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FIREHOUSE ART — The Cold Spring Firehouse has a new look thanks to the artistic talents of five Haldane Middle School students enrolled in a community service class. The students visited the Church Street site a year ago, met with Chief Tom Merrigan, created sketches, made revisions based on feedback from the fire company and selected the paints. “It was a big undertaking for students this age, but they learned so much,” said Heidi Gesson, the teacher who leads the program. From left are Ruby McCormick, Hazel Berkley and Frances Donahue; the other students are Sydney Merriman and Silas Emig. Photo by Michael Turton

Man Convicted of Scamming Cold Spring Woman

Stole more than \$100,000 over six months

By Chip Rowe

A Long Island man was convicted on June 25 of scamming a Cold Spring woman out of more than \$100,000.

James Mcinerney, 52, of Coram, in Suffolk County, was found guilty by a jury of grand larceny, attempted grand larceny and resisting arrest. He faces 9½ to 19 years in state prison at his Aug. 17 sentencing in Putnam County Court.

According to District Attorney Robert Tendy, over six months in 2018 Mcinerney, using the alias James Bryant, claimed he

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Wages Rise as Applicants Fall

But local jobless rate well below average

By Leonard Sparks

The City of Beacon usually counts on an influx of college students and recent high school graduates each summer to fill laborer positions in which they help patch potholes and sidewalks, cut grass and trees, and perform other park and road maintenance tasks.

This year, the jobs are there, but not the applicants.

As of last week, only one of the eight seasonal laborer positions had been filled, said City Administrator Chris White, who followed the lead of private businesses and other municipalities by increasing wages, in this case to \$15 an hour from \$13. As of Thursday (July 1), several of the positions had been filled, he said.

Beacon sent an announcement about the positions to the school district and asked administrators to alert the Class of 2021, said White. “We think this is a good oppor-

tunity for someone who might think about a career with the city.”

As the economy reboots and unemployment plummets, including in the Highlands, myriad industries are finding it difficult to fill positions. While the reasons vary, the lack of workers is pushing up wages, especially in positions not typically associated with higher pay.

Some companies are resorting to incentives. Amazon is offering \$3,000 bonuses to new hires at its newly opened warehouse in Montgomery who start before Aug. 1.

At Fishkill Farms in Hopewell Junction, finding two people with retail experience for the operation’s store proved so difficult that it raised the typical starting pay of \$13 to \$14 an hour to \$15 to \$17, said Mark Doyle, the farm’s manager, without any noticeable effect in luring applicants.

While the farm can have high school students fill some aspects of the jobs, it’s more difficult to find supervisors, he said.

New York residents employed in a variety of sectors are enjoying higher hourly wages

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MAN, IT’S BEEN HOT — This hydrangea bloomed on Garden Street in Cold Spring on Friday (June 25), was beautiful on Saturday morning (top) and suffered Sunday afternoon (center) and subsequent afternoons in the heat wave, but came back strong each morning. By Tuesday (bottom), the color was more intense than when it bloomed. Photos by Michael Turton

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ROLAND TRAUDT

By Jeff Simms

Roland Traudt is the executive director of the Beacon Housing Authority.

What is the Beacon Housing Authority?

It was created in 1964, and the Forrestal Heights building, which has 175 apartments, was constructed in 1969. Residents must meet an income limit to live here [not to exceed 80 percent of the local median], and their rent is set at 30 percent of their income. Our second site, Hamilton Fish Plaza, on Eliza Street, which opened in 1989, has 70 apartments. We are called the City of Beacon Housing Authority, but we have nothing to do with the city except that five of our seven board members are appointed by the mayor. The other two members are elected by the residents. We are one of 3,200 housing authorities that receive federal funding.

The sites have historically had long waiting lists. Are there other options for someone who needs housing?

The waiting list is closed right now, except for seniors and disabled people, because the wait is so long. The wait for a family could be five to eight years. I've been here since 2008, and there's been a waiting list since then.



When I started, 25 percent of our units were vacant and we quickly renovated and rented them. There is no reason for any apartment to sit empty for more than 30 days. Otherwise, there isn't much for someone to do except move to another jurisdiction where the wait's not so long, but who wants to move? There's just a need for more housing.

Would you say there an affordable housing problem in Beacon?

Definitely. If the wait is that long, there's

a problem. Even before COVID-19, I've been seeing a lot of people move up from New York City — not only to Beacon, but all over the region. People move up and they can afford more. An apartment that used to be \$1,500 is now \$2,250. That creates a problem for the people who make less money and want to stay here.

What's the difference between Section 8 and public housing?

If you're part of our low-income public housing program, you live at Forrestal Heights or Hamilton Fish Plaza. For Section 8, we have about 250 vouchers that are handled by landlords throughout our jurisdiction, which includes Beacon and surrounding municipalities. If someone applies and gets a voucher, they find their own housing and use the voucher as partial payment toward the rent. The tenant normally pays 30 percent [of their income] and the balance comes from the federal government. We are going through a transition and by Sept. 1 our public housing units will be converted to a "project-based" Section 8 format [where vouchers are attached to specific units], which will allow the Housing Authority to receive more funding.

What could you do with more funding?

More capital improvements, renovate kitchens, renovate bathrooms, new roofs on the buildings that might need them in the next few years. Create more parking. We've done a lot of capital work over the 12 years I've been here, so we're not in bad shape. But we also want to build more affordable housing. You have to be creative when you work in a housing authority. Every year you submit a budget to HUD [the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development] — say I need a million dollars to make this place run properly under its guidelines. But every year HUD says, nationwide, "We're going to fund the housing authorities at 75 percent," or sometimes it's a little higher, like 85 percent. How do you make something work when you're never getting enough money to do the job correctly?

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Have you had any thoughts recently of cold winter days?

“ Yes, and I don't like winter! At least then you can add layers if you're cold. ”



~ Tatyana Davis, Beacon

“ I'm a summer guy, but this is over the top. Drinking lots of water. ”



~ Eric Ramirez, Cold Spring

“ I've been dreaming of snow. ”



~ Michelle Woods, Cold Spring

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Library story

My family came to America in October 1978. They had their vision of America: Little Odessa, Brooklyn Bridge, Times Square.

I had my America: Sesame Street.

Oh, how I wanted to live there. An integrated community of people and monsters singing, learning and dancing all the time. A world that validated living in garbage cans and crowded city landscapes.

I learned how to speak English on Sesame Street. My time there sparked a thirst for language, letters and rules of grammar. I craved order in a neighborhood busy with pigeons and loudspeaker subway announcements,

Being immigrants, we had no books, or, no books in English. Only my grandma could read English, and she only read romance novels.

I discovered the library as a place of information. My grandpa would walk over with me to the end of Brighton Beach Avenue, under the shadowed train tracks.

I chose to read about the history of this country: genocide of Indigenous people, slavery, institutionalized racism, Japanese internment camps. In Yeshiva, I studied religious persecution of Jews, and I was trying to make sense of humanity.

The library's version of America contradicted both Sesame Street and what the television was saying, but how could so many books be wrong?

I must have read all the books they had; it was a small library and I am a fast reader. I was hungry for dissenting opinions.

Thirty-five years later, no longer in Brooklyn, I am still an active public library

patron, still assembling my dissenting opinions. If Sesame Street taught me to speak English, the public library taught me America.

Masha Schmidt, *Cold Spring*

Marine patrols

In "Sheriff Criticizes End of Patrols on Hudson River" (June 25), you reported that two Republican lawmakers on the Putnam County Legislature had taken offense during a committee meeting, deemed the exchange "a waste of time" and shut things down.

This sounds to me like that liberal, leftist, Socialist, mean-spirited, rabble-rouser Nancy Montgomery was at it again, disrupting the fine work of the warm, open-minded, open-hearted, sensitive Republicans who have been so gracious in their treatment of the lone Democrat. No doubt Montgomery saw a chance, this time on the high seas, to ruin the calm order of another meeting that only Republicans know how to operate.

