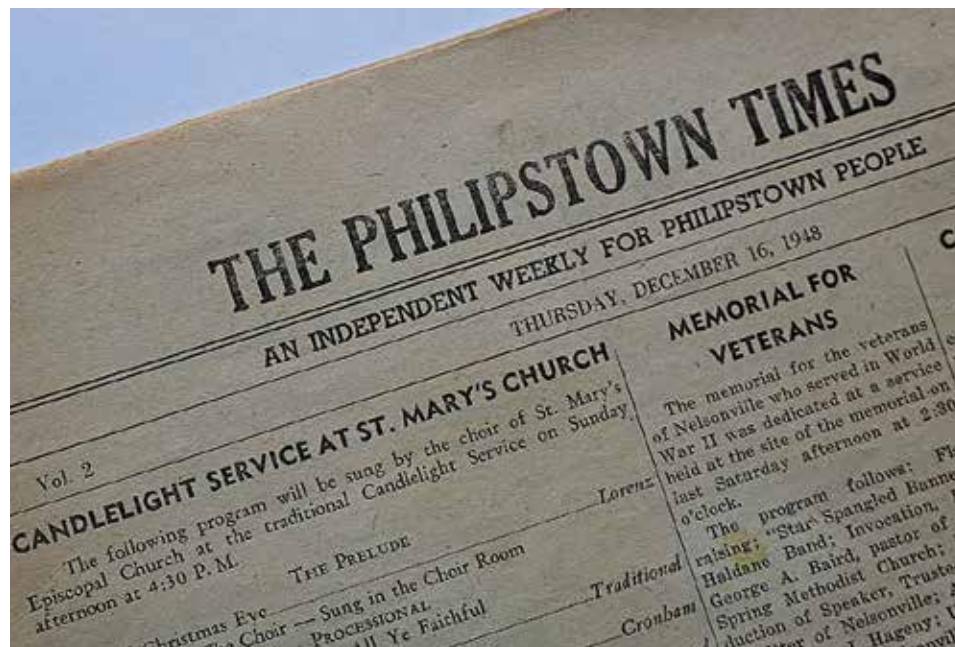


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Reporter's Notebook

Philipstown's Lost Newspaper

The short life of The Times

By Michael Turton

As the “news desert” in the country expands, more than 200 counties in the U.S. no longer have a



single local newspaper, and 1,449 have only one. So it's highly unusual that Cold Spring, a village of barely 2,000 souls, has two weeklies, including the one you're holding and *The Putnam County News & Recorder*, which was founded in 1866.

But it isn't unique. It's just journalistic history repeating itself.

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DOWN THEY GO —After a federal judge denied a request from residents for a temporary restraining order, Homeland Towers and Verizon on Monday (March 28) began cutting down trees on a parcel off Rockledge Road in Nelsonville to make room for a 95-foot cell tower. Although litigation continues in state court, the firms had to begin cutting by March 31 before a seasonal ban goes into effect to protect a species of bats, or wait until November. “The devastation is pretty significant,” said Courtney Tarpley, who lives next door and who, with her husband, filed a lawsuit. “They don't even have the go-ahead to build the tower.”

Photo by Ross Corsair

Elected Officials in Highlands Must Decide on Pot Sales

State legalizes marijuana but allows local control

By Leonard Sparks

New York this week became the 16th state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana but left it up to local elected officials to decide whether to allow retail sales and on-site consumption.

The legislation, which was enacted on Wednesday (March 31) by Gov. Andrew

Cuomo and went into effect immediately, allows adults age 21 and older to possess up to 3 ounces; the opening of licensed retail shops where customers can buy and consume marijuana; and a sales tax that officials predict will raise as much as \$350 million annually for schools, community grants and a drug treatment and public education fund.

Under the law, cities, towns and villages such as Beacon, Philipstown, Cold Spring

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New York legalized marijuana on March 31 for recreational use.

Stable Home for Beacon Market?

With council approval, will relocate to DMV lot

By Jeff Simms

After several years of uncertainty, the Beacon Farmers' Market appears close to securing a long-term location for its outdoor season, which begins May 2.

The City Council will vote on Monday (April 5) on a proposal to move the Sunday market from Veterans Place, the block next to the post office and adjacent to Main Street, to the more spacious parking lot at the Dutchess County/Department of Motor Vehicles building at 223 Main St.

City Administrator Chris White said during a council workshop this week that the city has negotiated an amendment to a 2003 agreement with Dutchess County adding the market as a permitted use in

the lot. The council will be asked to approve that amendment on Monday, as well as a two-year contract with three possible one-year extensions for the market.

The council seemed ready to relocate the market to the DMV lot two years ago when a number of residents, saying the move was abrupt and would confuse customers, asked it to reconsider.

Much has changed since then. Market officials say the move is critical because the added space will allow the return of more than a dozen vendors while following the state's social distancing guidelines.

Sember Weinman, the executive director of Common Ground Farm, which has sponsored the market since 2016, said it would like to have a secure spot and noted that, when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, “we could have a really robust market” in the space.

Atticus Lanigan, the market's assistant

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: DR. MARK HIRKO

By Leonard Sparks

Dr. Mark Hirko is a surgeon and president of the Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel.

What have you seen during the pandemic's waves?

During the late spring and early summer last year, we saw a younger population. But over the winter, you had the older population again, people with health risks. We saw only about 100 people in Putnam the first time around and double that during the second wave. At the peak in early January, more than 35 percent of our hospital beds were COVID cases.

There were far fewer deaths now, despite more cases. Why is that?

We found that people hospitalized with COVID don't need to be on a ventilator. If we use high-flow oxygen we can get the best effect, and when we prone people — put them on their bellies and keep flipping them around — they oxygenate better and it gets them over the hump. A ventilator actually damages your lung. If you had mild to moderate symptoms and you're a week out and you're over 55 years old, the monoclonal antibodies were brought out. We devel-



oped strategies to use steroids on patients who had certain risk factors and who came in at a certain point of having COVID-19. That helps reduce some of the inflammation in the lungs and the rest of the body, and the organs didn't shut down.

Has people's behavior had an effect?

Yes. If they felt sick, they were checking their oxygen levels on their Apple watches. Recognizing some of the basic symptoms prevented people from waiting too long, because if you hit a certain stage where you're really sick, it's almost inevitable that you're going to have a bad complication. It's a matter of getting it early and quickly trying to blunt the effects of the virus.

What do you do when a hospital employee refuses to be vaccinated?

We can't mandate people do it; we suggest that they do it because there is no other cure out there. Not everybody wants it and that's what's causing some issues because the employees still keep coming down with it despite us having access to a vaccine.

How do you explain the recent rise in local cases?

We're not seeing the variants people were worried about. It's people being tired of being cooped up. But we have to be vigilant because it's going to take a while to immunize 300 million people. No matter how much vaccine is out there, it's still hard to get it into people's arms.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Are you a morning person or a night owl?

"I'm happiest and most productive between about 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; it's been that way for years."



~ Mike Bennett, Beacon

"I'm a morning person, but given the option, I'd prefer to sleep in."

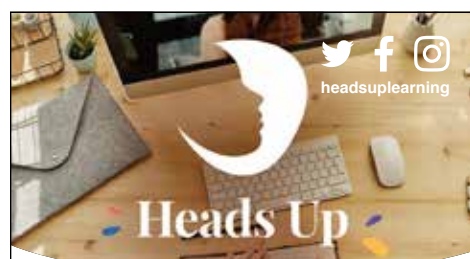


~ Emily Shortell, Cold Spring

"I can labor all day, but technical writing, conference calls — just three or four hours in the morning."



~ Aaron Sibenac, Cold Spring



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Dutchess Public Transit Seeks Input

Launches survey of riders

Dutchess County has posted a survey online for residents to share information on their use of public and private transportation services. It is available through April 16 at bit.ly/dutchess-transit-survey.

The public transportation agency recently launched a Dutchess Tracker smartphone app, available at the Apple and Google app stores, that shows where buses are located. In Beacon, the agency operates the Free Loop bus as well as routes that connect to Poughkeepsie and Hopewell Junction.

Beacon Invites 'Parklet' Applications

Allows businesses to use street spaces

As it did last summer, Beacon said it will allow local businesses to expand operations into outdoor areas and parking spaces to accommodate social-distancing requirements imposed by the state in response to the pandemic.

Businesses can apply at bit.ly/beacon-parklet. The "parklet" program will run from May 1 to Nov. 1. While the program was primarily used by restaurants in 2020, city officials said in 2021 it will be open to retailers, gyms and personal care services.

New York to 'Re-Energize' Stewart

New logo, plans for regional airport

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said it plans to "re-energize" New York Stewart International Airport as flight volume returns to pre-pandemic levels.

The agency, which said it has invested \$37 million at the airport since 2018, on Tuesday (March 30), announced an incentive program to encourage airlines to add new routes, launched a marketing campaign and completed a federal customs station that can process up to 400 arriving international passengers per hour.

The incentive program will waive fees and provide marketing support for airlines that

begin nonstop service to new destinations, especially internationally. (The agency has entered into a joint venture with Groupe Aeroports de Paris, which operates the airports in the French capital.) American Airlines, which offers flights to Philadelphia, will this summer add service to Savannah, Georgia; and Destin, Florida. Allegiant offers nonstop flights from the New Windsor airport to Myrtle Beach and three cities in Florida.

The Port Authority said it also plans to work with nearby attractions such as the Storm King Art Center, Resorts World Catskills, Woodbury Common Premium Outlets and Legoland New York to draw visitors.

Counties to Collect Hazardous Waste

Registration open for May events

Putnam and Dutchess counties are planning household hazardous waste drop-offs in May for residents to dispose of products such as chemicals, cleaners, oil-based paints, pesticides and fluorescent light tubes.

Putnam County will collect waste on May 1 at Fahnestock State Park and Dutchess on May 8 at the Department of Public Works in Poughkeepsie. Dutchess also will accept electronics for recycling.

For a list of acceptable products, and to register, Putnam residents can visit putnamcountyny.com/green-putnam or call 845-808-1390, ext. 43150. Dutchess residents can find more information at bit.ly/dutchess-dropoff or by calling 845-463-6020.

Cold Spring to Flush Hydrants

Village schedules for next week

Cold Spring plans to conduct a hydrant flush beginning Monday (April 5) and continuing throughout the week. It will occur during business hours and begin on the east end of the system at Fishkill and Healy Roads, continuing west toward the riverfront.

