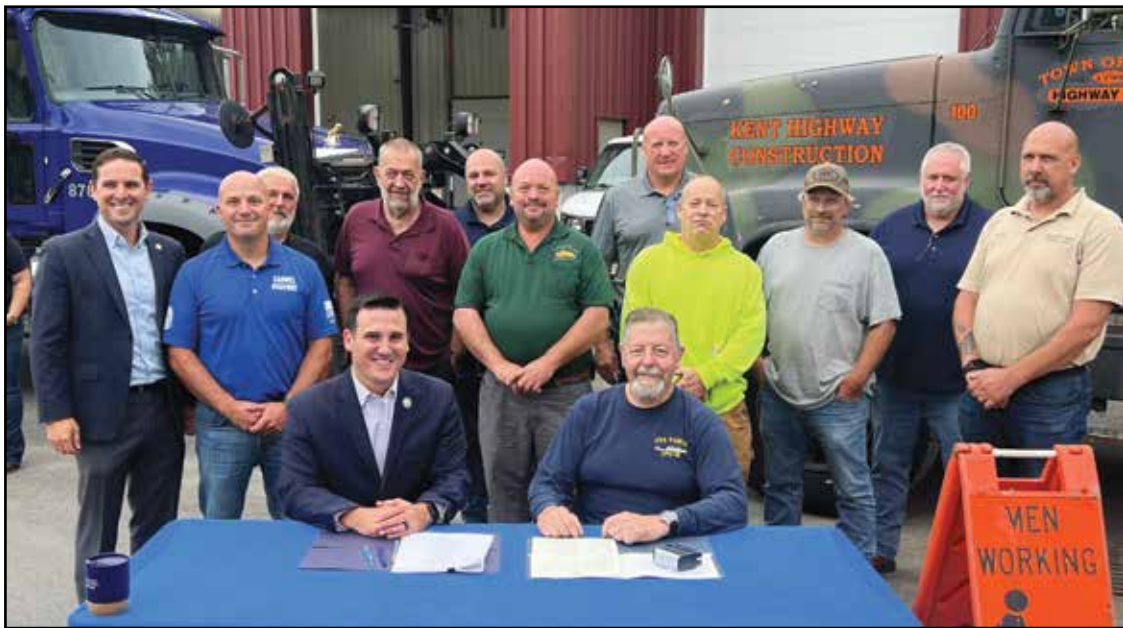
members of the Joint Terrorist Task Force to ensure the safety of commuters, including those using the Metro-North Railroad.

He worked during the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and served as chief during the London and Madrid bombings on their commuter transport system, implementing plans and responses in incident reduction and management.

Additionally, he served as a member of the Governor's Homeland Security Team and developed and implemented plans and strategies to prevent bombings on commuter rail systems, like the ones in London and Madrid.

McConville also served as director of security and emergency management services for

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Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, seated left, and Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer, seated right, are joined by highway superintendents from across the county, and other government workers, during last week's signing of a historic intermunicipal agreement to share highway services.

County Marks Historic Public Works Agreement

All nine towns and villages across the county have signed on to a groundbreaking countywide shared services agreement for highway services, announced Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne last week.

"This is a tremendous win-win for local highway departments and the taxpayers of Putnam County," he said. "For years, our local municipalities have shouldered the same rising costs as county and state governments without the flexibility of additional revenue streams. By working together, we are now creating a smarter, more responsible and efficient way to share services among towns and villages, keep local tax dollars closer to home, and strengthen the critical infrastructure our residents rely on."

The historic agreement for-

mally allows all municipalities, for the first time, to share resources, equipment, and services to cut down on waste and inefficiencies while delivering meaningful savings for taxpayers.

Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer praised the agreement.

"For years, highway superintendents across Putnam have collaborated informally, lending equipment and manpower when needed," he said. "This agreement formalizes that cooperation and ensures that all towns and villages can benefit. It's a fair plan, it's fiscally responsible, and it will help us provide better service for our residents. I'm proud to stand alongside all my fellow highway superintendents and County Executive Byrne to make this a reality."

For this agreement to be ef-

fectuated, enabling resolutions were first introduced and passed by the respective governing boards, including the County Legislature. Last week, Byrne and all of Putnam County's highway superintendents formally signed the intermunicipal agreement, marking the official start of this historic partnership.

"This is the kind of collaboration that residents expect from their leaders," said Byrne. "Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient, and more affordable future for Putnam County."

Earlier this year, Byrne also championed a first-ever sales-tax-sharing agreement with all towns and villages that was signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul on Aug. 7, simultaneously clearing the way for the largest property tax cut in Putnam's history in next year's county budget.

Free Meals for All At Mahopac Schools District Adopts 'Bell-to-Bell' Smartphone Restrictions

Mahopac Central School District will provide universal free breakfast and lunch to all students beginning with the 2025-26 school year, thanks to funding included in the New York State budget, announced Acting Superintendent of Schools Frank Miele last week.

"This means that every Mahopac student, regardless of household income, will have access to nutritious meals each school day at no cost," he wrote in a letter to the community. "Healthy meals are essential to learning, focus, and overall success, and this program ensures that every child can start the day ready to thrive."

As part of the district's ongoing commitment to student health and well-being, it is also taking steps to improve the quality of food served, according to Miele.

"With the start of the 2025-26 school year, the district will prohibit the use of synthetic dyes in all foods offered in our schools," he wrote. "By combining universal free meals with cleaner, more wholesome ingredients, we aim to give students the nutrition they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom."

Each school will reach out to students with additional details about their specific universal free meals program, and more information will be shared as the school year approaches, including menus and any updates related to food service operations.

In the meantime, anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the district's food services department at 845-628-3256, ext. 11890.

"I am grateful to the state for

this investment in our children and proud to be part of a community that continues to put student health and well-being first," said Miele.

Also recently, the superintendent addressed a new statewide policy that will take effect in all New York public schools beginning with the 2025-26 school year – and what it means for Mahopac.

"As required by the New York State Education Department, our Board of Education has adopted a 'bell-to-bell' cell phone policy that limits the use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices during the entire school day, including lunch and time between classes," wrote Miele.

The goal is to help students remain focused on learning, build stronger face-to-face connections, and support their overall well-being.

"While technology plays an important role in our lives, I've seen firsthand, over my 39 years in this district, the difference it makes when students are fully present in the classroom, on the field, and with their peers," said Miele. "This policy will help us create safe, distraction-free learning environments where our students can do their best work."

Prohibited devices include smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, and other internet-enabled devices not provided by the district.

In the elementary schools, students are discouraged from bringing devices, and any devices that are brought to school must be silenced and stored in lockers or the

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Letters to the Editor

Congrats to Molinaro

Dear Editor:

As county executive of Putnam County, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to my friend and longtime colleague Marc Molinaro on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate as administrator of the Federal Transit Administration.

Nominated by President Donald Trump earlier this year, Marc was confirmed Aug. 2 by an impressive bipartisan vote of 71-23. He's given decades of his life to public service which began as mayor of Tivoli, then as a Dutchess County legislator, New York State assemblyman, three-term Dutchess County executive, and most recently as congressman for New York's 19th District.

All make him uniquely qualified for this role. During his time in Congress, Marc served on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, bringing a deep understanding of how federal policy impacts local communities.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Marc in many capacities and was honored to welcome him as the featured guest at this year's State of the County address at Ace Endico, Putnam County's largest private-sector employer. I know firsthand that his leadership, commitment to good government, and understanding

of the challenges faced by local municipalities will serve our region well.

At a time when Putnam County is working to expand our public transit options, including our popular new Putnam On-Demand service which launched in May to meet growing paratransit needs, Marc will be an invaluable ally at the federal level. His appointment is a victory for our community, and I look forward to working with him to ensure Putnam County has the resources and support it needs to strengthen our transit infrastructure.

Congratulations again to Administrator Molinaro. The FTA has gained a proven leader and a tireless advocate for communities like ours.

Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

Lawler, & Trump, Ignore the Constitution

Dear Editor:

The other day I received Congressman Lawler's recent newsletter in which he wrote, "Last week, I wrote an op-ed in the New York Post about one of the biggest threats to our democracy: partisan gerrymandering."

He continued, "Congress must pass a national ban on partisan

gerrymandering and ensure that redistricting happens only once a decade after the Census, just as our founders intended when they established the principle of one person, one vote."

I'm somewhat relieved Congressman Lawler is willing to speak out about this major threat to our democracy and what the founders intended when they established principles in the Constitution. He is also willing to suggest legislation curbing the dangerous direction our government is headed in terms of gerrymandering Americans out of their voting rights.

Yet, Congressman Lawler is not speaking out about the big picture-dangerous threat to our democracy, nor is he suggesting legislation to stop abuse of power as put forth in our Constitution.

Donald Trump is clearly attempting to remake our democracy to achieve his authoritarian goals.

Congress has the power of the purse. Trump has no authority to freeze funds that Congress has allocated. Yet this interruption of federal spending that he precipitated only one week into his assuming office set off mass confusion, frustration, and uncertainty amongst millions of Americans who rely on federally-funded child care and food assistance, as well as hundreds of nonprofits that depend on governmental grants.

