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Court: Putnam Conservative Party Broke State Law with Fake Mailers

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam Conservative Party last week admitted in court to altering photos on campaign mailers, in violation of state election law, and agreed to pay the legal fees for Republican County Executive Kevin Byrne after he sued the party over the circulation of materials that contained fake images of him posing with Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul and Democratic New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

"There is no photo on the planet like that of me with Kathy Hochul," Byrne said last week. "Satire is one thing, but using technology and artificial intelligence to manipulate photos to be deceptive… People actually believed they were real. That's just wrong."

Byrne is seeking another term in office in Tuesday's election. Early in the season, the Conservative Party announced that it would not be backing him, and instead put up its own candidate for the county executive's office. At first that candidate was Bill Spain, who is chairman of the Putnam Conservative Party. However, in August, the party switched its candidate and put up Tatiana Brahimi.

Brett Yarris is on the Democrat line.

On Oct. 20, Byrne filed suit against the party, accusing it of violating state elections law that requires politicians to label material they know to be "materially deceptive."

At that time, Judge Gina Capone temporarily barred the Conservative Party from circulating the mailers without adding a disclosure that the image was manipulated.

Initially, Spain asked the judge to remove her injunction and dismiss the case, saying the image was of a group photo in which the other people were cropped out. However, on Oct. 29, he withdrew that motion and said the party would comply with the direction to make sure future mailings include the disclosure.

According to the court transcript, as part of the settlement, Spain agreed to acknowledge that the party violated state law.

"Spain, representing the Conservative Party in court, acknowledged on the record that the Putnam County Conservative Party 'created materially deceptive media in violation of election law' and that 'the challenged images… depict a scenario that did not occur or was significantly altered,'" said Byrne. "This wasn't an innocent mistake or a misunderstanding of the law, and they have admitted that."

Also in the court transcript, Spain accused Byrne's lawyer John Murtagh of posturing.

"It appears Mr. Murtagh wants

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Patterson Opts to Exceed Tax Cap

Seeks Fields Corners Rd. Weight Limit

By Holly Crocco

The Patterson Town Board has unanimously approved moving forward with a budget that surpasses the state-mandated 2 percent property tax levy cap for 2027, with a preliminary budget of $17.2 million, which represents about $214,000 in spending beyond what is allowed by the state.

It equates to a 4.39 percent tax levy increase.

"This is the first year since the tax cap was initiated that we're actually overriding it," said Town Supervisor Richard Williams during the Oct. 21 budget hearing.

One thing that will impact the budget over the next few years is the gradual removal of the Watchtower Educational Center of Jehovah's Witnesses from the tax rolls. According to Williams, the organization has paid taxes on the hotel property since its inception, but last year challenged the town's ability to do so.

"We knew they were likely to be successful," he said. "Our attorney did an excellent job negotiating a settlement with Watchtower whereas they didn't come off the tax rolls all in one year, but are doing it progressively over five years."

However, the town stands to lose up to an estimated $3 million by the time year five is up.

Resident Bruce Major inquired about the town's basic life support and advanced life support services, noting that personnel expenses alone are topping out at about $750,000, which isn't fully covered

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Moooo-ve Over, Maggie!

Carmel Police Department was dispatched Oct. 24 to the area of 1395 Route 301 for a report of a cow in the roadway. Officers discovered Maggie, a 4-year-old Scottish Highland cow and new resident of Little Cabin's Farm, going for a scenic stroll eastbound down the side of the road. She was eventually roped on Belden Road and returned home to her calf.

According to her owners, the 700-pound animal arrived at the farm Oct. 20 and must have been frightened in her unfamiliar surroundings before she wandered away. A four-day search ended when officers arranged for her safe return.



Body camera footage released by the Carmel Police Department shows this Scottish Highland cow causing quite the ruckus.

Kent Considers 6% Budget Increase

By Holly Crocco

The Town of Kent is considering a 5.94 percent increase to its overall budget for 2027, with $8.8 million in the general fund and $5.6 million for the police department.

Both the highway and general fund budgets increase 6 percent, which amounts to $679,000 more for the general fund and $313,000 more for the highway department.

"That's considerably low compared to prior years," said Director of Finance Cristina Cahill at the Oct. 20 Kent Town Board meeting.

Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson noted that the impact on homeowners isn't as drastic as 6 percent sounds. "In the town budget it's really important not to look at the percentage, but to look at the whole number," she said.

A 6 percent increase to the town budget equates to about $90 a year for a home valued at $450,000.

"That would increase our fund balance, which is huge for us," noted Councilman Shawn Boyd.

When it comes to revenue, Cahill said court fees have been significantly lower recently, as have franchise fees from Verizon and Comcast. "Everyone is streaming nowadays, so that has significantly decreased over the years," she said.

A majority of the increase in spending comes down to personnel, with employees receiving a 2 percent cost of living increase, and rising health insurance and retirement rates.

While police and union con-

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County Lands at 1.72% Tax Rate

Approves Funds for Towns, & Food Insecurity

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam Legislature last week adopted a 2027 budget with a tax levy of $32.6 million, which equates to a 1.72 percent tax rate.

"That is the lowest tax levy since 2007," said Legislature Chairman Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, during the Oct. 27 County Legislature meeting.

As part of the spending plan, the Legislature unanimously approved the moving of $5 million into subcontingency, as part of a proposed $10 million to be shared with towns and villages in 2027 and 2028, for municipal public works and infrastructure.

This funding is separate and aside from the $6.5 million that was already moved to subcontingency for municipalities for 2026, as proposed by County Executive Kevin Byrne in early October.

Discussion on which proposal(s) to act on is expected to take place during this week's Legislature meeting.

According to Legislative Counsel Heather Abissi, the motion makes the funding available "no matter which you proposal you guys choose."

Also as part of the budget adoption, the Legislature unani-

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Letters to the Editor

MAGA Made Americans Bullies

Dear Editor:

The toxic bile that emanates from the White House is percolating down throughout our culture to the very bottom. With a president at the top who thrives on perpetual division at home and perpetual war abroad, he gives license to the MAGA wing of the Republican Party to ignore decorum and civility.

I've lived in Putnam County for 36 years and I have never seen an assault on Democratic campaign signs (or any campaign signs) like I'm seeing now. Signs being stolen from private property, pulled and tossed and frequently run over, and destroyed on private property. I have never seen this before.

The deliberate destruction (and theft) is being seen all over the county. Trump is clearly a bully and he apparently has legions of "mini-me bullies" across the land. These people think it's okay to disrespect others, insult them, and destroy other people's property. These MAGA Republicans are bereft of ideas and they behave as though they are terrified, and they have nothing to offer.

If these MAGA bullies don't like other people's ideas, they should come up with their own ideas – and may the best ideas win in the court of public opinion. But they can't stand the court of public opinion because they are bullies and fundamentally anti-democratic and hate that which has always made America great – pluralism.

When you get right down to it, MAGA bullies hate a civil conversation, they hate America, and they hate Democracy.

Nicholas Kuvach
Putnam Valley

Slater Prioritizes Animal Welfare

Dear Editor:

Protecting animals from cruelty and abuse shouldn't be a Republican or Democratic issue. It should be a matter of basic decency. That's why I was pleased to see Assemblyman Matt Slater recently earn the endorsement of the World Humane Fund.

This endorsement is particularly meaningful because it recognizes a record of action, not just promises.

Last year, Slater was honored by the Putnam SPCA at its annual dinner for his commitment to combating animal cruelty. Since then, he has continued advocating for stronger protections, including supporting Tucker's Law and introducing legislation that would make animal cruelty offenses bail-eligible.

These are important steps toward ensuring that those who abuse defenseless animals face meaningful consequences and that our laws take these crimes seriously.

What I find especially encouraging is the broad coalition of support Slater continues to build. From animal welfare advocates to law enforcement, educators, veterans, and local community leaders, organizations representing a wide range of priorities have recognized his work.

That doesn't happen by accident. It happens when an elected official listens, builds relationships, and delivers results.

At a time when politics seems increasingly divided, it's refreshing to see someone whose work brings people together around shared values.

The World Humane Fund endorsement and Putnam SPCA recognition are more than accolades – they are independent acknowledgments of Matt Slater's commitment to protecting the vulnerable and making our communities better.

That's a record worth recognizing and a commitment worth continuing.

Antoinette Kopeck
Patterson

Applause for 'Hooked'

Dear Editor:

Recently, my husband and I attended the Arts on the Lake debut presentation of "Hooked," a play written by Emmy Award-winning Ron Hutchinson. While we attended and enjoyed other productions by Mr. Hutchinson at AotL, we were more than a little curious about this particular play as it is a one-man show about a union organizer fighting waterfront corruption in the 1950s.

The very talented one-man was Paul Bomba, a young actor who masterfully played the 11 different parts with great understanding, intelligence, and humor. Talk about an off-Broadway production!

The evening was truly an exhilarating theatrical experience for us. Bravo to Ron Hutchinson, Paul Bomba, and AotL's own James Shearwood who produced and directed this amazing theatrical weekend.

And rumor has it that "Hooked" may soon be traveling to other area venues. Let's hope it does.

Marty Collins
Kent

The Disabled Deserve Better

Dear Editor:

I write today as a disabled services worker and advocate. The Trump administration and Mike Lawler have been more damaging to the disabled community than anything I have seen in my 20 years of work.

After vowing not to cut Medicaid, Lawler cast the deciding vote for the biggest cut to Medicaid in American history. The disabled and their families already must fight for everything just so they can have a life of dignity and good health, but now their fight is significantly harder and the real pain has not even hit yet.

Lawler has never once stood up to this administration. In fact, he has aided it at every turn. In addition to casting the deciding vote to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill and gut Medicaid, he also refused to stand up as the Trump administration removed the need for the disabled to be integrated into our society.

Lawler stands by and supports attacks on disabled students as educational protections are stripped and would not even condemn the return of the use of the "R" word

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by senior government officials. For 20 years, I watched as we moved the ball forward and made valuable gains for the disabled. Now, we are watching more than 50 years of work being erased.

Investment in the disabled community and their loved ones is not only morally right but a smart investment. Dollars invested in Medicaid and disabled services help the local economy and provide valuable and fulfilling jobs. The disabled deserve dignity, respect, and far better than Mike Lawler.

Zach Disador
Southeast

Kahng Has My Support

Dear Editor:

Kathy Kahng is running in Legislative District 3 and I want to tell you why I think she would make a good legislator – primarily because she genuinely cares about our community and will make improvements in all our lives, if elected.

We met in Manhattan as young women when we worked for the same company. What immediately impressed me most about her was her work ethic. When she completed her own assignments, she always offered to help others. She was full of good ideas and worked to improve and update old systems.

My opinion of her has never faltered. In fact, I've grown more appreciative of her over the years.

We both moved to Putnam County decades ago and in that time she has become more deeply involved in local affairs and has joined many organizations as a volunteer working to improve our environment and cultural life.

These include Town of Kent stormwater chairperson, Hill & Dale HOA board member, lake chairperson for the Town of Kent Climate Smart Task Force, and Friends of Reed Memorial Library president – and as such she was central in creating a Community Hub that just opened in the heart of Carmel on Church Street and will be a wonderful amenity for the entire community.

She has real and solid ideas how to develop and expand business in our area to create more job opportunities to help stem the outflow of young people to other towns and counties. She's smart and kind and has the traits we all admire in our fellow human beings. I truly think if she's given the chance and is voted into office, we will all benefit. She is more than ready to join a team to forge a brighter future for everyone.

She'll be getting my vote.

Nicola Roe
Kent

A Vote for Slater

Dear Editor:

As a Putnam Valley resident and father, I deeply care about the local issues that directly affect our families, like property taxes, good schools, safe roads, and protecting our lakes. Assemblyman Matt Slater has consistently prioritized each of these community needs.

He helped secure property tax relief through Putnam County's historic sales tax agreement, delivering vital revenue back to our towns. He also successfully secured inland waterway designations for Roaring Brook Lake and Lake Oscawana, opening doors for water quality funding, while actively working to include Lake Peekskill in the state's septic system replacement program to help homeowners with costly upgrades.

Furthermore, Assemblyman Slater has delivered record state funding for our local schools and roads.

Another vital initiative is his annual senior resources fair. Having participated in these events, I have seen firsthand how they connect our older neighbors directly with essential Medicare guidance, healthcare information, and veterans' services without forcing them to navigate complex state agencies alone.

