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Sister Loretta Guevarra

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## A Habit of Goodness

*Graymoor's Sister Loretta celebrates 75 years of service*

**O**n June 17 Sister Loretta Guevarra, 92, celebrated her 75th year as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement. Born in Los Angeles in 1924 as Leonor Guevarra, she joined the Graymoor community in Garrison in 1942 and took her final vows as a nun in 1949.

As an Atonement missionary, the sister served for 31 years in Brazil, as well as in California, Oregon, Utah and New York City. She returned to Garrison last year to

reside at the St. Francis Convent, where Michael Turton met with her on July 18.

**What did your parents do for a living?**

My parents were Mexican. My father owned a hacienda in California. He gave young Mexican workers a patch of land and housing and in return they worked on the farm.

**Did you give a lot of thought to becoming a nun or was it a spur of the moment decision?**

I wanted to enter the convent when I was 12 years old, *(Continued on Page 11)*

## How the Wind Turns

*Tornadoes rare in Highlands but thunderstorms increase risk*

By Anita Peltonen

**T**aylor Timke was driving from her job as a pharmacy technician at Drug World of Cold Spring to her sister's home in Poughkeepsie on May 31 when she experienced her first tornado. She's hoping it will be her last.

"It was eerie," she recalled. "The clouds were so low, and the wind kept getting bigger, and then the thunder and lightning began. Once the downpour began, I saw a tree go down near a fire station just off Route 52 [in Wappingers Falls], and the thunder became incredibly loud."

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A photo taken at about 7:30 p.m. on May 31 from Hillside Lake Road in Wappingers Falls

Photo by Breanna Winter

## Man Dies in Fall at Breakneck

*Hiker found at bottom of cliff near tunnel*

**A** Brooklyn man died last week in a fall while hiking on Breakneck Ridge.

According to the state parks office, the body of Jason M. Kindopp, 48, was recovered from difficult terrain near the Route 9D tunnel on Monday, July 17. After state park police, forest rangers and emergency response teams developed a plan, officers rappelled about 30 feet down a cliff to reach the body, which was entangled in

thick brush and trees.

The Putnam County medical examiner's office took custody of the body and will determine the cause of death. An investigation into what happened was still underway as of July 20.

Posts by family friends on Facebook said that Kindopp, a member of the Class of 1987 at Parkview Adventist Academy in Lacombe, Alberta, had gone hiking last week but never returned. His body was spotted several days later by another hiker. The family was notified of his death on July 18.



The view from Craig House in April

Photo by Kathy Steinberg

## Craig House Sale Pending

*Historic Beacon estate could change hands*

By Jeff Simms

**T**he sale of the 64-acre Tioronda Estate, the historic property on the outskirts of Beacon that includes the former Craig House psychiatric center, could happen within the next month.

An offer has been accepted on the property, said Beacon-based broker Daniel Aubry. He declined to provide the sale price, although a six-page brochure prepared for potential buyers gave an asking price of \$8 million.

Aubry also would not identify who made the bid, other than to say it was a group

of investors "who already own a considerable amount of property in Beacon." They are paying cash, he said.

Aubry described the investment group as "very experienced people" who have worked in Brooklyn in the past. The parcel was never placed in listing databases, he said, but instead advertised by word of mouth.

The Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency says the site has an assessed value of \$2.55 million for the land and \$550,000 for the structures. The estate of the late hedge fund manager and philanthropist Robert Wilson, which owns the property, pays about \$122,000 in taxes each year — \$11,000 to Dutchess County, \$42,000 to the city, \$67,000 to the school district *(Continued on Page 6)*

# 5 Five Questions: Joe Brennan

By Michael Turton

In 2015, Joe Brennan embarked on a cross-county odyssey in a one-man caravan – a bicycle mounted on the back of an SUV towed by a 35-foot RV. He has traveled 25,000 miles so far, returning to Philipstown for occasional pit stops with one of his brothers, Tim in Cold Spring or Jay at Manitou Station.

### What led to this epic road trip?

I thought I had to either buy a house or start traveling. I wanted to see the beauty of this country – the monuments, state and national parks, the coasts.

### What are the worst and best aspects of traveling alone?

Navigation can be difficult and a little risky at times. The GPS can never be totally trusted and it put me on some forest roads I never should have been on. But decision-making is easy. If I want to turn left, I turn left. If I want to go to the

beach, I go to the beach. There's no discussion.

### How long do you stay in one place?

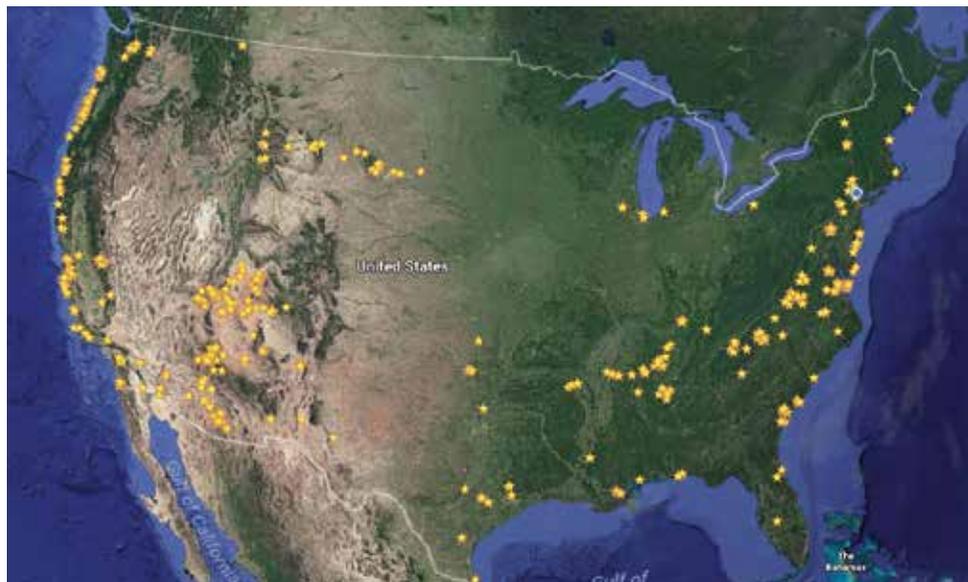
I move about 60 times a year, including one-night stays in Walmart parking lots. Usually I stay for a week at a campsite. Any more than that I start thinking I have to buy a lawn mower!

### Have you made many friends along the way?

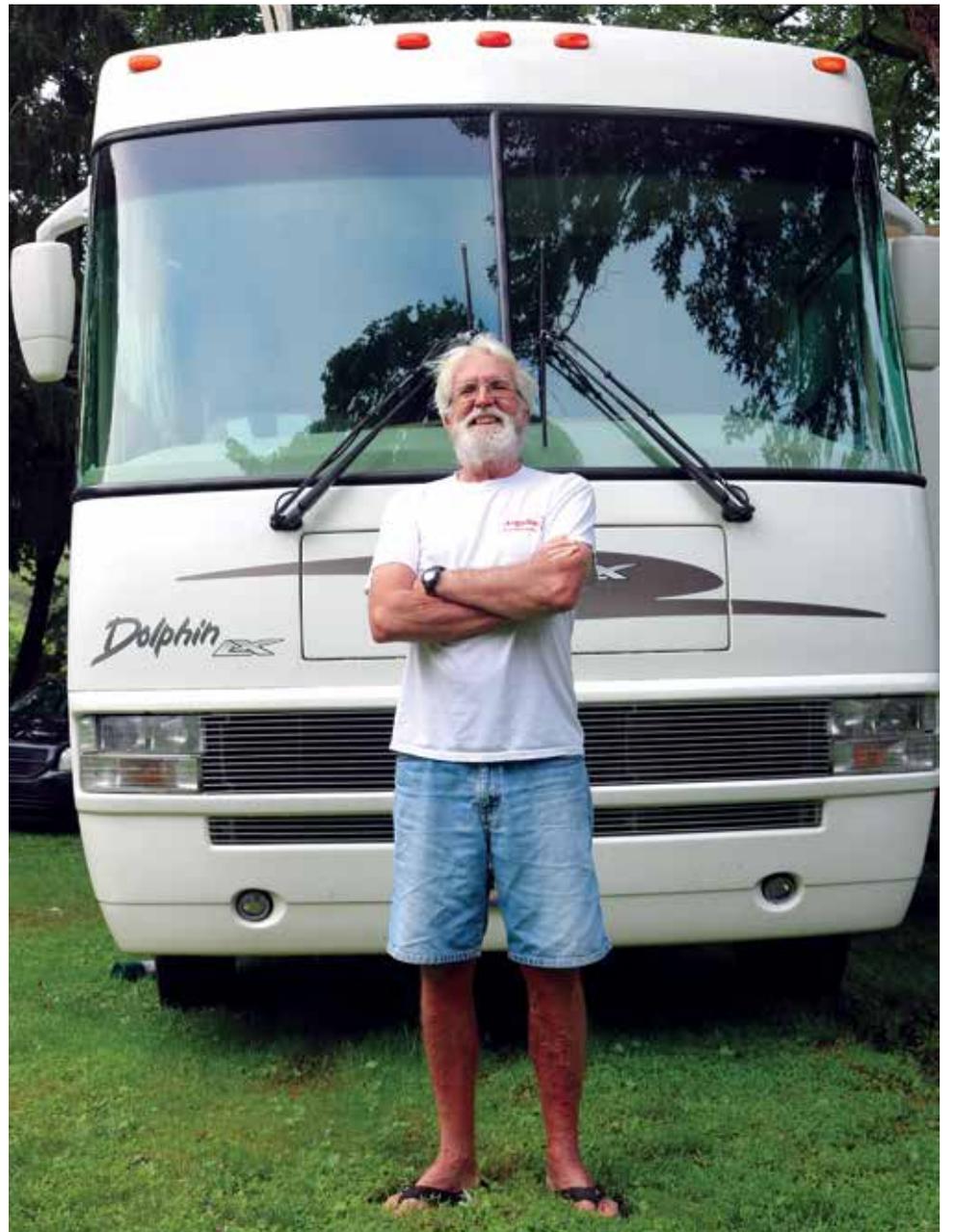
Travis is a good friend. He's 74 or 75 and has been RVing fulltime for 23 years. He taught me how to play pickleball.

### What's the best meal you've had on the road?

It was a Mexican restaurant, but I can't for the life of me remember where. It was either Texas or Louisiana and had crayfish enchiladas that were just unbelievable. Another was a heavenly 22-ounce prime rib somewhere in Virginia. I couldn't finish it.



Each star represents a place that Joe Brennan has stayed since 2015.



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# Impasse Over Fire Protection

*Cold Spring, Nelsonville continue to clash over payments*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The dispute over Cold Spring's provision of fire protection to Nelsonville took new turns this month, threatening to impair funding for the Cold Spring Fire Company (CSFC) and change the way Nelsonville pays for firefighting, although both villages insist they're acting in good faith.

Since late 2016, the neighboring villages have clashed over what Nelsonville should pay Cold Spring for coverage by the fire company, which under state law functions as a Cold Spring municipal agency, such as the highway department.

Cold Spring wants Nelsonville to contribute to escalating costs of workers' compensation and the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP, a pension plan) for the volunteer firefighters.

Nelsonville has balked. Mayor Bill O'Neill informed his Cold Spring counterpart, Dave Merandy, in a June 30 letter that "Nelsonville intends to hold a referendum in 2018 to gain approval" of voters for contributing to LOSAP/workers' comp.