Wait? It wasn't Montgomery? The Republicans went ballistic on a captain from the Sheriff's Department? What's the world coming to?

Gregory Bochow, *Cold Spring*

It's interesting how the Republicans in the Putnam Legislature go about defunding the police. We have grown used to the GOP's theme of party over country; locally, we have party over county and party over public safety.

I suspect that when a county resident suffers a water-related incident, these same legislators will declare that Sheriff Robert

Langley and his deputies were not doing their jobs. Perhaps if Langley had offered the legislators a boat tour of the Hudson River, ala the Ted Cruz clown show at the border, the marine patrol might have stood a chance.

Phil Bayer, *Carmel*

Legislators Neal Sullivan and Ginny Nacerino are engaging in a political vendetta that is unbecoming to their positions over matters long settled by previous sheriffs.

It's no matter that they put the lives and limbs of boaters and swimmers on Lake Mahopac, the Hudson River and other waterways in jeopardy so long as they chalk up another notch on the Gotcha Langley target.

Together with County Executive Mary-Ellen Odell, they nitpick and harass a sheriff who has the effrontery to belong to an opposing political party. But residents of Putnam County are not duped by these petty shenanigans and will continue to re-elect Sheriff Langley.

Ann Fanizzi, *Carmel*

It's time Putnam County cleaned house of those who carry out personal issues against those they don't agree with at the expense of the residents.

Joe Hyatt, *via Facebook*

Teaching race

Katie Hellmuth Martin's June 8 column ("Kid Friendly: Cotton Candy Racism"), seemed to be a soft slap at the recent attacks on boards of education, including recently in Carmel, over the teaching of certain theories about racial discrimination

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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Relief in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of conciliation. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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throughout U.S. history. Martin expressed an important truth by stating that we can't ignore parts of history because that "disappears people."

It is crucial to our intellectual and societal growth that we offer our children the facts, theories and studies on race. Whether our children are of African, Asian, European, Middle Eastern, Indigenous or another heritage, it is essential that they learn how we got to the country we live in today.

A 21st-century version of book burning will not prevent a curious student from reading and learning anything they want on the internet, including some version of the truth on social media. To do right by students, the concepts of critical racial theory and other important topics should be taught in school and discussed freely with teachers and classmates, friends and at home.

Jeanne Nelson, *Mahopac*

No perfect mayors

There are no perfect mayors, and that's the point ("Mayor Drops Out of Cold Spring Race," June 4). No mayor can be everything to everyone. Keeping us all as happy as we can be is not his or her job and it's childish to measure progress that way. In leadership, choices must be made and compromises hashed out to keep a ship upright and on course.

Thank you, Mayor Dave Merandy, for your authentic and plain-dealing approach to the governance of our village. You have always kept the work of the village focused on the good of its residents and your hard work is appreciated.

Travis Fyfe, *Cold Spring*

Trustee Fran Murphy was planning to step down, but Dave Merandy and Trustee Marie Early did not step down because they needed a break, as Joe Curto wrote in the June 11 issue (*Letters and Comments*). They stepped

down to avoid a "three-way race," as they said, calling it a "heart-wrenching" decision.

Trustee Kathleen Foley's decision to run for mayor came as a surprise and clearly offended those who are stepping down to avoid a loss to Vinny Tamagna. As a result, we will lose Early, Merandy and Matt Francisco, who clearly didn't want to serve on the board without either of the candidates who brought the village into the 21st century with police reform, updating the zoning code, overhauling building inspection, working on transparency, running the village website, elections and committees. Ninety-nine percent of this work was done by those who are leaving. Cold Spring will lose great things. It stinks.

Norah Hart, *Cold Spring*

Park upgrades

This is such great news ("New Trailheads and Parking Lots at Fahnestock," June 25). I've driven there with my kids and had to

turn around and come home because there was no parking. It's great to see these initiatives that make a wonderful park safer and more accessible.

Michael Gatto, *via Facebook*

Does this mean that the people who park on the shoulder of Route 301 will now be ticketed?

Lily Essely, *via Facebook*

It's a shame and an injustice to conservation law that so many trees were cut down in a park preservation area to improve access to part of a park that was not under high visitation stress. Many other portions of the park could have used infrastructure improvements that would have granted more equitable and sustainable access to swimming and other activities, such as lower Canopus Lake.

Lorin Startin, *via Instagram*



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SWIMMER MISSING — First responders, including dive teams from Mahopac Falls and Yorktown Heights, began searching on Tuesday (June 29) for a woman who disappeared in the Hudson River near Cold Spring. For updates, see highlandscurrent.org. *MHFD photo*



CYBER CENTER AT WEST POINT — The U.S. Military Academy has begun excavations visible from the east side of the river to make room for a Cyber & Engineering Academic Center. Once completed, the 136,000 square-foot building will house the labs of the departments of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Systems Engineering. *U.S. Army image*

Scam *(from Page 1)*

was the owner of an asset recovery business. He contacted an 85-year-old Cold Spring resident, alleging that she was being overcharged by other companies and offering to secure refunds.

The victim gave Mcinerney \$103,050 over the six-month period before the New York State Police were alerted, Tendy said in a statement. Investigators were given control of the victim's e-mail account and began communicating with Mcinerney, who attempted to obtain \$7,250 by claiming that he made a payment to a company on the victim's behalf and needed reimbursement.

Mcinerney was arrested on Jan. 11, 2019, after he drove from Long Island to Cold Spring to pick up the check. When a plainclothes investigator confronted him, Mcinerney resisted attempts to be placed under arrest.

"There are so many scams out there, and sadly our seniors are often targeted," Tendy said. "We are doing everything we can to educate seniors about these scams and vigorously prosecute these cases when an arrest is made."



Mcinerney

Unemployment *(from Page 1)*

compared to last spring, according to data from the state Department of Labor.

The average hourly wage increases from May to May ranged from \$6.25 in the financial sector to \$2.52 in construction, \$2.40 in goods producing and \$1.83 in manufacturing. The average hourly earnings in the leisure and hospitality industry, which hemorrhaged jobs during the pandemic, were down by 81 cents.

Local restaurant owners were facing the difficulty of finding workers two months ago. "This is not normal," said Stacey Penlon, who owns The Beacon Pantry, at the time. "I have never had this much trouble hiring people."

Unemployment Rates

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FEB. 2020	5,700	3.9%	2,100	4.0%	394,300	3.7%
MAY 2020	16,000	11.4%	5,600	11.4%	1,401,900	14.5%
NOV. 2020	6,900	5.0%	2,400	4.8%	737,700	8.4%
MAY 2021	6,100	4.4%	2,100	4.2%	640,200	7.8%

Source: New York State Department of Labor

Planning Board Approves Garrison Library Plan

Short meeting caps long review

After months of discussion, the Philipstown Planning Board on June 24 approved a landscaping plan by the Desmond-Fish Public Library that doesn't include solar panels.

The 5-0 vote allows the Garrison library to construct a Discovery Path on its 11.5-acre site, along with a pollinator garden, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands and stream enhancements and better accessibility for those with physical limitations.

Neal Zuckerman, who chairs the Planning Board but also serves as a library trustee, recused himself from the vote; another Planning Board member could not make the session, held via Zoom. It lasted 7 minutes.

The project originally included a "ribbon" of solar panels, but that plan elicited negative reactions from some neighbors. The library board scrapped that idea in May, saying it was busy searching for a new director and also faced delays in grant funding.

Butterfield Library Names New Director

Johanna Reinhardt promoted

The board of the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library has promoted Johanna Reinhardt to director to succeed Gillian Murphy, who left in April to lead the Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz.

"Johanna has been a tremendous asset to the library for many years, so choosing her

as our new director was an easy decision," said board President Judy Meyer in a statement.

Reinhardt moved to Cold Spring 17 years ago and began her association with the library as a volunteer for the annual Big Truck Day when her son was a preschooler. In 2009 she was hired as head of children's programming.