From protecting natural resources and lowering household costs, to supporting our seniors, Assemblyman Slater continues to champion the issues that matter most to Putnam Valley families.

John Gentile
Putnam Valley

Conley Gets My Vote

Dear Editor:

The Iran war is projected to cost $2 billion to $3 billion per month (according to the Congressional Budget Office). In addition to direct costs, this war has raised energy costs from the gas pump to home heating oil. Interest rates have had to rise because of the inflation brought on by the historic debt incurred – in part – by all this borrowing to pay for the war.

On June 3, Rep. Mike Lawler voted against House Continuing Resolution 86, which sought to constrain this administration's unilateral and reckless conduct of the war in Iran. It is the design of the Constitution that Congress serve as a check on an administration that shows no restraint.

Lawler has failed in his responsibility to honor that obligation.

Cait Conley, as a West Point graduate, served 16 years as an active duty Army officer, deploying six times to combat zones including Iraq and Afghanistan. She was awarded three bronze stars for displaying "the highest degree of professionalism, sound judgment, and technical and tactical competence while conducting combat operations."

This is the kind of leadership we need in Congress, not Lawler's cowardly submission to a feckless president.

Vote Tuesday, Nov. 3, for Cait Conley for Congress.

Susan Anspach
Cold Spring



From left are BluePath Service Dogs Director of Marketing & Development Erica Stanzione, major supporters Bonnie Trotta and board member Steve Sprague, Vice President of Canine Program Development Caroline McCabe-Sandler, CEO Michelle Brier, Board Chair Linda Hogan, and board members Bill Beck and Jonathan Nettelfield.

BluePath Service Dogs Opens Carmel Campus

BluePath Service Dogs officially opened its new campus in Carmel on Oct. 17, marking a defining milestone in the nonprofit's 10-year history.

More than 150 supporters gathered for the occasion, which included a ribbon-cutting, guided tours, remarks from BluePath leadership, and recognition of the many people who helped make the new home possible.

Founded in 2016, the organization provides trained service dogs to children with autism – free of charge. BluePath service dogs are trained to prevent dangerous wandering behaviors, as well as to provide companionship, emotional support, and greater independence, helping families participate more fully in everyday life. They work alongside trained handlers in schools, supporting mood regulation, social engagement, connectedness, and student well-being.

"This is the foundation for BluePath's next decade and beyond," said Michelle Brier, co-founder and chief executive officer. "Having a permanent home gives us the ability to think bigger about what our mission can accomplish. We can train more dogs, deepen our programs, and create more life-changing partnerships while building the capacity to reach far more children and families in the years ahead."

In June, the organization purchased a 16-acre campus in Carmel and relocated its operation. Following extensive renovations, the new headquarters and training center is now open.

The campus is the centerpiece of BluePath's "Anchoring Our Future" capital campaign, named for the role its service dogs play as both a physical anchor and a grounding presence in everyday life. Phase one is 93 percent funded, with $5.4 million raised toward its $5.8 million goal, supporting the property purchase and extensive improvements across the campus.

"This home is the result of extraordinary generosity and a shared belief in BluePath's future," said Brier. "Our donors helped transform a long-held vision into something enduring – a place built for our mission today and for the impact we hope to have for generations to come. We are profoundly grateful."

During the dedication, BluePath graduate Jason Boss shared: "Jasper has changed our lives in ways that are difficult to put into words. He has given our son confidence, companionship, opportunities, and a sense of freedom that we once weren't sure would ever be possible."

With phase one largely complete, BluePath is looking ahead to phase two, which will expand training space, increase accessibility, modernize the kennel, and strengthen additional infrastructure to support the organization's continued growth.

BluePath Service Dogs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2016. It receives no government funding and relies on donors and volunteers to fulfill its mission. For more information, visit www.bluepathservicedogs.org.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Launches Community Survey

What does Putnam County need most?

More educational opportunities for young people? Greater support for local agriculture? Programs that help families stretch their budgets, protect natural resources, or develop valuable life skills?

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County wants to hear directly from the people who know their community best – its residents. As the organization prepares for 2027 and beyond, it is inviting all Putnam residents to participate in its 2027 community survey, an important initiative designed to identify community needs, evaluate existing programs, and guide future educational opportunities and services.

For more than 80 years, CCEPC has been connecting Cornell University's research-based knowledge with practical, hands-on education that improves the lives of local residents. From 4-H youth development and agriculture to horticulture, environmental stewardship, nutrition education, and food security, CCEPC offers programs that strengthen families, support local businesses and farmers, and build more resilient communities.

In 2025 alone, CCEPC's community impact included reaching more than 39,745 residents through programs and services, providing 32,900 free meals to individuals and families, purchasing 185,230 pounds of locally produced food, engaging 2,990 students in educational opportunities, and benefiting from 9,940 volunteer hours contributed by community members.

Despite this significant impact, CCEPC recognizes that many residents may be unfamiliar with the organization or the wide range of resources available to them.

"One of our greatest challenges is ensuring that residents understand who we are, what we do, and how Cornell Cooperative Extension can benefit their families, businesses, and communities," said Stefanie Hubert, executive director of CCEPC. "We offer so much more than many people realize, and we want to make sure our programs reflect the changing needs and priorities of the people we serve."

The 2027 community survey seeks input from both individuals who have participated in CCEPC programs and those who have never utilized its services. Residents are encouraged to share which programs they find most valuable, what challenges their families and communities are facing, and what additional educational resources or services they would like to see offered.

"Community input is essential to our planning process," said Hubert. "We don't want to make assumptions about what Putnam County needs. We want to hear directly from our residents."

The survey also comes at an exciting time for the organization as construction continues on the new Cornell Barn & Education Center at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Once completed, this facility will expand opportunities for community education, youth programming, agricultural demonstrations, workforce development, and collaborative partnerships throughout Putnam.

To take the survey, visit www.cceputnam.org.

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Nutrition Corner



By Allison J. Stowell MS, RD, CDN

8 Ways to Use Canned Pumpkin

Convenient canned pumpkin offers 7 g of fiber, 500 mg of potassium, and 38,000 IU of vitamin A, along with other vitamins and minerals (per cup). Use 100% pure pumpkin (without added sugar) to add an unexpected dose of nutrition to a variety of dishes.

Yogurt: Stir canned pumpkin into vanilla Greek yogurt for an antioxidant rich protein boost. Use it for parfaits and smoothies.

Egg-Free Pancakes: Use 1/4 cup canned pumpkin to create allergy-friendly, egg-free pancakes (and for added nutrition!)

Tomato Sauce: Use canned pumpkin the next time you have sauce simmering on your stove for a nutritional boost and dairy-free thickener.

Meatloaf: Add canned pumpkin to your meatloaf to add nutrition to a recipe that's usually limited in vitamins and minerals (this method also uses less meat, which saves money).

Chili, Stew and Soup: Stir pumpkin into your chili, stew, and soup to thicken and add creaminess.

Oil Replacement: Whether you're baking muffins, cookies, or cakes, canned pumpkin adds vitamins and minerals with fewer calories than oil (and is fat free, too).

Oatmeal: Canned pumpkin pairs beautifully with a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg for a warm, comforting bowl of nutritious grains to start your day.

Lasagna, Mac n Cheese, and Ziti: Go for a bit less cheese and a bunch more nutrition when you use canned pumpkin in your next casserole. Your dish will be just as creamy, but it will also be more nutritious and fiber filled. And canned pumpkin adds a serving of vegetables to these dishes that traditionally lack it. Particular eaters who tend to avoid vegetables may not even realize you added it.

Cooking Tip: For easy use, freeze extra canned pumpkin in an ice cube tray. Defrost "cubes" in the refrigerator overnight to add to batters and recipes.

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

Pumpkin Raisin Oatmeal (3 Guiding Stars) GuidingStars.com

A great way to start your autumn day. If you enjoy steel cut oats but never have the time, try swapping the rolled oats for steel cut. Or make this spicy fall recipe in a slow cooker to wake up to a warm, delicious meal.

Ingredients:
1 Tbsp. raisins
¼ cup pumpkin puree
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup oatmeal
¼ cup water
1 cup skim milk, divided (or non-dairy alternative)

Directions:
Stovetop
1. Combine raisins, cinnamon, pumpkin, oatmeal, water, and ¾ cup milk in saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high, turn heat to low, and simmer, stirring often, until oats are tender (5 minutes).
2. Stir well. Serve with remaining ¼ cup milk.
Microwave
1. Combine raisins, cinnamon, pumpkin, oatmeal, water, and ¾ cup milk in microwave-safe dish. Microwave on high until tender and liquid is absorbed (2-3 minutes).
2. Stir well. Serve with remaining ¼ cup milk.

Beef and Spinach Breakfast Sandwich

(Family Features)

Beef and Spinach Breakfast Sandwich



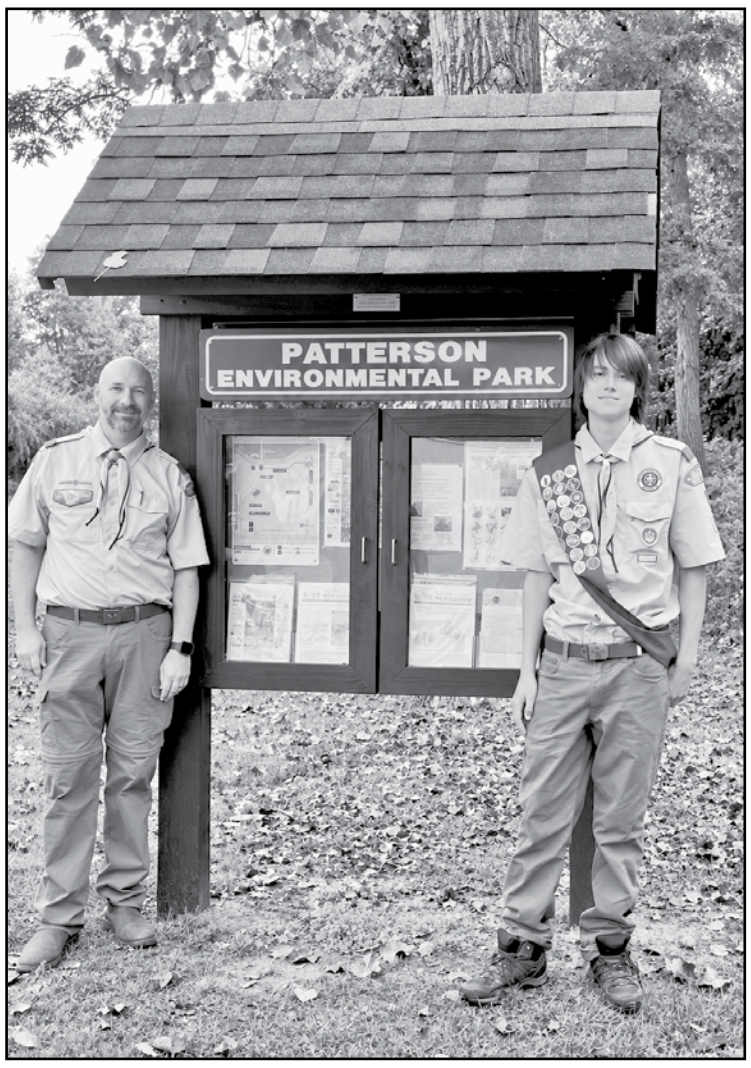
Ingredients:
4 eggs or 1 cup egg substitute
1/2 cup chopped fresh baby spinach
1/2 cup diced tomatoes
nonstick cooking spray
salt (optional)
pepper (optional)
4 slices reduced-fat Swiss cheese
12 ounces leftover cooked beef (such as steak, prime rib roast, pot roast or deli roast beef), thinly sliced
4 whole-wheat round, thin sandwich breads, split and toasted

Directions:
In medium bowl, combine eggs, spinach and tomatoes. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add egg mixture; cook 2-4 minutes, or until eggs are almost set, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, if desired.

Divide egg mixture into four separate portions in pan. Evenly top with cheese and beef. Remove from heat and cover. Let stand 1-2 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Place one egg portion on each bread bottom. Close sandwiches with bread tops; serve immediately.

Servings: 4
Source: Beef Loving Texans



Eagle Scout candidate August Bark with Scoutmaster Andrew Cooke.

Eagle Scout Project Brings New Kiosk to Patterson Park

The Patterson Environmental Park recently welcomed a new kiosk, thanks to the hard work and community spirit of Eagle Scout candidate August Bark.

