



EVERYBODY WAVE — Participants show off their scenes of tranquility after a Teen Paint and Pizza party at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on July 17. From left is Ruby Poses, Camilla McDaniel, Noula O'Reilly, Carmela Cofini, Maya Gelber, Phelan Waldron, Jovani LaRosa and Jasmine Gelfer, the daughter of illustrator Regina Gelfer, who led the session. Photos by Ross Corsair

New Life for Philipstown Business?

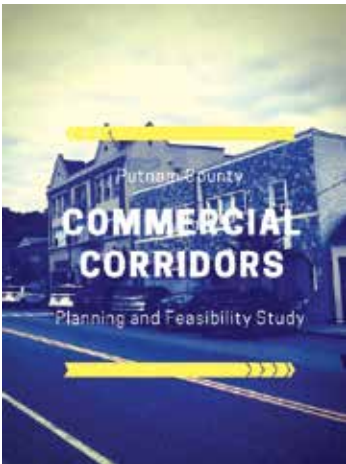
County studies how to boost commercial corridors

By Michael Turton

A study designed to revitalize 10 commercial corridors in Putnam County includes recommendations for Main Street in Cold Spring and Nelsonville as well as for Route 9 from Route 301 to Fishkill Road.

The study, which also considered corridors in Carmel, Putnam Valley, Mahopac, Kent, Patterson and Southeast, was commissioned by the county from AKRF, a planning firm based in Manhattan, and Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

As part of the Main Street study, the chambers of commerce for Cold Spring and Putnam County hosted a forum in August to gather feedback from business owners.



The Putnam County study

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Ballots Nearly Set for November

Odell outspends Fleming 36-to-1 in county executive race

By Chip Rowe

The Putnam County Board of Elections on July 23 invalidated a petition filed by Paul Denbaum, a member of the Kent Town Council who hopes to force a Republican primary against County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

His petition to appear on the Sept. 13 ballot was challenged by John A. Greene, past president of the Putnam County Young Republican Club. After a review, the county election commissioners — one Republican, and one Democrat — invalidated enough signatures to put Denbaum below the 1,000 he needed.

Denbaum said on Wednesday (July 25) that he planned to appeal the ruling in Putnam County Supreme Court. He had until July 26 to do so.

Maureen Fleming, the Kent supervisor who is the Democratic candidate for county executive, attempted to force a primary vote on Sept. 13 for the Conservative Party line by filing what is known as an "opportunity to ballot."

If it stands up to challenge, the petition will create a write-in line that Fleming can encourage the 1,831 registered Conservative Party voters in Putnam to fill with her name. If she received more votes than Odell, who is the Conservative Party nominee, her name would appear on that line in the general election ballot.

Fleming complained in a statement on July 18 of "interference" in the election process, saying a robocall was instructing Conservative Party members not to sign her opportunity-to-ballot petition. She called the (Continued on Page 4)



Paul Denbaum



Maureen Fleming



MaryEllen Odell

Grannies Head to Border

Beacon group sparks national protest of immigration policy

By Brian PJ Cronin

Dan Aymar-Blair can't remember which news story about the federal government's "zero tolerance" immigration policy spurred him to action.

The Beacon resident said it might have been about migrant children being kept in cages, the recording of children crying for their parents, the woman who had her infant taken away from her while breastfeeding, or just learning about the number of children separated (To Page 8)



A few of the grannies from the Highlands who will be traveling to the border, along with grandfathers and support crew. Photo by Cappy Hotchkiss

Five Questions: FRANK GRIGGS JR.

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council hired Frank Griggs Jr., 83, an engineer from Saratoga County, to prepare plans to rehab the historic Bridge Street and Tioronda bridges.

How did you get interested in bridge restoration?

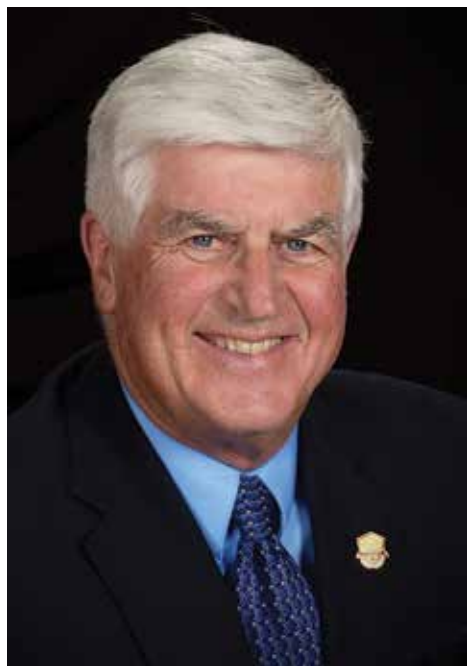
In 1938, when I was 3, my father was hired to rebuild bridges in upstate New York after a hurricane. My first memory is being on a bulldozer with him. I didn't think about that again until 1980, when I was teaching at Union College [in Schenectady] and we were rebuilding a bridge built by Squire Whipple. I knew nothing at all about 19th-century bridges or Whipple and I got interested in bridge history. I've restored maybe a dozen pedestrian bridges in the last 30 to 40 years, so there's not a big market, but I've probably done more of the 19th-century bridges than anybody. I'm working on the Town of Claverack Bridge, which is a two-span Whipple bowstring truss.

How do you begin?

I photograph the bridge to get a close look at all the connections, the pins, rivets and foundations. From that I work up a plan and a budget. Sometimes I've done the work myself with help from family and friends, and other times I've supervised.

How are the Beacon bridges?

Bridge Street has more historical significance than Tioronda, which was a dead end from an engineering standpoint. This guy, William Rezner, got a patent for a tubular-arch bridge and formed the Ohio Bridge Company. It existed for about three years and nobody picked up on the design. Bridge Street was a Whipple bridge. After he designed his first bridge in 1853, his truss design became almost a standard for railroad and some highway bridges until about 1890. Your bridge down there was built in 1879, so it is one of the oldest of its kind. It was made with wrought iron and cast iron, which are resistant to corrosion, unlike steel. You leave steel



Frank Griggs Jr.

Photo provided

outside for 140 years and you won't have much left.

How long does restoration take?

Once the money is available you can do a project like these in less than six months. There are two ways of doing it: You can fix the bridge so it looks like it did when it was built or you get it good enough to be safely used. It all depends on funding. Tioronda will be a more difficult project. I'll have to spread out all the pieces and see what you have. I'm hoping to find an arch that can be restored for display or two arches that can be used for a pedestrian bridge.

How close to the original can you get?

Welding wasn't extant when these bridges were built, but sometimes to make them safe we have to weld. We have to replace rivets with bolts. But the finished product will be almost all-original fabric, and structurally it will be the same. We'll just use modern construction techniques. If it's done the way it should be, the Beacon bridges should last 100 more years.



The Tioronda Bridge

File photo by J. Simms

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

"If you could have lunch with any three people, from the past or present day, who would you choose?"



"My mother, Christiana, [fashion designer] Donna Karan and Buddha."

~ Barbara Dyer, Cold Spring



"My parents, Anthony and Harriet Di Rocco, and Jesus."

~ Mark Di Rocco, Beacon



"David Letterman, Barack Obama and Pope Francis."

~ Joan Schneider, Beacon

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Slime on the Agenda

Town board concerned about toxic algae

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board earlier this month discussed whether to enact regulations to control faulty septic systems and ban fertilizers and other chemicals blamed for feeding toxic algae slicks on lakes and ponds.

The board discussed the issue at its July 12 meeting two days after a Putnam County legislative committee endorsed a program to help pay for home septic system repairs and the state Department of Environmental Conservation updated its list of lakes with hazardous or suspicious algae growth, including five in Putnam. A second list of lakes and ponds under watch includes Barrett Pond and the Beacon Reservoir in Philipstown and 10 other Putnam sites.

The DEC says most algae pose no health risks. But it cautions that some types, called Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), contain toxins. Contact with HABs can cause vomiting, allergic reactions and breathing difficulties in humans and be fatal to dogs. Known as scums, streaks and blooms, HABs are white, red, yellow, blue, green or brown and often resemble spilled paint, pea soup and “floating dots or clumps,” according to the DEC.