"Libraries are so much more than the books they house; they're vital community centers," Reinhardt said. "I have a responsibility not just to maintain this historic institution, but to grow it. Now more than ever, I believe collaboration and a commitment to environmental sustainability are imperative."



Reinhardt

FDR Park Pool Reopens

State spent \$30 million on renovations

The swimming pool at the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown Heights reopened last week after undergoing \$30 million in renovations and upgrades. It is the state park system's largest pool, covering just under an acre.

The new pool, located inside the park at 2957 Crompond Road, was constructed inside of the old pool footprint, resulting in a surface area of nearly 42,000 square feet and a water volume of 1.3 million gallons. It can hold up to 3,500 swimmers. The original pool was constructed in 1963.

The pool is open on weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 per vehicle plus \$3 per person.

around the country have expressed concern that federal unemployment payments that will continue through the summer, until the week of Sept. 5, are creating a disincentive for people to return, especially to relatively low-paying hourly jobs.

The federal programs extended benefits by 53 weeks, on top of the 26 weeks offered by the state, and since January have included an additional \$300 per week. The programs also allowed self-employed and independent contractors, who are not typically eligible, to receive payments. Workers must certify each week that they are unable to find work.

However, extra benefits were at the bottom of the list of reasons cited by unemployed workers among 5,000 job-seekers surveyed in June by Indeed.com. The most cited reason among those not "urgently" looking for work was fear of COVID-19, followed by a working spouse, sufficient savings and responsibility caring for someone.

Workers remaining on the sidelines does not appear to affect unemployment rates in Dutchess or Putnam. While the rate in both counties hit 11.4 percent in May 2020, they have since fallen to 4.4 percent in Dutchess and 4.2 percent in Putnam, well below the state average of 7.8 percent, according to data released on June 22.

In February 2020, just before the pandemic shutdown, the rate was 3.9 percent in Dutchess and 4 percent in Putnam.

Catching Up with Philipstown School Boards

Highlights from recent Garrison, Haldane meetings

By Chip Rowe

GARRISON SCHOOL BOARD

■ Appointed Maura Shanks as a middle-school English teacher at an annual salary of \$72,687. (April 7)

■ Voted to approve the nominations of Cathy Lilburne of Garrison and Michael Simpkins of Peekskill to serve new three-year terms beginning July 1 on the board of Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (BOCES). The Haldane board also approved the nominations. (April 20)

■ Approved a memorandum of understanding with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to have its volunteers “plan, develop, maintain and protect trails” in the School Forest. (April 20)

■ Directed the superintendent and business administrator to continue their research into installing electric vehicle charging stations. (May 5)

■ Approved a revised policy for equity, diversity and inclusion that begins: “The Board of Education is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and inclusive learning environment where all students, especially those currently and historically marginalized, feel safe, included, welcomed and accepted, and experience a sense of belonging and academic success.” Further: “In order to realize this goal, it is imperative that the board, its officers and employees be fully conversant in the historical injustices and inequalities that have shaped our society and to recognize and eliminate the institutional barriers, including racism and biases, that contribute to the pervasive, disparate educational outcomes within our schools.” (May 19)

■ Issued a statement about the special education process: “The board recognizes there may be some confusion in the community regarding special education and the staffing changes in the 2021-22 budget, which voters approved last month [May]. The Committee on Special Education (CSE) is a multidisciplinary team that makes recommendations in regard to special education programs, as well as related services and aides for students based on their needs, in accordance with federal and state guidance. The CSE team meets at least annually to review students’ IEPs [individual educational plans] and to make recommendations for programs from that point forward. All IEP recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Education for approval, and the district’s administration is responsible for the implementation of students’ IEP programs.

“Other than approving the CSE’s recommendations, the board has no direct role in the CSE decision-making process. The



SEE YOU IN 2031 — Coulter Young, the art teacher at the Garrison School, holds aloft a time capsule on June 25 donated by Ned Rauch, president of the PTA, before it was buried on campus. The canister was filled with notes and drawings from students in every grade expressing what it was like to attend school during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with two facial masks, a bottle of hand sanitizer and a daily health form. It will be retrieved in 10 years. *Photo provided*

district determines its special education staffing levels based on the CSE’s approved recommendations. It is important to understand that this is not a top-down decision-making process. Therefore, appealing to the board for additional special education staffing is unproductive. As a public school district, we must always respect the integrity of the CSE process.

“If the CSE appropriately recommends a special education program that requires additional staffing, the district is certainly prepared to increase staffing as needed. The district will respond to the CSE’s recommendations once they have completed their annual review process and made their recommendations. The district cannot set a quota for IEPs or hours spent in various programs or aides in order to increase or decrease staffing levels.” (June 2)

■ Approved the retirement of Nancy Galletto, educational technology specialist. She had been with the district for 17 years. (June 2)

■ Approved one-year extensions of the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers’ union increasing salaries by 1 percent and employee contributions for health insurance premiums from 13.50 percent to 13.75 percent, and with the school-related personnel union increasing salaries by 2 percent and health contributions from 10 percent to 10.25 percent. (June 2)

■ Accepted bids for a capital project approved by voters in May for general construction from Meyer Contracting Corp. for \$3.23 million; plumbing by Total Construction Corp. for \$222,400; mechanical (HVAC) by Bertussi Contracting for \$1.57 million; electrical by Hudson Valley Electrical Construction Management for

\$1.07 million; and mechanical equipment from Trane for \$857,100. (June 2)

■ Robin Waters, the president of the Garrison Teachers’ Association, noted the union had sent letters of support to the board for two teachers and three aides whose positions were cut in the 2021-22 budget. “We hear we are valued but it rings false,” she said. “New programs and administration have been added while staff positions are being eliminated. Where is the equity in that and how does this help the kids? Seeing our long-term members so easily dismissed after giving so much has been demoralizing. In my 32 years I have never seen morale so low and staff so anxious. I implore you to reconsider the programs you are adding and the positions you are eliminating and the criteria you are using to make these decisions.” The 2021-22 budget included two new positions: an environmental education science teacher and a director of technology. (June 2)

■ Awarded tenure to second grade teacher Marjorie Guigliano. (June 16)

■ The board’s next meeting is scheduled for July 13. James Hoch will leave the board and be succeeded by Madeline Julian, who was elected in May.

HALDANE SCHOOL BOARD

■ Heard a report that noted that the academic year began with about 75 elementary students learning remotely but that fewer than 20 remained by March. Teachers said that, as at the middle and high school levels, remote learning had a more negative impact in math than other subjects. (April 6)

■ Dismissed assistant football coach Kyle Sticca. (April 6)

■ Accepted a gift of \$1,400 from the Haldane School Foundation to purchase outdoor desks for the elementary school. (April 20)

■ Accepted a \$13,500 bid from Plastering by Nicholas for repairs in the auditorium/gymnasium. (May 18)

■ Approved a one-year extension of the collective bargaining agreement with the Haldane Administrators Association through June 30, 2022, that provides for annual merit raises of up to 2.5 percent. In addition, each union member as of June 30, which includes three principals and the director of pupil personnel services (but not the newly hired athletic director, who started July 1, or the superintendent, who has his own contract), will receive a one-time payment of \$2,000. In an email, Superintendent Philip Benante wrote: “It is impossible to adequately address through monetary compensation the additional time our administrators spent managing a complicated year, which often included contact tracing in the late evening hours and weekends and limitations to take time off to be with their families during the holidays. The stipend serves as somewhat of an acknowledgement that this past year was very different from any other and the importance of steady leadership in what was a difficult time for our schools.” (May 18)

■ Approved a policy to allow teachers to cover the vision panels in their doors during an emergency as needed to “ensure an adequate safe zone” and authorized district employees “to temporarily block doors to slow the access of an intruder in an emergency so long as the means used to block the door do not require any special information or ability to allow egress so that occupants can leave the building quickly in such circumstances.” (May 18)

■ Awarded tenure to middle school principal MaryAnn Seelke, art teacher Angela Branco, librarian Terri Eckes and teachers Kieran Lynch, Dan McGroarty and Jessica Perrone. (June 16)

■ Abolished three full-time elementary school teaching positions and two full-time teaching assistant positions; the superintendent was instructed to notify the least senior employees in those positions that they would be laid off. The board also eliminated one full-time and four part-time teacher aide positions. (June 16)

■ Accepted the resignation of foreign language teacher John Schepisi, effective Aug. 30, and Marie Sgroi, a K-12 behaviorist, as of June 30. (June 16)

■ Rejected the bids for electrical and mechanical upgrades in its capital project as too high and put the contract back out for proposals. (June 16)

■ The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday (July 6).