The project began nearly a year ago when Park Caretaker Ed Napierkowski discussed replacing the aging and deteriorated kiosk. Rather than simply replacing it, the project became an opportunity to engage the local Boy Scouts and encourage community service.

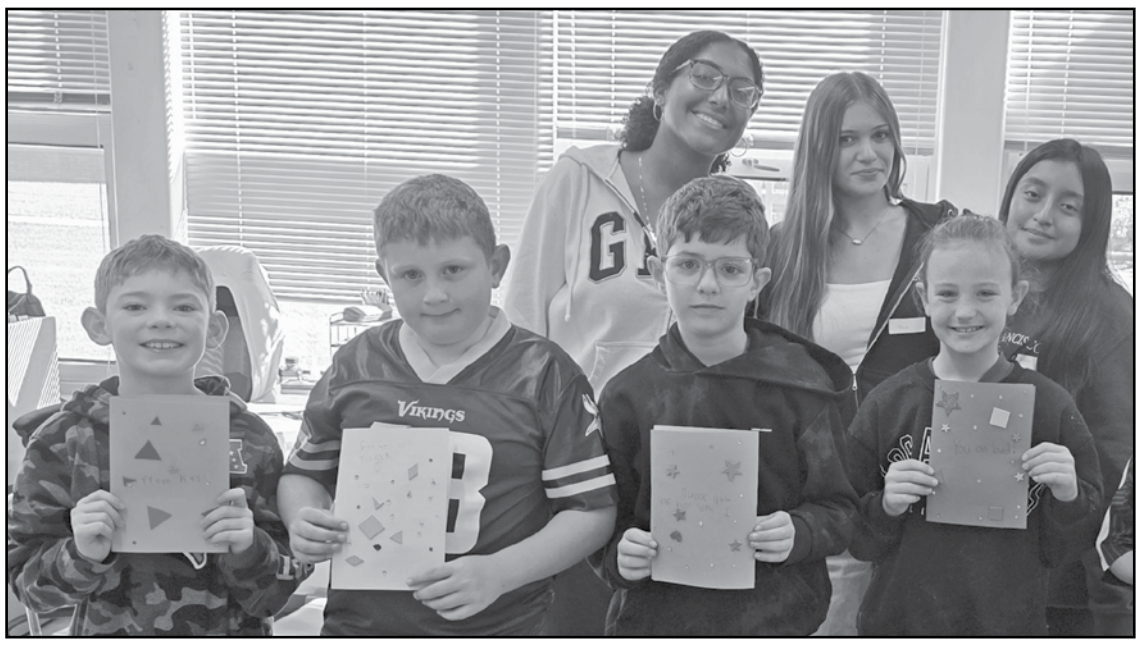
Bark took on the challenge as his required Eagle Scout project, developing the design, coordinating the project, organizing fellow Scouts, and helping construct and install the new kiosk. The project required planning, teamwork, persistence, and – as Bark and the volunteers discovered – quite a bit of hard work digging through the rocky ground at the park.

The new kiosk provides an attractive and useful entrance feature for the many residents and visitors who enjoy the 23-acre Patterson Environmental Park, which offers hiking, fishing, canoeing, and other opportunities to experience the Great Swamp.

The project also demonstrates what can happen when a community works together. Page Lumber donated the materials, while town volunteers, park supporters, fellow Scouts, family members, and members of the community all contributed to making the project possible. The Friends of the Great Swamp also continue to be supportive partners in activities at the park.

"This started out as simply replacing an old kiosk, but it became something much bigger," said Patterson Town Board member Shawn Rogan. "It is about community, service, leadership, and environmental stewardship. Those are the qualities that make the Eagle Scout program so meaningful. August has given something back to the community, and we are grateful for his hard work and dedication."

Napierkowski also praised August and his fellow Scouts for their effort, noting the importance of having young people actively contributing to the community.



Carmel youth hold up wellness cards they made with the assistance of the Carmel High School Cancer Awareness Club.

Cards for Kids, By Kids

The Carmel High School Cancer Awareness Club ran a districtwide activity for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September called "Cards for Kids by Kids."

Club members from the high school visited George Fischer Middle School and each of the district's three elementary schools to encourage students to make cards for children who are sick. The youngsters were provided with various craft materials to make cards, which were then collected and will be mailed out to various hospitals.

All kids were given kindness glow bracelets and stickers at the end of the activity.

"At the elementary and middle schools, we did not mention cancer but instead focused on acts of kindness and compassion," explained club advisor Heather Murphy, a high school English teacher. "The CHS Cancer Awareness Club members went into all of the fourth-grade classes and gave a small presentation on how to make others feel better when they feel sick or sad."

Students at CHS were also invited to participate. For years, the club – which has more than 80 members – has had a booth in the high school cafeteria for students to make wellness cards for kids with cancer, and the club sends them off to the hospitals.

This year, club members wanted to make it a districtwide event.

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Carmel

Liseo Moglia, 87, October 24. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, 845-225-3672.

Robert V. Capellupo, 87, October 23. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, 845-225-2144.

Cold Spring

Suzanne Schatzle, 62, August 20. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac

John Ortiz, 90, October 24. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Deputies Nab Thieves with Grappler Deployment

A high-speed vehicle pursuit that spanned more than 30 minutes across Putnam and Dutchess counties Oct. 22 resulted in the arrest of two Hudson Valley residents, thanks to the use of a Grappler Police Bumper.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, at about 6:40 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a larceny in progress at Tractor Supply on Route 311 in Patterson, where a male suspect was reported to have stolen several power tools before fleeing in a U-Haul van. Deputies were able to quickly identify and locate the vehicle using license plate reader technology.



This screenshot from dash camera footage posted by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office shows the suspect's vehicle tethered to the law enforcement vehicle behind it, which was put in place using a Grappler Police Bumper when the deputy bumped into the vehicle from behind.

At about 6:50 p.m., an officer located the van in the Highlands Shopping Center on Independent Way in Brewster and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver sped away, leading deputies on a pursuit onto Interstate 84 westbound at high rates of speed, said Hess. The vehicle continued onto the Taconic State Parkway and into Dutchess County, traveling through the Town of East Fishkill before turning back toward Putnam.

Shortly after the pursuit re-entered the Town of Patterson, deputies deployed stop sticks on Route 311, deflating the van's tires. Moments later, a deputy deployed the Grappler Police Bumper, bringing the chase to a safe conclusion.

It was the first successful deployment of the Grappler by a law enforcement agency in New York State.

The Grappler is an advanced pursuit intervention tool designed to safely stop fleeing vehicles. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office recently trained deputies on the device, which was purchased using asset forfeiture funds – at no cost to taxpayers.

Frank Commisso, 35, of Newburgh, and Hilary Rampe, 39, of Walden, were charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, second-degree obstructing governmental administration, resisting arrest, and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Commisso was additionally charged with third-degree unlawful fleeing a police officer, second-degree reckless endangerment, petit larceny, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, and reckless driving.

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Learning to Adapt

My toe smashed into the corner of the wall with sufficient force to elicit multiple screams and other commentary that could scar the ears of any kind soul within a 2-mile radius.

Why did this happen? Environmental consciousness.

To save the Earth, the hotel room's lights were set to emit less brightness than the average neolithic cave. Taken together with base molding that stuck out in unexpected ways and furniture legs that stuck out in unexpected ways, I was guaranteed a toe-stubbing.

That's how it goes… Stay in a hotel, short-term rental, or other unfamiliar place, and prepare for injury. New rooms require a bodily understanding of the layout. It's called adaptability. My toe failed the test.

Long stretches of sameness in your life lull you into a state of complacency. In the wild, complacency is an on-ramp to getting eaten by an apex predator. In our lives, complacency tends to lead to inaction and stubborn unpreparedness. When the change happens – a health scare or family issue – the scramble begins. Being adaptive means responding to change in a manner that sets you up for a better-than-expected result.

I do not like scrambling. I like to plan ahead, if possible. Running scenarios in your head is one way to prepare, but without professional guidance, such mental exercises offer false conclusions and introduce fear. Contextualizing those same scenarios and drafting the necessary documents to handle a changing circumstance is the elder law attorney's way to prepare.

If you become ill, what will you do? Can you rely on an adult child to handle finances and make health care decisions? Are you comfortable giving up control? Are there enough resources to privately pay for long-term care? Where will you live? Are you able to transition to a different life and can you bring your existing support system along for the ride?

These are the questions you get answered before you make the big decisions. It involves self-actualization – knowing who you are, your priorities, and how you handle situations. How can you be adaptive if you do not want that responsibility? Or how can you be self-sufficient if you have relied on others for decades?

There is the support system that you fantasize about versus the actual flawed support system that is present.

Your attorney can draft a Trust, a Power of Attorney, a Health Care Proxy, and a HIPAA form, but they cannot change your personality or force you to have better relationships.

The home you have lived in for 50 years may be unsuitable for caregiving. The assisted living facility you dismissed may provide socialization and attention to detail that allows you to flourish in the face of care challenges. The adult children you have kept in the dark concerning your finances may be exactly the people who will preserve your assets.

A simple adjustment of mindset allows you to adapt and succeed during the most complicated and difficult period of your life.

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Podcast Focuses on 30-Year Cold Case from Carmel

By Holly Crocco

More than 30 years after 17-year-old Robin Murphy vanished from Carmel, her case is again in the spotlight as a Hudson Valley podcaster highlights the man who he believes may be behind the mystery.

After the success of season one of "The Devil's Quarry," which highlighted the 1994 murder of 12-year-old Josette Wright of Carmel and the cases of Anthony DiPippo and Andrew Krivak, "Rolling Stone" journalist Paul Solotaroff is back with season two, which focuses on Howard Gombert.

Murphy vanished April 9, 1995, and her disappearance remains a cold case. According to various news reports, she was last seen at 7:30 p.m., leaving the ShopRite shopping center, which was about a mile from her home and where she worked after dropping out of high school. She had borrowed her mother's red Oldsmobile to meet her boyfriend, Matt Esposito, for dinner, but never arrived. The car was found in the parking lot.

Several days later, her keys, wallet, purse, and checkbook were allegedly discovered in a marshy area behind the shopping center.

Esposito was questioned and cleared.

In 2000, Howard Gombert Jr., was arrested on sexual assault and child endangerment charges. During that investigation, police allegedly found underwear in a suitcase at his girlfriend's house that had Murphy's DNA on it.

According to www.thecharleyproject.org, Gombert, a former Carmel resident, said he was Murphy's "best friend" and that the two had spoken that day. He worked at a laundromat in the same plaza as ShopRite and said he collected clothes left behind by customers and would donate them.

He was never charged in the case.

The same year Murphy went missing, the remains of 12-year-old Josette Wright of Carmel were discovered in a wooded area off a dirt road not far from Route 311 in Patterson. She had gone missing the year before.

DiPippo and Krivak were found guilty of her murder, but after 20 years were exonerated after separate retrials overturned their convictions.

During those retrials, it was reported that an inmate in Connecticut prison claimed Gombert confessed that he was Wright's killer.

With Gombert's release approaching in December, Solotaroff returns to Carmel to investigate Murphy's final days, track down people who have remained silent for decades, and pursue new information.

Solotaroff has collaborated with The Innocence Project as a "social justice avenger." The first season of his podcast focused on alleged "horrific police misconduct" and "crooked cops." After delegating himself to help get Krivak out of prison, he said, "Every time I peeled a layer back, the onion smelled worse."

That's when he started looking into Gombert, saying, "I've never met anyone as remarkably evil as that man."

The vigilante reporter said listeners can expect to hear "fireworks" in the eight-part podcast series. It can be heard on all streaming platforms, including iTunes, IHeartRadio, Spotify.



Carmel High School Valedictorian Robbie Wright and Salutatorian Colin Weindel.

Carmel Names Top of the Class for 2027

It may still be early in the school year, but the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Carmel High School Class of 2027 have already been identified – and they're not only great students who are involved in a wide variety of activities, they are also friends.

Robbie Wright, who is a baseball player and musician in addition to being a scholar, was named valedictorian.

Colin Weindel, who is also an athlete, musician, and scholar, was named salutatorian.

The two, who are each in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, are supportive of one another.

"When I heard it was you who made valedictorian, I was really happy," Weindel told Wright.

High school administrators and Superintendent of Schools Michael Plotkin invited the young men down to the counseling department Oct. 2 to surprise them with the news.

