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## Mahopac's Colamonico heads to Democratic convention

### County party chair to represent Putnam at the DNC

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Putnam County Democratic Party Chair Jennifer Colamonico may spend most of her political energy on local and county elections, but the Mahopac woman of two recently expanded her portfolio after being selected a national party delegate.

Colamonico—who is also a New York State delegate—will represent Putnam County at Democratic National Convention in Chicago from Aug. 22.

There are two kinds of delegates, elected and appointed," Colamonico, who was County chair before taking the county post in early 2021, is an elected delegate.

Delegates are assigned to congressional district and be town and county party officials.



Jen Colamonico will represent Putnam County as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention later this month.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF JEN COLAMONICO

chairs met and divided delegate assignments proportionally based on population, with Putnam receiving one spot.

"Because I am the chair, I was offered it first, and I jumped at the chance," said Colamonico. "Once you accept that responsibility, you have to carry petitions, so we got hundreds of signatures back in December. Those who voted in April for the presidential primary actually voted for me and my fellow NY-17 delegates from Westchester and Rockland, including Mondaire Jones who is running [against Lawler] in NY-17."

Being a first-time delegate would be an experience in any election, but Colamonico is taking on the role during an unusual election cycle that saw the expected nominee, President Joe Biden, step aside and be replaced by Vice President Kamala Harris.

Colamonico is a Putnam County resident and a past member of the Mahopac Democratic Party.



Brooklyn resident and leukemia survivor looking for her shoes in the mud.  
PHOTO: ISABELLA PEARSON MARSHALL

The Muddy Puddles childhood cancer fundraiser at Camp Kiwi



# A Whole Mess Of Fun!

If the laundry detergent aisle at your local supermarket seemed low on stock, fear not—it's not a return to COVID-era shortages, it's just the aftermath of one of the dirtiest days on the local calendar: The Ty Louis Camp- bell Foundation's Muddy Puddles.

The 11th annual charity event brought scores of people to Mahopac's Kiwi Country Day Camp on Saturday for some very serious fun, including a slip-n-slide, food fights, paint splatters, zip line, a bubble car wash, and, of course, the giant mud puddle. Sometimes referred to as "Mess Fest," this signature event for the Muddy Puddles Project was created by Cindy and Lou Campbell to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancers, which tragically took the life of their son Ty at age 5 in 2012. Ty loved Peppa Pig and dreams of jumping in the mud with Peppa when he recovered. Learn more at [muddypuddlesproject.org](http://muddypuddlesproject.org).



Brewster resident Ennet Kirschbaum, 5, is a self-proclaimed "mud monster." Mahopac resident, Olivia Pascale, 9, gets the mud hoseed off of her by the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

Mahopac resident Anastasia Varone, 6, on the giant slip and slide.

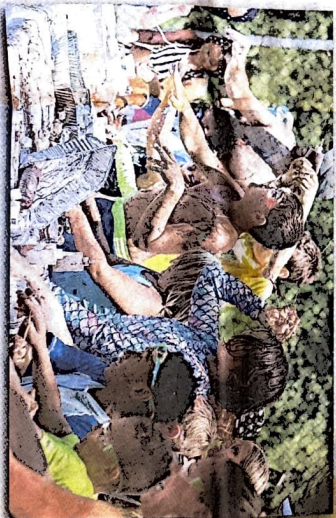


Yorktown residents Cole, 9, and Jennifer Payant love the mud puddle.



The Finemey family, from Mahopac, hangs out with Peppa Pig, the official mascot of MessFest.

The food fight gets everyone messy.



Goshen resident Alec, 4, is very happy about the car wash.



Ty  
Brain Tumor  
Forever 5

Ty Louis Campbell's photo, as well as many other photos of kids that dotted the entire property, is a reminder of the reason behind MessFest.