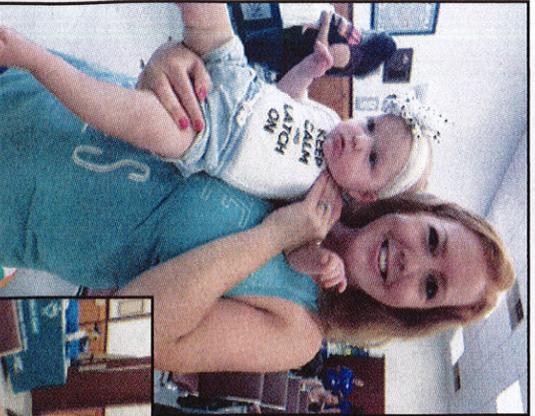
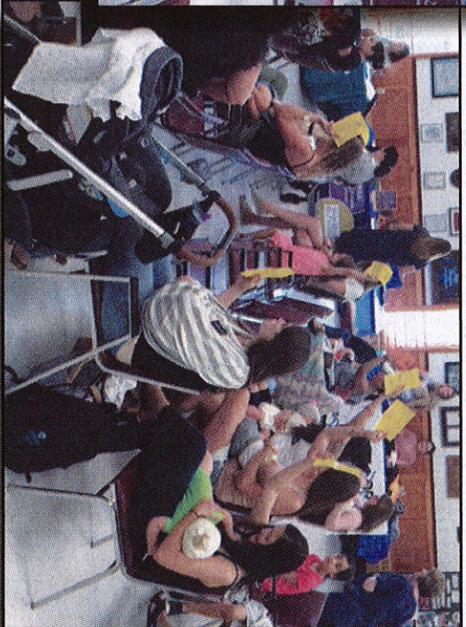


Breastfeeding Movement 'Latches On' in Putnam

Babies latch on for the official count. In Putnam, the numbers are tallied as accurately as possible by a show of hands, raising a yellow card when the baby actually latches on.



Lesli Conley from Carmel with 7-month-old Knox were two of the happy Latch On participants.



Abigail O'Brien from Putnam Valley has been at all six Latch On events at the Carmel Fire Department. This year she brought her fourth child, 5-month-old Piper.



Karina Torres from Kent breastfeeds 6-month-old Liam Isaak, as siblings Esteven, 5, and Seline, 11, look on.



Elsa Hernandez and 15-month old Emily from Poughkeepsie enjoy a snack of blueberries at the Latch On event at the Carmel Fire Department.

A total of 29 breastfeed-

ing moms participated in the Putnam County Health Department's Latch On event Aug. 2, which took place at the Carmel firehouse, and the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison.

There were a total of 18 mothers from Carmel and 11 from Garrison, but siblings, friends, family, caregivers and other supporters came from as far away as Highland Falls in Orange County and Westchester County.

Two moms – Abigail O'Brien from Putnam Valley and Lizz Gaffney from Carmel – have attended the Latch On in Putnam County every year since its inception six years ago.

The Global Big Latch On takes place annually over three days during World Breastfeeding Week, Aug. 1 to 7, and includes in-person locations and virtual attendance. A worldwide peer support and community development event, it aims to strengthen national and global support for breastfeeding and to improve the health of children and women around the world.

The Big Latch On began in New Zealand in 2005, and

started in the U.S. in 2010. Participation has grown from about 2,000 breastfeeding children in 2010 to about 21,500 in 2018.



Summer Concert, Ribbon Cutting in Paterson

The Patterson Library will hold a ribbon cutting celebration for its new grant-funded patio Thursday, Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. The patio is Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant and will provide easy access to the Patterson Library Park for the entire public. Following the ribbon cutting, a summer concert will begin at 6 p.m. Jerry Costanzo and his Quartet will entertain attendees with selections from the Great American Songbook. Bring the family, chairs or a blanket, a picnic, and enjoy a summer evening in the park.

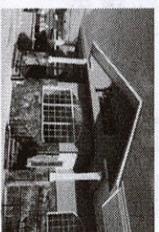
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