Residents may experience slight water discoloration and temporary reduction in pressure, the village said. Discoloration can be cleared by running cold water for a few minutes. Pressure should return to the usual level once the flush is complete.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Vaccine reluctance

Can someone tell me why it was necessary to conduct a poll, and further to report that poll in *The Current*, saying that more than 4 in 10 Republicans would choose not to be vaccinated ("The Race to Herd Immunity," March 26)? Isn't this country divided enough? Gee, won't someone's nose get bent out of shape because the poll was based on female and male genders? Oh, and let's step it up another level and see where we are along racial lines.

In the words of Clark Gable from a classic film that the "woke" citizenry would never watch: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

Veronica Rivera, *Cold Spring*
Editor's Note: The national poll we cited, which was conducted in early March by the Institute for Public Opinion at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, found that 25 percent of Black people and 28 percent of white people do not plan to get the vaccine. Thirty-four percent of men and 26 percent of women said the same.

Vaccine finder

I have been dismayed at the number of letters to the editor from people who are having trouble finding a vaccine once they are eligible to receive it.

I wanted to share the resource vaccine-finder.org — a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Harvard Medical School, among others. It's an easy site to use, and you can sort by which vaccine you are looking for, if that is important to you.

It's not perfect. Sometimes a location is listed as having the vaccine but it has run out by the time you answer the screening questions. I signed up for a Walmart account that I do not need, only to be told it was out of vaccine. However, it's a great starting place to search, and I found an appointment for this week at CVS without too much trouble. I hope everyone gets their vaccines soon and we can enjoy our wonderful towns (and each other) again.

Kelly Tanner-Backenroth, *Beacon*

COVID vaccine, Part 2 — not. My wife drove me to Brooklyn on Tuesday (March 30) for my second Moderna shot. Two hours with traffic, then a wait in line at the Walgreens for half an hour. "Sorry," they say. "We don't have any Moderna, only Pfizer today." I called various sources while driving home; system-wide, their spokesperson said: No Moderna available. So be aware. I feel disheartened.

John Benjamin, *Garrison*

Shakespeare plans

Before reading the FAQ at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival website about its plans to move to the site of the Garrison Golf Course, as a reader suggested in a March 26 letter to the editor, let's be icy clear on two facts.

First, HVSF plans to eradicate 80 acres of gorgeous Highlands open space — designated as such by Philipstown — and replace it with 25 buildings.

Second, the proposal perches the primary performance tent (a permanent fixture, not up-in-summer, down-in-fall, such as at Boscobel) squarely atop the highest point of the golf course ridge. That siting eliminates for the community one of the most striking views in the Hudson Valley, and perhaps in the world — unless you have a ticket to that night's performance.

If you're OK with that setup, by all means visit the HVSF website. Also worth reading is the state-required Environmental Assessment Form that describes the project's environmental implications. Past that, the newly revised Philipstown Comprehensive Plan places the project in context. HVSF's proposal is profoundly at odds with the plan's assessment of what makes Philipstown unique.

There are many more reasons to believe this project is terribly inappropriate. Through the long evaluative and public input process ahead, awareness will increase. In the meantime, when perusing the FAQ, apply the first rule of internet reading: consider the source.

Tim Nolan, *Philipstown*

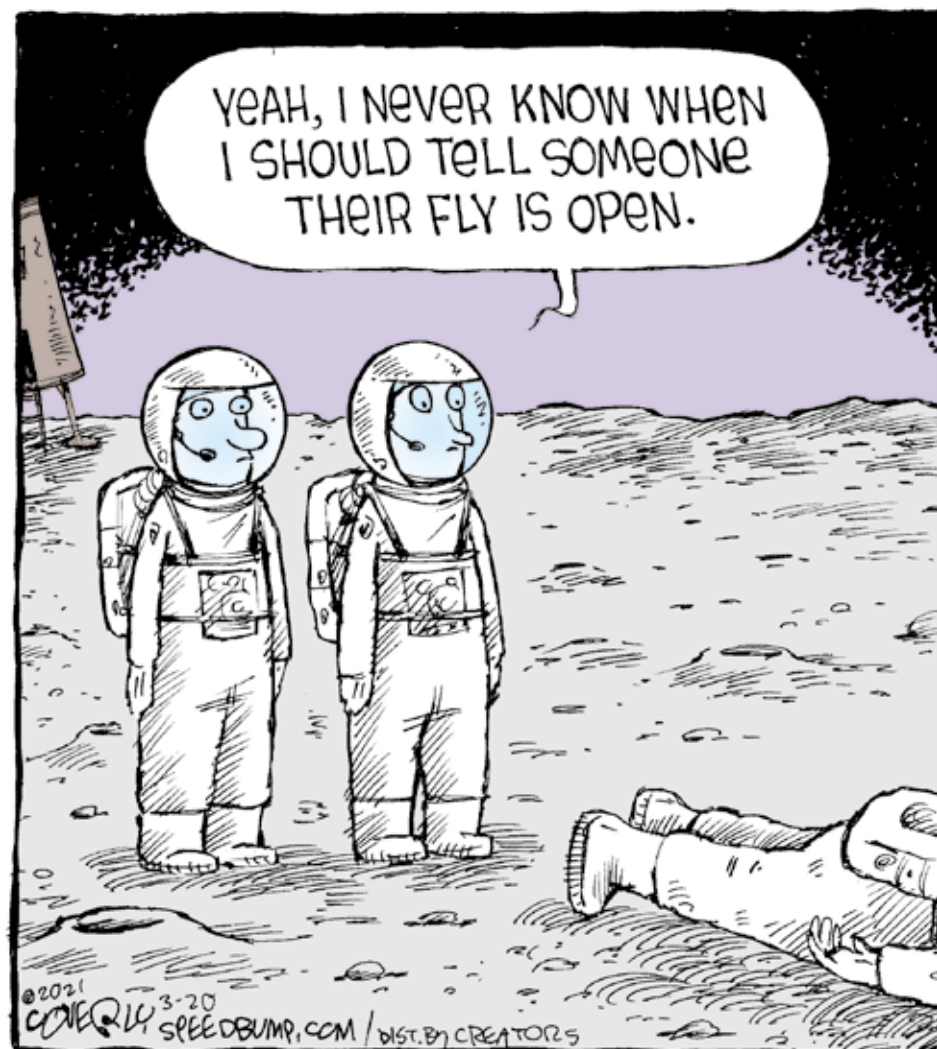
A Philipstown resident, Joe Regele, shared a list of a dozen places other than the Garrison Golf Course where HVSF could settle in without increasing traffic dangers, extensive new construction, compromising the rural aspect of the neighborhood or emitting sound and lights to a much larger area than one would imagine possible. My favorite is the Philipstown Recreation Department property.

The popular idea of "open-air" entertainment is, "I love this place so much! Now let's make some little changes!"

Betsy Calhoun, *Garrison*

I have been a resident in Cold Spring for 22 years. My relationship with HVSF, first as an audience member and later as a costume designer, spans almost as long. Since being involved with HVSF, I have seen the company develop in many sustainable and thoughtful ways, evolving from a two-show season to a slate of three to four shows and an expanded education program.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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I would like to talk about the community engagement aspect of HVSF from my perspective. We have loaned costumes to local schools and to The Philipstown Depot Theatre for their productions, sharing resources and fostering relationships which enhance the community. Each season the company employs many local high schoolers and college students as house staff and concessions servers. These relationships will continue to grow and expand once HVSF can have a permanent home in Philipstown.

As a freelance designer, working for many companies, HVSF is my favorite place to work. The atmosphere fostered between staff, production and visiting artists is truly special and something I cherish.

I have taken a great deal of time to check out the future plans and FAQ on HVSF's website. It is very clearly and thoughtfully laid out, covering all aspects of the site plan. I welcome this amazing opportunity to have this center for the arts and the community here in the place I call home.

Charlotte Palmer-Lane, *Cold Spring*

What are they?

The stone chambers are not root cellars ("Out There: Ghost Dogs, Bloody Ponds and Lost Treasure," March 26). I've been to more than 45 of them and they are in the most remote areas, far from farms or anything agriculture. Most are on slopes, hills and ravines and aligned with winter or summer solstices. Why build such an elaborate structure that's corbeled, which is incredibly difficult to build, just to have as a root cellar? It makes no sense.

Tommy Kaye, *via Facebook*

Nelsonville tower

This is really sad and very bad that they will be able to start cutting trees on the proposed cell-tower site in Nelsonville ("Judge Denies Restraining Order," March 26). I had so hoped that opponents would be successful in preventing this horrible tower.

Lillian Rosengarten, *Cold Spring*

Amazon warehouse

Amazon is promising to create "the equivalent" of 500 full-time employees at its recently approved East Fishkill warehouse ("Story Updates," March 26). What does this mean? Is it 1,230 jobs at 20 hours per week or less? In the context of a vote on the unionization of its labor force in Virginia, Amazon stated that it gives admittedly excellent benefits to all its full-time workers from their first day on the job. It didn't discuss the benefits, if any, available to "full-time equivalent" workers.

Camilla von Bergen, *Beacon*

In this case, 500 "full-time equivalent" jobs translate to about 1,450 part-time jobs. In November, an Amazon representative told the East Fishkill Town Board that the warehouse will have two shifts, each with 729 part-time employees. "They are not full-time jobs," he said, according

Corrections

In a profile of artist Hildreth Potts (March 26), we identified an influential sculpture in her life as the Molossian House. In fact, it is the Molossian Hound.

In a profile in the March 26 issue, poet Margi Condyles cited a book by a Harvard professor on the effect of poetry on the brain. The professor is Charles Davey, not Roger Brown, and his book is *Words in the Mind*.

In a story in the March 26 issue on the Beacon school board deciding to sell the land it owns under Dutchess Stadium, we reported that county legislators had approved spending \$1.43 on stadium improvements. In fact, it was \$1.43 million.

to the meeting minutes. Asked by a board member if they would be minimum-wage jobs (\$12.50 per hour), the representative said only that they were "warehousing jobs." Amazon earlier said that full-time supervisors will earn at least \$15 an hour or \$60,000 annually plus benefits.

Remembering Sheilah

I want to thank you for your beautiful obituary of my beloved wife, Sheilah Rechtschaffer (March 26). She was very dedicated to the community, especially to the cultural institutions that form its social fabric.

I am especially moved and grateful for the outpouring of support that you and many others have given to us over these past terrible months.

Bert Rechtschaffer, *Garrison*

Police review

Thank you for your coverage of the village's police review plan ("Cold Spring Approves Police Review Plan," March 26). I'd like to make a small correction. The Lexipol policy manual contains 157 separate policies, ranging in categories from patrol operations to personnel and administration. Not all of the policies will apply to a small agency like the Cold Spring Police Department, and some need to be modified to reflect the CSPD's interagency cooperation with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police.

