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It's Maple Sugar Time! *Brewster Students Tap Their Own Maple Tree*



Fourth-graders at C.V. Starr Elementary School in Brewster recently trekked out to find the perfect sugar maple tree – hoping to catch this season's sap run. Using hand drills, and lots of teamwork, students drilled then tapped the trunk of the maple tree at the west end of the turf field. "It's gushing!" observed several students as they marveled at the fresh sap trickling from their taps and splashing into their buckets. This is a legacy project embraced by Brewster students for more than thirty years.



Carmel Schools Name New Superintendent

Following an extensive search process, the Carmel School Board last week announced the appointment of Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben as the district's new superintendent of schools.

According to the board, Fairben emerged as the top candidate by demonstrating a wealth of experience, a proven track record of educational leadership, and a deep commitment to student success.

Fairben is no stranger to the Carmel community, having been born at Putnam Hospital and living in the district until she was about 5 years old. Her personal ties to the district run even deeper, as her father, Richard Meehan, was the youngest superintendent of the Carmel Central School District, in 1973. As history would have it, Fairben will follow in her late father's footsteps.

"It is quite evident that her heart never left Carmel," said School Board President Dawn Dall.

Fairben has been in the field of education for the past 32 years, having taught at elementary, middle and high schools, as well as college-level courses for aspiring educators at SUNY Brockport,



Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben

St. John Fisher and Hobart and William Smith colleges.

She has held various leadership roles over the past 22 years at both the building and district level, including as assistant principal, principal, director of pupil personnel services and special

programs, superintendent of the New York State School for the Blind, director of P16, assistant superintendent and most recently as an associate superintendent at the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

"I have spent the last 32 years creating a voice for the voiceless," she said. "I've worked very hard to create inclusive practices in every district I have served."

Fairben's final interview Jan. 6 yielded overwhelmingly positive feedback from stakeholders.

"Erin is passionate and truly concerned about the relationship with the community and the students," said one attendee. "I appreciate her concerns for the school district and the success of it as a whole."

Another attendee added, "Dr. Fairben is knowledgeable, personable, well-spoken and

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State Expands School-Based Mental Health Clinics

Steps to combat the youth mental health crisis were announced last week by Gov. Kathy Hochul, following a convening of students, faculty and mental health professionals in Schenectady.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, nearly one in four teens have considered suicide – a significant increase from a decade ago, and for teenage girls, that number rises to one in three.

In response to this crisis, the governor aims to expand mental health support for children across the state, protect them from harmful social media features and ensure their voice is heard.

Hochul announced \$20 million in start-up funding for school-based mental health clinics and launched a rolling application,

which will make it easier for interested schools to access state funding. With support from a school wanting to establish a clinic satellite, providers can now apply for start-up funding on a rolling basis rather than through the state procurement process previously used.

This effort is part of the governor's State of the State commitment to put a school-based mental health clinic in every school that wants one.

Licensed New York State Office of Mental Health clinic providers can now submit an application to establish a school-based satellite clinic through the Mental Health Provider Data Exchange. Every new school satellite clinic will automatically be eligible for \$25,000 in start-up funding.

High-need schools, or those where more than 50 percent of students are classified as "coming from an economically disadvantaged household," are eligible for an additional \$20,000.

Last week's announcement builds on the \$5.1 million awarded in November to support 137 new school-based clinics, including 82 at high-need schools, bringing the total number of clinics to more than 1,200 statewide.

"School-based clinics are an important component of our efforts to expand community-based care throughout the state and ensure all New Yorkers have access to critical mental health supports," said OMH Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan. "By streamlining the process for applying for start-up funding, we can help more schools

establish mental health clinics and provide greater access to care for youth and their families."

Protecting Children Online

Hochul is continuing to advocate for the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation for Kids Act, which was included in the 2024 executive budget. This proposal would regulate unhealthy social media usage by prohibiting platforms from providing addictive algorithmic feeds to kids without parental consent.

In 2023, the U.S. surgeon general said social media can "have a profound risk of harm to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents." This legislation would require social media companies to restrict the addictive features that harm young users while still allowing access

to the platform and empower the attorney general to bring actions forward for violators.

Additionally, the New York Child Data Protection Act would prohibit online sites from collecting, using, sharing or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18 without their consent.

Expanding Access for Low-Income New Yorkers

Hochul also announced measures to help low-income New Yorkers on Medicaid access mental health care. In the executive budget, \$15 million is allocated to increase reimbursement rates for mental health services for children in Department of Health-licensed facilities and private healthcare practices, in addition to \$27 million annually to support these

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Working Mom By Holly Crocco

Without Order, There is Chaos

Let's talk about the horrors of having someone without kids drop by unexpectedly and getting an uncensored look at your house in all its unclean, unorganized, unkept glory.

Recently a friend stopped by to pick me up for a highly-anticipated and too-rare lunch date, sans child. Now, I must admit, while it wasn't an unexpected visit, I was not planning on her actually stepping foot inside the residence.

When she texted me on her way over and mentioned that she wanted to see some updates we had made to our home (interior painting, refurbished fireplace), I broke out into panic sweats. My first thought was, nope. No way. She can't come in. Not gonna happen.

But then I realized that's ridiculous. So, I texted her back something along the lines of: "OK, you can come in, but the house looks like Hiroshima and once you see it you may never

look at me the same."

She laughed it off and said I was being crazy, and that she didn't care what the house looked like.

Cute, I thought. That's what she says now...

A little while later she was walking up the stairs, dodging Lego pieces and rogue slippers and Crocs. We got to the living room, where the fireplace is. It's also where a lot of the destruction occurs.

I tried to steer my friend's attention toward the new wooden mantle and painted brick, and not toward the throw blankets hanging haphazardly off of the couch, the decorative pillows strewn on the floor (they are used as "islands" when the floor is lava), the Avengers dangling from the lamp on the end table, the Batman Cave that was tipped over on its side, or the red plastic cups and ping-pong balls every few steps.

We went straight through the kitchen/dining area without

stopping, and I'm really hoping my nonstop chatter prevented her from noticing the Oreo crumbs on the floor, or the dried soap drips down the front cabinets under the sink, above the step-stool that Mikey pushes over when he wants to wash his hands in the kitchen.

Then we got to the "play-room," which is actually an area that most humans would use as a sunroom or extra "sitting room" or living space, but we have designated it as the child's play area until... Well, until I don't know when.

And here's the thing: As a form of self-preservation, I have simply cut that room of the house right out of my brain. In my mind, I have drawn a line across the floor where the chaos starts and closed it off. There is yellow caution tape in my head that cordons it off. I don't even consider it when I'm cleaning and

organizing. It's just too far gone.

But, standing there with a guest, trying to show her the new trim, I just wanted to curl in on myself and implode.

You see, there is a level of chaos that exists in a house with a child/children that must be so completely foreign to a home without kids. I know that is a bold statement, and it's not meant to alienate anyone, but I feel in my bones it is true.

And I only have the one child.

We continued the tour of the bomb shelter... I mean house. Mikey's room was much of the same, and—to my absolute horror — my friend used the bathroom. (We have a 5-year-old boy, need I say more?)

Then, apparently I had a mini-stroke, because I said I would drive.

So, out we went to the garage, tripping over basketballs

and soccer balls and baseballs, and made our way to my SUV. I opened up a back door to throw something back there and quickly realized it was a no-go.

Between the stale French fries littering the floor mats and the lollipop stuck to the console, and the red sticky substance on the seat (99.8 percent sure it's not blood), I quickly shut the door and friended around, and told my friend we would be taking her car.

And then I enjoyed a 10-minute drive in a vehicle that didn't smell like fast food, didn't leave me sticky, had adult music coming through the speakers and — I kid you not — actually shined.

And the real kicker? She's still talking to me.

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Patterson Rotary Visits Putnam Service Dogs



Above: Patterson Rotary Club members at the Putnam Service Dogs training center in Brewster.

Right: Head trainer Melissa Schiraldi with Gunther.



Putnam Service Dogs' Training Center in Brewster was the location of the Feb. 27 Patterson Rotary Club meeting, where head trainer Melissa Schiraldi — who selects all the pups the organization adopts to train as service dogs — demonstrated Gunther's temperament and skills to the audience, and explained how she assesses a pup.

