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District Attorney-Elect Robert Tandy celebrates his victory Nov. 3 at Char Steakhouse in Mahopac, with the support of many lawmakers and dignitaries, including Sheriff Donald Smith, and plenty of area residents. Photo courtesy of Facebook.

Election Results

Tendy Defeats Levy 7,600-5,700

By Holly Toal

Putnam County will have a new district attorney in 2016. In a high-profile race, current Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Robert Tendy defeated DA Adam Levy, 7,621 to 5,756 (57 to 43 percent). Levy was left with the Conservative, Independence and Reformed Party lines after

being defeated by Tendy in the September Republican primary.

"Justice, fairness and ethics will be coming back to the DA's office in Putnam," said Tendy while celebrating his victory at Char Steakhouse in Mahopac. "We worked very, very hard – my kids, my family, my friends..."

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Fleming, McGlasson, & Chin Win in Kent

In Kent, Democratic Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming was returned to office for a second term, defeating challenger Conservative Dennis Illuminate by a vote of 1,481 to 620 (70 to 30 percent).

Elected to the Kent Town Board were Republicans Jaime McGlasson and Scott Chin with 1,107 and 1,118 votes, respectively. They defeated Democrats Dale Cusack and Nancy Sorbella, who received 937 and 938 votes, respectively.

Elected to the Kent Town

Incumbents Re-Elected in Town of Southeast

In Southeast, the incumbents made a clean sweep. Republican County Legislator Joseph Castellano defeated challenger John Riley, a Democrat, 789 to 476 (62 to 38 percent). Town Board members Lynne Eckardt, a Democrat, earned

1,424 votes, and Edwin Alvarez, a Republican, earned 1,303 votes. They defeated Democrat John Lord (1,162 votes) and Paul Jonke (1,282 votes).

"I feel so flattered and so excited," said Eckardt. *Continued on Page 11*

Williams is New Patterson Supervisor

In the Town of Patterson, voters opted to keep the Republican Party in office, electing current

Town Planner Richard Williams as supervisor over Democrat Andrew Falk, 926 to 894 votes.

Oliverio Bests Annabi for Put Valley Super

In Putnam Valley, a former long-time county legislator, Democrat Sam Oliverio Jr., defeated current Town Board member and Republican Jacqueline Annabi, 1,402

to 831 votes (63 to 37 percent). "I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and belief in my ability to govern,"

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Dems and Reps Win in Philipstown

In Philipstown, Republican Incumbent County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra held onto her seat despite a challenge by Democrat Lithgow Osborne, with a tally of 1,644 to 1,202 votes (42

to 58 percent). Also in Philipstown, Republican Town Clerk Tina Merando maintained her seat against Democratic challenger Ann McGrath-
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Put. Employees & Retirees Fight Insurance Increase

By Holly Toal

During a heated public hearing last week on the county's 2016 proposed budget, county employees and retirees pleaded with the Putnam County Legislature to reconsider increasing retiree health care contributions to fill a budget gap. (The budget was later adopted by a split Legislature.)

"People plan for retirement – it's a long process," said CSEA Labor Relations Specialist Glen Blackman. "To be told that in two months your health insurance will increase drastically doesn't allow people to plan."

Finance Commissioner William Carlin previously explained that retiree health insurance is the biggest cost issue the county faces. In 2007, it cost the county \$2.7 million to cover retiree health insurance. That number rises to \$4.7 million in 2016, with taxpayers funding \$3.9 million – or 84 percent – of the amount, which covers 377 retirees.

Currently, "86 percent of our retirees pay 5 percent toward the contribution of their health insurance," said Carlin. In the proposed budget, the administration sug-

gests tying an increase in health care contributions to years of service, going by pension income.

Under the proposed budget, contributions would increase to 8 percent for people with pensions between \$0 and \$9,999, and go as high as 30 percent for people with pensions greater than \$65,000.

Former long-time legislator Mike Semo spoke at last week's hearing, urging the lawmakers to reconsider. "I believe some of you have misunderstood the role you play in this issue," he said. "I respectfully encourage you not to punish this relatively small group of employees."

Former Assistant District Attorney Christopher York explained that before accepting his position with the DA's Office years ago, he was told his health benefits would be fully paid for by the county. Then when it was initially proposed that county employees contribute to their benefits package, he supported the concept, saying taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill.

"I support that," he said. "But don't touch the retirees... This is a system of punishment for the

more time you give to the county, the more you will pay." He called the system a "redistribution of perceived wealth, which is nothing more than socialism."

Patricia Gormely, a public health nurse with 11 in the Putnam County Health Department, called the proposal to increase health care contributions manipulative, rushed and undemocratic.

"I feel ashamed for the county government that it's being done this way," she said, citing "unnecessary" spending on various projects across the county. "I didn't know the government had to be in the business of golfing," she said. "Is running a farm a basic government service?"

Legislators discussed the proposed increases at a prior Audit Committee meeting, held Oct. 20.

"While tough decisions are not always easy, we as elected officials are encumbered to make these sound decisions based on the overall good of the people of Putnam County," said Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson. "We simply cannot continue to ask the taxpayers to pay 90 percent or more of the differential."

During that same meeting, Legislator Dini LoBue, R-Mahopac Falls, voiced strong opposition to the rate increases.

"This is just not a fair way of doing this because our back is against the wall now," she said. "We (the Legislature) didn't vet this issue. We were surprised. This was put in the budget, it is booked as revenue, so now in order for us not to vote in favor of this, we have to find \$750,000. And I think that's disrespectful to this legislative body."

"To ask someone to make a
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CELEBRATE VETERANS' DAY WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Although I am pleased the recent decision by the Putnam County Supreme Court resulted in a \$325,000 reduction in the assessment of my home imposed by the Town of Putnam Valley, I find it to be a somewhat pyrrhic victory.

After all, I am a resident of Putnam Valley and the legal expenses wasted by the town defending the gross over-assessment of my property is very troubling. Also because the reduction ordered by the court was so large, the town must pay all my legal expenses in bringing the action, as well.

Now that the dust has settled – it took more than a year – I'm calling on the district attorney to investigate how my assessment came to be increased by \$325,000 more than the true market value. Was this an abuse of power and retaliation/harassment personally directed toward me as I suggested from the beginning?

*Dr. Allen Beals
Putnam Valley*

the supervisor, it has been a solid "yes" wall of Alvarez, Cullen and Hudak – predictable and in unison so evident in the deliberations surrounding the Lepler-proposed Crossroads 312.

While we condemn one-party rule in less democratic nations, we are perfectly content to one established here in Southeast and Putnam County, USA. And yet, complaints abound; the most recent over the PC Legislature's approval of the Odell/Walker proposals to raise the health contributions of retirees with Southeast/Carmel/Mahopac Legislator Joe Castellano a sure and predictable "yes" vote.

Closer to home, Southeast Councilman Alvarez was another predictable vote for the developer's interests, voting to change codes, comprehensive plans and snubbing the 500-plus resident petitioners opposing the Crossroads project. He knew what was better for them and teamed with Paul Jonke, a fellow neighbor of the developer and recent appointee to the Planning Board – predictably following Alvarez as a stepping stone to the Town Board.

Do something. There are three competent candidates for Town Board and Legislature who are not wild-eyed, no-build proponents but cautious, favoring responsible economic growth with unblemished community and public service. Residents have a choice and not an echo. Vote Row A for Lynne

Dear Editor:

For more years than I can remember, citizens have bemoaned the sorry state of one-party rule and policies resulting from the echo chamber created by the Republican "yes" men and women. Aside from Southeast Democrat Lynne Eckardt and an occasional defection by

Eckardt and John Lord for Town Board and John Riley for District 7 legislator.

*Ann Fanizzi
Carmel*

Dear Editor:

I was delighted and excited to hear about the plans to build Opportunity Park. This park will definitely benefit all the children of the town, but more importantly it will offer a place for children with special needs.

Too often I am saddened at the thought that most parents can just take their kids to the park to play, but the parents with children who have special needs have no place to go. Should they not be afforded the same courtesy?

Opportunity Park will provide those families with a dedicated space to meet those children's needs in a safe environment. Mr. Paul Jonke, who is on the Board of Directors for the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, along with Councilman Edwin Alvarez, has been an integral part and driving force behind the scenes in procuring funds for this private venture. HVCPA enlisted the help of the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, and Mr. Jonke has met with Cal Ripken Jr. and his team to make the dream of an inclusive park a reality.