To date, the working group has reviewed 47 of those 157 and is preparing them for review by the village trustees and the public. The new policies will replace the existing, limited CSPD policies, drafted in 2013, and will reflect current state and federal laws, as well as best practices in modern, community policing. The manual incorporates state policing reforms adopted in 2019 and 2020.

Kathleen Foley, *Cold Spring*

Foley is a village trustee.



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~ The Volunteers of the Philipstown Food Pantry

Cold Spring Seeks ‘Responsible Tourism’

Also, summer film series plans return

By Michael Turton

The Village of Cold Spring, the Chamber of Commerce and Putnam County are collaborating on a “responsible tourism” campaign as the busy visitor season approaches. Chamber President Eliza Starbuck and Putnam Tourism Director Tracey Walsh discussed the effort with the Village Board at its Tuesday (March 30) meeting. Starbuck later wrote in an email that the

goal is to address issues that have arisen during the pandemic shutdown, such as crowded sidewalks, meals being eaten on Main Street benches due to restrictions placed on indoor dining, overflowing trash and recycling bins and inconsistent adherence to mask and social-distancing guidelines. She said the campaign hopes to provide “subtle nudges” for better behavior through signs along Main Street and village walkways, in shop windows and on trash and recycling bins. They will encourage picnics in village parks, the use of trash and recycling bins and adherence to COVID-19 safety guidelines. The Chamber and Putnam County Tour-

ism are sharing the cost of the campaign, she said. Also at the March 30 meeting, Jennifer Zwarich outlined plans to relaunch the Cold Spring Film Society’s free outdoor summer series in July and August. The series did not take place in 2020 because of pandemic restrictions. “Our 10th anniversary season will be a welcome opportunity for the village to relax together outdoors, in a safe way,” said Zwarich, who is the society’s president. She said the 2021 season will include four films rather than six and that reservations, masks and social distancing will

be required. She also reported that the society plans to replace its DIY handmade screen, which has so much wear and tear it can’t be reassembled, with a durable, slightly larger commercial screen that will cost \$14,000. The nonprofit is seeking donations as part of a capital campaign. The village co-sponsors the film series. The board was supportive of the plan but Mayor Dave Merandy cautioned that it was “keeping our eye on what’s going on in Putnam County” with the rate of COVID-19 infections. “If something does go south, we might have to cancel. There’s no guarantee.”

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• How Open?

Last month, the New York Coalition for Open Government (nyopengov.org) released a report in which it graded how well a selection of 20 village boards throughout the state have provided information during the pandemic shutdown. The coalition scored each village board using four criteria: whether its 2020 meeting minutes were online; whether it posted meeting agendas online in February; whether it posted backup documents online in February; and whether public comments were allowed during meetings.

	COLD SPRING	NELSONVILLE	PHILIPSTOWN	BEACON
All 2020 minutes online (15 points)	15	15	0	15
Agendas online in February (35 points)	35	35	35	35
Backup documents online in February (35 points)	35	35	35	35
Public comment allowed (15 points)	15	15	15	15
Total	100	100	85	100
Grade	A	A	B	A

Because the state Open Meetings Law requires villages to post agendas and backup “as best as practicable,” those criteria were given added weight.

Nineteen of the 20 villages provided the public some way to comment during meetings but five earned overall grades of D and 10 failed. By contrast, when we applied

the coalition criteria to municipalities in the Highlands, all did well with the caveat that backup material was not always attached to agendas or archived online.



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Of the total 29,705 fire departments in the country, 19,112 are all volunteer; 5,206 are mostly volunteer; 2,368 are mostly career; and 3,009 are all career.

The time donated by volunteer firefighters saves localities across the country an estimated \$46.9 billion per year.
The cost savings provided by fire service volunteers is tremendous. For many communities, switching to a career staffing model is not feasible.

The Times (from Page 1)

John Jesek, an avid reader of *The Current*, recently lent me his copy of the Dec. 16, 1948, issue of *The Philipstown Times*, a weekly that was opublished every Thursday at 59 Main St., an address that apparently no longer exists.

The Times' history is murky. Based on the volume and issue number, the first issue was published in October 1947 by editor Joseph F. Jones. His grandson, Ray Jones, who lives in Cold Spring, told me he remembers watching the press removed from the Main Street shop in either 1949 or 1950, when he was 5 or 6 years old.

When Joseph Jones established *The Times*, the PCNR had already been around for 81 years. I can't help but wonder what prompted him to start a paper. The eight-page issue I perused doesn't yield any clues but does provide a fascinating snapshot of a week in the village in the years immediately after the end of World War II.

The lead story on the front page describes the dedication of a monument to honor the 54 Nelsonville residents who served in the war, including two who were killed, Martin Adams and Arthur Warren. Joe Etta, who died last year at age 102, led the squad of veterans at the ceremony.

The ads say as much about life in the village as the news coverage. In this issue they paint a picture of a village flush with eateries and watering holes, including Rose's Luncheonette (120 Main), Collins



Mike Turton reads *The Times* outside what used to be 59 Main St. Photo by Mike Cullinan

Restaurant & Bar (187 Main), Zahners Bar & Grill (129 Main), The Short Snorter Bar (1 Bank St., now Downey Energy); and Burns' Restaurant (76 Main, now Le Bouchon).

The ad for McConville's Restaurant and Bar (now Doug's Pretty Good Pub) promised "Television Nightly."

Village Taxi tried to make a go of it in Cold Spring in 2016. In 1948, three village taxi services, operated by S. Warren, John Valentine and Owen Devine, advertised.

Moviegoers had six films to choose from at the Hudson Theatre at 50 Main St. (later

the Bijou Theater and Bijou Galleries), including *That Lady in Ermine*, starring Betty Grable and Doug Fairbanks. It also featured a free Christmas screening for children of Laurel and Hardy's *Sons of the Desert* — not exactly a holiday favorite, but you get what you pay for.

Death was a steady business, as always, with two funeral homes promoting their services: Coleman Funeral Home at 4 Rock St. and W.A. Scullion at 30 Morris Ave.

Possibly related, among the gift suggestions from Glick's Department Store was an "Xmas-packed" carton of cigarettes for \$1.79.

A column entitled "Do You Remember When?" asked readers if they recalled Dink Ladue when he was employed at the livery stable owned by Leonard Jaycox on Stone Street.

The Times ran editorials on significant issues. In this edition, Jones lamented that automobiles driven by gawkers were getting in the way of Cold Spring's fire-fighters. He noted "many complaints about motorists who cannot refrain from driving to the fires ahead of the firetruck."

Other items appear somewhat randomly. This news must have been the talk of the town: "Did you hear the Arthur Godfrey show Tuesday morning? He read a letter sent in by Mrs. Viola Rundell of Garrison Road, Cold Spring."

In sports, the Haldane boys' basketball schedule included home-and-home series against St. Patrick of Yorktown, St. Mary's of Mahopac, Shrub Oak, Brewster, Carmel

and Purdys.

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Loretto announced it would hold "another boxing smoker on Feb. 8." A year earlier the society had hosted 10 bouts with sandwiches and refreshments. The Holy Name boxing team trained at Loretto Hall three times a week. Hopefully, they didn't turn the other cheek.

In addition to the Nelsonville war monument, other front-page news included an account of a dinner hosted by the Cold Spring Drum and Bugle Corp at Scalzo's Restaurant, with "the girls of the minstrel troupe" as guests of honor.

A short article noted that, to raise money for the yearbook, Haldane would host a basketball game between members of the Cold Spring and Beacon Lions clubs — played on donkeys.

Another incident, reported in excruciating detail, must have caused many a gasp.

At the corner of Main and Kemble, "a patent-medicine salesman endeavored to give a demonstration of how good his wares were, stating it would cure a burn immediately and placed a hot soldering iron on his tongue and removed practically all the skin from that delicate organ," the paper reported. "He had forgotten to dip the iron in a solution that would prevent such an accident."

For more information on *The Philipstown Times* you can phone 368, though you may have to leave a message. A single issue will cost you a nickel. An annual subscription is a much better buy at \$2.

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(Applicant is seeking a new single-family residence of approx. 2300 SF on approved building lot with associated well, septic system and driveway. All site features implement strategies to work with existing landscape features and restore natural habitats. House floor elevations are established to disturb as little natural grade as possible. Landscape design utilizes native plantings and works with existing drainage as much as possible.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Philipstown Building Department.

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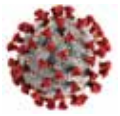
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Coronavirus Update

■ State health officials said that, as of Wednesday (March 31), 9,563 people had tested positive for COVID-19 in Putnam County; 26,230 in Dutchess; 120,316 in Westchester; 43,718 in Rockland; 12,058 in Ulster; and 43,483 in Orange. Statewide, there have been 1,867,320 positives, including 836,581 in New York City. Statewide, 40,570 people had died.

■ Beacon had 58 active cases as of March 30, nearly double the number reported on March 12. Putnam had 193 active cases as of March 25, including 11 in Philipstown, 79 in Carmel, 26 in Kent, 13 in Patterson, 22 in Putnam Valley and 42 in Southeast. Eleven people were hospitalized at Putnam Hospital in Carmel.

■ As of Thursday (April 1), 31 percent of state residents had received at least one dose of the vaccine and 18.5 percent had been fully vaccinated, according to the state's COVID-19 tracker.

■ In response to a judge's order, New York on March 30 began vaccinating all prisoners in state facilities and inmates in local jails.

■ New York residents ages 30 and older were allowed to book vaccine appointments beginning March 30 and those ages 16 and



Dutchess County Legislator Nick Page, whose district includes three wards in Beacon, County Executive Marc Molinaro and Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou on March 24 visited a clinic at Rombout Middle School. About 250 residents were vaccinated.

Dutchess County photo

older can begin on Tuesday (April 6). The vaccine made by Pfizer-BioNTech is the only one available for those younger than 18.

■ As of April 1, travelers entering New York from other states or from U.S. territories are no longer required to quarantine, although the state health department still recommends it. The quarantine requirement remains in place for international travelers.

■ New York has launched an app that allows residents to store their vaccination

card or test results on the digital wallet on their smartphone to display at entrances to venues like stadiums and theaters or to enter events that are required by state guidelines to verify the status of attendees. See covid-19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass.

■ The number of people with COVID-19 who are hospitalized in New York state as of March 31 stood at 4,604; the number in intensive care was 894; and the number of intubations was 545. In the Mid-Hudson Valley, 43 percent of hospital beds were available and 41 percent of ICU beds.

