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Jesse Vermeulen, before...

Shear Madness

Highlands barbers become first responders

By Leonard Sparks

Last week, after months of isolation, Michael Isabell settled into a chair at A Lucky Cut on Main Street in Beacon. His hair, untamed since February, rose in wispy curls and stretched down the back of his neck. Once, during the months-long shutdown that shuttered barbershops, he

attempted to cut his own hair but is sure he “missed a spot or two.” Owner Lucky Longo asked the filmmaker and photographer if he wanted “something special.” “Just make it cool,” said Isabell. Coolness was on hiatus between March 22, when Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered nonessential businesses to close, and June 9, when barbershops in Dutchess and Putnam counties were cleared to reopen. Now, barbers say they are inundated with

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... and after



STAYING IN RHYTHM — Each Thursday evening until sundown, Highlands residents form a drum circle at Long Dock Park in Beacon, where they bang or shake instruments from around the world. These photos and others at highlandscurrent.org were taken on July 9.

Photos by Ross Corsair

Police Face Deadline for Reform Plans

State says reviews must be complete by spring

By Jeff Simms

In the wake of continued nationwide protests against the use of force by police officers, Gov. Andrew Cuomo last month ordered municipalities and counties to submit plans for reform in their law-enforcement agencies. The deadline is April 1, or just over eight months away. That’s a tight timeline on its own but more so in Beacon, where city officials are looking for a new chief following

the retirement on July 7 of Kevin Junjulas, a Cold Spring resident who had held the position since 2018. Juggling the state deadline and a 90-day agreement with an interim chief who was named the day before Junjulas left, the city will be challenged to move forward on both tracks, said Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou. On Monday (July 13), Kyriacou laid out for the City Council a tentative timeline to meet the state requirement. It shows city officials spending much of the rest of the year collecting data and identifying areas for change, and includes two opportunities for public input — during meetings this fall

and before the adoption of the reform plan in the spring. Ideally, the council will have named a new police chief before the fall stakeholder forums, he said. Cuomo’s order requires cities, counties, towns and villages to review police deployments, strategies and policies, including the use of force, de-escalation training and practices, bias awareness and violence prevention. Police leadership; community members, with an emphasis on representatives from heavily policed areas; nonprofit and faith-based groups; and district attorneys’ and public defenders’ offices must be among the groups

involved in the review. In Cold Spring, Mayor Dave Merandy said at a Village Board meeting on Tuesday (July 14) that Putnam has asked the village to join a county-wide group to work collectively on the reports. “I’m not sure we will join,” he said, noting that Cold Spring may have different areas of concern than others municipalities such as Kent or Carmel. Trustee Lynn Miller also expressed reservations. “The makeup of our Police Department is probably different than Carmel or Brewster,” she said. “And what we’re dealing with here is probably significantly different.” At the same time, representatives from three groups — Putnam Pride, Putnam Progressives and Putnam County Patri-

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: YULI ZIV

By Alison Rooney

Yuli Ziv, who lives in Garrison, will hold a pop-up shop for her BeUltima clothing line for three days starting Friday (July 24) at 44MAIN in Cold Spring.

You spent stretches of your life in Russia, Israel and New York City. How has each influenced you?

Having an opportunity to live in so many places helped me learn to adjust, keep an open mind and stay true to my core values. You can throw me anywhere and I'll survive. Life in Garrison feels like a retreat, especially in these crazy times. Space and fresh air have become more valuable.

You worked as a software designer. What inspired this career?

I was considering how we need to cure ourselves of retail-therapy addiction and save the waste it generates. I could have become an environmental activist, but many are doing that already, so I decided to attack it instead from a consumer perspective. My brand stands for minimalism and conscious consumption. I wanted to produce it locally to support the New York garment district, which has been struggling as more brands move production overseas. I also wanted to be in control of my supply chain and the conditions in which the goods are produced. I know my seamstress and know that she has good working conditions. Hopefully, we'll start rethinking our dependency on other countries.

What features did you incorporate in your first design?

I started from a dress, the most common item in women's closets, with the idea of making it convertible to a jacket, to serve multiple purposes. It can be worn to work or to the gym, and folds into a pouch, so it's easy to travel in. There are 21 ways to wear it. I looked at it like an engineering

project, putting function first, creating attachments, adding zippers and giving it three length choices. I've been thinking about the lifestyle and the psychology of the woman wearing it. You don't have to choose how to wear it; you can decide in the moment. I've been experimenting by wearing it exclusively, in different ways, for months.

What isn't well known about waste in the garment industry?

Fashion has a creative and beautiful side, but we as consumers are guilty of over-consumption. We're driven by the perception of "trends," and we are materialistic. More than 80 percent of the clothes in a person's closet are not used. Each person throws away, on average, 80 pounds of clothing each



Yuli Ziv in one of her BeUltima dresses.

year. If we extended the life of a garment by nine months, we could reduce our carbon footprint by 20 percent.

What was your last big project?

I created Style Coalition in 2008. It was one of the first influencer marketing platforms — software designed to connect brands with influential content creators for advertising opportunities and collaboration. I have many ideas in my head, and I love introducing something that hasn't been done before.

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By Michael Turton

If you were to write a book, what would the subject be?

“A homeless man whose blood contains the cure for a pandemic, and how the world treats him.”



~ Joe DiGiglio, Cold Spring

“Finding inner peace.”



~ Roxanna Njomo, Beacon

“What being an American means, which is pouring your life and culture into the mix of nationalities under a common purpose while maintaining your essence.”



~ Carlos Salcedo, Philipstown



A sign on Upland Drive warns drivers to use caution.

File photo by L.S. Armstrong

A Tale of Two Roads

*At opposite ends of town,
different requests of board*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

In Continental Village, at the southern tip of Philipstown, residents want the Town Board to step up and take control of a deteriorating private lane.

At the northern edge of town, residents want the board to back off and cancel plans to pave a half-mile dirt stretch of a mountain road.

Residents from both locales attended a July 9 Town Board meeting, held via Zoom, but the board took no action on either issue.

In June, the board proposed a six-month moratorium on development around hillside Upland Drive in Continental Village, which at some points resembles a rocky cow path. It connects Old Albany Post Road and Winston Lane.

According to the draft law, the moratorium would apply to Upland, the dead-end Cliffside Court and Ridge Road off Aque-

duct Road, about a mile away. The ban, which would exempt repairs to existing structures, states that further construction would pose “potential adverse impacts to the environment.”

Supervisor Richard Shea blamed the proposal on Putnam County, which he said has made clear it plans to sell parcels in the area acquired in tax foreclosures.

More development there “is not going to be helpful to any of the residents,” he said. The roads named in the moratorium are substandard, with grades that sometimes exceed what is allowable under the code, he observed.

Shea said the town board needs time to consider zoning changes “before we get slammed with a lot of development.”

Councilor Mike Leonard noted that some of the roads, particularly Upland, are dangerous. “I don’t think they should even be open [to vehicles], especially at night,” he said.

Residents who attended the meeting backed the moratorium.

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Sen. Serino Fighting Breast Cancer

*Says she will maintain
public schedule*

By Chip Rowe

State Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, announced on Sunday (July 12) that she has been diagnosed with early stage breast cancer. She began four weeks of treatment on Monday.

Serino’s office said she underwent a lumpectomy on June 2 and was sharing the news of her diagnosis to “raise awareness about the importance of maintaining your routine health screenings, even during this uncertain time.”

“Like many women, I was a person who routinely rescheduled my mammograms, never thinking twice about putting my work

or family schedule ahead of my health,” the senator said in a statement. “When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, I was looking for any excuse to reschedule this last one, but that nagging voice in my head told me to keep it, and thank God I did.”

Serino was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), a form of non-invasive breast cancer. While the lumpectomy was successful, the tumor began to spread before it was removed, she said.

Her office said Serino will maintain her public schedule. She is seeking her fourth, 2-year term in November against Democratic challenger Karen Smythe, whom Serino defeated in 2018 by 688 votes, of 118,000 cast.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Dutchess jail

Why is Dutchess County spending more than \$100 million on a new jail ("Beacon Legislator: Jail Plan Could Be Disaster," July 10)?

The current jail in Poughkeepsie is under capacity and there is no need, in a budget crisis, to put ourselves deep in debt to build a jail that would house three times the number of people incarcerated in the county! Are they expecting an enormous increase in crime?

The eight Dutchess County legislators on the Budget Committee who voted to keep building this jail are fiscally irresponsible and out of touch with their constituents' desires for a safe, strong and healthy Dutchess County.

Matt Frey, *Beacon*

Officer resigns

When I read the comments about the recent departure of a Cold Spring police officer because of his involvement in a New York City police shooting in 2012 ("Village Board Accepts Resignation," July 3), I thought about chopsticks. That is, I thought about the Chinese description of hell as a place where food is abundant, but no one can eat because their chopsticks are so long.

In heaven, the chopsticks are also long but everyone feeds each other.

Americans are blessed with great material abundance and high ideals. We are learning — in the Black Lives Matter demonstrations in the midst of this terrible pandemic — that we have habits of mind and follow rules that prevent us from enjoying that abundance or realizing our ideals. Many of those habits and rules are rooted in slavery and its legacy, racism.

Take, for example, the Electoral College. If we are honest, most of us would agree that electing someone president with fewer popular votes than his opponent doesn't seem quite right. The "tell" is that men who win such elections invariably call into question the accuracy of the popular vote or claim many votes cast were fraudulent. The Electoral College is one of slavery's many gifts, intended to add three-fifths of each slave to the population used to compute a state's vote for president.

Take, as another example, the Second Amendment. This, too, is a legacy of slavery, intended to guarantee the right of states to maintain militias, seen as essential to suppressing slave rebellions.

Finally, take the Cold Spring Police Department. Taxpayers in the village have

shouldered a huge property tax burden, amounting to about a quarter of the municipal budget, for police protection. That money could go toward building amenities we would all appreciate: a firehouse, a riverside community center for village families or pavilions on Dockside. What makes us feel that we must spend this money on men and women equipped with lethal weapons? If not racism, surely it is a close cousin.

Removing the Cold Spring officer may have been justified. I don't know. But it does not address the much harder issue, the one that is making us starve.

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

Paycheck program

Let's wait a year, then ask the companies who received funds through the Paycheck Protection Program how they feel ("Paycheck Program Brings \$34 Million+ to Highlands," July 10). Was it worth it? When the government says it wants to help, beware. There are costs that you do not realize. Please follow up on this story.

Tony Bardes, *Philipstown*

Editor's note: Some information provided by banks to the Small Business Administration regarding the Paycheck Protection Program was incorrect. Wood Pro 2 Installers of Garrison, which the SBA reported received a loan of \$2 million to \$5 million to preserve four jobs, in fact kept 60 to 70 people on the payroll, said owner Denis Dillon. In addition, a representative for the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement and St. Christopher's Inn, which were reported to have each received a loan of \$350,000 to \$1 million, said the organizations applied but decided not to take the funds.

