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Students operate a robotic arm from Allendale Machinery Systems.

Brewster P-Tech Students Complete Bridge Program

The first Brewster Opportunities (P-Tech) cohort of students entering Brewster High School recently finished up its Summer Bridge program. The final week included site visits to local technology companies and Westchester Community College, guest speakers, and their first STEM assignment of the new year.

On the first day, students visited Fryer Machine Systems, Inc., where they were given a tour by engineer Eric Swart of where the company designs and manufactures CNC (computer numerical control) machines in-house to ship out to both domestic and international companies.

On day two, students visited Lamothermic Precision Investment Casting Corp., and the Laborers' Local 60 Training Center.

Students were given personalized tours of Lamothermic's

casting process by company President Garrett Noach. At the beginning of the tour, students were able to see the initial wax molds of bike pedals and gears, and at the end they could see the rough metal cast of the products.

At the Laborers' Local 60 training center, students were given a rundown by Training Director Frank Bisignano and his team who run the training center of unionized job opportunities in construction – from apprenticeships to full-time careers. They explained to students what it takes to get into the industry.

The students toured the grounds and were able to sit in machinery to get a better understanding of how individuals train to work in the construction field.

Day three was spent at WCC, specifically in the cyber security and mechanical engineering labs.

Students also visited the Gateway building on campus to tour the Cyber Security labs, as well as the engineering building, where they spoke to mechanical engineering professors. They discussed the course maps for mechanical and electrical technology and showed samples of projects that students designed and created throughout the year.

Students were even able to see a Fryer CNC machine in action.

On day four, students heard from guest speakers from Putnam Precision and Allendale Machinery Systems about manufacturing and production.

Students were able to see samples of the medical supplies produced at Putnam Precision and what it takes to create them. Mark Harris of Allendale Ma-

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BOCES Partners With Districts to Support Kids With Trauma

Children who experience trauma may be scared, anxious, and have difficulty concentrating at school, which is why the Handle With Care program was born in 2009.

The nationwide initiative allows emergency services such as law enforcement, 911, fire departments and Child Protective Services to notify schools regarding students who have been exposed to crime, violence or abuse, so that the student can receive appropriate interventions.

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Regional Safety Services has been a Handle With Care affiliate since 2020, serving as a conduit between emergency agencies and participating school districts to help identify at-risk students.

Frank Guglieri, director of Regional Safety Services at PNW BOCES, is the point person for the Handle With Care program for Putnam County and some Westchester schools, acting as a liaison between law enforcement and school personnel.

"If there is an incident involving a child any time of day or night, I get a notification from emergency services," he explained. "The emergency could involve the death of a student's family member, abuse, a house fire, or any type of situation that would adversely affect the student."

PNW BOCES partners with

the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County for this community initiative. "We work closely with CAC Director Marla Behler, as well as the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, CPS, the Carmel Police Department and 911," said Guglieri.

Once he contacts the point person at the student's school district, the child's teacher and other appropriate staff are notified "to handle that student with care," he explained.

"That means being extra attentive to that student, and making sure if the student seems upset or acts out, they are given the appropriate counseling and best practices. The program helps schools to provide wraparound support."

Behler said the Handle With Care program embodies the commitment to making sure children who face challenges due to trauma receive the support and care they need, "creating a safety net that allows schools and communities to come together and provide healing and encouragement. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these children and help them succeed," she said.

"We have wonderful partners in this initiative, who all want to do what is best for the child," added Guglieri, who, to date, has responded to more than 730 calls. "Routinely, I get about a call a day. It is an outstanding program and I'm happy to be a part of it."



Political Unrest Continues on Carmel School Board

Action on Racial Harassment Policy Tabled

By Rob Sample

The Carmel School Board's Aug. 13 meeting turned fractious after the board passed a resolution critical of one trustee, leading to loud protests from his supporters and causing a group of them to be removed from the meeting room.

At issue was a resolution that sought to clarify that board members' discussions during non-public executive sessions are considered confidential. The resolution further admonished Trustee Jim Wise for reportedly discussing one such matter with residents in recent weeks, in violation of school board policy.

In lieu of pursuing legal action to remove Wise, the reso-

lution states, "... the board has chosen instead to adopt this resolution informing Mr. Wise of his poor judgment so that it is not repeated in the future in the hope that he may become a productive and trusted member of the board."

The resolution further called for a district governance training session for all board members, and specifically directed Wise to attend.

Wise asked the board to outline exactly what he had disclosed, and to whom, which his colleagues declined to do, noting that the resolution provides a means for him to obtain this information.

"I think it is outrageous that

this district has now spent hundreds of dollars on lawyers pursuing this matter... in the middle of a budget crisis," he said.

Wise attracted sharp criticism in the community for his denunciation of Israel's government – particularly the Gaza bombing raids that have happened since the Oct. 7 attacks on Israeli towns by Hamas terrorists. Wise, who is Jewish, took part in a rally earlier this summer at the Putnam County Courthouse, holding up a sign that read, "Jews for Palestine."

"There are many organizations – like Jewish Voice for Peace – who fight for the rights of Palestinians and are not antisemitic at all," stated Robin Esser,

a Patterson resident and a New York City high school teacher, at the recent meeting. "To say that you want an immediate cease fire, to chant 'From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free,' is not antisemitic. Actually, the idea of a two-state solution always had Palestine having a corridor to the Mediterranean."

At intervals, board Vice President Dawn Dall, who was running the meeting, had to rein in members of the public.

"We're veering off our school board agenda," she said. "We welcome people up to the podium, (but) we would like it to have to do with what we are addressing tonight on our agenda. You can speak specifically to

that. We're just not opening it up to more global political views."

Board Trustee John Curzio II read from part of the school board's bylaws: "School board trustee speakers may comment on matters of public interest involving school operations and programs," he read. "That topic that you're speaking of is of vital importance. But how is it relative to school operations?"

"I'm trying to point out that Jim... should not have been censured because he wasn't doing anything that was morally wrong," answered Esser.

"We are here to follow the policies of doing the work of the district," noted Trustee Jordi *Continued on Page 10*

Southeast Anesthesiologist Pleads Guilty to Sex Abuse

A Southeast resident recently pled guilty to two violent felony offenses after allegedly sexually assaulting an unconscious victim.

According to Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tandy, after a "painstaking investigation" by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, working with the victim and the D.A.'s office, Paul Giacopelli was arrested and ultimately confessed.

At the time of his arrest, Giacopelli was the chief anesthesiologist at Putnam Hospital in Carmel. Evidence showed that he used a chemical that rendered his victim unconscious, then sexually abused her.

On Aug. 21, he pled guilty to first-degree sexual abuse and second-degree assault.

Giacopelli is scheduled to



Paul Giacopelli

be sentenced by Putnam County Court Judge Anthony Molé on Nov. 20, and faces four years in state prison with post-release supervision for up to 10 years. He must also register as a sex offender.

The case was handled by Investigator Keith Simone and other members of the PCSO, and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Melissa Lynch. The victim's cooperation with the investigation and prosecution, and her bravery and willingness to testify, resulted in the defendant's guilty plea, said Tandy.

"I'm very proud of the work of the sheriff's department and ADA Lynch, but I'm mostly proud of the victim's courage in going through this process, which led to the defendant's arrest and conviction," he said.

CCE Awards Scholarship

Monaco Pillai is the recipient of the 2024 William C. Nichols 4-H Memorial Scholarship from Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County, which is awarded to a graduating high school senior who has been actively engaged in 4-H and who will be pursuing further education. Monaco will begin his first semester at New York University this September. Pictured with him are Marjorie Nichols Keith, retired CCE employee and longtime volunteer, left; and Virginia Lefurgy, CCE board president. The scholarship honors the legacy of Ms. Keith's father.



Letters to the Editor

Keep Wise on the Carmel School Board

Dear Editor:

Carmel School Board Trustee (James) Wise has a constitutional right to express his concern for Gaza and the Palestinian genocide, as did Trustee (Melissa) Orser to wrap herself in the Israeli flag and say she is a proud Zionist, while chanting "No Jew, no you," at the Palestinian families - clearly a threat (during a recent protest). Both are Jewish-Americans.

I never heard her say she is a proud American. Should I infer she hates America and only loves Israel and is calling for death to all Palestinians when she chants "No Jew, no you," and says she is a proud Zionist?

Mr. Wise was called (a name) by Trustee Orser at the protest in question; he was also called a self-hating Jew, pushed, and threatened by other counter-protesters with Trustee Orser.