They thrive in warmer waters (making them another byproduct of global warming) and feed on phosphorous and nitrogen from fertilizers and other lawn-care products spread through unchecked stormwater run-off and septic system failures.

Councilor Nancy Montgomery, who lives at Lake Valhalla, said she’s been “astounded” by the number of homes in her neighborhood with flags warning that their lawns were treated with chemicals.

“The lawns look beautiful, but I’m a little concerned,” she said. “It’s not natural for a lawn to grow like that in the woods.” She added that she “can’t find worms anymore to fish with because there is a change in the soil” and that she sees changes in the lake, as well.

In a later interview, Montgomery, a Democrat who is challenging incumbent



Harmful Algal Blooms, which contain toxins and should be avoided, can look in the water like (clockwise from top left) surface streaks, spilled paint, floating dots or clumps, or pea soup.

DEC

Barbara Scuccimarra for Putnam’s District 1 County Legislature seat, explained that Lake Valhalla does not have an algae problem, but that tests have suggested a high phosphorous level. “I am alarmed” about possible future problems, she said.

“How many lakes are gone because of this?” she asked at the July 12 meeting, proposing that Philipstown act. She said that other municipalities prohibit application of chemicals near lakes and that perhaps “we can ban this,” too. She also urged that the town “have a better watch over” septic systems.

Councilor Mike Leonard observed that other towns in Putnam County have attacked algae, but that apparently “it’s almost impossible to fight it at the lake level. You have to fight it at the source” by restricting pollutants. He pointed out that practices acceptable at lakeside cottages that were once uninhabited much of

the year no longer work when the cottages become full-time residences.

Scuccimarra, who chairs the county Legislature’s health and environment committee, made the same point on July 10, citing Lake Carmel and Putnam Lake as examples. (The DEC reports that the suspicious algal growths in two lakes have not yet proven by testing to be HABs.)

The three-member health committee voted to send a resolution to the full Legislature endorsing Putnam’s participation in a state program to prevent lake pollution. Established in 2017, it allocates \$75 million to deal with cesspools and septic systems that pose risks to drinking water or lakes and streams.

Under the program, counties can receive state funds to reimburse homeowners up to 50 percent of the cost of replacing a cesspool or malfunctioning septic.

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Ballots Nearly Set for November *(from Page 1)*

calls “disgraceful, outrageous and an insult to Conservative voters who can think for themselves” and claimed to be “the only true fiscal conservative in the race for Putnam County Executive.”

Similarly, Fleming will be challenged in the Sept. 13 primary for the Women’s Equality line after an opportunity to ballot was filed, presumably by Odell. There are 21 registered members of the party in the county.

Candidates typically try to claim as many party lines as possible on the general election ballot, believing it will add up to more votes.

Odell has far outpaced Fleming in raising money — and spending — money on the campaign. As of July 12, she reported having \$28,000 on hand, after spending \$64,000 of \$88,000 in contributions received since January. They included \$250 from Unicorn Contracting in Cold Spring and \$1,000 from Butterfield Realty, both owned by Paul Guillaro, who is developing the former Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring, and \$1,000 from Diane Ferris, the general manager of Unicorn Contracting.

Most of Odell’s expenditures were related to fundraisers and advertising, including \$27,623 to rent the county-owned Putnam County Golf Course for events and \$4,415 to the *Putnam County News & Recorder* in Cold Spring.

Fleming had \$18,366 as of July 12, after taking in \$20,000 since January and spending \$1,777. Along with individual contributions, she received \$1,000 from the Putnam County Democratic Committee, \$1,000 from the electrical workers’ union and \$500 from the Town of Carmel Democratic Committee.

Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, a Republican, is running unopposed.

In the race to represent Philipstown in the county Legislature, incumbent Barbara Scuccimarra will appear on the November ballot on the Republican, Conservative and Independence lines and challenger Nancy Montgomery, a member of the Philipstown Town Board, will have the Democratic, Working Families and



Sue Serino



Karen Smythe

Women’s Equality lines.

Scuccimarra reported \$5,733 in campaign funds, including a \$1,000 donation from Butterfield Realty. Montgomery has not filed her first disclosure; candidates must do so only after they have spent at least \$1,000.

Patty Villanova, a Cold Spring shopkeeper who announced in May that she planned to challenge Scuccimarra in the Republican primary, did not file a petition to appear on the ballot. In an email, she cited work commitments and Montgomery joining the race.

“I always knew that if Nancy became a candidate it was all over” because of the support she would draw, Villanova wrote. “My main concern was not to let Barbara Scuccimarra have a free ride. Nancy Montgomery is very familiar with the particular issues that are faced by Cold Spring and Philipstown and I’m sure she can get up to speed quickly on the rest of District 1,” which includes Putnam Valley, where Villanova resides.

In the race for the District 95 in the state Assembly, which includes Philipstown, Republican Lawrence Chiulli will challenge incumbent Sandy Galef in November.

Chiulli, who lives in Cortlandt Manor, has formed a campaign committee but does not appear to have a website or Facebook page. In 2012 he ran unsuccessfully on the Conservative Party line for one of two judicial delegate spots in the district.

Galef, 78, was first elected in 1992 and is seeking her 14th, two-year term. A Democrat, she won the 2016 election with 68 percent of the vote, was not challenged in the 2014 election and won 69 percent of the vote in 2012.



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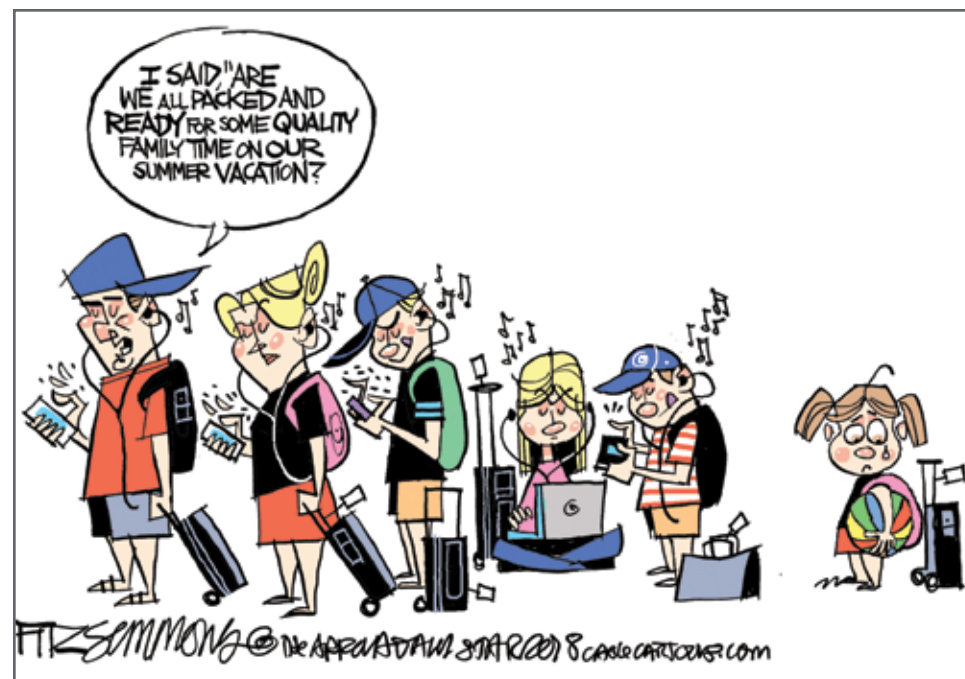
The deadline to register for the primary election is Aug. 19, and the deadline for the general election is Oct. 12.

In the state Senate, Karen Smythe will challenge Republican incumbent Sue Serino for her seat representing District 41, which stretches from Philipstown into northern Dutchess County.

Smythe, a Democrat who lives in Red Hook, oversaw her family’s construction firm, C.B. Strain & Son, before becoming executive director of the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association in Hyde Park.

A former member of the Dutchess County Legislature, Serino was elected to the Senate in 2014, defeating incumbent Terry Gipson with 51 percent of the vote. She was re-elected in 2016, again defeating Gipson, with 55 percent.