Snakebitten

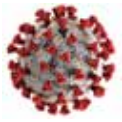
I'm shocked that a local hospital did not have antivenom ("Snake Bitten!" July 10). I'll be contacting hospitals near me to know where to go if this happens. Thank you for an informative article!

Monika Kaminski, *Beacon*

Editor's note: Our article should have stated more clearly that Neal Zuckerman was treated with antivenom at Westchester Medical Center after being taken by ambulance from NewYork-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital. He discussed Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx only because it has a center dedicated to treating snakebites.

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Coronavirus Update

■ State health officials said that, as of Thursday (July 16), 1,385 people had tested positive for COVID-19 in Putnam County; 4,357 in Dutchess; 35,422 in Westchester; 13,763 in Rockland; 1,894 in Ulster; and 10,895 in Orange. Statewide, there were 404,775 positives, including 220,367 in New York City. Statewide, 25,014 people had died as of July 16.

■ Gov. Andrew Cuomo on July 13 announced that schools will be allowed to reopen in the fall if their region is in Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan and its daily infection rate remains below 5 percent using a 14-day average. Schools will close if the regional infection rate rises above 9 percent, using a 7-day average, after Aug. 1, he said. The state also issued interim guidance for safety protocols.

■ Cuomo announced on July 16 that restaurants and bars must only serve alcohol to people who are ordering and eating food and that all service at bar tops must be for seated patrons who are six feet apart or separated by physical barriers.

■ New York announced last month that anyone traveling from a state where the positive test rate exceeds 10 percent over a 7-day rolling average must quarantine for 14 days. As of July 16, there were 22 states on the list, including Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

■ A travel enforcement operation began July 14 at airports across the state, including Westchester and Stewart, to ensure travelers arriving from restricted states follow the quarantine restrictions. Team members meet arriving aircraft at gates and greet disembarking passengers to request proof of completion of a Department of Health form distributed by airlines upon the boarding or disembarking flights. The state said that compliance rose to 92 percent after it announced travelers who leave the airport without completing the form could face a \$2,000 fine.

■ Putnam County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, whose district includes Philipstown, said on July 9 that residents should rely on the state for COVID-19 data rather than the county, which that week was "still reporting that there were zero active cases in Putnam. That's untrue, unfortunately," she said. "We continue to see it." According to the county's dashboard, which is updated each Friday, there were no coronavirus patients at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel as of July 9 but the county had 23 new cases the previous week and 1,565 total cases. The state dashboard as of July 16 gave the Putnam total as 1,385.

■ Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said that at least 13 of 39 new infections



HELPING OUT — High school and college students participating in a summer internship program called Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) and run by the county volunteered last month as COVID-19 contact tracers. They are shown here during a training session.

Photo provided



KIDS TALK COVID — Three Garrison residents — James Wynn (age 13), Emily Wynn (9) and Dylan Wynn (4) — participated in a 30-minute documentary created by two Australian filmmakers called *Viral Kids: Global Thoughts on the Pandemic* and posted at viralkids.net. More than 80 children and teenagers from 17 countries contributed videos responding to questions such as "What's it like staying home?", "Are you worried about your grandparents?" and "What is the first thing you'll do after coronavirus?"

reported on July 13 were false positives, and nine were among prisoners. There was no evident connection between the other 17 cases, he said. False positives were also reported in neighboring counties, he said, and the state is investigating.

■ On July 10, the state permitted family members to visit residents at nursing home and long-term-care facilities as long as the residents and staff have been free of COVID-19 for 28 days. Molinaro suggested that Dutchess residents send cards to Wingate at Beacon, 10 Hastings Dr., Beacon, NY 12508 to encourage residents.

■ On July 15, Republicans in the state Senate, including Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, called on Democrats to subpoena the governor and the health commissioner to testify about a March 25 directive that nursing homes accept COVID-19 patients discharged from hospitals.

"Inviting" officials to appear is inadequate, the Republicans said. The Department of Health last week issued a report saying the policy had not contributed to the thousands of deaths at nursing homes in the state, including 19 at Wingate at Beacon.

■ New York extended the open enrollment period in the state Health Plan Marketplace to Aug. 15.

■ The Philipstown Town Board tentatively scheduled its first in-person meeting since March for July 22 in the gymnasium at the Recreation Center in Garrison.

■ Cuomo on July 14 announced an emergency rental assistance program for low-income families. Applications are available at hcr.ny.gov/RRP.

■ State officials said that contact tracing found that 35 percent of people who

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

1,385 (+37)

New Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered:

21,397 (+1,796)

Percent positive:

6.3 (-0.6)

Number of deaths:

63 (+0)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

4,357 (+102)

Active Cases in Beacon: 10

Tests administered:

75,656 (+6,068)

Percent positive:

5.8 (-0.4)

Number of deaths:

152 (+0)

Source: New York State Department of Health, with weekly changes in parentheses, as of July 16. New cases in Philipstown for week ending July 10.

attended a Fourth of July weekend party on Long Island became infected.

■ Due to a decline in cases, the Nuvance Health Convalescent Plasma Donation Centers at Danbury Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center are no longer collecting donations from people who have recovered from COVID-19. Nuvance has 600 units in reserve of the plasma, which contains antibodies that can potentially help critically ill patients. More than 300 patients have been treated with in-house donations and those from the New York Blood Center and American Red Cross. Potential donors may still visit nuvancehealth.org to join the registry, which has nearly 2,200 names.

■ The Wappinger DMV reopened July 13 by appointment for license, permits and non-driver ID transactions. Call 845-298-4623 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. In addition, a drop box has been installed at the Beacon DMV at 223 Main St. for license-plate surrenders, titles, new registrations, plate transfers and registration renewals. The Brewster DMV in Putnam County is also open by appointment.

Whom Does the Highlands Support?

By Chip Rowe

In February we shared tables showing how much each federal candidate for elected office had received from local donors in 2019, as compiled by the Federal Election Commission (fec.gov). The chart below provides the same figures for 2020.

Individuals may give up to \$2,800 per federal candidate per election (primary and general), as well as annual contributions of up to \$5,000 to

political action committees (PACS), \$10,000 to state party committees and \$35,500 to national party committees. (So-called “Super PACs” can accept unlimited money.)

Our chart includes candidates and committees that received at least \$75 in donations from Highlands residents. The number of donors is in parentheses following each total. Money given to PACS that support specific candidates is included in the totals for that candidate.

CANDIDATE	PARTY	RACE	PHILIPSTOWN	GARRISON	BEACON
Joe Biden	(D)	President	\$6,771 (10)	\$9,547 (11)	\$1,042 (6)
Michael Bloomberg	(D)	President			\$138 (1)
Tulsi Gabbard	(D)	President			\$650 (1)
Amy Klobuchar	(D)	President	\$250 (1)	\$1,425 (4)	\$650 (3)
Bernie Sanders	(D)	President	\$3,364 (17)	\$3,183 (11)	\$11,094 (46)
Donald Trump	(R)	President	\$800 (4)	\$2,022 (8)	\$3,500 (12)
Elizabeth Warren	(D)	President	\$1,154 (10)	\$1,826 (4)	\$4,795 (26)
Andrew Yang	(D)	President	\$795 (2)		\$837 (3)
Adam Schiff	(D)	U.S. House (CA-28)		\$100 (1)	
Jahana Hayes	(D)	U.S. House (CT-5)	\$75 (1)		
John Lewis	(D)	U.S. House (GA-5)			\$132 (1)
Steve Scalise	(R)	U.S. House (LA-1)			\$265 (2)
Rashida Tlaib	(D)	U.S. House (MI-13)		\$121 (1)	
Tim Malinowski	(D)	U.S. House (NJ-7)		\$150 (1)	
Lee Zeldin	(D)	U.S. House (NY-1)		\$150 (1)	
Bridget Fleming	(D)	U.S. House (NY-1)			\$311 (1)
Max Rose	(D)	U.S. House (NY-11)	\$500 (2)		
Michelle Caruso-Cabrera	(D)	U.S. House (NY-14)			\$500 (1)
Samelys López	(D)	U.S. House (NY-15)			\$218 (3)
Jamaal Bowman	(D)	U.S. House (NY-16)		\$272 (1)	
Sean Patrick Maloney	(D)	U.S. House (NY-18)		\$4,475 (5)	\$125 (1)
Elise Stefanik	(R)	U.S. House (NY-21)			\$363 (2)
Anthony Brindisi	(D)	U.S. House (NY-22)		\$500 (1)	
Dana Balter	(D)	U.S. House (NY-24)		\$2,000 (2)	
Shannon Freshour	(D)	U.S. House (OH-4)		\$250 (1)	
Doyle Canning	(D)	U.S. House (OR-4)			\$250 (1)
Doug Jones	(D)	U.S. Senate (AL)		\$1,000 (1)	
Mark Kelly	(D)	U.S. Senate (AZ)		\$100 (1)	
Amy McGrath	(D)	U.S. Senate (KY)	\$805 (3)	\$1,900 (6)	\$100 (1)
Mike Broihier	(D)	U.S. Senate (KY)		\$2,800 (1)	
Mitch McConnell	(R)	U.S. Senate (KY)		\$300 (1)	\$100 (2)
Joe Kennedy III	(D)	U.S. Senate (MA)	\$1,500 (1)		
Sara Gideon	(D)	U.S. Senate (ME)	\$315 (2)	\$313 (1)	
Gary Peters	(D)	U.S. Senate (MI)	\$11,865 (2)		
Cory Booker	(D)	U.S. Senate (NJ)	\$5,600 (1)		
Ben Ray Luján	(D)	U.S. Senate (NM)	\$1,000 (1)		
Jeff Merkley	(D)	U.S. Senate (OR)			\$110 (1)
Lindsay Graham	(R)	U.S. Senate (SC)	\$100 (1)	\$100 (1)	
Jaime Harrison	(D)	U.S. Senate (SC)	\$98 (1)	\$1,000 (2)	\$100 (1)
Ted Cruz	(R)	U.S. Senate (TX)		\$90 (1)	
John Hickenlooper	(D)	Governor (CO)	\$2,900 (1)		

PARTY COMMITTEES	PHILIPSTOWN	GARRISON	BEACON
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee			\$1,500 (1)
Democratic National Committee		\$10,625 (3)	\$475 (2)
Democratic Party of Wisconsin		\$300 (1)	
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	\$850 (2)	\$547 (2)	
National Republican Congressional Committee		\$287 (1)	\$450 (4)
National Republican Senate Committee	\$328 (1)		\$1,020 (3)
Republican National Committee	\$575 (2)	\$620 (2)	\$1,061 (2)

Campaign Contributions

The National Institute on Money in Politics (followthemoney.org) tracks which groups and individuals give to candidates for state and federal offices. The top donors for elected officials and candidates in the Highlands are:

■ SUE SERINO (R), NYS Senate, Highlands, 4 campaigns	
1. NYS Senate Republican Campaign Committee	\$1.2 million
2. American Federation Of State County & Municipal Employees	\$31,300
3. Cathy Young Campaign Committee (NY Senate 57)	\$21,000
4. Civil Service Employees Association	\$18,580
5. Real Estate Board of New York	\$16,250
6. Rent Stabilization Association of New York	\$14,250
7. Peckham Industries (Construction, White Plains)	\$13,500
8. NYS Association of Realtors	\$13,150
9. Friends of Betty Little (NY Senate 45)	\$12,800
10. Citizens to Elect John Bonacic (NY Senate 42)	\$12,500
10. Housing New York (landlords)	\$12,500
11. Majed Nesheiwat (CEO, Gas Land Petroleum)	\$12,250
11. Uniformed Firefighters of Greater New York	\$11,300
12. Healthcare Association of NYS	\$11,250
13. Empire State Association of Assisted Living	\$11,150
14. Time Warner Cable	\$11,000
15. Hotel & Motel Trades Council NY	\$11,000
16. Hotel Restaurant Club Employees & Bartenders	\$11,000
17. Daniel Loeb (billionaire hedge fund founder)	\$11,000

■ KAREN SMYTHE (D), NYS Senate, Highlands (challenger), 2 campaigns	
1. NYS Democratic Senate Campaign Committee	\$193,172
2. Karen Smythe	\$183,581
3. NYS Democratic Party	\$26,000
4. Mason Tenders District Council of Greater NY	\$22,000
5. Michael Dupree (Hyde Park)	\$16,000
6. Dutchess Democratic Women’s Caucus	\$12,000
7. New York State United Teachers	\$11,000
8. Communications Workers New Jersey District 1	\$11,000
9. Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee	\$11,000
10. Andrew M. Cuomo Campaign Committee	\$11,000
11. Michael Fleischer (Hyde Park)	\$11,000
12. Elizabeth Gilmore (Ancramdale)	\$11,000

■ JONATHAN JACOBSON (D), NYS Assembly, Beacon (2020 campaign)	
1. Jonathan Jacobson	\$25,000
2. Committee to Elect Jonathan Jacobson	\$3,632
3. 1199SEIU United Health Care Workers	\$2,000
4. New York State Laborers Local 17	\$1,000
5. Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 373	\$1,000
5. Andrew S. Roffe (attorney, lobbyist)	\$1,000

■ ANDREW GAUZZA (R), NYS Assembly, Beacon (challenger) (2020)	
1. Andrew E. Gauzza	\$10,001

■ SANDY GALEF (D), NYS Assembly, Philipstown (2020 campaign)	
1. 1199SEIU United Health Care Workers	\$10,500
2. Steven and Sandy Galef	\$8,784
3. NYS Association of Realtors	\$7,953
4. Marie Carpentier (Ossining)	\$6,200
5. Manhattan Beer Distributors	\$6,000
6. Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee	\$5,500
7. Medical Society of the State of New York	\$5,150
8. David Swope (Ossining)	\$5,000
9. John P. Curran (health care investor, Ossining)	\$4,250
10. New York State United Teachers	\$3,500
11. PMHC Realty Corp. (Sleepy Hollow)	\$3,500

■ LAWRENCE CHIULLI (R), NYS Assembly, Philipstown (challenger) (2020)	
No funds reported raised	

■ REP. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY (D), District 18, 7 campaigns	
1. Sean Patrick Maloney Campaign Committee	\$2.45 million
2. Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee	\$1.18 million
3. Jon L. Stryker (NYC/Garrison, philanthropist)	\$97,600
4. Peter B. Lewis (Progressive Insurance, philanthropist)	\$60,200
5. Ameripac / The Fund for a Greater America	\$55,000
6. Tim E. Gill (software developer, philanthropist)	\$52,500
7. JOE Pac (Jobs Opportunities & Education)	\$51,770
8. Jonathan Lewis (venture capitalist, son of Peter)	\$50,000
9. David Bohnett (tech entrepreneur, philanthropist)	\$50,000
10. Adam J. Lewis (environmentalist, son of Peter)	\$50,000
11. New Democrat Coalition	\$48,000
12. Suzanne Halloran (Armonk)	\$47,500
13. Harold Fetner (Fetner Properties)	\$45,200
14. United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners	\$45,000

According to Opensecrets.org, which also tracks campaign finance, large individual contributions made up 59 percent of Maloney’s contributions, PACs account for 23 percent, and donations of \$200 or less are 13 percent.

■ CHELE FARLEY (R), District 18, challenger, 2 campaigns*	
1. Chele Farley	\$291,848
2. New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee	\$20,000
3-21. 19 individuals each gave \$10,000 to \$11,000 each	
23. Congressional Majority Committee	\$10,000
24. Value in Electing Women PAC	\$10,000
25. Elise for Congress [Rep. Elise Stefanik, NY-21]	\$10,000

*Farley challenged Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in 2018.

According to Opensecrets.org, large individual contributions made up 68 percent of Farley’s contributions, PACs account for 11 percent, and donations of \$200 or less are 12 percent.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (PACS)	CAUSE	PHILIPSTOWN	GARRISON	BEACON
314 Action Fund	Scientists and STEM	\$480 (2)		
ACT Blue	Democratic candidates	\$42,523 (387)	\$35,900 (252)	\$66,218 (811)
American Bridge 21st Century	Liberal Super PAC	\$25,000 (1)		
Committee to Defend the President	Trump agenda			\$300 (1)
Democracy Engine	Progressive candidates	\$500 (1)		
Democracy for America	Created by Howard Dean (D)		\$150 (1)	
Dream Defenders Fight	Progressive candidates			\$500 (1)
Emily's List	Pro-choice Democratic women	\$295 (2)		\$110 (3)
Equality PAC	LGBT			\$124 (1)
Fair Fight	Created by Stacey Abrams (D)		\$1,300 (2)	
It Starts Today	Democratic candidates	\$80 (2)		
Progressive Turnout Project	Progressive candidates			\$175 (1)
State Government Citizens Campaign	Progressive candidates	\$275 (1)		
Stop Republicans	Democratic candidates		\$280 (1)	\$581 (1)
The Blue Initiative	Democratic candidates		\$100 (1)	
Tri-State Maxed-Out Women	Progressive issues	\$1,100 (1)		
Voter Protection Project	Voting rights issues	\$175 (1)		
Win the Era	Created by Pete Buttigieg (D)	\$4,756 (9)	\$300 (2)	\$155 (2)
WinRed	Conservative candidates	\$1,314 (22)	\$2,308 (25)	\$6,133 (34)

Two Roads *(from Page 3)*

“I just can’t imagine this road could handle any more building and traffic,” said Maria Natiello, while Nancy Lovell noted Upland’s blind curves and that “torrential downpours eat away whatever portion of the road remains dirt.” Justin Herminghouse, an ambulance corps member, recalled “instances where we have had

trouble getting emergency vehicles” up Upland.

Residents also expressed concern about well-water supplies if new houses are built, with Shea noting that “Continental Village is a tough spot for groundwater already.”

Some residents suggested the town take over Upland, but Shea cautioned that converting a private road “is a fairly long process.” A majority of residents must peti-

tion the town and take responsibility for a bond for repairs over several years; only when the bond is paid off can the town claim the road, he explained.

He recalled that the town earlier acquired another vexing, hilly road, East Mountain Road North, which it paved. Running eastward from Route 9, it provides access to the Beacon Reservoir and residences. East Mountain Road North forms a loop with East Mountain Road South, which also intersects Route 9.

The lower stretch of East Mountain Road South is paved, but the pavement ends before it joins East Mountain Road North. The town plans to continue the paving, but residents from that area of town who attended the July 9 meeting objected.

Councilor John Van Tassel reminded them that the Town Board approved the work several years ago but paving of the half-mile stretch had been delayed.

Roy Rosenstein, who joined the Zoom meeting from Prague, where it was about 3 a.m., said residents are “concerned about the progressive paving of the mountain, which many of us do not want.” He and others asserted that paving promotes speeding. “We don’t want to see our country road turned into a speedway to Dutchess County or an altered throughway to Route 9,” he said.

Vit Horejs said that, setting aside “the romantic preservation of rural character,” the dirt surface has potholes, which he called “natural speed bumps. I will praise those potholes.” He suggested that Philipstown might use money earmarked for paving to instead install speed bumps around town.

Shea said board members would discuss the plan further with residents before acting. “I understand the will of the people,” he said. “If we’re compelled” by sufficient opposition to paving, “we’ll take another look at it.”

Rolling Hills Developer Sues Fishkill

Asks for \$1 million after proposal sidelined

By Jeff Simms

A development firm that in 2017 proposed a 30-building, 463-unit development on Route 9D just outside of Beacon filed a lawsuit against the Town of Fishkill last week, asking for \$1 million after the Town Board sidelined the project.

The suit, filed in state court on July 9, also names the Town Board and Supervisor Ozzy Albra, who was elected last year after campaigning against the project.

The lawsuit alleges that the town violated an earlier agreement made with the developer, Hudson View Park Co., when in April it ended the review of a rezoning request made in conjunction with the proposal, called Rolling Hills at Fishkill. The developer wants the town to reimburse it for what it says has been more than \$1 million in costs during the application and review process.

The town responded that a 2017 memo outlining a series of “good-faith commitments” by the Town Board, including consideration of rezoning 16 acres of the 57-acre project to allow for more housing units, “improperly and illegally” bound the town “eternally” to its terms. Only one board member, Ori Brachfeld, remains from the 2017 board that approved the agreement.

If approved, the development would be built on two parcels, one with frontage on 9D just north of the Mount Gulian Historic Site. The larger of the parcels is zoned residential while the 9D land is in a business district.

As envisioned, Rolling Hills would include 68 affordable-housing units and 24,000 square feet of retail. It would draw water from Beacon and residents would send their children to Beacon schools. The developer would likely be required by the state to install a traffic-calming device — possibly a traffic circle — on Route 9D, while 55 percent of the land would remain open, with walking trails.

Project officials had asked the Town Board to rezone the smaller parcel for residential construction, but the board on April 1 voted unanimously to drop its review of the request.

Attorney Michael Zarin, who represents the developers, said Wednesday that Fishkill officials breached the 2017 agreement, which says that the town wouldn’t terminate its review “until it reaches a final determination on the merits in its legislative judgment regarding the best interests of the town based upon empirical data and other objective factual bases.”

He said the wording is common in agreements between municipalities and developers, acknowledging that the board has the authority to decide on a rezoning request but must guarantee it will “play out [the review] to the end.”

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Peter Bynum, before...



... and after



Jonathan VanAntwerpen before...



.. and after



Lucky Longo releases Jesse Vermeulen from his hair.

Photo by L. Sparks

Haircuts *(from Page 1)*

shags, mops and piles spilling over the sides and backs of necks.

Appointment slots have filled quickly, as have trash cans.

In the Middle Ages, barbers alternated as surgeons and dentists, performing amputations, stitching wounds and doing teeth extractions and other procedures. They no longer use their razors on limbs, but, with clippers and scissors, they have become de facto first responders amid the reopening not only for unchecked hair growth but for spirits dampened by months of being shut in.

Liz Oliveto, who lives in Peekskill, said as she left A Lucky Cut after a trim that she had already booked her next appointment.