Last year, seven frighteningly violent TikTok videos surfaced showing the exact layout of George Fischer Middle School with a shooter assassinating black and brown children, calling for lynchings in the legacy of the Ku Klux Klan, and using artificial intelligence images of the former principal of GFMS making vile statements.

There were no consequences. No one was held accountable. Because the 3,000 community members, board members, teachers and elected politicians had no response to this heinous action, Jim Wise campaigned for and won a seat on the school board. He ran against a woman who lost her campaign bid and holds a personal grudge to this day. She also participated in the counter-protest and is a big part of the petition to remove Trustee Wise from the board.

Even after the TikTok incident was broadcast on News12 and CNN, black and brown children still were not a priority for the community, as evidenced when only 100 citizens attended the Department of Justice meetings addressing the terrorist videos. No one called for accountability for the protection of minority children, specifically (Senate candidate) Gina Arena, Rep. Lawler, Assembly representatives Slater and Beephan, and others.

Not one board member before Trustee Wise even blinked an eye when melanated and/or LG-BTQ children were verbally and

physically attacked on the school grounds.

Long before Oct. 7 (when the Hamas-led attack on Israel took place), in addition to hanging nooses - a regular practice in CCSD, swastikas started appearing on the school grounds and classrooms. Still, no concerned citizens, teachers or elected politicians. Had there been consequences for the TikTok videos, perhaps the swastikas wouldn't have shown up.

One thing is certain: Trustee Wise nor Sen. Harckham drew swastikas or hung nooses on school property. (They were drawn by) people who aren't concerned about other children, and much less Palestinian genocide or Israeli hostages.

Both Trustee Wise and Sen. Harckham are being targeted by Moms For Liberty, a Southern Poverty Law Center-designated hate group.

This is McCarthyism. This is racism. This is revenge. This is a power grab. This is going backward. This is a cheap opportunity to try and remove Sen. Harckham and Trustee Wise.

Politicians see this situation as a way to gain Republican seats. Not one politician asked Trustee Wise what happened that day; not one asked to interview people at the protest or have a Town Hall meeting with the community.

Governing by social media is lazy, partisan and unjust. This trustee is being railroaded by a group of separatists who have sour grapes at the loss of an election and do not wish to see black, brown and LGBTQ children with an advocate on the school board.

Where is the due process? There is a politician from Dutchess County calling for Trustee Wise's removal. Where was his call for accountability for the people terrorizing middle school children?

Governing by social media should not play in America. Gina Arena had a meeting with Moms for Liberty. Ask her what her agenda is. Why is she meeting with a designated hate group?

Isn't it interesting that calling for cease fire - the saving of lives - condemns you, and yet threatening children's lives with the legacy of the KKK is swept under the rug and it's business as usual? Don't all lives matter?

Trustee Wise deserves to remain on the board.

Sen. Harckham presented a proclamation to people who respect all lives, on a day when LGBTQ

lives were being celebrated.

If Trustee Wise is removed, the next judicial step should be the removal of Trustee Orser, and those politicians who stand with hate groups. Don't you agree?

Linda Favaunty
Carmel

Thoughts on Carmel Comprehensive Plan

Dear Editor:

An existential threat refers to something ceasing to exist. Sadly, the Town of Carmel draft Comprehensive Plan, aka Master Plan, and its proposed zoning changes create that threat to the town. This 10-year plan mandates a long list of socialist progressive concepts that would destroy the high quality of life Carmel residents now enjoy.

The plan and zoning code imbed progressive woke concepts among conventional guidelines. Included is construction of large-scale multi-family housing projects using DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion)-based requirements run by a newly created "Town Housing Authority" bureaucracy - a classic socialist power grab and directly contrary to residents' wishes, as stated in the plan that multi-unit housing not be expanded.

Another menace is the "Economic Floating Zone" code that empowers the town board to grant zoning for projects they happen to like, regardless of residents' objections. The plan also infringes on property rights by granting the town the right of first refusal to buy certain properties from private landowners.

An "accessory dwelling units" code permits the construction of a market rental apartment for non-family tenants inside a residentially zoned single-family home or an accessory building. Goodbye, Carmel, and hello to Staten Island of the north.

The mystery of this mess is why an alleged conservative Republican town board is pushing a socialist agenda. Are they just attempting to get this badly bungled project off their table, not understanding its long-term negative impact on Carmel's future?

There will be public hearings on these matters. Hopefully, the board's past suppression of public comment by imposing unrealistic time restrictions on speakers will not occur when addressing these expansive issues. I would alternatively propose, given the weight and complexity of this matter, that a Town Hall meeting format (which has been done in the past) be implemented.

John Butler
Carmel

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Putnam Hospital's Kids' Day Returns Sept. 14



Kids "operate" on a bear.



Kids get their fingers put in a cast at a previous Kids' Day.



Dr. Bear will make an appearance.

Kids' Day returns to Putnam Hospital in Carmel from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at 670 Stoneleigh Ave.

This will be the 15th Kids' Day hosted by the Putnam Hospital Auxiliary.

"Kids' Day is a fun and festive way to take part in your community," said John Mahoney, manager of volunteer resources. "We look forward to bringing together organizations from all over Putnam County to celebrate children and families."

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

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

Families can enjoy a variety of games, inflatable bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks, and a meet-and-greet with cos-

tumed characters. Raffles and kids' baskets created by hospital departments will also be awarded.

For more information or to volunteer, contact John Mahoney at 845-279-5711, ext. 4752, or john.mahoney@nucvancehealth.org.

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Mix & Mingle

Bernie's Hidden Treasure in Carmel, along with Delfin Tattoo of Carmel, recently hosted a business mixer for the Brewster Chamber of Commerce. Area professionals were able to network amid good company, good food, and good vibes.

We Will Miss

Brewster
Margaret A. O'Neill, 81, August 13, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel
Robert J. Thomas, 59, August 17, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Cold Spring
Mary Anne Manglass, 92, August 8, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Barton Norton Chew, 61, August 12, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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Car Crash Temporarily Closes Carmel Avenue

The Brewster Fire Department cleared the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident Aug. 14 on Carmel Avenue (Route 6) between Main Street and Putnam Avenue. The road was closed for an extended period of time.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Easy Breezy Summer Meals

Whether we want to admit it or not, mid-August means that summer is winding down (especially if you live in neighboring CT like me since school starts in just a couple of weeks). In these last few weeks, we want to relish as much time at the lake, by the pool, relaxing with friends, and maybe even sneaking on some last-minute road trips. We also want to embrace easy meals that don't have us spending too much time in the kitchen. Even better when those meals scream summer like the ones below.

Host a clam bake: A classic summer meal that comes together easily and sets the stage for the perfect summer afternoon. If you don't have a large (very large!) pot for steaming, then visit Hannaford.com for a super simple grilled clambake recipe. Either way, a clambake takes you and your friends outside to cook together, enjoy lawn games and cherish a summer afternoon.

Grill fajitas: If you're not into seafood but love the idea of an entire meal made outside, then try a Mexican meal made right on the grill. Fill your grill with lean steak, chicken and flaky fish, along with bell peppers, onions and finally corn tortillas. Your fajita will have a perfect flavor and clean-up couldn't be easier. Round out your meal with mocktails made with pineapple-jalapeno cocktail syrup (recipe at Hannaford.com).

Grill pizza: Bring "pizza night" outdoors. Visit Hannaford.com for unique pizza recipes made right on your grill. Your grilled crust will have a lightly charred flavor. You'll find recipes for fun combinations like Grilled Artichoke, Green Olive, and Pesto or Grilled Sundried Tomato, Capers, and Ricotta or Grilled Lemon Shrimp and Roasted Pepper among others.

S'mores builder: Finally, maybe your idea of a breezy summer night is gathering friends and family around a bonfire. Visit Hannaford.com for a s'mores builder that offers new ideas for

this classic dessert. Switch up the chocolate, add fun fillings along with marshmallows and mix up the "sandwich" with flavored graham crackers or cookies (Oreos are a fam favorite).

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

Classic New England Lobster Rolls (2 Guiding Stars)
Hannaford.com
Serves 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes

There's no improving on this Northeast staple, especially when fresh lobster is at its peak. Keep the lobster in fairly large chunks so you can taste its sweet flavor in every bite. Visit your Hannaford seafood counter to have your lobster steamed in-store.