Completion of the project is slated for 2016. Both Paul and Edwin deserve an honorable mention for all they do to serve the community. We need good men such as Paul Jonke and Councilman Edwin Alvarez to continue to serve our town, which is why I wholeheartedly endorse them and will be voting for them to be on the Town Board on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. I encourage you to do the same.

Please, support and vote for them. Thank you.

*Marie Ford
Brewster*

Dear Editor:

There are two things the residents of Southeast care about: lowering taxes and enhancing the quality of life. Councilman Edwin Alvarez and Paul Jonke are the candidates that can deliver on both fronts.

They are committed to iden-

tifying efficiencies in government, finding opportunities to share services with the Village of Brewster and the county that produce a cost-savings for taxpayers, and eliminating wasteful spending.

Edwin and Paul are also men who have worked tirelessly to better the lives of those around them. Edwin, an Army veteran who is a member of the Brewster Elks Club and chairman of the Southeast Fireworks Committee, gets the importance of keeping traditional values in the community.

Paul is devoted to bringing awareness of the special-needs community. He is a board member of the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association and a former board member of the Putnam Hospital Foundation.

Vote for my friends Alvarez and Jonke for the Southeast Town Board on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

*Jack Gress
Brewster*

Dear Editor:

It is time to set the record straight concerning Allen Beals and his assessment. Here is a timeline of facts in this matter. Everything listed below is available for public inspection:

September-April – Sales are reviewed by the assessor and values increase or decrease depending on the real estate market in relation, but not limited to, neighborhoods, size of home, size of property, bedrooms and baths, etc.

Mid-February – Tentative values sent to New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for review

April 15 – File containing tentative values sent to county for review and printing

May 1 – Tentative roll printed and available to public (RPTL 506) 4th Tuesday in May (RPTL 512) – Grievances heard by the Board of Assessment Review (May 27, 2014)

May 30, 2014 – Letter from Robert Morris, Putnam County Department of Health, to Bob Tandy, supervisor, stated in part that on May 29, 2014 an inspection was made of Spur Beach and was determined that the slopes must be reduced as required by code. The letter stated that if the slopes were reduced to 10 percent or less the Department of Health would consider issuance of a temporary/

conditional permit to open the beach. This letter was dated more than six weeks after my file went to the county for review and printing, and three days after the deadline to submit a grievance to the Board of Assessment Review.

Subsequent to May 30, 2014 and throughout the summer season – Spur Beach closed.

Beals has suggested in the past that his assessment was increased due to the closing of Spur Beach in the Roaring Brook District. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Beals must think I am a mind reader and knew months before that the Department of Health would close the beach. Look at the timeline and draw your own conclusions.

Mr. Beals owns a 6,200-square-foot home on 30.25 acres. A review of sales indicated that his assessment was too low and therefore he was not paying his fair share of taxes. His assessment was increased, as were others that year. This is nothing new, as assessments are increased and decreased every year according to the real estate market – that is the job of the assessor.

Mr. Beals is concerned that "legal expenses were wasted by the town." He originally requested a reduction in assessment to \$950,000 and yet the court only reduced it to \$1,200,000 – significantly higher than requested. Does he think the town should have caved into his demand? This is a perfect example of the town justifying the cost to defend. As an attorney, would he rather we not defend any cases where the town is a party?

As an attorney, if Mr. Beals had done his homework and reviewed RPTL 722, he would have known that the town is not required to pay his legal expenses as he claims.

This tirade has gone on long enough and all are welcome to come into my office where all documentation is available for viewing.

*Sheryl Luongo
Assessor, Town of Putnam Valley*

Dear Editor:

Like flowers in spring, 'tis the season and campaign signs are popping up all over.

In Kent, signs for supervisor, Town Board and Supreme Court judge are found both on private property and along the public right of way – presumably put up by supporters of the respective candidates. Sadly, as I've driven through town I've noticed a very disturbing trend: Signs supporting candidates (mostly Democrats) are either being thrown to the ground or removed altogether, only to be replaced with ones supporting candidates of other parties.

What offends me most isn't that these acts are illegal and being done in support of candidates desiring to hold public office, but rather that they appear to be intended to suppress choice of governance. As one who values the right to vote freely amongst the highest privileges Americans enjoy, I am disheartened to see such nasty and juvenile behavior by individuals who perhaps fear that their candidates cannot win on their own merits and resort instead to trying to quiet the wonderful opportunity we have in the upcoming local election.

We are fortunate to have a
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Aversano's Celebrates 30 Years With Wine & Food Tasting

By Holly Toal

The Aversano brothers are inviting their loyal customers – and even those who have yet to try their cuisine – to a night of wine, food and fun next month to celebrate 30 years of Italian cuisine at the Brewster restaurant.

The wine and food tasting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at Aversano's Restaurant, Bar and Catering, 1620 Route 22 (at Route 312 intersection). Reservations are \$40 per person and are required; call 845-279-2233.

Aversano's has had wine tastings in the past, but this time the event will include a food pairing featuring Asian shrimp/fennel slaw, lobster bread pudding, duck meatballs, white truffle sacchetti, mini asparagus and roasted red pepper risotto balls, pure butternut squash ravioli, pulled pork spring rolls, dessert and more.

"It's the first time we've ever done anything like this," said John Aversano. "People will get to try a lot of things we make throughout the year, or maybe something they've never tried."

The wine tastings have been well-attended in the past. "People look forward to them," said John.

The evening will include live music, and a wine expert on-hand. Diners will start out with a pre-dinner drink – maybe something seasonal – then move on to appetizers and dinner courses, paired with the appropriate paired spirits. Dessert may be followed by a hard cider to celebrate the harvest season.

"This is not your usual wine pairing," said John. He said it is meant for people to enjoy a

fun night out trying new food and drink.

And the date of the event is important, as November kicks off Aversano's 30th year in business. "It's almost exact, to the day," said John.

John and his brother Paul started the business as a pizza joint, which eventually expanded into a full Italian restaurant. The brothers relocated the eatery from down the road to its current location in 1995, and the bar was added about a year later.

They offer the upcoming wine and food tasting as a reminder to diners that their restaurant continues to serve traditional pizzeria fare – such as chicken parm and pizza by the slice – while also reinventing its menu to offer new, unique dishes.

"I think it's basically just to offer our customers a fun night out," said Paul Aversano. "I'm sure some do find new wines, too."

For more information, visit Aversano's online at www.AversanosRestaurant.com.



Brothers Paul (left) and John Aversano. Photo by Holly Toal.

Senior Holiday Luncheon Returns

Senior citizens residing in the Carmel Central School District are invited to the annual Thanksgiving luncheon prepared by the Carmel Central School District's Food Services Department on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the following times and locations:

From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at George Fischer Middle School and Matthew Patterson Elementary School; from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kent Primary School; and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Carmel High School.

The menu for that day will include roasted turkey with gravy, stuffing, whipped potatoes, jellied cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, seasoned mixed vegetables, pumpkin pie or apple crisp with topping, and beverage.

The Carmel Teachers Association, as in the past few years, is sponsoring this luncheon, therefore there will be no charge to seniors.

Reservations must be made by calling the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources at 845-808-1700, ext. 47100, by Thursday, Nov. 12.

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Carmel Students Learn 'Nobel' Lesson

Did you know that in order to win a Nobel Prize you must be nominated, you must have been alive when you were nominated, and you may never know that you were nominated unless you win? That's because the names of the nominees are kept secret for 50 years.

These are some of the fun facts that guest speaker Dr. Mats Larsson told an audience of Carmel High School science students last week during a visit to the area.

Larsson, who has served on the 2013 Nobel Committee to help select the Nobel Prize winners for chemistry and physics, was at the school to speak to students about how to win a Nobel Prize. The Nobel Prizes are a set of awards honoring the best work in physics, literature, chemistry, medicine, peace and economics. They are viewed as the highest intellectual honor in the world.

Alfred Nobel, peace advocate and inventor of dynamite, left the



Dr. Mats Larsson addresses students at Carmel High School.

money for the first five awards in his will. In 1901, the Nobel prizes were born.

Larsson's visit to Carmel High School was made possible thanks to Kim Blacklock of H.G.

Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment. The program was sponsored by the Carmel High School Science Research program and H.G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment, Inc.

Nutrition Corner



By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN

A Season of Giving at Hannaford

With Halloween behind us, the holiday season has truly begun. Soon we will be running around looking for the ingredients needed to complete a delicious dish to ensure a picture perfect holiday meal for our families. In the midst of this rush, I encourage you to think of ways of supporting our community and ensuring that your neighbors are able to gather around their table too.