“When you look in the mirror every day for three-and-a-half months, and it’s bushy and awful, it’s just a reminder of how screwed up the world is,” she said.

How pent-up was the demand?

Customers emailed and texted photos to Longo and Richard Corio, co-owner of Barber and Brew in Cold Spring, of their do-it-yourself haircuts. People who did a good job “kept it simple and didn’t try to make it perfect,” Corio said.

Like a poker player, “you have to know when to walk away,” he said.

During the shutdown, Longo said she fended off desperate customers, even receiving one request to do an “under-the-table” haircut. “People were asking me to post how-to videos,” she said.

Peter Bynum, a Cold Spring artist, described the mass of hair that accumulated on his head as a “cross between Liberace, Einstein and the Wolf Man” that was “headed toward ZZ Top.”

Nancy Montgomery, a North Highlands resident who represents Philipstown on the Putnam County Legislature, said she braided her hair or shaped it into a ponytail. She also bought a fishing hat.

“It got to a length that I’ve never had in my life,” Montgomery said on Wednesday (July 15) after Curio cut her hair.

Allyson Vermuelen, who accompanied her 11-year-old son, Jesse, to A Lucky Cut, said he had endured some teasing about his hairscape.

As Longo went to work, Jesse’s locks drifted to the floor. “It must feel better not to have all that hair,” said his mother, who owns By a Thin Thread, a tailor shop in Beacon.

There have been some people who became attached to their longer hair, Longo and Corio said — in some cases convinced by spouses and partners of the attractiveness of their new look.

“Half the people are keeping some of it,”



Michael Isabell before ...



... and after

said Longo.

Corio said Barber and Brew initially wanted to have just one barber working at a time in its shop at 69 Main St. but installed a screen between its two chairs in response to the demand. “In two hours, we were a month booked up,” he said.

Longo said each cut takes longer because she has to clean and disinfect more than usual between each appointment but also because there is more hair to cut.

At Barber and Brew, Corio said the barbers stopped using a vacuum cleaner to clean up because it would be full after each cut.

“The amount of hair that we were taking off people — oh, my God,” he said.

Ajay Salhotra of Cold Spring had one of the first appointments at Barber and Brew when it reopened. He returned on Wednesday (July 15), followed by Jonathan VanAntwerpen, a Croton resident who is a Barber and Brew regular but was getting his first cut since February.

After his trim, VanAntwerpen said he felt “like a new man.” Bynum had a similar catharsis.

“That’s a load off my shoulders,” he said. “I feel free as a bird, light as a feather.”

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The Calendar



Camilla McDaniel



Chloe Rowe



Joanna George



Kate Parker

By Alison Rooney

Five Philipstown tweens and teens are among 30 young people competing in Putnam Performs, a talent showcase and competition being held virtually over the summer under the auspices of area libraries.

The entrants, who had to be ages 11 to 19, were asked to submit a performance video of up to 2 minutes that could include singing and dancing but also spoken word, magic, visual arts, acting, gymnastics, making or creating something, storytelling, yoga poses or stand-up comedy.

Four elimination rounds were scheduled through Aug. 17, with winners selected by Putnam County residents through online voting. The grand prize is \$300, plus \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

The students representing the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison are:

Lucky Bell, 11, on violin, performing an original song, “Cat and Mouse”

Joanna George, 12, on violin, performing *Concerto No. 5 1st*, by Seitz

Camilla McDaniel, 13, basketball skills

Kate Parker, 14, ballet

Chloe Rowe, 15, on ukulele, singing an original song, “Get Out of My Head”

(The entrants also included Cadhla Maguire, 10, of Philipstown, although she is too young to be an official competitor.)

To watch a video of the initial performances, visit bit.ly/pp-round1.

On Tuesday (July 14), based on more than

Putnam Talent Shines Online

Philipstown students among those competing for summer prize



Lucius “Lucky” Bell and his blue violin

Photos provided

2,000 votes, 24 of the performers, including Lucky, Camilla, Kate and Chloe, advanced to Round 2 and this week each videotaped new performances that will be posted at butterfieldlibrary.org and desmondfishlibrary.org, with votes accepted from July 20 to 22. Voting for Round 3 begins Aug. 3 and for the final five contestants on Aug. 17.

Kate, who studies at Dance for Joy in

Mohegan Lake, says she entered after her classes and spring recital were canceled because of the pandemic shutdown, yet she wanted to keep performing. She has been dancing for 12 years, beginning at age 3 “with Ms. Mary at Philipstown Rec.” She hopes someday to dance professionally.

Camilla practices a different type of movement — the full-court variety. She demon-

strates her basketball skills partly as a way of keeping them in tune but also to “just have fun” before rejoining her team. She says her favorite player is Paige Bueckers, a high school guard from Minnesota who will be attending the University of Connecticut.

Chloe, who cites The Beatles, Grace VanderWaal, Clairo and The Lumineers as songwriting influences, thinks “the county-wide competition is a great idea, because even with the pandemic we’re finding ways to share our talent and bring the community together. I’m so excited to see everyone’s performances!”

It was Joanna’s violin teacher who encouraged her to enter. She’s been studying the violin since she was in second grade and says the instrument appeals to her “because I love the sound and history. The range of the violin is so unique, with different bow strokes or plucking.”

Lucky, also a violinist, has been studying the instrument for four years with Gwen Laster in Beacon. “Gwen has been teaching me to improvise and create new songs and pieces,” he says. He entered “because I wanted to show people and myself what I’m capable of doing, not just on the violin but also vocally. Everyone in the competition is really good, so it’s exciting and a little scary.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 18

Citywide Scavenger Hunt

BEACON

facebook.com/beaconrec

Watch for clues on social media and pick up a decoder at the library, Recreation Center or City Hall. Solve the master puzzle and win a prize. The first 50 correct answers win a bonus. Continues through TUES 21.

TUES 21

Compass Arts Performances

BEACON

5 p.m. Seeger Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Drive | beaconny.myrec.com

Enjoy music, performances and songs by Compass Arts teachers and students each week over the summer. Registration required. *Free*

SAT 25

Free Rabies Vaccinations

CARMEL

10 a.m. – Noon. Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gipsy Trail Road
845-808-1390 ext. 43160
putnamcountyny.com/health

Bring photo ID as proof of Putnam County residency; without proof of prior rabies vaccination, pets will receive a one-year vaccine. All dogs must be leashed and cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 18

Party/After Party

BEACON

Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St. | diaart.org

Films by Ulysses Jenkins and Cauleen Smith exploring the techno music scene in Detroit will be available to stream online until 9 p.m. on SUN 19 as part of Carl Craig's ongoing installation.

TUES 21

The Figure in Modern Art

LAKE CARMEL

7 p.m. Arts on the Lake
artsonthelake.org

Alexander Shundi will lead a weekly lecture series through Aug. 25 over Zoom on how artists have depicted the human figure, from Impressionism to modern-day. *Cost: \$72*

THURS 23

Understanding Abstraction

LAKE CARMEL

7 p.m. Arts on the Lake
artsonthelake.org

Shundi will lead a weekly lecture series through Aug. 27 on artistic methods of abstraction. *Cost: \$72*



Jeff Daniels, July 26

MUSIC

SAT 18

Lucky Luna

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier
facebook.com/TowneCrierCafe

Jim Cardinal, Laurie Clark and Tony Acquisto will perform original songs.

SUN 19

Benefit for Fair Fight 2020

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier
facebook.com/TowneCrierCafe

KJ Denhert, Tony Depaolo, Lee Falco, Brandon Morrison, Will Bryant and others will perform to benefit an initiative to fight voter suppression.

SUN 19

Chris Thile

KATONAH

7 p.m. Caramoor | caramoor.org

A performance at Caramoor on SAT 18 by Thile, who has won four Grammys as a mandolinist, songwriter and member of the American roots groups Nickel Creek and Punch Brothers, will be streamed. If rain delays the live concert, the stream will air on MON 20. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*



FRI 24

Jon Cobert

LAKE CARMEL

7 p.m. Arts on the Lake
artsonthelake.org

Cobert, a five-time Grammy nominee who has played with Al Green, John Lennon and Bruce Springsteen, will perform during a Facebook livestream. *Free*

FRI 24

Bon Jovi Night

MAHOPAC

6:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St. | putnamcountygolfcourse.com

Enjoy three decades of the band's music performed by 1 Wild Night. Food trucks will be available. *Cost: \$22*

FRI 24

Andy Stack, Adrien Reju and Chihoe Hahn

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier
facebook.com/TowneCrierCafe

The duo Stack and Reju will be joined by Hahn on this livestream.

SAT 25

David Broza, Steve Earle, Leo Kottke and Bill Miller

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier
facebook.com/TowneCrierCafe

The performers will come together for a performance of blues and folk via livestream.

SUN 26

Jeff Daniels

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier
facebook.com/TowneCrierCafe

The Emmy award-winning actor will perform his original songs and tell stories, then answer questions following the livestreamed set. *Cost: \$15*

TALKS

TUES 21

Climate & Human Impacts on Hudson River Marshes

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
butterfieldlibrary.org

Dorothy Peteet, a senior research scientist at the NASA/Goddard Institute for Space Studies, will speak via Zoom about how human activities and natural variations have impacted ecosystems on the Hudson. Register online.

TUES 21

Graphic Novel Book Club

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock | splitrockbks.com

Summer Pierre will lead a discussion about *The Property*, by Rutu Modan. Register online.

TUES 21

Summer in the Vegetable Garden

PUTNAM

7 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

CCE educators and Master Gardener volunteers will discuss what to do in the vegetable garden at this time of year, including which insects and diseases to monitor, what to plant for fall harvest and preservation techniques. Register online.

WED 22

Want

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock | splitrockbks.com

Lynn Steger Strong will discuss her latest novel via Zoom with Virginia Sole-Smith. Register online.

WED 22

Writing in the Time of COVID

LAKE CARMEL

7 p.m. Arts on the Lake
artsonthelake.org

The Arts on the Lake writing group will host a Zoom roundtable reading of personal and notable literary works reflecting on the current state of life, followed by a discussion. *Free*

THURS 23

Brunch at Home

BEACON

11 a.m. Howland Public Library
beaconlibrary.org

Chef Jennifer Clair will lead a cooking demonstration. Email adults@beaconlibrary.org to register for the Zoom event.

THURS 23

Pathways to Planetary Health

GARRISON

2 p.m. Garrison Institute
garrisoninstitute.org

Co-founder Jonathan F.P. Rose will discuss with singer Laurie Anderson our personal roles in regenerating the planet.

THURS 23

Kristin Kimball

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
butterfieldlibrary.org

The author of *The Dirty Life* and *Good Husbandry* will discuss via Zoom her journey from being a literary agent to farming 500 acres near Lake Champlain.

THURS 23

History Book Club

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock | splitrockbks.com

This month the group will discuss *Stony the Road*, by Henry Louis Gates Jr. Register online.