Gunther, after only four days with Putnam Service Dogs, charmed the audience with his friendliness, calmness, focus, and his ability to respond to cues.

Putnam Service Dogs is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2016. It provides free service dogs to people with physical disabilities other than blindness, and to veterans with post-traumatic stress. The organization has adopted 32 rescue pups since its inception.

CEO and founder Nancy Teague said the training center at 2453 Route 6 was designed to be a small, residential setting, rather than like the large, multi-million-dollar centers that other service dog schools have.

Only four dogs live at the Brewster center. During their formal training (the last part of their training, which is six to nine months), the dogs have 24/7 human care and companionship from their full-

time, live-in caretakers. The dogs' house manners are continued to be honed, so no dog is delivered to recipients with bad house manners, such as counter "surfing," jumping at doors or people, barking at the doorbell, etc.

According to Teague, the demand for this type of service dog is growing every year; Putnam Service Dogs receives two to five applications per week for canines. It currently has eight in training, and will be adding three more to accommodate its partner organization, Rutgers University Club.

Rutgers trains each service dog for hundreds of hours over a two-year period. Each dog costs more than \$80,000 when placed, with free additional training and support given the recipient.

Teague noted that more than 300,000 dogs are euthanized every year in this country because of dog overpopulation, and organizations like Putnam Service Dogs help prevent this needless killing.

For more information about Putnam Service Dogs, visit www.putnamservicedogs.org or call 917-449-5359.

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Nuvance Health Plans to Join Northwell Network

Northwell Health and Nuvance Health have entered into a strategic agreement to form a new integrated regional health system serving communities across two states, it was announced last week. The proposed agreement will allow the two nonprofit health care organizations to join together formally upon receipt of necessary regulatory approval.

“This partnership opens a new and exciting chapter for Northwell and Nuvance Health and provides an incredible opportunity to enhance both health systems and take patient care and services to an even higher level,” said Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health. “We have similar missions in providing high-quality care for patients in the communities we serve. We look forward to building on the care that Nuvance Health’s 14,000 staff members and providers deliver each and every day.”

“By joining forces with Northwell Health, we are taking a giant leap forward in our shared mission to enhance the quality, accessibility and equity of the health care we provide to our communities,” added Dr. John Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health – which includes Putnam Hospital in Carmel. “This agreement enables us to make significant improvements to health outcomes for community hospitals and to deliver unparalleled care and drive positive change in the health care landscape.”

Northwell and Nuvance will combine the strengths of both organizations to advance the level of care for patients in New York and Connecticut. The new regional system will bring greater access to primary, specialty and hospital care through a diverse network of combined 14,500 providers and more than 1,000 sites of care, including 28 hospitals, say the CEOs.

Northwell will make significant investments in Nuvance Health, helping it continue to evolve as a high-quality and comprehensive health care system serving communities throughout New York and Connecticut.

“This agreement marks an important milestone for both Nuvance Health and Northwell, mission-driven organizations with similar values and an optimistic vision for the future of health care,” said Margaret Crotty, chairperson of the Northwell Board of Trustees. “Together we can create something truly special – an integrated health system that is even better positioned to care for the communities we serve.”

“Our collaboration with Northwell Health builds upon the strong foundation of our ongoing relationship,” added Anne Roby, chairperson of the Nuvance Health Board of Directors. “Together, we will address the evolving needs of our communities more efficiently and effectively, ensuring the delivery of compassionate, high-quality care locally.”

Both Northwell and Nuvance have reaffirmed their commitments to the goals and objectives defined in the initial letter of intent. As such, the integrated health system is expected to:

- Deliver extraordinary clinical care locally to patients.

With increased capacity to invest in medical advancements and innovation, the integrated system

would better serve patients in their respective markets and communities. When Nuvance joins Northwell, local communities will have access to coordinated care across western Connecticut, the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. The care delivered in these sites will span the full range of ambulatory, hospital and post-acute services.

- Create healthier communities.

Combining Nuvance with the resources of Northwell will enable the organizations to meet the evolving, varied needs of local communities more quickly, more efficiently and more effectively. Together, both organizations will have the ability to make significant improvements to health outcomes and address health disparities across the communities they serve.

As nonprofit organizations, Northwell and Nuvance will also continue to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

- Expedite medical innovation.

By joining Northwell, Nuvance will gain access to the clinical, operating and financial resources of one of the nation’s largest integrated health systems. Combining purchasing power, clinical capabilities and expertise from both organizations will help drive even greater innovation, enhanced care and services offerings.

Building on each organization’s research, education and clinical care infrastructure, the combined entity will accelerate innovation in patient care and advance medical research that can help transform lives.

- Increase workforce opportunities.

The agreement will increase the opportunity to attract and retain top talent, including physicians, nurses, surgical and research specialists, as well as allied health and business professionals. By coming together, medical staff and employees will have greater professional growth opportunities, new career prospects and the chance to work with some of the



Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health, and Dr. John Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health.

best in the industry.

This could include academic pathways for health professionals to acquire additional degrees and for new graduates to fill high-demand positions.

Northwell Health is New York State’s largest health care provider and private employer, with 21 hospitals, about 900 outpatient facilities and more than 12,000 affiliated physicians. Its 85,000 employees – 18,900 nurses and 4,900 employed doctors, including members of Northwell Health Physician Partners – care for more than 2 million people annually in the New York-metro area and beyond, thanks to philanthropic support from communities.

Nuvance Health is a system of award-winning nonprofit hos-

pitals and outpatient healthcare services throughout the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut, including Danbury Hospital and its New Milford campus, Norwalk

Hospital and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut; Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in New York.

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Brewster F.D. Bids Farewell to Former Chief

The Brewster Fire Department gave a grand sendoff to former Chief Thomas Palmer on Feb. 28, following a funeral Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Palmer joined BFD on March 10, 1982, at the age of 18. He quickly rose to the rank of lieutenant and then captain of Company No. 1, known as Water Source. He was elected second assistant chief in 1992, then served as chief from 1996 to 1998. In 2008, was elected fire commissioner of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District, where he served until 2013. Palmer is survived by his wife, BFD life member Laurie Palmer, and son Collin Palmer. Provided photo.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



The Mediterranean Diet

Year after year, the Mediterranean diet remains the most healthful approach to following a balanced, heart healthy, and risk reducing diet. Many diets have gained and lost popularity in the time that the Mediterranean diet has sustained its top position in the US News and World Reports diet ranking. This year, in addition to achieving the best overall diet, it was ranked #1 Best Heart-Healthy Diet, Best Diet for Bone and Joint Health, Best Diet for Diabetes and Best Diet for Healthy Eating. It was also ranked the #2 Best Plant-Based Diet. With these accolades, it makes sense to adopt a mediterranean approach today. The good news is that it's not hard to do. Here are simple changes to make:

Aim for lots of color from fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. When your diet is colorful, it means it's also rich in the vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants your body needs.

Choose olive oil not butter. Olive oil is rich in heart-healthy monounsaturated fats. Butter, on the other hand is high in saturated fat, a type of fat correlated with increased LDL levels and risk of cardiovascular disease.

Lower your meat intake and add more fish. The Mediterranean diet emphasizes fish in place of meat to encourage a diet high in omega-fatty acids. Referred to as "essential fatty acids", these are fats that we can't create on our own and therefore must seek in our diet. Omega fatty acids are important for neural, heart, and mental health.

Avoid added sugar. Added sugar is aligned with obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Not only does added sugar cause your blood sugar to spike, it also usually means excess calories that only add to your day, but don't fill you up.

Add more nuts and seeds. Nuts and seeds are rich in fiber, an assortment of vitamins and minerals, and omega fats. They are satisfying and perfect for controlling hunger. However, they're also energy-packed, which means it

doesn't take a large serving to enjoy the benefits.