At Hannaford Supermarket, the holiday season means that our Hannaford Fights Hunger program is underway! Our season of giving begins with the return of our Fight Hunger boxes that you can purchase for \$10, which include many of the sides needed to complete a dinner. Your purchased box will go alongside the nearly 2,000 we collect every fall that are donated to a local food assistance program. With your help we have been donating boxes since the fall of 2007... that's about 16,000 meals! In 2014, Hannaford Supermarkets collectively donated nearly 875,000 meals to our communities!

There are other ways to support our neighbors. Throughout November and December, look for our "buy one, give one" signs. When you purchase items highlighted in this program, Hannaford will donate the same item to our local food pantry. In addition, from November 30th through December 31st, you can donate \$5 to a regional food bank at the register and receive a valuable coupon book with over \$22 in coupon savings.

With so many ways to give, I hope that you will consider supporting our community this holiday season. Hannaford prides itself on being more than just a supermarket, the holidays give us an opportunity to highlight this position, as well as put a spotlight on the supportive and caring community we are honored to be part

of. After all, it isn't a season of giving without you.

Asian Coconut, Chili and Lime Steamed Clams

Prep Time: 10 Minutes
Cook Time: 26 hours

Ingredients:

- 1 cup instant brown rice
- 2 ¼ cups water, divided
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 3 scallions
- 1 tsp. minced fresh ginger
- 1 stalk lemongrass
- ½ to 1 serrano chili
- ½ cup unsweetened lite canned coconut milk
- 1 Tbsp. fish sauce
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 48 littleneck clams, rinsed and cleaned
- ¼ cup basil leaves

Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan, combine rice and 13/4 cups of the water and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover, and cook until water is absorbed, about 10 to 13 minutes. Fluff with a fork.
2. While rice cooks, heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Thinly slice scallions and add to pot along with ginger. Cut lemongrass into thirds and bruise slightly with the back of a knife and add. Cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
3. Thinly slice chili and add to pot with coconut milk, remaining 1/2 cup water, fish sauce, lime juice, and sugar. Increase heat to medium-high. When mixture simmers, add clams and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until clams have opened, about 7 to 12 minutes. Discard any clams still closed.
4. While clams cook, tear the basil leaves into pieces. Transfer clams and broth to a large serving bowl, sprinkle with basil, and serve immediately with rice on the side.

Holiday Hosting Snacks

Twice Baked Potato Jackets with Rosemary

Ingredients:

- 8 small Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 cup of Hummus
- 2 Tbsp chopped rosemary
- extra virgin olive oil
- sea salt and pepper

Directions:

Heat oven to 425 F. Scrub potatoes and poke with fork 2-3 times to allow steam to escape while baking.

Place whole potatoes on rimmed sheet pan and bake for approximately 25-30 minutes (depending on size of potatoes) or until potatoes are soft; cool for 10 minutes. Carefully slice potatoes in half lengthwise and scoop inside into bowl, leaving about 1/4-inch ring of potato around edges. Lightly mash potato chunks in bowl; add hummus and stir until combined.

Season mixture with salt and pepper, taste and adjust if necessary. Using spoon, divide potato-hummus filling evenly among potato jackets and broil for 5-7 minutes or until tops are golden and crispy; watch carefully as they burn quickly.



Remove from broiler and sprinkle with rosemary and a pinch of sea salt. Serve immediately.

Turkey Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 cup turkey breast, cubed
- 1 Tbsp finely diced scallions
- 2 Tbsp diced celery
- 2 Tbsp diced red pepper
- 1 Tbsp water
- ½ cup Sabra Hummus
- salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

Combine all ingredients and stir well. Serve in bowl of radicchio as salad, on sandwiches, wraps or as an appetizer with veggies, chips or pita bread.

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As medium Madame Arcati (center), Metro Award winner Sydney Gershon attempts to conduct a séance with actors (from left) Liam Callahan as family friend Dr. Bradman, William Curly as novelist Charles Condomine, Maudie Carrey as wife Ruth Condomine, and Taylor Byrne as Mrs. Bradman.

‘Blithe Spirit’ to Haunt the Brewster Stage

Brewster High School Performing Arts will present Noel Coward's classic comedy "Blithe Spirit," a supernatural screwball comedy from the director of last year's "Macbeth," next month.

When upper-class sophisticated and successful author Charles Condomine and his wife, Ruth, invite a dotty and eccentric medium to their home in the hopes of gathering material for his next book, their scheme backfires when she conducts a séance and calls back the mischievous and conniving ghost of his deceased wife, Elvira, to haunt him.

But when only he can see and hear her, the show reaches hysterical heights with its broad comedy, pratfalls and huge laughs.

Originally staged in 1941, this play has withstood the test of time over the years, with the most recent production being on Broadway in 2009 with Rupert Everett, Christine Ebersole and Angela Lansbury.

Cast members include William Curley as Charles, Maudie Carey as Ruth, Rory Wakeford as Elvira, and Metro Award winner Sydney Gershon as the medium Madame Arcati. Rounding out the rest of the cast is Liam Callahan, Taylor Byrne, Cecilia Guida, Sarah Daleo and Ryan Hecht.

With this production, director Robert LoAlbo brings to the stage his love and appreciation of comedy – a lifelong passion of his.

"I've always admired anyone who can make an audience laugh," he said. "It takes special talents and a certain type of person to be able to hone a sense of strong comic timing. With this talented and funny group of actors, I am looking

forward to the laughs they will be getting when we perform."

In this Brewster High School production, the students are given opportunities to not only act, but also express themselves artistically through a deep study of the material, their characters, and the stage. Communicating through spoken word, movement and audience awareness, these students develop as a solidified acting troupe and supportive team, where they hold each other up through interaction and bond as a company.

Senior Maudie Carey, who ignited the stage last year as the manipulative Lady Macbeth, shared her feelings about the upcoming show. "I'm excited to be part of a show like 'Blithe Spirit,' where the cast and crew get to work so closely to bring the story to life on stage," she said. "Even having only just begun the rehearsal process, I can tell this is going to be a show I won't forget for quite some time."

Additionally, the play provides opportunities for students to work on crew, which is a vital part of the company. Whether utilizing carpentry to build the set, visual expertise in setting the lights, or research and organization to work with props and costumes, the students will have ample chances to develop their skills and be further educated in theater.

Through the support of the Brewster Central School District and the Brewster Performing Arts Boosters, "Blithe Spirit" will be presented Nov. 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.Brewster-Schools.org or by calling 845-279-5051.

Putnam Community Service Network Awards Presented

Individuals and organizations that have made a significant difference in the lives of others through their community and human service accomplishments in Putnam County were honored last month at the awards breakfast hosted by the Putnam Community Service Network at the Putnam County Golf Course.

For 30 years PCSN, an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, has recognized more than 600 professionals, volunteers and organizations that "go above and beyond" to improve the quality of life for county residents.

The breakfast was attended by 170 people representing more than 75 public and nonprofit agencies throughout Putnam County.

The 2015 PCSN Awards were presented to:

Distinguished Service Award for an Individual – Dr. Samuel Ross Jr., founder of Green Chimneys in Brewster

Distinguished Service Award

for an Organization – American Cancer Society's Mahopac Relay for Life

Ruth Dain Voluntary Service Award – Amy Sayegh of Mahopac, and The Community Crafters of Mahopac

Norman Vincent Peale Outstanding Service Award – Danielle Pascale, Putnam County assistant district attorney

Fred L. Dill Community Service Networking Award – Putnam County Treatment Court

Lyn and Buzz Burr Excellence in Communications Award – Lisa Kaslyn of Prosper Communications

Professional Career Recognition Award – Joseph Whalen, executive director of Green Chimneys in Brewster

Public Service Award – Donald B. Smith Jr., Putnam County sheriff

Joe Gomez Memorial Advocacy Award – Medley Broege, director of the Putnam County Office for People with Disabilities

Special Youth Award – In

memory of Sean Callahan of Mahopac

Twelve additional PCSN Award nominees representing a broad range of service providers were also recognized for their outstanding community contribution, including:

Carmel Police Officer Frank Chibbaro, the Cold Spring Film Society, Kent Public Library Director Carol Donick, Putnam County Health Educator Susan Hoffner, the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival of Cold Spring, Larry Light of The Men's Fraternity in Mahopac, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies of Putnam Director Kristin McConnell, Putnam Community Action Program Assistant Director Marisa O'Leary, Putnam County Humane Society Volunteers in Carmel, the Putnam County Suicide Prevention Task Force, Fr. Anthony Sorgie of St James the Apostle Church (formerly), and the Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Cold Spring.