THURS 23

Trees in Trouble

MILLBROOK

7 p.m. Cary Institute | caryinstitute.org
eventbrite.com/e/trees-in-trouble-cary-science-convers

Joshua Ginsberg, president of the Cary Institute, will interview forest ecologist Gary Lovett via Zoom. Register online.

FRI 24

Learn to Paint

GARRISON

7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
desmondfishlibrary.org

In this Zoom lesson, Regina Gelfer will help participants ages 13 or older create a mini-landscape. The first 15 people who register can pick up a canvas and acrylic paints from the library.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 18

Greek Myths & Legends

BEACON

5 p.m. Howland Public Library
beaconlibrary.org

Watch an online performance by Traveling Lantern Theatre of classic stories anytime until SUN 19. See website for details.



WED 22

Sing and Move Zoom for Toddlers

GARRISON

10 a.m. | Desmond-Fish Library
bit.ly/SingandMoveZoom

Join Miss Gabi for a virtual gathering for toddlers and their parents. Register online.

THURS 23

Animal Embassy: Dragons, Dwarfs and Giants

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Public Library
facebook.com/beaconlibrary

Meet a Dutch dwarf rabbit, Flemish giant rabbit, giant cane toad, dwarf reticulated python,

THE WEEK AHEAD

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dwarf caiman, water dragon, bearded dragon and giant gecko during this live event on Facebook.

FRI 24

Tween Summer Book Club

GARRISON

5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
bit.ly/TweenSummerBookClub

Register online for the club, which meets via Zoom every other week.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 18

Community Bake-Off

PHILIPSTOWN

2 & 7:30 p.m.

hvhshakespeare.org/production/
community-bake-off

Ryan Quinn will direct readings of six short plays written by local authors on the theme of “Mahicantuck, The River that Flows Both Ways.” They will be performed by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival performers Kurt Rhoads, Nance Williamson, Michael Early, Antoinette Robinson and others.
Cost: \$10 donation

SAT 18

Grease

MAHOPAC

8:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St.

putnamcountygolfcourse.com/events

Drive in to watch the 1978 film version of the musical starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John on a large outdoor screen. Cost: \$40

FRI 24

The Loving Story

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
cya.live/event/2506

Register to watch this 2011 documentary, presented as part of the Depot Docs series, about the couple whose relationship changed America through a U.S. Supreme Court decision supporting their interracial marriage. Rescheduled from FRI 17. Cost: \$10

CIVIC

Meetings are closed to the public but streamed or posted as videos. See highlandscurrent.org/meeting-videos.

MON 20

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 20

Village Board

NELSONVILLE

7:30 p.m. Village Hall
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

WED 22

Dutchess COVID-19 Update

POUGHKEEPSIE

5:30 p.m. facebook.com
dutchesscogov

County Executive Marc Molinaro will provide the latest information on the shutdown in this livestream.

Against the Grain

Amid pandemic, food firm expands

By Alison Rooney

Founded two years ago, Two Birds Handcrafted Provisions has already reinvented itself several times over.

The co-founders, Elizabeth Reyes and her husband, Shawn Crosby (who are in the process of changing their surnames to Creyes), began with a simple plan: They would cook and sell specialty broths, grain bowls and other dishes made by Reyes, who studied at the Orlando Culinary Academy, which is associated with Le Cordon Bleu.

Because Reyes was then pregnant with their daughter, Lila, they thought they would keep their venture a step up from a hobby and sell their products only at farmers markets. But the business grew quickly, which the couple says has been good but a bit overwhelming. They are planning two pop-up shops in front of Marbled Meats at 3091 Route 9 in Philipstown from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday (July 23) and Aug. 6.

In addition, the couple hopes to expand soon to six farmers markets and hire a sous chef. They recently opened a Friday farm stand at Sky Blue Stables in Cortlandt near the Blue Mountain Reservation.

Reyes says she is eager to get back to cooking. After graduating from OCA in 2003, she returned to her native Miami, then moved to New York City and took a job at a Japanese restaurant, Sumile.

“That’s why a lot of my special dishes have a lot of Japanese influences,” she explains. “Plus, my best friend growing up was Korean, and I learned a lot of that cuisine through her family.” Reyes also worked in the kitchens and/or helped open Tertulia, the first Little Neck and Ammazacaffe in New York City, and was executive chef at Cafe Paulette in Brooklyn.

Reyes says she translates many of the Cuban- and Nicaraguan-inspired recipes passed on through her family. “There were family gatherings every single weekend,” she says. “It made always being around food fun for us.”

Her signature dishes are grain bowls and a “broth bowl box,” which she describes as “like a ramen kit, using everything fresh: microgreens, pickled eggs — everything is sourced; we don’t just go to the super-market.” The broth — bone or mushroom — serves as the base.

Some of her other, family-inspired dishes include her spin on Cuban black beans and cumin and coriander-seasoned authentic tamales; empanadas filled with picadillo, olives and raisins; crispy rice; and a chimichurri sauce.

At their pop-ups, popular dishes include cold soba bowls made with mushroom tamari sauce, thinly sliced cucumbers, red cabbage, scallions, Hakurei turnips and toasted sesame seeds, served with a side of mushroom broth with tamari, ginger and



Elizabeth Reyes and Lila



Broth bowls

Photos provided



Ravioli made for a pop-up event

lime sauce; and a BBB Bowl with organic brown rice, bulgogi, marinated organic grilled chicken breast, growing hearts sautéed greens, kimchi, tamagoyaki egg and mildly spicy black bean sauce.

The couple launched their farmers market plan in Peekskill in 2018 after moving from Brooklyn to Cortlandt Manor. They met Chris Pascarella of Marbled Meats while searching for bones to create their broths, and he offered to rent them commercial kitchen space.

“It was a big jump for us, but a natural progression,” Crosby says.

And then, cue pandemic, and with it the closure of most markets.

“Our first pivot was in March,” Crosby recalls. “A lot of folks at the market lost that stream of revenue, so we asked if we could aggregate their products on our website [at twobirds.studio]. We’ve turned into an online grocer, doing deliveries of very specific products. All the usual food-delivery companies like Fresh Direct were backlogged, so we filled that void.”

“A lot of smaller producers have done well” during the shutdown, notes Reyes. “People have turned to CSAs and livestock farms for their eggs and chickens.”



Reyes plating a dish at a pop-up event

Photos by Doug Schneider

“We’re super-excited because we have a business that’s doing well — a lot of people don’t have that luxury,” Crosby says.



Another use for thicker cardboard: a base layer for mulch between raised beds

Photo by P. Doan

Roots and Shoots

Weeds, Veggies and Transplants

By Pamela Doan

This week I'll answer some questions from *Current* readers.



Q: What are the merits for weed suppression of newspaper versus cardboard?

It depends on the circumstance, the purpose and type of cardboard. For those of us who aren't using herbicides, both options are useful. One summer I had a vegetable plot in a community garden and the weeds were intense. Surrounded by dozens of other plots and a history of various gardening approaches, the seed-bed was robust and communal. A layer of newspaper around the plants and between rows in such an instance would be a huge help in maintenance. The newspaper will break down by the end of the season and not smother the soil beneath.

Cardboard is just thicker and it can be coated, making it water-resistant, which you don't want in the garden. I use it carefully, and more commonly when I'm creating a new bed, to smother whatever is growing so that I can plant without tilling. I prefer rolls of single layer cardboard because it breaks down faster when I'm creating a landscape without tilling the soil.

This technique allows me to plant on top of the soil instead of destroying all the microbes by digging or tilling to manage the plants. The cardboard will suppress the weeds for long enough to give the plants I want to take over a chance.

Notably, many of the weeds gardeners deal with are not what I call "regular" weeds, e.g., the quackgrass, purslane and plantain I grew up pulling. Instead, it's Japanese stiltgrass, mugwort, garlic mustard, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese knotweed and barberry — invasive species that are much more difficult to control.

Q: Can a 15-year-old peony plant be safely moved and replanted?

Yes. Choose a site that has full sun and dig up the peony about a foot out from the crown of the plant. Try to keep as much of the root ball as possible because that is what will give the plant its best chance to thrive after being transplanted. If it's late August or September, you could cut the plant down to about 6 inches since it's going into dormancy anyway.

If you can find the nubs that will be next year's growth, those are your guiding line for how deep to plant into the hole. If you bury it too deep, it won't find its way back. Water it in well after planting but don't worry about regular watering in the fall.

Q: Are three cherry tomato plants and three baby watermelon plants in a planter too much? It is 3 square feet and the watermelons are showing melons already.

That is a tight fit! As a general rule, cherry tomatoes need 12 to 24 inches per plant and watermelon up to 6 feet. Even in fertile soil, all of those plants won't get enough nutrients. If possible, move the plants to locations with more room and you'll enjoy more tomatoes and watermelons.

Q: My zucchini is flowering but my squash shrivels. What is wrong?

This has to do with pollination. Squash blossoms used for cooking are usually made from the first flowers, which are all male. Female flowers bloom next and then the plant fruits. My advice is to wait.

Q: Does Queen Anne's lace grow back from the root system or does it reseed? I like it in my garden and want it to return in the same spot.

Daucus carota is a biennial plant that has a taproot. In the first season, it will have foliage but not blooms. If your plant is in bloom this season, this is the second year of its life cycle and it will be finished. You can collect seeds once it turns brown and curls up into a nest shape.

Have your own questions? Email root-sandshoots@highlandscurrent.org.

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Mouths to Feed

Celebrating the Garden

By Celia Barbour



Anyone fortunate enough to have eaten at Blue Hill at Stone Barns knows the restaurant's penchant for vegetable idolatry. So outlandishly artistic is the presentation that a diner can find herself puzzled whether to consume each course — baby carrots and turnips impaled on a shrine-like fence, eggplant lollipops enrobed in ivory seeds, ziggurats of penny-size beet slices — or to worship them. Me, I sat dazzled through our long-ago dinner there as I might a Cirque du Soleil performance, grateful that people exist in this world who are willing to perform such vegetable pageantry, and relieved not to be one of them.

I was reminded of that meal last week when I harvested the first three cherry tomatoes from our brand-new garden. Honestly, if I'd had a trumpet handy, the whole neighborhood would have known as I paraded that trio of golden orbs into the kitchen. I placed them on a cutting board, called the kids to come admire them, then cut each tomato in half so we could all partake. Today, I pranced down the hill bearing a half-dozen thinned carrots no larger than pen caps, which I will doubtless present on a velvet cushion at dinner tonight, alongside the first handful of sapphire blueberries from our bushes.

Evidently, there's nothing like sweating

over a garden to transform a person into a shameless vegetable worshipper.

Yet pomp alone does not get supper on the table — especially if said supper must leave five people sated enough that they won't go scavenging for potato chips at 8 p.m. In other words, I need a shrine to my garden's gems that doubles as a satisfying, substantial meal.

When the kids were little, pasta was my go-to vehicle for making vegetables appealing. Through trial-and-error, I found that everything from beets to cauliflower could become a delicious sauce for noodles; no dandelion leaf was too bitter, no celeriac too gnarled to escape my efforts. I came to think of pasta as my culinary Trojan horse — a canny way to transport vegetables past my kids' defenses, which, over time, became hardly defensive at all. (I wrote about some of these endeavors for this paper; see highlandscurrent.org/tag/mouths-to-feed.)