Merandy countered in a July 14 letter to O'Neill that the amount of workers' comp and LOSAP "does not have to be approved by Nelsonville since the matters concern a Cold Spring village department."

Cold Spring billed Nelsonville \$21,679 in October, in a semi-annual installment, for charges that included an increase in workers' comp and LOSAP. In January Nelsonville paid \$20,675 of the invoice, withholding \$1,004 that represented the increased LOSAP/workers' comp.

When LOSAP and workers' compensation costs again went up early this year, Cold Spring, in April, sent a contract whose terms require Nelsonville to pay about \$44,824 a year for fire protection, or \$22,412 every six months.

Nelsonville protested, drafting its own contract and arguing that it had paid \$20,675 semi-annually for eight years, even after the previous contract expired in 2013. On July 1, O'Neill sent Cold Spring another check for \$20,675, accompanied by his June 30 letter, in which he complained that Merandy "consistently refused to negotiate in good faith."

In his July 14 reply, Merandy agreed to a few changes to the proposed contract that Nelsonville had requested, such as having it last one year, instead of five. He termed the concessions "a good-faith effort" to



The three-person Nelsonville Village Board (from left): Trustee Alan Potts, Mayor Bill O'Neill and Trustee Thomas Robertson  
Photo by L.S. Armstrong

reach agreement but said he and the Cold Spring Village Board "object to Nelsonville's attempt to unilaterally force Cold Spring to agree to Nelsonville's terms. An agreement must be on terms *mutually agreeable to both parties*," he emphasized.

Merandy then asked O'Neill to sign an acknowledgement that Nelsonville's latest check "represents only a partial payment." Signing it "will allow Cold Spring to cash the first payment and direct funds to the CSFC while the villages work toward finalizing an agreement," he stated. If O'Neill does not sign the acknowledgement, Merandy added, Cold Spring "will continue to honor calls for assistance"

from Nelsonville but "the cost of responding to these calls will be billed" to Nelsonville's village government separately in each incident.

At Nelsonville's July 17 Village Board meeting, O'Neill said he would not sign the acknowledgement. "I can't simply say 'Yes, this is a partial payment,'" he said. "I don't have any idea what that means."

Trustee Thomas Robertson said that Nelsonville had sent the \$20,675 payment "in good faith until we reach an agreement. It's getting difficult and very bizarre."

"It's been a strange situation," O'Neill concurred, calling on Cold Spring to negotiate. "We have no desire to have a conflict."

# Ticketed and Towed at Little Stony Point

*Police say parked cars created hazard on 9D*

By Michael Turton

A Yonkers family had a costly lesson on July 15 in the lack of parking along the corridor between Little Stony Point and Breakneck Ridge.

John and Sarah Coffey and their two daughters went for a two-hour afternoon hike after parking on the shoulder of Route 9D just north of the Little Stony Point Park. When they returned, their car was gone.

"At first we wondered if it had been stolen," Sarah Coffey said.

In fact, the car had been ticketed by a Putnam County sheriff's deputy and towed by Tow Time to its lot on Route 9 near Cold Spring. John Coffey took a taxi to the lot and paid \$380 for the return of his Ford Edge, but only after Tow Time owner Bob Antenucci drove him to an ATM to get cash.

Antenucci said the policy is cash-only for reclaiming impounded vehicles because owners are usually upset and often stop payment as soon as they leave the lot if they've used a check or credit card. Antenucci also gave Coffey a copy of the parking ticket.

Residents have long complained about unsafe conditions, inadequate parking and a lack of enforcement along Route 9D between Cold Spring and Beacon.

"I can see that it's not the safest place to park, but if parking is not allowed there should be signs," said Sarah Coffey. "A ticket for a violation would be fair, but not the towing."

Coffey also complained that numerous other cars were parked in the same area that afternoon but not ticketed or towed.

The issue was not a lack of signage, according to Antenucci, who said that when he arrived, the Coffey car was parked over the white line that marks the edge of the lane. He also said at least one other vehicle parked in the area was ticketed and towed that afternoon by another towing service.

Capt. William McNamara of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department confirmed

Antenucci's account, writing in an email that, according to the ticket, "one side of the vehicle [was] about 2 to 3 feet over the white fog line, thus partially blocking the driving portion of the highway."

McNamara confirmed that a second vehicle was ticketed and towed around the same time.

"I really don't feel this is a fair way to treat people who come and spend money at local businesses," Sarah Coffey said. "We have come here the last three weekends and we usually spend \$150 on lunch plus shopping."

Asked if they will fight the ticket, Coffey said, "I'd like to but my husband doesn't want to," adding that they will not likely visit again.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Development blues**

You reported on July 14 that the city of Beacon is considering a moratorium on residential development that would last six months ("Beacon Mulls Development Ban"). How about 10 years?

James Larkin Sr., *Beacon*

Things of concern to people of Beacon:

Water supply: Anyone factor in drought conditions; e.g., what California, Texas, Florida and other states have experienced? Broken water mains? Then we'll get our water from the Hudson River like Poughkeepsie.

"Where will all the garbage and sewage go?" as Pete Seeger might have sung. Now that we'll have an additional 2,360 people or more, do treatment plants need to grow for the additional flow?

Fire walls? Seems some developers failed to implement building codes in condos in Jersey and London. Ladder trucks,

anyone? Creating problems for our fine volunteer fire department!

Where do you put the cars that come with 2,360 people, especially on snow days? Parking on Main Street has been a problem since I came up to work at WBNR in 1966. There's even been talk of having parking on only one side of Main Street, and more recently of installing meters.

Who'll be left holding the bag when condos burn, water supply dries up, we're inundated with garbage, sewage and odors at the foot of beautiful Mount Beacon? Not the developers, who leave these issues to government, once built! They just collect the rent.

Slam the door on the lobbyists! They made Washington and Albany what it is today. Leaders beware, for as the sign on President Truman's desk said, "The buck stops here."

Nicholas Conti, *Beacon*

**Main Street rents**

This is an open letter to the Main Street landlords in Beacon.

Please take a moment to reflect on how your decisions affect this community. During the past few years, Beacon has seen a tremendous resurgence and growth in the real estate market. The housing market is at an all-time high, and many of the businesses in the city seem to be thriving.

Unfortunately, I have noticed a number of business owners pulling up stakes and moving to nearby communities. All too often the reason they are leaving is the same: as rents continue to increase, some entrepreneurs find it exceedingly difficult to succeed.

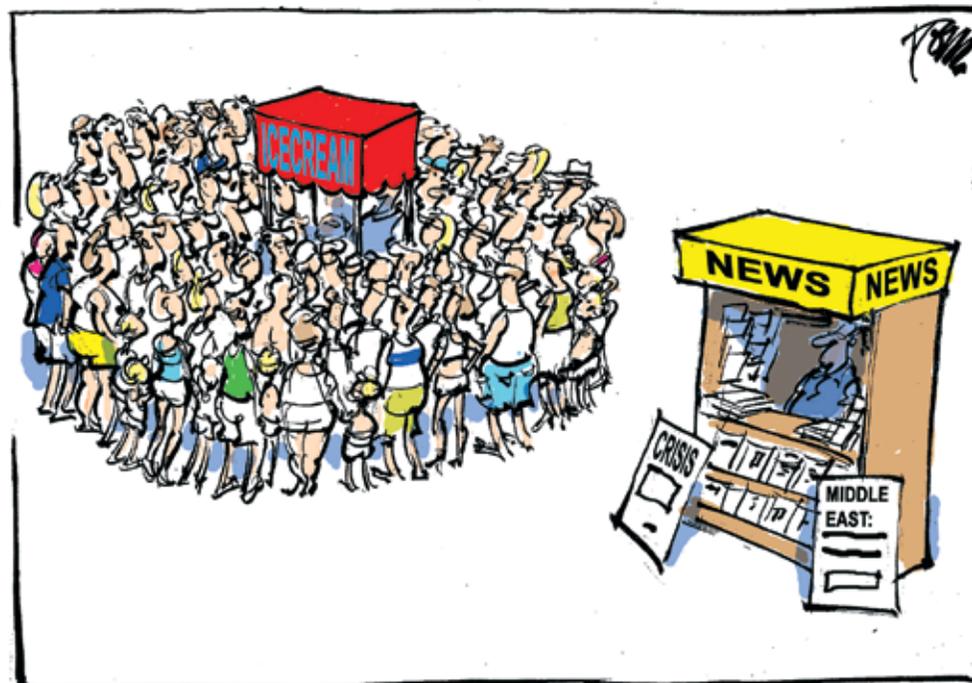
My main concern is that the almighty dollar has gotten in the way of what Beacon is — a small river city proud of its heritage. It is not Manhattan or Brooklyn or Westchester and never will be. Those who decide to establish a business here do so for various reasons, but obviously one important reason is location. To be a part of a growing economy in this flourishing community must be exhilarating. But then to have one's dreams dashed because of out-of-control rents must be devastating.

Landlords, please don't be the cause of this economic bubble bursting in Beacon. Yes, you own rental property to make money. That is well understood. But don't allow the ability to make a financial killing get in the way of what is right and fair. A business leaving the city is not good for the city. And an empty storefront is not good for you.

Charles Dunn, *Beacon*

**Chickpea memories**

You can easily adapt the recipe for chickpea salad shared by Mary Ann Ebner in the July *(Continued on next page)*



**Taking it to the Street** By Anita Peltonen

*What would you do if you won the lottery?*



"Move to Europe and buy a house.  
Then invest all the rest!"  
~ Marissa DiPalo, Cold Spring



"Buy land and build a house. We're  
renting in Garrison, and we love it!"  
~ Amy Salas, Garrison



"Oh, man! I'd make sure my house and  
bills were paid off. Then I'd go buy a  
home on an island somewhere."  
~ Laura Kolakoski, Beacon

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

7 issue to make hummus ("Cook On: Eat Your Chickpeas").

In an Italian family, roasted chickpeas were served like nuts: ground up with sugar, bits of chocolate, citrus placed in half-moon dough and fried for St. Joseph's day; with pasta, and in minestrone soup. Much of the immigrant family cuisine featuring vegetables (out of necessity) is now "in," recognized as healthy and featured in restaurants at prices that would make

my grandmother cringe.

Teri Waivada, *Garrison*

**A change of direction**

I loved your candid and encouraging interview with Dorothy Carlton, who went from salon owner to nurse at age 53 ("From Hair to Health Care," June 30). I'm excited about my options!

Sheri Butler, *Sparrowbush*

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## Craig House Sale Pending *(from Page 1)*

and \$1,750 to the Howland Library.

The 14,000-square-foot, neo-gothic mansion on the property was built in 1859 for Gen. Joseph Howland and his wife, Eliza. A 38-room extension was built in 1979. A gatekeeper's home and a building that served as a church and school still stand, although a carriage house and a craft shop were torn down in 2011.

The parcel, which is located on Route 9D across from the University Settlement Camp, is roughly divided into upper and lower portions, Aubry said. Regarding the upper portion, where the mansion sits, "the thinking is that would be wonderful for a destination spa or high-end resort."

The mansion will not be demolished, regardless of future development plans, Aubry added.

The lower portion of the property, which borders Fishkill Creek, will likely be de-



Craig House

Photo by Kathy Steinberg

*The mansion will not be demolished, regardless of future development plans.*

veloped into residential housing, he said. Beacon zoning regulations would allow about 22 single-family homes on the entire property, Aubry said, but he speculated that a new owner might ask for a variance.