Furthermore, more than 60,000 federal employees have lost their jobs since Trump took office. These nonpartisan workers provide crucial public services, such as Social Security, food safety, affordable housing, public education, Medicaid and Medicare, public health, and health care for veterans, among others. Did Mike Lawler object to this publicly? No

Did Mike Lawler speak out publicly about the masked men who refuse to show identification when profiling and detaining brown people – 70 percent of whom have legal status? Did he show support for a bill which will amend the Immigration & Nationality Act to require all immigration enforcement officers to display visible identification during public-facing immigration enforcement actions and to promote transparency and accountability? No.

Concocting an emergency to advance economic and foreign policy goals is a clear abuse of presidential power. Trump declared this artificial emergency to impose tariffs. Multiple sources estimate these tariffs will increase a typical family's expenses by at least \$2,000 per year.

Did Congressman Lawler publicly object to Trump's abuse of this power – even when it will hurt his constituents? No.

Trump lied that crime in Washington, D.C., is the "worst it's ever been." In reality, crime is at a 30-year low in our nation's capital. Trump lied to affect a federal takeover of the city's police by deploying the National Guard. Has Mike Lawler warned his constituents that declaring fake emergencies is right out of the authoritarian playbook? No.

I could never vote for an inauthentic candidate like Congressman Lawler, who betrays his moral and ethical duty by not alerting his constituents and the American people that Donald Trump, for his personal enrichment and power, continuously ignores the principles the founding fathers established in our Constitution.

Wendy Holtzman
Peekskill

LesserEvil Settles In at Brewster Warehouse



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne with members of the county's Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Agency, touring the new LesserEvil facility in Brewster. Photo courtesy of the Putnam County Executive's Office.



A rendering of Lincoln Logistics 84x684 Crossings, courtesy of Lincoln Equities Group.

Members of the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Agency and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce joined Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne recently in viewing LesserEvil operations at the 303,100-square-foot distribution building off Pugsley Road in the Town of Southeast.

Lincoln Logistics 84x684 Crossings in Brewster serves as a finished goods distribution site for the growing Danbury-based manufacturer of non-seed-oil popcorn and other healthy snacks. It is a newly constructed manufacturing center near the junction of Interstate 84 and Interstate 684.

The location is about 15 miles from LesserEvil's existing manufacturing facility at 41 Eagle in Danbury.

"We're officially open in Brewster, NY," the company announced on LinkedIn last month. "After a year in the making, we were proud to celebrate the grand opening of our brand-new 305,000-square-foot warehouse, complete with 51 bays, office space, and the capacity to fuel our continued growth. We cel-

ebrated with a ribbon cutting, a champagne toast, and a first look inside the space... While we're still headquartered in Danbury, this new space marks an exciting milestone for LesserEvil, and we couldn't be more excited for what's ahead."

LesserEvil was founded in 2004 in Tuckahoe. The company's initial product offering was kettlecorn, which expanded into multiple varieties and eventually, different product lines.

In 2011, a new owner acquired the company and opened its Danbury factory the following year. The factory is certified organic.

LesserEvil underwent a re-brand in 2019, which emphasized "mindful" snacking, reiterated by the guru mascots featured on the packaging.

According to the Hartford Business Journal, the company was expected to have close to \$100 million in revenues in 2023 and was one of the largest producers of organic snacks in the U.S.

In April, the Hershey Company announced a deal to acquire LesserEvil, worth approximately \$750 million, according to published reports.

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Putnam County GOP Matriarchs Honored

The Putnam County Republican Women’s Club recently honored three remarkable octogenarian (between 80 and 90 years old) Republican women who have all dedicated more than 50 years to advancing the principles and ideologies of the Republican Party.

“These women have worked tirelessly, devoting their entire adult lives to promoting the principles that have shaped our nation’s course – principles such as limited government, individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, and strong national defense,” according to the club.

Doris Stahl’s political journey began in Carmel, where she has been a lifelong Republican with a passion for public service. Her first campaign for the Town Board launched a career that would leave a lasting mark on local politics.

“She went on to serve multiple terms on the Carmel Town Board, known for her sharp, no-nonsense approach,” wrote the club. “Even when she was the only Republican on the board, she stayed committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and doing what was right – not just what was popular.”

Beyond the town level, Stahl helped reshape Putnam County politics, playing a key role in county government transitioning from a Board of Supervisors to the County Legislature.

Katie Jonke has been an active Republican since joining the Town of Carmel Republican Committee in 1980. In 1994, she also joined the Putnam County Republican Women’s Club.

Jonke has worked on multiple campaigns including the offices of county executive, sheriff, and tax receiver, and served as campaign manager for New York State Supreme Court Justice Jimmy Reitz when he first ran for Carmel town justice.



From left are Doris Stahl, Katie Jonke, and Shirley Norton.

Jonke also worked part time for the Town of Carmel, and ran for a seat on the Putnam County Legislature in the early 1990s.

“Her political legacy continues through her son, Paul Jonke, who now serves as a Putnam County legislator in District 6,” wrote the club.

Shirley Norton is a longtime member of the Town of Philipstown Republican Committee. She has worked on many local, county, state, and federal campaigns, and also represents the senior citizen population in town.

Norton’s Republican roots run deep. With a father in the Air Force, she moved often, but wherever she lived she carried those values with her. When she settled in Cold Spring, Norton immediately became active in the community, joining the Senior Citizens Club, and later began working with local leaders to establish a Senior Citizens Center where seniors could gather for meals, recreation, and mutual support.

Over the decades, these women have been steadfast advocates for the values and policies of the Republican Party, working tirelessly to support candidates,

organize grassroots movements, and educate their communities on issues that matter most.

“Their commitment has not wavered through changing times, political climates, and shifting challenges,” according to the club. “Instead, they have continued to inspire others by leading with conviction, integrity, and a deep belief in the ideals they serve. Their contributions stand as a testament to what can be accomplished when dedication meets purpose, and their legacy will continue to encourage future generations to stand firm for the principles they hold dear.”

PCRWC is an affiliate of the New York State Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Cyclists Ride for Mowat-Wilson Syndrome End 500-Mile Trip in Brewster

This fall, a group of dedicated cyclists that call themselves Team Bella will ride 500 miles in five days to raise awareness and funds for families affected by Mowat-Wilson Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder impacting fewer than 1,000 individuals worldwide.

The Ride for MWS, founded by Rodrigo Meireles, father of Bella, a child living with MWS, will begin Sept. 7 in Montreal, Canada, and finish in Brewster on Sept. 11. Riders will cover approximately 100 miles per day, with overnight stops in Burlington, Vt., as well as Queensbury and Hudson.

“This ride gives us a chance to share the story of Mowat-Wilson Syndrome with people who may have never heard of it,”

said Meireles. “Every mile we ride helps fund research, education, and resources for families navigating this rare diagnosis.”

The Mowat-Wilson Syndrome Foundation supports families through advocacy, education, and research funding to improve quality of life and treatment options for those affected. All proceeds from the ride will directly support these initiatives.

Community members are encouraged to sponsor a rider, follow Team Bella’s journey online, and cheer riders on at the start and finish locations. Live ride tracking will be available via Strava, and donations can be made online.

For more information, visit <https://mowat-wilson.org/ride-formws>.

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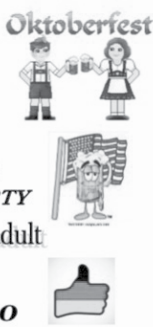
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Biz Owner Charged With Prostitution

On July 21, New York State Police in Dover Plains received a complaint of suspected prostitution at Hi7-Spa, 4 Oak St., Pawling, which prompted the Bureau of Criminal Investigation at NYSP Dover Plains, in coordination with the Troop K Violent Gang & Narcotics Enforcement Team, to launch an investigation.

On Aug. 13, officers conducted an enforcement operation at the spa during which Xuekun Lin, 50, of Davenport, Fla., reportedly offered sexual intercourse for money. Lin also did not possess a valid New York State massage therapy license.

Lin was arrested and charged with unlawful practice of a profession, a class E felony, and prostitution, a class B misdemeanor, and released with a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

Kent Man Faces Child Porn Charges

A Kent man was recently charged with child sexual exploitation after allegedly having sexual images involving children on his computer.

According to Sheriff Kevin McConville, on Aug. 14, members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office arrested Lawrence Grella, 68, following a multi-agency investigation into the online sharing and possession of child sexual abuse material.

The investigation began July 9, when PCSO received a referral from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force involving two National Center for Missing & Exploited Children CyberTipline reports. Working alongside Homeland Security, sheriff's investigators identified an Instagram account linked to Grella that was used to share illicit content, said McConville. Search warrants and subpoenas were executed for associated social media and internet service provider records, leading to the identification of Grella's residence.

On Aug. 5, the sheriff's office, with assistance from Homeland Security, executed a search warrant at Grella's home, where multiple electronic devices were seized and forensic reviews located illicit videos on Grella's phone, according to McConville.

Grella voluntarily surrendered to authorities, accompanied by his attorney. He was arraigned in Kent Town Court on two counts of promoting a sexual performance by a child and three counts of possession of a sexual performance by a child, both felonies.

He was released on his own recognizance with probation check-ins three times weekly.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Kid Friendly and Allergy-Safe

Finding fun foods for children with allergies or unique dietary needs can be quite challenging. Thankfully, it's become a bit easier. Food companies are creating more products that are free from common allergens and developing more allergy-safe versions of their products. There are also more resources that make it easier for you.

Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.
Gluten Free Buckwheat Pancakes (2 Guiding Stars)
www.Hannaford.com

While buckwheat is a gluten free plant, it can become contaminated in processing. To make these pancakes celiac safe, choose the source of your buckwheat flour carefully. Using whipped egg whites gives them loft and tenderness to rival a traditional pancake--well worth the work.

Shopping tools

Today's supermarket offers tools for shopping for allergy-safe foods. At Hannaford Supermarket, for example, we make it easier to locate gluten free items by hanging "gluten free" tags on the shelf to highlight labeled products. When creating an online shopping list on our website, you can filter for an assortment of allergies, including gluten free. This tool helps you easily create a shopping list that matches your family's needs.

- Ingredients:
- 1 1/3 cup buckwheat flour
 - 2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/4 tsp. salt
 - 1/3 cup plain yogurt
 - 1/3 cup skim milk
 - 2 Tbsp. water
 - 1 Tbsp. melted butter
 - 2 tsp. vanilla extract (optional)
 - 2 egg whites
- Directions:
1. Combine the flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium mixing bowl.
 2. Whisk together yogurt, milk, and water. Add the melted butter (and vanilla, if using) to the milk mixture and stir to combine.
 3. In a clean metal or glass bowl, beat the egg whites with a mixer until soft peaks form (2-3 minutes).
 4. Combine the dry and liquid mixtures together. Add half the beaten whites and stir gently to combine, then add the remaining whites and fold gently into the batter, preserving as much air as possible. Allow to stand until bubbling (2-3 minutes).
 5. Heat a griddle over medium-high heat. Ladle about 2 tablespoons of batter onto the pan to form a 4" pancake. Cook until center is bubbly and edges are dry (1 and a half minutes). Flip and continue to cook until the center is done (30-45 seconds). Remove to a plate in a just-warm oven and repeat this step until batter is gone.
 6. Serve hot, topped with fruit.

FAQ

If you're looking for information on a particular product, then the company's website (likely their FAQ section) is the best place to go. The website will be updated by the company and provide accurate information. I highly recommend this over crowd-sourced community boards that may have inaccurate information.

Recipes

If you're responsible for preparing food for an individual who must follow a strict allergy-safe diet, then you know it can be difficult to create dishes that taste the way they "should". Achieving the right texture and taste when using alternative flours, avoiding eggs, or removing other key ingredients is challenging. Use websites like Hannaford.com and GuidingStars.com for unique recipes and techniques. I also strongly recommend trying the recipes recommended on product websites, as those have likely been tested many times.

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

Fruity Oat Yogurt Parfaits

(Family Features)

Fruity Oatmeal Yogurt Parfaits

Ingredients:

- 2 cups fresh or frozen sliced, hulled strawberries, thawed and patted dry if frozen
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, halved blackberries or both, thawed and patted dry if frozen
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked rolled oats
- 2 cups nonfat plain Greek yogurt

Directions:

In medium bowl, gently stir strawberries, blueberries, honey and



cinnamon.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water and oats to boil. Boil 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In each parfait glass, layer 1/4 cup oatmeal, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 1/4 cup yogurt and 1/4 cup fruit mixture. Repeat layers.

Servings: 4

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History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



Ronald Januzzi’s Dinosaur Gift & Mineral Shoppe attracted many people to the village.

Dinosaur Under Siege

Editor’s Note: The following article by William E. Geist appeared in the New York Times on May 4, 1982. It was resurrected by Southeast Town Historian Jack Alcott.

The Mesozoic Era was a tough 165 million years, no doubt about it.

With great upheavals of the earth’s crust, dramatic changes of climate, mountains forming, volcanoes erupting, flora and fauna coming and going, your swamp draining one day and going under 50 feet of water the next, you could become extinct.

But for a 26-foot pink dinosaur that stands out on Route 6 in this day and age, life is no picnic, either.

Serving for 27 years as the trademark of the Dinosaur Gift & Mineral Shoppe – day and night, whatever the weather – the fabric, wood, and chicken wire dinosaur has been punched, kicked, lassoed, shot at with a 0.38-caliber pistol, and was recently attacked repeatedly by a GMC Blazer.

Had it not been for a protective fence topped with

barbed wire erected around the dinosaur by its owner Ronald Januzzi, the Blazer would have finished it for sure.

“A lot of people around here apparently don’t like it,” said Januzzi. And it’s not just the vandals, who are teenagers and middle-aged men who fortify themselves at local saloons for the attacks.

There are the more sophisticated types, such as those who ride the trains to work in Manhattan or drive to the new campus-style corporate headquarters in these picturesque hills.

They ask Januzzi if he would mind taking the dinosaur down because, well, of course it is fun and all of that, but doesn’t it look a little out of place in this increasingly fashionable area – a little, you know, tacky?

“I am insulted,” said Januzzi. “I don’t go into their living rooms and tell them that their \$15,000 modern art paintings of one black brush stroke are a joke.”

Januzzi opened the shop in 1955, doing a good business with carloads of families who

cruised the wooded hills on weekends and vacations. His mineral exhibit is of surprising size and quality, a display of more than 2,000 specimens from around the world, some of which are sparkling and valuable and others that look to the untrained eye like chunks of the parking lot.

He painted the dinosaur pink at the suggestion of a Madison Avenue advertising executive who lived in the area.

Then he built Dinosaurland behind the shop, the kind of roadside attraction that entrepreneurs were erecting across the country – theme parks built with a tool kit and what amounts today to a week’s worth of grocery money.

Sights such as Dinosaurland and the pink dinosaur were once relatively common on suburbia’s fringe.

There are still examples of this “highway architecture” around, such as the Big Duck, a Long Island roadside building shaped like a big duck and selling same; the Gallon Measure Service Station in Buchanan, shaped like an oil can; and the Orange Julep in Plattsburg, which looks like an orange.

But aficionados say these are relics of a bygone age, when motoring was an adventure of burial caves and reptile gardens, of motel units shaped like teepees and shops selling “authentic” Indian artifacts – polyethylene wampum beads and belts of the Hong Kong tribe.

Tours of Dinosaurland start just out the back door, where a guide points out several dozen “research bins” of “research materials,” which are lidded garbage cans full of rocks.

Next on the weeded path is a replica of a “mine dump” or pile of rocks, the kind mineralogists like to rummage through, Januzzi

explained.

Then are several dinosaur models, fossilized tracks from suburban Connecticut, stomach stones and coprolites, which Januzzi said many visitors drop upon, discovering that coprolites are fossilized dinosaur droppings.

“It would be better if I’d had some money to spend,” he said. “But the children like it – it’s for them... But the older ones want Disneyland and Adventureland so they can scream and yell.”

What Dinosaurland lacks in thrills, Januzzi has tried to make up for in education.

“They think that because a place is small, it is of low quality, but sometimes the opposite is true,” he said. “Frankly, those big places lack the educational punch.”

The idea of his place is education, particularly since the big road went through. Interstate 84 has sapped all but local traffic from Route 6, speeding Januzzi’s former customers – the ones who bought his 25-cent plastic dinosaurs, candy, and Dinosaurland pennants, bumper stickers, and ash trays – past the rear of his property at 55 miles an hour on their way to more distant and glamorous attractions.

“I finally ran out of pennants last year,” he said, raising his voice above the truck traffic. “I’m not going to reorder.”

Januzzi said he may soon

close Dinosaurland, which is also plagued by vandals.

The Interstate that has taken traffic from his door is also playing a part in the rapid development of this exurban area, making his land more valuable and the property taxes too much to bear.

The pink dinosaur should come down for repairs from all the vandalism, but Januzzi said he believes that if he does that, highway officials will not let him put it back up. It is too close to the roadway, but has been allowed to remain since it was already there when modern standards were adopted.

He would like to replace it with a dinosaur built of steel and concrete – something more able to stand up to the attacks of man. It would be just as big – and as pink – if only he had the money.

“The little places are dying,” lamented Januzzi. “People around here now seem to want nothing but corporate headquarters on this road, and franchised restaurants and hotels, the kind that advertise ‘no surprises.’ They seem to want everything to look alike. And everyone to be alike.”

Tough times for pink dinosaurs and those who own them, no doubt about it.

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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Central Hudson Admits Violation in Natural Gas Explosion Case

Will Pay \$5 Million Penalty for 2023 Wappingers Falls Incident

The New York State Public Service Commission last week adopted the terms and conditions of a joint settlement agreement to resolve all alleged violations committed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for a gas explosion that occurred in Wappingers Falls in 2023.

Under the terms of the agreement, Central Hudson admitted it did not provide safe and adequate service and further agreed to pay a \$5 million penalty payment for ratepayer benefit.

Central Hudson also will establish a gas safety protocol remediation fund between \$2.5 million and \$3.5 million for targeted safety measure enhancements to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The responsibility and

obligation to make the financial payment rests with the company shareholders, not ratepayers.

“The commission’s paramount concern is protecting the public and ensuring safety throughout our energy distribution systems,” said PSC Chairperson Rory Christian. “Enforcement actions hold utilities and their shareholders accountable for violations of the Public Service Law.”