Despite the intervening years, none of us has outgrown pasta. Really, why even try? But lately, I feel a little deflated carrying a plain platter of zucchini-tossed rigatoni to the table and watching it disappear into the mouths of my spouse and kids. Maybe I'm just missing the ceremony and adrenaline of non-family meals.

A few weeks back, I came across a recipe I had flagged many years ago in a cookbook, for baked ricotta. By chance, I had recently picked up a tub of fresh, creamy goat's milk ricotta from Edgwick Farms, a recent addition to the Cold Spring Farmer's market. Some ricottas are bland and mealy, but Edgwick's is dense, creamy and delicious. I adjusted the recipe to suit our season, adding lemon zest plus herbs from our garden. It made for a humble, and infinitely adaptable, ceremony: A crumbly, marble-white temple to the glory of our fresh-grown vegetables.

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Baked Ricotta with Bread Crumbs

Be sure to begin draining the ricotta several hours before you are ready to eat. To serve this with roast vegetables and/or pasta, double the quantities of butter, lemon zest and juice, and herbs; toss the warm pasta and vegetables with them before serving.

INGREDIENTS

Olive oil

8 ounces full-fat ricotta, preferably goats'- or sheep's-milk, such as Edgwick Farms'

2 teaspoons butter
(see headnote)

2 to 3 tablespoons fresh bread crumbs

Zest and juice of 1 lemon
(see headnote)

1/4 cup basil leaves, chopped
(see headnote)

2 tablespoons mixed soft herbs (such as chervil, mint, dill or cilantro), chopped
(see headnote)

Sea salt and pepper, to taste

Pasta and grilled seasonal vegetables, optional, for serving

2 ounces parmesan, for serving

1. A few hours before you begin cooking, place the ricotta in a fine-mesh sieve over a bowl to allow any excess water to drain out.
2. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly oil or butter a ramekin or other small baking dish. Press the ricotta into it, making a smooth layer. Drizzle a little olive oil over the surface. Bake 20 minutes, or until the ricotta is puffy and beginning to brown on top.
3. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt the butter. Add the bread crumbs, and toast, tossing, until just golden. Remove from heat; stir in the lemon zest.
4. After 20 minutes, remove ricotta from oven, sprinkle the bread-crumble mixture over the surface, then reduce the heat to 325 degrees and continue baking for 10 to 15 minutes (the exact time will depend on how moist your ricotta is).
5. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Grill or roast vegetables. Combine pasta and vegetables, tossing with additional olive oil, lemon juice and zest, and herbs. Serve with a spoonful of baked ricotta on top.

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Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (July 1870)

On a Wednesday afternoon, a messenger of the National Bank of Fishkill standing on the porch of Baxter's Hardware Store at Main and Rock streets while he waited for the 12:55 train, was robbed of \$8,000 [about \$150,000 today] by a stranger in a blue flannel suit who threw red pepper in his face. Five minutes later, Elijah Jones, a native of Germany and coachman to H.H. Munsell, was mortally wounded when the fleeing robber fired a Remington five-shooter as he fled along Stone Street. *The Cold Spring Recorder* congratulated village residents for not lynching the suspect.

Samuel Reed, a former member of the Engineer Corps at West Point and a veteran of the Mexican War, was found drowned after apparently falling into the Hudson. By way of tribute, *The Recorder* noted that "he worked occasionally at shoemaking but only sufficiently to keep himself in funds for drink."

The coroner was notified that a stillborn infant had been found among the weeds by the fence at the village cemetery.

Newburgh photographer C.A. Palmer exhibited his stereoscopic images of Indian Brook Falls, Cold Spring as seen from West Point, and Stony Point.

A boy named John Fury was holding gunpowder when it ignited, burning his hand and singeing his eyebrows and hair.

John Bates returned to the village after spending nine years in New Zealand.

John Maher was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail for striking his wife.

Despite a strong wind, a stovepipe fire at the Longfield House on Market Street was extinguished on the first alarm.

The editor of *The Recorder* wrote: "We wish to reiterate our position that the editor of a paper that has contracted to furnish several hundred people with the local news for \$2 per year is 'minding his own business' when he endeavors to fulfill that contract."

A silver pocket watch belonging to Timothy Casserly, who was paving the south gutter of Main Street near the corner of Kemble Avenue, went missing after he hung his vest



Gen. Daniel Sickles visited Cold Spring in 1895.

on a fence. Two teenage strangers who had been spotted nearby were tracked to Fishkill Landing but did not have the watch. Nevertheless, the teens were returned to the village and jailed for five days for "examination."

O.M. Baxter had the unpleasant task of shoveling his load of coal twice after a rear wheel on his wagon broke while his team pulled it up Vinegar Hill.

John Sloan was arrested for threatening the life of Uriah Fergusson but the case was settled when the Jehu [coachman] agreed to leave town.

A tramp who asked for lodging and food from the Overseers of the Poor for Philipstown was found to have \$80 in his pockets.

125 Years Ago (July 1895)

The Brooklyn Eagle shared a bicycle run to Newburgh that noted that, once reaching Garrison, "follow the turnpike, and when three-and-one-half miles out take the right fork of the road to Nelsonville, the road being fair, although rather hilly. Take left fork at Nelsonville direct over the Highlands to Fishkill village. It is a good



C.A. Palmer, a Newburgh photographer whose wagon is shown here, sold his stereoscopic images in Philipstown.

road, but the hills are the worst the wheelman encounters on the trip."

Gen. and Mrs. Butterfield entertained Gen. Daniel Sickles at their Cold Spring estate, Cragside [now the Haldane campus. Sickles was notorious for killing his wife's lover in 1859 in broad daylight across the street from the White House. He pleaded temporary insanity and was acquitted. During the Civil War, he was wounded at Gettysburg and had his leg amputated. When he visited Cold Spring in 1895, he had most recently been a member of the U.S. House.]

Ada Barker, 11, a "colored domestic," was found dead in his bed at the home of the Rev. A. Coons, rector of the South Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church. A citizen jury ruled that the death was caused by "acute inflammation of the bowels."

A traveler known as "The Strange Young Man" who passed through Cold Spring on his journey from Mexico to Jerusalem arrived in the village on his return trip and pitched a tent in the lot next to Post's confectionary store.

The Cold Spring Village Improvement

Association moved the bandstand to a lot at the corner of Main and Furnace streets.

Harry Allchin said he planned to make ice cream on Saturdays and Sundays and that orders could be placed at the Garrison Hotel.

Burglars broke into the home of Judge William Wood and stole a silver teapot, as well as the home of Mrs. Thomas Coe, where they took the Sunday dinner she had prepared.

A jury ruled for the siblings of John H. Iselin of Garrison, a family of bankers, who argued he was incompetent to handle his finances on account of an overindulgence in liquor and drugs. Days later, Iselin, who was a trustee of the Garrison School and a vestry member at St. Philip's Church, died of gastritis.

The Rev. F.W. Overhiser, a former pastor of the Baptist Church, was granted a patent for a ribbon mechanism for type-writing machines.

A storm brought down 12 telegraph poles between Cold Spring and Garrison.

The Village Improvement Association discussed spraying to kill elm beetles.

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A northbound New York Central train struck a man near Anthony's Nose with such force that he was thrown into the river. The train crew retrieved the body, placed it aboard and brought it to the corner in Cold Spring.

William Dalzell named his cat Trilby in response to the "Trilby craze" — a novel by George du Maurier called *Trilby* that was a sensation in the U.S. and U.K. Its protagonist is Trilby O'Ferrall, an artist's model in Paris who falls under the spell of a Svengali who turns her into a star singer through hypnosis.

100 Years Ago (July 1920)

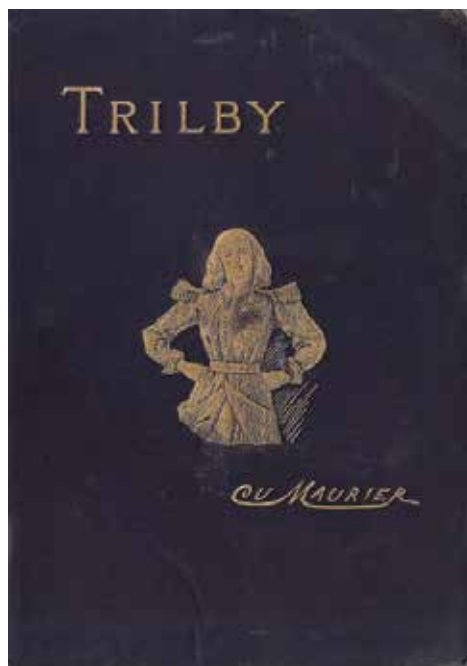
Dr. Clark of Cold Spring was summoned to the home of Maud Howlette of Storm King, who accidentally shot herself in the chest. She said she was out walking when she spotted five men picking up wood near the railroad tracks. She pulled her Savage 32 from her pocket to make sure it was loaded, and it discharged. The *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* noted the accident was a surprise because Mrs. Howlette was "one of the best revolver shots" in that part of Orange County.

75 Years Ago (July 1945)

A children's dress factory began operations in the former Rite-Form Corset factory space at Depot Plaza leased from Guiseppe Giachinta. It is expected to employ between 50 and 75 operators.

Principal William Hageny of Haldane Central School announced its playground would be open weekdays from 9 a.m. until noon under the supervision of Clara Malone, a student at the College of New Rochelle.

Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Delaney of Parsonage Street returned to the U.S. after spending 24 months overseas as a crew member of an air transport plane.



Trilby, a novel by George du Maurier, was a sensation in 1895, including in Philipstown.

Pvt. 1st Class Antonio Giachinta of Cold Spring, serving with a detachment of the 8th Tank Battalion, was awarded the Bronze Star. During an attack in Germany, the medic drove under heavy fire to the head of the column and returned with seven badly injured men. Although his vehicle was severely damaged by gunfire during the rescue, he repaired it on the spot and continued evacuating wounded.

A patrol that included Pvt. 1st Class William McAndrew of High Street killed 42 Japanese soldiers entrenched in caves and bamboo fortresses over two days as it advanced.

Thirty-seven "overage" ordnance soldiers, including Corp. William Austin of Parsonage Street, were honored at a ceremony in Europe for declining to return to the U.S. in 1943

when they reached the discharge age of 38.

50 Years Ago (July 1970)

The Putnam County Historical Society on Chestnut Street opened an exhibit of the summer wardrobe that a lady of fashion would have worn in the 1870s. It was part of a collection donated by Marguerite Walker Rogers that included European gowns, petticoats, shawls, bustles, hoop skirts, slippers, silk mitts and beaded bags.

Construction was completed on the new firehouse at North Highland Road.

Garrison school district voters passed a \$575,000 contingency budget, 147-112, after voting down the budget presented in May.

John Dietrich, who lived at 12 Secor St., died at age 89. He moved to Cold Spring in 1930 to open his own electrical contracting business, retiring at age 82. During World War II, he worked on the construction of the Pentagon.

