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Several-Acre Brush Fire Burns Through Kent

By Holly Crocco

Several acres of land around the Sedgewood Club property burned Oct. 26 in a large brush fire, with smoke drifting south toward Westchester and alarming many residents.

According to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department, firefighters were dispatched at about midnight to Route 301 and East Boyds Road, between Dixon Road and Peekskill Hollow Road, for a report of a fire on the mountain.

After arriving at the scene and finding a large blaze encompassing about 5 or 6 acres, mutual aid was requested from many nearby departments. Together, firefighters worked to extinguish the fire, but the due to wind speed, dry conditions, and terrain, the fire spread to about 7 acres.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

forest rangers and New York City Department of Environmental Protection police aviation unit assisted at the scene with water drops by helicopter.

Additionally, personnel continued to work throughout the day and into the night on a fire line to prevent further spread.

At the time of the fire, residents were assured there was no threat to the community. Many residents received a reverse 911 call or text that morning, telling them not to contact 911 regarding the fire unless they saw flames close to a structure.

Other responding agencies included the Lake Carmel, Carmel, Mahopac, Mahopac Falls, Putnam Valley and East Fishkill fire departments; the Kent and Carmel police departments; Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services.



Kent Volunteer Fire Department photo.

Get Pinned on Politics!

A Look at Campaign Promotion from Years Past



Putnam County Historian's Office PILOT interns Fionn Alvord, left, and Teagan Weindel arrange the David D. Bruen political pin collection.

By Teagan Weindel
Putnam County Historian's Office Intern

As we get closer to Tuesday, Nov. 5, it's likely you will observe an increase in political paraphernalia to promote different candidates running in the upcoming presidential election. I'm talking T-shirts, hats, lawn signs, flags, tote bags, sweat-shirts, bumper stickers, mugs, can coolers, phone cases, pool floats, stickers, onesies, and even cigars.

Physically wearing your political opinion is not something new. In fact, it goes back to the days of first President George Washington, whose supporters would wear pins with his initials.

In the past, you did not need to buy out a whole retail store to show your political pride because a pin said it all.

In processing a political pin collection at the Putnam County Historian's Office this summer, I have come to appreciate the simple yet powerful voice of expression and opinion a political pin used to give its wearer.

Political pins have played a prominent role in our country's political atmosphere, through catchy slogans, images, and fun colors. Printing images on political pins is something that dates back to Abraham Lincoln's days in office, when his supporters repped ferrotype images of him.

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A political campaign pin for Ed Koch, mayor of New York City, from his failed 1982 gubernatorial bid against Mario Cuomo. Source: HC553 David D. Bruen Collection, Putnam County Historian's Office Archives.

Although in Carmel, Kids From Fairways May Go to Brewster

Schools Mull Border Adjustment

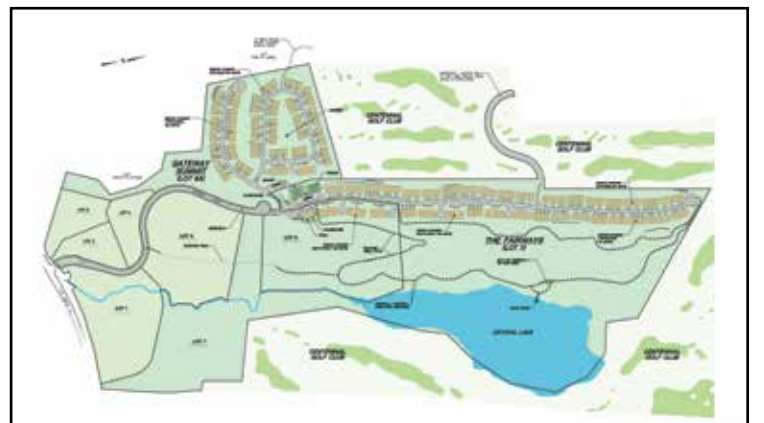
By Holly Crocco

The Brewster and Carmel central school districts are considering a borderline adjustment that would allow all potential students that may reside in the proposed Fairways housing development planned on Route 6 in Carmel to go

Brewster Schools, instead of being split between the two districts.

Camarda Realty Investments is in the process of developing 185 acres between Putnam Plaza and Route 312, on the property of Centennial Golf Course, with Gate-

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The site plan shows the Gateway Summit, on the top left, and The Fairways, on the right, located within the Centennial Golf Course in Carmel. Graphic courtesy of Camarda Realty Investments.



This aerial image shows the property to be developed. Image courtesy of loopnet.com.

Letters to the Editor

Unqualified Candidate

Dear Editor:

I attended the 94th Assembly District debate between Matt Slater and Zack Couzens at the Mahopac Public Library. I found Mr. Couzens to be completely unqualified to be seeking this important seat. He possesses no experience, no vision, and no understanding of the issues we are struggling with.

Mr. Couzens did a decent job regurgitating talking points from the Democratic Party and made it clear he would be a rubber stamp for every dangerously liberal policy that has ruined this state.

Mr. Couzens failed to comprehend the fact that it is his party that has been in charge of our state and has passed countless laws that have made us less safe, that have infringed on our rights, that target the idea of family and have made New York completely unaffordable.

In the meantime, Mr. Couzens' Democratic Party is spending billions of dollars on freebies for illegal immigrants, turning New York City into a crater for gangs and illegal immigrants – something Mr. Couzens did not mention once in the hour-long debate.

In fact, during one exchange, Mr. Couzens opposed the notion that New York adopt a voter identification law to enhance voter

integrity within our elections. Mr. Couzens failed to understand that identification is a basic necessity these days that is given out for free by New York City – even to illegal immigrants.

Mr. Couzens can be enthusiastic, but on substance and experience he is a failure and made one thing perfectly clear: he is dangerously liberal and will only become part of the problem in Albany.

*Steve Clorofilla
Mahopac*

Support for Mulkins

Dear Editor:

I'm sure I'm not alone in having felt the frustration of "choosing the lesser of the evils" in an election. It is mind-boggling to think that of the millions of U.S. citizens who are eligible to run for office, we are often forced to choose from candidates who will truly not represent us.

This election, I am relieved, delighted and proud to have finally been offered a candidate who genuinely represents the people. People who he will never meet in his service to his country as an Army soldier and medic. People who he might never see again after helping to put out their house fire or extract-

ing them from their car as president of the Patterson Fire Department and an EMT. People who will walk away healthier and cared for in his future as a nurse.

A native Patterson resident who knows nothing other than pure service to community for half of his life, the capacities in which he serves know no boundaries, parties, religious affiliations or income status; they simply recognize humans in need regardless of who they are. Isn't a person who currently gives himself in service to his country and community exceptionally qualified to represent and serve his county?

Randall Mulkins is who we call in Patterson, "the real deal." It will be my honor to vote for him as Putnam County legislator representing Patterson. Thank you, Randall, for finally raising the bar so high.

*Stacy Dumont
Patterson*

Water Treatment Plant Will Overtax Residents

Dear Editor:

I and other residents of Carmel Water District No. 2 and the Hamlet of Carmel wish to thank Councilman Robert Kearns for his responsible and courageous action to temporarily suspend approval of over \$24 million in bond obligations for construction of a new district water treatment plant.

It is important to understand the bonds will be paid solely by the 1,500 homeowners in the district, with no other contributions made by the town, county or state. When added to the existing CWD2 water taxes plus individual usage fees, it is probable the average household will pay around \$2,000 or more annually for municipal water service (this does not include sewer service.) The total water project debt for each household will be \$36,000.

The project hold is not opposition to the concept of a new water plant (one of the largest infrastructure projects in town history), but instead an opportunity to conduct comprehensive due diligence to assure the design, scope, and borrowing need is appropriate.

The original project proposal was issued over four years ago and left to rot somewhere in Town Hall. Therefore, the information on which project recommendations were made is fatally outdated and needs to be revised. But for some shadowy reason, the outdated proposal is now being shoved down the throats of unsuspecting CWD2 households by the rest of the town board – the same board that did nothing for those years while inflation ballooned the cost estimate, and bond interest rates rose by 200 percent.

So what strings are being pulled now and by whom?

But as none of the board members live in CWD2, they have no problem irresponsibly putting already overtaxed and inflation-bruised district households into deeper and possibly unnecessary debt. Again, the question must be asked – why now?

*John Butler
Carmel*

Correction

Due to an editing error, a letter printed in last week's issue included incorrect information about the political scene in Patterson. Joseph Esposito is running for Patterson Town Board and Larry Maxwell was successful for the Republican committee. We apologize for the error.



Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

When You Gotta Go, You Gotta Go

Warning: This column is gross.

Mikey and I were enjoying the unseasonably warm weather last week, sitting on a bench near the town park as he finished an ice cream cone before heading for the playground. As chocolate dripped down his chin and wrist, the 6-year-old turned to me and declared, "I have to go potty."

When asked, he informed me it was the kind "where you have to wipe."

I glanced around and saw a porta potty as our only option, so I asked him if he thought he could finish his ice cream before we went in there, seeing as I didn't want to bring the ice cream into the outdoor bathroom box, nor did I want to buy him another ice cream.

"Um, yeah, I guess," was his answer.

I was not too confident, but offered, "OK, let's head over there while you finish."