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Roasted Cauliflower Chickpea Salad (3 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Tahini, a rich sesame seed paste, is a great match golden roasted cauliflower. The florets roast alongside chickpeas, which add a touch of crunch to this simple, satisfying salad.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 1 (15.5-oz.) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 Tbsp. sesame tahini
- 1 lemon
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/3 cup chopped parsley

Directions:

Cut cauliflower into florets. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. On an 18x13" parchment-lined baking sheet, spread cauliflower and toss with 2 tablespoons oil, salt, and pepper. Bake 20 minutes.

Remove cauliflower from oven and push to one half of baking sheet. Add chickpeas and onion to other half and toss with remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Season with salt and pepper. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, until crisp.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine tahini, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, garlic, and cumin. Gradually stream in 1 to 2 tablespoons warm water, whisking constantly, until dressing is smooth and creamy.

Transfer roasted cauliflower, chickpeas, and onion to a large bowl or serving platter. Toss with parsley and drizzle with tahini-lemon dressing.

Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes

(Family Features)

Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano or dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds salmon or halibut fillets, cut into 4 serving-size pieces
- 1 cup (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 18-by-13-by-1-inch (half sheet) baking pan with foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In medium bowl, toss toma-



atoes, olive oil, garlic, oregano, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Place fish pieces, skin side down, on one side of prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining pepper. Lightly press feta cheese on top of fish. Pour tomato mixture on other side of prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 12-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Place salmon on serving plates. Spoon tomato mixture over top.

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Community Continues to Rally to Save Belden House

The Friends of Belden House recruitment drive garnered a rich assortment of Carmel residents who gathered Feb. 20 at the historic Reed Memorial Library to relay their recollections of the life and times at the historic house spanning almost a half a century.

Filmed and interviewed by Carmel High School students KC Carboy and Giuliana Acierno, and under the supervision of history teacher and Revolutionary War re-enactor Robert Buccheri,

Wayne Mirko, a 1976 CHS graduate, talked about his time as a Department of Environmental Protection police officer responsible for the maintenance of and surveillance of the West Branch Reservoir, while 1961 CHS graduate Jean Rhuda shared memories of her mother caring for the children of supervisor Carl Hansen's friends and family, and her own free rein of the house – romping with the dog on the massive staircase, being engrossed by the grandeur of the house with massive fireplaces, and even servants' quarters.

Fred Swanson, who was a premier mechanic and met his future wife at Belden House in 1981, recalled his close association with supervisor John Birrell and his daughter Linda, who extended her skill as a horsewoman to students.

Peter Gehhardt recalled the night that the sky lit up with flames engulfing the garage, reducing it to dust, and his wife Rosemary's heartfelt plea to save the house.

"The poise and professionalism exhibited by KC and Giuliana in both their interviewing and filming tasks should inspire in



Ann Fanizzi, chairwoman of Friends of Belden House, is joined by Carmel High School students and teachers, Reed Memorial Library staff and others at a recent group discussion at the library regarding restoration of the historic building.

us confidence and pride that this generation will indeed acquit themselves admirably," said Ann Fanizzi, chairwoman of Friends of Belden House.

She thanked Reed Memorial Library Director Donna Perolli and staff members Holly Loughlin and Jody McBride for helping to

coordinate the program.

"The Carmel community is indeed fortunate that members of the educational system and library have collaborated with the Friends of Belden House in celebrating and memorializing recollections for generations to come, to ponder and appreciate," said Fanizzi.



Carmel High School Equity Club members (from left) Maggie Faloon, Lila Perez and Emily Cardona created the Black History Month display at Carmel High School. Photo courtesy of Carmel Central School District.

CHS Equity Club Celebrates Black History

If you walk anywhere in Carmel High School, you cannot miss the TV-sized digital display screens that showcase school information and announcements. Throughout Black History Month in February, those screens displayed stories about historical figures who may not be household names.

The school's Equity Club put together the Black History Month display so students around the building could read the stories of six remarkable people.

"We wanted to represent not just black activists, but those who are underrepresented," said senior Lila Perez. "We hear about Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks, but there are a lot of others we don't hear about."

Perez researched and wrote about Phillis Wheatley Peters, who is considered the first African American to have published a book of poetry. "I like literature and poetry and I thought it would be good to find out more about her," she said.

Emily Cardona, another Equity Club member, chose to write about Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, the first black woman to receive a PhD for economics, and a law degree.

"Her story inspired me when I read it," said Cardona. "I do want

to pursue law in the future. If Alexander can inspire me, I wanted to share that inspiration to others who view the slide."

Fellow Equity Club member Maggie Faloon said it is important to highlight those who do not receive the recognition they deserve in textbooks, classroom lessons and daily lives.

"I chose Dorothy Height, as she was not only a civil rights activist, but a criminal justice anti-lynching and women's rights advocate throughout her life," said Faloon. "She is one of the countless names usually forgotten when we learn about the Civil Rights Movement, even though her contributions were immense and significant."

When she was in the library, cafeteria or even the school hallways, Perez said she saw students stop to read the slides. She noted that the Equity Club is going to look for more opportunities to highlight others' accomplishments.

"Our Equity Club at CHS is doing their hardest to try to provide resources, help and improvement to our building so that everyone can succeed regardless of who they are," added Cardona. "As students, we can reflect and understand what we can do to help improve our building, district and community."

We Will Miss

Brewster
Virginia Joan Sellati, 84, February 20, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Mahopac

Gerald Philip Ravnitzky, 88, February 23, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Julius Isidoro Cesare, 87, February 14, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

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'It's a (Positive) Vibe!' at H.H. Wells Middle School

H.H. Wells Middle School's Positive Behavior Intervention System committee is the embodiment of positivity and energy. Its theme this year is, "It's a Vibe."

The group, which gets together monthly to discuss how to make improvements to student life and well-being, is growing in popularity, going from 15 to 50 students in just one year.

"I think the committee started to gain popularity and interest through student leaders," said Vice Principal Alicia Manguso. "The group we have right now is very hands-on. There is so much positive influence when kids see other kids leading in spaces. It demonstrates risk-taking and speaks to the pride the students have for their school and wanting to be positive influences on the climate and culture we create here."

Last week, members met in the library to review their newsletter, which is all about Bear Bucks and Grizzly Bucks.

Students earn bucks as a reward for positive behavior, and at

the end of each month, there is a raffle in the cafeteria run by PBIS students for each grade level with prizes.

The idea behind the newsletter is to explain the system to students and teachers and to get the student body engaged. The sixth-graders have continually received more bucks than the other grades.

The group said it wants to motivate the seventh- and eighth-graders.

The newsletter includes a question-and-answer section on Bear Bucks, a positive vibes section and a comic strip using examples of Bear Bucks versus Grizzly Bucks. There is even a comic strip committee that came up with the images.

"We were trying to come up with a visual of a kid helping to clean up after lunch," said Charlie Scott. "I think we should add an image of a garbage can to show that."

On the topic of getting more students motivated, there were a lot of ideas discussed.



Brewster middle-schoolers spread positive energy.

"Maybe do a mini-affle with smaller prizes for entire classes at once?" suggested Olivia Melendez.

"We could send out a Google form to see what students would like," added Jack Bryggmann.

"What about wearing our T-shirts on raffle days?" suggested Sofie McDonnell.

"That's a great idea!" said Vice Principal Alicia Manguso. "We definitely have to wear our

T-shirts on raffle days." As if on cue, boxes of bright yellow T-shirts were passed out. On the front are the words "PBIS It's a VIBE!" On the back is, "Feed the Positive!"

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Bigfoot Comes to Mahopac

Join producer and lead investigator Mike Familant as he brings his "Searchin' America Tour '24," aka the Bigfoot Experience, to the Mahopac Public Library on Wednesday March 20 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Familant will share his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid. He will exhibit some extraordinary evidence backed by facts that he and his team have collected throughout his journey, along with some of the unfortunate experiences that come along with Bigfooting.

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation, and Familant will be available afterward for photographs and autographs.

Registration is required and can be completed at mahopaclibrary.org or by calling 845-628-2009, ext. 100.