Between 1960 and 1970, according to the Census Bureau, the population of Putnam County grew by 71 percent, to 54,411.

Gulf Oil awarded a four-year scholarship to Peter McCallum of East Mountain Road South to study at Harvard University.

Mary and Mike Scalpi of Beacon purchased the Riverview restaurant. Mike had worked at the Old Whitestone in Beacon as a teenager and, after a stint in the Army, returned to become its head chef.

Adrian Haar complained in a letter to the editor that three U.S. flags had been

stolen from outside his insurance agency over the previous six months. In two cases, the thieves also took the poles.

25 Years Ago (July 1995)

With Metro-North workers expected to strike, Philipstown riders were instructed to drive to the Dutchess Mall near Interstate 84 for bus service to Manhattan. The railroad said it would provide 15 buses to take up to 540 passengers.

The Putnam County Historical Society received a \$9,200 state grant to microfilm its collection of the *Cold Spring Recorder*, *Putnam County News* and *Putnam County News & Recorder* dating to 1867.

The women's softball league team sponsored by Scanga Woodworking continued to crush opponents, defeating T&L Deli, 19-4, and the 69ers, 19-10.

Haldane named Larry Brigati as varsity football coach. He dismissed rumors that there would not be enough players to field a team in the fall.

After a 30-minute search, Putnam County sheriff deputies located Elizabeth Mori, 3, who had wandered into the woods near her Garrison home.

The Hudson Valley Hospital in Peekskill announced it would establish a paramedic training center at Butterfield Hospital.

Roosevelt Basso died. He was remembered for throwing a school-record 20 strikeouts in a Haldane baseball game in the early 1950s.



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By Tim Walsh, Director of Maintenance and Transportation ext. 170.

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Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

■ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cold Spring Village Board voted unanimously on Tuesday (July 14) to cancel large-scale events through the end of the year. They include the Putnam County Wine and Food Festival, the Hops on the Hudson beer fest, Community Day and picnics organized for seniors and volunteers. It also canceled visits by the Seastreak cruise line, which each fall bring hundreds of shoppers to the village. Last year Seastreak also paid \$22,500 in docking fees. Mayor Dave Merandy said the village may need a more in-depth review of large events to “see if this is something we want to continue.” Trustee Fran Murphy suggested the village could hire an events coordinator, to be paid with event revenues. “That’s not a bad idea at all,” Merandy said.

■ Merandy said the Cold Spring Police Department was alerted about graffiti

painted on the asphalt on Fair Street near Mayor’s Park that read “Death to Gays.” It was removed by the Highway Department.

■ The public restrooms near the Visitors’ Center on Main Street, which have been closed during the shutdown, could reopen on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. under a plan presented by the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers at the information booth would clean the restrooms periodically and the Highway Department would clean them on Friday night and Sunday morning. “We want to open the information booth, but we can’t unless the restrooms are open” because volunteers would be inundated with unhappy visitors, said Jack Goldstein of the Chamber. Board members raised concerns about liability.

■ Roberto Ruiz, who lives next to village-owned property on Benedict Avenue where

the Highway Department dumps leaves, grass and tree branches picked up curbside from residents, said the volume is more than the site can handle. He said it also attracts illegal dumpers and animals, and it smells. The board agreed to his request that a gate be added but said the yard debris is a more difficult challenge because the alternative would be paying to have it hauled away. The board discussed a number of strategies, such as mulching, controlled burns or the use of an outdoor furnace at the highway garage.

■ The Cold Spring Police Department responded to 59 calls for service in June, and officers issued 50 parking and eight traffic tickets. The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 15 calls, including seven activated carbon monoxide or fire alarms; three assists to emergency medical services; two motor vehicle crashes; a rescue at Breakneck Ridge; and mutual aid to the Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. for a structure fire.

■ Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo

reported that, as of July 8, the village had collected \$1.65 million in property taxes, or 93 percent of the levy. Property owners have until Jan. 31 to pay before the bill is sent to the county as delinquent.

■ The Historic District Review Board is reviewing an application for the first of three single-family homes to be built on Paulding Avenue as part of the Butterfield redevelopment project.

■ The board deferred action on a request to purchase a 125-by-30-foot strip of village-owned property adjacent to 37 Fair St., the former Impellittiere Motors, now owned by a New York City-based artist, so that the parcel can be appraised.

■ Highway Crew Chief Robert Downey said repairs to the village garbage truck, which was damaged in an accident on an icy road last winter, could cost as much as \$134,000. A new vehicle could cost up to \$225,000. He said village crews collected 62 tons of trash and 21 tons of recyclables in June.



MONUMENT DAMAGED — Beacon police say a crucifix at St. Joachim’s Cemetery that toppled on July 8 appears to have been felled by a storm rather than vandals.

Photo by Gary Barrack

Police Reform *(from Page 1)*

ots for Immigration Reform — on July 13 jointly wrote to Merandy, as well as the county executive, the mayor of Brewster and the supervisors of Kent and Carmel “to request that representatives of the LGBTQ+; Latino; black; Asian; Native American; and Jewish communities, as well as people living with mental illness and physical disabilities, in addition to other underrepresented groups in Putnam, be included in each of the respective groups of stakeholders.”

In Beacon, the timeline Kyriacou shared during the council’s meeting has its reform plan being drafted in December and January, with council and public review to follow before the document is adopted.

One scenario, the mayor suggested, could see the city hire consultants to gather and conduct the initial analysis of some data, while the council would prioritize the areas most in need of change.

While the state order asks municipalities to focus on racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color, Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair said it doesn’t address Beacon residents’ more urgent concerns.

“The feedback that we’re hearing certainly extends beyond the stuff that the governor has identified,” he said. “I’d like to fast-track things that are directly related to race. Nine months for racial justice is not what I’m hearing from people.”

Michael Turton contributed reporting.

Officers Push Back on Interim Choice

Allege two veteran Beacon officers passed over

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is expected in the coming weeks to select a firm to assist in its search for a police chief to succeed Kevin Junjulas, who retired on July 7.

But in the meantime, the Beacon Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association said it is unhappy with the council’s decision on July 6 to name retired Beacon police Lt. William Cornett as the temporary chief for up to 90 days.

The union said Cornett, who retired in 2002, lacks the certification required for the position. Officer Mike Confield, who is vice president of the union, alleged on Wednesday that the city overlooked at least two veteran officers who had expressed interest in leading the department as interims following the departure of Junjulas, opting instead for Cornett, who Confield said is “a friend of the mayor’s.” Confield declined to name the officers.

In addition, Confield said the union is unhappy “with the response of the council, or lack of a response” to calls by some residents to “defund the police.”

The department has already “been defunded and gutted” to “dangerously low staffing levels,” he said.

“Now, due to political pressure, they look to take away from the service provided by the Police Department,” he said. “Does this mean that the City Council for years has failed and missed items that could have been cut while preparing their budgets? Our issue isn’t with the community statements. Our issue is with the city failing to paint an accurate picture of the department and the staffing and support we already lack.”

On Monday, Teamsters Local 445, which represents officers in Orange, Sullivan, Ulster and Dutchess counties, also condemned Kyriacou and the council for what it said was their “continued push of anti-police rhetoric and policies,” including “the thought of disarming and de-vesting police.”



William Cornett

In an interview on Wednesday, Council Member Terry Nelson called the accusations “100 percent false.” The council has not considered any budget cuts to the police, he said.

“I hate the term [defund the police],” he said. “It’s a slogan that oversimplifies a very serious problem. We have no plan to defund anything. It’s not how government works. We don’t do things like that without thinking.”

Kyriacou, in a statement, said that neither he nor City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero had been contacted by anyone from the PBA regarding the union’s concerns.

“I am deeply disappointed by the approach of the police union, which has resorted to intimidation and escalation in a highly charged environment — where the community-building approach should be outreach and dialogue,” Kyriacou said. “Other than a statement from the PBA that I offered to read at a protest, I have heard nothing from them.”

Kyriacou on July 6 said that choosing an interim chief from outside the department ranks who is not interested in the permanent position will allow the city to undergo an open and deliberate search process. “We’re not advantaging anyone in this process, and we’re not predisposing anyone,” he said.

OBITUARIES

Satwant Garcha (1945-2020)

Satwant Singh Garcha, 75, a resident of Beacon since 1986 and a former corrections officer, died July 2 at Westchester Medical Center.



Born in India on May 10, 1945, he was the son of Duman and Amar Garcha. On Oct. 6, 1968, in Dakha, India, he married Mohanjet Garcha.

Satwant was employed as a state corrections officer for nearly 30 years, until his retirement in 2018. He also was a member of the Mid-Hudson Sikh Cultural Society.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Gurwinder Garcha (Tina Sodhi) of Albany; Sandeep Cohen (Jason) of New City; his grandchildren, Saia and Anaya Garcha and Daniel, Delilah and Gabriel Cohen; and his sisters, Tejwant Bhangoo (Kulwant) of Wappingers Falls and Sarbjeet Kang (Sukhdev) of Poughkeepsie. A funeral service was held July 7.

Stan Lindwasser (1947-2020)

Stanley Lindwasser, 73, of Beacon, died May 3 at his home of pulmonary fibrosis.



Born Feb. 17, 1947, in Brooklyn, Stan lived in Hoboken, New Jersey, before moving in 2016 to the Hudson Valley with his wife, Helen Crohn.

Stan was a painter for more than 50 years, working with acrylics to evoke landscapes, sky, water, rocks and mountains. Along with Beacon, he had solo shows in Manhattan and Hoboken. He produced his final works in April.

In an interview with *The Current* in 2018, Stan said he knew from an early age what he wanted to do with himself: "I was told in kindergarten I was gifted in finger paints!" Before his senior year in high school, his family moved to Manhattan, where he later earned a bachelor's degree and a master in fine arts from Hunter College.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Peg Merandy (1927-2020)

Julia Margaret "Peg" Merandy, 93, died July 5 at NewYork-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor.



She was born May 13, 1927, at Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, one of the 10 children of Samuel and Catherine (Trimble) Monroe. She grew up on Garden Street in Cold Spring and, as a teenager, worked at the National Biscuit Co. in Beacon. She was closest to her brother, Dick, with whom she shared a mischievous sense of humor and youthful capers, her family said.

After six years of courtship, on April 1, 1951, she married a neighbor, Roland "Sonny" Merandy, a World War II veteran. They made a home at 10 Whitehill Place, where they raised four children. They were married for 45 years until Sonny's death in 1994.

As mother to children attending the Our Lady of Loretto Elementary School, Peg was a member of the Mother's Guild and will be long remembered for her pioneering physical education classes in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 1980, Peg returned to the workforce as the supervisor of housekeeping for the Holiday Inn in Fishkill.

Peg enjoyed crocheting, reading detective novels and backyard birding, and always kept her hummingbird feeders well-filled. She also maintained ample stores of homemade cakes and cookies, her family said. Most recently, Peg's life was enriched by Cold Spring United Methodist Church's weekly crochet gatherings.