■ The state said that colleges will be able to resume allowing spectators at sports events as of today (April 2), with capacity limited to 10 percent at indoor venues holding 1,500 or more and 20 percent at outdoor venues holding 2,500 or more. Attendees will have to provide proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test or full vaccination. Smaller venues used for intercollegiate, intramural or club sports will be limited to two fans per player, 100 people indoors or 200 outdoors, but can expand to 150 indoors or 500 outdoors if attendees give proof of a negative test or vaccination.

■ As of March 26, according to the State COVID Report Card, Haldane had

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

9,563 (+345)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 11

Tests administered:

191,607 (+6,353)

Percent positive:

5.0 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

34.0

Number of deaths:

90 (+1)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

26,230 (+948)

Active Cases in Beacon: 58

Tests administered:

623,607 (+21,651)

Percent positive:

4.2 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

31.9

Number of deaths:

425 (+3)

Source: State and county health departments, as of March 31, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of March 25. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.

reported 31 students and 14 teachers/staff who had tested positive; Garrison reported seven students and seven teachers/staff; and Beacon reported 85 students and 43 teachers/staff.

■ Hudson Beach Glass in Beacon plans to re-open on April 10 with safety measures in place, while Mid Hudson Animal Aid in Beacon re-opened March 24 for adoptions and volunteers. Two Beacon businesses also closed temporarily because of COVID-19 exposures: Beacon Veterinary Associates re-opened on March 30 and Glazed Over Donuts on April 1.

■ Nursing homes can allow visitors at any time except for unvaccinated residents in areas with a high number of cases and low vaccination rates, or for residents who are infected or in isolation or quarantine, the state announced on March 25.

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Guns and Treadmills

Putnam committee approves sheriff purchases

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A Putnam County legislative committee on Monday (March 29) approved the Sheriff's Department plans to buy new weapons for its deputies and treadmills for its inmates.

The vote by the three-member Audit Committee sent the gun proposal to the full Legislature for a vote, perhaps at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday (April 6), but allowed the sheriff to buy the exercise equipment, which needed only committee approval.

The committee also unanimously approved — over protests from Legislator Nancy Montgomery, whose district includes Philipstown — a plan to increase the money paid to a public-relations consultant who assists the county executive.

Sheriff purchases

The Sheriff's Department told the Legislature it intends to spend \$95,190 to purchase 190 Glock handguns — 170 of the standard G17 model and 20 of the smaller G19 — at \$501 each to replace the sidearms carried by deputies and corrections officers, although trade-ins could reduce that figure by half.

The agency told county officials that the department would use "T-Commission Funds," which Finance Commissioner William Carlin explained is revenue collected through fees charged to inmates for such things as making phone calls.

Under a pending agreement with a Rochester gun dealer, the Sheriff's Department will receive a \$250 trade-in credit for each of its current G22- and G23-model guns, or up to \$47,500. The Glock models are sold only to police, first responders and the military.

Legislator Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac said that the gun buy "was probably well-known" when the county's 2021 budget was being drafted last fall and chided the Sheriff's Department for not mentioning it instead of asking legislators for the OK now. Nonetheless, he supported the purchase, saying that "if they need these items, certainly we don't want to say they can't get them."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson pointed out that the purchase has no impact on county finances. "It's really at the discretion of the sheriff to use these funds as he deems fit," she said.

Carlin told legislators that the \$13,683 spent on four commercial treadmills for inmates also would have no fiscal impact because the funds will come from revenue earned by the jail commissary on the sale of toothpaste and similar items to prisoners. Those funds can only be used for purposes such as inmate recreation. Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. said the treadmills would augment weightlifting equipment already in place.

Legislator Joseph Castellano of Brewster, who chairs the Audit Committee, said that

he found it a good use of the funds, because "exercise is good for all people."

Public relations

Castellano and fellow committee members Bill Gouldman of Putnam Valley and Carl Albano of Carmel backed a proposal from County Executive MaryEllen Odell to increase payments to East Branch Consulting of Brewster for public relations.

The firm, run by Debra West, was hired in December 2019 and enlisted in early 2020 to help Odell with publicizing the county's COVID-19 response.

According to records shared with *The Current*, West billed the county about \$6,500 (at \$125 per hour) in March and April 2020. The 2021 contract, signed on Dec. 15, provides a flat rate of \$2,500 monthly, or \$30,000 for the year.

In a March 8 memo, Odell said East Branch and Putnam had exceeded the monthly billable amount because of "the increasing numbers of hours" required by the COVID-19 response. Odell recommended the county resume paying West by the hour, up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually.

Odell said the county may be able to get reimbursed through federal pandemic aid and proposed that the Legislature move \$20,000 from the contingency fund to cover the added expense in the meantime.

Montgomery objected, asking why the county needed more assistance with public relations for COVID-19 when the pandemic appears to be slowly receding.

Castellano replied that "there's a lot of hurdles that we still need to get through before life returns to normal. It's for the benefit of Putnam taxpayers, to get information out to them. As we all know, the No. 1 question is COVID-19: 'How do I get my shots and when can I get rid of my mask?'"

Montgomery countered that the firm was being paid to watch videos of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and, it seemed, to post Twitter and Facebook updates, although she said she had seen only four, all in January.

She acknowledged that East Branch had written news releases, including one that focused not on a county vaccination site but on a clinic in January organized by Drug World of Cold Spring. That release "actually included, obviously, a pitch for the county executive's choices for political candidates," Montgomery said. "We're using government funds for campaign purposes, it appears."

(The Jan. 18 release mentioned that the volunteers at the clinic included Kevin McConville, a Republican who will challenge Sheriff Langley in November; and Barbara Scuccimarra, a Republican and former legislator who plans to oppose Montgomery. It did not mention their campaigns, which had not yet been announced.)

Montgomery argued the money earmarked for East Branch would be better spent on a mobile vaccination clinic or other urgent need. She also said that since Odell's office has four full-time employees, "I'm not understanding why memos and press releases can't be produced with the staff she has."

West, who listed no contact information on the invoices or contracts obtained by *The Current*, and whose firm appears not to have a website or Facebook page, could not immediately be reached for comment.



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▲ The Village of Cold Spring gave Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1091 the OK to clean up Tots' Park on March 25 in anticipation of its reopening. "They wiped down all the equipment, pulled out weeds and cleared the brush," said Nancy Bowden. "These girls are very hardworking. I am so proud of them."



▲ On Saturday (March 27), Micheal Faison brightened the day of passersby on Main Street in Beacon. Stephanie Dignan, who posted a video of his performance, wrote: "I turned my car around to go back and give him a tip. He was killing it! I couldn't help but dance with him."



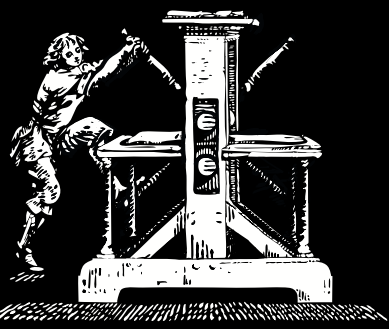
◀ Less than a year after opening an outpost at Vera's market in Philipstown, The Parcel Flower Co. has expanded with a move to 3052 Route 9.

Photo by
Sam Broe



◀ Beacon's Tiniest Gallery has opened at Happy Valley Beacon on Main Street. The art is free but must be replaced with another piece. Matthew Ambrosini, Darya Golubina, Evan Samuelson and Lukas Milanak modeled the initiative after Stacy Milrany's Free Little Art Library in Seattle. They recommend "keeping your imagination wild but your art to 8 inches tall."

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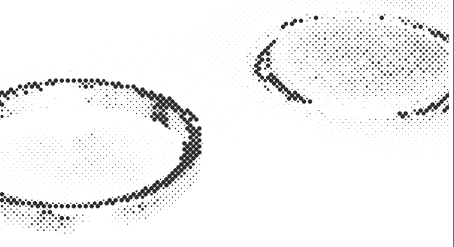
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The Calendar

By Alison Rooney

When Pat Schories envisions an idea for a book, she says the first step is “sketch the whole thing out, do a couple of sample finishes and put together a dummy book — a mock-up.”

She did the same thing, more or less, in second grade.

“I wanted to make books, so I made one,” says the children’s book illustrator, a former longtime Philipstown resident who now lives in Hopewell Junction. “I hand-lettered it, stitched the pages together and made end papers. I was involved more with process, more than the content.”

When she was growing up in New Rochelle, her mother read to her frequently, often from anthologies such as *Grimm’s Fairy Tales* that “had no pictures except the initial capital letters which started the story,” Schories recalls. “She also read me a lot of Golden Books.” By the fifth grade, Schories was “inhaling” books on her own.

The family moved to Ohio, and, when she finished college, Schories longed to work as an illustrator. She was fortunate, she says, because there was a push at the time for children’s books, but it was difficult to get work with New York publishers while living in Ohio. After saving \$500, she packed her car and drove to the loft apartment of “a friend of a friend of a friend” in Soho. She quickly found freelance graphic design work and an affordable apartment in Croton. “From there I discovered Cold Spring, and I never did move into the city,” she says.

Initially, Schories specialized in botanicals and gardening books, in which the drawings were scientific and precise, unlike the illustrations she wanted to create that would appeal to children. She continued with her freelance graphic work by day but, by night, did her preferred illustrations.

“I was overly busy for about 20 years,” she says. “It wasn’t until the 1980s that I got my own first book published. I was ecstatic but it was still quite a few years before I could quit my day job.”

That wordless book,



The Artist Next Door

Pat Schories

Mouse Around, remained in print for two decades. “It’s a story of a little mouse who fell out of his nest and into a plumber’s pocket, then escaped and went here and there, all over, until amazingly he got back home and fell into the sink down the drain, right back home where he started from,” Schories explains. Although wordless books “generally don’t sell very well,” she says, she followed *Mouse Around* with *He’s Your Dog* and *Jack*, and then illustrations for the bestselling *Biscuit* series.

At the time, she owned two puppies. One of them, Speed, was the model for Jack — “He was more devilish, loved to rip toilet paper and would rather get into trouble than sit on your lap” — and Spike was the model for Biscuit. “He was very affectionate and wanted to please me at all times,” she says.

After the initial Biscuit manuscript, written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, was purchased by HarperCollins, the publisher began to look for an illustrator. Schories and others were asked to submit sketches, “and one of the art directors picked up my [*He’s Your Dog*] book and said ‘Why don’t we use her?’”

“The way it worked at HarperCollins was there is no input between author and illustrator,” Schories recalls.

“I was given a lot of room, and I was so happy about that. It works best for the author and illustrator if they are kept separate. Editors have told me that one of the most creative things they do is to make the pairing.”