The Cold Spring Village Board met in person on June 24 for the first time in more than a year. Photo by M. Turton

Cold Spring Parking: Take Two

Metered parking reduced, but other concerns remain

By Michael Turton

The committee working to ease Cold Spring's parking problems presented a revised plan at a public meeting on June 24 after considering feedback on a draft strategy released in early June. Predictably, some residents praised the amended plan while others were less satisfied.

The need to better manage parking has become acute in recent years as weekend visitors increase, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Overloading the village with traffic in a disorganized way will continue to seriously erode quality of life for everyone who lives here," said Jack Goldstein, a committee member, in explaining the rationale behind the revised plan. He said it provides "first steps that will actually do something about the problem" and added that "the time for punting on this issue is over. There are events being planned this summer that may attract 2,000 people each."

The proposal also aims to reduce emissions from idling vehicles and increase village revenue.

The major components of the plan remain intact: metered parking on Main Street from Route 9D to Depot Square, in the municipal lot on Fair Street and at Mayor's Park; a Resident Parking Permit (RPP) district encompassing 11 streets in the village core; free parking areas; and areas allocated for business owners and their employees.

The biggest change is the elimination of paid parking proposed for several side streets where they intersect Main Street. That will increase the number of free parking spaces within the RPP district from 49 to 81. The village will also provide a number of "floating permits" for service-worker vehicles.

Some attendees at a public meeting on June 3 complained that Main Street interests were not adequately addressed in the initial plan, and Goldstein said he hopes

that the 60 percent increase in free spaces will improve parking for those residents and employees on weekends and holidays, the only time metered parking will be in effect under the plan.

"It probably won't solve every individual problem, but the committee feels it is a significant improvement," he said.

The west side of Kemble Avenue south of Rock Street will not be reserved for business owners and their employees as originally proposed. "There didn't seem to be much enthusiasm" for that, Goldstein said. Instead, Kemble will be a free parking area open to anyone.

Trustee Marie Early, who is a member of the committee, said after the meeting that The Boulevard is being considered for reserved parking for those living or working on Main Street.

The plan still includes the use by the village of a smartphone application from Parkmobile to collect fees on weekends and holidays.

Goldstein stressed the flexibility of the app. "If metering is seen to be unnecessary in the offseason, it can simply be turned off," he said. "It will take a test period to see if we are offering parking at market rates, at the right times of day and year and what revenue is."

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH THE TOWN CLERK

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned assessor has completed the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Philipstown in the County of Putnam for the year of 2021. A certified copy will be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of July 2021 where it will remain open to public inspection until July 31, 2021.

Dated this 25th day of June 2021
Brian Kenney, Assessor



I SUPPORT OUR STUDENT JOURNALISTS. YOU CAN, TOO!

On this Independence Day weekend, we have a special message from a special person in support of the **Student Journalists Program** that he has championed from the moment the idea emerged to have the editors and reporters of *The Highlands Current* mentor students from our two area high schools, Haldane and Beacon.

From JOSEPH T. PLUMMER

Vice Chair of the Board of *The Highlands Current*

Our democracy is under threat in America. Democracy needs a free press to flourish. A free press needs wonderfully curious journalists. We need to encourage and nurture a future generation of journalists.

That is the goal of the new Student Journalists Program at The Highlands Current. Please support this heroic effort.

Thank you from all at *The Current* to those who have already so enthusiastically stepped forward to help this program continue. For the coming school year, the staff looks forward to accepting **four students to mentor from September to June**.

To donate to the **Student Journalists Program**, go to:

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Current

Parking *(from Page 9)*

He said the only cost to the village is a credit card fee on each payment; Parkmobile charges parkers 35 cents for each transaction and will provide signage and analytics.

"I'm impressed; every time you guys have come back you've made [the plan] better and better," said Eliza Starbuck, who is president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and a candidate for village trustee, but commented only as a resident of Main Street. She said eliminating paid parking on side streets addressed her biggest concern.

Others were not as accepting. Jim Smith lives on Main Street between Church and Route 9D, an area zoned residential but not included in the 2015 RPP district, making residents ineligible for permits. Smith was one of 25 residents who have petitioned the village to exclude that section of Main from metered parking.

Goldstein said exclusion of that section of Main from the 2015 RPP may have been an oversight. He noted some of the residents who signed the petition have off-street parking and urged the use of the additional free spaces in the revised plan.

Travis Fyfe, who lives on Stone Street, said he was concerned that the plan doesn't give Main Street renters access to parking equal to those in residential areas. He called it "mind-boggling" that the lower village has different rules than the upper village.

(New York State approved parking permits on streets west of the railroad tracks in 2003. Like the 2015 RPP, that arrangement reserves a maximum of 80 percent of spaces for residents but, unlike the RPP, does not designate specific areas or require a permit to park adjacent to businesses.)

Fyfe's other concerns included a reduction in parking reserved for firefighters near the firehouse, the accuracy of space measurements and allowing parking on both sides of Northern Avenue between High and Church streets, a section he thought too narrow.

He also questioned if fines for violations are sufficient, noting that a \$40 ticket is not cost-prohibitive for visitors from New York City.

High Street resident Andrea Connor urged the committee to recommend that Haldane Street be made one-way from High Street to Route 9D, saying drivers routinely ignore the stop sign at High. "It's a terrible accident waiting to happen," she said. The plan designates Haldane Street as an open, free parking area. The committee has agreed it should be made one-way but has not yet recommended in which direction.

The committee will now evaluate recent public comments before submitting its recommendations to the Village Board. It will be up to the board to accept, revise or reject the plan following a public hearing on July 14.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

10,631 (+8)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered:

242,657 (+2,388)

Percent positive:

4.4 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

62.0

Percent in 10516: 71.9

Percent in 10524: 66.8

Number of deaths:

93 (0)

■DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

29,514 (+20)

Active Cases in Beacon: ≤5

Tests administered:

794,283 (+7,481)

Percent positive:

3.7 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

57.9

Percent in 10508: 53.9

Number of deaths:

446 (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of June 30, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of June 18. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.



TUESDAYS JULY 6, 13, 20, AND 27
1:00 - 3:30 PM

"Understanding Color"
Workshop series
with Anne Johann

SATURDAY, JULY 10
AT 6:30 PM

**John Cohen Memorial
Music Series Part 2**
Eva Salina and Peter Stan

SUNDAY, JULY 11
AT 3:00 PM

Poets' Corner Open Mic
Featuring
Dr. Lucia Cherciu

SATURDAY, JULY 24
AT 6:30 PM

**Foot-stomping Americana
and Bluegrass**
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FROM 3:00 - 6:30 PM

**Farmers Market
with Live Music**

Visit TompkinsCorners.org
for info, tickets, and links.

HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER

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Weekends thru Aug 1 - Free

Sat. July 3 - 8 pm
Courtyard Concert w/ MV Carbon + Ka Baird
Co-presentation by Fridman Gallery & HCC
(Weather permitting) Free

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NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing - July 15th, 2021

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 15th, 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following application:

3622 Route 9 LLC, Cold Spring, New York 10516 TM#17-1-44

(Applicant seeks site plan approval to remove an existing approximately 2,000 square foot structure and 325 square foot accessory structure, and to construct two new buildings (15,400 SF & 10,500 SF) to house contractor offices and storage.)