See Maia Guest as **Mary Philipse** (her brother's heirs may own your mineral rights in Putnam) in



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Putnam County Community Events

Irish Soda Bread Sale

The Brewster VFW Post 672 auxiliary is holding a homemade Irish soda bread bake sale fundraiser. \$20 per loaf. Orders will be accepted by phone through March 10. Call Chris at 914-588-9497, Deb at 845-803-1563 or Karen at 845-721-0265. Orders can be picked up Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Free Trees

Kent Public Library is partnering with Neighborhood Forest for Earth Day 2024. Register your child to receive a free tree to plant in your yard. Registration lasts until March 15, at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

Seedling Sale

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County's tree and shrub seedling sale continues through March 24. Plants will be sold online only, on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are limited quantities. All proceeds benefit CCE's new education center at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Order at cceptnamcounty.org/2024TreeShrub.

Tuesday, March 5

Blood Drive

New York Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster, on Tuesday, March 5 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome. Sign up by calling 1-800-933-2566 or at nybc.org.

Book Groups

The Reads at Reed Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson. Also, Reed Memorial Library's Short Story Discussion Group meets alternating Wednesdays at 1 p.m., also via Zoom.

Medicaid & Veterans

Do you receive Medicaid or veteran benefits? Did you know you can also register for Medicare and receive additional benefits? Maggie Flynn of Advocate Health Advisors will explain how to increase your benefits by enrolling in all the plans you qualify for Tuesday, March 5 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: March 5 and 19, April 9 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Table Talk Tuesdays

CoveCare Center will present Table Talk Tuesdays to promote resilience and family connections, at 6 p.m. at Sauro's Town Square Pizza, 1072 Route 311, Patterson, on March 5; Cold Spring Pizza, 120 Main St., on March 12; Cacciatori Pizza, 941 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac, on March 19; and Gaetano Pizza & Café, 100 Independent Way, Brewster, on March 26. Reservations are required. Email prevention@covecarecenter.org or call 845-225-2700, ext. 117. Includes complimentary pizza, soda and light dessert.

Lake Mahopac Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, March 5 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome and asked to bring their own lunch. Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The program presentation will be "Current Trends in Flower Arrangement" by Karen Climi, owner of Flower Boutique Shop in Mahopac. www.lakemahopacgc.com.

Wednesday, March 6

Cancer Support Services

Support Connection, Inc., will hold the following virtual (telephone/Zoom) support groups for women with: breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer Wednesdays, March 6, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.; ovarian cancer Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m.; and breast cancer Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Advance registration is required at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290, or supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: March 6, 13 and 20; April 3, 10 and 17; May 1, 8 and 15; June 5, 12 and 19; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

Thursday, March 7

Job Fair

The Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board will hold a job fair March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Mount Kisco Public Library. Twenty-five employers with a wide variety of job positions will be on-site to meet and interview candidates. Register at <https://ow.ly/y56J50QGSfa>.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: March 7 and 21, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Celtic Duo Concert

Join Patterson Library on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a musical evening with the Celtic Duo Dan Ringrose and Jeanne Freeman. They will entertain with traditional Irish and Celtic music with a touch of contemporary folk. Adults only. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Trivia Night

CoveCare Center will present an online trivia night Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Teams of up to 10 compete through four rounds of trivia. Prizes for first place and best team name. \$25 per player. Mulligans are \$30 per pack of three, for rounds one through three only. Sign up at <https://covecarecenter.org>.

Friday, March 8

'Romeo & Juliet'

The Brewster Theater Company will present a special production of Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet"

at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door.

Saturday, March 9

Repair Café

Sustainable Putnam's quarterly Repair Cafe will take place at the Mahopac Middle School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. Bring your broken but beloved item to be fixed for free by volunteers. Save lamps, clocks, toasters and more from the landfill. Volunteer "fixers" needed. For information and registration, visit sustainableputnam/repair-cafe or call 646-598-6560.

Celtic Celebration

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will open its 2024 season Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., with an evening of Celtic music featuring Liz Hanley, Jefferson Hamer and the TC Ceili Band. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at www.tompkinscorners.org or at the door.

Reduce College Costs

Learn how to research the true cost of college and how to negotiate the college tuition Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. at Kent Public Library. Discuss FAFSA, grants, loans, scholarships, work study programs, federal vs. private loans, 529 plans and the Navient lawsuit. For teens and adults. Registration is recommended at <https://kentlibrary.org>, Programs@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Sunday, March 10

Parade

The Northern Westchester/Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled Sunday, March 10 (rain or shine) at 2 p.m., along Route 6 in Mahopac.

Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, age 12 and younger eat for free.

Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corner Cultural Center will host a Poets' Corner featuring Kateri Kosek on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Open mic will follow. Register on-site. \$10.

Adam Falcon

The Hudson Valley Blues Society will present Adam Falcon on Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members, at www.thehvbs.org/sunday-concert-series.html.

Monday, March 11

Storytime With Teachers

A special story time with teachers in kindergarten through fourth grade from Kent Primary School is scheduled Monday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>,

youthservices@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Author Talk

Meet local author Mary Elizabeth Neils and discuss her new book, "A New Reflection: Creating Your Best Self," on Monday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Neils is a licensed NYS school psychologist and former special education teacher whose life mission has been to support individuals in their quest to take action toward positive change. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, Programs@KentLibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Tuesday, March 12

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime for kids age 3 to 5 meets at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning March 12. Family Storytime for kids age 2 to 5 meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning March 13. Stem Storytime for kids age 3 to 5 meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning March 21. For information, email Carmellibrary.org or call 845 225-2439.

CCSD Budget Meetings

The Carmel School Board will discuss the 2024-25 budget on the following dates, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carmel High School library: March 12 and 26. In addition, a presentation is scheduled April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit carmelschools.org, click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more information.

Wednesday, March 13

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Overdose Prevention

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will hold an opioid overdose prevention training program March 13 at 3 p.m. Free Narcan kits available to all participants. Registration is required at www.carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Thursday, March 14

Women's History

Celebrate Women's History Month with a 30-minute lunch-and-learn talk presented by Cassie Ward, executive director of the Putnam History Museum, on Thursday, March 14 at noon. In person at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, or join virtually. Journey through the lives of 20 remarkable Putnam County women, spanning from the American Revolution to the present day. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

'Oppenheimer'

Patterson Library will show "Oppenheimer" on Thursday, March 14 at 1 p.m. The gripping story of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the creator of the world's first atomic bomb, and his personal struggle as he grapples with the moral dilemma of creating the formidable weapon.

Rated R. Adults only. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, March 15

'Dirt'

The Putnam Theatre Alliance will present "Dirt" at AotL, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at www.artsonthelake.org or by calling 845-228-2685. "Dirt" will also be presented Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com. The production will be presented March 8-10 at the Depot Theatre in Garrison.

'Newsies Jr.'

Mahopac Middle School's Theater Company will present Disney's "Newsies Jr." on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 16 at 2 and 7 p.m., at the MMS stage. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

'How to Succeed

in Business'

Carmel High School will present "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 16 at 1 and 6 p.m., at George Fischer Middle School on Fair Street. Tickets can be purchased at chsperform.booktix.com or at the door.

Saturday, March 16

Irish Dinner

Patterson Community Church will offer a St. Patrick's Day dinner, dine in or take out, Saturday, March 16 from 4 to 7 p.m., in the community hall at 1059 Route 311. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread and more. Live music. \$17 per person, \$15 for seniors (65 and older) and \$5 for children younger than 12.

Manage Anxiety

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "12 Tips to Manage Anxiety" on March 16 at 11 a.m. Online registration is required. Registration is required at www.carmellibrary.org/calendar.

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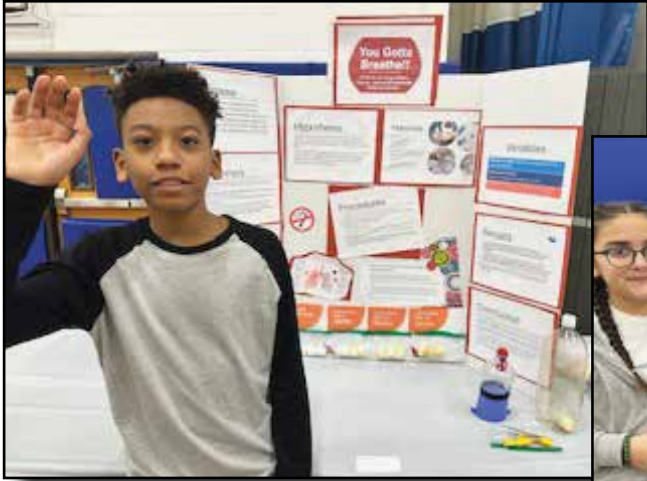
Teens in grades five through 12 are invited to the Kent Public Library on Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. for a party with Beaded Blendz By Britt, who will guide participants through an activity where everyone will have the chance to craft their own jewelry, keychain and more. Register at kentlibrary.org.