In fact, Schories did not meet Capucilli until soon after the book was published. While she was attending an author’s group in Westchester, an attendee across the table read one of her poems, which Schories found beautiful. When the woman introduced herself to the group as “Alyssa,” Schories realized who she was.

Biscuit was not envisioned as a series, but it sold well. There are now more than 80 titles, including those marketed as *I Can Read* books and digital versions.

Schories says she does all her color painting by hand but sketches using an electronic drawing tablet. “It’s amazing to be able to swap things, make revisions, line things up, do layers,” she says. “I’m still exploring, but I’m stunned by how much I like it. When I’m all done with my sketches, I pull them together in a PDF and send them to my editor — it’s easy.”

Because she works alone at home, Schories says her routines haven’t been disrupted much by the pandemic. “The work I do is time-consuming, and I have deadlines,” she says. “But this year it’s been delightfully slow for me. I’ve spent time socializing, walking with friends, hiking, doing embroidery. I still feel busy, but the pressure seems to be gone, although I’m in my studio every day.”

She says she has never stopped learning from children’s responses to her work. “What a little kid likes is not necessarily what a trained artist likes, but there’s a happy medium,” she says. “My desire to draw perfectly is gone. I now try to find something that children will want to look at.”



Pat Schories sketches on a digital pad but handpaints her illustrations.

Photos provided



Schories with a “live-action” version of her most popular character, Biscuit

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 3

Open Barn

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
stonykill.org/programs/open-barn

Visit the chickens, cows, pigs, turkeys and sheep. Register online for a time slot. Also, SAT 10.

SAT 10

Beauty, Health & Wellness Expo

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D | bit.ly/dutchess-expo

Local artisans and practitioners will display their wares and services. Register online for a time slot to visit. *Free*

SUN 11

Maple Syrup Day

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D

facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Maple syrup snacks will take the place of pancakes this year. Enjoy music and guided hikes. *Free*

STAGE & SCREEN

FRI 9

Aery One-Act Festival

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing
philipstowndepottheatre.org

The audience will be asked to judge six one-act plays as in-person events return to the Depot. Also SAT 10, SUN 11. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 9

Dragonfly Story Hour

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Karen Kapoor will host this virtual story slam for adults.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 3

Collaborations with Women

PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Magazzino Italian Art
magazzino.art

In the second of four livestreamed lectures in the *Arte Povera: Art of Collaboration* series, Sharon Heckler, a scholar and curator in Milan, will discuss the photographs, videos and letters of Luciano Fabro as they relate to his relationships with women in his art.

SAT 3

Friends Show

BEACON

1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

This annual exhibit will feature works by Friends of the Howland. Through May 1.



THURS 8

Richard Serra

BEACON

Noon, Dia Beacon
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Dia educators will discuss the sculptor's work.

THURS 8

Eric Lindbloom

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. Vassar
vclibrary.vassarspaces.net/workprints

The photographer's son and other artists who worked with him will give a presentation to complement an online exhibit of his work.

SAT 10

Plague / By Us

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Noon – 6 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Faith Adams' ceramics will be on view in Gallery 1. *By Us* is a group show of photographs by and for women curated by Adams that

includes works by Anna Sirota, Melissa Scholbolm, Caitlin Ramsden, Elyse Ketura and Kerry Soeller.

SAT 10

It Was All a Dream

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
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The gallery will host its fifth annual Turtle Custom group show.

TALKS & TOURS

MON 5

Gospel Music in the Hudson Valley

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. Arts Mid-Hudson
artsmidhudson.org

Ray Watkins, who is chair of the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival, will speak with singer Lyric Small in this third installment of a series of a monthly lectures.

THURS 8

Intro to Medicare

BEACON

6 p.m. Howland Public Library
beaconlibrary.org

Learn, via a Zoom webinar, when and how to apply, use the benefits and get the most from your coverage. To register, email adults@beaconlibrary.org.

THURS 8

Fighting White Supremacy

BEACON

7 p.m. Via Zoom | bit.ly/SueANazi

To mark Holocaust Remembrance Day, Amy Spitalnick, executive director of Integrity First for America; Taneisha Means, a professor at Vassar College; Rabbi Brent Spodek of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance; and Justice McCray of Beacon for Black Lives will discuss how to hold violent extremists accountable. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams will also perform. Register online.

FRI 9

Cornish Estate Hike

PHILIPSTOWN

1 p.m. Hudson Highlands State Park
3206 Route 9D | bit.ly/cornishhike

Thom Johnson will lead this Putnam History Museum hike focused on the history of the ruins. Meet in the parking lot. Limited to 15 participants. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 members)*

MUSIC

FRI 9

Son Little

KATONAH

8 p.m. Caramoor | caramoor.org

In this livestream, the Grammy-winning R&B artist will perform songs from his latest release, *Aloha*. *Cost: \$15 to \$45*

SAT 10

Doansburg Chamber Ensemble

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. St. Mary's Church
doansburgchamberensemble.org

Flutist Christine Smith and harpist Joy Plaisted will perform works by Bach, Rutter, Mozart and Mancini in this livestream.

SUN 11

Thalea String Quartet

KATONAH

3 p.m. Caramoor | caramoor.org

In this livestream, the quartet will premiere Paola Prestini's *The Red Book*, a work commissioned by Caramoor, and music by other contemporary composers. *Cost: \$15 to \$45*



SUN 11

Lark Thurber Duo

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
alivemusica.org

AliveMusica presents violinist Tessa Lark and composer and bassist Michael Thurber in a livestream that will include original compositions plus selections by Bach. *Cost: \$20 donation or free*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 3

Garden Prep

COLD SPRING

12:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help prepare the library's new garden.

SAT 3

Spring Egg Hunt

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org

Search for eggs in the library's Reading Garden and take home a spring craft.

THURS 8

Your Name is a Song

GARRISON

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

Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow will read her children's book virtually for students in kindergarten through third grade.



THURS 8

College Application Prep

BEACON

6 p.m. Howland Public Library
beaconlibrary.org

Receive advice and assistance to find a college or university and to write an admissions application.

FRI 9

Writing Workshop

BEACON

3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Julie Chibbaro will instruct middle and high school students on how to create characters, plot stories and tell a great tale.

CIVIC

MON 5

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. Via Zoom | beaconnny.gov

TUES 6

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Via Zoom | coldspringny.gov

TUES 6

Putnam Legislature

CARMEL

7 p.m. Via audiocast
putnamcountyny.com

TUES 6

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive | haldaneschool.org

WED 7

School Board

GARRISON

6 p.m. Via Zoom | gufs.org



Friends Show, April 3

(Small) Crowd Pleasers

Depot Theatre planning for live performances

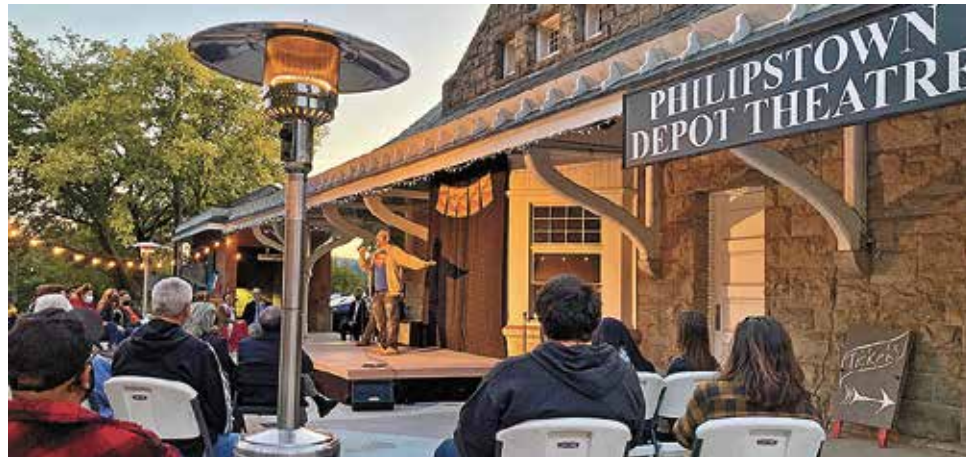
By Alison Rooney

Despite lingering restrictions on indoor performances because of the ongoing pandemic, the Philipstown Depot Theatre is going to make an attempt to stage live performances in April, May and June.

On Garrison's Landing, the Depot Theatre will again stage performances in the patio space behind the former railroad building. Seats will be distanced, masks required and the audience limited, and there will be a limit of two tickets per person, said Ned Rauch, a representative for the theater.

The Depot is "paying close attention to the changing guidelines set by the governor's office, and shifting accordingly," he says. "It's quite a lovely performance space, with the stage tucked into the long side of the theater, and the chairs arrayed around it — it's rather festive, especially with the patio lights on."

The first event will be the Aery Theater Co.'s annual one-act play festival on Friday (April 9) and through the weekend. This year's theme is "So Over COVID." The plays were selected during earlier elimination



The Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison hopes to resume live, outdoor performances this month.
Photo by Amy Dul

rounds performed virtually; three of the six finalists will be performed on Friday, three on Saturday and the finalists in encore performances on Sunday, with one crowned the winner. Tickets are \$15 at philipstowntheatre.org.

On April 24, at 3 p.m., students from the Ballet Arts Dutchess Dance Co. in Beacon will perform *Shaker*, a ballet work choreographed by Jennifer Fuchs, and *(Just Like) Starting Over*, a theater dance work choreographed by Katie Bissinger.

The performers also will discuss their experiences with dance during the pandemic and invite members of the audience to learn movements from the pieces.

Next up will be a reading of a new musical comedy-fantasy, *The Scream*, in which a reclusive couple steals the Munch masterpiece only

to find the image haunting them. Written by Raymond Bokhour, Simon Grey and David Bridel, and directed by Christine Bokhour, it will be presented on April 30 and May 1.

In May, the Putnam Theatre Alliance will debut a series, *The Freedom Project*, that pairs thematically connected historic and new plays. The *Night Train* storytelling series returns on May 22 and May 29, hosted by Joe Charnitski and featuring Debbie Goddard, Kalista Parrish and Ron Sopyla, along with live music.

On June 5, Goldee Greene and Tom McCoy of Philipstown are scheduled to perform a program of cabaret songs, and on June 11 and 12, short plays by Gabrielle Fox, Samuel Harps and K. Lorrel Manning — collectively titled *Tales from the Other Pandemic* — will be onstage.

Howland Center Retools in April

If the website of the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon has been looking a little threadbare, it's because, aside from the virtual performance by the Lack Thurber Duo on April 11 and an episode of *The Valley Hour* on April 22, the venue will spend this month upgrading its streaming technology in anticipation of hosting live events with small audiences in May that are also broadcast online.