In other races, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents the Highlands in Congress, will be one of four candidates on the Sept. 13 ballot in the Democratic primary for state attorney general. (He is not facing a primary opponent for his seat in the House.) Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro will be the Republican candidate for governor on Nov. 6. He selected Julie Killian, a former member of the Rye City Council, as his running mate for lieutenant governor.



'Business Incubator' in Philipstown Has Support

But county executive says there is no money for it

By Holly Crocco

A committee of the Putnam County Legislature that focuses on economic development on July 17 passed a resolution supporting – in concept – a business accelerator project proposed for Route 9 in Philipstown.

In a letter to legislators, County Executive MaryEllen Odell supported the initiative but also asked the county's Economic Development Corporation to seek outside funding.

The EDC proposed the project to the Legislature in June. Vincent Cozzolino, who is a member of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency, said the project would be designed to attract companies that want to scale up. The accelerator building provides an inexpensive office and support from the county.

The Putnam concept is modeled after an accelerator in Orange County that launched seven years ago and has seven buildings and another three in the works.

The Putnam Accelerator Project would be housed at the 10,000-square-foot Jireh Resources building at 3691 Route 9. It would be divided into six to eight 500-square-foot "production-on-demand" units, with shared break rooms, conference space and administrative support.

According to Cozzolino, the county could get \$100,000 from the state Regional Economic Development Council to help retrofit and furnish the space but the funds can't be used for operating expenses. The EDC wants the county to provide \$60,000 for the first year to get the project up and running.

During the July 17 committee meeting, Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown) read aloud the letter from Odell in

which the county executive said while she supports the concept of the project, there is no funding for it in the 2018 budget.

Scuccimarra said she agreed that it was a great idea and encouraged the EDC to continue to seek outside money.

"I've toured the facility, as have several of my fellow legislators," she said. "It's the perfect location – it's an hour and a half from the city, it's close to Interstate 84, it's right on Route 9. The corridor is

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The resolution of support is expected to be considered by the full Legislature during its next meeting, scheduled for Aug. 7.



J. Carlos Salcedo outside the building he owns at 3691 Route 9 in Philipstown that county development officials hope to transform into an international business "accelerator"

Photo by Michael Turton

More Putnam News

- A plan to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 received pushback from convenience stores. See highlandscurrent.com/tobacco21.
- The county planning agency says it needs a new \$75,000 position to "shepherd infrastructure-type projects along so they don't get so snagged." See highlandscurrent.com/putnam-hire.

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Around Town

Clearwater Has New Director

Croton native returns from Seattle to take helm

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater announced on July 19 that it has named Greg Williams as the organization’s first executive director in more than two years. The organization’s director of human resources, Amy Larson Bonder, has been acting as executive director since the departure of interim director Dave Conover in September. Conover had taken over in March 2016 following the resignation of Peter Gross after 18 months in the position as the organization struggled with its finances. Williams, 50, who grew up in Croton, recently moved back to the Hudson Valley from Seattle. He has a bachelor’s degree in government from Dartmouth and a master’s in business from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.



Greg Williams



The Haldane School Foundation has five new board members: Katie Hendrix, Elizabeth Hire, Lauren Daisley and Kent Henricksen, along with Megan Harding, who is not pictured.

Photo provided

Haldane Foundation Awards Grants

Provides funds for technology, music, trips

The nonprofit Haldane School Foundation, which raises funds to distribute for projects, announced its spring grants. They included \$6,252 to purchase 18 iPads for the fourth grade; \$5,250 for Think Ahead chess for grades 2 to 5; \$4,107 for 30 calculators for high school math; \$3,500 for Friends & Family University; \$2,500 for a Model UN trip to the University of Connecticut; \$2,500 for a foreign-language immersion trip; \$1,977 for a U.S. History Flipped classroom for juniors; and \$1,800 for Chef in the Class-

room for grades K through 5. The foundation also provided \$1,500 for an elementary school musical; \$1,250 for a River of Words poetry workshop for sixth graders; \$1,000 for an AP Spanish trip to En El Tiempo de las Mariposas;

\$993 for cameras for grades 4 to 7; \$800 for a fourth-grade trip to Monroe Village; \$750 for a handwriting support club for fourth-graders; and \$550 to create a wall of inspirational quotes.

Three Groups Get Funding

Will pay for tours, exhibits, mapping

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area awarded National Park Service grants to three organizations in the Highlands. Boscobel received \$4,000 for landscape and landmarks tours of its grounds; the Putnam History Museum received \$2,500 for an exhibition to mark the West Point Foundry’s bicentennial; and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Route Association received \$5,000 for research, mapping and to hold a symposium on the 1781 and 1782 river crossings of the armies commanded by the two generals.

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Others expressed concern that increased tourism might threaten the “small-town charm” that is one of the villages’ biggest assets.

The participants were generally divided on how Main Street could be improved. Some suggested the village focus on tourism by increasing marketing aimed at New York City residents while adding more overnight accommodations and other amenities. Others expressed concern that increased tourism might threaten the “small-town charm” that is one of the villages’ biggest assets.

“The study’s recommendations seem to largely reflect the suggestions and spirit of the forum,” said Kate Lieberman, president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. She said she expected the report would be discussed at an upcoming Chamber breakfast.

In addition to the forum, AKRF and Pattern for Progress met with local elected officials and conducted surveys of pedestrians on weekdays and weekends.

When those surveyed were asked what was needed on Main Street, the most common answer was more clothing stores, according to the report. Other frequent

responses indicated that people wanted “more of the same” such as additional cafes and coffee shops, fine dining, antique stores and bars or breweries.

Main Street

The study contains a number of traffic-related suggestions for Main Street, including:

- Signage at key intersections to direct visitors to the shopping district
- Signage pointing to cultural and recreational destinations such as West Point Foundry Preserve, Boscobel, dining and the riverfront
- Main Street parking meters to ensure better vehicle turnover

Recommendations aimed at community and economic development included:

- Increased availability of public restrooms and an information booth near the pedestrian tunnel
- Marketing materials that feature hours of operation for businesses, including on social media
- Encouraging clothing retailers to open on Main Street

Route 9

While the report provides few new ideas for Cold Spring, the recommendations for Route 9 would put a new face on an area that the report concludes lacks a



A drone shot of the Main Street corridor, looking east

Photo by Jerome Strauss

Corridor Facts

- The median household income within a five-minute drive of Main Street is \$79,159. For Route 9, it's \$103,452.
- The majority of those surveyed said they never go to eastern Putnam County.
- Seventy percent of respondents came to Cold Spring by car, and 14 percent by train.
- The most common reason given for shopping in Beacon or Fishkill rather than Cold Spring was a wider selection of businesses.
- Ninety percent of those surveyed liked the look and feel of Cold Spring.
- Forty-seven percent said there is not enough parking in Cold Spring, 37 percent were neutral and 16 percent thought there was plenty.
- 15,370 vehicles travel the Route 9 corridor each day.
- The average accident rate for two-lane, undivided highways in New York State, according to the most recent figures available, was 3.5 accidents per million vehicle-miles. Route 9 is considerably safer, averaging 1.8 accidents per million vehicle-miles.

“sense of place.”

The report suggests signage that gives drivers the sense they are leaving a “non-descript highway” and entering a pedestrian-friendly “place.” The development of small retail stores, including boutiques, gift shops or cafes, is also recommended, to create a more “downtown” hamlet feel. The study also concluded that there is unmet demand for more restaurants in the area.

Many of the recommendations concentrate on making Route 9 from the baseball field on Fishkill Road to Philipstown Plaza more pedestrian friendly, including a network of sidewalks, pedestrian ramps

that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, high-visibility crosswalks and pedestrian lights with countdown timers.

Longer-term initiatives include realigning the intersection of Route 9 and Fishkill Road and the creation of parking off Fox Road/Old Postal Road to serve any new development.

The 260-page report, which was funded by Empire State Development and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, can be downloaded at bit.ly/putnam-report.



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Grannies Head to Border *(from Page 1)*

from their parents after their families were caught crossing the border.

