Putnam Proposes ‘Accelerator’ Project in Philipstown
Effort to lure international businesses
By Holly Crocco
The Putnam County Economic Development Corp. has proposed that the Legislature create an “international landing zone” in Philipstown to entice foreign companies to invest here.

The nonprofit EDC, which works to retain and introduce industry in the county, proposed the “accelerator project” on June 19 during a meeting of the Legislature’s Economic Development Committee.

The Putnam Accelerator Project would be housed in a 10,000-square-foot building at 3691 Route 9 owned by J. Carlos Salcedo, president of Jireh Resources, who is winding down operations after 30 years in business.

The building would be divided into six to eight 500-square-foot production-on-demand (POD) (Continued on Page 5)

Racing Pigeon Rescue
Chester is player in an intriguing — and surprising — sport
By Michael Turton
Two weeks ago, like most people, Amber Aponte-Kocela knew almost nothing about pigeons, let alone pigeon racing.

That changed when she found an injured bird while jogging north of Cold Spring.

“When I saw it couldn’t fly, I decided to take it home,” the Philipstown resident said. She soon found herself being homeschooled in Pigeon Racing 101.

After a few phone calls, she connected with Dan Morales, a Nelsonville resident who is a former “fancier,” or racing pigeon owner, who once had lofts in Garrison and Cold Spring.

Morales examined the bird, which was dehydrated, malnourished and underweight. He told Aponte-Kocela that her feathered friend was a 4-month-old, male racing pigeon. Based on a band attached to one of its legs, it originated in Kentucky. He prescribed a diet of millet, corn and other grains.

Aponte-Kocela said the pigeon, whom she named Chester, is doing well but is not ready to be released. “He may have some other health issues we have to take care of first.”

Morales said Chester’s pedigree is uncertain. “Within every strain of racing homers, you have different colorations; he may be a Speckled Jannsen or a Jann Aarden,” he said.

$1 million payout
Pigeon racing evolved from the use of birds as messengers centuries ago. According to the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, based in the U.K., pigeons were used as early as 1200 B.C. to inform Egyptian officials of flooding along the Nile. Modern racing dates to mid-19th century Belgium, which still produces some of the world’s best breeds.

Morales refers to pigeon racing as the sport of kings for poor people. “Can’t afford a horse? You can afford a pigeon,” he said.

The sport’s popularity in the U.S. is dwindling. “Thirty years ago, there were pigeon
(Continued on Page 6)
Five Questions: MIKE FALOON

By Brian PJ Cronin

A former punk rock drummer, Mike Faloon is the author of The Other Night at Quinn’s: New Adventures in the Sonic Underground, which chronicles his experiences at the Beacon diner’s Monday night jazz series.

How did you find out about Quinn’s?

I had fallen under the spell of Joe McPhee’s record, Nation Time, and was poking around on the internet to see where he was playing. I thought it couldn’t be possible that this legendary jazz musician was playing at a diner. But when I walked in, he was sitting at the end of the bar. I learned the show was part of a series which, in my experience, can be fleeting. So I knew I had to come as many times as I could.

Did the intimate atmosphere give you a sense of what it might have been like at The Five Spot in the 1950s or CBGBs in the 1970s?

I’m more familiar with the world of punk rock, but it had a vibe that made me think of what it might have been like in late-1970s L.A. or New York. Joe McPhee called Quinn’s “The Five Spot on the Hudson,” which is a great nickname.

Is there any connection between punk and free jazz?

Both are equidistant from cultural mainstream. The age range of jazz musicians skews older and people tend to stick around longer, but in their dispositions and personalities there’s a lot of overlap in terms of people willing to book their own shows, put out their own records and do things on a smaller scale, like performing at a diner. When I played in a punk band, we booked shows at bowling alleys, pizza places — any place that had electricity that wouldn’t give us the boot after 15 minutes. Orson Welles said, “The absence of boundaries is the enemy of art.” The more boundaries there are, the more it builds people’s resolve, and the people who stick with it get more resourceful.

Did you construct the book, which is not always linear, to resemble jazz?

The first pieces are more straightforward and chronological, but as I found that my mind would drift so that about 50 percent of my notes each night were about other themes. The shows got me thinking about how I react to things in different ways.

Is Quinn’s pointing the way to an era where more influential cultural centers pop up outside major cities?

I hope so. Living up here, I can’t go to a Tuesday night show in Brooklyn. The musicians would like to have more outlets, and it’s easier to talk someone into coming out for a show if it’s down the block or a 20-minute drive instead of committing your whole night to the trip.

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ON THE SPOT
By Michael Turton

Which is more difficult: a hot, humid day, or a bitter cold one?

“They’re roughly the same. But on a cold day it’s simple: you just put on more clothes!”

~ Alvin Bell, Beacon

“Hot days are definitely a challenge. I cool down in the river or a lake or pool. I also put cabbage leaves on my head. Babe Ruth used to do that during baseball games. It pulls the heat out of your body.”

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“It’s much tougher to deal with the dead of winter in the Hudson Valley. I just stay by the fireplace all day, with hot tea. Nothing else.”

~ Jon Lilburne, Garrison

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Gun-Rights Activists Plan Pre-Fourth Rally

Group challenges ‘socialists and communists’

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

As Cold Spring and Beacon prepare for Independence Day celebrations this weekend, gun-rights activists plan a rally in Carmel with food, music and speeches by elected officials.