"We are so proud of the two of you," Plotkin told the students. "You not only achieved fantastic grades, but you are also active in school and community life. I'm sure you both have great things ahead of you."

Wright, 17, from Stormville, is already committed to Moravian University in Pennsylvania, where he was recruited to play baseball. "I still want to play baseball, but I also hope to become a sports team doctor," he said. "Moravian has a great science program."

This year he attends New Visions, a Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES program in which he works in a hospital shadowing health care professionals while also taking college-level classes.

"It's been an amazing opportunity," he said.

Weindel, 17, from Carmel, plays basketball and volleyball and plans to study to become a veterinarian. He has volunteered with the Putnam County 4H Club for many years and worked last summer with a genetics researcher at Stanford University to study how animals could reduce anxiety in Alzheimer's patients.

"When I saw it was the two of you, I was so pleased," Principal Brian Piazza told the students. "There couldn't be two better students to represent the Class of 2027."

The school counselor for the two high-achievers agreed that Wright and Weindel would set a great example for the student body. "They are both kind, considerate, self-motivated, and humble," said Tim Mahon.

Acoustic Performance

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to witness local entertainer Theresa Hope hit the 130-year-old stage at Old Town Hall Theater for a benefit concert Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m., at 67 Main St., Brewster.

Drawing inspiration from 1990's vocalists like Tori Amos and Alanis Morissette, this singer-songwriter explores uncommon themes in her lyrics to make sense of life and the human experience. Backed up by Darryel Pratt on guitar and Brian Leary on piano, Hope will perform a mix of songs from her upcoming debut album "A Medium Said You Were Sorry," as well as some soulful covers.

Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at CulturalArtsCo.com or at the door, pending availability. All proceeds will benefit the TOSCAC's mission to bring artistic experiences to the community while restoring historic Old Town Hall Theater.

Note that entrance to the theater involves a set of stairs.

Putnam Mom Group Builds Community

As the rising cost of living pushes more young families out of New York City and Westchester, Putnam County is seeing a quiet boom – more strollers than there are sidewalks, more new faces at the library, and more moms looking for their people.

The Putnam County Moms Collective was created for this exact moment.

PCMC is a supportive, non-judgmental, and growing community where moms – expecting, new, seasoned, working, and stay-at-home – can make friends, schedule playdates, and exchange advice and resources as they put down roots in a new place.

The organization was founded by Rebecca Doran, a human resources professional who relocated to Carmel from Westchester with her husband and toddler in July.

"We're approaching 200 members in just under two months since we launched in September, and a large majority are transplants from either New York City or Westchester," she said. "Only a small number of our members are actually native to Putnam County, and they are absolutely invaluable – whether it's offering local insight into the different towns, where the good playgrounds are, or which libraries have enough space for a group of us to hang out at."

Whether you were born and raised in Putnam or you just moved to the county last month, motherhood can feel incredibly isolating, continued Doran.

"There are so many factors at play: postpartum challenges, not having friends going through the same life stage, not having a partner who can fully relate to what you're experiencing," she said. "PCMC was created so that moms who are struggling have the option to not go through it alone."

The club directly organizes signature community builders such as weekly playground "hangs" and mom meet-ups that are designed to be low-pressure, free, and focused on genuine connection.

"I'm mindful that not every mom, child, or family is extroverted," said Doran. "Some people are introverted or shy but may still want to be in the company of other parents, so meeting up at a playground or just sitting together at the library is meant to cater to those different social styles."

Beyond that, a huge part of the work she does behind the scenes is research.

"There's no single source of truth in Putnam County for what's available to moms and their families – no central calendar, no single website listing library programs, town events, support groups, childcare openings, or family services," said Doran. "I put a lot of hours into digging, asking around, networking with people, checking town boards, library pages, fire department signs, word of mouth, scrolling through social media, just to find out what's actually happening. And also to figure out what's not happening – what services are missing."

PCMC is working to fill that gap by promoting local events, activities, and support groups that already exist within the county.

Members are required to join via Facebook – a policy that Doran said is intentional and rooted in safety.

"I understand not everyone uses Facebook," she said. "I honestly hate Facebook, but I'm very protective about who has access to our members' information and where our events are being held, and Facebook has proven to be the most effective method for vetting member requests."

While many of the meet-ups and events published in PCMC's calendar are centered around young children, PCMC is intentionally built for mothers at all stages. The collective includes a growing number of members who are homeschooling or planning to homeschool their children, as well as mothers of older children and teens who may not be interested in meeting at a playground.

Mothers interested in joining can find Putnam County Moms Collective on Facebook or follow its Instagram page @putnamcountymomscollective.

PUTNAM COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

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Putnam County Community Events

Fall Quilt Raffle
The quilt on display in the lower-level hallway at Brewster Public Library was donated by the Southeast Museum Quilters, and will be auctioned off Nov. 21. All proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets may be purchased at the circulation desk.

Live Theater
The Depot Theater and Giraffe & Gibbon Theatricals will present "The Glorious Death of Comrade What's-His-Name" at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 22, at 10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison. A new musical farce about fame, revolution, and the absurdity of power. Tickets available at www.depottheater.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Excel Functions
Mahopac Public Library will present "Lookup Functions – Advanced Excel" on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Functions are premade formulas in Excel. Understanding how to use them can streamline your work. Take a closer look at lookup functions. Register to attend in-person or virtually, at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Carmel Town Board
The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Meetings
Reed Memorial Library's Board of Trustees will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel. Register at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Councilwomen Office Hours
Patterson Town Councilwoman Stacy Dumont will hold office hours at the Putnam Lake VFW on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m., before the Putnam Lake Park District meeting. Councilwoman Gwen Dougherty will hold office hours the third Tuesday of each month at Patterson Town Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Both Stacy and Gwen invite the public to request a meeting at a time convenient for residents. Email StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org or GwenDougherty@PattersonNY.org.

Coffeehouse
The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a fall coffeehouse and open mic Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Hosted by poet Brittany Carrasco. $5 at the door. Open mic signups start at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6

Medicare 101
Mahopac Public Library will present "Medicare 101" on Friday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 p.m. Are you new to Medicare? Turning 65 in the next year or two? Already on Medicare? Learn how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the different types of insurance options available. John Bousquet from Medicare Resource Group will share the resources available to simplify your choices. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Cindy Cashdollar
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present Cindy Cashdollar on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, in the second concert of this year's John Cohen Memorial Music Series. A five-time Grammy-winning musician, Cashdollar is renowned for her mastery of dobro, lap steel, and steel guitar. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com.

Chamber Ensemble
The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble will close its 2026 season with performances by its jazz quartet Friday, Nov. 6 at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are $17 for general admission, or $14 students and senior, at the door.

Saturday, Nov. 7

Inclusive Social
The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host its Fall-O-Ween inclusive social Saturday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m., at Sycamore Park in Mahopac. DJ, Pizza, and more. Each attendee will be matched with a buddy, unless they prefer to bring their own ComHab worker. $40 per resident, $75 per non-resident. 845-628-7888 or townofcarmelyny.gov.

Theresa Hope
The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present Theresa Hope in concert, performing songs from her forthcoming album, Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m., at the Historic Old Town Hall theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Drawing inspiration from 90s vocalists like Tori Amos and Alanis Morissette, this singer-songwriter explores uncommon themes in her lyrics to make sense of life and the human experience. Tickets at www.culturalartsco.com or at the door.

Sunday, Nov. 8

'Demystifying Medicare'
"Demystifying Medicare" will be presented Sunday, Nov. 8 from 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak. Pre-registration is requested by calling 914-231-3236. Call for other dates and locations. This is a free, comprehensive workshop for anyone who needs to understand how Medicare works.

Breakfast
Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month through 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, free for kids.

War Patriots
The Putnam County Historian's Office and Enoch Crosby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will help residents discover Revolutionary War patriots in family lineage Sunday, Nov. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library.

Chow Down
The 12th annual Veterans' Chow Down is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. Free for veterans and one guest each. Seatings at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. A sit-down meal served family style with live entertainment, music, giveaways. Reserve seats by calling Sen. Harckham at 914-241-4600, Sen. Rolison at 845-229-0106, Assemblyman Slater at 845-278-2923, or Assemblywoman Levenberg at 914-941-1111.

Monday, Nov. 9

Lake Carmel Parks Dept.
The Lake Carmel Parks Department Advisory Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

Gilmore Girls Viewing Party
Join Kent Public Library for an interactive trip to Stars Hollow and watch the "Gilmore Girls" fan-favorite episode "A Deep-Fried Korean Thanksgiving" on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Grab your coffee (provided), enjoy snacks, test your knowledge with "Gilmore Girls" trivia, and vote for your favorite Thanksgiving in true Lorelai and Rory fashion. For age 14 and older.

Mahjong Night
Play Mahjong on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m., at Patterson Library. Beginners and experienced players are invited to join the fun. Instruction will not be provided. Adults 18 and older. Registration is required at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Holiday Decorations Tag Sale
The Friends of the Patterson Library will be collecting donations for its annual holiday decorations tag sale fundraiser Monday, Nov. 9 through Saturday, Nov. 14. Gently-used decorations for any holiday will be accepted as long as they are in great condition. No artificial trees. Nov. 19 to 24, find new-to-you treasures at the library.

Advanced Excel
Mahopac Public Library will present "Conditional Functions – Advanced Excel" on Monday, Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. This class is for anyone who uses Excel and is looking for a better understanding of how functions work. Register to attend in person or virtually, at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Botanical Class Series
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Rooted in Nature: An Autumn Exploration" on Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon. Join Josephine Gasperi of Perception Horticulture for the first program in a new botanical series. Explore the world of plants and horticulture through discussion, hands-on workshops, creative projects, and guided plant walks around the library, Community Hub, and local parks and trails. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Veteran Services 101
Richard Buck, a local veteran service officer, will discuss how he can assist veterans and their families in navigating and accessing benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, as well as locating the necessary documentation and completing applications, Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., at Patterson Library.

Agritourism Webinar Series
Cornell Cooperative Extension's Agritourism Program Work Team will host a monthly webinar series designed to support both new and established agritourism operators from noon to 1 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. This educational series provides practical guidance, timely tools, and real-world strategies to help farms strengthen agritourism operations, manage risk, enhance visitor experiences, and improve long-term business sustainability. Free. Register online.

Kent Town Board
The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

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, Nov. 12

Math Games
Mahopac Public Library will host Mathnasium in presenting math games Thursday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Led by the professional staff from Mathnasium in Mohegan Lake, this program will include ways to learn and explore math concepts for children in grades one through five. There will be prizes and giveaways, and each child who finishes all eight activities goes home with a goody bag. Parents are encouraged to play along. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

'The Art of Racing in the Rain'
Patterson Library will show "The Art of Racing in the Rain" on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. Told through the eyes of Enzo, a wise and devoted dog, this story follows his life with a race car driver and the family they love. Adults 18 and older.

Friday, Nov. 13

Imagine Gala
CoveCare Center will present its 2026 Imagine Gala on Nov. 13 from 6 to 10 p.m., at Hollow Brook Golf Club in Cortlandt Manor. Honoring Ledley Food Service and Brian and Patricia Ledley. Networking, dining, dancing, silent auction. Proceeds support mental health programs in Putnam County. Tickets start at $200, at covecarecenter.org.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Community Drum Circle
The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host a community drum circle with local artist and Shamanic energy healer Joshua 2 on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. $10. Bring a drum or borrow one.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic
Putnam residents may bring their dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (upper park), 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring a photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior vaccination. Tags not acceptable. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old.

Gift Fair
First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac, 411 Route 6N at Secor Road, will hold its Christmas Craft & Gift Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Coffee & Kindness
Join Patterson Community Church for free coffee and fresh-baked treats, prepared and served by members of the community with special needs, Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, at 1059 Route 311, Patterson.