“We’ve hit a new level here in the whole-sale abuse and demonizing of the most vulnerable people in our society,” says Aymar-Blair, who is co-founder of the nonprofit Article 20 Network, which aims to protect the right to peaceful assembly,

Elaine Ciaccio, another Beacon resident, agrees. “Once this becomes normal, what gets normalized next?” she says. “I’ve donated to organizations, but it’s beyond that now.”

Six weeks ago, Aymar-Blair, Ciaccio and about 20 other people met in a garage to talk about what seemed like an impossible idea: What if a busload of grandmothers drove from Beacon to the southern border of the U.S. to protest outside a detention center where migrant children were being held?

That once-theoretical busload of grannies, now known as Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden, will leave Beacon next week for a six-day, 10-stop, 20-event, 2,000-mile road trip to McAllen, Texas. Thirty people — mostly grandmothers, with a few grandfathers and support crew along for the ride — will begin the journey in Beacon, with others meeting them as they head south, including from Mexico City and Alaska.

The grannies will hold a kick-off party at Polhill Park on Saturday, July 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. “People are writing, saying ‘Thank you for giving us hope,’ ” says Aymar-Blair. “Just knowing that grandmothers are going to the border seems to mean something to a lot of people.”

When they reach McAllen, the women

will be joined by Veteran Service Corps (VSC), an organization that famously showed up in droves to participate in the 2016 protests at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Members of the Corps are already in McAllen to meet with interfaith leaders, activist groups and the police to ensure that the 24-hour protest and volunteer work at the border will go smoothly.

With more caravans across the country signing up each day, Aymar-Blair isn’t sure how many people will be joining them in Texas. He says he asked the VSC how it got so many protestors to Standing Rock and was told the Corps actually only put out the call for 100 veterans, and 8,000 showed up.

The Corps is putting out a similar call on behalf of the grandmothers. “We have to be prepared to be overwhelmed,” Aymar-Blair says.

He says the inspiration for the caravan comes from the long history of journeys as a form of protest such as the Freedom Riders of 1961, Gandhi’s Salt March in 1930, and even the Book of Exodus.

“Who attends a protest tells the story,” he says. “Grandmothers are often seen as the moral compasses of their families. So, on a national level, what do our grandmothers think about all of this?”

Claire Nelson, a Beacon grandmother who plans to make the trip, remembers the stories her own grandmother told about fleeing Vienna during World War II to escape the Holocaust.

“That helped me respond and grow be-



A map of the route the grannies plan to take, starting July 31 in New York City.

cause of the fear of what’s going on now, it brings back memories of what’s happened in our history,” she says. “Our generation, we’re the baby boomers, we always spoke out. Why not continue?”

At each stop the group will protest outside immigration detention centers, meet with immigration activist groups, do volunteer work, or some combination.

“We don’t want to just drive in, be disruptive and then leave,” says Aymar-Blair. “That’s not helpful to the people on the ground.”

In New Orleans, a Methodist church will lead the grannies in a second-line parade based on the city’s jazz funerals. In this case, Aymar-Blair says, the mourners will be symbolically burying hatred toward refugees.

No one in Beacon can quite say how the planning for that parade came about. Every day brings new caravans signing up at

granniesrespond.org, events being planned by other groups, and more attention. “I don’t know how any of this is happening anymore,” says Aymar-Blair, with a smile.

What’s also changing every day is the situation at the border, as the federal government rushes to meet a court-mandated deadline to reunite migrant children separated from their parents. It’s possible, by the time the grannies reach McAllen, that the families will have all been reunited, and the government will no longer be allowed to hold families indefinitely. Even if that’s the case, Aymar-Blair says, there will be work to be done.

“We still have an inhumane policy toward the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers being turned away at the border, and the conditions people are being kept in are awful,” said Aymar-Blair. “That’s not going to change by Aug. 6.”

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The Calendar



Theresa Gooby

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Keeping It Real

Beacon artist toys with authenticity

By Alison Rooney

Does placing a document in a display case give it a veneer of authenticity? If it's in what looks like a historic volume, must it be true?

These are two of the questions conceptual artist Theresa Gooby asks in her latest series of work, a selection of which appears in *Zoology*, a group show at the Matteawan Gallery in Beacon that runs through Aug. 19.

On yellowing pages of ancient volumes, with remnants of spines attached, Gooby shares extinct rarities such as the Whip-Tailed Tarsier and the Pangojay, a scaled and beaked curiosity. Unfamiliar? Peer more closely.

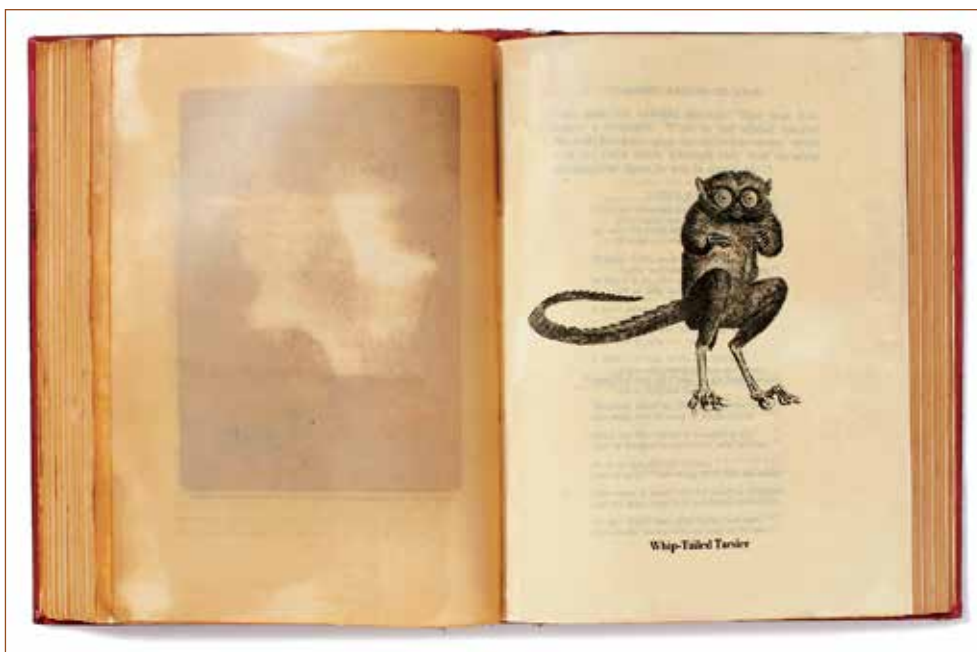
According to Gooby, the books were created

by Cornelius Lazarus, a 19th-century industrialist from Joliet, Illinois, to entertain his children. Gooby first presented the works at an exhibit in New Haven, Connecticut, that asked artists to “explore the too tidy distinctions we make between reality and illusion, fact and fiction, history and myth.” She took hybrid animals she had constructed and transferred them to old books, then invented a backstory. At the gallery, ArtsSpace, she placed the books into a glass display case.

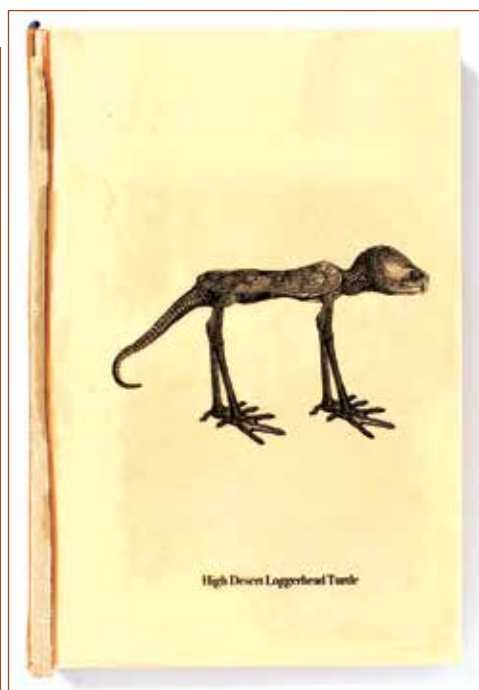
“If it's presented in a historical way, people don't challenge it,” she says. “There are many different ways to look at history, yet it's often given such a narrow focus. I started to investigate the idea of nostalgia and the fiction our own memories create.”