"I don't think 22 housing lots is a viable economic option," he said. "They might want to get some more density in there."

After Howland's death in 1885, his widow donated the property for the care

of the mentally ill. Part of the estate was purchased about 30 years later by two doctors who opened a psychiatric hospital specializing in addiction treatment, calling it Craig House.

Luminaries such as Zelda Fitzgerald and, later, comedian Jackie Gleason spent time at Craig House. Frances Seymour, the wife of Henry Fonda and mother of Peter and Jane Fonda, committed suicide there in 1942. Rosemary Kennedy, the elder sister of President John F. Kennedy, spent years there after she was given a lobotomy in 1941. Marilyn Monroe was rumored to have stayed, as well.

## Good for What Ails You

In 1935, the editors of *Fortune* selected Craig House as one of the five best sanitariums in the country for nervous disorders. It was run by Clarence Jonathan Slocum, who had purchased it two decades earlier with a partner. They named it after Craig Hospital in Scotland, which allowed its patients to walk its grounds freely.

At Craig House, *Fortune* reported, "there are no locked doors, no barred windows in individual cottages scattered over the estate. There are several employees to each patient — almost 100 nurses, a score of men working on the grounds, six doctors, dozens of cooks, waitresses, chauffeurs, etc." The estate had a golf course with a pro who gave lessons, along with swimming pools, six riding horses, tennis courts, a baseball field and a gym.

The article continued: "You get the atmosphere of an upper-class home, with Dr. Slocum and his wife in roles of host and hostess." The doctor "detests psychoanalysis and will have none of it. His 'practical psychotherapy' consists simply in getting on friendly terms with the patient, visiting him daily to talk over his problems and giving him advice and encouragement."

The hospital closed in 1999. In 2003, Wilson purchased the property but never developed it. After suffering two strokes, he committed suicide in 2013 at age 87 and his estate has owned it since.



A sign found in the basement of Craig House

Photo by Kathy Steinberg



Inside Craig House

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# Beacon Residents Voice Opinions About Proposed Building Ban

## Council vote expected in September

By Jeff Simms

Public comment dominated the July 17 Beacon City Council meeting, the first since Mayor Randy Casale announced that the city is considering a six-month moratorium on residential building.

The ban is being considered, Casale said, because Beacon's faster-than-projected growth could bring the city's population uncomfortably close to the threshold its existing water supplies can sustain.

Beacon's population is about 14,400, but with almost 1,000 housing units either under construction or review, that number could jump to nearly 17,000 quickly. The city's water sources can accommodate 17,800, although its comprehensive plan projected Beacon would not grow that large until at least 2050.

The City Council will likely vote in September on the moratorium, which, if adopted, will be backdated to July 3.

At the July 17 meeting, dozens of residents offered their opinions.

Mary Fris, a Main Street business owner, said that she's heard from numerous shop owners that the city should slow resi-

dential growth and concentrate on jobs.

"I get people in my shop every week looking for work, and that's not just high school kids," she said in a later interview. "If there were mid-sized companies in Beacon, those people would stay in Beacon and spend money here."

High-end apartments and condominiums typically appeal to commuters and retirees, she said, not people who spend much money locally.

Others at the meeting, however, argued that a moratorium would stall an economic and cultural revival they see going on in Beacon.

"Beacon has the opportunity to lose the market that has been driving revenue, growth, better schools, a picturesque downtown and tourism," said Theresa Dryfoos. "We all know the market can cool on a dime, which would give us a whole new set of problems."

Jessica Jelliffe expressed concern that continued residential growth might cause Beacon to lose the small-town character that has brought many residents to the city.

"We love this city," Jelliffe said. "We came here because we felt something extremely strong and powerful, and we don't want to lose that. Right now it feels like the development is moving extremely quickly without

taking into account the history and the vibrancy of what we do have."

Frank Fish, a principal at BFJ Planning, which helped a committee of Beacon residents and officials revise the city's comprehensive plan earlier this year, said in an interview that moratoriums are typically utilized when a municipality identifies an issue — like water — that can be addressed and rectified within a given time frame. Six months is considered a "very reasonable" stoppage, he said.

He said BFJ just completed a project with Rockville Center, on Long Island, which has a population of 24,500. Village officials instituted a six-month building moratorium because of concerns that growth in one area of the village was out of scale with the surrounding neighborhoods. BFJ helped the village create a new zoning district to address the issue.

"There needs to be a cause for the moratorium, and it has to be calculated to alleviate whatever condition is identified, Fish said. "I've seen them work very successfully, but if you don't get going on some remedial action during the moratorium, you've negated the reason for doing it."

The Beacon council is scheduled to review a second draft of the proposed moratorium at its July 31 workshop. The council would

## Nearby Moratoriums

- Monroe enacted a 90-day moratorium on residential construction in 2016 and extended it four times to give the town time to update its comprehensive plan. Home developers who had already cleared trees from two parcels sued; one issue was whether they would be able to include "accessory apartments."
- Blooming Grove, South Blooming Grove and Washingtonville each adopted six-month residential moratoriums earlier this year to update their comprehensive plans. Two homeowners who had been attempting since 2015 to install a \$2 million solar array on their farm pleaded for an exemption.
- Officials in Goshen in 2015 declared a six-month moratorium on solar projects to allow village staff to research the technology and how it might affect planning.

have to schedule a public hearing and solicit input from the city and county planning boards before a vote could take place.

# Putnam Prepares to Assemble Specialized Rescue Team

## County has money but needs legislative approval

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County is close to having a specialized rescue team that can come to the aid of people who need to be extricated from an embankment, rescued from a fall or find themselves in an otherwise sticky situation.

Anthony Sutton, the county's emergency services commissioner, told legislators at the July 18 Protective Services Committee meeting that the federal Department of Homeland Security two years ago awarded the county a \$150,000 grant to create a Technical Rescue Team. So far \$80,000 has been spent on equipment and training, he said.

Now, the team needs to be formalized under a mutual-aid agreement.

"We have a growing need in some places in the county, but even all over the county, for specialized rescue," he said.

One such place is Breakneck Ridge in Philipstown.

"There are people in distress on that mountain every week," said Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown), who explained that only select members of the fire department can hike up the mountain to rescue a wayward hiker. In addition, when firefighters are called to the mountain, the department has less manpower to fight a fire or respond to a car crash, should a call come in.

"This, in some ways, is going to allevi-



Firefighters and instructors from West Point and Newburgh prepare to rappel off the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge in 2011 as part of training to create a Rope Rescue Division within the Orange County Technical Rescue Team. *West Point photo*

ate some of the stress that this fire department is facing every week," she said. "There are 1,000 people a weekend who go up that mountain. And it's not just the weekends anymore."

A Technical Rescue Team is trained in rope rescue, as well as rescues that include confined spaces, swift water, high angles, wilderness and ice, Sutton explained. There is already great interest from firefighters, emergency medical technicians and other volunteers to join the team, he said.

"I don't know that there's ever a need to have this degree of training and special-

ization in a fire department, because the calls are not that frequent," he said. "But to have it across the county as a team that can respond, it's beneficial."

Dini LoBue (R-Mahopac Falls) said she is hesitant about the county starting another emergency services team just to address concerns at Breakneck Ridge. But Deputy EMS Commissioner Robert Lipton explained that the squad will also be helpful when it comes to rescuing people from cars that go down an embankment on Interstates 84 or 684, or if someone falls down an elevator shaft.

"There's a way to do extractions and bringing people up that takes knowing how to use ropes and pulleys" while maintaining safety, explained Sutton. "When you meet someone who knows how to rig ropes, it's pretty impressive to see."

He added that it's dangerous for someone to attempt such a rescue if they are not trained to do so, because he or she could become a victim, as well.

Sutton said the county can share the cost of continued training with Westchester County, which has its own Technical Rescue Team, and Orange County, which has a Rope Rescue Team. In fact, he said, the county's willingness to share resources helped secure the grant.

"You never know what else is going to be going on in the world when you need that asset, so it's good to have the capability in-house and be able to work as part of a regional undertaking, which is what the feds are looking for," he said. "Regionalization gives them the most bang for the dollar when they give you grant money."

While Putnam has relied on Westchester and Orange County's support for many rescues, Sutton said that waiting for a team from a neighboring county wastes time. And even though Putnam's Technical Rescue Team may be called to other counties to assist with rescues, Sutton said he expects "the lion's share of the work" to be in Putnam.

The committee unanimously approved the formalization of a Technical Rescue Team, and the matter will now go to the full Legislature for a vote.

# Recent Philipstown Home Sales



**\$575,000**  
287 Main St., Nelsonville  
3 beds, 1.5 bath, 1,792 sq ft  
Built 1875; 0.33 acres



**\$660,000**  
11 High St., Cold Spring  
4 beds, 2 bath, 2,174 sq ft  
Built 1920; 0.24 acres



**\$736,000**  
85 Travis Corners Road, Garrison  
3 beds, 4.5 bath, 3,567 sq ft  
Built 1984; 1.14 acres



**\$775,000**  
21 Hudson Ridge, Garrison  
3 beds, 2.5 bath, 2,888 sq ft  
Built 1984; 3.4 acres



**\$780,000**  
14 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
3 beds, 2.5 bath, 2,424 sq ft  
Built 1877; 0.23 acres



**\$947,000**  
18 Fair St., Cold Spring  
5 beds, 3.5 bath, 3,333 sq ft  
Built 1855; 0.15 acres



**\$980,000**  
75 Oak Hollow, Garrison  
4 beds, 4.5 bath, 4,884 sq ft  
Built 1987; 7.15 acres



**\$1,050,000**  
88 Snake Hill Road, Garrison  
4 beds, 3.5 bath, 3,638 sq ft  
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322 Route 403, Garrison  
3 beds, 2.5 bath, 2,244 sq ft  
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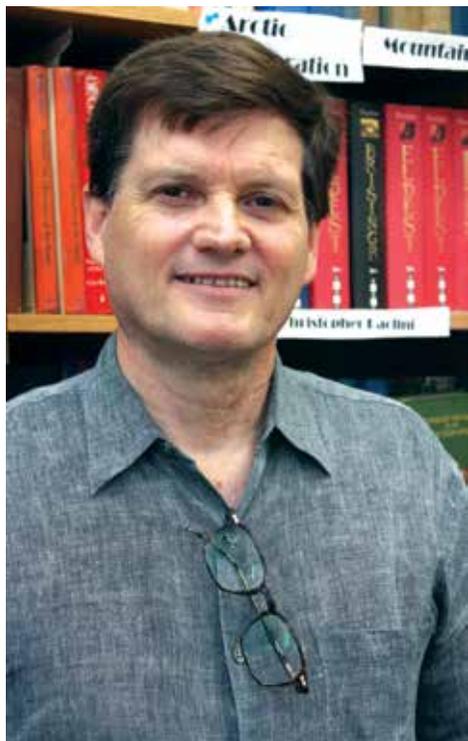
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# The Calendar