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Young Scientists Hard at Work in Carmel Schools



Students at George Fischer Middle School recently showed off their talents at the annual science fair. Provided photos.

Aiden and Nouhou had a theory. They knew that putting a Mentos mint candy inside a bottle of soda would make the soda go volcanic; but would putting a Mentos in different kinds of sodas change the size of the explosion?

The boys' project was one of 96 showcased in the recent George Fischer Middle School Science Fair in Carmel, which included hundreds of participants.

"The science fair is the district's largest academic event of the year, and this year was exceptional," said event advisor Jeff Diamonde. "We estimate that more than 300 people came out to support our students and see their work."

Diamonde teaches technology and art and has been a science fair advisor since 1998. He is retiring

this year, and co-advisor Cheryl-Ann Murphy, a world language teacher, will be taking the reins. A former administrator at Ulster BOCES, Murphy has overseen the secondary science and technology curriculum, and because she speaks Spanish, many students in the English as a New Language program joined the science fair this year.

The fair is a schoolwide project. Technology teacher Anthony Soltile helped with student-made robot demonstrations, while Special Education Chairperson Cathy Mahon and PACE teacher April Roe provided PACE students with an opportunity to create an amazing project.

Bridge students volunteered throughout the day, helping others bring items into the building and

taking pictures, and the art department displayed students' work around the gymnasium.

The GFMS Parent-Teacher Association sponsored and supported the fair, providing everything from display tables to the plaques awarded to the winners.

Principal Dr. Merica Neufville emphasized that working together is a way of strengthening a school community.

"The fair's advisors made sure there were opportunities for all students to participate in the science fair, even if they were not entering a project," said Neufville. "Our GFMS family, or 'Ramily,' as we like to say (for the Carmel Rams), provides ways for all of our students to be included."

The first-place winner in each category is invited to compete in

the Tri-County Science & Technology Fair in April.

Winners

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

• Eighth Grade

- First Place: Aarav Prasad

• Seventh Grade

- First Place: Jack Sutherland, Bryce Dalton, Lucas Hauptner

- Second Place: Liliana Fagant, Mahee Deshpande

• Sixth Grade

- First Place: Own Ball, Michael Harionto

- Second Place: Sadie Lopez, Julianna Sorbella

- Third Place: Olivia Capizzi, Genevieve Tallevi

• Fifth Grade

- First Place: Jack Doll, Evelyn Follett, Liliana Sullivan

- Second Place: Ezra Schembari, Jose Posada

- Third Place: Aiden Kamal

EARTH & SPACE

• Eighth Grade

- First Place: Levi Robinson, Michael Cecchini

- Second Place: Ella Zimmerman, Violet Harper, Emma Rivera

- Third Place: Kate Morelli, Cora Hedman, Saranda Krasniqi

• Seventh Grade

- First Place: Stanley Smith

- Second Place: Clara Vuljevic

• Sixth Grade

- First Place: Avery Escaravage

• Fifth Grade

- First Place: Carter Hey

- Second Place: James Baio, Silas Machulski

- Third Place: Erona Krasniqi

BIOLOGY

• Eighth Grade

- First Place: Olivia Santangelo, Hayley Larson

- Second Place: Alexandra Hazelton, Cassidy Greene

• Seventh Grade

- First Place: Alexander Pelillo, Logan Pelillo

- Second Place: Camryn Menton, Lillian White

- Third Place: Melania Borovyk, Ellianna Taylor, Arya Bates

• Sixth Grade

- First Place: Kayla Ramos

- Second Place: Nalani Franky, Victoria Miro

• Fifth Grade

- First Place: Nora Brenner

- Second Place: Joseph Goldberg

- Third Place: Michael Cole

INVENTION

• Seventh Grade

- First Place: Calvin Stockfield, Ryan Mariluz

• Sixth Grade

- First Place: Alexandra Baret

- Second Place: Lyndsey Cargain, Emily Nerys

- Third Place: Ben Armaza, Brayden Cooke, Theodore Guzzo

• Fifth Grade

- First Place: Mia O'Brien, Angela Mazinski

- Second Place: Braylee Platania

- Third Place: Vanessa Carinci, Ana Guallapa

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Putnam 'Goes Red' for Heart Month



Ann Daros, the educational coordinator at Putnam County BES, demonstrates cardiac pulmonary resuscitation, commonly referred to as CPR, during Heart Month.



From left are DMV staff on Go Red Day: Robert, Cathleen, Debbie, Miriam, Karen, Susie, Melanie, Margaret, Marissa, Michael and Karon.



Heart Month would not be complete without the support of the Department of Health. Staff members from the health education unit include, from left, Putnam County Employee of the Year Kim Roberts, biostatistician Andres Aguado and supervising public health educator and PIO Shanna Siegel.



Staff from CCE-Putnam County show their support for the AHA's Go Red Day in Putnam on Feb. 2. From left are Stefanie Hubert, Vivian Monsanto, Dena Altavilla, Kelli Del Giorno and Ruby Koch-Fienberg.



Longtime Putnam County resident and employee Barbara Reitz, center, joined Putnam County government's webmaster Brian Austin and his colleague Jacqueline Carey from the information technology department, all donning red attire for Go Red Day. Reitz's late husband, Judge James Reitz, died suddenly of a heart attack in 2019.

February is Heart Month, and Putnam County employees joined members from other organizations to kick off activities with the American Heart Association's "Go Red Day" on Feb. 2.

This year, for the first time, county employees also had a chance to learn how to recognize a cardiac emergency from one of the trainers at Putnam's Bureau of Emergency Services. Three lunchtime learning events were scheduled throughout the month to teach life-saving skills to manage a cardiac event until EMS arrives.

Go Red Day, traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of February, was conceived to raise awareness about heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the county – as it is around the country. Cardiac disease is a collection of heart-related illnesses, including the most common, coronary artery disease, which limits the flow of blood to the heart and may result in a heart attack.

This group of diseases has been the number-one cause of death in Putnam every year from 2010 to 2019, except for 2016 when it was second.

"Heart disease is such a common illness that most everyone has a relative or knows a friend who has a form of it," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, who is a longtime supporter of the AHA, having worked there for three years. "The good news is there are things we can do, together and as individuals, that can help lower the burden of these diseases."

Byrne said he knows this well, having developed and implemented the "My Heart. My Life." campaign for AHA while there.

Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat spoke about the factors that can increase an individual's risk of developing heart disease.

"Among the most common contributing factors are family history, smoking, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and hyperlipidemia or high cholesterol," he said. "While genetics is the greatest risk factor, there are social and behavioral determinants that also play a part. That's one reason the health department offers free smoking cessation classes for Putnam residents. We just kicked off another eight-week session and I am happy to report enrollment for the program is up from last year."

If an individual stops smoking, it can reduce the risk for heart disease by as much as half. Also, as Nesheiwat explained, "Smoking cessation is key in the management of blood clots, abnormal heart rhythms and build-up of plaque on the artery walls, known as atherosclerosis, which all contribute to heart attack risk."

Other behavioral changes that can reduce one's chance of developing heart disease include eating a healthy diet, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight, and limiting alcohol use. Other self-care steps include managing diabetes, checking cholesterol levels and controlling blood pressure.


Of course, it is also important to follow doctors' orders for screening tests and medications, if necessary. Even with a healthy lifestyle, checking cholesterol levels is important because genetic factors do play a role.

A full schedule of training offered year-round by the Bureau of


Emergency Services for residents and local professionals, including

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information on these trainings, visit www.putnamcountyny.com/life.