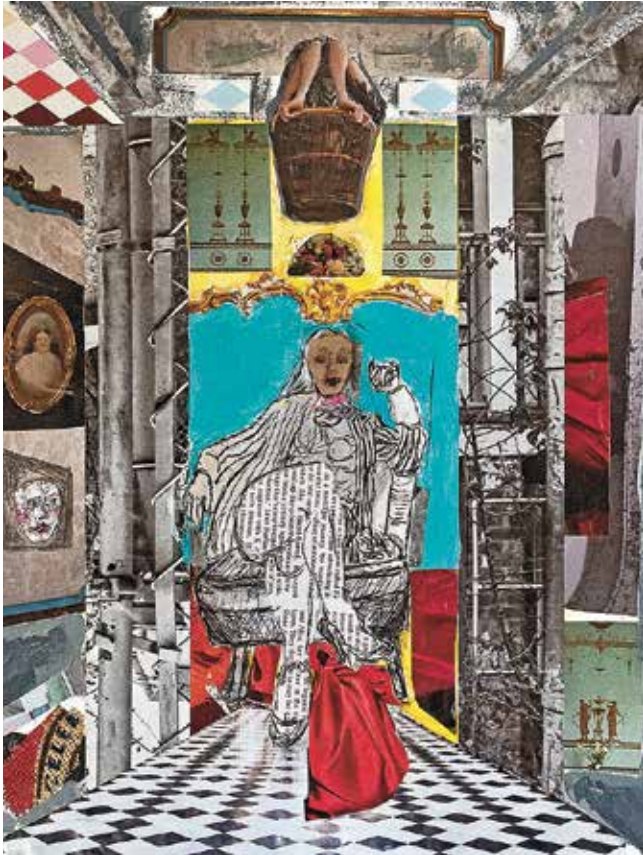
At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

The meeting will be held at the Town Hall at 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 17th day of June, 2021.

Neal Zuckerman, Chair

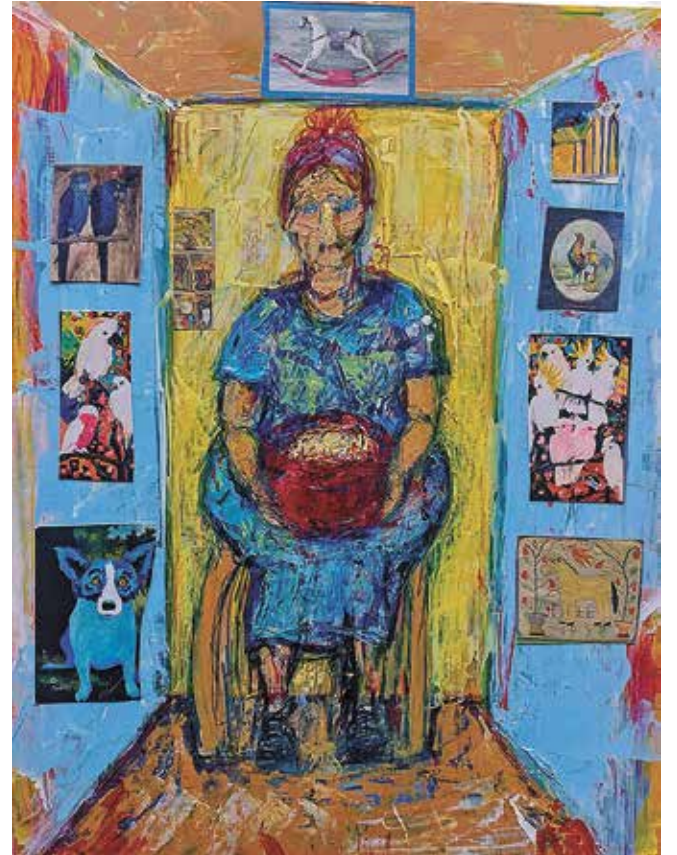
The Calendar



"Celebrity"



"A Woman With A Bird On Her Shoulder"



"An Open Door"

The Artist Next Door

Debbie Broshi

By Alison Rooney

Growing up near Tel Aviv, Debbie Broshi always painted. She thought she would become a painter. Her sister encouraged her to study art, and she did, a bit, but turned her sights to a more "practical" profession: makeup design.

She studied in London. "I looked at makeup as someone who had studied art" she says. After returning to Israel, she found a job in the film industry, specializing in special effects and faux wounds and tending to the faces of actors such as Christopher Walken, Lauren Bacall and Peter Ustinov.

At the same time, she started to perform in comedy clubs. She and a writing partner turned short pieces into a show. Eventually, she became a full-time comedy writer and performer, including appearances on an Israeli sitcom.

"I've liked making people laugh since I was a little girl — it's something that's natural for me," she says. "I enjoy laughing, too; it's a pure joy for me. That heartbeat, the adrenaline you feel just before going onstage — it's a good kind of excitement."

More recently, Broshi, who lives in Philipstown, has been writing plays, including short comedies for the Aery Theatre Co.'s One-Act Festival at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison.

But it's visual art — drawing, collaging, painting — that has taken hold of her again, after a decades-long absence. "I felt rusty and wondered how could I warm up, because with painting you have to do it all the time to get it right," she says. "To free my hand, I had to start again."

Broshi headed to the Garrison Art Center twice a week for life-drawing sessions, followed by "responsive drawing" and collage-making. Much was awakened. A few months after the workshops, she began

making her own art again, and says she has since experienced a creative rejuvenation.

"I like to paint at home because I can paint, go cook something, return to painting," she says. "Sometimes I've painted the whole day and night, other times just for a while, but it's an everyday thing."

"I sketch first, then I plan the composition. It begins with a general thought, and that's why it takes me a long time. The decorative details usually come after. I use colored pencils and acrylics, sometimes charcoal. I also use wood and work in textures and diluted colors."

"My approach to the paintings is sort of what I do with my writing. I create characters and atmosphere. I sometimes think of a character that catches my eye in the newspaper, or a situation. There are ideas behind each painting, which take me days of just thinking. Sometimes I like to have a little joke maybe only two people will see."

As an example, she cites "An Open Door," a collage chosen to be in the Garrison Art Center's *Small Works* show last year.

"I drew a big woman sitting on a chair, holding a big pot of food," Broshi says. "This was inspired by a tiny photo in a newspaper of

a woman. She's sitting outside her house. It caught my eye because of what it made me feel. It warms my heart to see it. I don't know what she was doing with it, and that doesn't matter, because I already had my own interpretation."

The painting "wound up having no resemblance to the photo, but the idea is the same. I drew the woman holding the pot of food, then I drew a door behind her in a nice warm color. On the walls I attached images that looked like something happy — birds and other things. Some people said they felt it was like an open door, and the idea with this painting was warmth and an open door."

Another example: "An old photo of two sisters, one sitting, one standing. My dog ate half of the photo — he found it delicious. I attached the photos, still missing a chunk, but the remaining parts had some of the images. In the original photo it all looks severe: their dresses have dark stripes and look gloomy. It doesn't look like they have a nice relationship, but I made it different because I see it the way I want to see it."

With all her work, she says, "people ask me, 'What is their story? What are their thoughts?'"

In one painting, Broshi incorporated a wallpaper design from the walls of the wedding reception hall her father owned in Israel. "With all the people getting married there, he would come home and tell us, 'I see joy every night.' My parents were Holocaust survivors and endured so many years of misery. In Israel, my father became a chef, and ran this wedding place, where he fed thousands of people. There's so much emotion in that wallpaper for me. Little things are the connection to bigger thoughts."

Broshi hopes someday to mount a solo exhibit. For now, her most recent paintings can be viewed at bit.ly/debbie-broshi.



Debbie Broshi

Photo by Amy Kubik

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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



FOURTH OF JULY

SUN 4

Declaration of Independence

BEACON

11 a.m. City Hall (Courtroom)
1 Municipal Plaza

The city will host its annual reading of the founding document after canceling it in 2020 because of the pandemic shutdown. This year will mark the 11th year of the readings, which began in 2011.