Well, once we got there he shoved the rest of the cone in his mouth and attempted to speak around it, informing me that he no longer had to go. "It went away," were his exact words.

"No, buddy. I assure you it's still there. You may not feel like you have to go anymore, but you do. Trust me." I promised him that if he sat down, he would produce something.

He was unconvinced.

"Mikey, it didn't just vanish. It's still there. And if you start playing on the playground you're going to have to stop to run back to the bathroom, and you could have an accident. Just try."

Well, I lost the fight and we ended up on the playground where, about 7 minutes later, he started running with his hand on his butt saying he had to go.

Back at the porta potty.

"Mom, come in with me."

"Nah, I'm good. You don't need an audience. I'll wait out here."

I lost that fight, also – likely due to the fact that it was getting dark and, let's be honest, who wants to be in a porta potty all alone in the dark?

So, I entered the tiny stall and immediately held my breath.

"Mom, turn around."

I took 17 tiny steps in a circular motion to get myself in the outward-facing direction while hearing Mikey shuffle around behind me. When I turned my head to remind him not to touch anything, I found him sitting bare butt right on the seat, hands curled around the black plastic on the sides of his legs.

Awesome.

I turned back around – my face was so close to the door that if I simply leaned forward an inch I could rest my forehead against it – and listened to all the sounds to be made by a 6-year-old boy doing something that "requires a wipe" in a porta potty, all the while knowing I didn't have any hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant, car cleaner, not even a bottle of water to rinse off with.

Wonderful.

Mikey finished going to the bathroom, completed the aforementioned wipe, shimmied his pants back up and we emerged from the porta potty, possibly with dysentery. Before running off to spread his germs all over the playground (you're welcome) he turned to me and said, "Mom, it kinda looked like my ice cream cone."

Tell me you have a 6-year-old boy without telling me you have a 6-year-old boy.

Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.

Dia de Los Muertos Fair

Join Arts on the Lake in celebrating Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), inspired by the beloved children's movie "Coco," on Nov. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes.

This free event is an opportunity for families to honor Hispanic Heritage Month and remember loved ones.

Participants are encouraged to bring a photo or memento of an ancestor or pet they would like to commemorate. Photos and offerings can be placed on a larger community altar or used to create a mini ofrenda to take home. Items

can be picked up the following day or during the next week.

Dance teachers will guide children in engaging movement activities, such as dancing like a skeleton or monster.

Children can enjoy crafting activities, including making paper flowers, mini tin ofrendas, assembling paper skeleton bones, and face tattoos.

A selection of food vendors will be selling handmade items, and a variety of snacks will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit artsonthelake.org.

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Brewster Native to Premiere Feature Film at Carmel Cinema



Joe Cicchelli directs the lead actor in "In Headlights."

Brewster native Joe Cicchelli will premiere the psychological drama "In Headlights," which he wrote and directed, Sunday, Nov. 3 at Carmel Cinema – the very same theater where the 19-year-old celebrated his birthday eight years ago.

"This film really started to form in my head in late 2020," explained Cicchelli. "I grew up watching old 70's and 80's movies and spent my entire elementary, middle and high school years as an actor, so creating a project like this was inevitable."

The overall idea of "In Headlights" came to Cicchelli during a rough time in his life.

"Covid had just hit my freshman year of high school and I was

in a difficult long-distance relationship," he explained. "The plot of this movie stems from many real events in my life and is deeply personal to me, my family and my friends in the area, where it was mostly filmed and based."

The film is about a young man named Tommy and his troubles with a failing relationship. His best friend Jo is able to help along the way, but his own inner struggles cause him to head down a darker path.

Although the script had been written in 2020 and 2021, the shooting and production of the movie took place in March through May of 2023.

"This was my freshman year of college studying as a film student

and being around so many creatives, actors and other filmmakers was a huge advantage to getting this made," said Cicchelli. "My first assistant director and I put together auditions, casted the entire film and made a schedule, all in a short span to make sure this project was getting off the ground. We eventually found our lead camera and sound people and the rest is history."

The filmmaker said anyone who has struggled with a relationship, friendship or even with themselves can relate to this movie.

"I know I personally have put a lot of myself into the lead character and hope that people can understand his, and by extension, my struggles in life," said Cicchelli.

From Garbage Day Productions

IN HEADLIGHTS

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 JIBELLE CARLO, DIRECTED BY JOEY CICCHELLI

"In Headlights" will premiere Nov. 3 at Carmel Cinema.

While the former Putnam resident previously directed many short films in high school and on his own free time, "In Headlights" is his first feature film.

"However, now that I have a taste for it, I'm already working on two more features I hope to release by 2025 and 2026 under my own production company, Garbage Day Productions," he said.

While Cicchelli eventually moved to Bedford Hills, he still has

family in the Brewster/Carmel area.

"I have always loved living in and visiting Brewster, because it will always be home to me," he said. "So, being true to my roots, I had my birthday party in Carmel Cinemas eight years ago – and that's why I feel it's the perfect place for me to screen my first feature."

Cicchelli is a film major and is working in preproduction for a new horror film he wrote and will direct, which is set to release in fall 2025.

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Busy September at MCB Church

MCB Church in Carmel had a busy September, including a visit from the Matsiko World Orphan Choir from Liberia, which blessed a Sunday service with a lively performance. Congregants age 55 and older enjoyed a “seasoned saints gathering,” including singing, playing keyboards, stories, and prayers by the Rev. Timothy Mercaldo – founder and director of WorshipPlus and a Christian worship minister who travels around the world sharing his God-given gifts. Also, many special guests were welcomed by Pastor Andrew Columbia during the annual blessing of the pets.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Soup Season

Soup tops the list as we shift our menus toward fall dishes. Versatile and quick to prepare soup recipes easily feed a crowd, are perfect make-ahead dishes, and freeze well for future meals. Follow a few key tips to ensure your next pot of soup is both nourishing and nutritious:

- Use low sodium broth and other ingredients to ensure your final recipe isn't too high in sodium. Look for broths and other canned goods labeled as “no salt added” or “unsalted” rather than simply “reduced sodium” to ensure your products are truly low in salt.

- Adjust ingredients reduce the saturated fat and calories in your final dish. Try to use less cream than a recipe calls for or lower fat options. Or blend some of your recipe to thicken it (use an immersion blender or remove some, blend and add it back). Alternatively, replace dairy with beans. Puree cannellini beans and add to recipe to change texture without using dairy. For some recipes, cornstarch or tapioca flour can be used.

- Add filling ingredients. Use veggies, beans and bone broth to increase protein and fiber, while ensuring your soup is satisfying and satiating.

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.

Lasagna Soup (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

No layers here: The same elements of a classic lasagna become an effortless soup. A ricotta and pesto dollop makes for a beautiful, creamy garnish. Freeze leftover pesto in an ice tray or use it on eggs, potatoes, chicken, pasta, added to mayonnaise to elevate a sandwich or wrap.

Cooking tip: To cook lasagna

noodles in soup, add them to soup along with 1 1/2 cups additional broth or water. Let soup simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until noodles are tender.

- Ingredients:
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
 - 1 lb. very lean ground beef or turkey
 - 1 (28-oz.) can whole peeled tomatoes
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 tsp. Italian seasoning
 - 1 (24-oz.) jar tomato basil pasta sauce
 - 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth or water
 - 8 lasagna noodles, broken into large pieces
 - 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 Tbsp. jarred pesto
 - Fresh basil, to garnish (optional)

Directions:
In a large Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high. Add beef and season with salt and pepper. Cook until browned, 5 to 7 minutes, stirring and breaking up beef with back of a spoon. Meanwhile, crush whole tomatoes with clean hands or snip into pieces with kitchen shears.

To pot, add garlic and Italian seasoning. Cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Add canned tomatoes and juice, pasta sauce and chicken broth, using a rubber spatula to scrape any bits stuck to the bottom. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium-high and then reduce heat to a simmer. Cook 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil over high. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions. Drain in a colander. In a small bowl, combine ricotta, Parmesan and pesto. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Remove lasagna soup from heat. Stir in cooked noodles. Divide among bowls and dollop with ricotta mixture to serve. Garnish with basil, if desired.

Buffalo Cauliflower Casserole

(Family Features)
Buffalo Cauliflower Casserole

- Ingredients:
- 2 cups Minute Jasmine Rice
 - 1 package (8 ounces) plain cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 cup Buffalo hot sauce
 - 4 cups frozen cauliflower florets, blanched and cooled
 - 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/3 cup finely crumbled blue cheese
 - 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Directions:
Preheat oven to 400 F. Prepare rice according to package directions. Transfer to greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish.



In medium bowl, stir cream cheese and hot sauce. Add cauliflower, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spoon over rice. Sprinkle with blue cheese.

Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Sprinkle with green onions.

Tips: Substitute goat cheese or feta for blue cheese, if desired. Meat lovers can serve as a side dish to seared chicken or beef.

Servings: 6
Source: Minute Rice



Rosewood Property Company is growing its Hudson Valley region portfolio with a new 81,000-square-foot, climate-controlled storage facility in Carmel.