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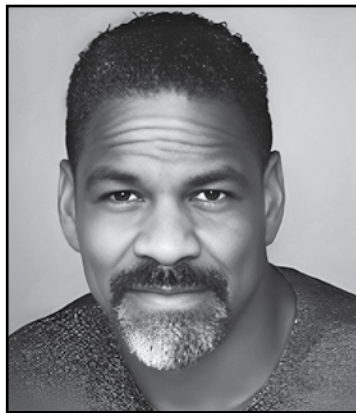
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Putnam Theater Alliance Brings 'Dirt' to AotL



Actors Dylan Carusona, Maia Guest and Hasan Gray portray Daniel Nimham, Mary Philipse and Cesar in new play at AotL.

Conceived during the pandemic lockdown, the Putnam Theatre Alliance – consisting of Arts on the Lake, Philipstown Depot Theatre and Tompkins Corners Cultural Center – first broadcast historic radio plays joined with shorter new plays. Now, the alliance has commissioned “Dirt,” the story of Hudson Valley land battles at the time of the American Revolutionary War. Epic in theme, diverse in characters and fully produced, “Dirt” will play at AotL, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m.

the Depot Theatre in Garrison, and the following weekend at TCCC in Putnam Valley. “To our knowledge, nothing like this has previously been presented in Putnam,” said AotL Theatre Director James Shearwood. “Eight actors play 14 characters, with the key ones being Chief Daniel Nimham, heiress Mary Philipse and the enslaved miller on the Philipse’s estate Cesar.”

Written by Vickie Ramirez, Kate Moira Ryan and Nan Nelson-Ewing, the story is being told from the point of view of Nimham’s attempts to regain lost land, the enslaved characters’ competing offers of freedom from one side or another in 1776, and

the Philipse’s attempts to hold on to large assemblages of land in the Bronx and Putnam County. The play is directed by Alice Jankell, who has directed frequently at Putnam Theater Alliance locations and in NYC. With actors Maia Guest and Dylan Carusona appearing by arrangement with the Actors’ Equity Association, actors Jaz Astwood, Jolie Cloutier, Devin Gibbs, Hasan Gray, Damien Hughes and Gabriel Pages have joined the production from Brooklyn, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and the Hudson Valley talent pool. It is recommended that tickets be secured in advance at www.artsonthelake.org or by calling 845-228-2685.



Mahopac High School Principal Patrick Keevins meets with members of the MHS RICE Club.

Cultural Club Advocates for All Mahopac Students

During Black History Month in February, Mahopac High School’s Racial Inclusion & Cultural Empowerment Club sought to bring all Mahopac students together in the spirit of inclusivity. MHS Principal Patrick Keevins met with club members to discuss their experiences and what the high school is doing to support students while providing a welcoming environment.

“Our parents send us all to school to get an education,” said RICE Club Officer Erika Billingsley-Perez. “My mom says that to me all the time – that’s the first priority. Students need to feel safe and know they aren’t going to be treated poorly in order to focus on their education.”

Keevins listened to students as they relayed their experiences and that of their classmates. Some shared moments where they were on the receiving end of hateful comments. Then, Keevins shared his own experiences with students who struggled with discrimination in his position as a coach in another district.

“Several years ago when I was a coach in another district, my players experienced discrimination when we traveled to other schools,” he said. “For the first time in my life, I saw it happening

to my students, my players, and I saw how it affected them.”

Influenced by this experience, Keevins found a passion in working to ensure the safety of his students and in creating a positive learning environment for everyone. He also described what the Mahopac Central School District is doing to create a welcoming and affirming environment for all students.

“I was really excited to hear this is an important topic to the rest of the administration, not just me,” he said. “The district is following through with a plan to improve the experience of all our students.”

With support from Southern Westchester BOCES, a district equity plan is being developed and the first focus will be on “Creating a Welcoming and Affirming Environment” for all. Conversations are taking place about how best to foster a positive and supportive culture at each of Mahopac’s schools that will allow every student to reach their full potential. Staff will be brought up to speed on what every teacher and administrator can do to enhance the experience of learning in Mahopac.

The presentation to the Mahopac School Board on this topic can be found on the district’s website.

Grant Funding Supports Senior Services

A number of organizations that serve older adults and their caregivers in Putnam County have been awarded funding through the Field Hall Foundation of Cortlandt Manor.

The foundation has announced \$254,000 in new grants through its winter 2023-24 grant cycle. The 17 grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000, have been awarded to organizations that provide services to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties.

Second Chance Foods, Inc., in Brewster, has been awarded \$10,000 to provide nourishing meals and groceries to homebound seniors.

WestCOP, which is the umbrella agency for Putnam Com-

munity Action Partnership, has been awarded \$10,000 to provide nutritious food and hygiene items to low-income seniors.

Support Connection, Inc., of Yorktown Heights, which serves people in the Hudson Valley and beyond, has been awarded \$10,000 to provide programming and financial relief to seniors diagnosed with cancer.

The winter cycle is the first of the foundation’s three grant cycles in 2024. It will announce the spring grant awards in June, and is currently accepting letters of inquiry for its fall cycle. For more information on the grants awarded or future grantmaking, visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org, or contact Program Officer Patti Horvath at 914-813-9103 or phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org.

Mahopac Middle School Theater Company’s production of



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Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Book by Harvey Fierstein

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Saturday March 16, 2024 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Mahopac Middle School Stage Tickets: \$7.00 each

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Elder Law Advice *Alan D. Feller, Esq.*

Probate Poetry: Clarifying Legal Complexities

My first clue that the study of law was not going to match my imagination began with the LSAT. Law school's official standardized test presented questions on logic, analysis and logic, math and logic, and observational logic. History, context and the evolutionary beauty of language was completely absent.

Law professors may find poetry in a syllogism; I arrived late for that party.

Luckily, the practice of law blends all of life's mysteries – all of our families' histories and blunt realities.

Speaking of blunt realities, probate has endured a difficult reputation. Grieving families looking for peace discover that the probate process strives for completeness at the expense of civility and harmony.

Probate laws place an emphasis on obtaining jurisdiction over the decedent's closest living relatives, even if they have been specifically excluded from the will. Probate estates remain open for seven months to allow creditors time to file claims against the estate.

Probate is the cousin who shows up to your wedding without a card or a gift, then grabs the centerpiece away from your grandmother.

It is time to simplify our views and soften some of that negativity. Think of probate as a permission slip: Before you can go forward and take care of your loved one's estate, a court needs some papers and some signed forms. Estate lawyers orchestrate the signings, prepare and file the documents, and provide support so that a difficult time becomes less difficult.

In the last 40 years, banks

and brokerage houses have made it easier for a deceased person's money to flow to another person without a court's approval. There are beneficiary forms, transfer on death accounts, payable on death accounts, as well as the tried-and-true joint account with rights of survivorship.

Sometimes, an account slips through the cracks. The decedent's name sits alone with no beneficiaries or joint account holder. This account will become a probate asset if the decedent had a will.

For most of us, the majority of our assets will never become probate assets.

Before the days of e-filing, probate packets would usually be presented in person to a probate clerk in Surrogate's Court. Each court had its own flavor and charm. New York County Surrogate's Court had ancient wooden telephone booths located in the hallway. I would duck into one to make a quick phone call to my boss and inhale about 65 years' worth of stale cigarette smoke.

During one sojourn to a Surrogate's Court that shall remain nameless, me and my probate packet were directed to a clerk's cubicle. In this particular space was a giant birdcage positioned near the clerk's desk. My memory insists that a parrot resided in the birdcage.

Alas, there is no documentary evidence of the parrot's existence. The probate review was completed to both parties' satisfaction and I left the office. If there was a parrot in that cage, it certainly was well behaved.

Alan D. Feller, Esq., is managing partner of The Feller Group, located at 625 Route 6, Mahopac. He can be reached at alandfeller@thefellergroup.com.

Barricaded Suspect Apprehended in Mahopac

At about 10:20 p.m. Feb. 19, the Carmel Police Department was called to a Mahopac residence for a report of a man with a gun.