Academic Success

Mahopac High School senior Arsha Venkat has been named a National Merit Commended Student. Of the 1.5 million entrants who took the PSAT last year, only 50,000 with the highest practice SAT/NMS Qualifying Test scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

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Davidson, Jeanne E., 93, Oct. 23. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster. 845-279-3615.

Salerno, Karen F., 51, Oct. 26. Oelker & Cox Sinatra Funeral Home Inc. Mount Kisco. 914-666-5891.

Carmel

Goldstein, Fred Louis, 92, Oct. 21. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel. (845) 225-2144.

Varga, Veronica, 82, Oct. 20. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac. 845-628-5655.

Mahopac

Luni, Michael, 58, Oct. 22. Sharpe Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon. 914-699-4010.

Patterson

Marino, Mary, 94, Oct. 18. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster. 845-279-3615.

Seeba, Linda, 61, Oct. 25. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster. 845-279-3615.

Summers, Stuart C., 60, Oct. 25. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Carmel. 845-225-3672.



Pictured are members of the Kent Highway Department, including Angel Rivera, Pat Esposito, Steve Gasparrini, Sean Daly, Lew Strickland and David Keith, with Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer Jr., Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming, Putnam County Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Fred Pena and County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

Little Fill Getting Big Upgrade

The Nichols Street bridge over the Little Fill causeway is set to be opened a month ahead of schedule, as it was recently paved and awaits installation of guardrails.

While the project was originally estimated to cost \$1.6 million to complete a full rehabilitation of the bridge, the town and county high-

way departments worked together to instead complete a comprehensive repair, at a cost of only \$100,000, according to Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer Jr.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, D-Ossining, helped the town secure grant money to pay for materials, and the town Highway Department

completed all the work, with help and machinery on loan from the county.

"The Kent Highway Department saved the town \$1 1/2 million," said Othmer, a Republican. "It was a bipartisan partnership - with Democrats and Republicans in the town and county."

"Kent works pretty collaboratively with the county now," added Republican County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "This project improves safety and emergency response."

Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming said the bridge had been in need of repair for quite a while. "I've been told this is a project the town has been trying to get done for some time," said the Democrat.

The bridge was originally constructed in the 1890s, and serves as a main connector for locals crossing over from Gypsy Trail Road to Route 52.

Brewster Native 'Kills It' for Manhattanville

Brewster's Alissa Primavera is spiking her way to success.

Following a record-setting week for the Manhattanville College women's volleyball team, junior outside hitter Primavera was named the Middle Atlantic Conference



Alissa Primavera

Freedom Women's Volleyball Player of the Week for the second straight week.

Primavera is the first player in program history to earn back-to-back Player of the Week honors and is the second player overall to earn multiple such honors from the MAC Freedom.

She was also named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Corvias Division III Metro/Upstate Region Player of the Week, and is the first player in program history to earn ECAC weekly recognition on the volleyball court.

With a recent hot streak, Primavera is averaging 3.22 kills per set this season, and is now the team's leader (and eighth in the MAC Freedom) with 238 total kills. Her kill total currently leaves her tied for seventh on the school's single-season list, and she is

happy, but none of it could have been done without my teammates," said Primavera after an Oct. 24 game. "We have nothing to lose. We have to leave our hearts on the court and play 100 percent."

The 5-foot, 8-inch junior is a 2013 graduate of Brewster, where she played six years of volleyball, as well as four years of softball for the Bears. She earned four straight All-County and All-Section honors from 2010-13 and was a five-time All-Class A honoree throughout high school. She was named team captain and Most Valuable Player in her senior year.

Primavera, 20, is the daughter of Ann Marie and Paul Primavera, and sister of Gina and Paul Primavera. She is a dean's list student majoring in accounting with a minor in business law.

New Health Insurance Option Offers Residents Medical Cost Savings

Open Enrollment Currently in Effect

Open enrollment for New York State's official health plan exchange began Nov. 1, featuring a new option called "The Essential Plan." This insurance plan costs much less than other health plans, but offers the necessary benefits as the name implies. It is designed to provide quality health insurance to people with low incomes who don't qualify for Medicaid or Child Health Plus, which consumers can apply for throughout the year.

The open enrollment period for the Essential Plan and other health plan exchange options continues through Jan. 31.

Access to care is an important aspect to a healthy community and the Putnam County Department of Health works with two partner organizations to help potential patients select and enroll in the best insurance plan for them - The Essential Plan or another one. MISN, a not-for-profit agency dedicated to family and community health and wellness, serves the mid-Hudson region and offers guidance to Putnam residents, free of charge and bias. Fidelis Care NY also offers free guidance to its array of health insurance plans.

Both have bilingual repre-

sentatives available to help in Putnam County. MISN navigators, aptly named since they help steer individuals to the right plan, can be reached at 1-800-453-4666 or by email at navigator@misn.ny.org. A Putnam representative for Fidelis Care can be reached 845-483-1292, ext. 25114.

Those who qualify for The Essential Plan may pay \$20 a month per person, or nothing at all depending on income. The plan has no deductible, meaning it begins paying for health services right away. Routine doctor exams, screenings and other preventative services are provided for free. Doctor-ordered tests, prescription drugs and hospital visits are also covered.

New York State's health insurance exchange or marketplace, called "The New York State of Health," was launched in October 2013 under the Affordable Care Act. It allows New Yorkers to compare health plan options and apply for assistance that could lower the cost of their health insurance. They may also qualify for coverage through Medicaid or Child Health Plus. Anyone who needs health coverage can apply through the exchange.



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Dozens of community partners gathered at the fifth annual public health summit for a "Big Apple Crunch" photo to commemorate National Food Day, celebrated every Oct. 24. Food Day was established to inspire Americans to adopt healthier diets and a better food system. This year's theme is "Toward a Greener Diet."

Public Health Summit Tackles Substance Abuse, Mental Health

More than 85 public health partners from 43 different community agencies convened at Putnam Hospital Center on Oct. 20 for the fifth annual public health summit organized by the Putnam County Department of Health, with support from the hospital.

Health Commissioner Dr. Allen Beals, PHC President James Caldas and Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and Mental Health Michael Pizazza opened the five-hour event, sharing their perspectives on the upcoming challenges as the health care marketplace and public health infrastructure shift, regroup and strengthen together.

"Tremendous scientific advances have taken place in medical care over my 40 years practicing medicine," said Beals, who practiced as an obstetrician/gynecologist before becoming health commissioner in 2012. "Today, 50 percent or more illnesses have a behavioral component. Now our approaches must be different."

Preventing chronic diseases and promoting mental health remain top priorities in Putnam. However, given the county's opioid overdose problem – there

has been a chilling 233 percent increase in overdose deaths from heroin and opiates from 2011 to 2012 in Putnam – this component has been formally incorporated into the mental health priority.

According to statistics presented by Kristin McConnell, executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependencies-Putnam, and Doreen Lockwood, project coordinator of Partnership for Success-Putnam's Coalitions That Care, 63 overdose deaths have occurred between 2011 and 2015.

"Promoting mental health and preventing substance abuse are intricately linked," said Beals. "They are part of a cluster of what is called 'MEB' disorders – mental, emotional and behavioral – that affect one in five young people nationally. These include conduct disorders, depression and substance abuse, and about 75 percent of them are first diagnosed between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age."

Putnam's top two priorities now mirror exactly those crafted by the New York State Department of Health's Prevention Agenda 2013-17.

'Imagine' Dinner/Dance Supports Mental Health Services

Dinner, dancing and good company were the order of the night as supporters of Putnam Family and Community Services, the only private, not-for-profit agency providing licensed counseling and treatment for mental health illness and substance use in Putnam County, gathered Oct. 16 at the Salem Golf Club in North Salem for the organization's annual benefit.

Guests, sponsors and journal advertisers from all across the area joined under this year's theme of "Imagine...Life Lived to its Fullest," raising funds in support of PFCS' accessible and affordable mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services which, in 2014, reached one in 13 residents in Putnam and surrounding areas.

The event honored Master Paul Melella Jr. of UMAC, Carmel, with the annual Sid Gibson Imagine Award.

Melella, of the United Martial Arts Center, was recognized for his dedication and service to youth, inspiring the self-confidence and leadership skills to make good choices and providing scholarship opportunities to young people in need.

"It is through people in the community like Master Melella that we accomplish our mission to partner with individuals, families and the community to foster hope, wellness and recovery," said Chris Dillon, board chairman of PFCS.

Guests were also given personal and moving insight into the reality of one woman's recovery journey and her ongoing efforts to give guidance and assistance to others in her role as a peer special-



Master Paul Melella Jr. of UMAC, Carmel, was the 2015 PFCS "Imagine" honoree.

ist at PFCS.