Ground Broken on Self-Storage Facility Carmel

Rosewood Property Company and Diamond Point Development recently broke ground on an 81,000-square-foot self-storage facility at the intersection of Route 6 and Baldwin Place Road in Carmel. The multi-story facility will offer 800 climate-controlled units across three floors and is aimed for completion in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Rosewood Property Company is the majority equity partner with Diamond Point Development, leading the project's devel-

opment.

"Our first Hudson Valley region facility opened last year and has been a tremendous success," said Brandon Cooke, vice president at Rosewood. "We're thrilled to serve the Carmel community and partner once again with the Diamond Point team to deliver a first-class storage facility in an area that lacks premium, climate-controlled storage options."

Extra Space Storage will manage the property upon completion.

Dinner-Mystery Fundraiser

Join Putnam Valley Library on Nov. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a night of mystery, intrigue, and local cuisine as The Friends of the Library present a fundraising event, "Help Solve the Mystery of the Lost Librarian," in support of the library's ongoing community initiatives.

The evening begins with a dinner featuring "a taste of Putnam Valley," highlighting offerings from the Putnam Valley Market, Ponchos and Gringos, Ragam, and Stella's. After dinner, attendees will embark on an interactive experience, solving the mystery of the lost librarian within the library. Guests will have the chance to explore the library's space, working together to uncover clues and crack the case.

Tickets are \$50 per person, with proceeds benefiting the renovation of the library's community room, which is a vital space for local events, programs, and gatherings. While the event is geared

toward adults, attendees as young as 12 are welcome to participate.

"This is a unique way for community members to support the library while enjoying a fun-filled night with family and friends," said Cole Caulfield, programs and outreach coordinator at the library. "The funds raised will go toward making much-needed improvements to our community room, which serves as the heart of our library's programs and events."

Tickets are limited and available at www.friendsofputnamvalleylibrary.org.

The library is located at 30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley.



Jessie Howard-Brine shows students how she uses a special typewriter to create Braille so 5-year-old Mackenzie can read with her hands.

Kent Kindergartener Enlightens Peers About Living With Blindness

It's not a day that's celebrated annually in many Carmel classrooms, but this year, White Cane Awareness Day drew a lot of interest and a big crowd to Raquel Patterson's class at Kent Elementary School.

That's because 5-year-old Mackenzie, who started kindergarten at Kent Elementary in September, uses a white cane to help guide her through her day — and she was happy to tell the other children in her class just how it works.

"It helps me to feel around rather than seeing around," said Mackenzie, who is blind. "I can fold it up, too."

Mackenzie is teaching the other children in her class a lot about what it's like to live with a visual impairment.

"The kids are very responsive and helpful," said Patterson. "The students are always making sure Mackenzie is OK."

Jessie Howard-Brine, a teacher of the visually impaired, is teaching Mackenzie how to read Braille and adapting the kindergarten curriculum so it is accessible to her.

"Anything that's visual, I turn into something tactile or auditory," said Howard-Brine, who showed

the children the special typewriter she uses to create Braille so that Mackenzie can read the same books the rest of the class is reading.

"I read with my hands," Mackenzie said to her classmates.

Howard-Brine explained how Braille works, then had each student use special paper to create the first letter of their name in Braille dots with liquid that puffs up as it dries.

"This is magic," said Jackson, age 5. "It pops up like a balloon. You can close your eyes and feel it."

Joy Bieder, a certified orientation and mobility specialist, is

Mackenzie's mobility coach. She explained that the white cane is a tool that blind people can use to safely and independently navigate the world.

"In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson designated Oct. 15 as White Cane Awareness Day," she said.

Then, Howard-Brine gave each child a red, black and white pencil she had turned into a toy cane they could use or save to remember the event.

Mackenzie's mother and grandparents came to the class to celebrate the day with her.

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Brewster

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Dennis A. Cristiano, 81, October 17, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Thomas J. Frasca, 73, September 6, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Robert J. Linkenhoker, 53, October 16, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel

Maria Volpe, 90, October 17, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

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Dive Into 'Sweet Delilah Swim Club' in November

The Brewster Theater Company will present a hilarious and touching production of "Sweet Delilah Swim Club," a Jones-Hope-Wooten comedy, Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, Nov. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door. Tickets to a "bestie's brunch" are

available for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, prior to the performance at 2 p.m.

The play is directed by Ben Kistingner and produced by C.J. Umbrino, both of Carmel.

"The Sweet Delilah Swim Club,' at its core, is about how the deep connections of lifelong friendships can sustain us through the hard times, and lift us up during the good times," said Kistingner. "I think this gives the show a very nice feel-good quality because a lot



From left are Stacy Dumont, Michelle Moriarty, Judy Brewster, Stacey Cohen and Stephanie Straface. Photo by Ben Kistingner.

of people can identify a person or people with whom they have shared so much of their lives together.

"But 'The Sweet Delilah' isn't just sweet," continued the director. "I think the audience will be

surprised by the range of emotions they will experience when they see the show."

Members of the production include Judy Brewster of Brewster, Stacey Cohen of Danbury, Stacy Dumont of Patterson, Michelle Moriarty of Somers, and Stephanie Straface of Carmel. Stage management is by Christopher Gillespie of Carmel and dramaturgy is by Joy Giuseffi.

The Brewster Theater Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater, entertaining audiences and bringing artists together in Putnam County and its surrounding areas since 2000.

Better Breast Cancer Screening

Legislation to expand insurance coverage of breast cancer screening and imaging to include procedures as recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines for the detection of breast cancer was signed into law this month by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

"Every woman in New York State should have access to the full scope of coverage options for breast cancer screening and imaging, which is key to early diagnosis and treatment," she said.

Legislation S.2465C/A.1696C changes parts of the insurance law to require individual, group, and non-profit (including HMO) health insurance plans to cover breast cancer screening and diagnostic imaging. This coverage applies if a doctor recommends it based on nationally recognized clinical guidelines. The screenings include diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and MRIs.

The legislation also clarifies that cost-sharing will not apply to these procedures except to the extent it would result in health savings account ineligibility under IRS guidelines.

The legislation defines "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" to include evidence-based standards developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies using a transparent methodology and reporting structure.

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The REAL Equal Rights Amendment says:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

A broad declaration of principle.

This year's "Proposition 1", which was cynically, deceptively, offensively rebranded "Equal Rights Amendment" after its initial legislative passage, is nothing of the kind. Marketed as securing abortion rights, which are not under threat at the state level, it does not actually dare mention abortion by name, only offering mealy-mouthed mentions of "pregnancy" and "pregnancy outcomes" after its main effect of entrenching rights to "gender identity" and "gender expression", which have already been increased to unreasonable degrees.

Pro-choice voters are effectively being used as dupes to enact a full wish list of a variety of activist interests whose pet causes would be left out if the proponents were being honest about addressing the specific threat to reproductive rights posed by the infamous *Dobbs* decision.

Here's how a feminist group faces the amendment's numerous flaws: womensliberationfront.org/news/how-the-new-york-equal-rights-amendment-fails-women

My own support for abortion rights is broad and vehement... every child born must be a wanted child, born because of a mother's love and not a government dictate. But *this* amendment is not the answer, and voters must reject it and demand a more focussed replacement without its poison pills.

For an incisive look at how the unworthy cause of gender identity ideology has "hitchhiked" its way on the backs of more popular causes, I recommend Carol Dansereau's essays at caroldansereau.substack.com/p/hitchhikers-guide-to-the-transgender.

(As with other sources I cite here, I do not agree with every word, but I believe the writer's words are worth people's attention).

The fallacy that forms the foundation of the concept of "trans rights" is a simple statement, "*People are who they say they are*"... presented as a wounded plaint that people are being subjected to a vicious assault by being denied their very identities.

But in the real world in which we all live, *people can be wrong about themselves*. The transgendered are no more the supreme authority on whether the transgendered are right or wrong than Donald Trump is the supreme authority on whether Donald Trump is right or wrong... just as Trump's defeat in 2020 is readily proven by the only valid measure, to say "trans women are women" makes no more sense than to say "play money is money".

Unfortunately in today's ultra-polarized political environment those who can see right through Trump's lies tend to cultivate a blind spot the size of Gibraltar when it comes to trans lies... and vice versa.

To elevate every person's passing assertion of a "gender identity" divorced from their biologically dictated sex (and separately their choice of a "gender expression" no matter how divorced from that "identity") to a *constitutional right* makes no more sense than a law declaring the moon to be made of green cheese, or the infamous 1897 Indiana bill with language imposing an incorrect definition of pi (the mathematical constant).

This proposed right of self-identification has already caused disasters where it has been enacted, with prison rapes from California to New Jersey where biological male convicts have been admitted to women's prisons on their demand (and in a number of cases reverting to male identification once their sentences were up). New York's version of such a law (S6677A/A7001B in the last legislature) provided that the prisoners in question could not be required to have undergone any medical procedure regarding their new female identity and any past history they might have of sexual offenses against women was prohibited from being cited as a reason to object to their transfer. That law got stuck in committee, but if Proposition 1 passes this would imply such treatment to be a *constitutional right* of these prisoners that no law could interfere with until the constitution was finally changed again (which takes 4 years... 2 legislatures in a row approving the amendment before it could go to a referendum) no matter how horrific its consequences.