The Department of Public Service’s investigation found that on Nov. 2, 2023, Central Hudson’s contractors struck an unmarked natural gas service line and caused a high-pressure gas leak. Minutes later, the residence at 7 Brick Row exploded and a gas-related fire erupted in the building, severely

injuring multiple individuals, including children, and damaged other residences along Brick Row.

The department’s October 2024 investigation report alleged that Central Hudson had actual knowledge of 7 Brick Row’s active natural gas service line prior to the explosion. Furthermore, the department contended that Central Hudson apparently did not include this critical information in the project binder given to its contractors for the Brick Row excavation project.

The active natural gas line serving 7 Brick Row was not visually designated as an existing underground facility prior to the start of excavation operations on Brick Row.



Elder Law Advice
Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Protecting Your Child During College Years

I was reading something troubling the other day: For the first time in generations, chocolate chip ice cream is no longer a top 10 selling flavor. Chocolate chip ice cream is now a “seasonal flavor.”

The culture has moved on. I thought I was still a part of the ice cream zeitgeist, not a demographic dinosaur. I was wrong.

Cookies and cream continues to dominate. So does chocolate chip cookie dough. People want sweeter and sweeter. Extra flavor whenever possible. I leaned the other direction. The simplicity of vanilla ice cream paired with a smattering of chocolate chips no longer resonates with Americans.

Some changes I can handle, but this is going too far.

Back to school estate planning is one change that is long overdue. When you send your 18-year-old to college, do you realize that their adult status may preclude you from making financial or health decisions on their behalf?

An 18-year-old is no longer a minor. Parents who attended universities in the 1980s and 90s remember their parents being able to handle most issues without a fuss. In those pre-internet, pre-HIPAA days, a student’s rights were not identified or protected in the same manner that exists today. Now, university administrators and officials are supremely aware of each individual student’s legal footprint.

So, how do we avoid a legal fissure separating parent and child during their college years? Simple. Create a Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and HIPAA form with your child. These advance directives appoint agents (you) to make decisions for your children.

Health Care Proxies are mainly used when a person cannot properly advocate for themselves. Only one parent can be a Health Care Proxy, with the other parent being an alternate.

A 2024 poll calculated that up to 38 percent of all college students suffered from an upper respiratory illness in the previous year. A similar poll showed that up to 36 percent of college students have received an anxiety diagnosis. The severity of both illnesses may not lead to incapacity triggering the use of a Health Care Proxy, but you can intuit how scenarios may arise that necessitate the use of a Proxy to help your child.

The real impact of being prepared means that a parent can easily communicate with a college’s health services to ensure proper care. Documentation is always better than no documentation, and this includes the use of a HIPAA form to share medical information.

Powers of Attorney for financial matters are more flexible. Your child can appoint one or both parents as their agent to handle finances, tuition and loan issues, and banking. The Power of Attorney document goes into effect immediately upon execution and operates regardless of whether the creator is incapacitated.

Just because the law says your 18-year-old is an adult, it does not mean they could not use some parental wisdom and financial support. For students residing outside of New York, it is also helpful to be aware of the laws of that state and the accepted advance directives of that state.

Back to school planning is no longer just a visit to a big box store and extra-long sheets. Having the right planning documents for your student will avoid problems when healthcare or money issues pop up far from home.

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Putnam County Community Events

Autumn Sale

The Somers Women’s Club will hold its annual autumn tag and craft vendor sale Sunday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Reis Park on Route 139 in Somers. This fundraiser supports families in need in the community. Baked goods, crafts, new and used items, books, toys, housewares, collectibles, jewelry and more. Vendors can register to rent a 12-by-12-foot space for \$50. E-mail SWCAutumnSale@gmail.com or call 914-406-1593.

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.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Teen Karaoke

Mahopac Public Library will host an end-of-Summer karaoke night for teens Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. Relax, sing with friends, take pictures, and get some ice cream. Grades six through 12. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Seed Saving Workshop

Kent Public Library will host representatives from the Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County Speakers Bureau on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m., to give a presentation on seed saving basics. Expert Master Gardeners will teach how to properly save seeds from the garden for better germination. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Roaming Reeders

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Reeders, 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.

Explore Kent’s NRI Digitally

The Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee invites residents to a Natural Resources Inventory website workshop Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., at Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes. Learn how the online tool works and discuss how residents can explore Kent’s natural resources in depth. Hard copies of the NRI book will be available for \$50.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

‘Peekskill Riots Part 3’

Mahopac Public Library will present “Peekskill Riots Part 3: Up on the Hillside, Down in the Hollow” on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. On Aug. 27, 1949, a Paul Robeson concert was violently attacked outside Peekskill in a horrific riot in which innocent men, women, and children were harmed. Rocks, bottles, and other projectiles were thrown, while cars were turned over with passengers inside. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

History Presentation

Join Kent Public Library via Zoom on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m., for a history talk presented by historian and education specialist Jeffrey Urbin from the FDR

Museum and Presidential Library. From the Great Depression to World War II and beyond, these monthly sessions offer a deeper understanding of FDR’s impact on the world stage. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Thursday, Aug. 28

St. James Bible Seminar

Join St. James the Apostle and Our Lady of the Lake/Mt. Carmel Parish for “St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians” with Fr. Martin Kowalski, professor at The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m., in Doherty Hall, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Free. All are welcome. Bring your own Bible. www.stjamesapostle.org.

Friday, Aug. 29

A Killer Reunion

Mahopac Public Library will host a teen murder mystery party Friday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. It is time for the All Saints College class reunion. For one night, return to the good old days. Will old friendships and rivalries from those days survive or will we be able to fake it just as we do when we try adulting through life? There are 20 main roles and 10 extras. Invite friends for a night of mystery and murder. You will be put into pairs, so if you prefer to be with someone you know, be sure to invite them. Grades and older. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Garden Club Meets

Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome to the meeting and bring a lunch. The program topic is “Plastics; We Loved ‘em, Now It’s Time to Leave ‘em,” featuring guest speaker Janice Butler from the Cooperative Extension Service. For information call 845-628-0588.

Kent Town Board

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Carmel Town Board

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

Library Meeting

The Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the reference room of the Carmel library on the following dates: Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Board meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, Sept. 4

America 250

Local teacher Rob Buccheri will present “250th Anniversaries of the American Revolution in New York State” on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Buccheri explores the critical role New York played in the early years of the

American Revolution. He will also highlight upcoming 250th anniversary celebrations planned across NYC, Westchester, and Putnam counties. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Friday, Sept. 5

Scarecrow Contest

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will hold its 2025 Scarecrow Contest at the Brewster Fall Festival. Bring your scarecrow to the Garden Around the Corner at 67 Main St., Brewster, through Sept. 5 to be entered in the contest. Public votes will take place during the festival. Contact Anita Conway to enter, at 302-554-4210.

Doansburg Chamber

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, celebrating 40 years of performance, will open its 2025 season with performances by its string quartet with harp, clarinet, and flute, Friday Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church in the Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. A second performance is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for seniors and students, and available at the door.

Film Screening

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present a screening of “The City Without Jews,” a prescient silent film accompanied by live original music composed and performed by world-renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals and celebrated silent film pianist Donald Sosin, on Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:36 p.m. A Q&A with the musicians will follow. Tickets are \$20 at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Grange Fair

The Yorktown Grange Fair returns Sept. 5, 6 and 7 at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights.

Golf Outing

Carmel Fire Department’s Don Pearlman Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled Friday, Sept. 5, at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. \$150 per golfer, includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch on the course, dinner and refreshments afterward, raffle, 50/50, and awards following dinner. Call Rob Lipton at 845-222-4768 or TK at 845-721-7393.

Trivia Night for Teens

Mahopac Public Library will host a trivia night for teens Friday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. Invite your friends, make a team, show off how much you know, and win prizes. This month’s theme is “I love the 90s.” Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Blessing of the Pets

Bring your family pet (leashed or caged) to an annual “Blessing of the Pets” event Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 2 p.m., at Mount Carmel Bible Church, 76 Gleneida Ave. The event will be held behind fellowship hall next to Wenco Plaza parking lot. If it rains, it will be held inside the hall. Pastor Andrew Columbia will pray a special blessing over

pets and their families. There will be special guests, a parade, pictures, and videos.

Oktoberfest

The German American Social Club of Peekskill will present Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 3 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 7 from noon to 7 p.m., at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley. Rain or shine. The Spitzbuan and the Red, White and Brews Band will perform both days. Food, drinks, kids activities. \$14 per adult; children younger than 14 admitted free with an adult.

Colonial Drinks

“Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England” will be presented Sept. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Putnam History Museum, 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Try three colonial-era beverages and learn how taverns became the center of social and political life. Registration is \$60, or \$55 for PHM members, and can be completed at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Brewster Fall Fest

The Brewster Rotary Fall Festival is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., along Main Street. Live entertainment, local vendors, food, kids’ activities, and more. Proceeds support the Rotary’s community service projects. Free and open to the public. www.brewsterrotaryfallfestival.com.

‘American Revolution Experience’

The Enoch Crosby chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor the “American Revolution Experience,” a traveling exhibit, at the Southeast Museum, 67 Main St., Brewster. Kick off viewing starts at the Brewster Fall Festival, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The display, created by the American Battlefield trust, will be on view through Sept. 26, with special school programs during Constitution week. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday.