Sponsored by the Putnam County Firearm Owners Association (PCFOA), the event is set for 5 p.m. outside the Historic Courthouse. Scheduled speakers include Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy and Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, along with Tom King, president of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association and a board member of the National Rifle Association.

Gun owners “can no longer allow the liberal progressive socialists and communists to continue infringing on our rights and endangering the lives of our families,” the PCFOA declared in an e-mail alert on Monday (June 25). It said it organized the rally to protect our children and save lives by standing up for our constitutional rights.

Tendy said he agreed to appear at the rally to discuss the history of the Second Amendment. “I’ve tried to make this as apolitical as possible,” he said on Tuesday. “I neither endorse nor not endorse” the group’s rhetoric about socialists and communists pushing gun control. “I don’t think it’s a liberal versus conservative thing.”

Bartolotti did not respond to an email seeking comment.

The firearms association described the rally as a fun, family friendly outing and urged supporters to avoid wearing “potentially offensive T-shirts” and camouflage. The group also encouraged a large turnout, to outnumber “anti-gunners,” who, they said, would probably stage a counterdemonstration “because that’s what they’ve paid to do.”

No counterprotests appear to be planned, based on a survey of local gun-control advocates. The rally coincides with Fourth of July festivities in Cold Spring.

Philipstown Town Board Member Nancy Montgomery, the Democratic candidate for the District 1 seat in the county Legislature, said Thursday she did not plan to attend the rally. She successfully promoted passage in April of a Philipstown firearms storage law that mandates trigger locks or gun safes.

“I’ll save my right to assemble for when I myself will be advocating gun safety,” she said. “I don’t need to antagonize their right to assemble.” She said she is “looking forward to keeping the conversation of gun safety on the table. This rally just helps us do so.”

Alex Dubroff, the Hudson Valley coordinator for New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, asked that elected officials “step away from the divisive fear-mongering and into the fray of creating real change for our county” through job creation, treatment of drug addiction and other efforts.

The Nelsonville resident also said she is “not exactly sure what the imminent constitutional threat is that is driving the need for this rally. The only recent change in New York state has been a law that removes all guns, not just handguns as the previous law stated, from convicted domestic abusers.”

The law, which passed with bipartisan support as part of the 2018-19 state budget, prohibits an individual with an outstanding warrant for a serious offense, including misdemeanor domestic violence, from obtaining a firearms license. It also provides that anyone convicted of domestic violence surrender all guns and establishes a process for notifying the FBI of convictions.

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown in the Assembly, voted for the law. (Frank Skartados, who represented Beacon, was absent due to illness.) Sue Serino, who represents the Highlands in the Senate, voted against it.

Serino said she objected to the way the law was enacted, not its content. “I wholeheartedly support the intent behind this legislation,” she said on March 31. “However, I am utterly disgusted that once again, in the dark of night, critically important policy was rushed through the Legislature without full consideration.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FREEDOM DECLARED — This is the top of the original, heavily faded Declaration of Independence. The document has one line of text on the back that reads, “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776” that was visible when it was rolled for storage.

Letters to the Editor

The Current welcomes letters to the editor on its coverage and local issues. Submissions are selected by the editor to provide a variety of opinions and voices, and all are subject to editing for accuracy, clarity and length. We ask that writers remain civil and avoid personal attacks. Letters may be emailed to editor@highlandscurrent.com or mailed to Editor, The Highlands Current, 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. The writer’s full name, village or city, and email or phone number must be included, but only the name and village or city will be published.

Move the box

Although the Cold Spring post office has moved to the Butterfield development, please return the mailbox to the outside of Foodtown (“Finally: A New Cold Spring Post Office,” June 22). There is a ton of excess traffic going from the supermarket across the street just to drop mail. When the box was at Foodtown, you could get many errands accomplished without having to cross the street.

Tony Bardes, Cold Spring

Solar panels

I am not the first person to suggest this, but wouldn’t a solar panel farm be a great use for the former Marathon Battery property in Cold Spring (“Beacon Solar Farm Ready to Shine,” June 22)?

Stephen Rose, Cold Spring

Vape shop ban

The lawmakers in Philipstown and other municipalities tend to forget where they came from, and the things they did as youngsters (“Philipstown Board: No Vape Shops for 6 Months,” June 22). They seem to be trying, as grandparents do, to relive the parenting rules-and-regulation experience. Too much governing, and too many laws, make me uneasy.

Good intentions? Possibly. Good intentions can lead sheep to slaughter. Don’t be a sheep. Less can be better.

Tom Nastasi, Cold Spring

Crossing safely

Thank you, Tom! (“5 Questions: Tom Herring,” June 15). It’s always good to see you in the morning and afternoon helping Haldane students cross Route 9D. It’s part of what makes Cold Spring feel safe and secure for our children!

Clara Murray, Cold Spring

Cascading memories

Alison Rooney’s “Walking into the Past” (June 15), on local history tours that examine the legacy of Julia Butterfield, was akin for me to Proust’s epiphnic “tea-and-madeleine” moment.

Flashback to November 1978, when my wife and I had our firstborn, Bridget, delivered at the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Hospital in Cold Spring. The evening before I had completed another workday on a project of converting the classification numbers at the Cadet Library at West Point and was taking a “break” at Eamon Fallon’s Southgate Tavern outside the Thayer Gate. My wife called the Southgate (she knew I would be there) and the bartender told me I had to go home, something about water breaking.