If we have to defer to self-identification as other than the males or females as which our genes define us, the proposed amendment places being a man or a woman on no higher a level than any other purported "gender"... and just among those who (absurdly) claim to be neither male nor female would oblige us to accommodate the agender, apgender, aporagender, genderfluid, genderflux, genderqueer, genderless, gender-neutral, neutrois, non-binary, hijra, two-spirit, questioning, or unsure... not to mention those who say they are partially of various genders or various flavors of more than one (I did not make *any* of these up).

Gender identities are based on cultural stereotypes and their validation reverses progress toward ending sex discrimination (the goal of a *real* Equal Rights Amendment) by declaring that anyone not comfortable within the stereotypes associated with that sex is really not a member of it and inviting them to pick a label that signifies their independence of it. The elevation of personality traits to a status superseding physical reality is ridiculous.

Equality of *persons* does not mean that all desires are equally worthy, all decisions equally wise, or all happinesses equally justified.

Commitment to "equal rights" does not mean a commitment to always fail a "Which one of these is not like the others?" intelligence test.

There is no science in the observation that people being told that their desires are reasonable and the fulfillment of them justified are happier than those being told their desires are unreasonable and their fulfillment a mistake. And those who are determined to hear "I hate you" whenever told "you're wrong" or "stop doing that", to paint standards of conduct applied equally to all as "bigotry" against a class defined by desiring to violate those standards should not be listened to. Nor should mental health be conflated with happiness and annoyance be defined as endangerment.

Besides the misbehaviors of adults there is the issue of "trans kids", children asserted to need protection of, and denied their actually needed protection from, identification with and treatment as if actually of the opposite sex.

Proponents of the validation of these children's fancies about themselves (and why not those of being other species?) will likely cite the study showing that 94 percent of those "affirmed" in their trans-identities will persist in them to adulthood.

The proponents ignore another study showing that if the children are instead encouraged to accept their bodies and their biological sex, 85 percent will not hold on to those identities by adulthood, with a significantly higher proportion seeing themselves as homosexuals of their biological sex rather than identifying as the opposite sex. It is the affirmation that causes the number of persisting identifications to multiply more than sixfold.

The medical establishment may reap great gains from children being loaded onto the "trans train" of "social transition" with its attendant brainwashing, puberty blockers with the attendant physical and mental developmental retardation, cross-sex hormones that poison the body to force it to develop against its genetic design (and need to be kept up for life to maintain the desired appearance), and the mutilating surgeries that destroy their bodies' designed functions once and for all. But therapies to form a healthier attachment to one's physical body (now outlawed in our state) are a better path.

Nine out of ten embryos diagnosed with Down's Syndrome are aborted, so banning abortion would increase the number of children born with it tenfold, to the parents least desirous of having them. This is not wise and neither are policies aimed at providing Big Pharma with more trans patients.

Despite claims to the contrary, studies in Europe have shown that suicides are not reduced among those who grow up guided through transition... and with the relentless drumbeat affirming that the trans feelings are very important and their lives depend on realizing them the risk of suicide is increased rather than eased. I'll point to another Web article by a woman who describes her politics as "to the left of Bernie Sanders" who realized that affirming trans identities did her child patients more harm than good: www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids

Remember, if Prop 1 passes, laws helping these children will become unconstitutional. Yet countries that pioneered affirmation-based treatment have been abandoning it.

It pains me that it is Texas, with its horrific and lethal abortion ban, that has taken the most serious steps to protect children from being transed, and that so few politicians see the importance of leaning hard "left" on abortion-related issues and hard "right" on "LGBTQ" matters. But the facts are clear:

***That they want it's no excuse,
affirmation is abuse.***

For some further reading on these issues, take a fair look at, I do not say believe everything in...

Books

**MATERIAL GIRLS: Why Reality Matters for Feminism* by Kathleen Stock **TRANS: Where Ideology Meets Reality* by Helen Joyce **IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters* by Abigail Shrier **THE ABOLITION OF SEX: How the "Transgender" Agenda Harms Women and Girls* by Kara Dansky **THE END OF GENDER: Debunking the Myths About Sex and Identity in Our Society* by Debra Soh **THE ANNALS OF THE TERF WARS and Other Writings* by Jane Clare Jones **THE TRANSSEXUAL EMPIRE: The Making of the She-Male and DOUBLETHINK: A Feminist Challenge to Transgenderism* by Janice Raymond **GENDER HURTS: A Feminist Analysis of the Politics of Transgenderism* by Sheila Jeffreys with Lorene Gottschalk **UNSPORTING: How Trans Activism and Science Denial are Destroying Sport* by Linda Blade and Barbara Kay **GENDER CRITICAL FEMINISM* by Holly Lawford-Smith

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There has never been a politician who has presented as great a danger to the American system, and only his conviction and severe sentencing and imprisonment can cleanse the American body politic of the damage he has caused. I remember when Gerald Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon ruined the resolution of the Watergate scandals, commanding that wounds be sewn shut before they were cleaned and scars not be allowed to heal.

From there we had Ronald Reagan and his campaign to make the government incapable, and his being treated as having been a good president does lingering damage to this day and paved the way for Trump.

And for how many values of *n* must it remain true that the *hottest n* years in the history of reliable weather records are *the most recent n years* in the history of reliable weather records before one admits that global warming is a real thing and whatever the human responsibility for it we must adopt policies to reduce that?

We must elect Democrats, but we must not be blind, and voters from the sensible center must have ways to favor nominees who back only the sensible parts of each party's platform and not a forced dichotomy between their imperfect entreties.

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Jill Paxton, Gabe Montanaro, Steve Zerilli and Laura Inzeo starred in the recent 'The Thanksgiving Play' in Brewster. Photo by @shotbyjessy.

'Thanksgiving Play' Jump-Starts Holiday Season

Review by Eileen McDermott

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition and Old Town Hall Theatricals' latest production 'The Thanksgiving Play,' which was performed at the Old Town Hall Theatre in Brewster this month, offered some much-needed laughter for local audiences.

Not only did it prepare audiences for the Thanksgiving holiday and the related awkward conversations often encountered around the table, it was a welcome beacon of levity in the midst of a bitter political atmosphere leading up to the 2024 presidential election.

Everyone – everyone – gets made fun of in this hilarious play.

Actors Jill Paxton, Gabe Montanaro, Steve Zerilli and Laura Inzeo were brilliant, and Brewster-based Director Stephanie Schleicher did a fabulous job in her directorial debut for the stage.

The play was shown on Broadway in 2023 and was written by Larissa Fasthorse, the first Native American woman to ever have a play produced on Broadway.

Kudos to the Cultural Arts Coalition for bringing cutting-edge entertainment to Brewster and to the Old Town Hall Theatricals for their hard work and talent. Their next mainstage production will be the Putnam County debut of Madeline George's new comedy 'Hurricane Diane,' coming this May.

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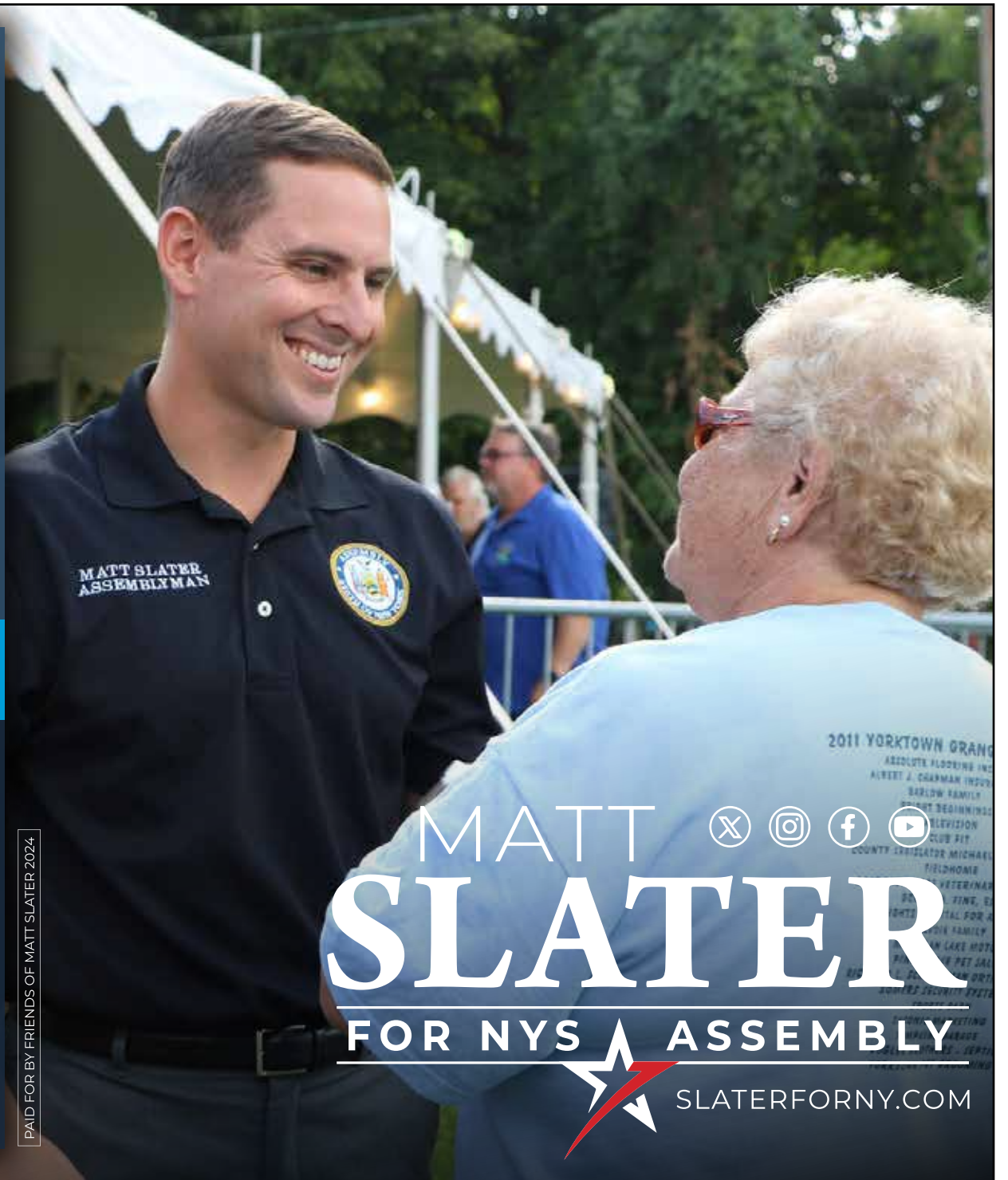
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Doris Mady's 'Favorite Things' on Display in Mahopac