Abraham Lincoln Program
Celebrate America250 with Kevin Wood's first-person portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln in period dress, exploring America's history from Independence through the Civil War, with a special focus on the turbulent years of 1854 to 1865, on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m., at Kent Public Library. Enjoy a Q&A session and photo opportunities after the presentation. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Optimize Your Utility Bill
Join Sustainable Putnam for an informative workshop exploring simple, cost-effective ways to make your home more energy efficient, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. The first 15 people to register will receive a complimentary home weatherization kit. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Stone Chambers
Mahopac Public Library will present "The Stone Chambers: A Druid's Journey" on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. Drawing from years of exploring stone chambers throughout the Northeast, Renee Fleury examines the emerging fields of archaeo-acoustics and fractal geometry, with real examples found within our own stone landscapes. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

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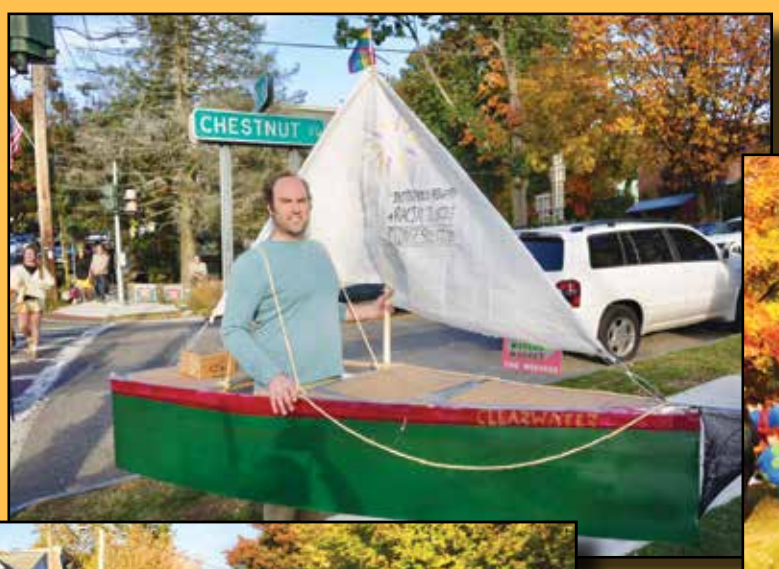
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The Village of Cold Spring hosted its 33rd annual Halloween parade Oct. 24 along Main Street. The Hudson Highlands Pipe Band led the procession from St. Mary-in-the-Highlands down to the riverfront bandstand, where the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce handed out candy, and Piso Mojado performed. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.

























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Brewster Senior a 'Student of Distinction'

Brewster High School senior Will Mattson was recently honored as a Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES student of distinction. The automotive technology student was nominated by teacher Zack Gerkhardt for his dedication to the trade and thirst for learning. In his junior year, Mattson earned a professional certification from the National Institute for Automotive Excellence. He was also recognized during a recent Brewster School Board meeting.

Nods Sought for Youth & Adult Service Awards

The Putnam County Youth Bureau is accepting nominations for its 42nd annual Youth Volunteer Service Awards and the James F. Reitz Adult Volunteer Service Award.

The nomination deadline is Nov. 13.

The Youth Board, in collaboration with the Youth Bureau, hosts this event each year to recognize the dedication of Putnam's youth and adult volunteers. The public is asked to nominate one or more students and/or adults that deserve to be honored for their exemplary community service efforts.

Award nominees must have performed their community service without payment or benefit.

Youth Award recipients are recognized for the volunteer work they performed that benefits Putnam residents and makes Putnam a better place to live. They must be high school students who reside in Putnam County or attend a high school in Putnam.

One adult is also recognized at this event for their exemplary community service work directly with Putnam youth. The volunteer must be 21 years of age or older and live or work in Putnam County. The person must have performed at least two consecutive years of volunteer work with Putnam youth.

Only individual volunteers are eligible for an award.

The nominee must also complete a volunteer service log, and three reference forms must be completed by non-relatives who can best describe the type of service performed by the nominee.

For more information or to make a nomination, visit www.putnamcountyny.com/youth-bureau#awards.

The 42nd annual Youth Awards Dinner is scheduled Thursday, April 8 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

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The "dolphins" celebrate after their meet.

Aquaflyers Kick Off Short Course Season

The New Fairfield Aquaflyers – which includes swimmers from Patterson, Brewster, and Carmel – held their first mini-meet of the short course season Oct. 14.

Top qualifiers in the girls' 10 and younger age group included Isabella Cardona, Larissa Dasilva, Violet Fairchild, Rebecca Gavin, Kyleigh Janecek, Willow Krompinger, Hailey Lyons, Lydia Petersen, Charlotte Smith, and Evelyn Vaughan.

Top qualifiers in the boys' 10 and younger age group included Michael Johnson, Benjamin Kozlenko, Declan Miller, and Ronin Stahl.

Top qualifiers in the girls' 9 to 12 age group included Eva Fabiano, Brynn Frederick, Lily Knox, Kylie Mino, Lily Reichert, Giovanna Węgrzyn, and Quinn Welsh.

Top qualifiers in the boys' 9 to 13 age group included Seth Garcia, Zachary Krompinger, Jackson Monroe, and Zachary Ravich.

Top qualifiers in the girls' 11 and older age group included Kelly Biasetti, Kate Frederick, MJ Juarbe, Anastasia Kozlenko, and Alivia Mino.

Top qualifiers in the boys' 11 and older age group included Jackson Burdi, Jhandel Garcia, Sebastian Kozlenko, Daniel Paulussi Jesus, Marcos Sa, Nathan Velonis, and Connor Welsh.



The combined Mahopac, Putnam Valley, and Carmel varsity girls' swim team is having a great season so far. Photo provided by Coach Erica Burlenski.

High School Sports Roundup

CARMEL – The combined Mahopac, Putnam Valley, and Carmel varsity girls' swim team celebrated senior night with a 92-78 victory over Yorktown/Somers.

The team started off strong, taking first and third in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Keira Troccoli, Elisabeth Knuth, Kira Furfaro, and Chloe Forger captured first place, while Macie Thompson, Laura Svrcek, Liv Brady, and Adelina Loza followed with a third-place finish.

Troccoli jumped right back into the water for the 200 freestyle, where she battled it out for first place and achieved a state qualifying time.

"The girls rose to the occasion," said Coach Erica Burlenski. "It was a true team effort from start to finish. Every swimmer played a role, and the girls showed tremendous determination, teamwork, and heart – especially when the meet was tied and the pressure was on."

Cross-Country

Mahopac's Kira Waring took second place in the girls' race at the Northern County Championships, held recently at the Hudson Valley Sportsdome in Milton, with a time of 18:22.4. Mahopac's Cara O'Halloran took third with 18:46.

The Brewster boys finished second, and Brody McLoughlin finished third overall.

Boys' Soccer

MAHOPAC – One of the best boys' high school soccer programs in Section 1 has reached the finals of the Class AA tournament. And it just so happens it was a home game.

Mahopac was scheduled to meet Lakeland on Saturday morning for the title at Mahopac High School, which was predetermined as a site a while ago.

The Wolf Pac is the top seed in the bracket and earlier won quarterfinal and semifinal games, respectively, over Clarkstown North and Fox Lane. The team gave up just one goal in the two combined games.

Mahopac is the top seed; Lakeland is the second seed.

In a Class B first-round game, Putnam Valley was eliminated by Tappan Zee.



Scribbles on a Notebook

By Rich Thomaselli

Giving It Your All While Staring Down Elimination

It's funny how some memories just stay with you.

I remember covering the New York Giants and getting absolutely berated by Lawrence Taylor in the locker room.

The reason?

I didn't follow Taylor's personal policy of only talking to the press in one wave. When he turned around and faced his locker, all interviews were over. I didn't know that.

Makes for a good story, but it was embarrassing at the time.

A few weeks later I spoke with Giants star defensive end Leonard Marshall. He was esoteric and polite, and it was like it was just the two of us. He told me something that I found extraordinarily interesting and kept it with me all these decades later.

He told me that the toughest game to play was the elimination game.

Too much uncertainty, he said.

If you play on Sunday and lose, that's it. No more practices, no more team meetings – no nothing. It's like your whole life is disrupted.

It's like that at every level, he said.

I thought about that when the Section 1 high school playoffs began last week.

From football to field hockey, to soccer and lacrosse… From the dog days of August to the chilly nights of November, it could all be over in a matter of hours.

It's a lot to ask a high school student to save the season.

It's yet another reason why I respect and admire the high school athlete.

The burden of the school, alumni, and the community is on these kids. Yet quite often, they end up handling it with great aplomb. They turn out to be great representatives of almost all stakeholders involved.

Sometimes, they even save a season.

I know and embrace what Leonard Marshall thinks.

Let's just say he understands things better than the idiosyncrasies of a Lawrence Taylor.

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

Bears Take Down Hornets

SHRUB OAK – Sure, the Lakeland High School football team might have been resting some of its players for the Section 1 tournament, but the Hornets are still one of the top programs in the section and drew the No. 2 seed in the Class A playoffs.

So it still makes what the Brewster High School football team did mighty impressive.

The Bears scored 42 consecutive points enroute to a 42-7 win over Lakeland.

And this was a 7-7 game in the third quarter until the Bears went berserk, including an interception return for a touchdown. In fact, it was little more than a week ago that Coach Ryan Cleary was bemoaning the fate of his team after Brewster had played well but still ended up on the short end of several games.

Not this time.

The Bears, who had won just once in the regular season entering the game, scored three touchdowns in a 7-minute span in the third quarter to break it open. Mikey Subin scored on the interception return and also had a 44-yard touchdown run.

Earlier in the game, Brewster set the tone with a red zone stop on downs and, moments later, an interception on its own 10-yard line for two big defensive plays. Later on, the Bears stopped the Hornets on the 2-yard line.

Maybe it wasn't an upset at all – just domination.

'Pac Heads into Quarterfinals

PEEKSKILL – This is exactly how you want to end the regular season and roll into the playoffs… Peaking.

The Mahopac High School football team is playing some of its best ball of the season after a 28-6 win over Peekskill to wrap up the regular season.

The Wolf Pac was scheduled to play Clarkstown South in the quarterfinals of the Section 1, Class A tournament Oct. 30.

Mahopac dominated Peekskill with a devastating running attack and a stout defense. The offense scored all four touchdowns on the ground, while the defense allowed the Red Devils to score only a 4-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Bronxville 43, Haldane 7 – Bronxville scored 30 points in the opening quarter, establishing a commanding lead. Haldane avoided a shutout when Alex Gaugler scored on a nine-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"We have to continue working on the fundamentals and executing at a higher level," said Blue Devils Coach Ryan McConville. "We didn't execute the way we needed to, and credit to Bronxville for coming out and taking control early in the game. Our guys will get back to work in the weight room and continue to get bigger, faster, and stronger. We'll keep working to improve and finish the season the right way."

Westlake 42, Putnam Valley 0 – Westlake finished the regular season undefeated.

Somers 41, Carmel 7 – Reasonable observation: Somers is good. Like, real good. Tristan Iglesias accounted for 259 yards of total offense for the winners while teammate Jayden Abruzese rushed for 145 yards on just seven carries.

Football Sectional Brackets Announced

Are you ready for some playoff football?

High school football, that is.

Section 1 has announced its tournament bracket pairings in five different classes based on school enrollment sizes. Quarterfinal games in all class sizes were scheduled to kick off last weekend and conclude with the championship games on the weekend of Nov. 13 and 14 at North Rockland High School.

There were no Putnam County schools in Class AA.

In Class A, both Carmel and Mahopac were scheduled to open on the road against Harrison and Clarkstown South, respectively.

Class B had representation from Putnam Valley, but the Tigers were scheduled to open at No. 1 Pelham.

There were also no Putnam County schools in the Class C tournament.

And in tiny Class D, Haldane goes straight to the championship game Nov. 13 against top-seeded Tuckahoe.



The "compost crew" recently visited the Putnam Valley School Board.

Food Scrap Recycling Reduces Waste at Put Valley Elementary

Putnam Valley fourth-graders are sharing their lunch with chickens.

Well, their leftover food scraps, that is.

Students are saving their lunchtime food scraps in special bins that are transported to a local farm as chicken feed.

Jennifer Bruno, who teaches in the school's Innovation Lab, and Elizabeth Broas from the school's Science Lab came up with the program as part of their curriculum. It launched in the spring with the purpose of reducing the amount of school lunch waste.

Last month, the students began their first full year of the program.

"Our students are turning what was waste into a valuable resource," said Bruno. "Instead of adding to pollution in a landfill or the Peekskill incinerator, their food scraps are feeding local chickens that produce eggs for human consumption."

Broas added that last year, the fourth-graders reduced the total number of garbage bags used during the fourth grade lunch from four to only one used each day. "That's a lot less garbage in our landfills and a lot of saved garbage bags," she said.