Two weeks ago I was again at West Point, celebrating with fellow veterans the 50th anniversary of the deployment to the Republic of Vietnam of the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division, which served there in 1968 and 1969. Although I was at the Academy for a gathering of Army librarians two decades ago, this was my first time back in Highland Falls since 1987, when we moved to Atlanta so I could take a library position at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Forces Command.

I found it interesting that Butterfield Hospital tried merging with Vassar Brothers in Poughkeepsie. Our second daughter, Alexandra, was born at Butterfield in 1981, and our third, Caitlin, at Vassar Brothers in 1987, where her mother was born in 1953.

Unwittingly, I can say that I did my part to help with the merger of the two hospitals.

Walking into the past is to enter the labyrinth of history.

Charles Ralston, Mableton, Georgia

Corrections and Updates

In “Independence Day Events” (June 22), we had a few facts incorrect. Children who would like to participate in the decorated bicycle contest during Cold Spring’s celebration should line up on Cedar Street (not at Chestnut Ridge) at 3:30 p.m. (not 2:30 p.m.). The prizes range from $10 to $25.

In “Woodblock Wonders” (June 22), we transposed the numbers in the address of the Buxer Levi Gallery in Cold Spring. It is at 121 Main St.

Spot an error? Email editor@highlandscurrent.com.
units, with shared break rooms, conference space, administrative support and other resources. Companies will be charged below-market rent for each POD (sometimes as little as $200 a month). The project would create about 20 jobs, according to the EDC.

EDC Chairman Richard Weiss told legislators that the site would be an “international landing zone where we can bring business from out of the country here, show them the benefits of being in Putnam County — the advantages, the proximity to the city, transit, travel, the beauty of the community.”

The project is modeled after an initiative in Orange County launched seven years ago that has seven buildings with another three in the works.

Vincent Cozzolino, a member of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency, described the project for the Putnam legislators as a “business incubator” geared toward attracting companies who want to scale up.

The hope is that the companies grow so much that, after three years, they move out and make a home of their own within the county, said Cozzolino.

According to Cozzolino, $100,000 is available through state grants to retrofit and furnish the Route 9 building. EDC is asking the county for another $60,000 to cover operating expenses for the first year.

Under the proposal, Salcedo would be the landlord but also act as a professional resource because of his experience in international commerce.

Salcedo said Putnam has a unique opportunity to host companies from overseas.

“In any given year I have about 50 engineers from all over the world who come to the facility to transact business,” he said. “There’s more international business now than there was 30 years ago. Most people who came from overseas like the proximity to New York City and the safety and beauty of Putnam County.”

Orange County’s first accelerator project opened at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, where organizers focused on providing jobs for Latino immigrants at higher salaries than were previously available, according to Cozzolino.

The location soon attracted manufacturers of fashion accessories, such as the Lucky Bug Clothing, which makes baby clothes, and Mellow World handbags.

“Word gets out, and people start to see the city of Newburgh and the surrounding areas as a place that you want to do fashion manufacturing, and here they come,” said Cozzolino.

Accelerators are typically designed based on available resources. In Middletown there were a large number of vacant medical facilities, so organizers pitched companies that make medical devices, medical software and personal-care products. Kingston has an accelerator project focused on food production.

Putnam is not an area where organizers see a need for manufacturing jobs, Cozzolino said, since its median income is solid and there is not much unemployment. Therefore, the focus is on international companies that want to set up shop near New York City.

“The idea was you don’t have to go to New York City, where nobody will help you, it’s expensive, and you don’t know what you’re doing,” said Cozzolino. “You’ll come here, we’ll put you in this building and provide advice and counseling so they can do business in America.”

Legislator William Gouldman (R-Putnam Valley) said he found the proposal to be “a great concept. It’s the potential of new tax dollars, new employees, and the revitalization of the county. I would love to see this be successful and then put another on the eastern side of the county, and go from there.”

**More Putnam news**

**Drug-court fee**

Residents enrolled in drug-treatment court may soon be required to pay the $30-per-month fee charged to others who are on probation.

According to Gene Funicielli, the director of probation, people sent to treatment court have not been charged the fee because their cases are considered to be pending while they complete the program, which typically takes 18 to 24 months.

Funicielli asked legislators at the Rules Committee meeting on June 19 to change the law to allow his department to charge the fee to those in treatment court because they are getting the same services.

There are about 450 people on probation in Putnam County, including about 70 enrolled in treatment court. (After graduating from treatment court, participants are placed on probation for up to three years, during which they pay the fee.)

The department offers a hardship waiver, Funicielli noted, for people with disabilities, those receiving public assistance, the unemployed and others with limited income. Any given time, about 50 percent of the people on probation are eligible, he said.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patternson) noted that if half of the 70 treatment-court participants have their fee waived, a change in the law would only generate about $1,000 a month for the county.

However, Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac) said “it’s more about being equitable. If you’re on probation, whether you’re in the special drug program or you’re in the other probation program, you should be paying.”

The three-member committee unaniously approved the proposed change, which the full Legislature is expected to consider at its July 3 meeting.

**Taxi commission**

Lawmakers are revisiting whether the county should create a Taxi and Limousine Commission following complaints from a business owner whose drivers are ticketed in Westchester County.