Work by Tarrytown artist Doris Mady will be featured at Mahopac Public Library in November.



Award-winning artist Doris Mady will exhibit her extensive portfolio of plein air oil paintings in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from Nov. 3 through Dec. 2, with an opening reception Nov. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

“En plein air” is a French expression meaning “in the open air” and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist’s subject in full view. Mady has set up her easel in many wonderful locations across the U.S., South America, Europe and the South Pacific. The theme of her exhibit is “a few of my favorite things,” featuring scenes from many of her favorite locales.

Mady said that, as a child, she was fortunate to attend public schools with extensive art programs, allowing her to major in art. She graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, studied at the School of Visual Arts, as well as Westchester community and Skidmore colleges.

After a successful career as creative director/art director in top advertising agencies such as J. Walter Thompson and McCann-Erikson, Mady now has time to focus on her first love – painting.

Mady has won many awards throughout the tri-state area, including Best of Show for “Reeds & Water” at the New Rochelle Art Association’s Jules Bauer Award Show in July, second place for “Unconditional Love” at the Stamford Art Association’s “What Do You Love Most?” juried show in January, Best of Show for “Snow Escape” and second place for “Snow Bliss” at the New Rochelle Art Association’s juried Adolph Grant Award Show in December, and an honorable mention for “It Will Pass” and “Lavender Fields Forever” in the TeraVarna International Gallery’s juried art competition in November.

Residing in Tarrytown, Mady is treasurer and webmaster of Greenwich Pen Women,

a local branch that is part of Washington, D.C.’s National Organization of Pen Women, which has past members that include Eleanor Roosevelt and Clare Booth Luce.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception, where light refreshments will

be served.

View Mady’s artwork at www.dorismady.com, on Instagram @doris.mady.artist, and on Facebook.

For exhibit information, visit mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries or email mplgallery-committee@gmail.com.

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Putnam County Community Events

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'Buy, Give, Get'

The "Buy, Give, Get" coats program has returned to Ocean State Job Lot and will run through Jan. 1, when any customer who buys a winter coat for \$40 and gives it back to the store as a donation to a veteran in need will get a \$40 gift card, to be used for a future purchase online or at any Ocean State Job Lot store. This year's program has been expanded to include donations to those impacted by the recent hurricanes.

Volunteers Needed

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources volunteers to help drive people over the age of 60 to local doctor appointments. Contact Irene Pawliczko, Volunteer at 845-808-1734.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Thrift Shop Sales

Drew Thrift Shop in Carmel will host a \$10 basket sale Tuesday, Oct. 29, and a \$5 basket sale Thursday, Oct. 31.

Book Cave

Friends of the Brewster Library's Book Cave will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 31. New and gently-used books for all ages, all genres at unbeatable prices. Browsing is also available by appointment. Inquire at the children's circulation desk.

Monster Bingo

Kids age 8 to 12 can join Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 6 p.m. for some spooky bingo fun. Play several rounds of bingo for the chance to win prizes. Registration is required at Brewsterlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Fall Storytime & Craft

Kids age 3 to 5 years and their caregivers can enjoy a fall storytime and craft designed especially for preschool kids from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Brewster Public Library. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Teen Horror Movie

Teens age 13 to 17 can watch the movie "A Quiet Place: Day One" on the big screen at Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pizza and snacks provided. This movie is rated PG-13. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Thursday, Oct. 31

Halloween Celebration

Calling all ghosts, witches and friendly children of all ages, join Brewster Public Library in the Children's Room for spooky

games and activities, drop-in crafts, and trick-or-treating Thursday, Oct. 31 all day. No registration required.

'Young Frankenstein'

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present a Halloween movie, "Young Frankenstein," on Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Friday, Nov. 1

The Day of the Dead

A public "Ofrenda" (offering) is an altar that is traditionally placed in a home during the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. Family members create the Ofrenda to welcome back their deceased ancestors. Join the Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition Friday, on Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. on the steps of The Old Town Hall, 67 Main St., Brewster, to honor and recognize loved ones who have passed.

'Sweet Delilah Swim Club'

The Brewster Theater Company will present "Sweet Delilah Swim Club," a Jones-Hope-Wooten comedy, Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, Nov. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door. Tickets to a "bestie's brunch" are available for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, prior to the performance at 2 p.m.

Author Event

Local author Daniel Fliedebaum will discuss his exciting dragon fantasy novel "Smash The World's Shell," followed by a signing, Friday, Nov. 1 at 4:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 115.

Ellen Foley

The Friends of Patterson Library will host an evening with music, film, television and Broadway star Ellen Foley on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m., at the Patterson Library, 1167 Route 311. Age 21 and older. Hear Foley's fascinating story over wine and refreshments while supporting the library. Tickets are \$75 each and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and a door prize ticket. www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Nov. 2

'The First Ladies Coalition'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present "The First Ladies Coalition," written and performed by Ginger Grace, celebrating Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson and Mary Todd Lincoln, on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$20, or \$10 for students, and available at www.ticketleap.events.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam residents may bring dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Veterans

Memorial Park (upper park), 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags not acceptable. If you do not have proof of prior, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. All dogs must be leashed. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

Dia de Los Muertos

Join Arts on the Lake in celebrating Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), inspired by the children's movie "Coco," on Nov. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Free. Bring a photo or memento of an ancestor or pet to commemorate. Dance, crafts, face tattoos, food (for purchase) and more. For information, visit artsonthelake.org.

Inclusive Social

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host a "Fall-O-Ween" inclusive social Nov. 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sycamore Park in Carmel. Dancing, pizza and fun. Dress to impress. Each attendee will be matched with a ComHab worker. \$20 for residents or \$55 for non-residents. www.carmelny.org/recreation.

Star Party

Join the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee and the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association for an evening of stargazing and viewing little-seen objects in space through MHA's member telescopes Saturday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at Kent Town Hall. Note, no white light (flashlights) should be used near the telescopes. For updates regarding postponement or cancellation, visit https://kentcac.info.

Sounds of Sinatra

Join Tony T. Entertainment as it plays favorite Frank Sinatra classics during its live performance of "Sounds of Sinatra" on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Sunday, Nov. 3

Film Debut

Brewster native Joe Cicchelli will premiere the psychological drama "In Headlights," which he wrote and directed, Sunday, Nov. 3 at Carmel Cinema.

Clothing Drive

The Mahopac High School Parent-Teacher Organization will sponsor a clothing drive Sunday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department. Women's, men's and children's clothes and shoes; bras, athletic wear; baby clothing. Bring in plastic garbage bags. No toys, books, etc.

Native American Heritage

Putnam History Museum will host "Life in the Eastern Woodlands," part of its Native American Heritage Weekend, on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Led by living historian Drew Shuptar-Rayvis "Pekatawas MakataweU "Black Corn"). Handle artifacts and discover techniques used by archaeologists and historians to piece together the past. \$5 gen-

eral admission; free for under 18 with an adult. Register at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Monday, Nov. 4

Bake Sale

The Brewster VFW 672 Auxiliary will hold its annual phone-in bake sale, with orders taken Nov. 4 to 11. Assorted cookies, breads, coffee cake. To place an order, call Chris at 914-588-0407, Deb at 845-279-6462, or Karen at 845-721-0265. Pick up is Nov. 17 between noon and 2 p.m. at the post hall.