## Browsing, Without a Computer

*Used bookstore opens in Nelsonville*

By Alison Rooney



Rob Sternau of Nelsonville's Riverside Books

Photos by A. Rooney

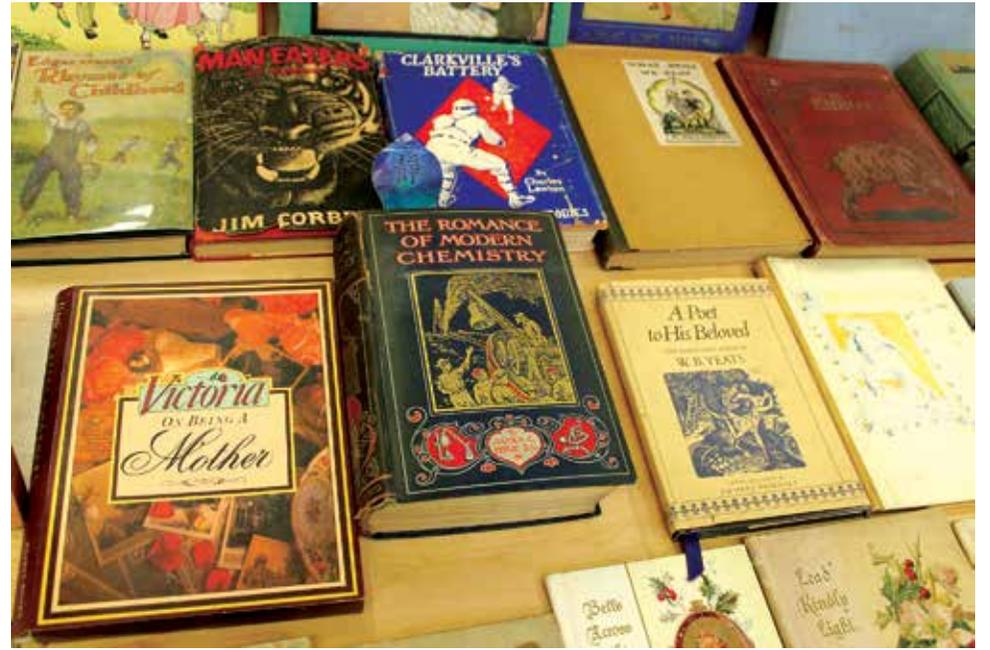
This story should make bibliophiles sit up in their chairs: It's about a used bookstore in Nelsonville with well-organized shelves of first editions, volumes with interesting dust jackets and books by authors the proprietor loves (and possibly a few by those he doesn't) hiding in plain sight and open for browsing only six hours each week.

Rob Sternau, who has lived in Cold Spring for 30 years, recently opened Riverside Books in the complex of businesses and workspaces at the corner of Peekskill Road and Pine Street. Its hours are Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Riverside Books may sound like a misnomer, but Sternau named it not after the Hudson but in homage to Riverside Press, which in the late 1890s and early 20th century, "raised the level of book design," he explains. Although not near the river, "even over here, far from the heart of it, we get a fair amount of foot traffic, hikers mainly," he says.

Before going retail, Sternau stored his inventory in Fishkill and sold titles online through Abebooks and Amazon. But it was becoming a headache to commute to Fishkill to fill mail orders, especially when he needed to retrieve only one or two books.

When space opened up practically



A table top display of books with intriguing covers

around the corner from his home, he moved his 12,000 volumes to a room leased from Jay Brennan Wordworking. As books tend to do, the inventory has expanded outward toward the entrance. The space invites leisurely browsing.

Sternau's long experience with limited edition, handset volumes dates to his days at Bennington College and later at Sarah Lawrence, where he earned a degree in writing. There, Sternau, a printer by profession, got to know poet and printer Claude Fredericks, the

founder of Banyan Press, which specialized in hand set limited editions of works by writers such as John Berryman and Gertrude Stein.

Sternau also landed an apprenticeship with Sidney Rappaport, a printer who specialized in photography books by the likes of Ansel Adams, Irving Penn and Richard Avedon, the latter of whom worked in the shop for about six months in the 1970s. "He saw commercial printing as an extension of his art," Sternau recalls. *(Continued on Page 12)*

## Square Deal

*Garrison business sells art tiles for charity*

By Alison Rooney

What parent hasn't heard this plea? "I have an art project due tomorrow; you need to help me."

That aggravating request altered Garrison resident Diana Polack's professional life in the late 1980s.

After her daughter made the last-minute demand, Polack remembered the photo-transfer equipment she had in the basement of their Montclair, New Jersey, home. It could be used to make T-shirts and mugs. She suggested her daughter and some of her classmates draw pictures of something personal to each of them, and she printed tees with the drawings with each girl's name.

Dubbed ArtTees, they were an immediate hit.

Within 24 hours Polack began visiting schools in the area, suggesting to administrators that ArtTees would be a fantastic fundraiser for their art pro-



A Bat Mitzvah service project with Artware for Good tiles that benefited SCOPE USA, an organization that sends inner-city children to sleepaway camp

Photo provided

grams. After adding tote bags and mousepads, ArtTees morphed into ArtWare and Polack brought in a friend to do graphic design.

It all expanded quickly, from local trade shows to a national business that

has been going strong now for 28 years. It's today based out of her rented home on Garrison's Landing, where she and her husband, Peter Conway, moved after decades in Montclair raising their children. *(They (Continued on Page 13)*



Diana Polack

Photo by A. Rooney

# Calendar Highlights

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Send event listings to [calendar@highlandscurrent.com](mailto:calendar@highlandscurrent.com)

## FRIDAY, JULY 21

### **Guys and Dolls (Youth Players)**

4 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

### **The Beauty of Imperfection (Panel)**

6:30 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-3638 | [boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org)

### **Get On Up, Get On Down Dance**

7 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | 845-765-0667

### **HVSF: Twelfth Night**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-9575 | [hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)

### **Tibetan Singing Bowls Sound Bath**

7:30 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4444 | [skybabyyoga.com](http://skybabyyoga.com)

### **Ronnie Spector & the Ronettes**

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-473-2072 | [bardavon.org](http://bardavon.org)

### **Soul Asylum and Cracker**

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | [paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

### **Newburgh Last Saturday**

[facebook.com/NewburghLastSaturdays](https://facebook.com/NewburghLastSaturdays)

### **Putnam Kennel Club Dog Show**

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Memorial Park  
225 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel  
[putnamkennelclub.com](http://putnamkennelclub.com)

### **Dragon Boat Race & Festival**

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. HRRR Boathouse  
270 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie  
[dutchessdragonboat.org](http://dutchessdragonboat.org)

### **Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could**

11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

### **Butterfly Festival**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Stony Kill Farm  
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls  
845-831-1617 | [stonykill.org](http://stonykill.org)

### **National Theatre Live: Obsession**

Noon. Downing Film Center | 19 Front St., Newburgh  
845-561-3686 | [downingfilmcenter.com](http://downingfilmcenter.com)

### **Guys and Dolls (Youth Players)**

4 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

### **Dragonfly Story Hour**

7 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club  
2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

### **Kids' Night: Road Trip Across America**

7 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point  
845-938-4159 | [westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com)

### **Doansburg Chamber Ensemble**

7 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-228-4167

### **Constellation Sunset Cruise**

7:30 p.m. Boat leaves Beacon Institute dock  
[melissamcgillconstellation.com](http://melissamcgillconstellation.com)

### **HVSF: Book of Will with Talkback**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

### **CSFS: Rushmore (1998)**

8 p.m. Docksides Park, Cold Spring  
[coldspringfilm.org](http://coldspringfilm.org)

### **Sylvie Courvoisier Trio**

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
[facebook.com/elysiumfurnaceworks](https://facebook.com/elysiumfurnaceworks)

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

### **Benedict Arnold Exhibit Opens**

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4010 | [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

### **Dog Wash (Benefit)**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Putnam Humane Society  
68 Old Route 6, Carmel  
845-225-7777 | [puthumane.org](http://puthumane.org)

### **Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney Office Hours**

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Haldane Elementary  
[seanmaloney.house.gov](http://seanmaloney.house.gov)

### **Guys and Dolls (Youth Players)**

2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

### **H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut**

7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
845-838-0094 | [hvrenegades.com](http://hvrenegades.com)

### **Breakneck Ridge Revue**

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St., Beacon  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

### **HVSF: Pride and Prejudice**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel  
See details under Friday.

## MONDAY, JULY 24

### **H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut**

11:05 a.m. Dutchess Stadium  
See details under Sunday.

### **Yoga with a View**

6 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

### **National Theatre Live: Obsession**

7:15 p.m. Downing Film Center  
See details under Saturday.

### **HVSF: Twelfth Night**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

### **Craftworking (For Busy + Non-Crafty Women)**

Noon. Beahive Beacon  
291 Main St., Beacon  
[beahivebzzz.com](http://beahivebzzz.com)

### **Tech Tuesday Drop-In (grades K-5)**

3:30 - 5 p.m. Howland Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
834-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

### **Dutchess Chamber Business After Hours**

5 p.m. Dutchess Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
845-454-1700 | [dcroc.org](http://dcroc.org)

### **Community Conversation with Beacon**

**Superintendent Matt Landahl**  
6 - 8 p.m. Glenham Fire House  
76 Old Glenham Road, Fishkill | 845-224-5146

### **Quilting Together (ages 9-99)**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | [desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

### **H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut**

7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium  
See details under Sunday.

### **HVSF: Book of Will**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

### **Showing Up for Racial Justice**

7:30 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
Email [beaconsurj@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsurj@gmail.com).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

### **Lighthouses of Cape Cod and Rhode Island (Talk)**

2 p.m. Howland Library  
See details under Tuesday.

### **HVSF: Pride and Prejudice**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

### **Beacon Film Society: Rainbow Time (2016)**

8 p.m. Beahive  
291 Main St., Beacon | [beaconfilmsociety.org](http://beaconfilmsociety.org)

### **Summer Movie Series: Clue (1985)**

8 p.m. Beacon Visitors' Center  
South and Main, Beacon  
[beaconchamberofcommerce.com](http://beaconchamberofcommerce.com)

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

### **Traveling Lantern Theatre: The Ribbles Build a Residence (grades K-6)**

2 p.m. Howland Library  
See details under Tuesday.

### **Veterans' Group of Putnam County**

6 p.m. Cornerstone Building  
Route 52 and Fair St., Carmel  
845-278-8387 | [mhaputnam.org](http://mhaputnam.org)

### **On the Town (Teen Players)**

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

### **Community Congress**

7 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | [ecologicalcitizens.org](http://ecologicalcitizens.org)

### **Principles and Pragmatism: Loyalist Experiences (Talk)**

7 p.m. Fort Montgomery  
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery  
845-446-2134 | [nysparks.com](http://nysparks.com)

### **HVSF: Twelfth Night**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

### **46th Annual Putnam County Fair**

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Memorial Park  
201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel  
845-278-6738 | [putnam.cce.cornell.edu](http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu)

### **International Film Series: The House of Sand (Brazil)**

7 p.m. Howland Library  
See details under Tuesday.

### **On the Town (Teen Players)**

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under July 21.

### **Peekskill Film Festival**

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
[peekskillfilmfestival.org](http://peekskillfilmfestival.org)

### **Where to Invade Next (Documentary, 2015)**

7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St., Beacon  
[moviesthatmatterbeacon.org](http://moviesthatmatterbeacon.org)

### **HVSF: Book of Will**

7:30 p.m. Boscobel  
See details under July 21.

### **Dweezil Zappa: 50 Years of Frank**

8 p.m. Bardavon  
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-473-2072 | [bardavon.org](http://bardavon.org)

### **Joe Lovano's Trio Fascination (Jazz)**

8 p.m. Atlas Studios  
11 Spring St., Newburgh  
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## A Habit of Goodness *(from Page 1)*

but my parents wouldn't let me join until I was 16.