The storytelling series *The Artichoke* is scheduled to resume production on May 8 and on May 15, Elysium Furnace Works hopes to host bassist, bandleader and composer William Parker, the subject of a new biography by Cisco Bradley, *Universal Tonality: The Life and Music of William Parker*.

On May 29, a singer-songwriter circle concert is planned with Lydia Adams Davis and Rob Daniels.

Beginning this month, the cultural center also hopes to resume recurring gatherings such as its bridge club, garden club and Poets' Night, with protocols in place.

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Joel Goss (1955-2021)

Joel F. Goss died peacefully in his sleep on March 23, 2021, from heart failure. He was at the home of good friends and adopted family Branis and Aleksey Buslovich when he passed, with his canine sidekick Benji by his side.

He is survived by sisters Suzanne Goss and M'Lou Gillespie, and brother Richard Goss. A wonderful and devoted father, he is now united with his beloved son, Keaton Guthrie-Goss, who preceded him in death in 2018.

Born in Pawnee, Oklahoma, November 15, 1955, he was raised in Chattanooga, TN, and moved to New York City in his early 20s. In 1992, he married his beloved ex-wife, Cat Guthrie. They met when he helped to write and she performed in Spectacular Days of Radio, a successful long running Atlantic City production.

In 1993 they moved to Garrison, NY to raise Keaton. Twenty-five years later Joel moved to Beacon, where he became a well-known local character, some even called him "the mayor of Beacon."

Among Joel's many accomplishments, he managed The Original Improv in the 1970s and worked with a number of notable comedians. He received three Emmys and a Peabody as a writer on the BBC documentary, *Buster Keaton: A Hard Act to Follow*. He wrote for Dark Horse Comics and his *The Shadow* series has become a collectible. Locally, Joel directed several shows at The Depot Theater in Garrison, and gave freely and generously of his time to many local school productions.

Joel was an original, living a colorful and varied life. Joel stood out. He dressed like he walked off a movie set. He pursued his own path, and often took the road less travelled. Joel was widely read and liked nothing better than a well turned phrase, witty repartee, and obscure references.

Joel deeply cared for those he loved. He saw the potential in everyone, but especially in those who couldn't see it in themselves. He always had time for the kind word, or the sympathetic ear, as he took people under his wing and encouraged them.

"He was a good friend and the sweetest of souls and he will be greatly missed." Keep smilin', Joel.

A celebration of Joel's life will be held at The Garrison in May. Because of COVID restrictions, please contact catguthrie@gmail.com for date, time, and more information.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the nonprofit organization founded in Joel's son's name at KeatonsKids.org.

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Lynne Cherry directing a film shoot in Big Sur, California

Photo provided

Young Voices Have Their Say

Author provides kids with medium for a message

By Alison Rooney

Despite writing more than 30 books for children about protecting the environment, Lynne Cherry says she felt their impact was diminishing.

The author and illustrator, who moved to Philipstown last year to be closer to family, concluded that she would have to create digital materials to compete for the attention of children's electronic devices.

At the same time, Cherry says, "I was going to all these science conferences, telling scientists not to focus on gloom and doom." What children need to hear "were hopeful and successful stories about changing the system, changing the laws and regulations in their communities, becoming involved in the decisions and being a part of the process even though they can't vote yet."

With that, Cherry shifted her focus about 12 years ago from books — including two bestselling picture books, *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*, which was re-issued last year to mark its 30th anniversary, and *A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History* — to producing and directing short films for a series called *Young Voices for the Planet*.

The films, which aired on PBS for five years, document young people sharing their concerns about environmental issues and proposing solutions. Stories have covered the banning of disposable plastic bags, the planting of millions of trees and renewable energy sources (see sidebar at right).

An example is Jaysa Hunter-Mellers, who, at 10, testified before the City Council in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and was instrumental in getting a coal-fired power plant shut down. Her story is documented in a film called *Words Have Power*. Now 15, Hunter-Mellers continues to fight what she describes as "environmental racism." Cherry notes that "these kids grow up, and they continue" as activists.

Cherry says she was fixated on nature during her upbringing in Pennsylvania, "sitting in the forest in my backyard with my sketchbook, recording what animals lived in which holes, collecting leaves. I knew the names of all the birds. I had an interest in life — I didn't call it science — and I drew things." But, she says, "I was also always interested in the [scientific] research that went along with it."

After obtaining a teaching degree, she wrote a draft of what would become *Kapok*, which is set in the rain forest. Tom Lovejoy, a friend who worked at the World Wildlife Fund, arranged for her to travel to a study site in Brazil, where she learned about the ecology and biology of the area and spoke with experts. "One of the wonderful things about being an author is you enter all these worlds," she says.

Cherry illustrated but did not write her first 10 books, which were all published by E.P. Dutton. On a visit to a printer to oversee color production, she fell in love with Princeton, New Jersey, and was awarded a residency at the university's Center for Environmental Studies. She later moved to Connecticut and, after auditing a few courses at Yale, went on to earn a master's degree in history. Through the years, artist residencies have taken her to Costa Rica to research the wood thrush and to the ornithology lab at Cornell University.

In 2008, Cherry and Gary Braasch (who died in 2016) founded the nonprofit Young Voices on Climate Change. They had met while getting assignments to cover some of the same things — she as a writer and illustrator and he as a photojournalist.

"We started doing research together, which was fun especially because he was on expense accounts!" Cherry recalls. "We found stories from young people who were really concerned about climate change. These kids are powerful and are getting the word out — creating the prepared mind. It's all about laying bricks. It takes a match to light the fuse, but you have to have the system there, ready to take off."

Film Festival

These and other films produced and directed by Lynne Cherry can be viewed at youngvoicesfortheplanet.com.



We Sing Out!

The Rivertown Kids Chorus, including Elyse Fox of Beacon, sings with folk icon Pete Seeger about civil rights, social justice, cleaning up the Hudson River, global warming and the power of one person to create community and make great changes in the world.

Save Tomorrow

Three 9-year-old girls testify for a town law to allow solar panels on public buildings and also work to save their local woods.

Plant for the Planet

Inspired by Kenyan social activist, author and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, a 9-year-old boy in Germany, Felix Finkbeiner, founded Plant for the Planet, a viral campaign that has led to the planting of more than 1 billion trees worldwide.



Dreaming in Green

After learning the economic costs of climate change for coastal cities, four middle-school students in Miami conducted an energy audit that saved their school \$53,000.

Olivia's Birds and the Oil Spill

An 11-year-old named Olivia Boulter, who has a deep connection to the Gulf of Mexico and a love of birds, raised \$200,000 for Audubon rescue efforts and lobbied elected officials to support clean renewable energy.

Mouths to Feed

A Time to Gelebrate

By Celia Barbour

In what may be the most Midwestern thing I've ever done, I once brought Jell-O to an elegant Easter gathering.



This was about a dozen years ago, and to be fair, it was not actually Jell-O but rather supremed slices of tangerine and blood orange gently suspended in a sunrise-hued mixture of Sauternes, citrus juice and plain Knox gelatin.

The recipe was inspired by Alfred Portale, a top chef from an era when a person's primary qualification for that moniker was actual top-tier cheffing rather than trumpeting one's cheffy opinions on TV. In *Alfred Portale's 12 Seasons Cookbook*, he calls this dish a "terraine," describes it as "a stunning dessert" and includes it in a holiday menu that also features lobster, salmon and morels. It was he, in other words, who gave me the courage to present something so potentially déclassé at an elegant feast.

I might equally have sought resolve from Alice B. Toklas and Gertrude Stein, for whom gelled treats featured in the "gastro-

nomic orgies" they consumed while touring California in the 1930s. Or from the young Sicilian prince in Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel, *The Leopard*, who gazes fervently at a gelled tower studded with cherries and pistachios, into whose "transparent and quivering flanks a spoon plunged with astounding ease."

To the guests gathered at my aunt's Easter table, however, my dish looked like Jell-O. For that, I blame Orator Woodward, the man who in 1902 marketed a blend of sugar, gelatin, adipic acid, disodium phosphate, fumaric acid, artificial color, natural flavor, butylated hydroxyanisole and artificial flavor so effectively that his product has remained synonymous with gelatin dishes ever since.

You didn't have to look hard for evidence of Woodward's success in 1970s Richmond, Indiana, where I grew up. Jell-O was so popular it often appeared under two rubrics on restaurant and cafeteria menus. (Upscale cafeterias were themselves a legit way to go out for a nice dinner back then, but that's another story.) First, it was offered as salad, not because it contained any legitimizing vegetables or fruits, mind you, but because it was colorful and could be made to sit prim as a frog on a wilted iceberg leaf. Then, you'd jump ahead two courses and find the same Jell-O offered as dessert, this time cubed and stacked in a parfait glass with whipped cream plopped on top.

At the time I was unable to admire the ingenuity represented by this semantic both/and maneuver. These days, however, one reason I don't often serve gelled terrines

is that I'm not sure where they belong in a meal. They are not rich enough (or chocolate enough) to function as dessert for most people who hanker for that course. Nor do they qualify as salad by any honest stretch of the imagination. Where a gelled fruit terrine really shines is as a palate cleanser, and the best occasion for that is a big feast — one featuring a roast ham or lamb, say, or brisket. Which brings me back to that spring

feast. My offering might have looked for all the world like it belonged at a church basement potluck. But those who tasted it had seconds. Better yet, by popular demand, I brought it again the next year — and the one after that, and the one after that, and so on — proving, to me at least, that the time has come for gelatin desserts to shake off a century of commercial ignominy, rise up and take a brave and wobbly stand.



Fancy Gelled Dessert, aka Citrus Terrine

Adapted from Alfred Portale's 12 Seasons Cookbook

Note: The recipe must be started at least 8 hours in advance, and can be made a day ahead. I've used Sauternes in place of the late-harvest Riesling (a sweet dessert wine). Essencia could also work

NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – April 15th, 2021

The Philipstown Planning Board for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 15th 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. via zoom to hear the following appeal. If you would like to attend, please email crockett@philipstown.com to request login information before 7:00 pm on April 15th, 2021.

Alice Curtis Desmond & Hamilton Fish Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison, NY

TM# 71.6-1-12&71.6-1-13

(Applicant seeks to install a ground mounted solar ribbon array integrated with the landscape's natural topography. We would also like to create a Discovery Path to provide community members welcoming and ADA-accessible outdoor walkways and opportunities to learn about habitats that occur naturally on the library's property as well as solar energy and design.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Philipstown Building Department.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, March 18th, 2021

INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages powdered gelatin (Knox)
- 1 375-milliliter bottle of late-harvest Riesling (see note)
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- mixture of oranges, blood oranges, clementines and tangerines (12 to 15 total)

DIRECTIONS

Supreme the citrus over a bowl, catching all the juices as you work (see highlandscurrent.org for a how-to). Place finished segments in a strainer over a bowl to drain.