SUN 4

Independence Day Celebration

PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Mekeel's Chapel
Routes 301 and 9
putnamhistorymuseum.org

This outdoor ceremony at the historic 1867 chapel will include patriotic songs and hymns and readings from founding documents.

SUN 4

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra

GARRISON

4 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Celebrate Independence Day on the great lawn with the first concert since the pandemic. General admission tickets are sold out, but \$135 "champagne toast" tickets with early admission are available.

COMMUNITY

SAT 3

Used Book Sale

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
desmondfishlibrary.org

The Friends of the Desmond-Fish Library are hosting their annual fundraiser this year at the school's outdoor pavilion. Search through thousands of titles, many priced at \$2. The children's section will have its own tent. Use the Nelson Lane entrance. Continues daily through SUN 11.

SAT 10

Putnam Culture Festival

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312
putnamculturefestival.bpt.me

Celebrate the diversity of Putnam County with music (including The Psychedelcats at 4 p.m.), performers and activities such as a rock climbing wall and obstacle course. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 advance, free for ages 10 and younger)*

KIDS & FAMILY

TUES 6

Rock Painting

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students ages 9 to 11 should wear clothes to get messy and bring rocks to paint in the library garden, or indoors if rain.

WED 7

Garden Club Visit

BEACON

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

Students in grades 6 to 12 will visit the One Nature Garden Center to learn about native plants. Email community@beaconlibrary.org.

THURS 8

Superhero Story Time

GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

A superhero will read to children in this virtual program. Registration required.

FRI 9

Teen Craft Night

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 6 and higher will make animal-themed crafts, including a pet necklace.

SAT 10

JBL Sprouts Garden Club

COLD SPRING

10:30 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Children ages 7 to 12 will plant their own vegetable or herb and do crafts.

MUSIC

SAT 3

MV Carbon and Ka Baird

BEACON

8 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

The sound artists will perform

their sets on the lawn next to the gallery in the third part of the series co-sponsored by the Howland Cultural Center.

SAT 3

The PreZence

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This Led Zeppelin tribute band, founded by Sal Demeo 14 years ago, has just completed taping of *The Clash of the Tributes*. *Cost: \$35 (\$30 advance)*

FRI 9

Italian Expressiveness and Expressionists

PHILIPSTOWN

7 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

Robert Zubrycki (violin), James Tsao (violin), Adria Benjamin (viola) and Emily Brausa (cello) will bring to life four centuries of Italian chamber music. *Free*

FRI 9

Gratefully Yours

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | townecrier.com

Alex Mazur, formerly of the Deadbeats, founded this cover band that often performs "dream set lists" submitted by fans. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 advance)*

SAT 10

Breakneck Ridge Revue / Hudson Valley Sally

BEACON

1 p.m. Polhill Park
Route 9D and Main Street

The Breakneck Ridge Revue will perform traditional twangy music at 1 and 2:40 p.m. and Hudson Valley Sally will perform folk at 2 and 3:40 p.m.

SAT 10

Eva Salina and Peter Stan

PUTNAM VALLEY

6:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The duo will perform inter-



Pride and Prejudice, July 9

pretations of vintage Serbian and Romani music. *Cost: \$20*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 3

Jaws

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-In
724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706
storyscreendrivein.square.site

A shark terrorizes beaches in this 1975 classic thriller. Also SUN 4. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

SAT 3

National Treasure

WAPPINGERS FALLS

6:30 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D | 845-838-0094
milb.com/hudson-valley

Watch an outdoor screening of the 2004 thriller starring Nicolas Cage, followed by a fireworks show. *Cost: \$15*

WED 7

The Goonies

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8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-In
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In this 1985 film, a group of children discover a pirate map and go in search of lost treasure to save their home from a developer. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

FRI 9

Hike and The Lorax

PHILIPSTOWN

6:30 p.m.
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
eventbrite.com/e/156138567659

Go on a guided hike and then enjoy watching a movie outdoors. Refreshments for sale. *Cost: \$12 (\$10 ages 6 to 15 and ages 5 and under free)*

FRI 9

Pride and Prejudice

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.org

In this adaptation by Kate Hamill of Jane Austen's classic story, the outspoken Lizzy Bennet is determined to never marry, but can she resist love? Also SAT 10, FRI 16, SAT 17, SUN 18. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 senior, military, children under 12)*

SAT 10

The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
artichokeshow.com

The latest installment of the storytelling series will feature Kate Tellers, Ed Gavagan, Tim Lopez, John Blesso, Annie Tan and Adam Selbst. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 livestream)*

SAT 10

The Princess Bride

COLD SPRING

8:30 p.m. Docksides Park
coldspringfilm.org

The Cold Spring Film Society returns for its 10th season with a screening of this 1987 postmodern fairy tale starring Cary Elwes and Robin Wright. *Free*



TALKS & TOURS

WED 7

Maritime Smuggling on Long Island

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Author Bill Bleyer will discuss via Zoom how 18th-century pirates and bootleggers used Long Island as a hub for maritime smuggling. *Cost: \$10 (free for members)*



Hudson Valley Sally, July 10

SAT 10
Climate-Friendly Open House
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
bit.ly/climate-house-tour

Tour a home that has been updated to have a low carbon-footprint (the address will be shared after registration). Learn about heat pumps, weatherization, electric vehicles and charging, and climate-friendly lawn practices.

SAT 10
Drawing for People Who Think They Can't Draw
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Supplies for Creative Living
165 Main St.
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

All you need is pencil and paper for this four-session class. *Cost: \$85*

SAT 10
Grow the Rainbow
BREWSTER
10:30 a.m.
Tilly Foster Community Garden
Route 312 at Prospect Hill Road
putnam.cce.cornell.edu

This hands-on program will explore the significance of the colors of fruits and vegetables and their nutritional value. Register by THURS 8. *Cost: \$10*



Sunset from Bannerman's Island, July 3

SUN 11
The Weight of Air
GARRISON
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library (Lawn)
472 Route 403
845-424-3020 | bit.ly/poses7-11

David Poses will discuss his memoir about heroin addiction and depression in conversation with Brandon del Pozo. The event is co-hosted with Split Rock Books and the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 3
Sunset from Bannerman's Island
BEACON
Noon – 5 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

The work of 25 artists who used photography or painting to capture

the views from the island will be on view until Sept. 5.

SAT 3
RiverWinds Gallery Artists
BEACON
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

The gallery has closed on Main Street but its members, including Paola Bari, Deb Heid and Maryellen Siegel, will show their work through Aug. 1.

SAT 3
Time Lapse
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

This group show of Hudson Valley artists will explore how stories travel. Through Aug. 16.

FRI 9
Primordial Substance
NEWBURGH
5 – 9 p.m. Grit Works Gallery
115 Broadway | grit-works.com

Beacon artist Evan Samuelson's oil paintings will be on view through Sept. 18.

SAT 10
Sascha Mallon / Eileen Sackman
BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m.
BAU Gallery
506 Main St.
845-440-7584
baugallery.org

New ceramics work by both artists will be on view.



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5:15 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigsides Drive
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845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

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7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconnny.gov

TUES 6
Putnam County Legislature
CARMEL
7:30 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountynyny.com

THURS 8
Philipstown Town Board
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Dr. | 845-265-5200
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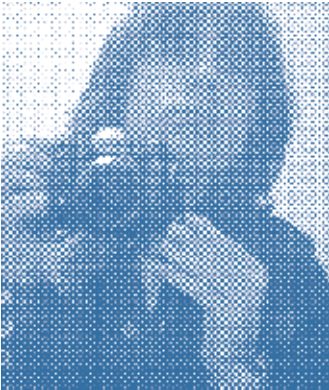
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Kid Friendly

Serving Summer

By Katie Hellmuth Martin

Before we begin this column, please know that the intended title was one of the following, but they are all too long: “How to Not Feel Like a Maid

All Summer” or “How to Not Drown in House-Mess” or “How to Not Drown in Your House or in Your Head All Summer.”