Gooby says she began her artistic career as a photographer but found “it felt finite. I wanted to explore beyond the two-dimensional. I decided that if

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The “Whip-Tailed Tarsier” inserted into an old book



“High Desert Loggerhead Turtle”



“Web-Footed Jackal”

The Cherry on Top

*She wanted a barn.
She got a theater.*

By Alison Rooney

Some of today's most lauded Off-Broadway playwrights should be grateful that 23 years ago, an objection was made to a Garrison barn.

The building was a dream for Angelina Fiordellisi, an actor, and her husband, Matt Williams, a television producer (*Home Improvement*, *Roseanne*). They envisioned it filled not with animals or hay, but with writers and theater artists.

“When my husband and I moved back to New York after eight years in Los Angeles, we wanted to create an environment in which to create new work, and we had the funds,

“We had heard that it had been left in disrepair, but I walked in and had a wild vision of what it could be. I thought, I'm meant to be here.”

objected to the Philipstown Planning Board, which put the kibosh on the plan.

Although Fiordellisi recalls being crushed, it all worked out. About the same time, a friend noted that the Cherry Lane, an historic playhouse in the West Village, had gone on the market.

“We had heard that it had been left in disrepair, but I walked in and had a wild vision of what it could be,” Fiordellisi recalls. “I thought, I'm meant to be here.”

from his success in television, to do it,” Fiordellisi recalls. “We were interested in storytelling in general, people's histories.”

Unfortunately, a neighbor, fearing the effect a large barn might have on the views,



Angelina Fiordellisi

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FRIDAY, JULY 27

Kelly Sheehan, Mark Darnobid, Chris O’Neal
(Opening)

6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St., Beacon
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

Karaoke Kids’ Night

6:30 - 9 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

International Film Night: *Kikujiro* (Japan)

7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

Peekskill Film Festival

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
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Full-Moon Hike

7:30 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 x204 | hhn.org

HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood*

6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-809-5750 | hvshakespeare.org

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

Cinema in Piazza: Jannis Kounellis and Louise Bourgeois

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Philipstown | magazzino.art

SATURDAY, JULY 28

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8:30 a.m. – Noon. Dutchess Fairgrounds
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insaneinflatable5k.com

Beacon Bears Football Clinic (ages 5-13)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memorial Park, Beacon
facebook.com/beaconbearsfootballandcheer

Putnam County Fair

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Memorial Park
201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/putnam-county-fair

Free Pet Rabies Vaccination Clinic

10 a.m. – Noon. Hubbard Lodge
2880 Route 9, Philipstown
845-808-1390 | putnamcountyny.com

Public Canoe Trip

11 a.m. Audubon Center | 127 Warren Landing
845-265-2601 | constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Peekskill Film Festival

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

Grannies Respond Kick-Off Party

3 – 5 p.m. Polhill Park, Beacon
granniesrespond.org

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra:
Summer Pops Fiesta

4 p.m. Aquinas Hall
Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org

Calendar Highlights

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Sunset Tour

5 p.m. Manitoga
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Lost Annsville (Talk)

5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Colin Dickey and Jenny Offill (Readings)

7 p.m. Binnacle Books
321 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6191 | binnaclebooks.com

HVSF: *Richard II*

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

Kieran Kane and Rayna Gellert (Music)

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Cinema in Piazza: Pino Pascali and Bruce Nauman

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
See details under Friday.

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
See details under Friday.

Mike Pride 3 (Music)

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SUNDAY, JULY 29

5K Orchard Run

8 a.m. Fishkill Farms
9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction
845-897-4377 | fishkillfarms.com

Putnam County Fair

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Memorial Park
See details under Saturday.

Natural Dye Workshop

10 a.m. Colorant | 146 Main St., Beacon
nytextilelab.eventbrite.com

Forestry Walk

11 a.m. Audubon Center
See details under Saturday.

Peekskill Film Festival

Noon - 8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Tribute to Danny Einbender

7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

HVSF: *The Taming of the Shrew*

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

MONDAY, JULY 30

Rock Climbing Wall

1 - 3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

H.V. Renegades vs. Lowell

7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood*

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

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Introduction to Electronic Music

10:15 a.m. Butterfield Library
See details under Monday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Lowell

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

The PuppeTree: *Caps for Sale*

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Digital Archiving of Family Memories

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | See above.

Sheet-Music Decoupage Ornament

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

HVSF: *Richard II*

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

Mount Gulian and the Revolutionary War
(Talk/Film)

Noon. Butterfield Library
See details under Monday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Lowell

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

HVSF: *The Taming of the Shrew*

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

Philipstown Senior Club

11 a.m. Chestnut Ridge
62 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-809-5924

How Music Works

5:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

Family Movie: *Paddington 2*

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
Se details under Tuesday.

HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood*

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

Philipstown Town Board

7:30 p.m. Town Hall
238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

Families Belong Together Benefit

8 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
storyscreenbeacon.com

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

Big Latch-On

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Carmel Fire Department
94 Gleneida Ave., Carmel
putnamcountyny.com/health

Adult Summer Reading Finale

2 - 4 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under July 27.

Community Blood Drive

2 - 8 p.m. North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Road, Philipstown
800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

Community Shabbat Picnic

5 - 8 p.m. Long Dock Park, Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaonhebrewalliance.org

HVSF: *Richard II*

6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
10:30 p.m. Trivia Night
Boscobel | See details under July 27.

Compassionate Care of the Dying (Talk)

7 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

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8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
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You Want Cheese? He Has Cheese

Specialty shop opens on Main Street in Cold Spring

By Alison Rooney

The resumé of a cheesemonger might naturally include time on a dairy farm or apprenticing at an urban cheese emporium.

A far more unlikely C.V. would include extensive experience in the creation of popular audience-participation theatrical experiences such as *Escape This Room* (in 18 cities) and *This is Real*.

Then again, there aren't all that many cheesemongers, so there's room for Timothy Haskell, a graduate of New York University's theater school who is leaving his career in horror simulation for the confines of the Cold Spring Cheese Shop at 104 Main St., which opened July 21.

"My personal passion has been cheese shops," Haskell explains. "Wherever I travel, I seek them out, and practically every midsize town has one. I've spent my weekends in search of cheese."

A move to Cold Spring from Brooklyn with his wife, Rebecca Ramirez, who works in economic development, and their two sons, ages 3 and 13, got him thinking about his passion being surrounded by four walls.

"I kept thinking about how much I love creating experiences," he says, "and the idea of coming up with a tactile, tangible experience in the form of a cheese shop, took hold."

After leasing the former Fountain Square Antiques space, Haskell renovated it with the ethos of a 1950s soda shop, with a black-and-white patterned tile floor and picnic items such as hampers, cutting boards and blankets.

The cheeses are mostly local to the Hudson Valley or New York state, although he also carries imports from Italy and France. "I've found dozens of purveyors," he says. "They're largely people who want to make delicious



Timothy Haskell, cheesemonger

Photo by Michael Turton

things for other people, rather than larger businesses."

Haskell has a catering menu of platters and notes the shop is large enough to host private parties. He envisions workshops, classes and tastings, perhaps in partnership with other Cold Spring retailers.

"From June to November I'm hoping

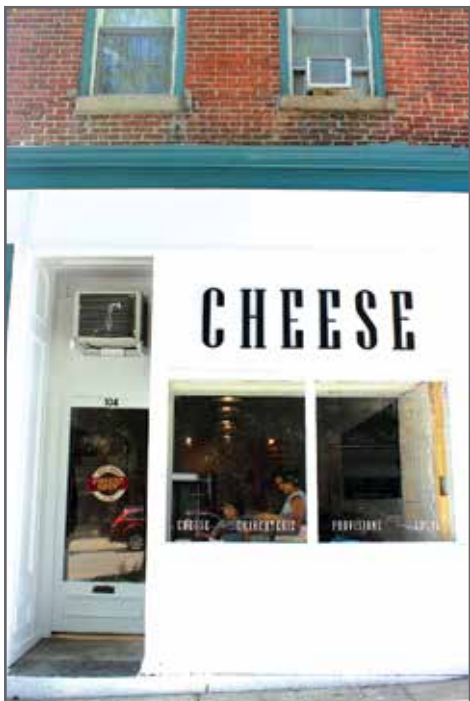
to do well by visitors, but I want residents to feel welcome all throughout the year," Haskell says. "There's going to be a full schedule of things going on."