Ingredients:
1 lb. cooked lobster meat
3 Tbsp. mayonnaise
3 Tbsp. finely chopped celery (optional)
2 Tbsp. lemon juice (optional)
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
4 top-sliced hot dog rolls
Guiding Stars rated kettle-cooked potato chips and pickle spears, to serve

Ingredients:
Chop lobster meat into 3/4" chunks. In a medium bowl, combine lobster, mayonnaise and celery and lemon juice, if using. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

In a 12" nonstick skillet, melt butter on medium. Place rolls in skillet, flat-side down, and toast until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Divide lobster among rolls. Serve lobster rolls with potato chips and pickle spears.

Peppery Beef Kebabs

(Family Features)
Peppery Beef Kebabs

Ingredients:
1 pound sirloin, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 tablespoons Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Steak Seasoning or Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Salt Free Steak Seasoning
1 teaspoon Watkins Organic Ground Black Pepper
bell peppers, cut into chunks (optional)
onions, cut into chunks (optional)
mushrooms, cut into chunks (optional)
cooked couscous or rice

Directions:
Sprinkle sirloin with steak seasoning and black pepper.



Thread beef onto skewers along with bell peppers, onions and mushrooms, as desired.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Grill, turning occasionally, until meat is cooked to desired doneness, 5-7 minutes. Serve atop cooked couscous or rice.

Source: Watkins

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Brewster Fall Festival & 5K Run is Sept. 7



The Brewster Fall Festival and 5K Run/Walk will take place Sept. 7, featuring music, food, vendors and more.



The Brewster Rotary Club will host this year's Brewster Fall Festival and 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Main Street. This event brings together residents, merchants, community organizations, artists, food vendors, singers and more for a day of celebration and community spirit.

This family-friendly festival offers a variety of activities and entertainment for all ages. Attendees can enjoy live music, arts and crafts, food and activities provided by local businesses and community groups. It's a great opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and spirit of the community.

The Brewster Rotary Fall 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. (rain or shine) at the crosswalk outside H&R Block, at 20 Main St.

All proceeds will support the

Brewster Rotary Club's initiatives, which are donated back into the community. Benefitting organizations include Putnam Community Action Partnership, Relay for Life, the Child Advocacy Center, Pegasus, Brewster

High School's Bears Essentials, local food banks, a high school scholarship fund, and more.

For vendor and sponsorship opportunities, or to sign up for the run/walk, visit <https://brewster-rotaryfallfestival.com>.

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Kent Elementary's New Principal is a Friend to All

If you happen to swing by Kent Elementary School this year, do not be surprised if Principal John Fratto calls out to greet you.

Fratto, who was named principal of the elementary school in July, says the best part of being in a school building is talking with students, teachers and families.

"I always lead with relationships," he said. "It's my number-one trait. Walking around the building, saying hi to the students and the staff – to me that is a shot of life for the day."

Getting to know students allows him to identify their strengths and help them succeed, even if they make mistakes, said the principal.

An educator for 12 years, Fratto started his career teaching social studies at Beacon High School, but soon realized he wanted to be an administrator.

"I loved teaching, but I was always taking the lead, so I thought: Why not go into administration?" he said. "My goal was to be a principal and to have the chance to implement



John Fratto

my own vision in a school. I feel so lucky this opportunity allowed me to stay in Carmel. The kids in this district are impressive and there is a lot of great community involvement."

After earning a School Building Leader Certificate at Long Island University, Fratto served as assistant principal at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. He joined Carmel Central School District in 2022 as assistant principal at Carmel High School.

He said he is excited to lead the elementary school now.

"Whether the kids are 5 or 15, an educator is always an educator," said Fratto, who is the father of three young children. "The developmental stages are different, but the strategies are the same: show kindness, support, and help them make good decisions."

Fratto said he is looking forward to the first day of school.

"I know I can comfort the kids," he said. "The most important thing I want the parents to know is that their kids will be safe here."

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Irish Strings Concert

Rakish, the duo of world-class violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin and guitarist Conor Hearn, will perform Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m., at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley.

With a shared background in traditional Irish and Scottish music, their performances toe the line between concert music and session music.

The pair gets its namesake from the traditional Irish tune “Rak-

ish Paddy,” an origin that aptly suits the duo. However, “rakish” itself also suggests something strikingly unconventional in its appearance, and Scanlin and Hearn knowingly embrace this wealth of connotation in their music, drawing on the music they grew up with and performing it with their own slant.

“Explorative and versatile, the duo draws evident inspiration from not just the deep and wide history of Scottish and Irish Celtic composition, but also the precision-focused

structures of classical chamber music and a whole array of improvisational styles,” wrote David Templeton in Strings Magazine.

Scanlin, a two-time U.S. national Scottish fiddle champion and a winner of the Glenfiddich Fiddle Competition, wields the technical range of a classical violinist and the deep sensitivity of a traditional musician.

Hearn, a native to the Irish music communities of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, makes his home in Boston, playing and teaching guitar. As a duo, they have performed at venues and festivals across North America and can be found teaching at fiddle camps across the country.

Tickets to the upcoming performance are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door. Light refreshments will be available.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook, or email info@tompkinscorners.org.



Elder Law Advice Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Medicaid is Not Fooling Around

My grandmother taught me how to play poker. While I wish more time was dedicated to teaching me how to cook like her, instead of learning about straight flushes, instead, I was schooled in the art of five-card draw.

With each and every hand, my sweet, tiny grandma wiped the floor with me. It was an undisputable fact that she and her three sisters were card sharks. Even the grand dame of the family, Great Aunt Minnie, whipped out a deck of cards when I came to visit and beat me soundly.

No money was sacrificed in any of these contests – only poker chips – but it was difficult to limit my sore-loser tendencies. Eventually, I got better. Wins and losses

were more evenly distributed. Success only happened through learning and practice.

This is what is happening with Medicaid.

For years, Medicaid did not adequately utilize their estate recovery tools once a Medicaid recipient passed away. Governmental entitlements such as Medicaid will provide payment for care services, but they have the right to recoup money that was paid out. Medicaid liens against property are one example of a recoupment action.

Estate recovery is a Medicaid creditor filing against a probate estate or administration where estate assets are available. A creditor has seven months from the date that letters testamentary or letters of appointment for an estate are first issued to file a claim. Timely claims must be addressed by the estate representative or they are on the hook personally. Claims may still be filed after seven months, but an estate representative’s liability is more limited.

Over the last few years, the State of New York has contracted with a Texas company to send out estate recovery questionnaires and ultimately file estate claims. Estate recoveries are no longer a rare occurrence.

So, how do we plan for this?

Financial eligibility for Medicaid usually involves legal transfers of assets. These transfers are approved and accepted by Medicaid. Transfers can be made to individuals or trusts. Factors such as asset class, family dynamics, age and illness types will determine the type of Medicaid planning.

It is the loose ends – random small bank accounts, a few shares of stock or unclaimed funds solely in the Medicaid recipient’s name – which may have had no impact on the Medicaid planning, but are probate assets. These estate assets would potentially be available for an estate recovery. It requires more work from the adult children and spouses to discover these assets and transfer them prior to a Medicaid filing.

What was once just a trickle is now a steady rain. Planning has to adapt to the changing landscape. New York State has learned its lessons. Now it is time for us to deal an ace from the deck.

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Putnam County Community Events

Board Vacancy

The Carmel Town Board is looking for interested and qualified persons to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Send a letter of interest and resume to Supervisor Michael Cazzari, Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Carmel, NY 10541; or kjk@ci.carmel.ny.us before Oct. 1.

Street Festival

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce will present its Mahopac Street Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6 (rain date Oct. 5) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Route 6. Food, vendors, entertainment. To reserve a space, call 845-628-5553 or visit www.mahopaccarmelchamber.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Canasta

Adults may stop by Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. to learn Canasta. Interested in learning how to play? Or simply need a refresher? Join this group – all levels are welcome. No registration is required.

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

'Arthur the King'

Patterson Library will show 'Arthur the King' on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. Based on a true story, this film follows a Swedish adventure racers team and Arthur, the street dog that joins them, on a 10-day, 435-mile race for the Adventure Racing World Championship. Pushed to their limits, victory, loyalty and friendship are redefined by Arthur. Age 18 and older.