Measure and strain 1 cup of the reserved juice and place in a large bowl. Sprinkle the gelatin over the surface and set aside to soften, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the wine and sugar in a saucepan and heat just until the surface shimmers (do not allow to come to a boil or even a simmer). Pour the hot wine liquid over the gelatin mixture and whisk until the gelatin is completely dissolved.

Arrange the citrus segments in a terrine mold, loaf pan or ceramic dish. Pour the gelatin mixture over the top. If desired, use a damp brush or back of a spoon to skim away any foam appearing on the surface. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

To serve, dip the bottom of the dish in a basin of hot tap water briefly — no more than 20 seconds — and invert on a serving platter if serving intact, or onto a cutting board to cut into cubes.

Easy Gelled Dessert

Substitute 2½ cups of good-quality juice (e.g., Red Jacket Raspberry-Apple) plus ¼ cup fresh squeezed lemon or lime juice for the liquid in the above recipe. Measure out 1 cup for softening the gelatin in Step 2, and heat the rest. Skip the fruit segments entirely.

Photo by Henry Weed

The Poet Next Door

Ruth Danon

Ruth Danon of Beacon, the former director of the creative and expository writing program at New York University's School of Professional Studies, is the author of three collections of poetry. With National Poetry Month upon us, she spoke with Jeff Simms about her work and teaching.



Ruth Danon

Photo provided

What was the program you ran at NYU?

The standard for writing programs was the workshop method in which everybody sits around and exchanges poems and then people talk about them. My model was different. I created constraints, which means rules or games involving experience, formal structure and language, and then I asked people to write. I don't think it's my business to tell people what to write about. I ran the program for 23 years until NYU became more interested in vocational subjects and it was discontinued. I retired and moved to Beacon and started a new life here.

Do you still teach writing?

In 2018 I started teaching what I call "live writing," which is for the reading, writing and performance of poetry. With teaching, if you do it right, eventually your students don't need you anymore.

Has your writing changed since you left New York City?

In some ways being in exile from where I had been for so long had an impact. But the surrounding landscape has changed me in certain ways. Since the pandemic started, I've been writing an awful lot, not "about a pandemic," but more about what it means to live through a time like this. I'm pretty

comfortable. I have good work, I have a nice place to live. Yet, there is unspeakable tragedy around us.

What is your assessment of the poetry scene in Beacon?

It's rich but it's also a little hidden. There are some major writers who live here, such as Jeffrey Yang and Edwin Torres. There's also Terry Hummer in Garrison. Mary Newell just did a beautiful anthology of environmental poetry. And Jimmy Eve, one of the founders of Calling All Poets. And some of my students — I don't even like to call them students. What I do is more like instigating, and some of my instigatees have started to publish.

Do you see value in having National Poetry Month?

I'm of two minds about any of the "XYZ" months. As I see it, poetry is part of life, because it's a way of fostering an inner life. The idea that you have one month a year in which you have an inner life seems not a great idea. On the other hand, it's good to honor poetry, which, in this country, has had a huge resurgence in the last number of years. To be a poet is not to take on a career, it's kind of a way of life. It's a way that you live in the world with a certain porousness, a

Made not Born

to compose to gather
oneself to calm down
after turmoil a turn or
a swerve a look up and
out the window see that
bird carrying a bare twig
in its mouth landing on
the drastic porch light
attempting a nest this too
a form of composure

The "as if" problem

Do you remember the past?

It had a beauty in it. Do you think
About the future, Don't. It's too
Hard, demands too much of you.

Today, a deer walked past
The window and stopped,
As if posing. And then
Another came, and stopped

And bent its legs, as if
Praying. It's the "as if"
I need to pay attention to.
Because I am asking the
Sweet animal, with its
White tail and fragile legs,
To take on what I cannot.

The future is hard. It's
Hard to bend one's knees.

certain willingness to absorb sensation and experience, and to translate it into a form that might speak to other people. That kind of life is an antidote to social media and television and the violence of this culture.

POETRY BRIEFS

One Poem a Day

The Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison and *The Highlands Current* are back with another year of *One Poem a Day Won't Kill You!*



Each day in April, a podcast recording will be released featuring a community member reading a favorite published poem.

The first recording, posted April 1, is "The Train Speaks," by Eve Ewing, read by Priscilla Goldfarb. You can listen at bit.ly/hear-poem, where the 2020 selections are also archived.

Dutchess Names Poet Laureate

Dutchess County announced on Thursday (April 1) that Lucia Cherciu has been named as its 2021 poet laureate.



Cherciu

Cherciu, a native of Romania who lives in Poughkeepsie, came to the U.S. in 1995. She holds a doctorate in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is a professor at SUNY/Dutchess Community College. She is also the author of five collections of poetry, including, most recently, *Train Ride to Bucharest*.

"Poetry can serve as a form of prayer, of healing, and of reaching out to others in difficult times such as the pandemic," Cherciu said. "Poetry can bring us optimism and hope; it can teach us to be kind and honest."

Arts Mid-Hudson managed the call for nominations, and a panel of literary professionals and community members recommended Cherciu to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro.

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Beacon Market (from Page 1)

manager, explained that a stable home could also attract more vendors. “Whenever you’re trying to sell something, you want to have a permanent space so people can rely on you,” she said.

Before the pandemic restrictions were put into place, as many as 35 vendors sold locally grown fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs and handmade products at the market, which will remain indoors at the Memorial Building at 413 Main St. during winter months.

Last year, the market pivoted to an order system for the first three months of the shutdown; by the time it moved outdoors in June, it did so with no more than 20 vendors because of social distancing restrictions. There were 16 vendors indoors on most Sundays this winter.

If the council approves the move, Weinman said the market could easily return to its pre-pandemic size for the outdoor season, which continues into November.

The new location would also resolve a recurring conflict with Phil Ciganer, the owner of the Towne Crier Cafe at 379 Main St., which has been the market’s closest neighbor since its relocation to Veterans Place in 2017. Ciganer argued that the market created excessive noise and blocked parking for his customers and musicians trying to load equipment.

The market would be permitted to host live music at the DMV site, White said, “making this more of an attraction, particularly for people coming off the train and up to Main Street.”

Police reform

The City Council on Monday adopted Beacon’s *Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative Report*, satisfying Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s executive order that all municipalities review law enforcement policies and practices by April 1.

The vote to approve the plan was unanimous, although Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair said he did not agree with its recommendation of increased police training in de-escalating crisis situations involving people struggling with addiction or mental illness.

Instead, “getting into the mindset where community solutions and alternative solu-

“The city’s police reform is not going to end with this council. We need to look at this as a work in progress.

~ Council Member Terry Nelson

tions [such as the presence of a social worker] complement law enforcement creates an environment where you wouldn’t have to have de-escalation [training], because the presence of law enforcement would, in itself, be the escalation,” he said.

Aymar-Blair also said he did not feel community-building and creating youth-enrichment programs need to be included in a police reform plan.

“I’m not sure about everything in the document, but I think it’s a really good start,” said Council Member Amber Grant. “I’m most interested in our next steps. It’s important that we make some progress pretty quickly.”

The Rev. John Perez and Mark Ungar, who headed the committee that drafted the report, are expected to lead another committee that will help the city implement the plan. They have been invited to the council’s April 12 workshop, White said.

Council Member Terry Nelson called the report “the first mile of a really long journey.”

“It’s not going to end with this council,” he said. “We need to look at this as a work in progress.”

NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board

will hold their regular Monthly Meeting on April 15th, 2021 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please email CROCKETT@PHILIPSTOWN.COM to request login information before 7 pm on April 15th, 2021.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, and via Zoom, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2021-2022 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2021-2022 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 4, 2021, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District’s schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District’s website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

- A. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows:
two members for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024),
one member for a three year and six week term commencing May 18, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024,
and one member for a one year and six week term commencing May 18, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.
- B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2021-2022 School Year (the Budget).
- C. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 22, 2021 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$395,000; authorizing the issuance of \$395,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?
- D. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to sell a *33 acre portion of a 64.75 acre parcel fronting on Route 9D (identified on the Dutchess County Tax Map as Section 6055, Block 1, Lot 182629), upon which the Dutchess Stadium, Intermodal Transportation Facility and associated parking facilities have been erected, to Dutchess County for the sum of \$627,000, and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the Contract of Sale negotiated between the parties?
- E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into two (2) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these school election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2021 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL
Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts | Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts | Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts | Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County; south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the of Fishkill and Wappinger, east by Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Union Free School District No. 3, Town of Fishkill, south by Beacon City line and west by Hudson River.

Bounded northerly by former Common School District No. 4 in the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, easterly by Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) qualified voters of the District (per S4430 for 2021 only), shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or they can be downloaded from the district website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District’s Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application can be sent by email, or delivered by a designated agent. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a qualified military voter who is not currently registered can obtain a military personal registration form on the District’s website, or from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. A registered military voter may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk in the same manner. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a military personal registration form, absentee ballot application or absentee ballot via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on the date of the election and vote. Military voter registration and absentee ballots shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.

Dated: March 24, 2021
By the Order of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District

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Pot Legalization *(from Page 1)*

and Nelsonville have until Dec. 31 to “opt out” by passing a law that bans retailers from selling pot or allowing on-site consumption. After Dec. 31, municipalities can only pass laws lifting earlier bans or regulating the “time, place and manner of the operation” of licensed retailers.

A local sales tax of 4 percent will be split, with the municipality receiving 75 percent and the county receiving the balance. If a retailer is in a village (such as Cold Spring or Nelsonville) that is within a town that also opts in (such as Philipstown), the municipalities will divide the 75 percent.

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, who said he was only speaking for himself because the City Council has yet to discuss the issue, said he sees “no inherent initial objection that would make me want to opt out.” He said the additional tax revenue “might help support our community’s quality of life.”

Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy said he did not know when the Village Board might discuss the legislation (it next meets on Tuesday) and other elected officials in the Highlands did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Grant McCabe, the owner of The Leaf in Beacon, which stocks soaps, pain relievers and other products made with hemp oil, said the relationships he has with growers, processors and distributors makes the transition to legal marijuana a relatively easy one for his business.

“Our attorneys are looking through the regulations right now, and we’re probably going to do a round of funding,” he said.

While state Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, voted for the law, Assembly Member Sandy Galef, a Democrat whose district includes Philipstown, and Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican whose district

includes the Highlands, were opposed. The measure passed the Assembly, 94-56, and the Senate, 40-23, earlier this week.