Initially Cold Spring Cheese is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. See coldspringcheeseshop.com or call 845-666-7373.



Haskell and Rebecca Ramirez with their sons Diego (left) and Timoteo

Photo by A. Rooney



The cheese shop at 104 Main St.

Photo by A. Rooney

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2. Be ready to negotiate. These homes are rarely priced appropriately. Sellers typically overvalue their homes due to their emotional attachment to it. Having an agent on your side gives you access to comparable sales data to help you negotiate the right price.

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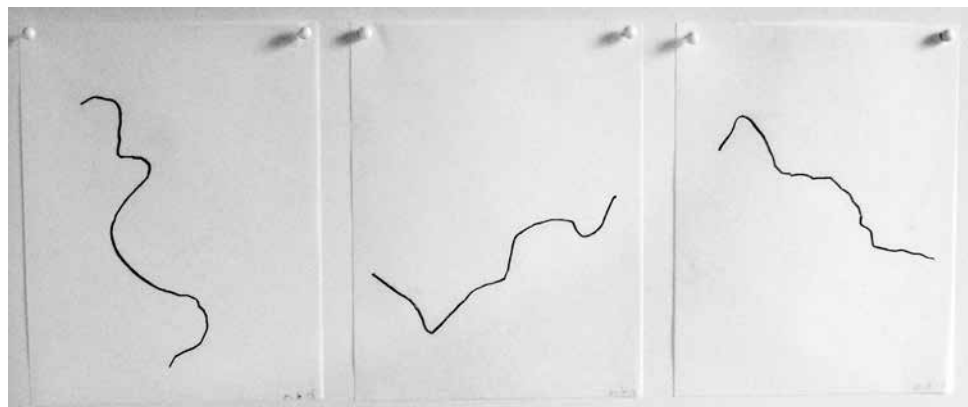
I included photography as part of a larger body of work, the conversation could be infinite."

The artist grew up in Northern California and lived in San Francisco for 20 years, where she earned a graduate degree in new genres from the San Francisco Art Institute. Students could work in any medium and genre, including conceptual art.

Among the works Gooby has completed are "Filter," in which she suspended more than 2,000 paper napkins in a sculptural array. "I started it shortly after my son was born," she says. "There's a direct reference to the domestic life I was living. It was almost Zen-like. I'd go to the studio, mindless, and it flowed. It was one of the big, laborious, conceptual pieces I did."

Later there was "314 River Drawings," one for every mile of the Hudson. "I looked at Google Earth satellite images of each mile and drew each without looking at what I was doing, like one does in 'blind' drawing exercises," she recalls. "They'd turn out to be squiggly. I did them on vellum paper, which is kind of clear, kind of not — like the Hudson."

She moved to Brooklyn from California, and then, 12 years ago, she and her husband, who is a photographer, came to Beacon



Miles 15, 16 and 17 from Theresa Gooby's "314 River Drawings"

about six weeks before their son was born. She was pleased to discover the many artists who lived in the city, and in 2008 founded the annual Beacon Open Studios weekend modeled after what she had seen done in San Francisco. (Although no longer involved with Open Studios, Gooby sits on the board at Beacon-

Arts, which sponsors the spring event.)

Zoology also showcases the work of seven other Hudson Valley artists, including Deborah Davidovits, Kirsten Kucer, Chantelle Norton and Melissa Schlobohm from the Highlands. The Matteawan Gallery, at 436 Main St., is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.



"Pangojay" (inset) and "Cheetahbunnies" (above)

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Putnam Pups

The Putnam Kennel Club, founded in 1952, held its annual dog show at Veteran Memorial Park in Carmel on July 20 and 21. After judging, awards were presented for purebred conformation, obedience, rally course and junior showmanship. More than 300 dogs competed on Friday and nearly 400 on Saturday, from 20 states.

Margaret Foxmoore of Brewster, who runs Facebook and Instagram pages called Daily Dog Devotional, says she has never been disappointed while taking photos at the Putnam show. “The light is perfect, and the dogs are relaxed,” she says. For more images, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Margaret Foxmoore

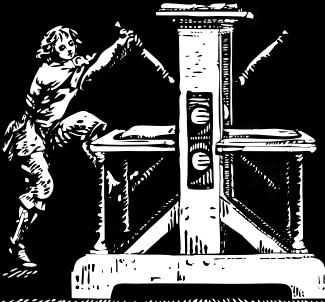


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The Cherry on Top (from Page 9)

She bought the theater in 1995 and became its artistic director, a position she held until stepping down last year. Her focus was on developing new work through mentorships, particularly for women, people of color and, more recently, writers over age 60.

When Fiordellisi bought the theater, she was not long removed from her acting career, which began soon after college when she was cast in the national tour of *Annie*, followed by *Zorba*, which went to Broadway. Over the years she appeared in more than 50 plays and musicals, as well as television and films. But after getting married at 35 and having two children, she focused on parenting.

"So many people loved the theater and helped out. They pulled soggy bricks out after flooding, and came to the rescue when the toilet fell through from the second floor while we were doing sheetrock!"

"I didn't have the wherewithal to do both: mom and actress," she says. "It was my Italian upbringing which instilled in me that being a mom was a very important job and that I should let their first impressions come from me, so I stopped acting."

By the mid-1990s, she had been invigorated by invitations from the New



The Cherry Lane Theatre in the West Village

Photo provided

Harmony Project and the Carnegie Mellon University Showcase of New Plays to help develop new work. That's when the barn idea formed, and when Cherry Lane came along.

Built in 1836 as a brewery, the structure was later a tobacco plant and then a box factory. In 1924, performers from the Provincetown Playhouse turned it into the Cherry Lane Playhouse and it became known for its groundbreaking work.

By 1995, it desperately needed renovations. "So many people loved the theater and helped out," Fiordellisi says. "They pulled soggy bricks out after flooding, and came to the rescue when the toilet fell through from the second floor while we were doing sheetrock!"

In recent years, she has returned to acting; on July 8 she finished a run at Cherry Lane starring with Michael O'Keefe in *First Love*, a play by Charles Mee about a man and woman in their 60s who fall in love for the first time.

Fiordellisi says she finds opening nights more nerve-racking as an actor than she ever has as a producer. "I'm a lot



Michael O'Keefe and Angelina Fiordellisi in *First Love*

Photo by Monique Carboni

more worried," she says. "I'd been away from acting for 30 years." Still, as with the barn, it worked out. "I decided to have the best year of my life at 60," she says.

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Family Trails

Written in Stone

By Valerie LaRobardier

The Putnam County Cemetery Committee, organized 21 years ago to restore and preserve the county's historic graveyards, has reorganized into a nonprofit corporation that allows it to accept tax-deductible donations. I have done research in many states, and the only similar organization I have ever come across is the Maine Old Cemetery Association. Dutchess County doesn't have one. I'd love to organize one, but there aren't enough hours in the day.

Maybe it's a little dorky, but most genealogists love cemeteries and gravestones. They're like a magnetic field. I have a hard time passing one without peeking when on vacation, even though I know there's no chance my ancestors are there.

Each of Putnam's six towns has a representative on the committee, now called the Society for the Preservation of Historical Cemeteries. It met on May 24 at Philipstown Town Hall to select its initial board of directors, which includes co-founders and local historians Dr. Larry Maxwell of Patterson and Allan Warnecke of Carmel. All six towns are well represented with the inclusion of Mike Leonard, Mike Troy, Elaine Otto, Catherine Vargas, Priscilla Keresey and Carol Bailey.