Ruth Ayala-Quezada, the president of Carmel Taxi and Car Service, told the Rules Committee that one driver received $1,800 in tickets in a single day from the Taxi and Limousine Commission in Westchester for lacking a permit. Many of the passengers traveling to Westchester are going to medical appointments, she said.

She could avoid the tickets by paying an annual $600 fee to Westchester, plus $350 per vehicle, but she says it’s not worth it. “I was giving them $7,000 a year for the amount of cars that I had,” she said.

Ayala-Quezada suggested that if Putnam had its own commission, it could work out a reciprocity agreement with Westchester. She said she’d rather give Putnam the money for permits, which she suspected would be much less, perhaps $500 to $150 per vehicle.

Nacerino, whose husband owns a private car service, said a commission is long overdue. “It’s not only that we’re losing revenue, but we do not have the ability, as Westchester does, to pull [taxi drivers] over because they’re using our roads and our highways,” she said.

Sullivan recommended the county reach out to Westchester officials before taking action. “I’m not one for creating more government, and more rules and regulations, so I’m on the fence,” he said.

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G.I. Joe: The World’s Bravest Pigeon

During World War II, a member of the U.S. Army Pigeon Service named G.I. Joe saved the lives of residents of the Italian village of Calvi Vecchia. The village was occupied by German troops, and the Allies had called in planes to bomb it. When British forces captured the village, G.I. Joe flew 20 miles in 20 minutes to deliver the critical message to stop the bombardment. In 1946, at the Tower of London, G.I. Joe was presented with the Dickin Medal for Gallantry, making him the first non-British recipient of the medal honoring the service of animals during the war.

His tour of duty complete, he was transferred to the U.S. Army’s Churchill Loft at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, along with 24 other avian veterans. G.I. Joe died in 1961 at the Detroit Zoo at age 18. His body was mounted and is displayed at Fort Monmouth.

G.I. Joe was one of 32 pigeons given awards by the British government for their military service.

Noise from Newburgh Prompts Complaints

Many in Beacon believe it is coming from Billy Joe’s Ribworks, a Front Street restaurant across the Hudson from Long Dock Park. The restaurant serves food every night except Sunday until 10 p.m. and holds Country Tuesdays with a DJ, Karaoke Wednesdays, Latin Thursday and live music every Saturday night.

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Racing Pigeon Rescue

Lofts in many backyards in the Bronx, Long Island, New Jersey and even Manhattan,” Morales said. Still, there are at least 14,000 “one-loft” racing pigeons in the U.S., which refers to birds raised by numerous owners at a single facility.

The sport can be lucrative, if you have a good pigeon. Nineteen pigeon races in 2017 offered a total of $2.7 million in prize money. The Hoosier Classic in Indiana this year will be the first U.S. race to offer $1 million, including $250,000 to the winner. A race in South Africa pays 1 million euros to the winner.

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Younger birds race between 100 to 400 miles while older pigeons race up to 1,000 miles. Even at those distances, it can be a photo finish. “One of my birds lost a 150-mile race by one second,” Morales recalled.

Chester’s fate

Aponte-Kocela is grateful for Morales’ help in nursing Chester back to health. “I’ve learned so much about pigeons and racing from Dan,” she said. “Nature keeps connecting me with good people.”

Morales doubts that Chester flew in the right direction. “Owners sometimes lose a young (untrained) pigeon to other owners to see how they do under different conditions,” he said. Chester, he feels, was likely sent by an owner in Kentucky to a loft not far from Cold Spring. “Maybe once he’s healthy and released, he’ll come back for a visit,” Aponte-Kocela said. “That would be really neat!”
Rising Waters

A study by the Union of Concerned Scientists released on June 18 concluded that accelerating sea level rise due to climate change will put as many as 311,000 coastal homes at risk of chronic flooding from high tides within the next 30 years if nothing is done to slow global warming.

In New York, most of the endangered homes are on Long Island. But the union projects that by 2080, eight properties in Garrison would provide 40,000 square feet of paddock; and clubhouse. The facility also includes a 45,000 square-foot outdoor arena.

Citizen Actors

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival on June 25 announced the cast for its community production over Labor Day weekend of Seth Bockley’s Rip Van Winkle; or, Cut the Old Moon into Stars. The production will include 40 “citizen actors,” along with four professionals. The cast includes Phillip Condyles, David Kupras, Emma Myers, Celia Reissig, Sarah Ristine, Bernadette Humphrey-Nicol and Michele Humphrey-Nicol from Beacon, and Alison Anthoine, Alex Danilov, Laura Andrew Cuomo, but the group suggests a compromise: The Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge.

More Feedback on Horton Road Project

Planning board hears views on subdivision, stables

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Four years into its scrutiny of the proposed Hudson Highlands Reserve, the Philipstown Planning Board last week sought more feedback on the upscale housing and equestrian project.

The resulting testimony at a June 21 public hearing in Cold Spring included support for a subdivision on the site, just not as currently configured.

Designed by Horton Road LLC, led by architect Ulises Liceaga, the 210-acre reserve would contain 25 weekend homes, each about 2,500 square feet on a 1-acre lot; a stable for 40 horses, indoor and outdoor arenas, paddock; and clubhouse. The parcel includes a section of Clove Creek and Ulmar Pond, a small lake.