Jacobson pointed to a provision of the law that will clear from a person’s record convictions for possession of marijuana in amounts that are now legal. Legislation passed in 2019 decriminalized the possession of up to 2 ounces of marijuana for personal use.

That “will do a lot of good and help people when they apply for jobs,” he said. In addition, part of the tax revenue will fund grants for “communities that have been impacted greatly” by the former criminal laws, he noted.

“There’s a general attitude toward adult use of marijuana that it should be legal and also that the way it was enforced in prior years was not really fair and that too many communities of color were targeted,” he said.

Galef said that while she is supportive of medical marijuana, which was legalized in New York State in 2014, she is wary of legalization because she has heard concerns about marijuana being a “gateway” drug that leads to the use of opioids. Galef said she has spoken with both parents who lost children to narcotic overdoses and doctors who have treated young people whose lungs have been damaged by smoking marijuana with vaping pipes.

“I just kept coming back to, would legalizing marijuana make the health and well-being of New Yorkers better?” she said. “Health-wise, I couldn’t figure out a ‘yes’ vote, so I voted ‘no.’”

The legislation does not affect laws against driving under the influence and allows employers to prohibit marijuana use in the workplace. But Serino maintained that no “accurate” roadside tests for marijuana exist as they do for alcohol consumption and said the “lack of detec-

tion methods” will create health and safety challenges for employers.

“Most importantly, while the intent of this bill is to legalize only adult-use recreational marijuana, I remain incredibly worried about the unintended consequences it will have on our kids,” she said.

The measure passed quickly in Albany this week after years of discussion but inaction in the face of disputes with the governor about who would control the tax revenues. The legalization of marijuana for medical purposes and the production and sale of hemp products led to the opening of firms such as Curaleaf in Newburgh, which grows and sells medical marijuana, and The Leaf in Beacon.

Under the law passed this week, adults age 21 and older also can carry up to 24 grams of cannabis concentrate outside their homes, and on April 1, 2022, the newly created Office of Cannabis Management will begin issuing licenses for retail dispensaries and consumption sites.

Operating as an independent agency of the State Liquor Authority, the OCM will be governed by a five-member board comprised of three appointees chosen by the governor and one each by the Senate and Assembly. The office will also regulate marijuana growers and distributors and oversee the state’s medical marijuana and hemp programs.

The state will tax sales at dispensaries at 9 percent. After deducting administrative expenses, it must apportion 40 percent of the remaining revenue to education, 40 percent to a community reinvestment fund and 20 percent to mental health services, youth drug prevention, treatment and other programs.

The law also expands the medical marijuana program by adding new qualifying illnesses, including Alzheimer’s, autism and rheumatoid arthritis.

More Details

- New York State also tax the content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical in cannabis responsible for the high, at 0.5 cents per milligram in flowers, 0.8 cents per milligram for concentrated cannabis and 3 cents per milligram for edibles.
- Residents will be able to legally grow their own plants beginning in 2023, or 18 months after retail sales begin, a delay designed to allow retailers not to have immediate competition. The limit will be three mature plants and three immature plants for adults age 21 and older and six mature plants and six immature plants per household. Residents will be allowed to store up to 5 pounds of marijuana at home.
- Employers are prohibited from discriminating against an employee because of their use of marijuana away from work.
- The legislation establishes a goal of having 50 percent of retail licenses issued to “social equity applicants,” including those from communities with a high number of marijuana arrests, and applicants who are low-income, minorities, women and/or veterans.
- Penalties for possession begin at 3 ounces of marijuana flower or 24 grams of concentrated cannabis and rise to a felony for more than 10 pounds of plant or 4 pounds of concentrate.
- Penalties for unlicensed sale range from a violation to a felony for more than 100 pounds of flower or concentrated cannabis.

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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

- ACROSS
- 1. Tub session
 - 5. Petrol
 - 8. Microwaves
 - 12. Jai —
 - 13. Dadaist artist
 - 14. Vicinity
 - 15. Home to the Buccaneers
 - 17. Fish feature
 - 18. Evening hrs.
 - 19. Whirl
 - 21. Jazz genre
 - 24. Crossword hint
 - 25. Former mates
 - 26. Turquoise-like color
 - 30. Mimic
 - 31. Rib
 - 32. Ltr. holder
 - 33. Pentagon VIPs
 - 35. Broad
 - 36. The Eternal City
 - 37. Golfer's wear
 - 38. Calms
 - 41. Actor Holbrook
 - 42. Canal zone
 - 43. Dorm room sleepers
 - 48. Curved molding
 - 49. Corn spike
 - 50. Pakistani language
 - 51. Office plant

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- 52. Reuben bread
- 53. Grate
- 10. Hide
- 11. Auction
- 16. Sound booster
- 20. Year-end celebration
- 21. Tempo
- 22. Big fair, for short
- 23. Pager sound
- 24. Stop
- 26. Trucker in a union
- 27. Floral rings
- 28. Nullify
- 29. Always
- 31. Helen's home
- 34. Impudent
- 35. Orville's brother
- 37. Moving day rental
- 38. Starting
- 39. Olympic sled
- 40. Lusty look
- 41. Employ
- 44. Path
- 45. Epoch
- 46. License to drill?
- 47. Dine

- DOWN
- 1. Cudgel
 - 2. Pie — mode
 - 3. Highland hat
 - 4. Zoo heavyweights
 - 5. Yaks
 - 6. Coach Parseghian
 - 7. Small telescope
 - 8. Capital of Croatia
 - 9. Operatic solo

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

- CLUES
- SOLUTIONS
- 1 give a boost (6)
 - 2 Dolly Parton's home state (9)
 - 3 young rooster (8)
 - 4 "Crocodile Dundee" star Paul (5)
 - 5 WFH pants, perhaps (8)
 - 6 science of projectiles (10)
 - 7 underlines (10)

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9	8	2	5	7	4	1	3	6
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1. SPEEDSKATER, 2. COIFFEUSE, 3. EXPANSE, 4. MERRYMAKING, 5. DROPLET, 6. TORMENT, 7. PLANETARY

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.

SPORTS



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Beacon quarterback Jason Komisar and the Bulldogs couldn't get anything going against Tappan Zee last week.



The Haldane volleyball team picked up a win over Pawling and split two matches against Croton to improve to 7-1.
Photos by S. Pearlman

Varsity Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

FOOTBALL

Haldane High School lost a heartbreaker on Saturday (March 27) at Albertus Magnus in Rockland County, rallying for 12 points in the final minute but falling short, 13-12.

The Falcons had a 13-0 lead with a minute to play in the game when Darrin Santos, playing quarterback in place of his brother, Dan, who was out with a toe injury, scored on a 3-yard run. A 2-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Blue Devils down 13-6.

On Magnus' first offensive play, Haldane's Jake Mason forced a fumble that was recovered by Santos at midfield. With 19 seconds left, Santos connected with Soren Holmbo on a 5-yard touchdown pass.

Coach Ryan McConville decided to go for the win with a 2-point conversion, but the Falcons stopped the Haldane runner short of the goal line.

"Every loss is tough, but when you drive down the field and have an opportunity in the fourth, it really stinks to lose," McConville said. "But to be down 13-0 and have a chance to win, you can't be too disappointed. I was amazed at the way our players competed at the end."

Darrin Santos was clutch all over the field, completing 5 of 12 pass attempts for 56 yards and rushing for 135 yards on 25 carries. Holmbo had four receptions for 37 yards and Doug Donaghy had an interception.

"Darrin was outstanding," McConville said. "Freshman Evan Giachinta also did well in his first varsity appearance at quar-

terback. And Dylan Rucker, another freshman, did a nice job at lineman."

Haldane (0-2) is scheduled to host Woodlands on Saturday (April 3) at 1:30 p.m.

Beacon's tough season continued when it found itself on the short end of a 39-0 decision on Friday (March 26) at home against Tappan Zee. To add insult to injury, it was later announced that both teams would have to quarantine for 10 days because of a COVID-19 exposure. Beacon's game at Mahopac on April 1 was canceled; the Bulldogs (0-2) are scheduled to host Class A power Somers (2-0) on Friday (April 9) at 7 p.m.

Against Tappan Zee, "we managed to cause a couple of turnovers and played solid defense — some of the time," said Coach Jim Phelan. "But we also had four interceptions against us," including two returned for touchdowns.

Phelan noted that Tyler Haydt had a fumble recovery and forced two fumbles. "We have seen a lot of improvement from the young guys," Phelan said. "Liebinson Perez Novas, a sophomore inside linebacker, had a strong game defensively" and two catches on offense.

"We're looking to find something that works," Phelan said. "The kids are doing well, but it's a young group."

VOLLEYBALL

The Haldane squad (7-1) picked up a straight-set victory on Wednesday (March 31) at home against Pawling after splitting two earlier matches with Croton.

Against Pawling, Meghan Tomann had 16 assists and two kills, Maria Barry and Rachel Iavicoli each had 14 digs, Iavicoli

and Barry each had four kills and Jill Weinpahl had six kills.

"We played pretty well for being without our libero," Megan Farrell, said Coach Kristina Roling. "She's a huge anchor for us in the back. Rachel was aggressive and Maria Barry and Jill adjusted to the libero position and rose to the challenge. Kate Jordan showed her talent and potential with some amazing blocks and kills."

Haldane defeated Croton, 3-0, at home on Saturday (March 27) but fell on the road on Monday by the same score. "They just got in our heads and beat us with their serving," Roling said of the Monday match.

In the win over Croton, Tomann had 21 assists, Barry and Tomann each had 25 digs, Barry had eight kills and Weinpahl and Tomann each had six.

Beacon dropped a 3-0 decision to Ketcham on Tuesday (March 30) after falling the week before by the same score to John Jay of East Fishkill. The Bulldogs were scheduled to travel to Poughkeepsie on April 1 and Haldane today before hosting Poughkeepsie and Lourdes next week.

After playing Beacon, Haldane will host Pawling on Tuesday (April 6) and Putnam Valley on Thursday.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Beacon opened its season by defeating league rival Woodlands, 140-77, on March 16 behind personal bests from Bella Haydt, Meara Kumar, Isabel Bunker and Lilly Magurno. The Bulldogs fell to Arlington on March 18, 109-59, before defeating Peekskill, 108-56, and Putnam Valley-Mahopac, 96-74, last week.

The Bulldogs (3-1) were scheduled to take on Poughkeepsie on Thursday (April 1), followed by meets against Mount Vernon and Ketcham next week.



The Beacon girls' swimming team is off to a 3-1 start.

Photo provided