According to Carmel Police Chief Anthony Hoffmann, calls were made to 9-1-1 dispatchers from people on East Lake Boulevard in Mahopac who saw a man, who was a known neighbor to some, flashing a black handgun in a threatening manner and fleeing into his apartment complex at 149 E. Lake Blvd.

Police quickly established a perimeter of the building, evacuated adjacent apartments and attempted to contact the man by phone, to no avail.

The Putnam County Multi-Agency Police Emergency Re-

sponse Team, consisting of SWAT operators and crisis negotiators from the Carmel and Kent police departments, were deployed to the scene. The Westchester County Police Special Response Team and crisis negotiators were also requested to assist.

After multiple attempts to contact the suspect, the Westchester County SRT gained entry into the suspect's apartment and took him into custody without further incident.

Nicholas Buccheri, 23, was turned over to Carmel police detectives, and an imitation handgun was recovered at the scene. Buccheri was held pending charges of second-degree menacing and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

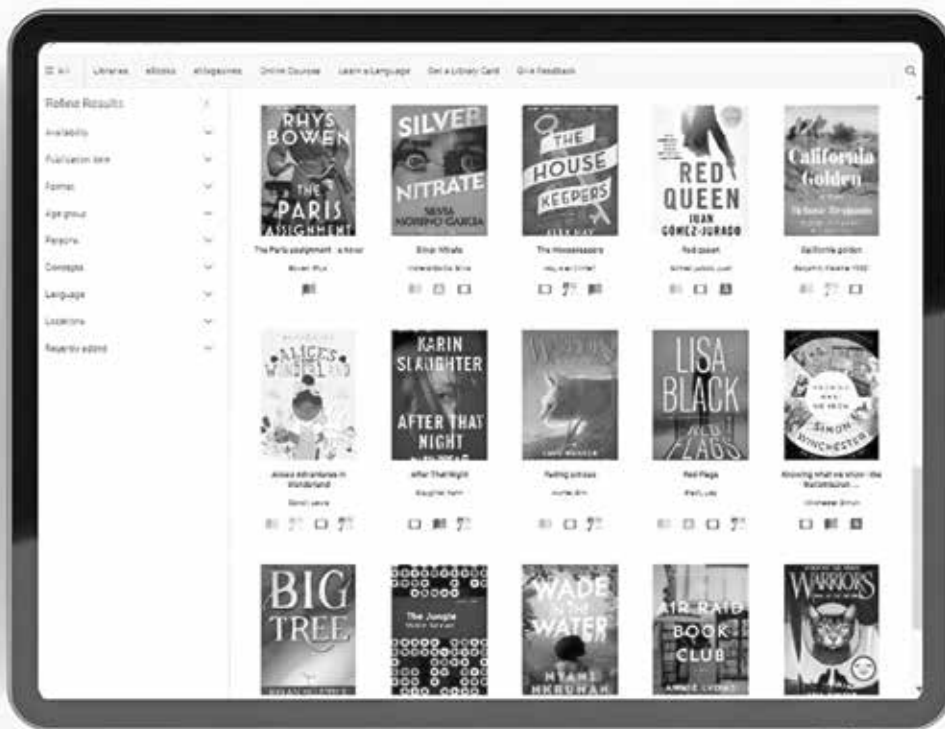
Adoptable Pet of the Week



Ida

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Ida is about 4 years old. She is good with some other dogs and would do well in a home with older kids, since she is active and playful. Ida loves everyone she meets and is very affectionate. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.

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Brewster High-Schoolers Teach Physics to Youth



Brewster High School students show pre-kindergarteners how gravity, force and other aspects of physics work.




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It's one thing to be able to create a working physics project, it's another to be able to explain how it works to a 5-year-old. That's what Brewster High School honors physics students did recently.

The projects included a rubber band car to show tension, a balloon car, an electrical circuit propeller, dancing sprinkles to music to show sound waves, a ski lift using tension force and gravity, a cork compass in water, rolling cans weighted with batteries using kinetic energy, a tic-tac spring launcher to show potential energy, a marble slope roller coaster, the physics behind lights using a spinning tip, a spinning alien abductor to show centrifugal force – and so much more.

The pre-kindergarten students enjoyed the interactive lessons. They threw ping pong balls, wound rubber band paddle boats, zoomed cars down ramps, balanced weights on a see saw and knocked down pins, among other things.

And they had lots of honest feedback.

With a range of open-ended questions posed by the BHS mentors, the young scientists had questions of their own: Why do the sprinkles dance? Can you hit 100 pendulum balls at once? Why is there a needle in the cork compass?

The BHS students did a great job of being creative to capture their audience and explaining difficult concepts simply.

Conservatives Endorse Russo for County Legislature

Laura Russo has been endorsed by the Putnam County Conservative Party in her run for county legislator in District 4, representing the Town of Patterson, following a Feb. 20 interview by the 17-member executive committee.

The party cited Russo's commitment to conservative values and her potential to bring effective and principled leadership to the County Legislature as reasons for its support.

"I am deeply honored to receive the endorsement of the Putnam County Conservative Party," said Russo. "This endorsement further motivates me to continue my campaign with a focus on fiscal responsibility, community service, and advocating for the values that matter most to the residents of Patterson. I look forward to working with both

Conservatives and Republicans throughout our county to address the unique needs of our district and uphold the principles we all hold dear."

Jason Robles, a Conservative Party Executive Committee member, expressed his support for the candidate.

"As a resident of Patterson, I believe Laura Russo is the right candidate to represent our community on the Putnam County Legislature," he said. "I am confident she will work tirelessly to address the concerns of Patterson residents and bring positive change to our district."

In addition to endorsing Russo, the Conservatives endorsed Congressman Mike Lawler, State Sen. Rob Rolison, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Gina Arena for State Senate, and Dan Birmingham for Putnam County Legislature.

State Expands School-Based Mental Health Clinics

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same services for adults.

These investments are designed to help providers recruit and retain mental health practitioners to increase access for Medicaid members.

In addition, the budget includes \$5 million annually to support school-based health centers, with a subset of this funding dedicated specifically to support services related to mental health.

Overhauling the Continuum of Mental Health Care

Youth mental health is an important component of Ho-

chul's \$1 billion multi-year plan to strengthen the state's mental healthcare system. In the 2024 budget, she secured \$30 million to expand mental health services for school-aged children throughout the state, including \$20 million for school-based mental health services and \$10 million to implement wraparound services training.

In addition, the governor's plan expanded HealthySteps, a program that pairs pediatric physicians with child development specialist to provide universal services for children up to the age of 3 and their families in pediatric healthcare settings. Earlier this winter, OMH awarded \$7 million to establish 46 new sites in 19 counties and \$10.7 million to expand 51 existing sites, with a goal of growing the program to serve roughly 354,000 children at 224 sites statewide by 2027.

Carmel Schools Name New Superintendent

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answered the questions with required knowledge and experience."

The board of education said the feedback received from stakeholders during the search process was invaluable in informing a decision.

"We carefully considered the input from our survey, staff and community forums, giving weight to the aspirations, priorities and concerns discussed," said the board. "By incorporating this broad range of perspectives, we sought to ensure that our decision aligns with our community's collective values and vision. We believe we found the right match in Dr. Fairben, an educational leader known for setting rigorous academic standards while creating an optimistic and accepting environment that allows every student access to a high-quality education."

Fairben holds bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from SUNY Geneseo, and received her doctorate and educational leadership certification from the University of Rochester, where she researched how project-based learning increases self-determination skills for school-age students. She also holds permanent teaching special education certification and both school district and school building certifications.

Fairben's appointment will take effect July 1.

"Throughout the interview process, Fairben continuously rose to the top, not just with her high compatibility with the profile created, but also by demonstrating a great knowledge of our district and displaying an authentic passion for leading our schools," said Dall.

Fairben has two adult children, Anna and Edward. Her husband, Kevin, also works in school administration.

"It is a privilege to be selected by the Board of Education as the next superintendent of this great district," she said. "I come to you looking forward to building on the traditions and successes of the Carmel Central School District."



Mahopac High School Interact Club members with the coats they collected, in partnership with the Mahopac Rotary Club.