Although Horton Road LLC calls it a conservation subdivision and sets aside 153 acres as undeveloped land, critics have contended the Reserve does not cluster buildings but spreads them out along roads and otherwise fails to reflect conservation subdivision practices.

By minimizing car use, promoting walking and preserving nature, conservation subdivisions can obtain zoning breaks, such as higher density, not allowed in sprawling suburban subdivisions. No conservation subdivision yet exists in Philipstown.

On June 5, the Planning Board unanimously declared the project must undergo a full environmental review.

“We agree this is a good site for a conservation subdivision,” Michelle Smith, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust said June 21. But instead of the current design, she recommended an alternative that clears the pond perimeter of houses, groups them to the north and reduces the size of the lots and the equestrian facility.

Smith also observed that zoning law prescribes 40,000 square feet outdoors for each large farm animal, such as a horse, while the Hudson Highlands Reserve would provide 40,000 square feet of paddock for 40 horses.

That seems like a big disparity,” said Richard Butensky, who lives on East Mountain Road South.

The facility also includes a 45,000 square-foot outdoor arena.

Reinhard Teter, a Horton Road LLC consultant, described the equestrian center as state-of-the-art, hygienically handling horse manure and other waste.

John Clark, a neighbor, said he welcomes the equestrian center because his daughter rides but that he worries about building around the pond. “A lot of issues would be addressed if everything were moved off the pond,” he said.

Garrison resident Betsy Calhoun referred to the property as “primeval” in part but “very special” overall. Development “would totally destroy it,” she cautioned.

Liceaga, who owns a house in Philipstown, said he “has done everything by the book. I love this area.” He said the questions posed over the years have been good but that “the scope of this project has been misrepresented” by some opponents whom he suspects of using his property for personal recreation.

Noise from Newburgh

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Ladybug Love

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall on Saturday (June 23) organized a release of native nine-spotted ladybugs (*Coccinella novemnotata*). The official state insect, it has been on the decline and naturalists hope to strengthen local populations. After learning about the six states of development of the insect, children and their parents were give ladybugs to release into the fields and gardens.

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Books as Art

A new chapter for two Beacon residents

By Alison Rooney

Paulette Myers-Rich wants people to touch her art. Even flip through it.

With her husband, David Rich, this past September she opened The No. 3 Reading Room & Photo Book Works at 469 Main St. in Beacon, where she displays and sells handmade artist’s books, works on paper, photobooks and poetry from independent presses.

“I’m a trained librarian and I love to talk to people who pop in,” she says. “I want people to be able to handle the books. The ‘so precious it can’t be touched’ thing does not apply here. The material is part of the content, as is the structure. A well-made art book should be designed to be handled. So often the works are only seen in a controlled environment, under glass.”

The next exhibit, Purgatory Pie Press, 40 Years and Counting, opens on Second Saturday, July 14, and features the work of Esther K. Smith and Dikko Faust, letterpress and book designers in New York City. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Other parts of the building host Myers-Rich’s workspace, where, under the banner Traffic Street Press, she creates art books, and Rich’s second-floor painting studio, which is open from time to time for film screenings, concerts and exhibits. The couple also lives on the premises.

Realizing that many people are not familiar with the term artist book, Myers-Rich breaks it down:

- Artist book = a book made by an artist
- Book art = book made for art
- Book arts = binding, typesetting, printing (the components to make books)

Myers-Rich began her career studying experimental filmmaking in the 1970s, then photography. She changed course when she was accepted as an intern in the papermaking studio of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

“I was doing sculptural photos, so this fit right in,” she recalls. “At that time artist’s books was a new genre that came out of the Fluxus movement, in which artists, poets and people who made multimedia works used the book as a structure to document their happenings. I saw a structure where I could intersect narrative and photos. I adopted it as my form. It introduced me to a lot of craft practices.”

The genre was dependent on nearly-obsolete machinery, which Myers-Rich began to acquire. “Letterpress was going out of fashion,” she says. “Because it’s so heavy and takes up space, people were happy to get rid of it.”

She feels the digital age has led people back to the tactile. “When I started, dragging heavy equipment, people thought I was out of my mind,” she recalls. “Now there’s so much activity in micropresses, many of which stemmed from graduate students getting together and becoming self-sufficient.”

Mother Gallery, Open to All

Painters — and moms — join forces to create space

By Alison Rooney

The newly opened art space at 18 W. Bank St. in Beacon is called the Mother Gallery for the reason you’d expect. The owners are artists and moms. The space was formerly the studio of painter Paola Ochoa, who, along with fellow painter Kirsten Deirup, now stewards the gallery. The two met through a mutual friend. They plan to present shows that each feature the work of three artists and run for six to seven weeks.

Its inaugural exhibit, The Cruellest Month, with 56 pieces, closes on June 30. The one that follows, Good Vibrations, with work by painters Paolo Arao and Angela Heisch and sculptor Ryan Reggiani, opens Second Saturday, July 14. The women plan to roll out fake grass in the parking lot, put corn on the grill and provide music from The Dramastics.

Generally, Deirup handles the artists, while Ochoa handles the space. For both women, the gallery is “the perfect endeavor with which to re-introduce ourselves into the art community,” says Deirup. Ochoa adds: “We both left the city, but brought part of the city here with us, and now we can merge things.”