"The peer specialists here at PFCS provide a comforting, compassionate and understanding perspective to our clients based on their own recovery journeys,"

said Diane Russo, chief executive director of PFCS. "Having walked the path, they can draw on their own experience and courage to help others find their way. We are so lucky to have them."

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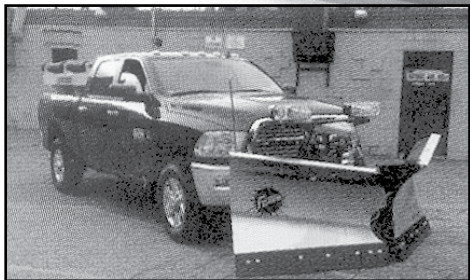
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Two Face Drug Charges

Larry James, 38, of Carmel, was arrested Oct. 23 by Putnam County sheriff's deputies. He was stopped Oct. 21 by the sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Unit on Route 52 in Carmel for allegedly failing to stop for a red light. He refused to comply with verbal commands and reportedly fled the scene in his vehicle, nearly striking one deputy who had to jump out of the way of the oncoming car. Another deputy who had been reaching into the vehicle in an attempt to pull the keys out of the ignition was struck by the door column of the vehicle as James sped away from the scene.

The suspect sped down Route 301 to Peekskill Hollow Road, and deputies decided to discontinue the pursuit due to safety concerns. Instead, a bulletin was broadcast to area police agencies and two days later James was located in Ossining and arrested. He had been facing a felony charge of third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance as a result of a previous investigation into his sales of cocaine in Mahopac, according to the police report.

He was subsequently

charged again with third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance; first-degree reckless endangerment, a felony; reckless driving, a misdemeanor; and numerous vehicle and traffic violations.

It was determined that James has been convicted of numerous felonies in the past and is currently on parole in New York State. He was arraigned before Carmel Town Justice Joseph Spofford and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility where he is being held without bail. He faces up to 25 years in a New York State correctional facility and a fine of up to \$30,000.

Corey Policastro, 21, of Mohegan Lake, was arrested Oct. 21 by Putnam County sheriff's deputies after he was stopped on Bryant Pond Road in Putnam Valley for a reported traffic violation, and he was found to be in possession of drugs. He was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor, and processed at PCCF and released pending a future court appearance.



Sheri Cornwell of Ingersoll Auto of Pawling, and Ray Buzzetto of Carmel Winwater, right, are recognized by Patterson Rotary Club President Bill Flash.

Patterson Rotary Thanks Sponsors

The Rotary Club of Patterson hosted an awards presentation Oct. 20 at the Patterson Recreation Center, announcing the final results of the fourth annual 2015 Patterson Blues and BBQ Festival, and recognizing the contributors to that success.

The Patterson Blues and BBQ Festival, in its fourth year, raised approximately \$12,000 and had thousands of locals from Putnam County in attendance. All of that money is already being distributed back to the community through non-profit organizations and others in need, including college scholarships.

Two main sponsors were rec-

ognized last month and thanked for their generous support and participation that helped make the Patterson Blues and BBQ festival so successful: Sheri Cornwell, customer experience manager/guest services of Ingersoll Auto of Pawling, and Ray Buzzetto, president of Carmel Winwater.

The awards were presented by Bill Flash, Rotary Club president.

In addition to raising funds, the contributions from Ingersoll Auto of Pawling and Carmel Winwater helped to create a community event where families came together to build memories.

"We wanted to make sure

to thank both Ingersoll Auto and Carmel Winwater, not only for supporting our event, but for all they do to support the community," said Flash. "These are two examples of the great neighbors we have who seldom get recognized for all they do to give back."

The Rotary Club of Patterson also thanked all the other sponsors that helped make the festival happen, including Jacks Club House, Yuengling Brewery, Brotherhood Winery, and all the bands that played for free, such as Dave Keys, Toni T. Entertainment, The Dylan Doyle Band and Guy's Night Out, to name a few.

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Putnam County Community Events

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Senior citizens residing in the Carmel Central School District are invited to the annual Thanksgiving luncheon Thursday, Nov. 19, at the following times and locations: From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at George Fischer Middle School and Matthew Patterson Elementary School; from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kent Primary School; and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Carmel High School. For reservations, call 845-808-1700, ext. 47100, by Thursday, Nov. 12.

Food Drive

Assemblyman Steve Katz and the Village of Brewster are providing a drop box for non-perishable food donations at Village Hall, 50 Main St., to benefit Putnam Community Action Program and the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown. The boxes will be picked up on or about Nov. 13. Additional boxes are located at the Reed Memorial, Brewster, Mahopac and Putnam Valley Free libraries; and Patterson Town Hall.

Food for Fines

Kent Public Library patrons will have \$1 waved from current overdue fines for each can or unexpired non-perishable food item donated during the month of November. Collected food will be donated to Putnam Community Action Program.

Toys For Tots

The Putnam/northern Westchester Toys For Tots program is getting underway and looking for motivated volunteers to assist. It will be at the Jefferson Valley Mall and Toys R Us in Jefferson valley weekends only starting Nov. 20. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off. For locations, go to www.toysfortots.org.

Craft Vendors Wanted

Vendors are wanted for the Carmel VFW Ladies Auxiliary holiday craft sale scheduled for Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VFW on Gleneida Avenue. Craft items, grandma table, food for sale. \$30 for a space, tables can be provided. Call Irene Rohde at 845-225-9194.

Feral Cats

Putnam County Legislator Toni Addonizio will sponsor a talk about on "Feral Cats in the Community" on Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Public Library, 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. Learn about how the Putnam County Department of Health can help you.

Cancer Support

Support Connection, Inc., will host a telephone group for advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer Monday, Nov. 2 at 8pm; a telephone group for ovarian cancer Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.; a breast and ovarian cancer support group Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel; and an advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer telephone support group Monday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. Advanced registration required at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. www.supportconnection.org.

Health Marketplace

Learn about the NYS Health Insurance Marketplace at the Kent Public Library, 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, on Monday, Nov. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. Putnam CAP certified application counselors will discuss how health insurance works and provide enrollment assistance for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, the Essential Plan and Qualified Health Plans. Open enrollment starts Nov. 1 and ends Jan. 31. Registration is required at www.kentlibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

School Meeting

The Carmel School District will hold a "community conversation" Tuesday, Nov. 3. Two sessions: 8 to 9:45 a.m. in Casey Hall at Carmel High School on Fair Street, or 7 to 9 p.m. in the George Fischer Middle School cafeteria. RSVP by Oct. 28 to info@carmelschools.org.

Mixed Media

"Introduction to Mixed Media" will take place Tuesdays, Nov. 3 through Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at Reed Memorial Library on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. Create unique visual art pieces through the combination of watercolor, drawing and collage techniques. This session is a repeat of the early fall session and is open to new students. Register at 845-225-2439.

'Inside Out'

The Brewster Public Library invites the whole family to view the newly-released film "Inside Out" on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St. This animated comedy, starring Amy Poehler, is rated PG. Popcorn will be provided; bring your own beverage. Registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/qberv7> or 845-279-6421.

Book Club

The Reads at Reed Book Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel to discuss "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henriquez.

Cooking Class

"Cooking with Chef Stefan" will take place Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at Patterson Library, 1167 Route 311. Chef Stefan, a twice graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, will teach how to prepare three dishes. Age 18 plus only. Registration is required at www.pattersonlibrary.org or 845-878-6121, ext. 10. Free.

Identity Theft Protection

Learn to protect yourself from identity theft at the Kent Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. A detective from the Kent Police Department will give an informative presentation on the types of identity theft and provide some information on how to prevent yourself from being a victim. Registration is required at www.kentlibrary.org or 845-225-8585.

Metal Detecting

The Putnam County Metal Detectorists and Archeological

Society will meet Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 460 N. Main St., Brewster. Anyone interested in metal detecting is invited. Finds of the month and future club hunts will be discussed. www.greattreasure.com.

Public Hearings

The Brewster Village Board will hold public hearings Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 50 Main St., to obtain input regarding: the enactment of Chapter 182 of the Village Code regarding site plan approval, subdivision approval, lot line change, general provisions and Planning Board; amendments to Chapter 199 – Signs of the Village Code; and zoning code revisions, the Brewster Urban Renewal Plan and local laws relating to zoning code revisions.

Medicare Workshop

"Medicare: The Biggest Gap" will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Reed Memorial Library on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. This workshop will show how appropriate planning will protect what you have worked for your entire life. Call 845-225-2439 to register.