Defensive Driving

Mahopac Public Library will host a defensive driving insurance reduction program Saturday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. This is a series of films and discussions about driving attitudes and behaviors designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Folk Picnic

Clearwater’s Folk Picnic is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 6 p.m., at USC Theater, 18 Camp Loop Road, Beacon. Live music, children’s activities, food vendors and more. Free. www.clearwater.org/folkpicnic.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Yoga Sound Bath

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host a beginner-friendly Yoga Sound Bath in the historic Southeast Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. Enjoy 60 minutes of gentle movement led by Cate Bartilucci of Luna Power Yoga accompanied by Bob Frye of Querencia Soundworks. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. Pre-registration is required at www.lunapoweryoga.com. \$30.

Monday, Sept. 8

United Way Golf Benefit

United Way of Westchester & Putnam will host its annual Applied Underwriters Invitational & Bud Hammer Memorial Day of Golf benefit Monday, Sept. 8 at the Scarsdale Golf Club. It features a round of golf, on-course competitions and prizes, a barbecue lunch, cocktail reception, dinner, and silent auction. For more information, contact Emilie Enciso, manager of special events and development, at eenciso@uwwp.org or 914-997-6700.

‘The Erie Canal at 200’

The Erie Canal is celebrating its bicentennial. On Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library, Join David Brooks from the Schoharie Crossing Historic Site as he outlines the story of the canal and how it has been heralded in pop culture, folklore, and history books. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

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.

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Reed Library Closes Out Summer With Special Guests



Reed Memorial Library of Carmel recently invited its friends from Animal Embassy and Carmel Creamery to celebrate the end of summer in style.



Feel ‘The Music Within’ at Mahopac Library

A new art exhibit, “La Musiquita Por Dentro” (The Music Within), featuring acrylic paintings by artist Russ Brandon will be on display Sept. 6 through 26 in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library.

Brandon is a New York artist with Puerto Rican roots who has a story shaped by his upbringing in Bronx projects and his family’s move to suburban Mamaroneck when he was 11. This blend of urban and suburban experiences, coupled with his rich Puerto Rican heritage, has deeply influenced his art. Brandon’s work reflects iconic moments in “Nuyorican” life, which can take place in Puerto Rico, New York, or any island in our minds and hearts.

Music is ever present in his art, even in a game of Dominos, where you can imagine a radio playing in the background to fill out that space and time, someone humming in the background while you look out on a balcony, or



A self-portrait By Russ Brandon.

drums talking from far away to a tired cane cutter in the fields. The public is invited to attend an artist’s reception Saturday, Sept. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the gallery. For exhibit information, visit mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries or email mplgallerycommittee@gmail.com.



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Mahopac Youth Thrive at ‘Song & Stage Summer Camp’



Austin Road Elementary School students perform in “Wonka Jr.”

Austin Road Elementary School students in Mahopac shined bright on stage as they brought musical theater to life during the Song & Stage Summer Camp led by music teacher Mia Kilker.

Throughout the three-week camp, the students explored singing, dancing, and acting in a collaborative setting that culminated in a mini-showcase performance of “Wonka Jr.”

From Day One, the students were eager and ready to work, quickly transforming into a confident and creative cast. They developed performance

skills and built friendships while preparing for the final showcase, which was attended by family members.

“This was my first time teaching the Song & Stage Summer Camp at Austin Road, and it was an incredible experience,” said Kilker. “My goal was to give students the opportunity to explore the world of musical theater through singing, dancing, acting, and collaborative performance. My students far exceeded my expectations.”

Luna Buelta, who played Willy Wonka in the showcase,

shared what the experience meant to her.

“I was so nervous at first, but when I started acting I got really into it,” she said. “I love dancing, singing, and of course eating the

candy afterwards.”

For Ileana Kayler, who played Grandma Joe, the performance brought a sense of accomplishment.

“It was really exciting

because I love performing on stage,” she said. “I love singing, dancing, and acting. Also, seeing your family members watch you makes you feel a bit more confident and proud.”

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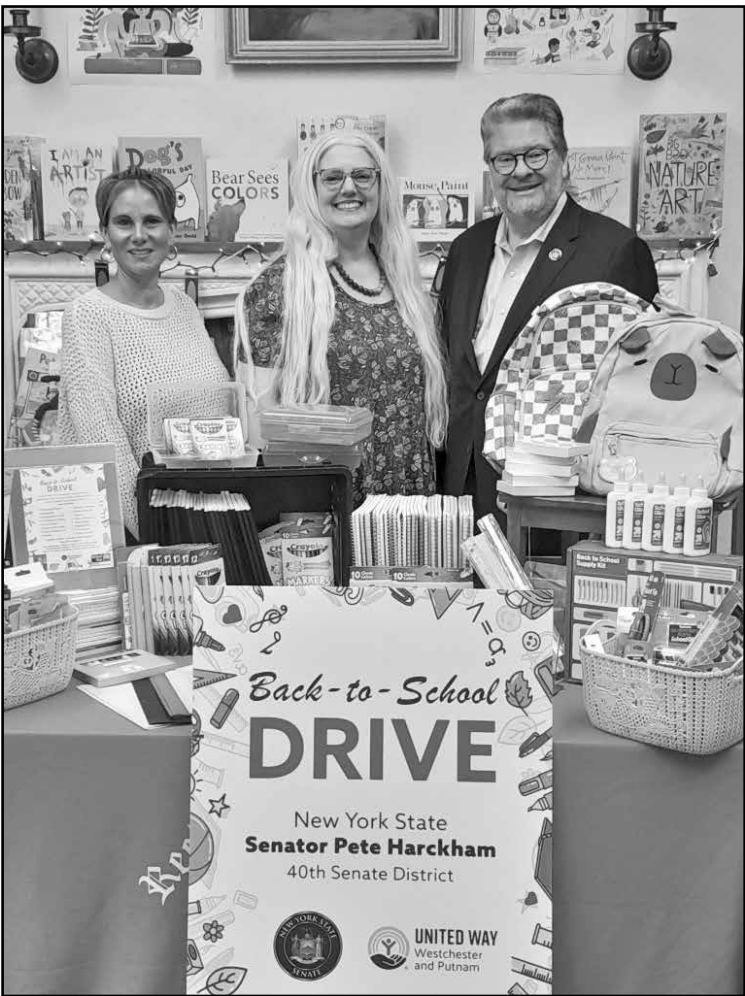
A back-to-school drive co-sponsored by the United Way of Westchester & Putnam and State Sen. Pete Harckham recently resulted in hundreds of essential school supplies being donated to support local students in need – some through the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel.

“Many families in our communities are facing financial challenges due to ongoing economic uncertainty,” said Harckham. “This drive is one way we can help ensure every student has the tools they need for a successful school year. I’m grateful to the many residents who donated so generously.”

Collection sites were set up at the senator’s district office in Peekskill, as well as the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Yorktown and the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Thanks to strong community support, the drive brought in 200 notebooks; hundreds of pens, pencils and crayons; more than a dozen backpacks; and other assorted school supplies.

“The Reed Library would like to thank the Carmel community for coming out and supporting the back-to-school drive,” said Library Director Denise Martens.

“We are so grateful to Sen. Harckham for partnering to collect much-needed back-to-school supplies, which will help students in our communities start the school year off on the right



From left are Reed Memorial Library Program Director Holly Loughlin, Library Director Denise Martens, and State Sen. Pete Harckham. Photo by Tito Davila/Harckham’s office.

foot,” added United Way Senior Director of Community Impacts Avery Zuvic.

The drive ran from July 1 through Aug. 20, with the

donated items going to families whose children qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches. Distribution will be handled by United Way’s nonprofit partners.



Aisha Kutter from Central Hudson, left, and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, executive director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, display HomeBoost information.

Central Hudson & Mid-Hudson Libraries Offer Energy Savings

Hudson Valley residents now have a powerful new way to manage energy costs – at no cost to them. Central Hudson Gas & Electric, in partnership with the Mid-Hudson Library System, is making it easier for customers to take control of their home energy use with the launch of HomeBoost, a free, do-it-yourself energy assessment tool.

For a limited time, Central Hudson customers can now borrow a HomeBoost kit from participating MHLS libraries (including the Julia L. Butterfield Library in Cold Spring). Each kit includes a smartphone-compatible thermal imaging camera and step-by-step instructions to help users identify areas in their homes where energy efficiency can be improved.

Within days of completing the assessment, customers will receive a free personalized report via email that highlights available rebates and provides recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce monthly bills.

“Energy efficiency is one of the most effective ways to lower household costs,” said Lauren Preston, Central Hudson’s customer services officer. “By partnering with the Mid-Hudson Library System, we’re able to get this valuable tool into the hands of as many customers as possible – at no cost – so they can learn where energy could be saved, as well as get support and ideas on how to improve their home. Customers can then use the advice to explore energy efficiency programs and rebate programs offered for their area and start saving right away.”

“Helping residents save money is something our libraries do every day,” said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, executive director of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

“This new partnership with Central Hudson helps us fulfill our vision for a world in which communities thrive when they have access to information, resources, learning environments, and library services that respect the triple bottom line of social equity, economic feasibility, and environmental stewardship. This is a practical, easy-to-use program that will help any homeowner.”

To participate, residents must have a library card from a participating MHLS member library and be an active Central Hudson customer. HomeBoost kits are compatible with both iPhone and Android devices. For the most accurate results, users should have basic home details available, such as the year their home was built, square footage, type of heating system, and window style.