Election Eve Dinner

Lake Mahopac Rotary Club will host an election eve dinner fundraiser Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Mahopac firehouse on Route 6. Enjoy a home cooked dinner prepared by students of the BOCES culinary arts and hospitality program, and meet local politicians running for office. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 the night of, and can be obtained by emailing lakemahopacrotaryclub@gmail.com or calling 914-588-0394.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

'Arthur the King'

Mahopac Public Library will show "Arthur the King" on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. Follow the story of pro adventure racer Michael and his unlikely bond with Arthur, a street dog, as they race for first place during the Adventure Racing World Championship. Rated PG-13. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Carmel Town Board

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

'Made In Italy'

Patterson Library will screen "Made In Italy" on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. A bohemian artist and his estranged son head to Tuscany to sell the house they inherited. The state of disrepair of the once beautiful villa turns a quick trip into an extended stay as they try to repair the house and their strained relationship. Rated R. Adults 18 and older. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, Nov. 7

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Senior citizens in the Carmel Central School District are invited to a free Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 7 (snow date Nov. 8). Lunch will be served from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Matthew Paterson Elementary School, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at both Kent Elementary and the George Fischer Middle School, and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Carmel High School. Reservations must be made by calling 845-808-1700, ext. 47100, by Thursday, Oct. 31.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Holiday Cooking

Elizabeth and John Canevari, owners of The Blue Olive gourmet store in Pawling, will showcase how to prepare holiday dishes using their premium olive oils and vinegars Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. Age 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Spanish Course

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host "A Conversational Course for Spanish Speakers: Conversaciones En Inglés," on Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 21 at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

CoveCare Gala

CoveCare Center invites the community to attend its 2024 Imagine Gala on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m., at Hollow Brook Golf Club in Cortlandt Manor. A cocktail reception, dinner and dancing, silent auction. To purchase tickets, or to become a sponsor for the event, visit www.CoveCareCenter.org or email development@covecarecenter.org.

Teen Art Series

Teens will spend three weeks plotting, writing, and illustrating children's books. Each week, the room will be open to teens working on their projects and when all pieces are done, there will be a small exhibit to show off their work. Teens will learn to be creative using only the things they have in front of them, while also learning new crafting techniques. The first meeting is Thursday, Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 115.

Friday, Nov. 8

Dungeons & Dragons

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Dungeons and Dragons program Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Author Event

Local author and Mahopac High School alumnus Ryan McCauley will discuss his sci-fi adventure novel "Awakening" (Realm of Radiance book 1), followed by a signing Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 115.

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DEC Announces Poster Contest

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently announced the start of its annual Arbor Day poster contest.

Each year, DEC's Urban & Community Forestry Program coordinates the contest to promote the value of trees in the environment and New Yorkers' lives. The winner of the contest will have their photo or artwork reproduced as the 2025 Arbor Day poster to commemorate the holiday.

"Each year, Arbor Day reminds us to appreciate the vast benefits trees provide to ecosystems and public health, and as key tool in the fight against climate change," said DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar. "All New Yorkers are encouraged to get outdoors this fall to enjoy and highlight the beauty and importance of New York's trees with their photography and artwork."

The annual contest is sponsored by the NYS Arbor Day

Committee, which includes DEC, the Empire State Forestry Foundation, the NYS Arborist Association, State Department of Agriculture & Markets, and Sylvamo North America.

"DEC's Arbor Day poster contest is an annual opportunity to honor New York's forested land, which is so important to our health, our environment, and our economy," said NYS Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball. "From giving us sap to make sweet maple syrup, to cleaning our air and enhancing the scenic beauty of our state, New York's trees are a fantastic natural resource that contribute so much to the daily lives of New Yorkers and visitors alike."

DEC is accepting original photograph and artwork submissions on behalf of the committee until 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Entries must feature trees in New York and be submitted through the online poster contest submission form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArborDay24.

Municipal Grants Support Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure

A total of \$5.5 million is available in state grants for municipalities to support the installation of electric vehicle chargers, including hydrogen fuel filling station components and Level 2 and direct current fast chargers, as part of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grants Program.

These projects support New York's ongoing efforts to advance clean transportation and help the state achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements of the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act.

The deadline to apply for funding in the 2024 round of the program is Feb. 28.

The program includes a variable local match requirement based on the municipality's median household income, and whether the zero-emission vehicle infrastructure is located in a disadvantaged community, based on criteria developed by the

Climate Justice Working Group.

Eligible expenses incurred between Oct. 1, 2023, and Sept. 20, 2026, are eligible for reimbursement.

Applications are available through the Consolidated Funding Application under the title "2024 Municipal ZEV Infrastructure Grants," at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa>.

To be eligible for an award, applicants must be registered in the NYS Statewide Financial System Grant Management website (<https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/transition-SFS>).

"Our transportation sector is a major source of climate and air pollution in New York," said State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill. "The DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grants Program will accelerate the transition to an emissions-free future, where we all can breathe easier. This is a good example of how the state and local governments, working together, can create a cleaner, greener New York."



A student makes a selection at the Kent Elementary School book fair.

Something for Everyone at KES Book Fair

At the Kent Elementary School book fair there was something for everyone – picture books for new readers and chapter books for more advanced readers. There were books written in Spanish and even books written in braille.

"This is a great book," said Mackenzie, a kindergartner who picked up an Usborne Touchy-Feely Book titled "That's Not My Pumpkin, It's Teeth Are Too Bumpy."

"I can feel the pumpkin," she said.

The book also included

braille on every page.

A large group of parent volunteers helped at the fair, leading children to books they might like and helping them figure out the costs and how many books they could afford to buy.

"The book fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year," said Marie Camacho, KES Parent-Teacher Organization president. "We hold one in the fall and one in the spring. Half the proceeds go to buying books for the school and we use the other half to provide events throughout the school year."

Each of Carmel Central School District's three elementary schools offer book fairs that are run by their parent organizations, and parents are a big part of the event at each school.

Karina Torres came in to help the children in her son Liam's class find just the right books.

"I helped when my older son was here, and now he's in sixth grade," she said. "He came with me here the other night to help set up the fair for the little kids. It's part of his community service. This is a real community-wide event."

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Halloween Stop-DWI Campaign

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office and Kent and Carmel police departments will join local stop-DWI coordinators in participating in special efforts to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving over the Halloween weekend.

When it comes to drunk driving, Halloween can turn the roads into a horror fest. While families spend time trick-or-treating and hosting parties with loved ones, law enforcement officers and stop-DWI programs across New

York State will participate in special efforts to stop impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives.

The statewide Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign will start Oct. 31 and run through Nov. 3, aiming to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving.

In addition, members of the public can download a mobile app at www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp and always find a safe ride home.



From left are the Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ossining; Simon Guaman, founder and president of Copa Peekskill; State Sen. Pete Harkham; Shirley Acevedo Buentempo, founder and executive director of Latino U College Access; and Rosendo Martinez, Putnam County business owner and local Hispanic community leader. Photo by James Persons/Harkham's office.

Local Hispanic Leader Honored

Four Hudson Valley community members were recognized by State Sen. Pete Harkham during an Oct. 10 special ceremony recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library.

"We are fortunate in the Hudson Valley that we have benefited so much from the contributions of our many Hispanic neighbors," said Harkham. "In the 40th Senate District, more than 26 percent of residents are Hispanic. Our schools have a large percentage of Latino students. And Hispanic-owned businesses are an important part of keeping our economy vibrant and

main streets filled with opportunities. That is why we have worked so hard in our office for our Latino residents."

Harkham presented a State Senate proclamation to Rosendo Martinez, entrepreneur, business owner and Putnam County Hispanic community leader.

Martinez immigrated from Guatemala in 1995 at the age of 16. In 2015, Rosendo, along with his brother, founded Martinez Carpentry and Painting LLC, a family-owned business that serves Westchester and Putnam counties.

In 2022, he joined the Brewster

Police Review Panel as the first Latino member, representing the large Latino community in the area.

"I thank Sen. Harkham for this important recognition," said Martinez. "His office has always been responsive and helpful to the Hispanic community. I am filled with joy at receiving this award."

Hispanic Heritage Month is the annual celebration of the history and culture of U.S. Hispanic communities. The celebration, which spans from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, commemorates how those communities have influenced and contributed to American society.

Drugs, Weapons & Campaign Sign Theft

A Southeast man was recently arrested after he was found to be in possession of weapons and drugs.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, at about 3:45 p.m. Oct. 18, members of the Narcotics Enforcement Unit took Kevin Willis, 56, into custody following a brief investigation into threatening messages he allegedly sent to another party. While questioning Willis, investigators learned he is prohibited from owning firearms due to a prior felony conviction, but possessed both a firearm and narcotics.

The Hon. Judge Folchetti issued a search warrant for Willis' home, which led to the recovery of a loaded rifle, controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia. Additionally, Willis had an outstanding warrant from the Danbury Police Department. He was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and released on his own recognizance, and later turned himself in to Danbury P.D. An order of protection was issued for the victim in that case.

Willis was charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony; and fourth-degree criminal possession of weapon, second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia, and second-degree aggravated harassment, all misdemeanors.

At about 3:20 p.m. Oct. 17, a sheriff's deputy was dispatched to a residence in Philipstown for a report of a larceny of political campaign signs from the area of Route 9D near Mandalay Drive, which was

witnessed by a local resident who reported it to the complainant.

The witness was able to provide a detailed description of the suspect, including their vehicle, and deputies tracked it to a residence in Cold Spring. They interviewed the suspect and subsequently arrested Lucas Gonze, 59, of Cold Spring, and charged him with one count of petit larceny, a class A misdemeanor. He was processed and released with an appearance ticket returnable to Philipstown Town Court.