Computer Classes

The Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration Thursday, Nov. 5, at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6, Mahopac; and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes. Register in person or call Judy Kolt at 845-277-5422 or email jak4dogs@verizon.net.

Health Insurance Info.

The Putnam Community Action Program will offer an information session on NYS health insurance at the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison, on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Open enrollment starts Nov. 1 and two certified application counselors will be on hand to answer questions and help attendees with their health insurance needs.

Sculpture Media

"Creating with Sculptural Media" will take place Thursdays at 10 a.m. from Nov. 5 through Dec. 17 at Reed Memorial Library on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. A variety of media will be used to create an assortment of decorative art pieces. Registration is required at 845-225-2439.

Serino Honored

County Executive MaryEllen Odell will honor State Sen. Sue Serino on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mr. Gugs Countryside Inn, 1023 Route 52, Kent. \$30 per person/ \$50 per couple. Includes beer, wine and lite fare. RSVP by Nov. 4 to sensorsueserino@gmail.com or call Paula at 845-224-5817.

'Blithe Spirit'

Brewster High School Performing Arts presents "Blithe Spirit"

by Noël Coward, an improbable farce in three acts, Nov 5 to 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Brewster High School, 50 Foggintown Road. Tickets are \$12. Call 845-279-5051 or visit www.brewsterschools.org.

Korean Culture

Kids age 6 and older can explore Korea on Friday, Nov. 6 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Patterson Library, 1167 Route 311. Try on a hanbok, taste sikhye and read a Korean story with the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Registration is required at 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Paranormal Investigators

The Putnam Valley Grange will present Putnam After Dark featuring the Poughkeepsie Paranormal Investigators with founder and Lead Investigator James Mulcahy on Friday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 128 Mill St., Putnam Valley. Requested admission \$10.

Penny Social

The Carmel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host its annual holiday penny social Saturday, Nov. 7 beginning at 5 p.m.

Make a Board Game

On Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., children 7 and older are invited to the "Make Your Own Board Game" program at the Brewster Public Library. Registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/pva6a3k> or 845-279-6421.

Coloring for Adults

The Kent Public Library will hold a drop-in coloring event for adults Saturday, Nov. 7 from 12-30 to 2:30 p.m. at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. See what this craze is about.

Plant-Based Diet

"Whole Food Plant Based Lifestyle" programs will be presented Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. Call 845-225-2439 to register.

Ukulele Workshop

A ukulele workshop will take place Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library on Route 6. This beginners workshop will introduce participants to the ukulele and its unique instrumentation. Bring your uke or simply watch the demonstration. Free for ages 13 through adult. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Med Take Back

A Medication Take Back Day will take place Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Putnam Hospital Center on Stoneleigh Avenue in Carmel. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet meds accepted. No syringes; remove personal patient information; and keep meds in original packaging.

Sensory Stories

"Sensational Sensory Stories" will take place Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at Mahopac Public Library on Route 6. This program for 6- to 12-year-olds with special needs is presented by Yellow Finch Project (a team of artists and special educators dedicated to creating a safe and comfortable environment) in collaboration with the library. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Rabies Clinic

Bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Brook Farm Veterinary Center, Routes 22 and 164, Patterson. Sponsored by the Putnam County Department of Health. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. All dogs must be leashed and in control at all times, and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. 845-808-1390, ext. 43127.

Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, waffles, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelets and more. \$10 for adults, \$5 for young adults, free for kids younger than 12. 845-629-6925 or stvmattson@gmail.com.

Artist

Reception

A meet-the-artist reception for Janet Lupinacci will be held Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library on Route 6. Her watercolors will be displayed in the third-floor gallery during the month of November.

Dog Training Seminar

The Mahopac Public Library will host a free dog training seminar Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Learn about setting clear and fair expectations, proper exercise and socialization, obedience trainings, integrating a new puppy into the home, and more. Presented by Steven Reid, S.R. Dog Training, LLC. For ages 10 and older. No pets. Registration is requested at www.mahopaclibrarysite.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

CCE Meeting

The 72nd annual business meeting of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. Free and open to the public, it includes the election of members to the Board of Directors and presentation of enrollee certificates.

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The Walter Hoving Home choir performs at the annual PADV/WRC candlelight vigil last week. Photos by Holly Toal.



In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, county employees wore purple-colored clothing to work Wednesday, Oct. 21.

By Holly Toal

People Against Domestic Violence, in cooperation with the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, hosted a candlelight vigil in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Oct. 26, beginning at 6 p.m. on the steps of the Historic Courthouse in Carmel, with a procession leading to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fair Street where a ceremony

followed.

In 2014, the WRC served 1,800 women, children and men from the region. Of those, 1,184 were domestic violence cases, 132 were sexual assault cases and 77 were a combination both.

WRC Executive Director Ann Ellsworth said the annual vigil is always strange for her because "it's like a wake." While throughout the year the WRC helps many people who have

taken the steps away from a violent domestic situation, Ellsworth said the vigil reminds her that there are still many in the fight.

"For me, this is always about those who are still in it, and those who haven't made it," she said.

Ellsworth explained that the WRC creates space for women to find what they need to be whole again. "We don't save anyone," she said. "The only one that saves anyone is that victim."

Alyssa, 26, a member of the Walter Hoving Home choir, shared her story: Her father went to prison when she was 8 years old. Shortly after, she was molested by a family member. "By the age of 14, I was smoking pot and drinking," she said.

Alyssa was eventually kicked out of school, and by age 17 she had hooked up with a guy who forced her into prostitution. "He forced me to do drugs and

held me for ransom," she said.

Her family eventually located her and supported her through court trials to put her abuser behind bars. She has been at the Walter Hoving Home for eight months. "So I'm getting the help I needed," said Alyssa.

Frank Marocco of PADV reminded those at the vigil: "The effects of domestic violence don't stop right after the attack — they're lifelong."

Dems and Reps Win in Philipstown

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Gallagher, with a tally of 1,444 to 1,180 votes (55 to 45 percent). Incumbent Democratic Town Board

members Nancy Montgomery and Robert Flaherty also maintained their positions, with 1,616 and 1,714 votes, respectively. They were being challenged by Republican Craig Watters, who received 1,186 votes.

For Philipstown Highway Superintendent, challenger Carl Frisenda, a Democrat, ousted Republican incumbent Roger Chirico, 1,459 to 1,160 (56 to 44 percent).

Paul."

Republican Highway Superintendent Michael Bruen also maintained his seat against Democratic challenger Louis Ciarabella, 1,445 to 1,160 votes (55 to 45 percent).

In Brewster, one Village Board member was replaced. Republican Erin Meagher (111 votes) and incumbent Christine Piccini of the Best for Brewster Party (104 votes) were elected, leaving incumbent Republican Teresa Stockburger (102 votes) and George Gaspar of the BFB Party (90 votes) unsuccessful.

cited to have won again, and I can't thank the people enough," Eckardt said after the results were posted Tuesday night. "I was absolutely thrilled with both campaigns. Both were so positive — I have nothing but complements for Edwin and

me to this victory. Your faith and trust in me will never be betrayed. I will never let you down."

For Town Clerk, Democrat Sherry Howard defeated Republican Ellen Hayes, 1,355 to 812 votes (63 to 37 percent). However, for Putnam Valley Town Board, it was Republican incumbents Louis Luongo and Steven Mackay who defeated Democratic challenger Cathy Hanson, with 1,324, 1,441 and 1,051 votes, respectively.

Oliverio stated Tuesday night. "Your kind words, emails and posts throughout this campaign powered

Tendy Defeats Levy 7,600-5,700

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Some people stuck their necks out and supported me. I'm really grateful for them."

Levy's office came under

much scrutiny over the past two years after numerous scandals, including the arrest of his former live-in personal trainer for accused rape of a teenage girl (he was later acquitted), a lawsuit he brought against the county sheriff for defamation of character (which is still pending), and a string of overturned convictions and case dismissals.

During his concession speech, Levy thanked the people of Putnam for allowing him "the

privilege of serving as their district attorney" for the last eight years.

"I am proud of my record," he said. "Together with my fantastic team of ADAs and our partners in law enforcement, we have created a justice system in Putnam that is more advanced, more effective, and safer to work in than ever before... I took a lot of hits. But I believed in doing what was right, not what was easy."

Put. Employees & Retirees Fight Insurance Increase

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change — and this is immediate, the way it's structured — to make a change to their lifestyle, and for someone to have to give back \$1,200 is detrimental to their lifestyle... I think it places an unfair burden on these people who have retired and were promised something."

Legislator Kevin Wright, R-Mahopac, said he would in no way be supportive of the increased contributions.