The women admit they didn’t know each other that well yet managed to turn a private studio into a public gallery in a short amount of time. The past few months have been frenzied.

Ochoa says Deirup is the first person she met in Beacon who was also both an artist and the mother of younger children. Deirup moved to Beacon three years ago from Brooklyn; she has two sons, ages 1 and 9. Ochoa (To Page 14)
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FRIDAY, JUNE 29
Fellowship Supper BBQ Fundraiser
6 p.m. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood
6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel, 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-809-5750 | hshakespeare.org

New York Liberty vs. Chicago Sky (WNBA)
7:30 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

50 Miles From Times Square (Documentary)
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

With Love and Light (Benefit for Robin Testerman)
7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon
beaconperformingartscenter.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
Four-Season Gardening
10 a.m. One Nature Garden Center
321 Main St., Beacon | onenaturegc.com/events

Mud Day
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Dr., Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnm.org

Social Action Poster Workshop (ages 8-13)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-473-2500 | beaconlibrary.org

Colonial Carpentry
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fort Montgomery
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery
845-446-2134 | nysparks.com/historic-sites

Ice Cream Social
Noon – 3 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Public Canoe Trip
2 p.m. Constitution Marsh
127 Warren Landing, Garrison
constitutionmarsh.aukubon.org

Families Belong Together Rally
2 p.m. Pough Public, Beacon
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Kazumi Tanaka (Artist Talk)
3 p.m. Matteawan Gallery
436 Main St., Beacon
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7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 3
Putnam County Legislature
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Genevieve Ave., Carmel
845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

Bannerman Island Tour and Fireworks
7 p.m. Boat depart from Beacon dock
845-633-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Cold Spring Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
Independence Day
Non-Denominational Service
10 a.m. McKeel’s Corners Chapel
Route 9 at Route 301, Philipstown
845-265-3902

Independence Day Activities
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fort Montgomery
See details under Saturday.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence
11 a.m. Beacon City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Fireworks Spectacular
7 – 10 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
walkway.org

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, JULY 5
Performers Rock! (grade school)
2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Staten Island
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

HVSF: Richard III
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JULY 6
Hudson Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival
4 – 9:30 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
6550 Springbrook Ave., Rhinebeck
drcoc.org/balloonfestschedule

Rhyme Time by The Hudson
9:30 a.m. Boscobel
See details under Saturday.

Rockin’ Tales & Crafts (ages 4-6)
11 a.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

Group Show: Expansion (Opening)
6 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-609-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

H.V. Renegades vs. Staten Island
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
See details under Thursday.

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under June 29.
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Built 1994 | 0.42 acre

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Built 1880 | 0.6 acre

$375,500
431 Sprout Brook Road, Garrison
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$400,000
24 De Soto Ave., Beacon
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Built 2008 | 0.11 acre

$450,000
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$469,350
3041 Route 9, Philipstown
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“I don’t think that one of us could have done it on our own.”
“Nor wanted to.”

also has two sons, ages 2 and 4.
Ochoa says she asked Deirup to help her start the gallery because she was “intelligent, a great artist and in the same boat as me. I knew my time was running out, being a lone-wolf artist while also experiencing the isolation that can come with being a mom.

“There have been obstacles, but we’ve tackled them,” she says. “We’ve found we have a pretty balanced set of skills, and can pass things off to each other when necessary, too.”

“I don’t think that one of us could have done it on our own,” says Deirup.

“Nor wanted to,” Ochoa adds.

Deirup says her favorite part of running the gallery so far has been “getting to expose people whose work I’ve always loved who I think are underrepresented. We just want to show the best work we can, regardless of where it is from.”

Mother Gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
See mothergallery.art.

Books as Art
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micropublishers. It started with zines and graphic novels, which are a gateway into book art.”

Myers-Rich and Rich spent decades teaching in Minneapolis before moving to New York City to join “the greatest community of artists,” which was no easy feat, given the literally tons of equipment they own. It was impossible to find an affordable studio large enough in the city, “so we drew a 50-mile circle and started exploring the Hudson Valley.”

They purchased the Beacon building in January 2016 and completed a gut renovation that took 14 months.

“We’re really thrilled with the art community — it’s so welcoming,” Myers-Rich says. “I grew up on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, and I also love that it’s an hour to the city. Beacon has a pretty complete ecosystem for my needs.”

For Myers-Rich, the public portion of their space is not about business but “about artists being able to have a social practice, which means going out into the community. I have regulars now. People come in and sit and read. People who respond to what we have here love books; it’s a common denominator.

“Some people are shy, but they learn a whole other side of what a book can be,” she says. “Some peek in, look around for a second then leave. Or, they really spend time with the work. There’s an energy to books. They’re important because that’s how a culture survives.”
roots and shoots

weeding? protect your soil

by pamela doan

it's a good time to be a weed. most of our methods of managing natural landscapes involve leaving soil exposed, making it easy for a weed to grow without competition. building projects typically begin by clearing a site and ripping out all vegetation. many landscaping efforts have the same approach and vegetable gardens still are commonly tilled every year.

weed seeds are constantly on the move, dispersed by wind, water, birds, animals and people, looking for bare soil. weeds also build up seed banks in the soil and can patiently wait for years for the opportunity to emerge. digging, exposing and tilling soil can create that fertile moment.