Thursday, Aug. 29

Adult Knitting

Adults may drop in to the Brewster Public Library to knit Thursday, Aug. 29 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Get together with others who share your penchant for knitting – all skill levels welcome. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Genealogy

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called Boots on the Ground Genealogy via Zoom on Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: Aug. 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Friday, Aug. 30

Blood Drive

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department will host a blood drive Friday, Aug. 30 from noon to 5 p.m., in partnership with the American Red Cross. All donors will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card via email. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Movies in the Meadow

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will present outdoor movies Paul A. Camarda

Park, 226 Seminary Hill Road, on Friday, Aug. 30 at dusk. Free.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program presentation begins at 1 p.m. Master Gardener Lynne Berstein will present "Planning Native Landscapes: Issues and Ideas." For information, visit www.lakemahopacgc.com or email lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

Friday, Sept. 6

Golf Tourney

Putnam Service Dogs will host a golf tournament fundraiser Friday, Sept. 6 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. Registration from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m. Full breakfast and free putting contest. Tee off at 9 a.m. Cocktail hour with free beer and wine. Gourmet lunch. Silent and live auction. Register by Sept. 3 at <https://putnamservicedogs.org>.

Grandparents' Crafternoon

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Grandparents Day Crafternoons Weekend on Friday, Sept. 6 for ages 2 to 5, and Saturday, Sept. 7 for ages 2 to 12, when Grandparents and littles will enjoy bonding over crafts, stories and snacks. For more information and to register, visit carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Fall Festival

The Brewster Rotary Club will host this year's Brewster Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Main Street. Free. Food, music, vendors, 5K run/walk and more.

Art Fair

An affordable art fair is scheduled Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Town Hall in Brewster, to take place during the Brewster Fall Festival. Stop by 67 Main St., and be inspired by the work of local artists. Browse or buy a piece of art you love at an affordable price. For information visit www.culturalartsco.com.

Watershed

Communities Legacies

The Sedgewood Club will welcome April Beisaw, renowned author and associate professor of anthropology at Vassar College, along with Kate McGloughlin, celebrated Hudson Valley artist specializing in landscape paintings of the Ashokan Reservoir,

on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Sedgewood Club Boathouse, 1024 Barrett Circle West, Kent. The program is free to attend, but RSVP is required by emailing socialcommittee@thesedgewoodclub.com.

Ham Radio

On Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Metro-North Railroad Amateur Radio Association, with the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, will commemorate the Danbury Railway Museum's 30th anniversary and First Responders Day, at 120 White St., Danbury. The clubs have two amateur radio stations active and will be showcasing what amateur radio can do. Get on the radio with experienced operators to make contact with other amateur stations in the U.S. and worldwide.

Pet Blessing

A "blessing of the pets" will take place Saturday, Sept. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. at MCB Church, 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, by Pastor Andrew Columbia. Special guest speakers will be joining the event. Takes place outside behind the church if not raining; inside fellowship hall if raining. For more, visit mcbchurch.online.

Jewelry & Mineral Show

The 72nd annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Road (Route 7), New Milford, Conn. Displays of minerals, fossils and jewelry; retail vendors; and free mineral identification. Door prizes. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students with ID, free for kids younger than 12 and Scouts in uniform.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Backyard Habitats

Learn how to improve your backyard habitat by supporting biodiversity in whatever space you have, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Janis Butler, Master Gardener volunteer with CCE, will discuss how to create a welcoming backyard for critters in all seasons, especially insects and birds. There is a fee of \$10 for this program. Register at cceptnamcounty.org/events.

F.D. Open House

The Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual open house Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its headquarters at 17 Luccaro Lane, Mahopac Falls. Meet local law enforcement, games, face painting, fire safety education, interactive displays, demonstrations, dog adoption. Blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Trusts

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called "The Nuts and Bolts About Trusts" on Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Seed Harvesting

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will be at Patterson Library on Tuesday,

Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. to teach the techniques for harvesting and saving seeds. Snip seed heads from the vegetable garden and practice harvesting and preserving the seeds so you can plant them next year. Age 18 and older. For information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Memorial Ceremony

The Putnam County Youth Bureau invites the public to its annual 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

'Ezra'

Patterson Library will show "Ezra" on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. Divorced stand-up comedian Max struggles to raise his autistic son, Ezra. Forced to confront difficult decisions about the boy's future, Max and Ezra embark on a cross-country road trip that has a transcendent impact on their lives. Adults 18 and older. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Cornish Estate Lecture

Putnam History Museum will offer a hybrid lecture on The Cornish Estate on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., in person at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring; and via Zoom. Join expert Thom Johnson on a dive into the history of the ruins known as Northgate or the Cornish Estate. \$10. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Thrive in Your Prime

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called "Unleash Your Potential: Thriving in Your Prime" on Sept. 12 at noon. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Friday, Sept. 13

Rakish

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Rakish, the duo of world-class violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin and guitarist Conor Hearn, on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Tickets are \$25 and available at Eventbrite.com.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Tag Sale

St. John the Evangelist Church and the Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring their annual tag sale Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 221 E. Lake Blvd., Mahopac.

Kids' Day

Kids' Day returns to Putnam Hospital in Carmel from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at 670 Stoneleigh Ave. Health and safety exhibits, kids' crafts, a child identification program and a teddy bear clinic. Demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet use, and heart monitoring, as well as fire truck and ambulance tours. Inflatable bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks, raffles and a meet-and-greet with costumed characters.

Repair Café

Sustainable Putnam's Repair Cafe is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Mahopac Middle School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your broken but beloved item to be fixed by expert volunteers for free. If needed, parts are sold at cost. Volunteer "fixers" needed. Register at sustainableputnam/repair-cafe or call 646-598-6560.

Oktoberfest

The German American Social Club at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley, will host its annual Oktoberfest Saturday, Sept. 14 from 3 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 15 from noon to 7 p.m. \$10 admission; children younger than 14 admitted free. Live music by The Heimat Klange and Red, White and Brews. German and American food, pretzels, imported Spaten beer.

Blues & BBQ

Patterson Rotary will host its annual Blues & BBQ Festival on Sept. 14 from noon to 7 p.m. and Sept. 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Patterson Fire Department on Route 311. Artie Tobia Band, Not Tuna, Nite Train, Grapefruit Head, TNT Dyn-O-Mite Band, Dylan Doyle Band and North Country Band. Free.

Live Music

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will welcome blues guitarist Gene Marbach on Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Brewster F.D. Parade

The Brewster Fire Department parade is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. near the North Brewster Road/Route 312 station.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will host a Poets' Corner on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, featuring Anne Graue. Open mic will follow. Register on-site. Admission is \$10.

Monday, Sept. 16

Chess Club

Children ages 8 and older are invited to Kent Public Library on Monday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to play Chess and socialize with other Chess enthusiasts. There is no instructional element. It is for beginning and advanced players to share the joy of the game. Chess sets will be available to use, but feel free to bring your own. Snacks will be served. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

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Grange Fair to Celebrate Centennial Year

Fair Takes Place Sept. 6-8



The watermelon eating and rubber chicken throwing contests, as well as midway rides, are popular events at the Yorktown Grange Fair.



The Yorktown Grange Fair will celebrate its centennial year Sept. 6, 7 and 8, at 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights.

The midway will be full of rides, games and treats; blue-ribbon contests will display the creativity and skill of community members; and the livestock show, animal parade and tipsy waiter relay will provide entertainment for all.

The fair has an entire lineup of kid-friendly musical acts. Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Kurt Gallagher will perform his "songs for playful children" that will get families up and dancing. Then, Annie and the Natural Wonder Band will hit the main stage Sunday at 11 a.m. for a show that will entertain and inform.

Both acts are both Yorktown Grange Fair veterans and their shows are always a hit with the littles.

If the family enjoys to get hands-on, enter some or all of the fair's skill contests. There's nothing

more exciting than discovering a proficiency in rubber chicken throwing, watermelon eating or bubble gum blowing.

For family members that may be a little harder to impress, the fair will bring some old-school entertainment with an authentic strongman show from Mighty Mike, who will perform feats of strength from 100 years ago in his 1920's bathing suit. He will juggle bowling balls and bend horseshoes – all while adding a modern twist with his quick wit and audience participation.

In addition, East Coast Pro Wrestling will be back with its innovative and exciting shows that were a huge hit last year.

To top it all off, Big Apple Circus alum Adam Auslander will be returning to clown around and perform magic as he strolls the fairgrounds.

The cost to enter the Yorktown Grange Fair is \$10 per carload.

For contest rules, vendor information and a fair schedule, visit www.yorktowngrangefair.org.