The project was incubated by a group of concerned citizens organized by local nonprofit Sustainable Putnam working together to figure out the best strategies to reduce food waste. The committee united teachers, staff, and sustainability experts to identify a holistic solution.

With a grant from the Anastasi Foundation, Sustainable Putnam purchased the freezer and bins and donated them to the school. Now, students collect and store lunchtime leftovers in a special cafeteria freezer, and volunteers transport the food scraps to Cucumber Hill Farm's 400 hungry chickens, owned by Putnam Valley resident Justin Baker.

"This brings it full circle, as Cucumber Hill is the very same farm that provides both duck and chicken eggs for our third-graders to study as they hatch in the spring," said Broas. "It is a valued community connection."

Any remaining scraps are composted on site, creating nutrient-rich compost for the farm's produce operation. Bruno pointed out that the students' lunch trays are also collected and composted at Baker's farm.

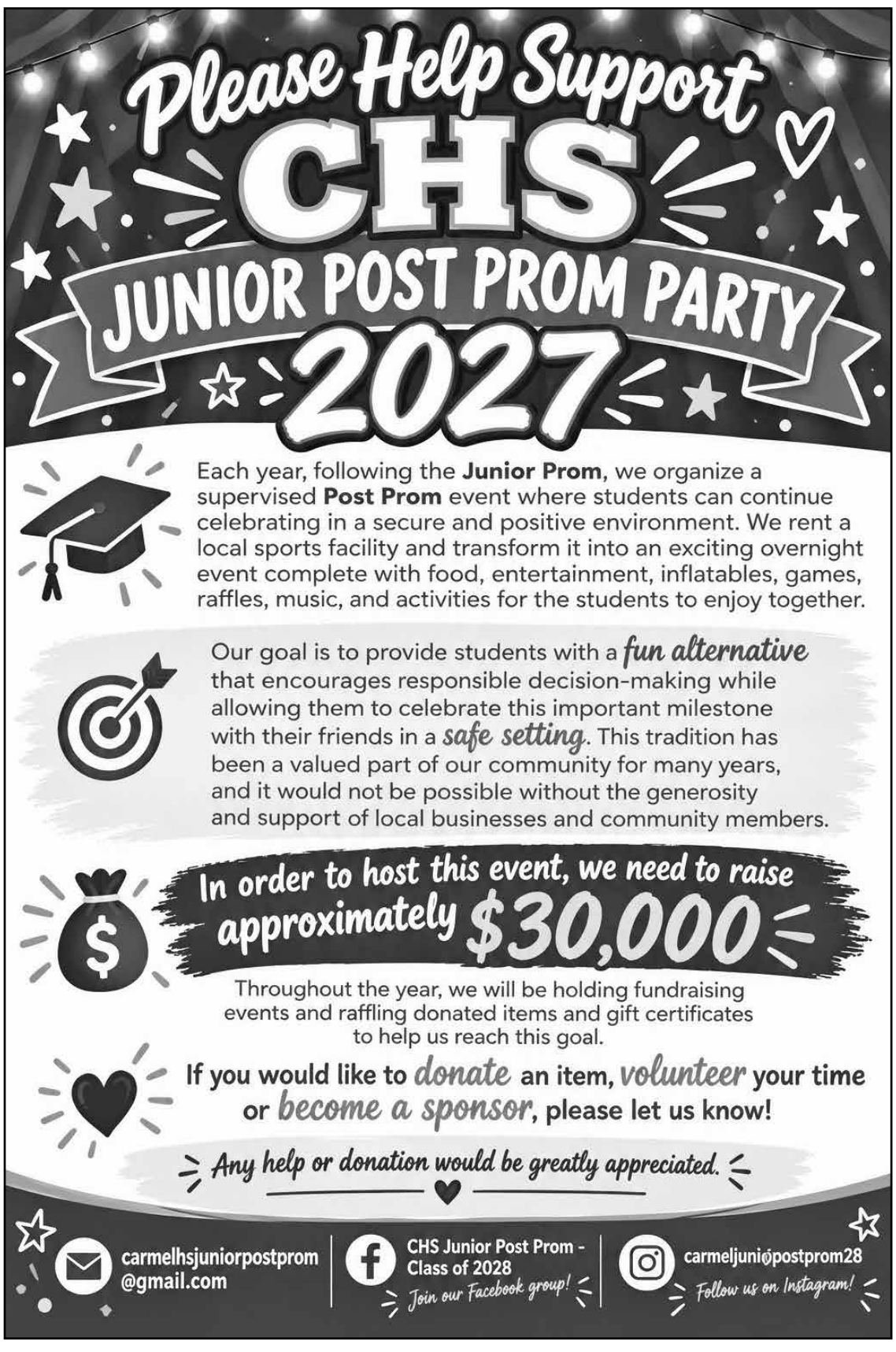
"Some of Putnam's waste is delivered to the incinerator in Peekskill, emitting pollutants which hurt humans as well as the environment," said Allison Hague, Putnam Valley climate smart coordinator and chairperson of the Food Scrap Recycling Committee. "Delivering food scraps to a local farm recovers that 'waste,' teaching children to value resources, empathize with neighbors, and appreciate where their food comes from."

The FSR project has been a hit with students and chickens alike. In addition to supporting the district's Green Ribbon School achievements, participating families will also have the opportunity to visit the farm this spring, completing their understanding of a circular food system.

More than anything, the daily practice of returning food scraps to a farm to become new food provides a sense of agency in the world they are inheriting.

"We were so happy to assist students with this common-sense solution to a widespread waste problem," said Joe Montuori, executive director of Sustainable Putnam. "Instead of the district paying to cart off food waste to an incinerator – creating harmful pollution in the process, these students are creating a resource that's benefitting local food production. What a great lesson they're learning about farming, business practices, and a circular economy."

Anyone interested in supporting this project or replicating it in their school may email allison@sustainableputnam.org for more information.



DWI & Drug Arrests

A North Salem man was arrested Oct. 27 by New York State Police in Brewster after being stopped on Danbury Road in the Town of Southeast for traffic violations, and he was allegedly determined to be intoxicated.

A 1-year-old child was a passenger in the vehicle at the time.

Kayden Billingsley, 27, of North Salem, reportedly provided a breath test that revealed a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent, and was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (Leandra's Law), felony; and misdemeanor DWI. Billingsley was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Southeast Town Court.

The child was released to a sober third party.

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A Brooklyn man was arrested last month after fleeing police in Dutchess County and ending up in Putnam.

According to New York State Police in Stormville, on Oct. 19 at about 10:50 p.m., troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the northbound lane of the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of East Fishkill. However, the operator failed to comply, and a pursuit ensued eastbound on Interstate 84.

During the chase, the vehicle's driver's side tire failed, causing it to become disabled. The vehicle ultimately came to rest on Carmel Avenue in Southeast.

Tyrike Gibbs, 36, was taken into custody and a K9 conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the odor of narcotics. A subsequent probable cause search revealed about 5,455 grams of suspected fentanyl, said police.

Gibbs was charged with first- and third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both felonies; and third-degree unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility.



Library staff show off the food pantry.

Donations Sought for Mahopac Library Food Pantry

The food pantry in the lobby of Mahopac Public Library has become an important resource for local residents facing food insecurity, thanks in large part to the generosity of the community.

The pantry is free and open to all, providing non-perishable food items to neighbors who may be struggling to keep up with the rising cost of groceries.

The library launched its Community Food Pantry in January 2026. At that time, reductions in SNAP benefits added to the financial pressures facing some households, and since then, continued increases in grocery prices have made it difficult for some local families and individuals to afford the food they need.

Donations from community members, the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club, and McDonald's of Mahopac have helped to keep the pantry stocked.

"We're grateful for the support and assistance," said Library Director Michele Capozzella. "The success of the Mahopac Public Library Food Pantry depends on our community."

Located in the front lobby, the pantry is accessible during regular library hours, including evenings and weekends – offering residents access when other pantries may be closed.

With the continuing need, the library is seeking additional donations of non-perishable food to help maintain the pantry's supply. Donations can be brought to the lobby during regular operating hours and placed in the bin marked "donations," located beneath the bottom shelf of the pantry.

Items particularly helpful include canned fruit, canned pasta, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, soups and broths, cereal, oatmeal, instant rice, pasta sauce, and coffee. Cans with pull-up lids are preferred, when possible.

Before the food is placed on the shelves, library staff members sort through the donations, checking expiration dates and making sure packaging is sealed and undamaged.

Kent Considers 6% Budget Increase

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tracts are still being negotiated, the town supervisor and town council again agreed to forgo a salary hike.

The Lake Tibet Park District budget shows a 29 percent increase, which Cahill said does not equate to a significant dollar amount and only affects residents of the park district.

"Last year they were really the only district that had a surplus, so they asked to use some of their fund balance to cover the revenue," she explained. "I said we're not doing that. We're not using fund balance whatsoever… We are not using any fund balance across the board for any district. We are not doing that mistake that was done in the past."

The sewer district budget went down 9.5 percent, now that the town has its own sewer district – which costs less to operate than what it was paying a company to do. "This has been a really positive change for the town," said Cahill.

The water district budgets have remained flat. However, they have negative fund balances.

"There are a lot of districts that have a negative fund balance," explained Cahill. "My main focus for the budget this year was to stabilize our finances that we have currently… My suggestion is on all those districts that have negatives, to start building the fund balance back up out of the negatives. In order to do so we have to increase the levy a little bit more."

Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer Jr., said his department's budget is driven by increasing costs for trucks and equipment, fuel oil, blacktop, and salt.

"The salt prices have increased drastically," he said, noting that it has gone from $80 per ton to $120 per ton.

Meanderings

Lou Orfanella

Memories From the Nearby South

The windows are clear on the commuter train as it heads south to Manhattan. They are no longer clouded by the rainwater that used to seep between the panes of glass on commuter trains during years gone by. And the Grand Central Station destination remains just as majestic as always, with its ceilings adorned with murals of the constellations.

Over the decades I have made this trip countless times – a fringe benefit of living in the suburbs, an affordable and reasonable distance from the city. As we rumble from the Southeast station and pass by Croton Falls, Katonah, Chappaqua, and the rest, the memories flood back and remain comforting and inspiring…

It was the summer of 1972, my 12th birthday, and my first Broadway show. I was walking through Times Square with my parents in the hours before arriving at the Mark Hellinger Theater to attend the original production of "Jesus Christ Superstar." I had listened to the original two-disc vinyl record set of the rock opera over and over on my bedroom turntable.

We were on our way to Mama Leone's Italian restaurant when we came to the façade of another famous eatery. It was Jack Dempsey's Broadway Bar & Restaurant on 49th Street. Just as we approached, serendipity intervened and the legendary boxer himself stepped out of a limo at the entrance. He was warmly greeted by everyone on the sidewalk.

A couple years later, a few friends and I were strolling in the theater district reading the marquees and browsing in record shops when we – almost literally – bumped into actor Ted Ross, who at that time was appearing as the Cowardly Lion in "The Wiz." We told him we had front-row seats for that evening's performance and we chatted with him for a bit.

After the final bows, we went around to the backstage entrance where we were welcomed inside and treated royally by Ross and his fellow cast members, including Stephanie Mills who played Dorothy and would go on to have a successful recording career with hits like "Never Knew Love Like This Before" and "What Cha Gonna Do With My Lovin.'"

As the train approaches its final local stops before becoming express to 125th Street, the memories continue to flow…

I was half-way through my second year of college when my friend Rob and I sat in the balcony of the Majestic Theater awaiting the start of the Broadway musical "Grease." Unexpectedly, we were part of a standing ovation before the curtain even went up for the opening act.

You see, this was no ordinary February night at the theater. This was Feb. 22, 1980, and the U.S. had just defeated the Soviet Union to win the gold medal at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics. The victory was announced in the theater and the audience rose in a thundering ovation.

Over the years, metropolitan experiences have continued to create new memories to join the ones that have now been mellowing for decades. As I often do when my mind needs clearing and my muse is among the missing, I made my way into Central Park.

I was sitting on a bench behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a typical fall day. There was a mild nip in the air as I jotted fragmented lines in my black Moleskine notebook hoping to find inspiration for a new poem. I looked up at one point to see an easily recognizable figure approaching. His hat was pulled down to meet his horned rimmed glasses and a younger woman was walking close by his side.

Nobody in the park approached them or gave a second glance, as Woody Allen and Soon-Yi Previn enjoyed their stroll.