While supplies last, customers who complete the DIY assessment will also receive a free weatherization kit to help get a head start on improving their home’s efficiency. Each kit includes two cans of spray foam, door sweeps, five outlet gaskets, five switch gaskets, and one tube of caulk. These simple tools can help seal up drafts, improve comfort, and lower energy bills – especially during peak heating and cooling seasons.

This initiative marks the second collaboration between Central Hudson and MHLS, following the launch of the MHLS Road Trip program in June. Central Hudson has also launched a Community Partner Resource page, where libraries and other organizations can access free resources to help spread the word about clean energy and customer assistance programs.

To learn more, find a participating library, or get started, visit www.cenhud.com/HomeBoost.

Free Meals for All At Mahopac Schools

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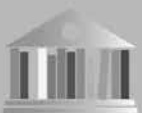
for documented medical needs, translation purposes, family care responsibilities, or when required by an IEP or 504 plan.

During the school day, parents may contact students through the school’s main office, nurse, or counselor.

Students and families should expect to receive specific guidelines and procedures from their respective schools within the district prior to the start of the school year. The full MCSD cell phone policy is available on the district’s website.

At the middle and high schools, students must silence devices and store them in lockers or the main office for the entire day.

Exceptions may be granted



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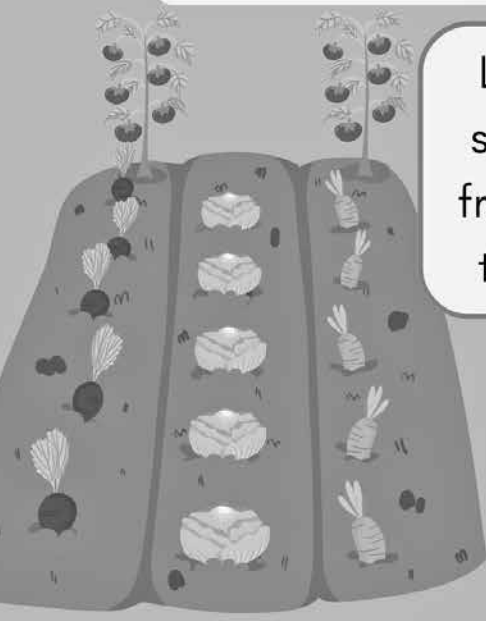




Seed Saving Basics

with Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County

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Kent Library, 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512

Brewster’s P-Tech Students Complete Summer Bridge Program



P-Tech students at Brewster learned about cybersecurity as part of this year’s Summer Bridge Program.



Incoming Pathways to Technology freshmen at Brewster recently participated in a week of activities and trips as part of this year’s Summer Bridge Program. Students had the opportunity to visit Lamothermic and Local 60, where they learned more about the companies’ services and possible career pathways that are at the heart of the P-Tech program. The young learners also attended a presentation by

Homeland Security that focused on cyber safety and security, giving them valuable insights into this career path as well as strategies they can use to protect themselves and their communities online. To round out the week, students visited Westchester Community College where they heard from department chairpersons in cybersecurity, and mechanical and electrical engineering. In addition

to program overviews, students toured the engineering facilities and explored the college’s cyber labs, gaining firsthand exposure to the cutting-edge technology and opportunities that await them.

Doansburg Chamber Ensemble to Perform September 5 & 7

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, celebrating 40 years of performance, will open its 2025 season with performances by its string quartet with harp, clarinet, and flute, Friday Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church in the Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. A second performance is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Audience of all ages may enjoy this concert, which will feature works by Ravel, Rutter, Herbert, Faith, and Mozetich. The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble consists of accomplished musicians who, along with several guest artists, annually present

a concert series of outstanding musicianship in a charming, rural church setting. The artists have been heard at major performance venues around the world including Carnegie Hall, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Lincoln Center. Featured artists scheduled to perform include flutist Christine Smith, clarinetist Alexander Negruta, violinist David Steinberg, violinist Janey Choi, violist Ina Litera, cellist Matthew Goeke, and harpist Joy Plaisted. Tickets to the upcoming performances are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for seniors and students, and available at the door. For more information, visit <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org>.

United Way Hosts Annual Golf Benefit

United Way of Westchester & Putnam will host its annual Applied Underwriters Invitational & Bud Hammer Memorial Day of Golf benefit Monday, Sept. 8 at the Scarsdale Golf Club. This signature event serves as a vital fundraiser, helping community members throughout Westchester and Putnam counties access necessities they struggle to afford. United Way’s Day of Golf will also honor White Plains resident James O’Connor, vice president of corporate development at Empress EMS (Yonkers), for his philanthropic commitment and community service. United Way’s Applied Underwriters Invitational & Bud Hammer Memorial Day of Golf features a round of golf, on-course competitions and prizes, a barbecue lunch, cocktail reception, dinner, and silent auction. Limited foursomes are available for community members passionate about making a difference in Westchester and Putnam counties, providing an environment for meaningful conversations between holes and

valuable networking opportunities. For more information, contact Emilie Enciso, manager of special events and development, at eeenciso@uwwp.org or 914-997-6700. United Way of Westchester & Putnam is an anti-poverty organization dedicated to improving the lives of 40 percent of its neighbors who live in poverty or paycheck to paycheck. It provides strategic resources and tools to help struggling residents lead a better, more stable life, including its 211 Helpline operating 24/7 across the Hudson Valley, early literacy programming for preschoolers in underserved communities, job skills training and financial empowerment for financially struggling adults and families, as well as access to health services and discounts on prescription drugs. United Way supports hundreds of local nonprofits with millions of dollars in grants and essential goods for basic needs, as well as by providing affordable professional development, and connecting nonprofits to new resources.

Man Exposes Himself on Bike Path

A Mahopac man was arrested and charged with public lewdness earlier this month after allegedly exposing himself to a pedestrian on the bike path. According to the Carmel Police Department, at about 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5, a woman was jogging on the Putnam County Trailway off Mount Hope Road in Mahopac when a man exposed himself directly to her near the trail. She immediately contacted police, but the suspect fled the area. Working with the victim’s description of the suspect and her observation of a possible vehicle

involved, detectives pursued an investigation that included neighborhood canvasses and reviews of local security camera footage. Within days, investigators identified John Nardo Naranjo, 20, as the suspect. He was located Aug. 13, arrested, and charged with one count of public lewdness, a misdemeanor, and arraigned in Carmel Town Court and released with a future court date. The victim was issued an order of protection against the defendant. The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and Kent Police Department assisted in the investigation.

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Laying the Foundation for Writing

FAMILY FEATURES

Learning to write is one of the defining milestones of early childhood, but it doesn't happen all at once. Children build writing skills over time, from indecipherable scribbles to writing letters and words. While children progress at their own pace, families can help foster early writing development.

Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president and chief academic officer at The Goddard School, and Dr. Sonia Cabell, professor of reading education at Florida State University and member of The Goddard School's Educational Advisory Board, provide this insight and guidance for families.

Early Writing Milestones

Writing begins in early toddlerhood, around 18-24 months. The earliest developmental milestone is when children scribble on paper with a crayon.

By 2-3 years old, children often draw shapes and narrate their writing. Parents should show genuine interest to help build confidence and interest. Ask your children to read what they write, as this helps make the connection that marks on paper represent thoughts and ideas. It's not expected for children younger than 3 to write identifiable letters. Instead, encourage them to make marks on paper without constraint, allowing them to freely express themselves.

Around ages 3-5, children begin to move from writing (making marks) to handwriting, which is the formalized motion of making numerals and letters in recognizable forms. It's vital for parents to value their children's writing no matter what appears on the paper and provide opportunities for them to regularly engage in writing. Children at this age tend to write letters in different ways. It's common, for example, for letters to appear backwards or from right to left. These are not causes for concern; this is a natural part of the development process.



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Writing Supports Reading (and Vice Versa)

Reading and writing skills develop in tandem, reinforcing each other. Through writing, children experiment with how written language works, learning English moves from left to right and top to bottom. By estimating spelling – using their knowledge of letter shapes and sounds to attempt to write words – they are beginning to break the code of reading. Moreover, when children are composing stories, they are supporting comprehension and oral language growth, which are critical for reading development.

Encourage Writing at Home

Make writing part of everyday life. While ensuring paper and writing utensils are accessible is a start, materials alone won't spontaneously create writing experiences. Children naturally want to engage with things they see, so parents and older siblings should serve as writing models. For example, when writing a grocery list, ask your children to write their own lists. When you're writing a thank-you note, have them write their own.

The development of fine motor skills is also essential. One way to do this is provide tools like chopsticks or tongs that require them to use their forefinger and thumb in a pinching motion; this strengthens the hand muscles that

are used to write. Also encourage play with small toys like blocks or beads that engage the hands in different ways. As fine motor skills improve, it becomes easier to grip writing utensils and write for extended periods.

Writing Tools

From apps to workbooks, countless tools and resources tout their ability to help children learn to write. Be wary. Typing on a tablet or computer is no substitute for learning to write by hand. Multiple studies have shown that writing – not typing – better promotes cognitive and literacy development.

Avoid activities like workbooks that require repetitive writing of letters over and over, as this inhibits creativity and experimentation. These activities can cause children to fear making mistakes, which can lead to anxiety, frustration and a loss of interest. The best tools are often the simplest: a small writing utensil (not big or bulky; children have small hands and need appropriately sized utensils) and a blank piece of paper.