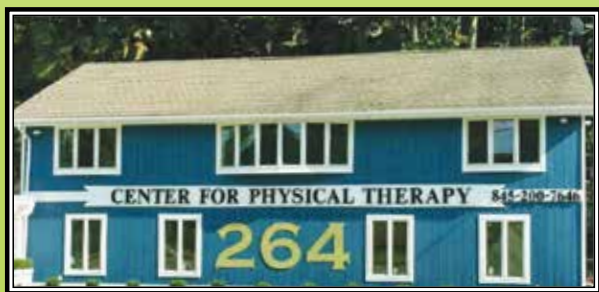


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New GAC Exhibit Features Sculpture & Drawings



This untitled work is a pigment print.



This untitled work is a gilded wood and glass cabinet with mirror, wisteria branches, key and tassel.



"Sentinel" is a UV print on linen.

Through Oct. 20, Garrison Art Center presents "I M A G E A F T E R," an exhibition of recent work by visiting artist Susan Magnus, in her first solo exhibition at GAC, 23 Garrison's Landing. The exhibit includes photo-based projects, sculpture and drawing.

After the death of her mother in 2023, Magnus inherited a trove of family photographs and objects. Beyond sentimental, the vulnerability of the pre-digital snapshots seemed emblematic of the fleeting nature of memory and the inevitability of loss we all experience over the course of our lives. Moreover, the heirlooms and objects from the landscape of her mother's life became not just repositories of memories for the artist, but reminders of the ephemerality of the animate and the inanimate.

The work presented in "I M A G E A F T E R" draws inspiration from many of these materials.

An artist talk is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 5 from 3 to 4 p.m.; a family workshop is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. — designed for parents with children age 8 to 12 years old; and adult workshop is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 19 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

All exhibition-related events and programs at GAC are free and open to the public.

Led by Magnus, workshop participants will explore a special memory or personal narrative using collage or assemblage. Art materials will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring meaningful items from home that can be included in their project, such as photos of family, friends or pets;

locks of hair; pictures of special places or maps; and souvenirs or even found objects such as sticks or stones.

Work by Magnus is represented in museum and corporate collections, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, the University of California Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, the Oakland Museum of California, the Mills College Art Museum, the Microsoft Corporation, the Oracle Corporation and the Bank of America Corporation.

Magnus is the recipient of a Regional Fellowship from the Western States Arts Federation and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Jack and Gertrude Murphy Fine Art Fellowship from the San Francisco Foundation, and a Visual Arts Purchase Award from the Gerbode Foundation.

A former longtime resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, she now lives in Beacon.

Garrison Art Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964 that is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.

For information about exhibitions, classes and other programs at GAC, visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845-424-3960. To learn more about Susan Magnus, visit susanmagnus.com.



Assemblyman Matt Slater with Kent Public Library staff.

Kent, Patterson & Put Valley Libraries Receive State Aid

Three libraries in Putnam County recently received state funds thanks, in part, to the advocacy of Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, ranking member on the Committee on Libraries & Education Technology.

The Kent, Putnam Valley and Patterson libraries were each awarded \$20,000 in bullet aid, to be used for critical upgrades and new development projects.

"Our libraries are the heart of our communities, offering so many essential services to our residents," said Slater. "I'm incredibly proud to support the public libraries in these important projects. I will remain committed to working with all of our public libraries to ensure they continue to be accessible and well-resourced for everyone in the Hudson Valley."

Putnam Valley Free Library

Director Amina Chaudhr said the organization will use the funds to provide much-needed Americans With Disabilities Act upgrades to its single-stall bathroom.

Kent Public Library will use the funds to offer more downloadable audiobooks and e-books to patrons.

"Demand for this expensive online media soared during COVID and continues to rise," said Director Carol Donick. "We have already increased the number of titles we order. Matt Slater's support for libraries means a lot to us and our readers."

Patterson Library Director Stephanie Harrison said the grant funding will help transform the adult library with new, lower shelving and compact computer stations, enhancing the accessibility and warmth of the space.

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Rescue Workers Hone Their Training

Members of the Patterson Fire Department and Putnam County Technical Rescue Team spent a recent Saturday morning training on rope rescue scenarios along the Patterson section of the Empire State Trail. These all-volunteer teams dedicate their time to practicing essential low-angle rope rescue skills, such as setting up anchor systems, patient packaging, and ensuring safety. During the training, members rotated through various roles to be flexible team members, ready to fulfill any duty during an actual rescue. This preparation ensures they're ready to respond swiftly and effectively in an emergency.



Back-to-School Drive at Reed Library a Success

State Sen. Pete Harckham's office collected notebooks, crayons, backpacks and more recently at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, during his annual back-to-school drive in partnership with the United Way of Westchester & Putnam. Here, Harckham is joined by Reed Library Programming Director Holly Loughlin. Photo by James Persons/Harckham's office.

Funding for Northeast Farmers for Sustainable Agriculture

Farmers in the Northeast can now apply for up to \$30,000 in funding for sustainable agriculture projects starting in 2025, including experiments to on-farm events and demonstrations or other educational activities.

The call for 2025 North-

east Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education farmer grants is available at www.sare.org/wp-content/uploads/Northeast-SARE-Farmer-Grant-Call-for-Proposals.pdf.

Approximately \$850,000 has been allocated to fund projects. Awards of up to \$30,000 are available and proposals are due no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 12.

Farmer grants are designed to be a strong starting point for farmers interested in pursuing grant funding for projects. Since farmer grants are intended as a starting point, applicants must identify a technical advisor who can provide expertise in areas such as research design, troubleshooting and promotion.

The technical advisor acts as a go-to support person throughout the grant project, making it easier on first-time grantees and forging new relationships in ag-

ricultural communities across the Northeast.

The farmer grant program, like all Northeast SARE grant programs, is driven by the organization's outcome statement: "Northeast agricultural communities honor the holistic connection among land, water, air and all living beings. Agriculture in the Northeast is accessible, sustainable and just, addressing historic and current inequities so all farmers and farm employees can steward resources to ensure sustainability, resilience, economic viability and a high quality of life."

Northeast SARE funds projects in a wide variety of topics, including marketing and business, crop production, raising livestock, aquaculture, social sustainability, climate-smart agriculture practices, urban and indigenous agriculture and more.

Political Unrest Continues on Carmel School Board.

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Douglas. "These are incredibly important issues, but this is not the forum."

The board then passed a motion postponing public comment until after board members concluded the business part of the meeting. "We have to honor the fact that we are opening up school (soon)," said Dall, explaining that the board needed to get to the rest of the agenda.

Wise protested that delay.

"It is deeply disrespectful to everyone sitting here tonight who came to comment - to put that off to sometime undetermined after the business of the board,"

he said.

Among those who later spoke in support of Wise was resident Abigail Lyons.

"Trustee Wise has made significant contributions to this district since taking his seat last May," she said. "I would be here all day if I could list how much he's done on the board and off the board, and you guys all know it. He is the only board member who constantly speaks up for and supports marginalized groups within our community."

Among the measures considered by the board, trustees voted to table, until Sept. 9, action on a revised policy on the racial harassment of students. In addition, the board waived a second reading of its Code of Conduct. The motion carried by a five-to-one vote, with Wise the sole 'no' vote.

"This change reduces the ability of parents to appeal if their students are facing discrimination," he said.



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Kent Primary School Principal Vincent Fino.

New Principal Leads the Way at KPS

When he's not providing leadership and support for the students at Kent Primary School, Principal Vincent Fino might be found running on one of the bike trails around town. Fino, who took over as principal of the primary school July 1, logs 35 to 40 miles a week.

"It helps me unwind at the end of the day," he said. "I like to be outdoors in the fresh air, and Carmel is so beautiful."

Fino hit the ground running in his new position, too. He's already setting up ways to support young students in reading and math, and is busy planning creative strategies to highlight the positive behaviors Kent Primary students display every day.

"I believe in positive behavioral interventions," said Fino. "We want to highlight students when they are exemplifying good character and kindness toward others."

He has already met with KPS Parent-Teacher Organization President Stephanie Perez and is looking forward to all the activities

the organization has planned, including the kindergarten playdate and "Popsicles with the Principal."

Fino earned his bachelor and master's degrees in English/language arts teaching, as well as a certificate of educational leadership and administration at SUNY New Paltz. After beginning his career teaching eighth grade English at Valley Central Middle School in Orange County, he served as assistant principal at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. Fino became assistant principal at Carmel High School in January 2022.

A talented writer, he also served as a teacher trainer at the Hudson Valley Writing Project at SUNY New Paltz.