### Were your friends and family surprised?

No, they weren't surprised. I just wanted to be a sister. My whole family used to listen to the Graymoor radio programs. [*The Ave Maria Hour*, produced by the Franciscan Friars of Atonement, debuted in 1935 and was broadcast around the world for more than three decades.]

### How did you celebrate your diamond jubilee?

There was a Mass and a big dinner at Graymoor. I had 20 guests, many of them from California.

### What has your work been as a Franciscan sister?

I went to Fordham University to study liturgy and taught kindergarten at St. Cecilia's Mission in Spanish Harlem in New York City. I worked with the poorest of the poor in Brazil.

### What project are you most proud of?

I have worked a great deal on Grass-roots Ecumenism [which emphasizes collaboration between Roman Catholics, evangelicals and other denominations]. I'm very gung-ho on Christian unity. I have dedicated my life to that.

### How do you think of your fellow Franciscans?

I think of them as my sisters. They are my family. We share what we have. But I'm sure at times they don't want to hear any more about Christian unity. I talk about that a lot!

### Why do you think there has been such a decline in the number of women entering the convent?

It is the way children are brought up these days. Parents are not gung-ho on Christian unity. There is divorce. Children are set aside. This has all accumulated over time. When I taught kindergarten I taught children to say their prayers so that they would grow up with that in their life.

### Have there been moments when you regretted entering the convent?

I have never regretted it. Sometimes I see other sisters leave and I wonder why they came.

### What has been your biggest reward as a Franciscan sister?

I am pleased to be here; it is a gift. I'm not suffering. There is joy in this. I'm following what God wants. It's like people who get married and are happy. I'm happy.

### Did you ever fall in love before entering the convent?

No, but there was a boy I liked. We'd talk or go to a movie. But it wasn't serious. To be honest I can't remember his name!

### Have you ever wondered what you would have done had you not become a nun?

I never thought about it. I didn't want to be a cloistered nun, though; I wanted to be a missionary.

### Did you enjoy sports as a young woman?

I played baseball. I had five brothers who were all good players. Sometimes I pitched.

### What do you think of Pope Francis?

He's been wonderful. He's gung-ho on Christian unity. He makes us see a lot of things.

### Do you think women should be allowed to be priests?

It should be allowed. In Brazil I would go to a school on Sunday. I'd give communion and talk about the Gospel. I'd bring Christianity to a place.

### What was the last book you read for fun?

I still go back and read about Teresa of

Ávila [1515-1582, a Spanish saint] and St. Thérèse, the Little Flower [1873-1897, a French saint].

### What's your favorite pizza?

I love pizza! But I can no longer eat it.

### What do you do for relaxation?

I do whatever the community here plans for recreation. I love music and play the keyboard. I can't see well enough to read music now so I make it up! I tickle the keys.

### How do you like being "retired"?

I don't know what that is, really. I'm always doing something. I'm teaching a class in scripture now on Skype.



"I tickle the keys," Sister Loretta says of her piano playing.

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Friars in the archives of *The Ave Maria Hour* in an undated photo

## Graymoor Radio Hour

Between 1935 and 1969, the Franciscan Friars produced more than 2,500 episodes of *The Ave Maria Hour*, the radio program that inspired Sister Loretta. They are preserved on vinyl records in the Archive Center at Graymoor, and in 2008 the friars began converting them to digital format. A new episode is posted each Friday at [atonementfriars.org/avemaria](http://atonementfriars.org/avemaria).

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7:45, SUN 12:15 3:30 6:45  
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FRI 2:45 6:00 9:15, SAT 1:45  
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Walking distance to The Falcon



## Browsing, Without a Computer (from Page 9)

From there Sternau joined Toppan Printing, a Tokyo-based firm that produces coffee-table books. He is now vice president of business development for Premier Printing.

Along the way, Sternau began collecting books and, about a decade ago, he began selling them online.

"It was a hobby for years, and it helped me buy more books that I especially enjoyed," he says. He priced his inventory initially using a standard collectors' reference and was surprised to see how much some of them were worth,

especially the first editions.

Finding the market value of a book is far easier now, he says, because of the internet. "It allows you to compare, but the thing is that it's really about condition, condition, condition!" he says. "I taught myself [to price books], but it is also a little subjective. Very obscure and rare things are now sold all over the world. I've sold to customers in England, Japan, China, Germany, Australia, and last week to Chile. It's wonderful when the world becomes your customer."

A stroll around the store, guided by



Children's books with decorative covers are on display at Riverside Books.

Photo by A. Rooney

Sternau, revealed a beautifully bound 1858 Bible next to tables laden with coffee-table art books, some of which he printed. There are books with ornamental bindings, children's books from the late 1800s with ornate covers and other antiquarian books, but also many with plain covers and bindings in sections devoted to individual authors: Tolstoy, Hemingway, Thoreau, Kipling, D.H. Lawrence, Dante, Thomas Mann, Anais Nin, Robert Graves.

He points out, in the Shakespeare section, books from a series about the playwright published in 1948 by Laura Spencer Porter of Garrison, as well as, on the local interest shelves, books by the Warner sisters, Alice Curtis Desmond and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, a history of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the 1938 Putnam County Directory.

Other genres include psychology, cookbooks, foreign language, military history, art, photography, architecture, drama, poetry, travel, nature, science, science fiction, chess, travel, spirituality and history.

Rare editions are also on hand, though not always on display. His inventory includes an early edition of *Robinson Crusoe*; a 1750 treatise on Mexican morals produced by the Jesuits; a 1799 Italian book with beautiful

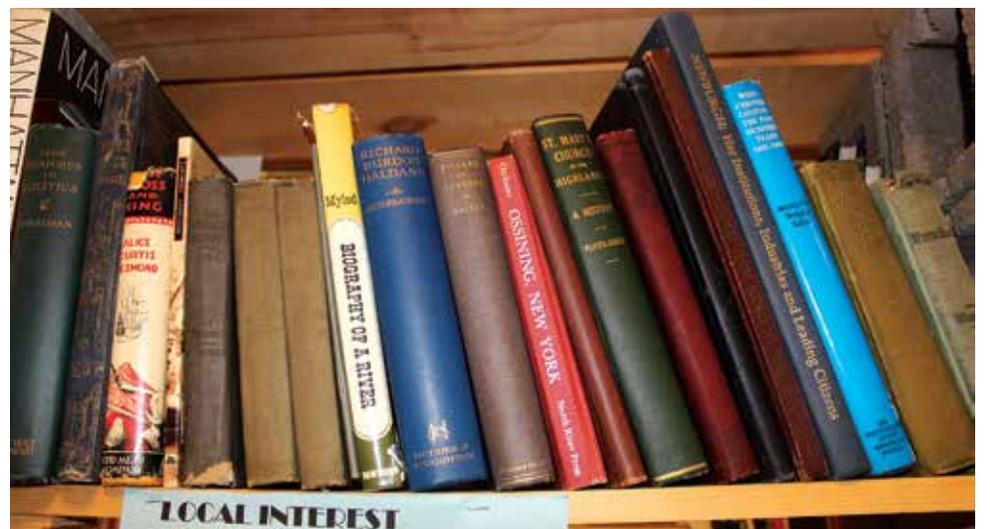


An 1858 Bible, part of Riverside Books' collection

hand-colored plates; an 1852 first edition of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and a 1926 book by Franklin Delano Roosevelt which he dedicated to his grandparents and signed. "It's particularly special because he was a man who didn't express emotion much, publicly, yet it's signed 'With my love,'" Sternau says.

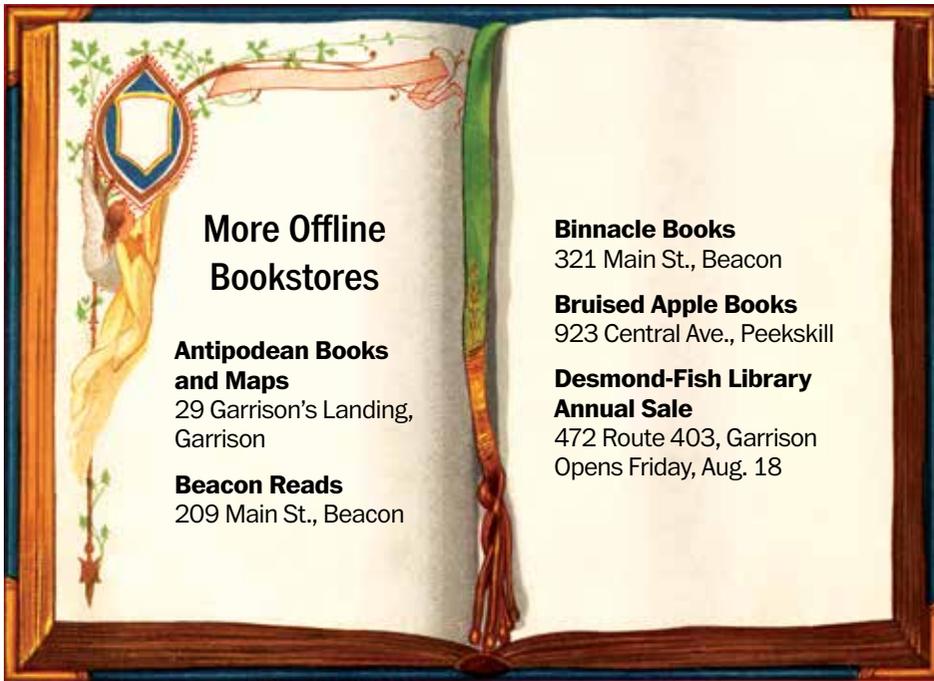
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Look closely at the volumes on the "Local Interest" shelves and you'll see many familiar names and places. Here a novel by Alice Curtis Desmond shares a shelf with a history of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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Garrison Landing, Garrison, NY (Theatre is adjacent to train station.)  
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## Square Deal *(from Page 9)*

were looking for peace and quiet and to live near the water.) Conway, an IT specialist, built the company website.

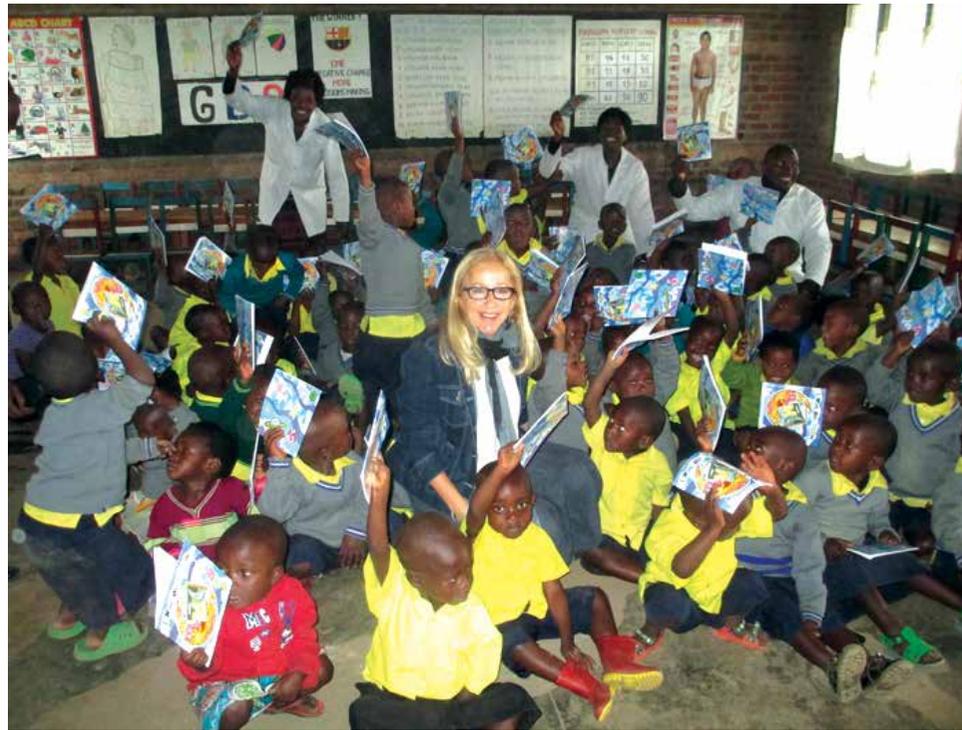
But as the business grew, Polack felt something was missing. "In the course of becoming a commodity, we lost focus on doing good," she says. "My mother and grandmother were always helping others, and selling something that matters is very important to me.