"A government that pays for its bills of tomorrow on the backs of the citizens and employees from yesterday is a very, very pernicious animal," he said. "It starts to sound like what's wrong with the definition of socialism. It's a wonderful system until you run out of other people's money.

"Well, the county appears to have run out of its own money. And unfortunately, now, for having not had the vision to deal prospectively with serious burgeoning health care costs... you break a bond and a covenant with people who worked for this county 20, 30 sometimes even 40 years ago..."

"Many of the employees that you're dealing with worked for the county at a different time and things were different; when government jobs weren't so very highly prized and desirable," continued Wright. "Salaries were lower but there was some degree of job security, and there was certainly a promise that if loyal service was given a modest benefit package would await you in retirement. And you break that bond with a sledgehammer."

Legislator Roger Gross, R-Southeast, also voiced strong dissent for the proposal.

"They were never consulted on the specifics — they were consulted about an increase but no specifics of 25 and 30 percent," he said of the unions and retirees.

"We're looking at people that are making \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year facing a 150 percent, 200 percent increase."

Legislator Carl Albano, R-Carmel, however, said the Legislature needs to think of all its constituents.

"We represent 100,000 people here in Putnam County," he said. "It's not right to tell the rest of the residents that no matter where this goes, they will bear the costs. It's only fair to pair the costs onto the people that are benefiting... Times have changed, health insurance continues to go up every year. As things go up it's only fair to make adjustments with the bills we have."

Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, not only spoke out against the proposed contribution increases, but added that people who have pensions up to \$30,000 should not have to contribute at all.

"They are in poverty," she said. "If you're living on \$20,000, that's very, very low. So if we can do something, figure something out — but we need time."

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robust slate of candidates from which to choose this year. Rather than trying to inhibit the ability to make real choices, supporters of all the candidates should welcome and encourage this opportunity. It is in this vein that I encourage all who are eligible to vote, to embrace this opportunity and join me in voting Tuesday Nov. 3.

*P. Richardson
Kent*

Dear Editor:

It is the time of the year again when we can decide who will best represent us in our local Kent government. I am taking the time to write you because we have an opportunity to keep Kent moving forward. Thanks to the conservative fiscal management by our Supervisor Maureen Fleming, we find the Town of Kent in good financial

standing, and no longer the highest taxed town in Putnam County.

This continued fiscal management is essential if we are to stop the slide of our real estate values. There are many challenges in the future that our town faces. The worst winter in 50 years is in the forecast, which could ruin any town's highway budget; seniors will not see a Social Security increase for 2016. Along with our stumbling economy, this will make it difficult for some to make ends meet.

Thanks to Maureen's due diligence and foresight, Kent is a better place to live. We need her conservative fiscal management to turn Kent from "the Town of Can't" to a town people want to move to and a town where people are proud to live. This is why I have taken the time to write you and ask you to do me a favor and support our Supervisor Maureen Fleming.

*Paul Roncallo
Carmel*

Dear Editor:

With diminished opportunities to meet and listen to political candidates, I was glad the Sedgewood Club organized a candidates'

forum two Saturdays ago in its boathouse on China Pond. Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, along with Town Board candidates Scott Chin, Dale Cusack, Jaime McGlasson and Nancy Sorbella were joined by candidates for district attorney, Adam Levy and Robert Tendy.

I was disappointed that Dennis Illuminati, Conservative candidate for Kent supervisor, was unable to attend.

In a pleasant setting, it was largely an informative afternoon. I had an opportunity to speak with Nancy Sorbella before the forum, and it was refreshing to listen to a long-term resident and political newcomer's calm and reasonable approach to developing the Route 52 corridor. While mentioning redevelopment is something we all want to see happen, she spoke of identifying core businesses that could be viable partners for our town and what they would need to relocate here and to succeed.

She spoke of her mom's mid-western hometown, while not exactly similar, as a model of working with a variety of projects from different sources to achieve 100 percent success together. I like her thoughtful, well-considered approach to some of the problems we will need to work on together to achieve success in Kent.

Our Town Board needs thoughtful people who will consider all aspects of a problem before plunging ahead, and why I decided at the Sedgewood Forum to take a chance on voting for newcomer Nancy Sorbella for the Kent Town Board.

*Diana Tisi
Kent*

Dear Editor:

Blessed quiet has reigned in the Southeast Town Hall for the

past four years – a far cry from the laughable turmoil that roiled inside its walls from 2008-11. No supervisor crashing his car smack into a DWI; no cops called because, ostensibly, the office was bugged; no paranoid fear of a host of staff enemies lurking outside a closed door.

Instead, the format has been quiet, efficient local government of, by and for the people.

For this, "we, the people" can thank three incumbents who are largely, if not exclusively, responsible. To their credit, they have worked together without animus and achieved much in a fine example of inspiring bipartisanship. That, of course, is just as it should be.

All three should be re-elected in November.

Michelle Stancati is the town clerk who deftly juggles a full set of responsibilities and makes it look easy. In short, she is what every public servant should be: welcoming, willing and very able. Not since Ellie Stevens decades ago has anyone filled the post as well.

Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt is a dynamo of energy that fuels an imagination and intelligence dedicated to the fulfillment of her commitment to the community. At her instigation, for example, solar panels at the old and closed town dump will save Southeast taxpayers \$1.8 million on electricity for town buildings over the next 20 years.

A small business owner, Lynne has been active in community affairs for two decades. She has long been an always-prepared-for-meetings board member of a number of town and county organizations, including Concerned Residents of Southeast and the Putnam Community Action Program. She is also a founding member and president of Putnam Smart Growth

Alliance.

Tony Hay has been outstanding as the supervisor of Southeast Township for the last four years. Before that he served the broader community for a long stretch on the County Legislature. He is wisely calm and determined as he exercises leadership, but his commitment to good government is gold-plated. In this first term, he has focused successfully on fiscal management and the restructuring of various town departments.

He and Councilwoman Eckardt have worked closely together on various projects. The town's fund balance reserves, for example, grew markedly from \$98,000 to \$1.3 million as a result of their teamwork, and growth in town taxes has been kept within the 2 percent state cap every year since 2012. For 2016, it will be 1 percent.

In addition to the foregoing, the election of John Lord to the Southeast Town Council will bring still more fiscal strength to community government. Since 1976, he has had extensive international business experience as vice president of three companies in areas such as analysis of bids and costs, selection of vendors, business relationships, problem solving and settlement of claims.

John grew up in Southeast and has lived here for 48 years. He has a keen interest in keeping taxes at a stable minimum, pursuing excellent jobs and sustainable growth, and promoting cultural and sports programs. He is an ardent Category 3 road cyclist and was a travel soccer coach for both of his sons in Brewster United Soccer Club.

I am proud to endorse all four of these good people – two Democrats and two Republicans – because they fully deserve it. Partisanship be damned!

*Edmund Rose
Southeast*

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A CLARION CALL:

RE-INSTITUTE A NATIONAL STRATEGY AND POLICY OF "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH"

**A message from Brigadier General Donald B. Smith, U.S. Army (Ret.)
and the American Security Council Foundation**

A Clarion Call to arms to urge our national leaders to re-institute a national strategy of *Peace Through Strength*.

As we approach a very special time of year, which includes Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the Hanukkah/Christmas holiday season, we should count our blessings that we live in the United States of America, the beacon of freedom, hope, and justice. Our quality of life and standard of living is the envy of the world. The United States is a 239-year-old experiment in democracy that has set the bar for the peaceful expression of human liberty. We have achieved this by adhering to the sacred principles laid down by our forefathers in our founding document, the Declaration of Independence, and our governing document, the United States Constitution.

However, as the Chairman of the Board of the American Security Council Foundation, I am deeply concerned that our beloved country is meandering down the wrong road. Our standard of living is sagging, and our freedoms are under increasing assault. People are losing faith in the government that has led us down this troubling path.

Let me share with you a few examples of why I am so concerned.

How can the United States turn its back on our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and negotiate a fatally flawed nuclear deal with our greatest regional adversary, Iran, that puts our national security at risk and makes our people less safe?

How can the United States allow Russian President Vladimir Putin and the communist leadership of China assume preeminent roles in international relations, overshadowing U.S. global leadership?

How can a great nation continue to outlive its means to the extent that the national debt is approaching 20 trillion dollars?

How can the greatest country in the history of mankind cut its military strength to pre-World War II levels when the world is increasingly unstable and international terrorists are gaining more capability to commit acts of terror right here in our homeland?

"We the People" must take control of our country, stop apologizing for American exceptionalism, and reassert U.S. global leadership. We must set an example for other countries to join us in the fruits of a free market economy, while also building in safeguards to protect the less fortunate in our society.