"Having been at the high school and working with students at the end of their K-12 road, I am excited to now see them at the beginning of that journey," said Fino. "I look forward to supporting students as they develop the foundational skills that will carry them through life."

Food Aid for Kids

New York has issued nearly \$200 million in food assistance to more than 1.5 million low-income children as part of the new Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer program, as the state is sending \$120 per child to eligible families to help pay for healthy meals.

Some eligible families have already begun to receive this assistance, and the benefits will continue to be sent in the coming weeks.

More assistance continues to be available, and the state expects approximately 2 million children will qualify to receive this benefit. New Yorkers are encouraged to learn more about eligibility and apply before the Sept. 3 deadline, at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/summer-ebt>.

Summer EBT is a new federally funded program that supports efforts to address food insecurity among children from low-income families. Each state electing to opt into the program is responsible for distributing the \$120-per-child benefits to eligible families, as well as covering half of the administrative costs involved in distributing the funds.

Eligible children are receiv-

ing Summer EBT food benefits on an EBT card that their families can use just like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. These benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains and dairy at authorized retail food stores, farmers' markets, and anywhere else SNAP is accepted.

Most children who are eligible – including recipients of SNAP, Temporary Assistance or Medicaid – will automatically receive Summer EBT and do not need to do anything to apply. These families were sent a letter this summer, letting them know their child is eligible.

In addition to those who are automatically receiving benefits, other eligible families may apply to receive benefits for their children. To be eligible, a child must attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program and meet the income requirements for free/reduced-price school meals.

To learn more about eligibility and apply, visit ny.gov/SummerEBT. Applications for summer 2024 benefits must be submitted by Sept. 3.

Fatal Motorcycle Accident

New York State Police were dispatched Aug. 12 at about 2:40 p.m. to the intersection of Stoneleigh Avenue and Route 202 in Somers for a report of a car versus motorcycle accident. Investigation determined that

Robyn Silverstein, 60, of Kent Lakes, was traveling northeast on Route 202 and attempted to turn left onto Stoneleigh Avenue, which brought her into the path of James Herring, Jr., 50, of Port Chester, who was driving a mo-

torcycle southwest on Route 202. Herring struck the passenger side of Silverstein's car. He was transported to Westchester Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. The investigation is ongoing.

Adoptable Pet of the Week



Atlas

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Atlas is a fun, loving boy. He's quite the athlete and would do well with an active owner who can take him on hikes and walks. He's as sweet as he is adorable. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.

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Proactive Planning Needed for NY's Electric Grid

State Must Prepare for Building & Vehicle Electrification

The New York State Public Service Commission recently commenced a proceeding to evaluate new energy loads from transportation and building electrification to proactively identify and develop future grid infrastructure needs.

The commission will direct New York's investor-owned utilities to develop a framework for proactively planning for infrastructure needs driven by transportation and building electrification.

"The commission is establishing a statewide, collaborative planning framework to ensure that the utilities are ready to support New Yorkers who are increasingly choosing electric vehicles and heating for their homes, business and transportation needs," said PSC Chairperson Rory Christian. "The purpose of this effort is to identify timely electric grid upgrades to support electrification across a number of sectors of the economy."

In typical infrastructure planning studies, each individual utility identifies potential needs as they arise in their territory, either from new service requests or load letters – requests for new or increased electrical service – from new or existing customers or through their planning processes based on forecasted load.

However, the rate at which consumers are electrifying buildings and vehicles has the potential to outpace the existing grid plan-

ning processes. The new planning framework directed by the commission is designed to proactively identify grid infrastructure needs to ensure the utilities expand the system in the most cost effective and timely manner.

An important part of the new equation is accounting for the increased load related to the electrification of vehicles, which will be significant and is expected to be a major driver of the load forecasts used to identify transmission and distribution upgrades in the newly established Coordinated Grid Planning Process. The more granular and local load forecasting process developed in the proactive planning framework will complement and integrate with the CGPP, resulting in a more efficient integrated resource plan for the state's transmission and distribution systems.

The largest and most complex utility upgrades take more than seven years to complete, while the speed at which fleet owners can order electric cars and trucks that drive such upgrades can happen in a matter of months. The commission says a proactive planning process is necessary to ensure the grid is ready for the future needs of utility customers, and the infrastructure is developed in the most cost effective and timely manner.

Adopting an approach from the transmission planning proceeding, the commission directs the major utilities to file a pro-

posal for a long-term coordinated planning process to study and identify necessary upgrades to support electrification.

In this proposal, the utilities will account for new electrification loads beyond the transportation sector, including electrification of buildings, such as housing or industrial loads related to economic development that can similarly drive system upgrade needs.

The proposal shall, at a minimum, include assumptions and methods that will underlie the process, as well as identify necessary data and timelines needed to carry out the study.

The commission notes that the development of integrated planning processes, along with the studies and regulatory approvals, will take a significant amount of time. There may be upgrades that, due to load growth expectations or construction time, need to be planned or fully constructed in advance of implementation of the integrated planning process.

Therefore, the commission finds that there is a need to address urgent upgrade projects on an earlier time frame, while a statewide proactive planning framework is developed. Specifically, the commission directs the major utilities to submit filings in three months outlining the urgent upgrades required in their territories, and a filing in four months describing the needed long-term planning processes.



Social Club Donates to CAP

The German-American Social Club of Peekskill, located in Putnam Valley, recently donated backpacks and gift cards to Putnam Community Action Partnership's school supplies drive. Families who participate in the program receive support making sure their kids have the supplies they need when heading back to the classroom this fall.

'Regenerate NY' Funds Available for Private Forest Landowners

A total of \$500,000 in funding is now available in the fourth round of the state's Regenerate NY forestry cost-share grant program, which assists private landowners with growing the next generation of resilient forests to mitigate climate change, provide wildlife habitat, protect air and water quality, and supply a critical renewable resource.

Funded projects will enhance efforts made through Gov. Kathy Hochul's 25 Million Trees Initiative to restore and sustain New York's natural landscapes.

"Regenerate NY funding provides critical financial support for projects that focus on regenerating and restoring forests, as well as creating new ones," said NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar. "This support gives private landowners the opportunity to foster biodiverse forests on their lands and increase the ecosystem benefits forests provide, including the absorption and storage of carbon. Every acre of forest improved or created through this grant program brings New York closer to achieving the state's goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050."

Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York may apply for grant awards ranging

from \$10,000 to \$100,000. A 10 percent match is required.

Eligible projects include planting trees, soil scarification, removing competing or invasive vegetation that interferes with seedling establishment and growth, and installation of deer fence. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project.

"Regenerate NY has been a great incentive for private forest landowners to invest in improving New York's forests," said John Bartow, executive director of the Empire State Forest Products Association. "Private forest account for 75 percent of all New York's forests and investing in them is a cost-effective way to improve regeneration, enhance forest health and sustain forest stocks that support or forest-based economy."

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 6, or until funds are depleted – whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis.

Applications must be submitted through the SFS Grants Management System, at <https://esupplier.sfs.ny.gov/psc/fscm/?cmd=login&errorPg=ckreq&languageCd=ENG>. Those wishing to apply need to establish an account; once registered, search for "Regenerate NY."

Brewster P-Tech Students Complete Bridge Program


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chinery Systems brought in a robotic arm for kids to move objects around, and spoke about several programs, scholarships and competitions offered to P-

Tech students throughout the state.

On the final day, students got a tour of Brewster High School and the Gear Ratio STEM activity. Jessica Mccann spoke to the incoming freshman about the nuances of high school, and provided tours. Students broke up into teams of three and worked on a gear ratio STEM project utilizing Lego Technic systems, and were required to build, design, problem solve and log information.

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Brewster Schools

RECEIVER OF TAXES LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary DeLanoy, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Patterson for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the PATTERSON TOWN HALL, 1142 ROUTE 311, PATTERSON, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024 without charge of interest (SAT, SUN AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) interest October 1 through October 31, 2024. Taxes may also be paid in installments if each total tax bill exceeds \$50.00. First half of the tax bill plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to Receiver from September 1 through September 15. The second half plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512, after November 1, 2024 but before March 15, 2025. After March 15, 2025 interest accrues at variable interest rate.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance for collection or relevy, with additional penalties, after November 1, 2024.