although hand-pulling weeds is the most common method for home gardeners, depending on the weed's root depth and method of spreading, it might have the opposite effect.

weeds that spread by rhizomes can be stimulated to spread when pulled. the invasive species artemisia vulgaris, commonly known as mugwort, and polygonum cuspidatum, commonly called japanese knotweed, are examples of weeds that operate that way and are particularly difficult to control.

here's how it works: with the best intention, a gardener pulls a mugwort. the rhizome structure is still there, though. these modified stems in the soil can push new roots down and new stems up and another mugwort plant is born.

only by removing the entire rhizome base can the plant be stopped. any small piece that remains can propagate, which is the technique that makes these weeds so effective at dominating other plants. lily of the valley and virginia creeper are examples of plants that some gardeners consider desirable that are also spread by rhizomes.

liz campbell kelly of hudson garden studio shared a method she prefers for preparing new sites. “when i want to clear an area, i get woodchips from an arborist and spread 12 inches on the top of anything that’s growing,” she says. “after three months, i brush away the top layer and plant directly into it.”

this works because, by not using landscape fabric, cardboard, plastic or other materials to smother the vegetation, water and nutrients can flow through the woodchips while suppressing weed growth. the soil microbes aren’t damaged.

campbell kelly was specific about using arborist woodchips instead of other sources like a bag from a big-box store. “i get deliveries from philipstown tree service and i know they haven’t been treated with chemicals,” she says.

bardes says he uses organic methods and good maintenance practices to improve lawns. he sees it as a long-term approach and the first step is helping the lawn recover from past applications of synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. his clients notice when beneficial insects and birds return.

the foundation of his work is creating fertile soil that can feed turf grass, and then overseeding it. healthy grass doesn’t leave space for weeds and can resist pests and diseases, he notes.

he says his team moves at a height to keep existing weeds from seeding. the occasional weed is hand-pulled and he tries to leave as many leaves as he can mulched into the yards. “in my own yard, i make my own topsoil and don’t till my garden,” he says. “i only add organic material.”

the hardest thing about his approach is getting customers on board. he says he does a lot of educating to help break patterns and beliefs. learning to live with a few weeds in the lawn is also useful.
COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Climb Time
Library to host rock wall

Children of all ages and abilities are invited to climb a 24-foot rock wall at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30. The wall, which is part of the Libraries Rock summer reading program, has four sides and can be used by multiple children at the same time.

Trail Training
Sessions with invasive species strike force

The Invasive Species Strike Force of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference will offer training in July for volunteers on how to identify invasive plants.

Beginners can learn to recognize 14 species during a session on Saturday, July 7, at the conference offices in Mahwah, New Jersey, while an intermediate class is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining and on Sunday, July 22, in Mahwah.

A session will be held Saturday, July 21, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Millbrook focused on species not yet common here. See nynjtc.org/volunteer-now.

Family Arts Festival
Troupe to perform 'Secret Life of Soil'

Puppeteers from the Arm-of-the-Sea Theater will perform Dirt: The Secret Life of Soil at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, during a Family Arts Festival at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Other activities from noon to 4 p.m. will include fiber arts, painting and clay. The suggested donation is $5 and children younger than age 12 and local emergency responders are admitted free.

Beacon
Libraries Rock!
Howland has summer of activities

The Howland Public Library in Beacon has launched its summer reading programs for children ages 4 to 12. The library has reading logs and will award prizes. There are also a number of events planned, such as a weekly Performers Rock! starting Thursday, July 5, and STEM Sounds starting Tuesday, July 10, both for elementary school children, and Rockin' Tales & Crafts for children ages 4 to 6, which starts Friday, July 6. See beaconlibrary.org or call...
COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cannonball!
Second annual run set for July 7

The Beacon Recreation Center will hold its second annual Cannonball Run at University Settlement Camp in Saturday, July 7. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the first heat starts at 10:15 a.m. The 5K trail run and 1-mile course both finish with a leap into the Beacon Pool. A $20 donation for the 5K and a $5 donation for the mile run benefit the recreation department’s after-school programs.

Health Care Heroes
Group accepting nominations

Two groups that help people on public assistance, The Community Commitment and WelCare Health Plans, are seeking nominations for Dutchess County residents and health care professionals who work to improve the lives of others. A $1,000 donation will be made to each honoree’s charity of choice. Nominations are due by July 13. See thecommunitycommitment.org/award-programs.

Readings in the Garden
Storytime outside Binnacle

One Nature and Binnacle Books will host a storytime with Lisa Marie and Diana Mae every other Sunday at the garden center, which is adjacent to the bookstore. The first gathering is at noon on Sunday, July 8.

How to Grow Vegetables
Workshop at Common Ground

On Saturday, June 30, at 10 a.m., Sarah Simon, the farm director at Common Ground Farm, will lead a workshop on growing vegetables in every season. Learn strategies to keep your garden productive with planting successions, protection, storage and pest management strategies. Tickets are $25, with 50 percent benefiting Common Ground. See onenaturellc.com/events.

HOLD ON TIGHT — A baby kangaroo was the star of the show at the Two by Two petting zoo held at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on June 19. The zoo also featured a python, a bearded dragon, a rabbit, baby goats, chickens, a tortoise and baby alligators. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

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Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (June 1868)

Mr. Youmans was returning to Cold Spring when, as he came in sight of his house, he saw his roof on fire. He managed to extinguish the flames, which had been started by sparks from the chimney.