"Only in New York," I thought, and at that point had the idea I had been seeking for a new poem.

As another rail journey from Southeast to Grand Central draws to a close, I step onto the platform blending in with the other riders, and wonder what memories lie ahead.

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Patterson Opts to Exceed Tax Cap

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by what is billed out.

"Over the last three months we've learned that our tax dollars are sitting over at the county," he said, referring to the county's $200-million-plus reserves. "I would think that maybe the county's in a better position to really be handling that type of service."

Williams explained that before the town took on the endeavor to provide basic life support emergency services, there were many conversations with lawmakers in which it was made clear that the county did not want to take on the town's ambulance services, which are required by law.

"At this point we've made a serious commitment and investment in our community to keep our residents safe," he said.

Major applauded the town for staying below the tax cap in previous years.

"When a lot of our tax dollars are sitting over there on the county, and we see our budgets going up… I'm looking at all these expenses and thinking these may be the reasons why," he said.

Councilwoman Gwen Dougherty noted that some of the driving forces behind the budget increase this year are a 60 percent increase in road salt price, benefits which are driven by national healthcare costs, and energy bills.

"So those three things were the major things that took a giant leap forward, in a bad way," she said.

"We're budgeting for tens of thousands of more dollars for diesel and gas costs," added Councilwoman Stacy Dumont, who added that all of the part-time board members declined a raise this year. "None of our services have decreased, so that's important for the public to know. And we could certainly use some more money from the county."

Williams said it has been a long and arduous task coming up with the 2027 budget.

"It's certainly been more challenging than it's been in the past years trying to get through everything, and I commend everyone on all the hard work they put in," he said.

Also during the Oct. 21 Patterson Town Board meeting, a resolution to introduce a local law to prohibit commercial vehicles that weigh more than 5 tons from traveling on Fields Corners Road was unanimously approved.

According to Williams, a large warehouse facility that has been constructed on Pugsley Road in Southeast – which turns into Fields Corners Road – has brought a lot of commercial traffic to Patterson.

"At the time we raised a lot of objections, raised a lot of concerns about the potential for commercial traffic coming down that road and the increase in traffic and the needed improvement that should have been made, which were completely ignored," he said.

However, now that the buildings are occupied, "Sure enough, the tractor-trailers are running down Fields Corners Road," said Williams.

A public hearing on the local law change is scheduled Nov. 4 at 7 p.m., at Town Hall.

Court: Putnam Conservative Party Broke State Law with Fake Mailers

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a headline or a newspaper article, hence the language contained in the stipulation," he said. "I can do no more than to acknowledge that the mailer wet out without the appropriate disclaimer. It was a mistake made by volunteers. It will not happen again."

New York State Conservative Party Chairman Gerard Kassar called the conduct described in the court proceedings as "deeply troubling."

"The Conservative Party has always stood for the rule of law, honest elections, and accountability in government," he said. "Those principles must apply equally to everyone, including our own party leadership… Political disagreements are one thing, but misleading voters and violating election law are entirely another. The people of Putnam County deserve transparency, integrity, and confidence in the electoral process."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Philipstown

Philipstown Planning Board
Site Visit- Sunday, November 15th, 2026

The Philipstown Planning Board will meet on Sunday, November 15th, 2026 at 9:30am to inspect the following site: Fergus/ Chen, 234 Old Albany Post Rd., Garrison, NY TM#72.18-1-12.1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Philipstown North Highlands FD

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION-SINGLE COMMISSION WITH OR WITHOUT PETITION

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PHILIPSTOWN NORTH HIGHLANDS FIRE DISTRICT
On December 8, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District will take place on December 8, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. at the Philipstown North Highlands Fire House located at 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, New York, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2031. All voters registered with the Putnam County Board of Elections on or before November 16, 2026, shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall be residents of the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District. Persons seeking office must file a petition signed by not less than (25) qualified voters of the North Highlands Fire District have filed their names with the Secretary of the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District, at the fire house at 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, New York no later than twenty days before the election, November 18, 2026.

Any elector of the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District who shall be a registered voter with the Putnam County Board of Elections on or prior to November 16,2026 and who shall have resided in the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District for at least 30 days preceding such election shall be qualified to vote.

Dated: October 21, 2026
Linda Valentino, Secretary
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PHILIPSTOWN NORTH HIGHLANDS
FIRE DISTRICT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam

LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 55, SECTION 55-12 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "BOARD OF ETHICS ESTABLISHMENT; QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; TERM OF OFFICE" AND CHAPTER 55, SECTION 55-14 ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS"

Amending the Code of the County of Putnam, as approved and re-adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on September 1, 2026 by resolution #229, by amending Chapter 55-12 entitled "BOARD OF ETHICS ESTABLISHMENT; QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; TERM OF OFFICE" and Chapter 55-14 to the Code, entitled "REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS."

Chapter 55-12 shall be amended, to provide balance of power, accountability and transparency to the Board of Ethics by diversifying the individuals who shall nominate Board of Ethics members. Chapter 55-14 is amended to establish a new procedure for removal of Board of Ethics members, including a requirement of an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Putnam County Legislature for removal.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

PLEASE NOTE:
A copy of the Local Law can be found on the Putnam County Website on the Legislature page and is also available at the office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam Valley

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, on _November 18/th, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Time, on the following proposed local law, with the text of such Local Law being attached to the resolution introducing same and made a part thereof as Exhibit A:

Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2026 entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers in the Town of Putnam Valley."

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, during regular business hours and on the following webpage of the Town of Putnam Valley website: www.putnamvalley.gov.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Putnam Valley, New York
__10/22/ 2026

_ _ Michelle Stephens
MICHELLE STEPHENS
Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, on __November 18th, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Time, on the following proposed local law, with the text of such Local Law being attached to the resolution introducing same and made a part thereof as Exhibit A:

Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2026 entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Land Use Moratorium Prohibiting Large-Scale Battery Energy Storage System Installations and Large-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems within the Town of Putnam Valley."

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, during regular business hours and on the following webpage of the Town of Putnam Valley website: www.putnamvalley.gov.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Putnam Valley, New York
10/22/ 2026

_ _ Michelle Stephens
MICHELLE STEPHENS
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
For
Determination of Public Need
Town of Kent

To: All Interested Parties

From: Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council Transportation Committee

Date: November 16, 2026

Re: Town of Kent Muni Con to Permeant CON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Transportation Committee of the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council, in accordance with Public Health Law, Article 30 of the State of New York, is conducting a Public Hearing with respect to the determination of a Public Need to convert a temporary Municipal Certificate to a permanent Operating Certificate.

Public Need as defined by the NYS EMS Council and the NYS Department of Health is:

The demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service available to a geographical area which is not readily correctable through the relocation or improvement of existing resources.

This service is located in Putnam County NY, with a primary operating territory in the Town of Kent

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November16, 2026, from 2pm-4pm at the Hudson Valley Regional EMS office located at 33 Airport Center Drive, Suite 204, New Windsor NY 12553. All speakers must sign in no later than 1:45pm. The hearing will continue until 4pm or until all speakers are heard, whichever is earlier.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council office. If you wish to review it, please contact the Hudson Valley Regional EMS office at (845) 245-4292 to schedule an appointment.

If you cannot attend or wish to make a written comment on this application, please do so in writing on or before 1pm on November 16th.

Mail or Email comments to:

Transportation Committee
Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council
33 Airport Center Drive, Suite 204
New Windsor, NY 12553
Phone: (845) 245-4292
admin@hvremsco.org

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Supreme Court

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 STONE HILL at REED FARM CONDOMINIUM III, and the REED FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., plaintiff, against **ANTHONY D. BOCHICCHIO** & LISA BOCHICCHIO, et al, defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered September 11, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the second floor of the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512, on the 9th day of November 2026, at 10:30 a.m. the premises lying and being in Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, in the Condominium known as "Stone Hill at Reed Farm Condominium III" also designated as Unit 7-401B. Together with the undivided 1.4715 percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 401 Driftway Lane, Brewster, NY 10509

Approximate amount of the lien is $17,815.87 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 500786/2026.

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

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

Andrew W. Szczesniak, Esq., Referee
Goldenberg & Selker, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
399 Knollwood Road, Suite 112, White Plains, NY 10603

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHFIELDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., on behalf of the Unit Owners of Highfields Homeowners Association, Inc., pursuant to Real Property Law, Section 339-aa, Plaintiff- against – **JASMIN VEGA, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,** Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated and entered on April 23, 2026 in the office of the County Clerk of Putnam County, I, the undersigned referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on the 2nd day of December, 2026 in Courtroom 209 of the Supreme Court, County of Putnam Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 at 9:30 a.m., the unit known as 33 Pembrooke Court in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York (Tax Parcel Section 92, Block 1, Lot 30), and as designated in the Declaration establishing a plan for the Condominium recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Putnam County, Division of Land Records, at Liber 1254 at page 239, as amended at Liber 1350, page 81, and more particularly described as set forth on Exhibit A.

Said premises are sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and water rates which are liens upon the Premises, and subject to all covenants and restrictions of record and any state of facts an accurate survey may show.

The approximate amount of the lien to satisfy for which the above-described property is to be sold is $12,688.56, together with interest thereon from April 23, 2026, as well as the sum which is owed to Plaintiff by Defendant Jasmin Vega on account of common charges, late fees, assessments, and costs which accrue from May 7, 2025 to the date of conveyance of the premises pursuant to the judgment of foreclosure and sale, together with Referee's fees of $750.00, and the expenses of the sale.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500590/2023. Joseph A. Charbonneau, Esq., Referee.

Gettinger Waldinger Monteleone Gushue & Hollis LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
118 North Bedford Road, Suite 300 Mount Kisco, New York 10549 (914) 666-8033
Dated: October 2, 2026

EXHIBIT A

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York, shown and designated as Lot No. 39 on a certain map entitled "Amended Phase Two, Subdivision Map known as Highfields", dated October 11, 1994, last revised December 22, 1994 and filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk's Office on January 5, 1995 as Map No. 2597B.

For Information Only:
Address: 33 Pembrooke Court, Putnam Valley

Town: Putnam Valley
County: Putnam
TAX DESIGNATION: Section 92 Block 1 Lot 30

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

154 WOODWORTH AVE., LLC,

Plaintiff,
vs.

MICHAEL NEUNER LLC,

Defendants.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
BARRY E. NESSON, ESQ.

700 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, SUITE 259
SCARSDALE, NY 10583

Pursuant to an ORDER entered herein and dated October 19, 2026, I, as Referee, will sell at public auction to be held on the 2nd floor of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, N.Y. 10512 on December 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. the premises in the Village of Brewster, New York known as Section 67.26, Block 1 and Lot 57 and more commonly known as 1 Michael Neuner Drive, Brewster, New York.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the Entered Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 19, 2026 and the Terms of Sale to be read at the auction. The successful Bidder shall be required to deposit with the Referee, a minimum of 10% of the Bid amount.

BID DEPOSIT CHECK(S) MUST BE BY BANK CHECK(S) DIRECTLY PAYABLE TO THE REFEREE. CASH PAYMENTS ABOVE $1,000 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BIDS IN LESS THAN $1,000 INCREMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ENDORSED CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED,

Index Number: 501191/2026

Dated: October 22, 2026

Michelle Anderson, Esq., Referee

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL, LLC**, Plaintiff, vs. DEREK DONLEY AKA DEREK GLENN DONLEY, AS HEIR AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF **JOAN S. DONLEY**, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 28, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the second floor of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on December 7, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 357 Tonetta Lake Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.12, Block 3 and Lot 50. Approximate amount of judgment is $520,316.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501655/2021.

Justin L. Sweet, Esq., Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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LLC

Aztec Holdings, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/10/26. Off. in Putnam Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 7 Sutton Pl, Brewster, NY 10509. Any lawful purpose.