Mary DeLanoy
Receiver of Taxes
Brewster Central School
District
Town of Patterson
Dated prepared August 14,
2024

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, and State of New York have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Carmel, Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster, for the year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the SOUTHEAST TOWN HALL, 1360 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024, without charge or interest (SAT, SUN, AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) fee October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. When tax is in excess of \$50.00, first payment to be received by School Tax Collector not later than September 15, 2024, with 4% (four percent) service charge included in amount due. Second payment to be paid to Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 with 4% (four percent) service charge included in amount due after November 1, 2024, but no later than March 15, 2025. After March 15, 2025, interest accrues at variable interest rate until relevy date. For correct amount due after March 15, 2025; contact the Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, Camel, New

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York 10512.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax rolls of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam for collection or Relevy, with additional penalties, on the 2nd day of November 2024.

ANNMARIE MILANO
RECEIVER OF TAXES
BREWSTER CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUTH-
EAST AND CARMEL
August 15, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
LAKE CARMEL
FIRE DEPARTMENT
ON THE PROPOSED FI-
NANCING BY Lake Carmel Fire
Department, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town of Kent, located at 25 Sybil's Crossing in the Town of Kent, NY 10512, will allow for public comment on September 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the Lake Carmel Fire Department inc. for the purpose of holding a public hearing pursuant to the requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on a proposal the Issuer enter into an agreement to finance certain equipment. The equipment to be financed consists of One (1) New Custom Marion Pumper Truck and will be maintained at the fire station in Carmel, New York.

To finance the costs of such equipment and to pay costs and expenses incidental to the financing, the Issuer proposes to enter into a loan agreement with a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,188,662.00. The Issuer will be required to pay all taxes on the equipment. The rental payments due pursuant to the loan agreement will be secured by a security interest in the equipment.

All persons interested need to attend the Town Board meeting at 25 Sybil's Crossing and be heard at said time and place or may file written comments with the Lake Carmel Fire Department, Inc. prior to the date of hearing set forth hereto.

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Putnam NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Michael J. Lewis, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance, as collecting agent of the Lakeland Central School District, for Towns in the County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Town of Philipstown, and Town of Putnam Valley for Lakeland Central School District for the year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and that I will attend at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York from September 3, 2024 to September 13, 2024, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and, starting September 16, 2024 to September 30, 2024, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid

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on or before September 30, 2024, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2024 (from October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance during the period September 3, 2024 through September 16, 2024. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2024 but before March 15, 2025. Payments after March 15, 2025, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the Lakeland Central School District will be returned to the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2024.

Michael J. Lewis
Commissioner of Finance

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Legislature of the County of Putnam in the Historic Courthouse, 44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, New York, at 6:45 p.m. on September 3, 2024, concerning the creation of a Putnam County Rescue Task Force by resolution of the Legislature.

Copies of said resolution are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the aforesaid time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted by mail sent to the above-referenced office address, by electronic mail to putcoleg@putnamcountyny.gov, and by facsimile to (845) 808-1933.

BY ORDER OF THE PUT- NAM COUNTY LEGISLA- TURE

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Putnam County Departments of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau will hold a public hearing on the Putnam County Integrated Plan for Children and Family Services from the period of November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2029. A public hearing will be held on September 13, 2024 at 1pm, in Classroom #1 of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Building (TOPS) on the Donald B. Smith County Government Campus, 112, Old Route 6, Carmel, New York. Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Adult Services, and Service Needs of Sexually Exploited Children and Youth.

For further information, please contact Marci Jones at the Putnam County Department of Social Services (845) 808-1500, ext. 45310 or Janeen Cunningham at the Putnam County Youth Bureau (845) 808-1600, ext. 46120.

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Supreme Court

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

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR14, Plaintiff - against - JENNIFER GUMBRECHT, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 4, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 9th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 16 Pheasant Run Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

(Section: 84., Block: 2, Lot: 70)

Approximate amount of lien \$1,302,481.75 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 800034/2021.
Frank D. Lombardi, Esq., Referee.
McCalla Raymer Leibert
Pierce, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite
840

New York, NY 10170

Tel. 347/286-7409

Dated: June 24, 2024

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-NC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC1, Plaintiff AGAINST Richard E. Hasselbach a/k/a Richard E. Hasselbach; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 15, 2024 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 9, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 133-137 Bullet Hole Road, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam, State of NY, Section 34.13 Block 1 Lot 71. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,015,019.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501905/2019. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 9th Judicial District. Michael J. Khader, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-

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4792 Dated: May 13, 2024 80616

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **Lima One Capital, LLC**, Plaintiff AGAINST **739 Holdings LLC**; Charles F. Thompson; Kindhee M. Koutouan, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 21, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 16, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 4030 Old Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section: 35 Block: 5 Lot: 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$468,361.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500611/2023. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue-Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 23-14268NY 81671

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM
INDEX NO. 500928/2023
FILED: 06/25/2024
SUPPLEMENTAL SUM-
MONS

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is: The location of real property being foreclosed MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, against BENJAMIN B. BOCHICCHIO, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; TD BANK USA, N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100" inclusive, the name of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein,

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Defendant(s). To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C Capone, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Putnam County, granted on the 24th day of June, 2024, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Putnam County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by MARIA MAURO and BENJAMIN B. BOCHICCHIO to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. MERS, ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, bearing date May 6, 2003 and recorded in Book 3857, at Page 338 in the County of Putnam on November 3, 2003, which was assigned to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by instrument executed August 29, 2012 and recorded November 5, 2012, in Book 6077, at Page 264, which was modified by agreement effective August 1, 2013 and recorded on September 23, 2013, in Book 6294, at Page 127 creating a new principal amount of \$240,689.54, which was further assigned to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION by instrument executed November 15, 2016 and recorded December 27, 2016, in Book 6670, at Page 310, which assignment was corrected by assignment executed April 27, 2017 and recorded July 19, 2017, in Book 6734, at Page 77, which was assigned to MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. by instrument executed March 12, 2018 and recorded April 5, 2018, in Book 6814, at Page 273, which was further modified by agreement dated March 13, 2018 and recorded August 2, 2018, in Official Record Book 6844, at Page 265 creating a new principal amount of \$256,878.14, which was further assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2019-GS4 by instrument executed June 28, 2021 and recorded September 10, 2021, in Book 7452, at Page 116, which was further assigned to MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. by instrument executed October 14, 2022 and recorded December 7, 2022, in Book 7734, at Page 244. Said premises being known as and by 172 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516, bearing tax map designa-

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tion Section: 48.8, Block: 5, Lot: 31, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. There is due and owing to plaintiff the sum of \$251,271.30 plus interest thereon from October 1, 2019, in addition to those accumulated late charges and those recoverable monies advanced by Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's predecessor-in-interest on behalf of Maria Mauro and Benjamin B Bochicchio together with all costs, including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, disbursements, and further allowances provided pursuant to the underlying loan documents and applicable law in bringing any action to protect the Mortgagee's interest in the Subject Property. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save"

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your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 631-454-8059 File # 1092-12135B

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST ABIR ALJARIRI INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE OF HAMID ELJARIRI, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered July 26, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 23, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 9 JIM LANE, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 84., Block 2, Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,056,609.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501043/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Jack Elliott Schachner, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 18-001146 81776

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CARLA TAYLOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on July 17, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Jackson Road f/k/a 226 Jackson Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 65.15 a/k/a 64.15, Block 1 and Lot 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$230,678.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501284/2023.

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Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No. 211436-6

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff against

LEONARD MAIETTA, ADMINISTRATOR AND HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA MORRISSEY, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 12, 2024, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 23, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Premises known as 41 Bear Hill Road, Patterson, NY 12563. Sec 23.13 Block 1 Lot 8. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$377,932.16 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500902/2023.

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

Justin L. Sweet, Esq., Referee File#NY20230000232-1

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

CHASE MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC. S/B/M TO JPMC SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff - against - OSCAR A. ARCE, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 25, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 30th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 100 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

(Section: 44.15, Block: 1, Lot: 30)

Approximate amount of lien \$770,961.16 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 501503/2022. Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

New York, NY 10170 Tel. 347/286-7409

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Dated: July 23, 2024

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LLC

C3 CUSTOM CARS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/05/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2644 Route 22, Unit 2, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **LITTLE HOUSE 9 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 34 Sunnyside Place, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Qualification of **i.Park Brewster LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/23/24. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/14/20. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COXEN BOUARI LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/25/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 100 Dahlia Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Regional Home Price Increases by 8.9% Rise Reflects Strong Demand

OneKey MLS, the premier real estate marketplace providing monthly statistics for residential transactions from Montauk to Manhattan and through the Hudson Valley to the Catskill Mountains, reported significant trends in July that bode well for the region's housing market.