A nine-inch crack appeared in the West Point Foundry bell.

Copies of a new book, Ragged Dick, or Street Life in New York with the Boot-Blacks, by Horatio Alger, arrived at the News Depot.

Isaac Riggs of Nelsonville reported that someone had taken his gate off its hinges and carried it away.

Mr. McClean was busy working on the new road called Secor Street.

125 Years Ago (June 1893)

The contract for carrying the mail between the Cold Spring and Nelsonville post offices was awarded to James Bailey.

William McCloy opened a livery business in the stables adjoining the Pacific Hotel. His carriage met all trains and boats.

Gen. and Mrs. D. Butterfield, who spent the winter traveling in Europe and the Holy Land, returned home to Cragside, their summer residence.

A nine-inch crack appeared in the village water supply to a private company, the Cold Spring Board of Trustees revoked a permit given to the Water Works Co. to build a plant. However, some residents argued a plant was needed to protect against fire and because only a few homes had indoor bathrooms.

Robert Likley sued the Hudson River Railroad after a conductor tossed him off the train at Highland Station for refusing to buy a ticket. Likley said the conductor had already taken his ticket when he boarded in New York.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor (YPSCE) of the Presbyterian Church presented the two-act farce, The Irish Linen Peddler, at Town Hall.

Two gold pens on display at the store were found dead on Church Street; several dogs were sick and six were missing.

A Viking ship sent by the Norwegian government to exhibit at the World’s Fair in Chicago passed by Cold Spring on the Hudson being towed by a tug.

One morning the mail pouch thrown from a northbound train was caught under the wheels and ground to pieces.

Paul Shimmon, a Persian by birth, gave a lecture on Persia at St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring in Persian costume. He wrote and spoke in Persian and Syriac and showed a copy of the Quran written in gold letters.

75 Years Ago (June 1943)

Joseph Perraccio Jr., Town Clerk-Tax Collector Edward Collard and James LaDue attended a Sunday afternoon doubleheader between the Yankees and the Cleveland Indians. They made the trip on the New York Central Railroad. The Philipstown Salvage Committee received word from the War Production Board that the collection of scrap rubber would be temporarily suspended.

Visit his parents.

An eagle that Thomas Groves shot and disabled some months ago and kept as a pet (during which time it killed and ate a cat that ventured too close), was confined to a slatted box and deposited at the train station to be taken to the Central Park zoological collection.

Just two days after the Main Street gutters were thoroughly cleaned, they were filled again with banana peels, orange skins, scraps of paper and sawdust.

A dog poisoner was on the loose: One morning four dogs and a cat were found dead on Church Street; several dogs were sick and six were missing.

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suspended.

Nine of the 43 members of the Haldane graduating class will be inducted into military service after the close of school.

The Cold Spring Board of Trustees reported it had received numerous complaints of children playing baseball in the streets, particularly on Garden, Pine and Parrott.

The board voted to install an outdoor sprinkler system in Southard's field opposite Selleck's Garage on Fair Street for children on exceptionally hot days.

50 Years Ago (June 1968)

Linley George, a resident of Arkville, New York, was stabbed in the face and arms at White's Cottages on Route 9 in Philipstown last month, according to a police report. He had rented a cottage with John Herstich, of Fremansburg, Pennsylvania, who was arrested the day after the assault with a stab wound to the chest.

Putnam County Sheriff Ray Weizenecker announced it was Voluntary Weapon Surrendering Month in which anyone with an illegal firearm could turn it in without being arrested. However, the sheriff asked that he first be notified in writing of the approximate time and day the weapon would be surrendered.

A proposal to merge the Haldane and Garrison school districts was defeated, 695 to 594.

The Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corp. announced it would purchase an ambulance to replace its 1953 Cadillac.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. also said it would buy a truck for $30,000, the largest purchase it had ever made.

Arlo Guthrie, best known for his recent hit, “Alice's Restaurant,” performed at the Hudson Valley Folk Picnic in Garrison.

25 Years Ago (June 1993)

A number of residents from Kent, Putnam Valley and Philipstown calling themselves the Sewage Waste Action Team gathered at Fahnestock Park to protest a sewage-sludge treatment plant proposed for a 300-acre tract in Kent near the Chuan Yen Monastery. It had first been proposed for a site just off Route 301 in Putnam Valley near the Philipstown line to process sludge from Yonkers.

A Philipstown Town Board workshop was packed with spectators as board members and the highway superintendent discussed which roads should be paved.

A 24-year-old Newburgh man died after falling about 20 feet from a cliff at Little Stony Point.

A joint commission appointed by the Nelsonville and Cold Spring mayors to save Butterfield Hospital canceled a public meeting and a fundraiser.

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival announced that, for its sixth season, it would perform two previews and 16 regular performances of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

Bruce Simon of the Simon & Simon Racing Team of Garrison crashed on the fourth lap at the first national race of the season in Connecticut. His car, the Flying Spitfire, was co-sponsored by Minardi's Auto Body of Cold Spring.
Finding the Right Balance

The Howland Cultural Center in Beacon hosted a Family Balancing Day on Sunday (June 24) as part of its ongoing Circus at the Howland series. Another is scheduled for July 8. See bit.ly/howland-circus for tickets. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Ross Corsair