The stickiness of which I speak started as spilled milk (breast or formula), graduating into watermelon, and upgrading into peanut butter and jelly. Oh, and we must not forget the glass of lemonade flung by one brother onto the other brother, or the overflow spill of the orange juice by the newly emboldened toddler who insists on pouring the OJ himself all the way to the rim of the tallest water bottle.

Before you reach for the paper towel to wipe this up, please take a moment to step away. We are going to discuss strategies to have a wonderful summer, one that involves clean surfaces, including your own body, especially if you are in the throes of nursing a baby and clothing becomes such a barrier that you question even going outside because why bother?

We must keep you outside in the sunshine



— yet keeping the house clean. Here’s how it is going to work:

For early parents, feeding a baby for the first time

a. Don’t be bashful about the bottle. Hand over that baby to your partner or anyone in your home while you take a shower or plant in your garden alone. I know there are some wise lactation experts here who don’t believe in the bottle/breast blend. But it can work.

b. Dress yourself up for the feeding. You need to feel as good as the food you are producing or buying. Buy yourself a nursing tank that unstraps for easy feedings anywhere. You can now find such a tank top at H&M in a non-maternity section! It’s just there. Hanging among the other clothes.

Make an appointment with the Bra Fit Expert (formerly of Beacon, now in Cornwall) and Waddle and Swaddle (formerly of Beacon, now in Poughkeepsie). Both business owners are mothers who can outfit your girls and know your struggles. Worth every penny. Donate to someone in need when you’re done.

For middle parents, the children need to clean

a. Pay your children to clean. I know there are some hardcore parents who believe they bore children to work the farm. But we are in an age of Fortnite skin (costume) buying, and these children want it. They want that Target toy aisle. And you’re tired of saying “No!” So put the budget on them. They want a new skin? They can wipe down the kitchen counters for \$3. Or organize the



Serving is instinctual for parents, but be careful not to serve all day so that your own cup can remain half full. Photo by K. Martin

Tupperware cupboard for \$8.

b. Get your children a phone. I know! This goes against every fiber in your body (no fiberoptic pun intended). But if these kids are going to be visiting friends or staying in dual locations, they need to touch base with you, and you with them. Charge them for the phone bill, however. And while you’re at it, start collecting on that whole life insurance policy you bought for them so that they could lock in a low rate. Don’t forget to collect on these bills, however!

Rates: Get a pretty chart on Etsy or use a dry-erase board to track their jobs and rates. I use a restaurant receipt pad to track their jobs, when I pay out and when their payments back to me went to their bills. Easy jobs include: \$9 sweeping and

wiping the stairs, including the bannisters and two window sills next to the stairs; \$4 wiping down all of the door knobs and light switches; 50 cents for wiping down a kitchen cabinet. P.S.: The AT&T store in Fishkill is helpful creating kid phone packages. P.P.S.: Chase and Citizens Bank have easy kid bank accounts that can hook up to yours for transfers and in-person deposits.

For older parents, with children in high school

I don’t know about this phase yet, but from observing my neighbor I can see that he’s watching them drive away to jobs or Beacon Hoops, and he’s a little sad, but proud. The first day his daughter rode her bike away from home by herself down a few blocks, he cried with fear. We all vowed to keep a dutiful watch for when she returned (knowing that she would return), and that we were actually parenting him.

This “feels like” 105-degree heat will keep us balanced. It will keep us pouring water on our heads, jumping in sprinklers, inviting ourselves over to neighbor pools (I have my standard text self-invite at-the-ready).

If you get invited by an elder to their pool, as I did when I first moved to Beacon, take them up on it. They miss the Kid Life if their grandchildren aren’t here. They want to see the action again. The splashing. The fighting. The chaos. Enjoy it, but remember, you do you. Don’t sacrifice so much that you’ve evaporated in this heat. Soak up the sun and recharge.



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Jewelry from the MariePierre Collection



Photos by Ralph Gabriner

Big, Bold, Beautiful

Beacon retailer finally found her calling

By Alison Rooney

The same hands which brought Marie-Pierre Pulcini's first career to a disappointing end provided her entry to the second, and third.

When tendonitis curtailed her piano training, she switched to graphic and costume design before discovering her calling: jewelry.

In November, Pulcini and her husband, Emmanuel, opened MP Art Jewelry and Objects on Beacon's East End. There she displays and sells mostly her own bold designs in sterling silver and stones (gold is too expensive for these metal-intensive designs, she says). There are also works by others.

The decision to go retail was made quickly — which is not the couple's M.O.

"Because of COVID-19, we would not normally be driving around, but last year my husband said, 'Let's go for a ride,' she recalls. "We end up coming through Main Street the back way. I turned my head, saw a 'For Rent' sign, and soon we had a store."

Born at a Paris hospital across from Notre Dame, Pulcini grew up in an artistic household; her mother was a ceramist, and "watercolors, oils and canvases were always lying around," she recalls. Her father, a scientist and inventor, worked for a company where his job entailed "going into a foreign country for five years, establishing the branch, hiring people, then leaving."

After a stint in England, the family landed in Boston in 1977. "When it was time for my family to leave, I decided to stay," she says. "I loved the States and found the education and living freeing."

Pulcini focused on piano at the Hingham Conservatory of Music and was accepted to continue her studies at Boston University but stalled.

"My technical background was not great and the people I was confronted with were brilliant; they were breathing music," she says. "I found it so stressful having to practice eight hours a day. Then I got injured and rehabilitation meant waiting a year to heal and then not knowing if it would."

Pulcini segued into graphic design for magazines, then art direction. The high cost of living in Boston led her first to New York City, and then to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in the Berkshires, where, over five years, she

shifted to designing sets and costumes for dance companies, including the Bill T. Jones company and the Albany Berkshire Ballet.

All the while, she was painting, usually large-scale oils to which she later added aluminum to create a 3D effect. Finding large studio spaces too expensive, Pulcini began thinking about how she could work small with the same methods. That was her initial foray into jewelry.

"I learned the trade by doing and improved with experience," she says. "I was instructed by mold-makers, stone-setters and polishers and it took me about 10 years to design a line of jewelry which reflects who I am. I carve the shape in wax, then bring it to someone who will make metal, then a mold. I'm self-taught, but all my friends were jewelers and I asked them thousands of questions."

Her husband handles the logistics of the business: applying to art shows, scheduling, accounting, quality control. He provides "a more balanced approach to my work, which sometimes wouldn't be wearable without his keen eye for details."

They wholesaled for 10 years before selling from a shop in the annual Bryant Park market in New York City. By then, there was another move — to a barn in Schoharie County that they sold in 2020 to move to Monticello. Her husband quit his job to focus on the business.

"My work is very quirky, very different, and people who love it are collectors for life," she says. "For people who dislike it, there's no in-between. There's a person who is attracted to a more elaborate piece, with



Marie-Pierre and Emmanuel Pulcini

Photo provided

a bigger stone. She has a discerning eye. She will be well-dressed, not necessarily by a fashion name, but unusually dressed.

"I'm very shy but I would wear a big piece

because it gets the attention, not me," she says. "The people who like my work like it for the work itself, as it's a distraction from one's self. For me it works that way, anyway."

Men come in too, mainly during the holidays. "One guy we love, he picked this enormous elaborate necklace," she recalls. "He was so excited. I questioned him, 'Are you sure?' and he said, 'My wife will love it.'"

"His wife came in a month later and told me, 'I don't like that piece — it's not me.' I said, 'It's not, but your husband sees you in a summer dress, wearing this.' So he came back and exchanged it for a smaller piece. Men ask for your opinion, which is nice, but the way they describe their wives is not always accurate!"

MP Art Jewelry and Objects, at 520 Main St. in Beacon, is open 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, noon to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. See mariepierreartjewelry.com.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board

will hold their regular monthly meeting on July 15th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

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Baked Salmon Spanakopita in Phyllo

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Small, Good Things

Greek to Me

By Joe Dizney

Periyali, the unassuming-yet-haute Greek restaurant on West 20th St. in Manhattan, has always been one of two or three places I could count on for special meals for special occasions.