Remember, children develop at their own pace. Provide encouragement and focus on effort, not perfection.

To watch a writing webinar featuring Loquasto and Cabell and access additional parenting resources, visit the Parent Resource Center at GoddardSchool.com.



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‘Putnam Falls for Dance’

Putnam County Dance Project will present its third annual dance festival “Putnam Falls for Dance 2025, In-NOVA-tion” on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 2 at 4 p.m., at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. It will feature two performances of professional dancers in the Hudson Valley.

On Saturday, company-in-residence PCDP presents new works and repertory, followed by a fundraiser reception. Tickets may be found at eventbrite.com or purchased at the door.

Sunday features area choreographers in an open stage performance and discussion of their new works. Admission is free.

Putnam County Dance Project was created in 2018 when dancers Marie Carstens and Erin Jennings joined forces after leaving NYC for the beauty of the Hudson Valley. Having both danced professionally in NYC and beyond, they co-created PCDP to bring quality dance performance and events to surrounding communities.

For this show, they were inspired to make dances that speak to humanity – the caring of each other and our world. Two dances examine environmental issues affecting our waters, such as the wildfires occurring and the plastic accumulating in our oceans and bodies.

Reed Library Seeks Trustees

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel is seeking candidates to serve on its board of trustees.

Candidates must be eligible to vote in the Town of Carmel and reside outside the Mahopac Central School District.

Terms are three years, and are staggered so that, typically, no more than three trustees have their terms expire in any year. This year, due to a resignation, there are four open seats on the ballot.

Voting for trustee candidates, as well as the 2026 budget, is scheduled Monday, Oct. 6 from noon to 6 p.m., at Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church St., Carmel.

Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustee meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of each month, at the library.

For more information, contact Library Director Denise Martens at director@carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brewster Schools NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, and State of New York have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Carmel, Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster, for the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the SOUTHEAST TOWN HALL, 1360 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025, without charge or interest (SAT, SUN, AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) fee October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025. When tax is in excess of \$50.00, first payment to be received by School Tax Collector not later than September 15, 2025, with **4% (four percent)** service charge included in amount due. Second payment to be paid to Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 with **4% (four percent)** service charge included in amount due after November 1, 2025, but no later than March 15, 2026. After March 15, 2026, interest accrues at variable interest rate until relevy date. For correct amount due after March 15, 2026; contact the Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, Carmel, New York 10512.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax rolls of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam for collection or Relevy, with additional penalties, on the 3rd day of November 2025.

ANNMARIE MILANO
RECEIVER OF TAXES

BREWSTER CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SOUTHEAST AND
CARMEL

August 13, 2025
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RECEIVER OF TAXES LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary, DeLanoy, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Patterson for the year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the PATTERSON TOWN HALL, 1142 ROUTE 311, PATTERSON, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025 without charge of interest (SAT, SUN AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED).

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Add 2% (two percent) interest October 1 through October 31, 2025. Taxes may also be paid in installments if each total tax bill exceeds \$50.00. First half of the tax bill plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to Receiver from September 1 through September 15. The second half plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512, after November 1, 2025 but before March 15, 2026. After March 15, 2026 interest accrues at variable interest rate.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance for collection or re-levy, with additional penalties, after November 1, 2025.

Mary, DeLanoy
Receiver of Taxes
Brewster Central School
District
Town of Patterson

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on September 3, 2025, in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located in Building #3 at 110 Old Route 6 in Carmel, NY at 10 a.m. on the matters of amending the Putnam County Civil Service Rules and Appendices.

Such proposed changes are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located at the address listed above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, William J. Carlin, Jr., the undersigned Interim Commissioner of Finance, as collecting agent of the Lakeland Central School District, for Towns in the 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, Town of Philipstown, and Town of Putnam Valley for Lakeland Central School District for the year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and that I will attend at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York from September 1, 2025 to September 12, 2025, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and, starting September 15, 2025 to September 30, 2025, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll. Payments may also be made online at www.putnamcountyny.gov/taxpayment

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 Putnam County Commissioner of Finance during the period September 1, 2025

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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 Lakeland Central School District will be returned to the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2025.

William J. Carlin, Jr.
Interim Commissioner of
Finance

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on September 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled “**Mastrostanza Site Plan Application**”. The Applicant is proposing the construction of a 22,500 s.f. retail building (local retail center) with an associated asphalt parking lot. The proposed project looks to propose a site plan which was previously approved by the Planning Board in February 2006 and received extensions until 2017. A wetland’s application was also submitted for the project in order to allow for stormwater management practices to be located within the wetland buffer. Access to the site is from State Route 22. The 15.1± acre site is located at 3131 Route 22 (C-1 Zoning District). All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning
Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/ Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

10 TEA HOUSE – Application is being made for Wetland Permit for a proposal to construct a new single-family residence on a 2-acre property located at 10 Tea House Lane, Brewster, NY, in the R-60 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Numbers 67.16-1-24. The construction would disturb the Town of Southeast Wetland Controlled Area.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman

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Town of Southeast Planning
Board
Dated: August 13, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southeast Highway Department is requesting pricing for repairs to wood siding, trim and painting of our 80ft x 120ft salt storage building. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until 11:00 am September 10, 2025, at which time the bids will be open and read. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway salt storage building repair/painting 2025 Bid**. After such time bids will be opened by the Town Clerk. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid and or bids which it deems most favorable to the interest of the Town of Southeast. A Non- Collusive-Bidding Certificate must accompany each bid proposal. Michael Burdick Highway Superintendent

Dated: 8/18/2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Raymond Hill

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of plot owners of the Raymond Hill Cemetery Association will be held at the cemetery office located on the grounds of Raymond Hill Cemetery, at 165 Route 52, Carmel, NY on Wednesday September 10, 2025 at 9:30 am for the purpose of electing Directors of said Association, to succeed those terms of office that expire and for the transactions of such other business may properly come before the meeting. Plot owners in good standing are entitled to vote in accordance to Section 74 of the Membership Corporation Law.

Dennis Wiese
Office Manager
Raymond Hill Cemetery

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SE/Brewster Fire District

CORRECTION TO NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Please take note that the Special Election of the Fire District shall take place at the Main Fire House located at
501 North Main Street,
Brewster, New York

NOTICE OF
SPECIAL ELECTION
BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST
JOINT FIRE DISTRICT,
IN THE VILLAGE OF
BREWSTER AND TOWN OF
SOUTHEAST,
PUTNAM COUNTY,
NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election of the qualified voters of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District (hereinafter called the “Fire District”), in the Village of Brewster and Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York, will be held at the Main Fire House located at **501 North Main Street in Brewster, New York**, in said Fire District, on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. The polls shall open at 12:00 o’clock Noon (Prevailing Time) and shall remain open until 9:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District on July 21, 2025, the following Proposition will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Fire District for approval or disapproval:

PROPOSITION

SHALL the bond resolution of Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District, in the Village of Brewster and Town of Southeast, New York, entitled: “BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT (“FIRE DISTRICT”), IN THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER AND TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JULY 21, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION ON A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING SITE OF THE MAIN FIRE HOUSE OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH SUCH PARCEL IS EXPECTED TO BE CONVEYED TO THE FIRE DISTRICT BY THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, ALL AS SUBSTANTIALLY DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN PREPARED FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT BY KAEYER, GARMENT, AND DAVIDSON ARCHITECTS, P.C., MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK, INCLUDING, TO THE EXTENT NEEDED, THE PURCHASE OF ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY OR APPARATUS AND ANY ANCILLARY OR RELATED SITE, DEMOLITION AND OTHER WORK REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID NEW FIRE STATION IS TO BE USED (THE “PROJECT”); STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000,000, INCLUDING PRELIMINARY COSTS AND COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO AND TO THE FINANCING THEREOF; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN INSTALLMENTS TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS,” BE APPROVED?

All residents of the Fire District who were duly registered to vote with the Putnam County Board of Elections on or before August 18, 2025, shall be eligible to vote at said Special Election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DATED: July 21, 2025
(revised August 15, 2025)

Maurice DeSantis
FIRE DISTRICT
SECRETARY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK
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AS TRUSTEE FOR PFC A HOME
EQUITY INVESTMENT TRUST
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-
IFC2,

Plaintiff,

Against

PALOKA ULIA A/K/A
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ULAJ; DRANE ULIC; et al

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 04/22/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 9/8/2025 at 10:30AM, premises known as 24 James Court, Mahopac, NY 10541, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York. Section 53. Block 1 Lot 83

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$950,495.55 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500301/2017

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee.

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 7/9/2025 File Number: 16-303764 CA

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. LINDA M. COOPER, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

Pursuant to a Decision & Order & Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 29, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Steiner Drive n/k/a 38 Steiner Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 64.9, Block 1 and Lot 5. The approximate amount of judgment is \$616,868.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment Index #501476/2022.