The group meets every other month in

one of the towns on a rotating basis. See putnamgraveyards.com, which Keresey has taken on the challenge of updating and enhancing. When complete it will be a tremendous resource for genealogists. Some cemeteries already have genealogical and biographical information, maps and photos included. This is very exciting! The Society is looking for members and volunteers who love local history to get involved.

The society organizes cleanups, advises towns on cemetery maintenance and secures matching funds to save cemeteries that are no longer being maintained. After two decades of work, many of the county's cemeteries are now in the "best shape they have ever been," says Warnecke.

Eagle Scout projects get cemeteries back in shape, but ongoing maintenance can be a challenge. Identifying and restoring cemeteries that have been neglected, sometimes even to the point of not being recognized as cemeteries, was a goal from the beginning. Getting a local government to recognize a historic cemetery can be difficult; state laws governing abandoned cemeteries are not easy to navigate.

(There have been a few successes. In 2016, at the urging of Leonard, who is a member of the Town Board, Philipstown budgeted \$15,000 and Putnam County contributed \$2,300 for maintenance, mapping, repairs, improved signage and tree removal at the Mountain Avenue Cemetery in Cold Spring and the Cedar Street Cemetery in Nelsonville.)

Genealogists should refer whenever possible to the 18 cemetery collections listed in the *Handbook for Putnam County History and Genealogy*, available from the County Historian (putnamcountyny.com/historian). Ancestry.com also has in



The Cedar Street Cemetery dates to the early 1800s.

File photo by Michael Turton

its collection William P. Horton's *Cemetery Inscriptions of Putnam County, N.Y.* (From the search menu, choose "card catalog" and enter the title.)

A word of caution, however: I have the book and have spot-checked names that do not turn up in the online search results. To make a successful search you will need to use the browse function to go through the book and check each cemetery. Many of the cemeteries have an index at the front of their chapter. Those that do not have the inscriptions listed alphabetically, speeding the search process along.

The Dutchess County Genealogical Society has also published information about selected cemeteries. If your library does not have our quarterly publication, *The Dutchess*, you can order back issues at dcgs-gen.org.

The Winter 1989 issue has transcriptions for 11 cemeteries in Putnam (which split from Dutchess in 1812), the Summer

1992 issue has corrections and additions to Barbara S. Buys' *Old Graveyards of Putnam County, New York*, published in 1975 (often referred to as simply "Buys"), and Volume 1 issues 2 and 3 contain an index to the 1972 book by the Rev. Floyd Fisher, *They All Rest Together: Burial Sites of Early Settlers of Southern Dutchess and Putnam Counties*.

LaRobardier is a professional genealogist and president of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society. Every other month, she will discuss strategy and resources for research in Dutchess and Putnam counties and answer queries from readers. She can be reached at genealogy@highlandscurrent.com.

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Gilead Cemetery in Carmel

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Sandra Steingraber in a scene from *Unfractured*, which will be shown on July 29 to close the Peekskill Film Festival

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80 Films, 9 Countries

Peekskill Film Festival includes panels

The Peekskill Film Festival, which takes place today (July 27) through Sunday, will include 80 films from nine countries, along with workshops and panels. Highlights include the documentary *Mississippi Madam: The Life of Nellie Jackson*, a panel discussion on women in media



70 YEARS IN GARDEN CLUB — The Philipstown Garden Club honored Libby Healy at its annual spring luncheon for her 70 years as a member. She joined in 1948 and has been a board member and president. The club arranged for her to receive a floral arrangement from Cold Spring Florist each month for a year.

Photo provided

and the documentary *Unfractured*, a film about Sandra Steingraber, an environmental activist from the Finger Lakes.

Screenings and events take place at the Paramount Hudson Valley and the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Arts. See peekskillfilmfestival.org.

Mount Gulian History

Lecture on Aug. 1 at library

Elaine Hayes, the director of Mount Gulian, the restored, colonial-era home in Beacon, will share the history of the structure and the Verplanck family, who occupied it until 1931, at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring. Her presentation includes a film about James F. Brown, an escaped slave who worked as a gardener on the property. See mountgulian.org.

Emergency Blood Drive

Set for Aug. 3 in Philipstown

The North Highlands Firehouse in Philipstown will host a blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, to address an emergency summer shortage. Walk-ins are welcome, or register at nybloodcenter.org.

Big Latch-On

Takes place Aug. 3 in Carmel

Mothers who breast-feed are invited to join the national Big Latch-On at the

Carmel Fire Department on Friday, Aug. 3. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. and the latch-on is at 10:30 a.m. There will be raffle prizes and the first 25 attendees will receive a gift bag. Call 845-808-1390, ext. 43232. The local event is being organized by the Putnam County Health Department.

Hummingbird Special

Museum to host workshop

Learn about hummingbirds at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. Take a walk at the Outdoor Discovery Center and see which plants they like and, with luck, see some feeding. Admission starts at \$3. See hhn.org.

Beacon

Binnacle Readings

Bookstore to host two authors

Binnacle Books in Beacon will host writers Jenny Offill and Colin Dickey for a reading at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Offill is the author of the novel *Dept. of Speculation* and Dickey's most recent book is *Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places*.

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Jenny Offill will read from her latest novel on July 28 at Binnacle Books in Beacon.

David Amram to Play

Concert by Beacon resident

The David Amram Quintet will perform at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5. The 87-year-old composer and instrumentalist, who lives in Beacon, will be joined by Kevin Twigg on drums, Rene Hart on bass, and Adam Amram and Elliot Peper on percussion. Tickets start at \$20 and children ages 12 and younger are admitted free.

Trivia for a Cause

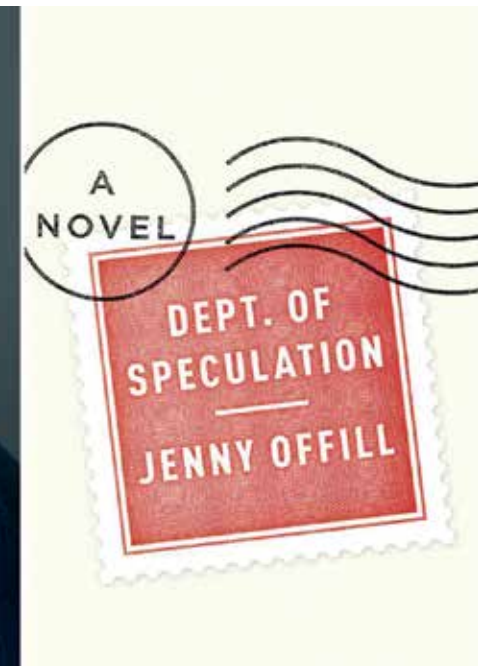
Fundraiser for families

Story Screen has partnered with more than 20 businesses to host a Families Belong Together benefit at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, at Quinn's, 330 Main St., in Beacon. The evening will include dancing, speakers, music and trivia, and donations will be directed to Families Belong Together, a group that works to reunite families that have been separated at the border. See storyscreenbeacon.com.

Concert Honors Vets

'Wall That Heals' in Newburgh

A replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., (To next page)



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) called “Wall That Heals” will be at the Newburgh waterfront on Aug. 2, and two days later, at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4 at People’s Park at the end of Washington Street, the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert of patriotic music. The program will include “Armed Forces Medley” and conclude with “Taps.”

Oaxacan Festival

10th annual event in Poughkeepsie

The 10th annual La Guelaguetza Festival will take place from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, at Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie to celebrate traditional culture of the Mexican state of Oaxaca. There will be dancing, costumes and food. See facebook.com/pokguelaguetza.

Artist Co-Op Hosts Show

Opens Aug. 4 at Howland

LongReach Arts, an artists’ cooperative based in the Hudson Valley, will host a group show at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon featuring the work of 19 artists. An opening reception for *Niches* will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tribute to Danny

Towne Crier to host concert

Guy Davis will headline a tribute to Dan Einbender, who died May 25, at the Towne Crier Café in Beacon at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. Einbender, a songwriter and storyteller, was inspired as a boy by Pete Seeger to learn to play guitar and later worked for Clearwater, which Seeger founded, for 30 years. Tickets are \$20 at the door or at townecrier.com, and the proceeds will benefit charities favored by Einbender.