Mahopac Interact & Rotary Clubs Collect Coats for Charity

The Mahopac community consistently acts when called upon to help those in need, and the recent winter coat drive sponsored by the Mahopac High School Interact Club and Mahopac Rotary Club was no exception.

The two organizations teamed up to collect donations of winter coats in November and December.

"We are thrilled with the turnout of the coat drive," said teacher Szilvia Tobak. "We called our community to action, and

it responded with compassion and generosity. Our warmth was shared with others in the form of winter coats."

More than 500 coats were collected and distributed to several charities to give to people in need, including families right in Mahopac. The districtwide donation drive was spearheaded by student volunteers from the MHS Interact Club who created all of the materials needed to facilitate the coat collection and promote the drive.

The volunteers also communicated with all the schools in the district to set up collection boxes, and managed the donations.

The coats were distributed by the following charities: Putnam Community Action Partnership and Search for Change in Brewster, Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center in Mahopac, the Holy Apostle Soup Kitchen in Manhattan, and Danbury's Dorothy Day Center and Newtown's St. Rose School in Connecticut.



Northern Westchester – Putnam 47th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00pm
Grand Marshal of the 2024 Parade

Brendan McDonnell

This Parade is one of the largest parades in New York State with six divisions – it consists of numerous marching bands, police and fire departments, civil servants, schools and various organizations throughout the state

Parade will be kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:30 by the 9/11 memorial on the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road

Parade will kick off at 2:00 pm sharp. Lineup will be on Route 6 between Mt. Hope Road and the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department

Buses will run from the Lake Plaza Shopping Center to the Corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road starting at 11:30 am.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "Zoning"; specifically §156-41 thereof entitled "Signs." Copies of the

full text of the proposed Local Law are available at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall during normal business hours as well as posted on the Town of Carmel's website at www.ci.carmel.ny.us. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

MARCH 14, 2024

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

JORDANO/GERVASI SUBDIVISION

182 Bullet Hole Road, Mahopac, NY 10541 - Tax Map #63.-1-16 - Bond Return

P & R ESTATE CORP

122 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY 10512 - Tax Map #44.13-2-68 - Residential Site Plan

By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paepser

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, CARINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND R. GERATY, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 251 Route 301, Cold Springs a/k/a Cold Spring, NY 10516. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 38, Block 3 and Lot 74. Approximate amount of judgment is \$389,656.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501230/2022. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff - against - ERNAN PEREZ, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 31, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 25th day of March, 2024 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 158 Bullethole Road, Carmel, (Town of Patterson) NY 10512.

(SBL#: 34.-3-6)

Approximate amount of lien \$834,194.18 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 501657/2019. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP

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Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
400 Meridian Centre Blvd,
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For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832

Dated: January 12, 2024

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014-2,

Plaintiff,

Against

PRENKA DJELJEVIC, DRITA DJELJEVIC, ET AL,

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 01/04/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/1/2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 34 Avery Road,

Carmel, NY 10512, 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 55.20 Block 1 Lot 33

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$406,040.02 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501411/2022

John M. Crane, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 28-07 Jackson Avenue, 5th Floor, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

Dated: 1/23/2024 File Number: DJELJEVIC CA

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF PUTNAM

UNIFIED BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE REED FARM CONDOMINIUMS, on behalf of the unit owners of ORCHARD VIEW at REED FARM CONDOMINIUM IV, and the REED FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., plaintiff, against ESTATE OF KENNETH W. POWELL, et al. defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered August 4, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512.

on the 25th day of March 2024, at 9:30 a.m. the premises lying and being in Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State

PUBLIC NOTICE

of New York, in the Condominium known as "Orchard View at Reed Farm Condominium IV" also designated as Unit 8-203B. Together with the undivided 1.3147 percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 203 Apple Tree Lane, Brewster, NY 10509

Approximate amount of the lien is \$83,517.23 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 500212/2023

This sale is subject to a first mortgage presently encumbering premises.

Ten percent of prevailing bid must be paid at sale by bank check.

Craig M. Wallace, Esq., Referee

Goldenberg & Selker, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 399 Knollwood Road, Suite 112, White Plains, NY 10603

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff AGAINST JOHN F. POWER, III AKA JACK POWER, III, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered January 23, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 8, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 690 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, Putnam County, State of New York, Section 21.18 Block 1 Lot 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$229,198.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501180/2022. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Juliana LoBiondo, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-000562 79514

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTIAN MARI-NELLI, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 23, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 8, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 8 Todt Hill, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 84.15, Block 1 and Lot 28. Approximate amount of judgment is \$462,302.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501173/2022. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

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Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Address: 51 Central Ave, Ossining NY 10562 Time: 11:00 AM Local Time

By virtue of default by Global Iron Works, Inc.

(Individually and collectively "Client"), under a Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security

Agreement(s) Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated 12/3/20 & 4/26/21, payable to Manufacturers Capital a division of Commercial Credit Group Inc. ("CCG"), which obligation is secured by the property described below (the "Equipment"), CCG will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, AS-IS, WHERE-IS, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A

PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of its right, title and interest to the following Equipment:

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1. The bidder has pre-qualified by presenting CCG with a written non-contingent, lending commitment from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in its sole discretion, in which case we will entertain bids up to the amount of such written commitment; or

2. The bidder has obtained from CCG written credit approval in advance of the scheduled public sale.

CCG reserves the right to bid at the sale. Contact Tara Young at (704) 731-0031 for additional information or to arrange an inspection of the Equipment.

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Hearth, Horse & Home, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/14/2023. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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The Carmel High School Future Business Leaders of America Club.

Carmel's Future Business Leaders Excel at Regional Competition

The Carmel High School Future Business Leaders of America Club participated in the Feb. 1 regional competitions at Monroe-Woodbury High School, where members entered 13 events and came home with 18 wins.

The students practiced for two months after school, during free periods and at home for many hours, and their dedication and hard work showed. Following are the results:

(Performance events with an asterisk are qualifying events for the state competition in April, where the first- and second-place winners will continue the competition.)

*Introduction to Decision

Making: first place, Isabella Felsenfeld (10th grade)

*Public Speaking: first place, Ava Florez (12th grade)

*Impromptu Speaking: first place, Lila Perez (12th grade)

*Job Interview: first place, Maia Thompson (11th grade)

*Introduction to Public Speaking: second place, Oliver Figueroa (10th grade)

Client Service: fifth place, Emily Cardona (10th grade)

Introduction to Financial Math Exam: first place, Mabel Tenesaca (ninth grade); fifth place, Emily Cardona (10th grade)

Sports Management Exam: fifth place, Emily Furu (11th grade)

Accounting Exam: second place, Justin Sleight (12th grade); fifth place, Jayden Sleight (12th grade)

Introduction to FBLA Exam: second place, Savannah Juste (10 grade); third place, Emily Cardona (10th grade)

Business Communications Exam: second place, Kaitlin Furu (11th grade)

Business Law Exam: third place, Ava Florez (12th grade); fourth place, Stephen Karyotakis (12th grade)

Business Calculations Exam: fourth place, Wade Spinelli (11th grade); fifth place, Kaitlin Furu (11th grade)

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

Exam Title & No: Library Assistant 88-118 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination.
Salary: \$17.00-\$18.50/hour (Brewster Library); \$17.00/hour (Mahopac Library); \$18.00-\$25.00/hour (Reed Library); \$16.50-\$23.00/hour (Kent Library)
Last Filing Date: March 15, 2024
Exam Filing Fee: \$25

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 3/6, 3/13

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

Exam Title & No: Librarian I Trainee 88-117 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination.
Salary: \$18.50-\$20.00/hour (Brewster Public Library); salary may vary according to library
Last Filing Date: March 15, 2024
Exam Filing Fee: \$25

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

Exam Title & No: Senior Library Clerk 68-102 OC
Exam Date: May 4, 2024
Salary: \$16.50-\$18.00/hour (Brewster Public Library), \$19.00/hour (Mahopac Public Library), salary will vary according to library
Last Filing Date: March 15, 2024
Exam Filing Fee: \$25

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Salary: \$47,538-\$50,010 (2023)
Last Filing Date: March 8, 2024
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