"By 2012 the market was saturated; online, mass-production, digitalized sites like Snapfish were killing us. We had to do four times as many schools to get the same yield. The whole climate of fundraising had changed. At the same time, I had a desire to take my company global, to make a bigger impact."

She changed the company's name to ArtWare for Good and began selling kits and activities to create art that is transferred to tiles for walls or tables or for keepsakes. A percentage of profits is donated to charities around the world, most of which focus on children in need.

For example, an Eagle Scout did a project involving tiles with designs related to healthy eating that he and other Scouts installed to brighten a food pantry. A bridal shower party created tiles to benefit a Ronald McDonald house. Corporations have turned painting into team-building activities. Nonprofits have created cheerful donor walls.

Overseas, ArtWare for Good helped create a Peace and Harmony Wall in



Diana Polack in Rwanda in 2016 after distributing some of the 1,000 copies of *Under One Moon - ABC 123* to preschoolers

*Photo provided*

Nepal. Another effort, ABC 123, was a collaboration with Books and Beyond USA to provide 1,000 English-language learning books written and illustrated by Newark high school students to rural communities in Rwanda. "Kids there were so unfamiliar with books that many didn't know how to open them and they crumpled the pages while trying to turn them," Polack says. "We need to use thicker paper stock next time." An art

wall with 800 tiles was also sent to Rwanda.

A third program supports Mission of Hope, which is building schools in Haiti. The most recent facility is in Minoterie, where many Haitians moved after the 2010 earthquake. Artwork created with the theme of hope was transferred to tiles to be installed at the school.

Artware for Good offers several tools for people to participate, such as Art

Party Boxes that contain the supplies to create art for tiles sent overseas. Donors can also sponsor the artwork of a child to be included on a tile wall. Or they can host an art party with portions of the sales of tiles and kits directed to participating charities.

The revamping of her business has provided a big boost, Polack says, which she feels reflects the times. "With the affluence and the state of the world, the millennials are realizing they want their children to be givers and doers, not just consumers," she says.

For more information, visit [artwareforgood.com](http://artwareforgood.com).



A table created with tiles by employees at Celgene during a team-building exercise was donated to Overlook Hospital for its pediatric play room.

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**Director:** Brandon Williams

The Hawks include boys and girls entering grades K-6.

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- Practice begins August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Tackle teams practice every weeknight, 6pm, Flag practice 3 weeknights, 6pm
- Once school begins, all teams practice 2-3 times per week, schedule TBD
- Most games are played Sundays, September- November

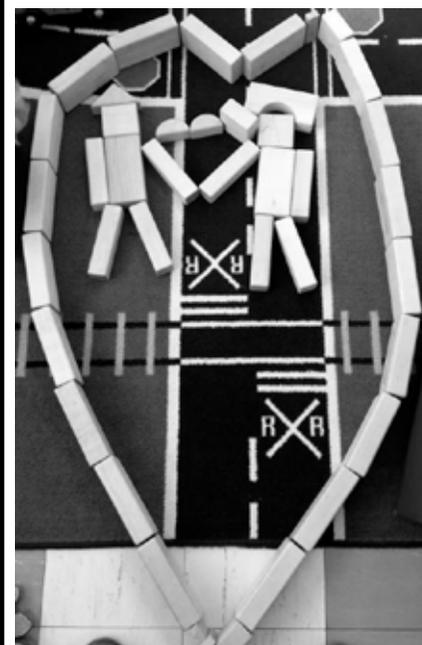
### Fees

- Flag Football, Grades K-2: \$85 Resident / \$100 Non-Resident
- Tackle Football, Grades 3-4: \$110 Resident / \$125 Non-Resident\*\*
- Tackle Football, Grades 5-6: \$110 Resident / \$125 Non-Resident\*\*
- Cheer, Grades K-6: \$85 Resident / \$100 Non-Resident

\*\*Equipment is available to rent from the Philipstown Hawks for \$25. Fee is payable to "Philipstown Hawks" when equipment is picked up.

If your player needs a new jersey, there is an additional uniform fee.

Please call the Philipstown Recreation Department at 845-424-4618 or email [amber@philipstownrecreation.com](mailto:amber@philipstownrecreation.com) to register



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Family Trails

# Who Owns the Zebra?

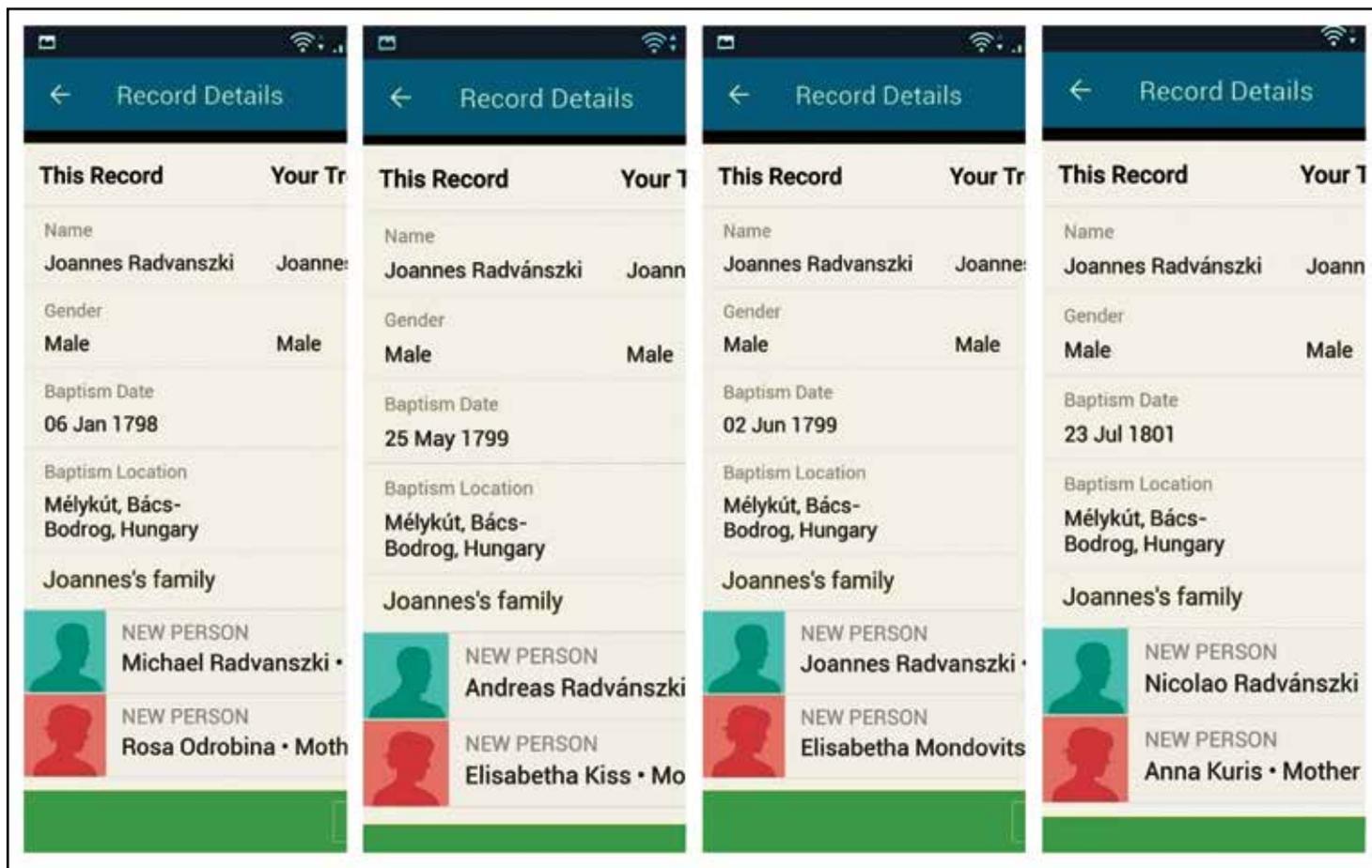
By Valerie LaRobardier

Trying to put together your family's story with only the most cryptic clues reminds me of a logic puzzle called Who Owns the Zebra?

Clues are given about a fictitious neighborhood, such as the color of a house paired with the name of the owner, or a pet paired with the position of the house on the street. It's difficult, but not impossible, to sort each house from the clues. The puzzle resembles our task as genealogists. Often, you have only basic facts, such as an approximate year of birth and/or that a person was born in this or that county. If the person was born before 1850, when the first detailed census was done in the U.S., you can't rely on birth records, as many locations didn't have them.

Even if you find a baptism or town birth record, you can't rest, because there may have been more than one person by that name. So you will need to learn as much as you can about all the families of that name in the area.

Let's say you are looking for a female ancestor born about 1806. The initial step would be to look at all heads of household in the 1810 census in that county that contain a mark for a girl under 10 years old. (In censuses before 1850, only the head of



One genealogist asked for help online after finding four men with the same name born about the same time in the same place with different parents.

household was named; everyone else was identified by gender and an age range.)

You then need to track the family forward. Is there a matching family in the same location during the 1820 census? If not, is there a family in another logical location, such as on the way to where they

would be going if they are your ancestors?

To keep track of the "marks" without names in the early censuses and other records, it is helpful to use a spreadsheet to sort the references to the people under investigation, and to assign a birth range to each fact. This usually involves educated guesses, of course.

Say you know a person witnessed a will in 1762. It's a logical guess that the person was between 21 (the minimum legal age to witness a will at the time) and 72 (arbitrary, but you have to start somewhere). So you would plug in a birth range of 1690-1741. By putting the references together with location and related names you can usually develop a hypothesis about whether you are looking at one person or two or more people with similar names.

As you continue to work through your family, you will discover more events and people who may be part of your story. The goal is to bring the family forward to that magical period after 1850 when everyone was given a name and age by the census-takers, and vital records began to

be widely kept.

Those who have ancestors living in New York in 1855 or 1865 will find extra clues because census-takers asked for the county of birth. The 1855 census also includes how long a person had been at his or her present address.

This sounds wonky, but always keep a calculator and spreadsheet handy when you research. Every fact you encounter may provide a clue about a person's birth year. Once you have assembled a timeline, consider if it makes sense. If it does, make a list of research steps. Based on what that reveals you may refine or even discard the entire line of inquiry. But at least you won't spend any more time than you have to chasing the wrong John Smith.