Peg is survived by her children: Roland Merandy (Darla) of Sisters, Oregon; Dave Merandy (Stephanie Hawkins), who is the mayor of Cold Spring; Cathy Merandy of Patterson; and Linda Pidala (Steve); her sister, Mildred LeFever of Poughkeepsie; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cold Spring United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Group, 216 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516 or the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corp, 14 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Bob Murphy (1948-2020)

Robert J. Murphy, 72, the former longtime president of the Beacon Historical Society, died on July 10 of cancer.



He was born June 2, 1948, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Murphy. A 1966 graduate of Beacon High School, he held a bachelor's degree from Manhattan College and a master's degree from SUNY Albany.

Bob served as president of the Beacon Historical Society from 1998 to 2018 and wrote the society's monthly newsletter for 38 years. He co-wrote two books, *Historic Beacon* and *Beacon Revisited*, as well as a blog on local history that he allowed *The Current* to excerpt.

Bob was an avid reader, writer, bread baker, photographer, gardener and woodworker. In his younger years, Bob was a talented baseball player and skater who loved playing hockey beside his nephews, his family said. For 38 years, he and his sister, Diane, enjoyed daily walks and hikes to Mount Beacon, Denning's Point and other points around the city. He taught himself to develop negatives and made thousands of prints for the historical society archives.

A prolific gardener, Bob took pride in his tomato patch and sharing his crop. He was a self-taught carpenter and his benches, bookshelves and birds are scattered throughout the Hudson Valley. More recently, Bob's carving resulted in a series of creative birds.

He is survived by his five sisters: Diane Murphy and Barbara O'Leary of Beacon, Linda Murphy of Tivoli, Kathleen Zimmer of Queensbury and Maureen McInnis of South Glens Falls; as well as 14 nieces and nephews.

A private Mass of Christian Burial was followed by burial at St. Joachim Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Beacon Historical Society, P.O. Box 89,

Beacon, NY 12508 (beaconhistorical.org) or to St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, 2 Oak St., Beacon, NY 12508 (stjoachim-stjohn.org).

Tommy Ninnie (1954-2020)

Thomas J. Ninnie, 66, who owned a construction company and other businesses in Beacon, died at home on July 6 of pancreatic cancer.



Known to friends and family as "Tommy," he was born Feb. 18, 1954, in Beacon, the son of Armand and Carolyn (Powell) Ninnie. On Oct. 18, 1975, at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring, he married Betsey VanTassel.

Tommy was the third-generation owner of Central Construction of Beacon, which recently celebrated its 50th year. The "shop" was his hangout and sanctuary, his family said. He was also a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137 and the owner of Catherine Street Properties and his most recent company, Prime Collectable.

Tommy loved many simple things in life, such as ice cream, chili dogs and gun shows, his family said.

Besides his wife, Tommy is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Edge (Jason) of Beacon and Alison Neilson (Chris) of Port St. Lucie, Florida. He also is survived by his grandchildren: Dylan Edge, Kimberly Edge

and Christopher Neilson Jr.; two brothers, Michael Ninnie (Mary) and David Ninnie; a sister-in-law, Karen Ninnie; an uncle, Gene Ninnie (Betty); and an aunt, Nancy Powell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 13 at St. Joachim Church. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, 2 Oak St., Beacon, NY 12508 (stjoachim-stjohn.org).

Peter Strong (1926-2020)

Corrin Peter Strong, 93, died on July 4 in Garrison.



Peter was born on Oct. 30, 1926, in New York City and raised in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Putney School in Vermont in 1944 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps until 1946.

In 1948 he earned a degree in sociology at Yale, then studied the cello in Paris before teaching at Pine Cobble School in Williamstown, Massachusetts. In 1954 he obtained a master's degree in education from George Washington University and later, a master's degree in political science from Columbia University.

In 1953, aboard a 47-foot yawl, Pavana, he skippered a transatlantic voyage to Norway, where his father was serving as ambassador. There he met his future wife, Mette Hjort Mathiesen.

Between 1954 and 1957, he was engaged

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OBITUARIES

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in programming and policy at Radio Free Europe, creating content supporting the Hungarian uprising. From 1959 to 1972, he served the American-Scandinavian Foundation, the last 10 years as president.

He was also chairman of the board of the Bank Street College of Education, a trustee of the Hattie M. Strong Foundation and founder and director of the Conservation Society of Southern Vermont. In the late 1960s he preserved thousands of acres of land and rivers in Vermont while pursuing his interest in natural resource energy and raising organic pork. His other lifelong passions were music, sculpting, skiing, sailing and tennis.

Peter is survived by his children: Karin, Bente, Ingrid, Berit Leif and Finn; and nine grandchildren.

Sister Agnes Vitale (1919-2020)

Sister Agnes Clare Vitale, 100, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement from Graymoor who survived bombings and hunger while helping orphans in Italy during World War II, died on July 2 at St. Francis Convent in Garrison.

Born Nov. 26, 1919, in Manhattan as Josephine Marie Vitale, she was the daughter of Vincenzo and Carmela (Salvino) Vitale. She was raised in Brooklyn.

While in high school, Agnes attended

an inspirational vocation fair offered by religious orders. She decided to become a missionary and, on March 29, 1937, at age 18, she entered the community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. She professed her first vows in 1938 and her final vows in 1944.

Over her 82 years as an Atonement missionary, Agnes served in various areas of parish, catechetical and pastoral ministries. Her missionary endeavors abroad included a 12-year assignment in Rome from 1939 to 1951 at the convent at Via Monte del Gallo.

While in Italy during World War II, she cared for war orphans. Agnes shared that she endured near-starvation, lack of running water, diseases, bombings and death threats. Several of the orphans from those years remained in touch with her for years — a couple of them until her death.

In 1951, Agnes returned to Graymoor and then, in 1952, went to Camden, New Jersey, to attend school. She returned to Graymoor until she was assigned to a parish in Schenectady in 1953. She then served at a number of parishes, including 42 years in Amsterdam, before returning to Graymoor in 1913.

She is survived by a brother, Thomas Ventura, and several nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was held on July 3. Memorial donations may be made to the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, 41 Old Highland Turnpike, Garrison, NY 10524.



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Sheila Williams (1944-2020)

Sheila Y. Williams, 76, a longtime resident of Beacon, died June 12 at Wingate at Beacon.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1944, in Manhattan, the daughter of Thomas and Yvone (Jones) Anderson. She married James Williams, who died in 2003.

Sheila worked as an LPN for more than 40 years at Castle Point VA Medical Center and Fishkill Health Related Center. She was a longtime member of the Christ Church United Methodist in Beacon and the United Methodist Women's Club.

She is survived by her children: Melissa Williams and James Williams; her brothers, Wayne Anderson and Thomas Anderson Jr.; and her sisters, Yvone and Andrea.

**Other Recent Deaths****Philipstown**

Frances Magliano, 96
Kerry Seeber, 66

Beacon

Stewart Adam, 87
Marlene Cole, 70
Duane Galletta, 81
Louise Gobbi, 87
Joseph Miozzi, 69
Peter Pavelock, 62
Liz Sela, 72
Rodney Verdile, 53

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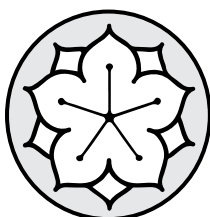
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Puzzles

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ACROSS

1. Give a darn

5. IOU, e.g.

9. Trip to Mecca (Var.)

12. Like 28-Across

13. Top-notch

14. Chicken-king link

15. The Swedish Nightingale

16. Hold sway

17. Cartoonist Chast

18. Creche trio

19. Auto grille cover

20. "For cryin' out loud!"

21. Id counterpart

23. Personal question

25. Beckon

28. Vast sandy expanse

32. Leafy shelter

33. Release a deadbolt

34. Trolley sounds

36. Present from birth

37. Common Mkt.

38. Pigpen

39. Pre-swan

42. Puncturing device

44. It gets in the whey

48. Seek restitution

49. Neighborhood

50. Quite eager

51. Historic time

52. Read bar codes

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53. — good example

54. Press for payment

55. Cattle group

56. A bit unclear

DOWN

1. Tranquil

2. Bocelli solo

3. Peel

4. "Two Tickets to Paradise" singer

5. Diamonds, essentially

6. Session with a shrink

7. Extended family

8. Shirt shape

9. Tortoise's opponent

10. Lotion additive

11. Satchmo's genre

20. "I Walk the Line" singer

22. Canyon

24. Obsess

25. Pouch

26. Surfer's destination

27. Biz deg.

29. Lawyers' org.

30. Snitch

31. Exist

35. Hard to find

36. Gilligan's home

39. Secondhand

40. Mentor

41. Slender

43. Sport

45. Eye layer

46. "Puttin' on the —"

47. Crucial time

49. Blond shade

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

1 amicable and peaceful (10)

2 guided by a gut feeling (9)

3 little cuts (5)

4 "0" on the telephone (8)

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6 slyly hinted at (10)

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1. STITCHING, 2. ANDREESCU, 3. INTENTIONAL, 4. TEMPESTUOUS, 5. SWEEP, 6. PARTICIPATE, 7. SHOOTING



Back on the Diamond

Beacon 10-year-olds happy to play again

By Skip Pearlman

Baseball resumed in the Highlands last week, and a travel team of 10-year-olds from Beacon got in its second game of the summer on Wednesday (July 15).

Despite dropping an 8-0 decision at Putnam Valley in a game played at Rotary Field, everyone seemed happy to be hitting, catching and throwing again.

Julian Rivers took the loss on the mound for Beacon (0-2) while recording two strikeouts. Aiden Heaton was the starting pitcher for Beacon, which plays in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League.

Jesse Apostolou had the only hit of the game for Beacon.

Coach Jed Varricchio liked the enthusiasm he saw from his squad. "I love our group," he said. "They work hard, hustle and they're a gritty bunch."

"Gavin Troiano made a nice catch for us in right field, and overall I thought we played good defense," he added. "We made a couple of errors, but they are a good-hitting team. And they pitched even better. Their three pitchers combined for 12 strikeouts. [Matt Quinn was credited with the win.] Putnam Valley won the championship last year, so they are a very good team."

“It’s great to be back out on the field. The kids know when to wear their masks, the parents have been great and the league has done a great job getting these games going. ~ Coach Jed Varricchio

Varricchio said Aiden “is a steady thrower for us” and that “Julian also throws strikes. They got one big hit off him, but he did a nice job.

“Nolan Varricchio, our shortstop, played solid defense,” he added. “Julian had a good game for us at second base, and Jesse also did a good job in left field.”

Varricchio said the players and families were happy to get back to baseball, and health protocols in place weren’t a problem.

“It’s great to be back out on the field,” the coach said. “The kids know when to wear their masks; the parents have been great and the league has done a great job getting these games going.”



Coach Jed Varricchio speaks to his team of 10-year-olds during Wednesday's game at Putnam Valley.

Photos by S. Pearlman



Julian Rivers on the mound for Beacon



Aiden Heaton



Jayden Lassiter