At about 10:20 p.m. Oct. 17, the sheriff's department and Village of Brewster Police Department responded to a report that drugs were possibly being sold from a vehicle parked in the village. It was discovered that Michael Flynn, 52, of Brookfield, Conn., possessed heroin and cocaine with the intent to sell them; and Kristen Walsh, 40, of Brewster, unlawfully possessed a controlled prescription medication.

Both were arrested and transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility, where Walsh was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and released with an appearance ticket.

Flynn was charged with three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and second-degree criminally possessing drug paraphernalia. On Oct. 18, he was arraigned in Brewster Village Court and ordered held without bail pending a future appearance in Putnam County Court.

Volunteers Sought for Tax Season

In an annual partnership, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide and the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition are providing free tax preparation services to eligible residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties. This initiative primarily benefits seniors and low-to-moderate income households, offering a reliable and affordable solution for tax filing.

As the 2025 tax season approaches, both organizations are actively recruiting volunteers to join this community service. Free

training sessions will be held throughout the fall, and early winter of 2025. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Eddy at ledy@ Dutchesscap.org or 845-475-7500.

Last year alone, the program assisted 6,418 residents, resulting in more than \$4 million in tax refunds and credits.

Volunteer opportunities are available to individuals of all skill levels. While a background in accounting or finance is helpful, it is not required. Administrative

and support roles, such as tax site greeters, program marketing, and appointment support, are also available for those who prefer non-mathematical tasks.

Individuals with computer proficiency and a desire to help others are strongly encouraged to join the volunteer team. Prior experience with tax filing is advantageous but not mandatory. Tax volunteer classes will provide comprehensive training and culminate in IRS certification upon successful completion.

Get Pinned on Politics!

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In the past, you could wear a political pin to associate yourself with a party, candidate, and/or policy.

Political pins were popular because they were easy to produce, possible to make at home, and a discreet yet creative way for anyone to engage in the political climate.

To my generation, political pins are fun knickknacks that our grandparents have kept or a cool collectible we bought from a local flea market, but to the generations before us they were an emblem of politics, perspective, and passion.

Last year, the children of David Bruen, Putnam's first county executive, donated his impressive political pin collection to the historian's office. This grouping features pins of presidential candidates such as John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Additionally, his pins tell the stories of congressional, state, and local elections. Hamilton Fish (Philipstown), Bella Abzug, and Richard Ottinger are among the politicians in the collection who ran for Congress or Senate.

As for governor and lieutenant governor of New York, included are campaign pins of

Nelson Rockefeller, Frank D. O'Connor, Hugh Carey, and Mary Anne Krupsak (the first woman to be lieutenant governor of New York), and even one for Ed Koch, mayor of New York City, from his failed 1982 gubernatorial bid against Mario Cuomo.

Finally, political pins from local elections include Ray Weizenker (Putnam County sheriff), Anthony J. Peloso (county clerk) and, of course, Bruen.

The collection includes many different sizes and colors, along with a variety of materials including holographic buttons, welcome ribbons, and a JFK tie clip.

So, the next time you see a political pin, consider its history, the voice it gave to the average civilian, and how it blazed the path for the assortment of wearable, carryable, and collectable political items we have today.

Teagan Weindel of Carmel is wrapping up her third summer as an intern for the Putnam County Historian's Office through the Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow program. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Denver studying public policy and international studies, with a minor in leadership studies.

Editor's note: Thanks to Teagan and the historian's office for sending in this piece! Longtime Publisher of the Putnam County Times/Press Don Hall used to wear an "I Like Ike" (Eisenhower) pin on his tie – along with an American flag pin – for as long as I knew him, which was from age 80 until his passing at age 92.

STAR PARTY

COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF STARGAZING IN KENT

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of section 4-120 & 4-122 of the State of New York Election Law, official notice of the General Election publication by Putnam County Board of Elections is hereby given: General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. All polling places in Putnam County are open for voting.

Electors for President and Vice President (Vote for one)

Democratic Kamala D. Harris - For President
 Democratic Tim Walz - For Vice President
 Republican Donald J. Trump - For President
 Republican JD Vance - For Vice President
 Conservative Donald J. Trump - For President
 Conservative JD Vance - For Vice President
 Working Families Kamala D. Harris - For President
 Working Families Tim Walz - For Vice President

United States Senator (Vote for one)

Democratic Kirsten E. Gillibrand
 Republican Michael D. Sapaicone
 Conservative Michael D. Sapaicone
 Working Families Kirsten E. Gillibrand
 LaRouche Diane Sare

State Supreme Court Justice, 9th Judicial District (Vote for up to five)

Democratic Colleen D. Duffy
 Democratic Brett Broge
 Democratic Kyle C. McGovern
 Democratic Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber
 Democratic Rachel E. Tanguay
 Republican Thomas Humbach
 Republican Edward R. Mevec
 Republican Karen A. Ostberg
 Republican Mark T. Starkman
 Republican Leslie Kahn
 Conservative Colleen D. Duffy
 Conservative Brett Broge
 Conservative Kyle C. McGovern
 Conservative Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber
 Conservative Rachel E. Tanguay

Representative in Congress, 17th Congressional District (Vote for one)

Democratic Mondaire L. Jones
 Republican Mike Lawler
 Conservative Mike Lawler
 Working Families Anthony Frascone

State Senator, 39th Senatorial District (Vote for one)

Democratic Yvette Valdes Smith
 Republican Rob Rolison
 Conservative Rob Rolison
 Working Families Yvette Valdes Smith

State Senator, 40th Senatorial District (Vote for one)

Democratic Peter B. Harckham
 Republican Gina M. Arena
 Conservative Gina M. Arena
 Working Families Peter B. Harckham

Member of the Assembly, 94th Assembly District (Vote for one)

Democratic Zachary C. Couzens
 Republican Matthew J. Slater
 Conservative Matthew J. Slater

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Member of the Assembly, 95th Assembly District (Vote for one)

Democratic Dana Levenberg
 Republican Michael L. Capalbo
 Conservative Michael L. Capalbo
 Working Families Dana Levenberg

County Coroner (Vote for one)

Republican Wendy A. Erickson
 Conservative Wendy A. Erickson

County Legislator, Legislative District 1 (Vote for one)

Democratic Nancy A. Montgomery
 United Putnam Nancy A. Montgomery

County Legislator, Legislative District 4 (Vote for one)

Democratic Randall R. Mulkins
 Republican Laura E. Russo
 Conservative/Rule of Law Laura E. Russo
 PattersonFirst Jennifer Bumgarner

County Legislator, Legislative District 7 (Vote for one)

Republican Daniel G. Birmingham
 Conservative Daniel G. Birmingham

Carmel Town Justice (Vote for one)

Republican Daniel M. Miller
 Conservative Daniel M. Miller

Carmel Council Member, to fill an unexpired term (Vote for one)

Republican Michael Lugo
 Conservative Michael Lugo

Patterson Council Member, to fill an unexpired term (Vote for one)

Democratic Sonya Abbye Taylor
 Republican Joseph J. Esposito
 Conservative Joseph J. Esposito
 PattersonFirst Sonya Abbye Taylor

Philipstown Town Justice (Vote for one)

Democratic Camille S. Linson
 Conservative Camille S. Linson

Putnam Valley Town Clerk, to fill an unexpired term (Vote for one)

Democratic Regina J. Gelfer
 Republican Michelle P. Stephens
 Conservative Michelle P. Stephens

Putnam Valley Town Justice (Vote for one)

Republican Pat A. Longobucco
 Conservative Pat A. Longobucco

Brewster Village Trustee (Vote for up to two)

A Better Brewster Tom J. Boissonnault
 A Better Brewster Mary C. Bryde

Cold Spring Village Trustee (Vote for up to two)

Service Party Tweeps P. Woods
 Good Neighbors Laura A. Bozzi

Proposal one, an amendment to protect Against Unequal Treatment

This proposal would protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. It also protects against unequal treatment based

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on reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A "YES" vote puts these protections in the New York State Constitution.

A "NO" vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.

Proposal Two, Patterson Town Proposition Number One

Patterson Library's budget was last increased by public vote in 2021. The proposed budget increase for 2025 will sustain and expand quality programs, materials and services; meet rising costs; and comply with NYS mandated wage and benefit increases. The request for additional funding is as follows:

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Patterson for the Patterson Library be increased by \$60,970 (sixty thousand nine hundred seventy dollars) to the sum of \$1,077,130 (one million seventy-seven thousand one hundred thirty dollars) annually?

[] Yes [] No

Brewster Library Proposition

"Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Southeast for the operating budget of the Brewster Public Library be the amount of four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) annually?"

[] Yes [] No
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**TOWN OF KENT
 LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2024**

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OVERRIDE OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2025 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after a public hearing held on October 15, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Kent has adopted Local Law No. 3, which Local Law will authorize the Town Board of the Town of Kent to exceed the property tax levy for the 2025 budget pursuant to General Municipal Law §3 c.