Dan Einbender

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Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? John Belliveau-Flores and Eugenia Yu, new residents of Garrison, shared this shot of their son, Hugo, with Mima. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.com.




DO NOT TOUCH — Two giant hogweed plants, whose leaves and sap can cause blistering, were spotted at the end of Cutler Lane off Old Albany Post Road in Philipstown, where the Bell trail begins. The state Department of Conservation asks anyone who spots the invasive weed to email photos to ghogweed@dec.ny.gov or call the Hogweed Hotline at 845-256-3111. If confirmed, the agency will contact the landowner. The plants can grow up to 14 feet high and their white flowers cluster into an umbrella that can be up to 2.5 feet in diameter.

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EXTINGUISHED — Fifty-five Philipstown students in the fourth through eighth grades participated in the Cold Spring Fire Company's 16th annual Junior Firefighter Academy held July 21 to 27. Here, veteran North Highlands firefighter Jim Matero instructs 12-year-old Delaney Corless of Cold Spring on the proper use of a fire extinguisher.

Photo by Michael Turton

Looking Back in Philipstown

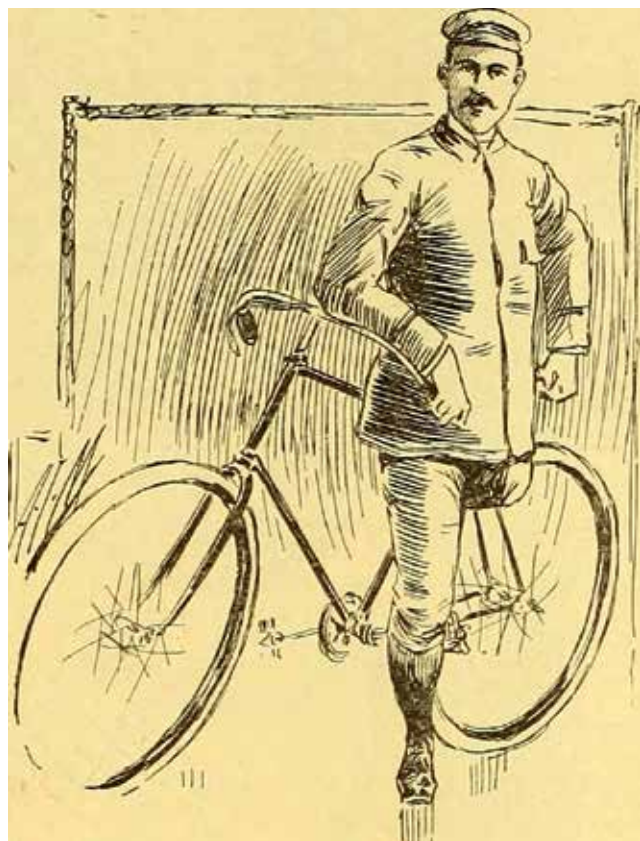
By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (July 1868)

The *Cold Spring Recorder* published a hit-by-hit account of a five-inning base ball game between the Albions of Brooklyn and the Unions of Cold Spring, which the locals won, 36-17. In the second inning, the writer reported, "Meade sent a beautiful one over the fence, and by the rule of the game, could make but one base."

The Sons of Temperance announced the subject for their next Monday evening debate: "Were the Puritans justified in their treatment of the Indians?"

A "strong force of men" from Cold Spring and Nelsonville turned out to raise the frame of a new mansion for Mr. Gouverneur.



Frank Beedleson, a one-legged bicyclist, passed through Cold Spring in July 1893 during a cross-country trip. He is shown in an illustration from the April 1893 issue of *The Wheel and Cycling Trade Review*.

125 Years Ago (July 1893)

A robber stole a large quantity of cigars, tobacco and whiskey, plus \$35 in cash, between 10 and 11 p.m. on a Wednesday night from the J.B. Ruddiman saloon.

A young man on Main Street, while under the influence of "tangle foot" [cheap whiskey], threw an ax at his mother, but missed.

General and Mrs. Butterfield hosted a reception at their Cold Spring home for the Grand Duke of Russia, the Rear Admiral of the Russian Navy and about 50 Russian officers. A contingent of officers from West Point also attended.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of two young men from Nelsonville who were accused of shooting robins every Sunday.

Frank Beedleson, a one-legged bicyclist from Syracuse who was riding across the U.S., passed through Cold Spring on his way to New York City. About the same time, Georges Grandin, 25, who said he was a reporter for *Le Journal* in Paris, stopped in Cold Spring while walking to Chicago for the World's Fair.

After much debate, Cold Spring residents voted down the construction of a waterworks, 43-41.

In Garrison, Garry Vandemark killed a five-foot-long snake that had 21 rattles.

A shooting match between the Garrison and Cold Spring Gun Clubs ended in a tie.

100 Years Ago (July 1918)

The lineup for the Fourth of July parade was: Police, band, Home Guard, Garrison Home Guards, Boy Scouts with a piece of artillery, Garrison Girl Scouts in uniform, a coach carrying Uncle Sam and Columbia, Company C, Boy Scouts, three pieces of artillery, clergymen, Village Trustees, Red Cross, Hook and Ladder, Italian Guard, schoolchildren, citizens, automobiles.

The Philipstown Garden Club asked for gifts of vegetables to deliver each Wednesday to the U.S. Army hospital in New York City.

75 Years Ago (July 1943)

Francis Beard, 33, a blind organist who lived with his sister in Cold Spring before landing a job at Peekskill Rollerdrome, was killed while a passenger in an auto that hit a parked truck.

The federal government asked poultrymen in Putnam County to produce 13 percent more eggs as part of the Food for Victory program.

Corp. Benjamin Frazier, 34, a Garrison architect and Harvard grad, was a correspondent for the British edi-



Alexander Mikhailovich, the Grand Duke of Russia, visited Cold Spring in 1893.

tion of *Yank*, the Army's weekly magazine.

First Lt. Stanley P. Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matthews of Morris Avenue in Cold Spring, was killed in action in the African theater on July 13, becoming the first Philipstown casualty of World War II. A 1940 Haldane graduate who was known as "Jitter," he was a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps. His survivors included a brother and twin sister.

Lt. Gertrude Nolan, the first female officer of the U.S. Army from Philipstown, came home on furlough to visit her father on Church Street.

50 Years Ago (July 1968)

A 40-year-old Staten Island man who rode a tugboat to Garrison's Landing to witness the filming of *Hello, Dolly!*, fell off the dock into the river and drowned. His body was taken to Clinton Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago (July 1993)

Lisikatos Construction won its first game of the year in the Philipstown women's softball league, defeating Symphony Fabrics, 32-30. In another softball matchup, the Lions Club defeated the Philipstown Rotary Club, 16-11, after which everyone enjoyed a barbecue.

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Sports

Comeback Kids

After losing their first game to Kingston on July 7 in a Cal Ripken Baseball sectional tournament in Poughkeepsie, an All-Star team of Beacon players ages 10 and younger was down to its last out against Orange County before scoring seven runs to win, 13-12. The team then defeated Beekman twice and Kingston, 12-6, in the championship game. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Liam Goodman



Patrick Apmann (22)



Chris Carton (42) eyes a pitch in the title game.

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The Beacon team mobs Graham Goodman (in light blue helmet) after his hit drove in the winning run against Orange County.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 spiced cookies with fruit (7)	_____
2 equalling the norm, in golf (7)	_____
3 regular writing practice (10)	_____
4 with clarity (7)	_____
5 British writer Aldous (6)	_____
6 city near Great Barrier Reef (6)	_____
7 people yelling, "Surprise!" (10)	_____

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The Search for the Holy Grail

Directed by Christine Bokhour, a group of 29 Highlands actors entering the fourth through seventh grades performed a family friendly version of the Broadway hit, *Monty Python's Spamalot*, at the Philipstown Depot Theatre on July 19 to 22. The comedy follows King Arthur and his squire Patsy as they search for the Holy Grail. The Teen Players, meanwhile, this weekend will perform a musical, *The Addams Family*, in four sold-out shows.

Photos by Ross Corsair



Spamalot