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SIGNATURE AUTO COLLECTION LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/12/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 869 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of formation of **Thomas Staib Carpentry DBA TSC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/09/2026. Office location Putnam County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/oThomas Staib Carpentry LLC DBA TSC, 4 Big Elm Rd, Brewster NY 10509 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **Jacquelyn Martino, LLC**. Articles of Org.filed with SSNY on 07/27/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jacquelyn Martino, LLC, 25 Garden St, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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2741 POST ROAD PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/25/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **LJB Inspections LLC** . Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on June 20, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 549 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **DSN SEALING LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/18/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DSN SEALING LLC, 528 N Lake Blvd, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **24 Grandview Drive LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 8/28/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gary Margolis, 10 McMahon Pl, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **29 Split Rock Road LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 8/28/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gary Margolis, 10 McMahon Pl, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **RKAS CONSULTING GROUP LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/2018. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Duration: perpetual. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **REBAR LABS LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/29/2026. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Duration: perpetual. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOTTGE REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/30/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Sodom Lane South, Brewster, NY 10509, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

RIP CITY CARDS LLC

Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on **August 23, 2026**. Office location: **Putnam County, New York**. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at **19 Winston Lane, Garrison, New York 10524. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Deltaris, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 7/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 12 Main Street, #1108, Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 54 State Street, STE 804, Albany, NY 12207. Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, STE 804, Albany, NY 12207, is registered agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Qualification of **ORCHARD RIDGE ASSOCIATES II LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/18. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/03/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1944 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **NextGen Soccer Development LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/14/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Formation of **TopEnd Home Renovations LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/28/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o TopEnd Home Renovations 394 Farmers Mills Rd Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Hudson Ridge Living LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 9/30/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 112 Heath Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **BORN ON SATURDAY LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/25/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o BORN ON SATURDAY LLC, 602 Covington Pl, Brewster, NY 10509 . Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Formation of **SAMCO CREATIVE LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 16, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business address: 45 Allen Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Peter Connolly, P.O. Box 592, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Notice of Formation of **CLUTCH LABS, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/17/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207, is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **21 E Branch Road, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **31 McAlpin Ave, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **37 McAlpin Ave, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **155 Shear Hill Road, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **430 Hill Street, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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Notice of formation of **Chora Collective LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Chora Collective LLC, PO Box 135, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **401 Gage Road LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/27/26. Office location: Putnam County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 401 Gage Rd, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of **Lacewell Healthcare Consulting LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on August 20, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: [228 Park Ave S NY, NY 10003]. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Formation of **111 Tower Hill LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/15/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gregory N. Scollan, 12 Spring Meadow Lane, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Walter's House, LLC**. Articles of Org.
filed with SSNY on 10/16/2026. Office
Location: Putnam County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC upon
whom process may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to: Walter's House, LLC, c/o John Trem-

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blay,25 Ames Rd, Brewster, NY 10509.
Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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Notice of Formation of **AKT 2 RE LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: AKT 2 RE LLC, 126 Wellington Dr, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Lock & Holly LLC**
Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on October 14, 2026
Office location: Putnam County at 8 Bryant Pond Road, Putnam Valley NY 10579.
SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.
SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 8 Bryant Pond Road, Putnam Valley NY 10579
Purpose: Farming and selling goods

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **RS Tax Services of NY, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o RS Tax Services of NY, LLC, 17 Sabrina Court, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **CJ Design & Consulting, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/21/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CJ Design & Consulting, LLC, 346 Route 6, #944, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Levy Strategic Advisory, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 01/26/2026. Office location: Putnam County. NY Secretary of State designated as agent for service of process. Service of process may also be served upon: Neil Levy, 20 Trail of the Maples, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Hill Capital LLC.** Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/26. Office location: Putnam Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to: 539 Route 6N, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LAS MANANITAS TOO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Luis Sanchez, 1250 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Clove Creek Group LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 06/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. Principal business address: 147 East Mountain Road South, Cold Spring, NY 10516. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 147 East Mountain Road South, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES

GARAGE ORGANIZING MANAGEMENT : custom, built-in, kids' benches, shoe boxes, shelves/racks, bike hanging rigs, sports cabinets. Free estimate Call Nicholas at 914-203-0031. 11/18

RENTAL PROPERTY

Newly renovated 2BR/2BA SUNNY ISLES BEACH, FLORIDA rental on the Intracoastal with great views. Walk to ocean/shopping. 2-week min. Email meltem.blue@yahoo.com. 11/18

WANTED

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. 12/31



Celebrating Philanthropy in the Hudson Valley

Jean and Ken Kearney of Putnam County (right) were among the honorees at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley's 30th annual Garden Party on Sept. 27 at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, recognized for their philanthropy. They are pictured with Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV; honorees James Hoover and John Aubry of Ulster County; and Daniel and Michelle Lepore, and their children, of Dutchess County. As the nonprofit's signature fundraising event, the Garden Party raises funds for CFHV's Community Grants program, supporting nonprofits throughout Ulster, Putnam, and Dutchess counties as they address pressing community needs, including housing, mental health, childcare, food security, and more. Photo by On Location Studios.

Musical Comedy Premiere in Garrison

The Depot Theater and Giraffe & Gibbon Theatricals present "The Glorious Death of Comrade What's-His-Name," a new musical farce about fame, revolution, and the absurdity of power, through Nov. 22 at 10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison.

Adapted from Nikolai Erdman's 1928 play "The Suicide," which led to the playwright's persecution and the banning of his work under Stalin, "The Glorious Death of Comrade What's-His-Name" reimagines the material for a contemporary audience.

Semyon, an unemployed dreamer living under Stalin's brutal rule in the Soviet Union, imagines a better life as a tuba player (despite not knowing how to play) but comes to believe that a spectacular exit from life may be his only ticket to fame and glory. When Aristarch, a revolutionary firebrand with motives less than pure, sees an opportunity in Semyon's potential demise, he and a band of scheming misfits seize upon it as a way to spark a rebellion and topple the Communist regime.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available at www.depottheater.org

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

Exam Title & No: Occupational Therapy Assistant 26-603 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: Brewster Central School District: $46,511 to $69,238
Salary may vary in other school districts
Last Filing Date: November 23, 2026
Exam Filing Fee: $35

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 X46134. EEO/AAA 11/4, 11/11

Brewster Students Embrace Diversity



Henry H. Wells students recently celebrated Italian Heritage Month.



Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week inspired this student.

There are many reasons Henry H. Wells students in Brewster are enrolled in Italian classes – family connection, food, fashion, culture, traditions, and dreams of traveling to Italy one day.

"Fifty percent of my family is Italian," said Chris Calamari. "My mom speaks Italian."

"My grandmother yells at me in Italian," added Madison Johnson.

"My family speaks Spanish," noted Sophie Diaz. "I thought it would be cool to learn a new language."

"Someday I want to visit Italy," said Gabriel Scozzaro. "I'd like to go to the beaches in Sicily."

The Italian program at Wells is small but mighty. There are two teachers – Isabella Di Marco and Noelle Lewis – and six sections. The classrooms are decorated with student reports on cutouts of the country, as well as Italian flags, and large photographs of gondoliers in Venice paddling the canals.

On Fridays, the students sample Italian delicacies.

"I love teaching Italian because it's so much more than learning vocabulary and grammar," said Di Marco. "Through me and the language, students get to discover the culture, food, music, traditions, history, and everyday life of Italy."

During Italian Heritage Month, students have played bocce, interviewed family members, and created projects exploring Italian culture.

Wells students also recently embraced Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week by representing Spanish-speaking countries through sports jerseys, flag colors, and Fiesta Friday. Students and teachers in the world language classes shared foods from different Spanish-speaking countries, including flan, alfajores, and tostadas con frijoles.

The celebration continued in classrooms where each grade participated in activities highlighting Hispanic and Latino individuals who have made an impact on the world. This year, eighth-graders completed a classroom walk, reading about influential Latinos, and using clues to identify individuals with accomplishments such as winning the Nobel Prize in chemistry or becoming an astronaut.

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mously approved moving $150,000 from surplus into subcontingency for the purpose of fighting food insecurity.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, who put forth the resolution, said the county needs to develop a consistent coordinated program of its own, building on the work that the outside agencies have already been doing.

"I know that we have a food coalition – I'd like to see that reinvigorated," she said. "But what I'm beginning to understand is… it's not necessarily the food pantries that need the money. It's those food organizations that distribute the food, that actually get the food from the farms to the food pantries that need the support."

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, agreed.

"I think we need an all-around plan that's going to help everybody where the money's needed," she said.

In a divided vote, the Legislature also opted to increase funding for Second Chance Foods, Inc., of Brewster, an agency that rescues unused food and turns it into prepared meals for the less fortunate. While the organization requested $70,000 in 2027, the original budget allotted only $20,700. Last week, that number was bumped to $35,700.

"Second Chance Foods serves so many departments in Putnam County – Community Action Partnership, Office for Senior Resources, all of the food pantries…" said Montgomery. "They're doing the work that we're not and I think they need a little more support."

Legislator Jake D'Angelo, R-Carmel, voted against the appropriation.

"If this was putting more food in mouths, I'd agree, but what it more so sounded like was offsetting costs," he said, referring to a prior committee meeting during which Second Chance Foods made its case. "If they're going to increase the amount of food going into people's mouths, I could see that. But what I don't want to do is lower their operating costs for them to provide the same amount of services."

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, said that while she doesn't like "seeing outside agencies coming in asking for more and more and more with their hand out wanting to be served," she does see the impact Second Chance Foods makes. "They provide food throughout the county serving all of our Putnam County residents," she said.

Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, also voted against the allocation, noting that Second Chance Foods' budget has been increased each year, and that the agency may get a piece of the $150,000 that had been approved moments earlier.

"I don't feel like we're short-changing them at all," she said.

Russo was the third "no" vote for the budget appropriation. She noted that, while she supports the mission and has even volunteered with Second Chance Foods, she was disappointed by their "huge ask" this year.

Montgomery said that Second Chance Foods received an additional $15,000 in 2024 when a "food insecurity emergency" was declared, as well as a "meager" $5,000 bump in each 2025 and 2026.

"Feeding people who are hungry is not a bad thing," she said. "Feeding people who are hungry is not throwing money at a problem… We can't just withhold this money from an organization that is solving this problem for us, because we don't have a plan."

Further, she said the organization moved to a larger location to better be able to operate.

"It costs a lot of money and they don't live in a tax-free, not-for-profit kind of setup," said Montgomery. "They pay full property taxes, full rent. Whatever their expenses are, they don't get a break like a lot of our other organizations get in this county."

Legislator Tommy Regan, R-Brewster, said that if the county is truly facing a food insecurity crisis, then the dollar amounts they are talking about are not enough.

"There seems to be a contradiction here that I can't wrap my head around," he said. "I'm not feeling crisis out of those numerics."

However, he did note that, "In no other field do we just continue to fund something without any directives, statistics, quantifiable measures that we're doing some good. Are we doing any good by continuing to fund these things?" asked Regan, who encouraged his colleagues to consider developing a consortium to better address the issue in the future.

Now that the Legislature has approved the 2027 budget, the county executive will have an ability to veto certain parts of it, which would go back to the Legislature for discussion.



Putnam County Sheriff's Employees ENDORSE BYRNE



PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFFS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

July 28, 2026

To: County Executive Kevin Byrne

On behalf of the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association (PCSEA), we are proud to offer our endorsement to Kevin Byrne for Putnam County Executive.

Throughout his service to Putnam County, Kevin Byrne has demonstrated a continued commitment to public service, responsible leadership, and maintaining a strong working relationship with the employees who serve this county each and every day. Our Association has recognized and appreciated Kevin's willingness to engage with our membership, listen to our concerns, and work collaboratively toward practical solutions that benefit both our workforce and the residents of Putnam County.

The PCSEA values leaders who understand the critical role that corrections professionals and civilian staff specifically play in protecting our community. Kevin Byrne has consistently shown respect for the dedicated members of the PCSEA and has fostered a productive relationship with our Association. We believe that continuing this relationship will benefit not only our members but the County as a whole.

Our organization and Kevin Byrne share many of the same priorities. These include preserving quality medical benefits, improving recruitment and retention of qualified employees, enhancing safety and security for both officers and civilian personnel within our correctional facility, and ensuring that the hardworking members of our Association can continue to provide for their families while serving the citizens of Putnam County with professionalism and pride.

Strong public safety begins with supporting those who are entrusted with protecting our communities. Investments in the workforce, fair working conditions, competitive benefits, and a safe working environment directly contribute to the Sheriff's Office's ability to recruit, retain, and develop highly qualified professionals. We believe Kevin Byrne understands these priorities and has demonstrated a willingness to work with organized labor in a respectful and constructive manner.

For these reasons, the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association is proud to endorse Kevin Byrne for Putnam County Executive. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship and working together toward our shared goal of building a stronger, safer Putnam County for our members, their families, and all who call this community home.

Respectfully,
PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFFS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

Paid for by Byrne for County Executive