The United States needs to stop apologizing and start leading. We must return to the strategy of *Peace Through Strength* under which Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union and victory in the Cold War. We urgently need to reshape our foreign and defense policies based on the four pillars of economic strength, diplomatic strength, military strength, and moral leadership.

The American Security Council Foundation urges all Americans to contact their members of Congress and to remind them of the importance of a strong military. We must urge them to stop crippling defense cuts, and to take action to insure that the United States of America continues to foster the best equipped, the best trained and best led military in the entire world.

We urge you to join the American Security Council Foundation in reinstating a national strategy and foreign policy of *Peace Through Strength*. America's best days can still be ahead of us, and the United States can remain the beacon of freedom, hope and justice for the entire world. Let's all work together to keep America free and strong!

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Mahopac High School Create the Change Club members Joseph Tetto, Patrick Salerno, Derek Quirke and Cooper Aquilino with clothing donations the club collected for veterans.

Father Syedullah Joins St. Andrew's

The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah, TSSF, has joined St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to serve as priest and pastoral consultant.

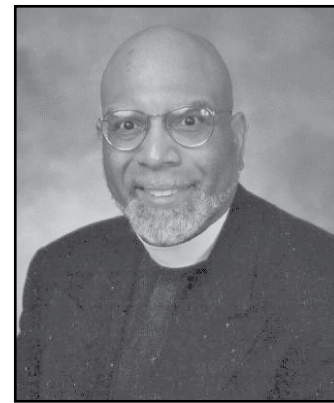
"St. Andrew's is a gracious, welcoming people with good spirit," said Syedullah. "My goal is to prayerfully meet with the congregation to help it discern how God wants it to move forward in the future and how it can continue to faithfully serve in the community."

"Father Syedullah is a remarkable pastoral force and we are most fortunate to have him with us," said Richard Harrison, junior warden of St. Andrew's. "His years of experience in faith formation and the development of congregational life are greatly needed, as well as his sensitivity and compassion in matters pastoral."

Syedullah has been a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of New York for nearly 25 years, and has served Episcopal parishes in various parts of the country for more than 35 years. Both a musician and educator, has focused much of his ministry in the areas of Christian spiritual formation, music and worship, ecumenical and interfaith ministries.

As an African-American born into a family with a Christian mother and a Muslim father, Syedullah has developed a keen awareness of and sensitivity for interfaith concerns. Much of his ministry involves bridge-building among people of different faith traditions, and helping Christians understand their call to be in positive relationship with people of other faiths and to work to end the ignorance, fear and hatred done in the name of religion that fuel so much violence and destruction in today's world.

He is one of the founding members of what is now the Episcopal-Muslim Relations Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The EMRC promotes and enables communication, un-



The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah

derstanding, mutual respect and cooperation between the Episcopal and Muslim communities within the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Syedullah is currently chairman of the EMRC and serves on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, on the

Commission on Ministry and on the Advisory Board of "The Episcopal New Yorker."

He is founder and director of Roots & Branches: Programs for Spiritual Growth, (www.rootsandbranchesprograms.org), a resource to the Episcopal Diocese of New York and to the broader church and other institutions. Roots & Branches provides conferences, workshops, retreats, pilgrimages, classes and other services designed to offer guidance to those who seek to be more rooted in The Source, that they may be more fully themselves and offer life-giving service to others.

These programs are offered nationally and internationally.

A member of the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis, an Anglican/Episcopal Christian community inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi, his ministry emphasizes themes of reconciliation, peacemaking, social justice and respect for all of God's creation.

Syedullah and his wife, Janice, have been married for 44 years. They are the parents of two adult daughters, Jasmine and Amina.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has been a part of Brewster for more than 130 years. The church's grey stone building on Prospect Street is a local landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is home to the Brewster Theater Company and the Brewster Community Food Pantry.

The regular Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's is at 10 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 845-279-4325.

Carmel H.S. Named a 'High Performing School'

Carmel High School has been designated as a 2015-16 "high performing school" by the New York State Education Department. This designation was awarded to 108 public high schools in the state, out of approximately 1,278 public schools with secondary programs.

Carmel is one of 12 high schools in the tri-county area (Westchester, Rockland and Putnam) and the only high school in Putnam County to earn this recognition.

To earn high performing status, high schools must have met predefined participation and performance criteria on New York State's accountability measures to make adequate yearly progress, and not have a gap in performance of more than four points between students in subgroups and students not in subgroups. Also, they must have a combined unweighted performance index in English language arts and

math that places the school within the top 20 percent of all schools with PIs at the secondary level.

These schools must also have a 2009 four-year cohort graduation rate that exceeds 80 percent and the school must also exceed the state average for students graduating with either a Regents diploma with advanced designation or a career and technical education endorsement, and exceed the state average for graduating "at-risk" students in the 2009 cohort.

Superintendent of Schools Andy Irvin congratulated administrators and staff at Carmel High School.

"While we are delighted to achieve this status, we are not surprised," he said. "Our staff members and administrators work diligently throughout the school district to provide the very best education for our students at all levels."

Mahopac Club Collects Clothes for Vets

When members of Mahopac High School's Create the Change Club decide to do something, they do it big.

"We collected 70 bags of clothing and shoes in this year's drive for the Vietnam Veterans of America," said club advisor and Mahopac High School teacher Althea Daley. "We have been collecting clothing and shoes for the organization since 2008, and

the faculty and staff of MHS are always very generous in their donations."

The drive ran for a month, and the donations were picked up by the VVA on Oct. 23. The clothing will be sold in the VVA thrift store, and proceeds will be used to help veterans, according to Daley.

"The VVA organization has taken care of Vietnam War veterans for years, as well as the

families of the veterans," said club member Cooper Aquilino. "And they have expanded their reach to veterans of the Gulf War, Afghan and Iraq wars to make sure these veterans get the financial and medical help they need."

Club member Derek Quirke added: "I like being part of the club because I like to help people less fortunate than me. This club is a great way of helping others."

Take Baking 101 with 4-H

A hands-on enrichment program, Baking 101 with 4-H, is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County.

The program will consist of a seven-week, Monday evening series from Nov. 9 through Dec. 21 and is open to all Putnam County Youth age 9 to 14. Participants need not be members of 4-H to

register.

This will be an opportunity to learn basic baking fundamentals and kitchen safety, a chance to explore culinary careers and to explore the science behind baking, such as ratios, chemistry and ingredient interactions.

Baking 101 with 4-H will be held at the Carmel Fire Department on Gleneida Avenue from

6:30 to 8 p.m. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$115 for non-4-H members, or \$85 for 4-H members.

The program is limited to 12 youth on a first-come, first-served basis. Only a paid registration will reserve a spot. For more information, call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738, or visit www.Putnam.cce.cornell.edu.

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Pumpkins Light Up Desmond-Fish Library

The fifth annual Pumpkin Glow took place Oct. 25 at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Blustery winds and chilly air did not discourage the 28 pumpkins from glowing, and children in costume drinking cider and eating Vera's apple cider donuts. Stacy Labriola had everyone singing Halloween songs to get in the festive spirit.



The Pumpkin Glow was paid for by Friends of the Desmond Fish Library. Photos by Josh Parker.

The Desmond-Fish Library was honored recently at the annual meeting of the Mid-Hudson Library System with two awards for its efforts toward environmental and financial sustainability. Shown are Library Director Jen McCreery and some of the library board members responsible for the award-winning work, including (from left) Timothy Rasic, Arthur Ross, Robert Culp (chairman of the Sustainability Committee), Richard Syrek and Andrew Revkin.



Women's Resource Center Executive Director Ann Ellsworth, left, recently accepted a donation from the Brewster High School varsity girls' tennis team, and coach Daria Pascale.

Lady Bears Donate to Women's Resource Center

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center received a donation in the amount \$1,040 on Oct. 15 from the Brewster High School varsity girls' tennis team. The donation represents proceeds from a carnival the team organized earlier in September to raise funds for the agency.

Coach Daria Pascale has worked alongside these generous athletes for many years.

"This is the fourth fundraiser to date – and the most successful," she said. "The lady Bears are proud to give back to their community. Advocacy is an important skill. We are not only passionate

about tennis, but about ending domestic violence, as well."

WRC Executive Director Ann Ellsworth said she was grateful for the donation and proud to have the support of young women supporting the agency's mission, and helping to raise awareness in the community.

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center is a not-for-profit organization established to provide advocacy, education and services to the community in order to create a safe, supportive environment that eliminates violence against women and children, and promotes gender equality.

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