In July, the regional single-family closed median sale price was \$718,750, marking an 8.9 percent year-over-year increase from \$660,000 in July 2023. Condominiums also saw an uptick, with a closed median sale price of \$480,000, reflecting a 3.9 percent increase from \$462,000 the previous year.

The closed median sale price for co-ops rose to \$279,750, a modest 1.5 percent increase from \$275,500 in July 2023.

When looking at transaction volumes, closed sales for single-family homes and condominiums were both up compared to last year, while co-op sales saw a decline.

There were 3,625 single-family closed transactions in July 2024, a 4.4 percent increase over July 2023. Condominium closed sales reached 533, up by 6.8 percent, while co-op closed sales dropped by 6.4 percent to 528.

Inventory continues to play

a crucial role in the real estate market, influencing prices, buyer demand and the pace of sales. In July, new listings for single-family homes rose compared to the same time last year, with 4,634 new listings versus 4,424. Conversely, new listings for condos and co-ops decreased, with 773 condo listings (down 14.4 percent) and 819 co-op listings (down 16.8 percent), compared to the previous year.

"The rise in median sale prices reflects strong demand, particularly in the single-family home segment, despite fluctuations in inventory levels," said Richard Haggerty, CEO of OneKey MLS. "As we look ahead, the potential for declining mortgage rates could reignite buyer enthusiasm, especially for those who have been on the fence due to higher borrowing costs. A decrease in rates could bring more buyers back into the market, stimulating activity across various property types."

OneKey MLS is one of the nation's leading Multiple Listing Services, serving 45,000-plus real estate professionals and 4,500 participating offices throughout Long Island, New York City and the Hudson Valley. It provides property listing data, market insights, and a suite of industry tools and services.

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THE JUNK REMOVAL COWBOY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/25/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Maple Ln., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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40 HUNTVILLE ROAD, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/16/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 435 Union Valley Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Fueling Futures

How Schools Are Helping End Student Hunger

(Family Features) In today's America, one in five children faces hunger or food insecurity – a reality reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For black, indigenous and Hispanic youth, these numbers are even higher. With rising poverty and deepening income inequality, the number of children living in food-insecure households has increased by 45 percent since 2021.

One powerful solution to youth food insecurity begins in the nation's schools. Nearly 30 million students – more than 60 percent of all schoolchildren – rely on school meals for all or part of their daily nourishment, according to the USDA. For many, these meals are the only reliable source of nutrition they receive each day.

School meals and the dedicated professionals behind them are key to ensuring nutrition equity and food justice for all children.

• School meals are healthier than many realize.

According to a survey by national nonprofit GENYOUth, nearly half of Americans are unaware children receive their healthiest meals at school. A study from Tufts University concluded that "schools are now the single healthiest place Americans are eating," by offering

healthy nutrition including milk and dairy, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and lean proteins.

"As school meals lay a foundation for children to develop strong minds and bodies, we are committed to scaling proven solutions to ensure every child is well-nourished and ready to learn," said GENYOUth CEO Ann Marie Krauthelm.

• School breakfast fuels academic success.

Research shows students are more likely to skip breakfast than any other meal, but those who eat breakfast are setting themselves up for academic success. Students who start their days with nutritious breakfasts are more likely to score higher on standardized tests, improve concentration and memory, and maintain better attendance.

On the flip side, kids who skip breakfast are not only missing out on these benefits – they're also less likely to eat healthy, in general.

• Innovative school-meal equipment boosts breakfast participation.

Cutting-edge school meal equipment and models, such as grab-and-go mobile meal carts, breakfast in the classroom and second chance breakfast, are breaking

down barriers of time and stigma, leading to up to a 58 percent increase in average daily school meal participation. Additionally, smoothie programs are making school breakfast more appealing, offering students delicious, drinkable combinations of milk, yogurt and fruit.

Now in its second decade of service, GENYOUth has increased access to 11.8 billion nutritious school meals nationwide.

"No child living in one of the world's most food secure nations should go hungry or without access to affordable, health-promoting foods," said Barb O'Brien, chair of GENYOUth's board of directors and president and CEO of Dairy Management, Inc. "Dairy farmers and the broader U.S. dairy community's decades-long commitment to support child nutrition programs, including schools, helps to ensure equitable access to nutritious foods like dairy that help children thrive and that support a positive food future for all."

To help make sure the only hunger a child feels is the hunger to learn, visit GENYOUthnow.org and discover how you can make a difference.

Source: GENYOUth.

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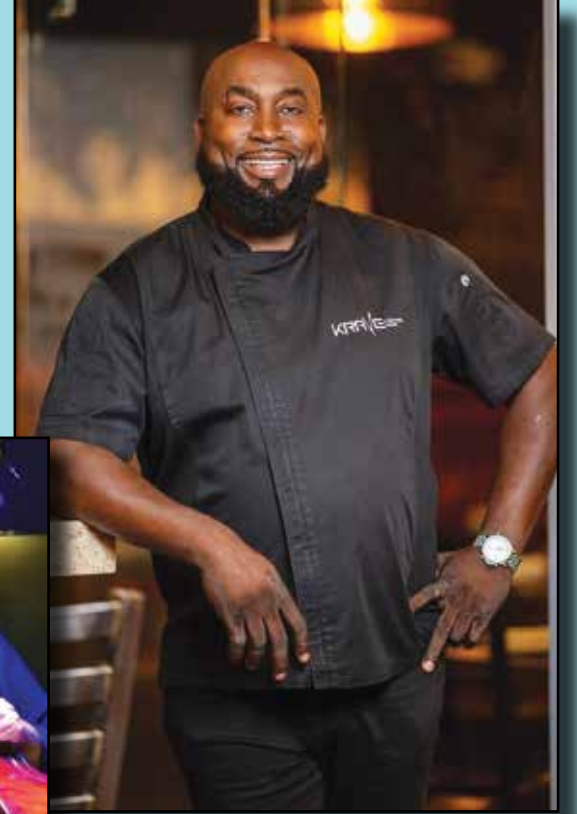
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Wine & Food Fest to Hold Caribbean Day



The Sound Pipers Band will perform Sept. 22.



Chef Chrissy will offer Jamaican dishes.



The Cocomama Trio will participate in Caribbean Day at the festival.

The 13th annual Putnam County Wine & Food Fest will offer a variety of Caribbean dishes on its second day, Caribbean Day, which is scheduled Sept. 22. In addition to wines, ciders, live music, arts and crafts all weekend long, the event will showcase Jamaican/Caribbean culture Sunday with diverse sounds and cuisine.

Live music will be provided by the fusion acts Cocomama Trio and The Sound Pipers Band, as well as Jamaican DJ Saggy, Dajah and Ricardo Jerome.

The Cocomama Trio, an all-female ensemble, will captivate the audience with its unique fusion of salsa, soul, R&B, Afro-Cuban and Latin jazz.

Dajah, a former soccer player from Jamaica and a leading figure in Hartford's dancehall-reggae scene, will also perform.

Ricardo Jerome, a talented pannist, educator and entertainer from Trinidad and Tobago, will perform on the steel drums.

The Sound Pipers band will blend reggae, SOCA, ska, rock steady, R&B, blues, funk and pop into lively performances.

Also, Chef Chrissy will offer a menu inspired by zesty Jamaican dishes at the culinary tent.

The Putnam County Wine & Food Fest will take place at Wells Park, 98 Oak St., Brewster, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21; and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 – Caribbean Day.

Tasting tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate, and "designated driver" tickets are \$15. Children younger than 15 may enter free of charge.

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Start the school year strong

Preparing for the new school year involves more than just buying supplies. To help your child start the year off right, it is important for them to be healthy, both physically and mentally.



Here are some important things to keep in mind:

- **Consult with your health care provider to ensure your child receives all necessary vaccinations**
State laws determine the specific vaccination requirements for children, which can vary. However, most states require vaccines before your child returns to school, unless a medical exemption applies.
- **Prepare for school with a well-child visit or a sports physical**
A well-child visit and a sports physical are beneficial for children of all ages, whether they participate in organized sports or not.
- **Connectedness**
For some students, it can be hard to go back to school considering there has been a rise in young people reporting mental health challenges. Building strong bonds with adults and friends at school, home and in the community can reduce health risks, including mental health issues.



While starting a new school year may seem daunting, taking these steps can help prepare your child for a successful school year.

For more information, visit our Better Health blog at optum.com/healthyliving or scan the QR code.

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