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF PUTNAM – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against- RENATA V. BAKER AND EDIN ZBANIC, AS POTENTIAL HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF BLAGOJA BOLIC; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT BLAGOJA BOLIC, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; “JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN DOE #10” inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 500589/2025 Plaintiff Designates Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Putnam. County. To the above named 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 upon the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 22, 2025. 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 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C. Capone, J.S.C. Dated: July 22, 2025 Filed: July 22, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 73 Hewitt Street, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Dated: April 4, 2025 Filed: April 7, 2025. Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Richard F. Komosinski, Esq. of Counsel, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020 P. 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3 - 124

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633. William T. O’Keeffe, Esq., Referee File # 24-17951NY

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 23, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 78 Craescot Way, Mahopac, NY 10541. Sec 53. Block 2 Lot 82.46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$295,948.99 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501398/2024.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY 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

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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.

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 7/24/2025 File Number: 39553 CA

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **LLJ Financial Services LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/25. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 622 Richardsville Road, Carmel, New York 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **COLORED TIRES USA LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/03/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 22 ROSE DR., MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **Gloss Salon II LLC**. Articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 10/26/2021.

Office Location: Putnam County. Designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to:

Wesley M. Beal: 83 old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT, 06897.

Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

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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

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activity.

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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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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 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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Kids’ Day is Sept. 20 at Putnam Hospital

Kids’ Day, a popular community celebration at Putnam Hospital, will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the hospital campus at 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel.

“Kids’ Day is a fun and festive way to take part in the health of our community,” said John Mahoney, manager of Volunteer Resources. “We look forward to bringing together organizations from all over Putnam County to celebrate children and families.”

Join Dr. Bear for this fun-filled day that includes a host of interactive health and safety exhibits, along with kids’ crafts, a child identification program, and a teddy bear clinic. Hospital departments will be on hand to provide information on nutrition, emergency care, physical therapy, and more.

There will be demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet use, and heart monitoring as well as fire truck and ambulance tours.

Families can also enjoy a variety of games, inflatable bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks,



Families enjoy last year Kids’ Day.

and a meet-and-greet with costumed characters. Raffles and kids’ baskets created by hospital departments will also be awarded.

This will be the 16th Kids’ Day hosted by the Putnam Hospital Auxiliary, which was founded 62 years ago to help build the hospital and continues to be a great asset – raising more than \$8 million for the benefit of patients and families who rely on Putnam Hospital for vital, compassionate care.

“We hope you have a

memorable experience and enjoy the fun and educational activities we have put together with help from our community partners,” said Putnam Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko. “We appreciate the opportunity to promote health and wellness to our youngest residents and their families in an interactive and communal environment.”

For more information on Kids’ Day, contact John Mahoney at 845-279-5711, ext. 4752, or john.mahoney@nulancehealth.org.

Open Space Institute Announces New EMS Cell Tower in Philipstown

The Town of Philipstown and the Open Space Institute last week announced plans to start construction on a new public emergency communications tower at the site of the Philipstown Highway Department garage on Fishkill Avenue in the Village of Nelsonville – a property on which OSI holds a conservation easement.

The agreement, successfully negotiated by OSI, calls for Philipstown and Putnam County to collectively donate 18 acres of land to Hudson Highlands Land Trust’s Canopus Creek Preserve.

“As a 40-plus-year first responder in the Town of Philipstown, I am grateful to Putnam County and OSI for facilitating the last tower in the county’s emergency communications network, which will ensure patent radio communication in the area,” said John Van Tassel, Philipstown town supervisor. “I am grateful to OSI and Putnam County for their cooperation in making the tower at the town highway property a reality. We have discussed this for several years and with the work of all the parties involved, we expect construction will begin this fall.”

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said the tower is a critical piece of the county’s countywide radio project, helping ensure first responders have the reliable communications they need to keep residents and visitors safe.

“This project is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when local leaders and community partners work together for the greater good,” he said. “I want to thank Legislator Nancy Montgomery, Town of Philipstown officials, and our Putnam County Director of IT Tom Lannon for their tireless efforts, and the Open Space Institute for their thoughtful collaboration to make this a reality.”

Creation of the emergency communications tower will remedy significant connectivity issues in the area’s emergency response radio network and will be

prohibited for use for commercial cell phone communications. It is being constructed behind an existing salt shed on the 2.6-acre highway department property.

OSI’s conservation easement on the property was created in 2004 as part of a larger conservation project in which OSI donated more than 500 acres to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation as an addition to Hudson Highlands State Park. OSI established the conservation easement to ensure the town is able to carry out municipal highway services; it has since been amended to include construction and use of the emergency communications tower.

“I’m so glad this partnership came together to strengthen public safety while honoring our community’s commitment to conservation,” said Putnam County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown. “Reliable emergency communications are essential for protecting residents, visitors, and first responders, especially in an area filled with outdoor enthusiasts each year. This project is a model for how government and conservation partners can work hand-in-hand to meet urgent public safety needs while preserving the natural beauty and open space that define our community.”

The Open Space Institute is a national leader in land conservation and efforts to make parks and other protected land more welcoming for all. Since 1974, it has partnered in the protection of more than 2.5 million at-risk and environmentally sensitive acres in the eastern U.S. and Canada. Its land protection promotes clean air and water, improves access to recreation, provides wildlife habitat, strengthens communities, and combats climate change while curbing its devastating effects.

“First responders need a highly functional communication system – both for the half-million annual visitors to Hudson Highlands State Park, and for

everyone working, living in, or visiting this beautiful area,” said Peter Karis, vice president for parks and stewardship at OSI. “We commend the town and county for working closely with us to achieve a conservation win and improve their emergency response system in one fell swoop.”

“New York State Parks is grateful to the village, OSI, and the telecommunications operator for working together to create a more reliable public safety communications network in and around our regional state parks,” added NYS Parks Regional Director Linda Cooper. “With the busy Route 9 and Route 9D corridors, and all the hiking trails in between, clear communications will create a safer environment for park visitors and first responders, alike.”

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE

FOUR PLOTS IN ROSE HILLS - available in a row together. Veterans section, on hill. Don’t have to be a veteran. \$2,000 each or best offer. 845-224-9904. 8/27

FOR SALE - DOUBLE CRYPT/MAUSOLEUM at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Shrub Oak/ Putnam Valley. Asking \$10,000. Call 631-402-3585. 9/3.

ANNOUNCEMENT

HEBREW CONGREGATION OF SOMERS welcomes you to join us on the High Holidays in our inclusive community. For tickets, email: questions@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532. 9/17

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New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital.

He is a prior chairman of the Philipstown Republican Committee.

“Sheriff McConville devoted his life to serving others with integrity, courage, and compassion,” stated the sheriff’s department. “Our hearts are heavy as we stand with the McConville family, but we will honor his legacy with pride and continue the mission that we have to serve and protect Putnam County.”

McConville is survived by his wife of 43 years, Janice; his son, Ryan (Megan) McConville; his daughters Kylie (“Z”) and Ilana (Andrew) McConville; his grandchildren Bennett and Reagan McConville; and his brothers Ronnie (Diane) Mc-

SOMERS HEBREW SCHOOL - Open House on Sunday, September 7th, 2025 for Grades K-7. Email : questions@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or Call 914-248-9532. 9/17

WANTED

BUYING VINTAGE CAMERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MILITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, COMICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN And More. Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 10/31

WANTED – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 8/27

Conville and Dickie (Carol Ann) McConville.

Friends and family may call Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m., at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., Cold Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday ,Aug. 27 at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair St., Cold Spring. Interment will follow in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Condolences came flooding in last week from various agencies and individuals across the county – and beyond.

Andres Gil, chairman of the Putnam County Republican Committee, called McConville “a true leader, professional, and great man. You will be missed tremendously,” he said. “Many prayers for the McConville family. Till Valhalla.”

With McConville’s death, the Republican Party has 10 days to file a certificate with the Board of Elections naming a new candidate for the November election.

There is no Democratic candidate, but Larry Burke, a Cold Spring police officer, is running as an independent candidate.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PRINT CLEARLY your AD on the form below and send it to: PUTNAM COUNTY PRESS, P.O. BOX 608, MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541 by theWEDNESDAY before publication, or email your ad to advertising@putnampresstimes.com. We will run your ad for four (4) weeks. If after that time you wish to renew for another four weeks, resubmit your AD on the form. The price for classified advertising is \$17.50 for 25 words. Please include a check with your submission.

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Memorial Ride Honors Two Fallen Brewster Firefighters



Robert “Link” Linkenhoker and Billy May were honored Aug. 16 when dozens of riders completed a 40-mile journey through the county, escorted by EMS, before returning to the Brewster firehouse to celebrate the fallen heroes. Linkenhoker, a 26-year member of BFD who was also a member of Iron Order, died Oct. 16 – just two days before his 54 birthday. May died in March 2024.



Firefighters and motorcyclists from across the county participated in the first Iron Order Motorcycle Club and Brewster Fire Department Memorial Ride in memory of two emergency responders who died last year.

Helping Children Manage Big Emotions

FAMILY FEATURES

Little children experience big emotions. When things don’t go as planned or they feel overstimulated or face new experiences, children may respond with anger and frustration, fueled by feelings of shame, embarrassment or even a sense of injustice. Because young children often don’t have the language or regulation skills to handle these big feelings, they can result in tantrums, mood swings, rebellion and emotional outbursts, which may trigger feelings of embarrassment and exasperation for parents. Fear not; every parent has been there. Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president and chief academic officer at The Goddard School, and Kelly Oriard and Callie Christensen, co-

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.