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## How the Wind Turns *(from Page 1)*

The Wappinger tornado, which touched down at 7:14 p.m., had winds that reached 100 mph, leaving at least 2,500 Central Hudson customers without power.

Intense thunderstorms have one feature that makes them more dangerous than milder storms: Their upwardly rotating whirlwinds can easily turn into tornado forges.

There was hail the size of golf balls reported in Poughkeepsie from the same storm, but in Wappinger, according to the National Weather Service, conditions produced a brief tornado that rated a “1” on the 0 to 5 Enhanced Fujita Scale, which indicates it had estimated wind speeds of 86 to 110 mph.

Tornadoes of this force cause “moderate” damage, which means roofs severely stripped but intact, mobile homes overturned or badly damaged and exterior doors and windows broken. Before the Wappinger storm hit, the last tornado to touch down in Dutchess County, in June 2006, was also an F1. (The most recent tornado in Putnam County was an F0 in 1990, but in 1989 an F2 caused five injuries.)

This year has seen record-breaking numbers of northerly tornadoes in the U.S. A sluggish jet stream causes it to plunge in the West, rather than the East, which meteorologists say allows warm, somewhat humid air to race from the South to the Midwest and up the Eastern Seaboard. As a result, unusually severe thunderstorms — which presage torna-

### Tornado Numbers

Average number in U.S. each year: 1,250  
 In New York state: 10  
 Average number of F3-F5 tornadoes in U.S. per year: 38  
 Average time in New York state between F3-F5 tornado: 5 years  
 Source: National Climatic Data Center (1991-2010 data)

does — have been reported in northern locales such as central Minnesota and up-state New York.

When the air inside a thunderstorm is shoved from a sideways to a vertical tilt, it forms the funnel associated with tornadoes. It can happen quickly, and tornadoes are hard to predict because they tend to exist for only a few miles, if that. The Wappinger tornado, which was estimated to be a quarter-mile wide with a path of about 1.25 miles, was not confirmed by the National Weather Service until two days after it touched down.

Although tornados can strike anywhere (the only place one has never been recorded is Antarctica), most form in open spaces. The Highlands is protected somewhat by its forests. But the increasing number of severe electrical storms increase the odds. New York state has already had 310 severe storms this year, with thunderstorms forecast for the weekend and early next week.

Paul Caiano, a forecaster in Albany for the National Public Radio affiliate WAMC, notes that the risk of a tornado increases with the frequency of thunderstorms and their moisture levels; higher moisture levels more easily transform them into funnels.

“The topography of the Catskill, Hudson Valley and Taconic regions could contribute to the likelihood of some storms



A photo of the storm taken by Dutchess County first responder Ryan Michaels in Wappinger at 8:23 p.m. on May 31

*Photo provided*

*“With the north-south orientation of the Hudson Valley, low-level winds [from the southwest] sometimes get ‘funneled’ up the Hudson Valley from due south.”*

producing tornadoes,” he says. “Appropriate wind shear is a necessary variable for storms to rotate. With the north-south orientation of the Hudson Valley, low-

level winds [from the southwest] sometimes get ‘funneled’ up the Hudson Valley from due south. This localized added southerly component, as opposed to the more regional southwesterly wind, sometimes provides the necessary directional shear to allow a storm to rotate, possibly enough to produce a tornado.”

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## Recorded Tornadoes (F1+)

### Putnam County

Aug. 9, 1968, 6:30 p.m., F1, east of Brewster

July 29, 1971, 4:30 p.m. F2, Mahopac Falls

July 10, 1989, 3:58 p.m., F2, Carmel, five injuries

### Dutchess County

July 21, 1988, 4 p.m., F1, Stanfordville

July 31, 1992, 5:10 p.m., F1, Poughkeepsie

May 31, 2002, 5:03 p.m., F1, east of Stormville

June 16, 2002, 1 p.m., F1, Pawling

Sept. 28, 2003, midnight, F1, Fishkill

June 25, 2006, 5:15 p.m., F1, Billings

Source: TornadoProject.com (1950 to 2011), National Centers for Environmental Information (2012 to March 2017)

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Cold Spring Couple to be Honored

*Recognized for volunteer work*

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will honor a Cold Spring couple, Seamus Carroll and Marie Wieck, at its 23rd annual garden party to be held at Obercreek in Wappingers Falls on Sept. 24.

Wieck, who has worked at IBM for 30 years, volunteers in mentorship programs



Marie Wieck and Seamus Carroll of Cold Spring will be honored by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley on Sept. 24 at its annual garden party at Obercreek.

*Photo provided*

## This Week's Hot Act



Jugglers from *A Night on Fire* prepare the audience for their daring feats during a performance on July 2 at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. *Photos by Ross Corsair*

that promote diversity in technology leadership. She is also a member of the boards of Charity Navigator and the Anita Borg Institute and is co-chair of the National Association of Female Executives Roundtable.

Carroll has spent his career designing and manufacturing electronic imaging systems and co-founded Visiplex Instruments, a manufacturer of medical imaging devices. He serves as a volunteer board member for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Hudson Valley Seed.

The proceeds from the event fund the organization's Community Grants program for causes in Dutchess, Putnam and

Ulster counties. Tickets can be purchased at [communityfoundationshv.org](http://communityfoundationshv.org) or by calling 845-452-3077.

## Drug World Partners with Haldane PTA

*Will donate supplies with student kits*

Drug World in Cold Spring has partnered with the Haldane PTA to donate school supplies to Haldane Elementary teachers with every purchase of a student kit. The store will package the supplies for pick-up or delivery. See [drugworld.com/haldane](http://drugworld.com/haldane) or call 845-265-6352.

## On the Town at Depot

*Teen players to present musical*

The teen players at the Philipstown Depot Theatre will present the musical *On the Town* starting Thursday, July 27, and running through the weekend. The theater is located on Garrison's Landing.

The performers are William Speziale, Evan Tighe, Jeremy Roffman, Gabriel Berger, Suzy Wright, Sasha Levy, Michael Perricone, Corinna Parrish, Alessandro "Zeph" Barrios, Helen Chiera, Harper Levy, Curtis

Huber and Lidija Slokenbergs.

The musical was directed and choreographed by Katie Bissinger with vocal instructor Linda Speziale and pianist Paul Heckert. The sets are by Tania Dirks and lighting by Hudson Heckert. Tickets are \$12 at [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org).

## Community Congress

*Philipstown residents organize event*

A Community Congress to promote participatory democracy at the local level will have its first forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring. The purpose is to identify important issues and create plans of action to present to elected officials.

Anyone who wishes to speak will have three minutes to present an issue. After the forums are concluded, organizers will compile the ideas and survey participants to determine priorities.

If you wish to speak, email [philipstowncommunitycongress@gmail.com](mailto:philipstowncommunitycongress@gmail.com) with a two- to three-sentence summary. If you can't attend the meeting, ideas may also be submitted to that email.

The organizers are Philipstown residents Jason Angell, Jocelyn Apicello, Priscilla Goldfarb, Jane Marcy and Thomas Steenburg, and the event is sponsored by the nonpartisan Ecological Citizens Project. See [ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstowncommunitycongress](http://ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstowncommunitycongress).

## Call for Artists

*Garrison center to host photo show*

The Garrison Art Center has put out a call for submissions for its biennial PHOTOcentric Annual International Juried Photography Exhibition.

Photographers may submit work in three categories: people, nature and open. Awards are given in each category as well as for best in show. The deadline is Sept. 5, and the show will open on Dec. 9. It will be juried by Francis Naumann, a scholar

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Cast members of *On the Town*, which will be performed starting July 27 at the Philipstown Depot Theatre; from left, Zeph Barrios, Harper Levy, Sasha Levy, Jeremy Roffman and Michael Perricone

*Photo by Amy Dul*

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



*Vex Pentaptych*, by Peter Janecke, which won best in show at the most recent PHOTOcentric exhibit at the Garrison Art Center, in 2015

Image provided

(from previous page) and gallery owner who specializes in the art of the Dada and Surrealist periods. See [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org).

## 55 Films in 3 Days

*Peekskill to hold annual festival*

The three-day Peekskill Film Festival will open Friday, July 28, at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater. It will include 55 feature and short films.

On July 30, Leslie Fields-Cruz, executive director of the National Black Programming Consortium, will lead a panel discussion about funding sources for documentary filmmakers.

See [peekskillfilmfestival.org](http://peekskillfilmfestival.org) for a schedule and to purchase tickets.

## Out to Lunch Returns to Putnam Valley

*Will again play Tompkins Corners*

The Out to Lunch band will return to the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley for a performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. The five-piece ensemble, which has been together for three decades, plays everything from bluegrass to classical to jazz and Celtic music with two mandolins, a guitar, a fiddle and a bass. Tickets are \$20 at [tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org).

## Beacon

### Storytelling Roadshow

*Dragonfly to play Beacon Sloop*

The Dragonfly Story Hour, a regular event at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, will travel on Saturday, July 22, to the Beacon Sloop Club for a 7 p.m. performance. The story slam for adults is themed "on the water." Email [jblhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:jblhappenings@gmail.com) to attend or tell a story. Each story must be true, from personal experience and last no more than four minutes.

### Superintendent Chat

*New Beacon chief to meet public*

The new superintendent of the Beacon City School District, Matt Landahl, will hold the latest in a series of community meetings to share his vision for the district and to hear ideas and suggestions from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, at the Glenham Firehouse in Fishkill, and from

7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, July 31, at the Beacon Recreation Center.

## Elks Events

*Party and performance will benefit charity*

The Beacon Elks Lodge is planning two events to benefit its charitable work.

On Saturday, July 29, at 7 p.m., it will host a Midsummer Masquerade with food, music and drinks. Everyone is encouraged to dress festively and wear a mask. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

On Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., country-pop singer Alison Peratikos, a Beacon native who in 2015 appeared on *American Idol*, will perform. Tickets are \$5. For details, email [beaconelksevents@yahoo.com](mailto:beaconelksevents@yahoo.com).



Former *American Idol* contestant Alison Peratikos will perform at the Elks Lodge in Beacon on Aug. 4.

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## Tasty Benefit

*Firefly Feast set for July 29*

Common Ground Farm will hold its fourth annual Firefly Feast from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at Memorial Park in Beacon to raise money for its programs. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the event. Children ages 10 and younger are admitted free.

The event includes food, beer and live music. See [commongroundfarm.org](http://commongroundfarm.org).

## Head-Wrapping Workshop

*Varied history behind coverings*

The Folk Arts Program at Arts Mid-Hudson will present a workshop on African-American head-wrapping led by Poughkeepsie resident Monique Fisher at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29.

Over time, head coverings have symbol-



Monique Fisher will share insights into the African-American tradition of head-wrapping on July 29 at Arts Mid-Hudson.

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## Dance and Music

*Two performances at Atlas*

Saxophonist Joe Lovano will perform at Atlas Studios in Newburgh at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 28, with Marilyn Crispell on piano and Carmen Castaldi on drums and percussion. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

On Saturday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m., Atlas will host two dances by a+s works, *Me and the Ghost Upstairs* and *Body of Words*, with the music of Julia Hudak. Tickets are \$15. Atlas Studios is located at 11 Spring St.



The dance troupe a+s works will perform *Me and the Ghost Upstairs* in Newburgh on July 29.