DATED: October 18, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI,
 TOWN CLERK

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Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM M&T Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST Kristen Sullivan, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 9, 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 November 18, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 181 Topland Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being at Lake Secor, in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, New York, Section: 74.26 Block: 1 Lot: 28. Approximate amount of judgment \$237,579.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold

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subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500953/2022. 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. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue-Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 22-12236NY 82687

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PUTNAM - INDEX NO.: 501729/2023- SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Plaintiff designates PUTNAM COUNTY as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Section 55.19, Block 1, Lot 4, CARMEL, NY, County of PUTNAM - CITTIBANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF, -against- HENRY LUIS ROJAS, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LYDA ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS; ALEXANDER G. ROJAS, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LYDA ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS; LYDA E. ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. CARROLL, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LYDA ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS; PATRICIA C. ROJAS, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LYDA ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS; MARCELA M. ROJAS, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LYDA ROJAS A/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS, Any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons



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being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of LYDA ROJASA/K/A LYDA E. ROJAS, deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered against you and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Syosset, New York, October 2, 2024. Roach & Lin, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, NY 11791. Tel: 516-938-3100. To the above-named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. GINA C. CAPONE, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated September 19, 2024 and filed with the PUTNAM County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Section 55.19, Block 1, Lot 4, CARMEL, NY, County of PUTNAM as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 1 NORTH GATE ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512. 82937

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SUPPLEMENTAL FORECLOSURE SUMMONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF PUTNAM—TD BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against CHRISTOPHER C. CONSTANCE A/K/A CHRIS CONSTANCE, INDI-

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VIDUALLY, AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS C. CONSTANCE, ANY AND ALL HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS C. CONSTANCE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, if living, and if they are dead, any and all persons who are husbands, wives, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of each of them, who may be dead, and their respective husbands, wives, heirs, devisees, and successors in interest with respect to the real property being foreclosed and described in the complaint in this action, all of whom, and whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiff, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants-Index no. 500897/2024. Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial situs of the real property. 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 Plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. PUTNAM County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated October 9, 2024. 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 attorneys 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 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE; New York State Law 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 of 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 office, there are government agencies and non-profit orga-

nizations 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 the New York State Department of Financial Services at 800-342-3736 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" 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. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C. Capone, J.S.C. dated October 9, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 47 Everett Road, Carmel, NY 10512, located at Section 44.19, Block 2, Lot 8. Dated: October 11, 2024. Filed: October 14, 2024. DUANE MORRIS LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, By: Patrick J. Holston, Esq., Marianne S. Repetto, Esq., 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036-4086 +1 212-471-1869.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, vs. ADAM D. HANDLER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale for Nunc Pro Tunc Relief duly entered on September 20, 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 December 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 802 Orchard Hill Lane, Unit No. 9-802B, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 78, Block 1 and Lot 29.-802 together with an undivided 1.5009 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$296,181.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500507/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Paul C. Brite, Esq., Referee

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Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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DONI 144 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/10/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 792 Main St., Ste. B, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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4 HILL LANE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/10/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2297 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of Versatility Travel LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/24/2024. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: VERSATILITY TRAVEL LLC, 35 Stone Hollow Dr, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Superpower Intel LLC filed with SSNY on 9/17/24.

Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kathy Conforti, Superpower Intel LLC, 72 Woodbine Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JUSTIVIDE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/24. 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, 12 Main Street, Unit #2317, Brewster, NY 10509. The registered agent upon whom process may be served: HARBOR COMPLIANCE, 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of Route 66 Musical Roads, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/13/23. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Route 66 Musical Roads, LLC 356 East Boyd's Road Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SECOND CHANCE THREADS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Scotia Nolan Hartford, 178 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Reg Agent: Juhee Lee-Hartford, 178 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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WESTCHESTER PIANO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/07/2024. 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, 686 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel, NY 10512. Reg Agent: Tyler Blanton, 690 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of i.Park Brewster Holdings LLC

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/24. 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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Notice of Formation of 47 COOLEIDGE, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to John Mallon, 117 Ice Pond Rd., Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Liquor License

Notice is hereby given that an On-Premises Restaurant-Liquor License, NYS Application ID NA-0340-24-233851 has been applied for by Trattoria Sei LLC to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises Restaurant-Liquor establishment. For on premise consumption under the ABC law at 597 Route 6 Mahopac NY 10541.

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For the Birds

Feed 'em in Fall to Bring Them Back in Winter

(Family Features/Joan Casanova) Humans aren't the only ones who look forward to autumn harvest. Fall brings a bounty of natural foods for our feathered friends, too. But while they're feasting on fall's cornucopia of delicacies, birds are also planning ahead, taking note of yards with bird feeders that can help them weather winter's cold.

Many of birds' favorite foods are actually more abundant in fall. Summer weeds ripen with seeds by October. Many berries only begin to emerge in late summer or early winter, and insects are plentiful.

You may think there's no need to feed birds during the fall, but if you want them to find your home in winter, start feeding in autumn.

The birds who visit feeders in fall are scouting, becoming familiar with feeding stations and making decisions on which backyards they'll visit this winter. The feed you put out in fall lets birds know they'll be welcomed and fed in your backyard when seriously cold weather arrives – and they no longer have the luxury of exploring for food.

Winter weather is hard on birds. Their calorie requirements increase, food becomes hard to find, snow covers up seeds and ice storms seal away tree buds and wild fruits. Tiny birds must eat one-third to three-quarters of their weight each day. When temperatures dip below zero, easy meals at a feeder can mean the difference between life and death.

An important rule of fall and winter feeding is to be prepared. By stocking up now on premium bird seeds and feed, bird lovers can help secure a wholesome food source without having to brave stormy weather.

It's important to stock your feeders with high-quality foods that provide birds with the most fat, nutrients and energy. In addition to seed, serve up some suet either in the form of suet cakes for non-seed eating birds or suet mixed with seed. These feed choices provide fat and a high-protein energy source to assist wild birds in weathering winter and may actually boost their chance of survival.

Just as birds need food year-round, they also look for water. This can be tricky in regions where water spends the winter as ice, but bird lovers can still help in a few ways. Experts suggest leaving icicles on the eaves to provide a regular source of water for birds that drink drops as the icicles melt.

Birds are drawn to running water sounds, so spritzers or small fountains are beneficial. In the winter, try using quality bird bath heaters to keep water from freezing, plus they're more convenient than setting out water every day.

Don't worry about the birds if you must leave home for a while in winter. Birds are familiar with food sources disappearing. It might take them a while to rediscover your feeders when you return, but they'll be back, grateful for your assistance.

For more ideas to help birds eat well through winter, and to learn about more feed choices, visit coleswildbird.com.

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Although in Carmel, Kids From Fairways May Go to Brewster

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way Summit offering age restricted senior housing, and The Fairways offering family housing. Currently, the school district border runs right through the site.

"This housing development actually bisects the Brewster and Carmel school border line," explained Victor Karlsson, assistant superintendent for finance and operations at Brewster Schools, during the Oct. 22 Brewster School Board meeting. "So the assessor made a recommendation that the school boundary line be amended to accommodate the housing development. So in other words, this area would go to Brewster Schools exclusively."

The matter needs to be approved by each district's school board – after being addressed publicly – before it can be sent to the New York State Education Department for approval to amend the boundary line.

According to Karlsson, environmental assessment review projections predict 93 students residing at the future housing development, with 68 going to Brewster and the remaining 25 going to Carmel, if the district boundaries remain.

"This would change that boundary line so there is not bisecting of any of the buildings," he said. "So this would then shift the boundary line to allow all students, for their best educational interest, to attend one school rather than have a neighborhood chopped up by a school boundary line."

Karlsson noted that the district's enrollment is down 128 students, "so to add 93 back is not a material number whatsoever."

Brewster School Board member Jamie Callanan expressed concern that the recommendation to adjust the boundary line came from the Town of Carmel assessor, especially after an earlier proposal suggested the students to all go to Carmel.

"I don't understand why would be getting potentially 93

children that currently would reside in Carmel," she said. "Carmel did raise their hand and say 'we want all of those,' and then Carmel went and got into a bit of a pickle, and now it's 'oh this looks like it would be good for Brewster.'"

Callanan noted that the Town of Southeast assessor is not involved in the process on Brewster's end.

"The challenge that we have is, even though we have that declining population, we have an increasing budget each year, and you have about \$10,000 per household that may come in on taxes – let's just assume today's rates, not in five years when it's all built," she said. "And we spend about \$38,000 per student to educate... We're talking about an influx of what could be 100 kids onto our rolls that you are busing to a further location and so forth."

Callanan elaborated that she supports moving the entire development into one district or the other.

"I wasn't expecting a Carmel location to be picked up and put into Brewster," she said. "The logic is sound until you get to, they all go to Brewster when it's in Carmel."

Karlsson added that, by these properties coming into Brewster schools, it would have an impact on the tax rate.

"It would actually alleviate the tax burden on all remaining residents," he said. "So there would be a financial benefit to the taxpayers" in terms of how the tax levy is disbursed. "Having a greater population to disperse the tax burden would be a greater benefit to all the existing residents of Brewster Central Schools," he said.

But, Callanan countered, it also comes with the cost of added resources for added students.

Brewster School Board President Kerry Cunningham said it makes sense for Brewster to accept all the students of the proposed development.

"The whole idea behind this, I think, is to have all the kids who live in this development all go to the same school district, which sounds like a great idea," she said. "And if 60 of them were already going to be in the Brewster School District if we didn't change the boundary, then I imagine that's why" Brewster would get them all.

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