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# Bits of Beacon History

By Robert Murphy

## The explosion that rocked Beacon

The blast knocked children readying for school off their feet. Windows were blown out. Chimneys toppled from roofs. Dishes shattered on kitchen floors. Peaches dropped from their trees in one fell swoop ... and that morning it sounded like the world had exploded like a bomb.

The date was Sept. 17, 1924, and the Joseph Chiarella Fireworks Co., at 305 E. Main St., at the foot of Mount Beacon, had suddenly and accidentally blown up.

That morning, a worker named Louis Fabiano was filling shells with gunpowder, when, it's believed, his metal scooping spoon created a spark that ignited 1,000 pounds of gunpowder. Fabiano was found about 100 feet away. He was badly burned and full of wood splinters and died later that day at Highland Hospital. Joseph Chiarella escaped with minor burns.

Hundreds of homes were damaged.

Angry homeowners, arguing that a fireworks company should not have been allowed, sued the city for damages. The City Council quickly passed an ordinance forbidding firework manufacturing. Chiarella, undaunted, moved his factory to Chelsea, where it continued to operate until 1970, when at age 75, he was killed in an explosion.

## Daring aeronauts

On June 23, 1877, the *Fishkill Standard* reported that a man drew a crowd of more than 1,000 people after he stretched a rope across Main Street from two rooftops. He had tied loops at 18-inch intervals. "After taking up a collection on the street," the paper reported, "the performer appeared on top of the building in tights and without a balancing pole or other device, went out on the rope and let himself down under it. With his body swinging in the air and his head down, he walked across the street by placing his feet, one after the other, in the small loops."

Eighteen years later, at Groveville Park on the outer boundary of Beacon (then known as Matteawan), another aeronaut performed on Independence Day when Miss Louisa Bates promised to ascend 3,000 feet in her 40-foot balloon and parachute to earth. The spectacle cost only a nickel and included fireworks afterward.

In July 1917, Jack Williams came to town. It was said he had such strong fingers he could "squeeze a raw potato into pulp" with one hand. The former trapeze artist turned this prowess into a one-man

daredevil act of climbing buildings using only his fingertips and toes.

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The Melzingah Hotel as it looked when the Human Fly climbed it in 1922.



Jack Williams, the "Human Fly" BHS

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"Human Fly," he proceeded to climb the Fishkill National Bank in Bank Square. He returned in May 1922 to face a bigger challenge: the Melzingah Hotel (now the Beacon Hotel). With his wife holding their baby, Williams scaled the four-story building, then climbed the hotel's flagpole. As was the Fly's custom, he passed the hat and then donated part of his proceeds to charity, in this case the American Legion.

### Straw-hat season

During the 1920s there were strict rules about when a man could wear a straw "Panama" hat. Should he break them, he might find it stomped into the street. By custom, May 15 was the opening date of straw-hat season, and it extended through Sept. 15.

The *Beacon Journal* reported in early May 1926 that some straw hats "were conspicuous on the streets," but most were worn by drivers, because pedestrians feared having theirs smashed. According to *Hatless Jack*, in New York City in 1922 thousands of straw hats worn before the opening date were knocked off and stomped on by roving gangs.

The wearing of straw hats, and the manufacturing of same, was a most important topic come spring in Beacon. In the 1920s, straw hat-making was the city's leading industry, with six firms producing them. In May 1926, Beacon's newest hat manufacturer, the Genuine Panama Hat Works, opened on Jones Street, now Verplanck Avenue.



Actor Douglas Fairbanks holds his straw hat while on his honeymoon with Mary Pickford in the early 1920s. *Library of Congress*

### The plumber's bar

Longtime Beacon Historical Society member Fred Talbot, who lived in Syracuse, died recently at age 97. He wrote a memoir once of his father, Harry Talbot, who was born in 1884 and for years owned and operated a saloon/plumbing establishment at 123 Main St. He lived to 106.

When Prohibition arrived in 1919 and the sale of alcohol was banned, Fred Talbot recalled, his father split the saloon into two parts. The bar went to the rear and the plumbing store was in the front. "The bar was a sight to see," Fred recalled. "Done in the way things were then, it sported a stuffed two-headed calf over



Harry Talbot's saloon on Main Street hung a banner in 1913 encouraging the union of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing into Beacon. *BHS*

the back bar. The bar was complete with a jar of hard-boiled eggs and other things, floating in a kind of liquid. All was free, naturally, to induce more buying.

"Alcohol came from Canada, by way of a guy named Eddie Lemke. Father would color the alcohol with something to make it look like real liquor. We would all pitch-in bottling it in quarts, pints, etc.; wrap it with newspaper to protect it from breakage, then store it under the tread of the third step leading downstairs to the bar.

"Harry had a friend, the chief of police, Jesse Dingee, who, on occasions when pressure mounted for action, would call Harry up and quietly ask him to close up for a while. The chief would test the locked back and front doors and go on his way."

### Beacon's cannonballs

Among the Revolutionary War artifacts displayed in the visitor's center at the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site just over the Bear Mountain Bridge is a cannonball that was once shot at Beacon.

It is one of two found in 1875 by workers digging the foundation for the Dutchess Hat Works factory on lower Main Street,



The 12-pound cannonball in the lower left was fired at what is now Beacon by the British. *Courtesy BHS*

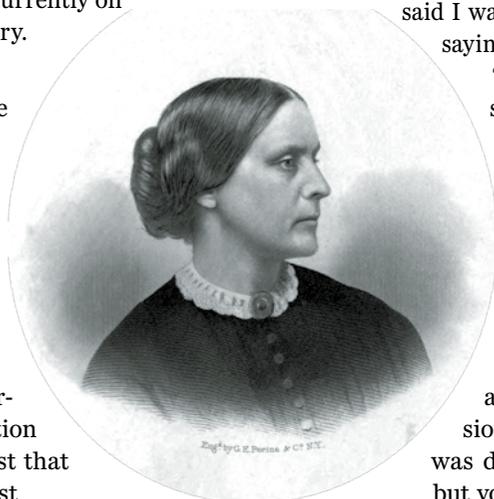
near the river and may have been part of a volley shot by British ships on or about Oct. 13, 1777, as the fleet sailed north to Kingston, where they would burn much of the city to the ground.

Why did the British fire? Thomas Farnham, commander of the brig *Diligent*, wrote in his journal that at 8 a.m. it had shot several three-pound balls at "armed rebels" on the shore. According to local lore recounted in the *Fishkill Standard* in 1878, tavern owner Shibboleth Bogardus had fired his Queen Anne musket in derision at the fleet as it passed. Although he was too far away to do any damage, the warships returned fire, with some of the balls hitting trees and glancing along the railing of the tavern.

The cannonballs found in 1875, which weighed 12 and 18 pounds, were donated to Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, and the 12-pounder is currently on loan to Fort Montgomery.

### Speaking out

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in New York. One of the movement's early leaders was Susan B. Anthony. A fateful confrontation with one of Beacon's most famous residents during a teachers' convention in 1853 was the catalyst that gave Anthony the boost in confidence she need-



Susan B. Anthony around 1855

ed to speak out on women's rights issues.

In an 1896 interview, Anthony recalled that she had been challenged at the convention by Charles Davies, who was a mathematics professor at West Point. Davies lived on his estate, Cerro Gordo, in Fishkill Landing (now Beacon), where he entertained notables such as Charles Dickens and Gen. Winfield Scott, head of the army in 1861.

*"Do you not see that so long as society says a woman hasn't brains enough to be a lawyer, doctor or minister, but has ample brains to be a teacher, that every man who becomes a teacher tacitly admits before Israel and the sun that he has sunk to a woman's level?"*

At the convention, Anthony recalled, "one man rose and said that men teachers were not respected as men in other professions were. I rose to my feet and said: 'Mr. President! No woman's voice had ever been heard in the hall before, and everybody sat dumb with amazement.'"

The president of the convention was Davies. "He had on what was called a Websterian blue coat, with brass buttons. A very fine affair it was. He caught his thumbs under his arms and, coming to the side of the platform, said: 'What will the lady have?' ... I said I wanted the privilege of saying a few words.

"Professor Davies said that must be at the pleasure of the convention. There were about 1,000 women present and about 200 men, but it was left to the men to decide. After about a half-hour's discussion on the question it was decided in my favor, but you can imagine that then my heart was up in my throat. I rose to my

feet and this is what I said. I remember it word for word:

"Do you not see that so long as society says a woman hasn't brains enough to be a lawyer, doctor or minister, but has ample brains to be a teacher, that every man who becomes a teacher tacitly admits before Israel and the sun that he has sunk to a woman's level?"

"Three men came down from the platform to shake hands with me and thanked me for what I had done, but out of the 1,000 women there was not 20 who were not shocked. I heard them whisper all around me, 'Who was that creature?' 'Where does she come from?' 'I was so ashamed,' said one woman, 'that I wished the floor would open and swallow me.'"

*Robert Murphy has been president of the Beacon Historical Society since 1998. These items were excerpted from his blog at beaconhistorical.org.*



GOOD-LOOKING GROUP — In 1906 the Beacon Engine Co. No. 1 was named the "finest-appearing company" at a state convention held at Jamestown.

## Sports

### Fitzgerald on Brazil Tour

*Former Blue Devil playing with D3 team*

Edmund Fitzgerald, a Haldane graduate who is about to enter his junior year at Castleton University in Vermont, is one of 10 Division III basketball players making a week-long tour of Brazil sponsored by USA Sports Tours & Events.

The squad began its trip on July 18 with practice and a youth clinic in Jundiai, followed by a game in Araraquara on July 19. It plays in Rio de Janeiro on July 22 against Mesquita, on July 23 versus Queimados and on July 24 against Fluminense before returning to the U.S. on July 26.

Fitzgerald played in all 25 games last season for Castleton, which finished 16-9. He finished second in the league in field-goal percentage and ninth in rebounds.



Edmund Fitzgerald *Castleton University Athletics*

### Beacon Player Named Best in Region

*Teammate competes for national team spot*



Lenny Torres is interviewed by the MLB Network after striking out four batters in two innings at the Tournament of Stars in North Carolina on July 2. *MLB*

Alex Callaway, who hit .413 with four homers, 24 RBIs and 17 runs, and also had a 1.14 ERA with 40 strikeouts in 30 2/3 innings as a pitcher for Beacon High School, has been named regional Player of the Year by the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

Callaway, who will play next year for SUNY Cortland, was also named to the All-Section 1 team and selected by the Dutchess County Coaches Association as Large Schools Player of the Year.

His teammate, Lenny Torres, a rising senior who has committed to St. John's University, also was named to the *Journal* team and earned All-Section 1 honors. The righthander, who has thrown a 96 mph fastball, went 5-2 with a 1.22 ERA and 70 strikeouts in 34 1/3 innings.

In addition, on July 10, after participating in the Tournament of Stars in North Carolina, Torres was named to the 40-man roster of the USA Baseball Under-18 national team. (He was invited to the tournament after striking out five of six batters at a showcase in Florida on June 17.) The next set of try-outs begins Aug. 19 in Minneapolis, with the roster cut to 20 players on Aug. 24.

Justin Conklin, Jalen Echandy and Frankie Fusco also received honorable mentions on the *Journal* All-Star team, as did Brian Haines, Kyle Kisslinger and Daniel Santos of Haldane.

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**(Deadline to submit proposals via email Friday, July 21 / Sign in registration of proposals accepted at the Congress)**