Although I haven't been there in some time, my dog-eared copy of their sadly out-of-print cookbook is still in use. It falls naturally open to a small handful of recipes: skordalia, Nicola's Mother's Chicken and this salmon-in-phylo recipe.

Proustian reveries like this can get you into trouble, and sure enough, somewhere in the middle of prepping for the small group I had invited over for Saturday Supper Club, I started to think that maybe this wasn't such a good idea.

The spanakopita filling (spinach, dill and feta) is simple and can be prepared a day



ahead. The salmon needs an hour in a simple herb marinade and a squeeze of lemon. So, what was the problem? The phyllo.

I'll try to make it easier for you, but it does require more than your usual pandemic-Tuesday-night effort.

Hence a lot of warnings. Don't let this scare you: It gets easier once you establish a rhythm, which is also a reminder that this is a dish better made for six or more.

The phyllo facts

While I'm sure there are foolhardy and/or overconfident souls who think making their own tissue-thin pastry is a valid idea, the freezer department of your supermarket is your friend and salvation. (Apollo, Athens and Fillo Factory are reputable brands.)

Make sure you have plenty of clear, workable counter space and gather everything you need, prepped and laid out within arm's reach before you begin assembly. Always thaw unopened phyllo in the refrigerator for at least 8 hours (overnight) before bringing the boxed, thawed and still-unwrapped phyllo to room temperature (about 2 hours).

When you are ready to assemble, carefully cut the bag open and unroll the stacked sheets onto a clean, dry surface. I suggest a sheet pan lined with waxed paper. Immediately cover the stack with another sheet of waxed paper, topping this all with a damp but well-wrung-out cloth.

Always keep your phyllo covered as you work individual sheets. Never leave the stack uncovered for more than a minute or so, otherwise it will dry out and become super-fragile.

Use a soft bristle brush to coat the phyllo lightly with melted clarified butter, working from the edges first. After one or two you'll get a rhythm going, but it is probably best to plan on a mistake or two.

Regarding the melted clarified butter: It's not rocket science, just another bothersome procedure alleviated by the appearance of 13-ounce jars of Organic Valley ghee in the butter department at Foodtown and other markets.

Sticklers will tell you these two things are not the same, but the contents of the glass jar (clearly labeled "clarified butter") were handily liquefied by simmering the open jar in a small saucepan of hot water. The slightly nuttier taste wasn't even commented on by my diners and doggie bags were requested, always a vote of confidence from the club members.

It sounds a lot more complicated than it is, but it's worth it.



INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup + 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, shredded
- 1 small leek, white part only, chopped
- 2 packages frozen spinach, 10 ounces each, thawed and drained and squeezed thoroughly to remove moisture
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ¾ cup feta, crumbled
- ¼ pint small-curd cottage cheese or ricotta
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan
- 1 tablespoon plain bread crumbs

1. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When hot, add onion and leeks; cook, stirring regularly until lightly browned. Add remaining olive oil and spinach and continue cooking until mixture stops steaming. Stir in dill, salt and pepper until blended. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and refrigerate until cooled. (Do this up to a day ahead.) When ready to proceed with the recipe, blend in eggs, cheeses and bread crumbs. It should remain chilled.

MARINADE

(for the salmon; marinate and chill for an hour before assembly)

- 1 tablespoon flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives or scallion tops
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ cup olive oil
- 6 salmon filets, 4 to 6 ounces each

2. Chop all of the herbal marinade ingredients fine and sprinkle into a shallow pan; stir in the olive oil. Pat the salmon filets dry and dredge them in the marinade; refrigerate up to one hour while you prepare the phyllo.

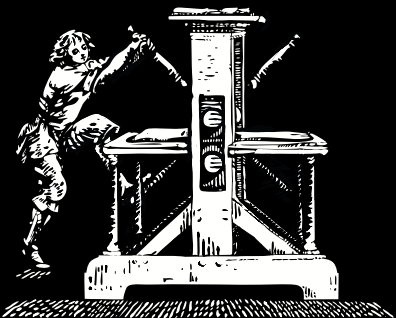
ASSEMBLY

- 18 sheets phyllo
 - 1 to 1½ cups ghee
 - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 2 cups Spanakopita filling (strongly suggest making this day before)
- 3.** Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place two sheets phyllo, long side facing you on a large clean work surface. Cut into 3 sections about 4½ inches wide; cut these strips in half horizontally. (These will be patches to reinforce the bottom of the individual packets. You will have extras.) Set aside and keep covered while you assemble the packets.

4. To make individual packets: Lay a sheet of phyllo on a flat work surface (with plenty of room to spread out), the short side facing you. Brush with ghee working from the edges to the center. Carefully place another sheet on top of it and brush that with ghee as before. Center left-to-right one of the phyllo patches about 3 to 4 inches from the edge closest to you; brush again with ghee. Sprinkle the filets with lemon juice and center one filet horizontally on the patch. Top the filet evenly with about ⅓ cup of the spanakopita mixture. Carefully fold the edge of the large sheet closest to you over the filet and stuffing. Brush the exposed portion with ghee and fold the long left and right sides of the large sheet over the packet. Brush the exposed sides of the folded sheet with ghee and roll the salmon and filling into a neat packet, brushing lightly with ghee as you go. Seal the end flap to the packet with another brush of ghee. Set aside on a baking sheet pan lined with parchment. Cover with waxed paper, another moistened towel and refrigerate. Repeat this process for the remainder of the filets. You may do all this up to 2 hours before baking.

5. Bake packets on the middle shelf of the preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown.

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Erin Detrick and Liz Rauch celebrate baking again, in their own space.

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Bread Alert: Signal Fire is Back

Loaves will return on July 10

By Alison Rooney

From house to house in Philipstown and beyond, the word has spread, a communication like its namesake: Signal Fire is back.

Those bread lovers going through a protracted withdrawal since Signal Fire halted baking in December can again savor the wood-fired loaves, which will be baked at a new Peekskill oven and retail store. Co-owners Erin Detrick and Liz Rauch plan to make their re-appearance at the July 10 Cold Spring Farmers Market,

The saga of Signal Fire is fable-like, and began as a tale of two bakers who kept hearing from others that they should meet.

Rauch started as a hobby bread maker after taking a class in her then-home of Brooklyn. “I made two loaves, gave one to a neighbor and experienced the joy you get when you give something to someone who’s excited by it,” she recalls.

After relocating to Garrison, she started a bread share through Long Haul Farm. “We had eight people the first year, more the second, and then Chris Pascarella at Marbled Meats talked me into scaling up. I was baking 30 to 35 loaves at a time, and then my second baby came along and I couldn’t keep up that pace.”

Rauch directed her customers to Detrick. The two finally met, and, not long after that, Detrick was offered an opportunity to use the facilities — including a wood-fired oven — at Sparrowbush Bakery, near Hudson. She did one baking cycle each week and sold the loaves at the Saturday farmers market.

Often, the bread — almost all of which is naturally-leavened sourdough with grains stone-milled in Columbia County and flour from the Finger Lakes — sold out.

Then, Detrick became pregnant, and Rauch stepped in to help with the baking. With that, a partnership was born. “In addition to sharing each other’s work, we learned how to work a fire,” Rauch says.

Detrick adds that Rauch kept the business alive during the pandemic and “kept it in balance with our lives. It’s important to both of us to keep our growth in check, as



The in and out of a Signal Fire loaf.

employees, humans, moms.”

The rigors of baking in Hudson and managing families became too much, however, and at the end of 2020 they called it quits. “There was an aspect of sharing the space which meant it was out of our control a bit: the schedule, how much bread we could make,” Rauch says. “I wanted autonomy.”

Finding a closer place to bake initially proved impossible, but once they stopped baking and focused on the search, Rauch and Detrick quickly discovered a former black box theater on North Division Street

in Peekskill that “had this good feel,” Detrick says.

Still, there was costly work to be done, including installing a \$65,000 oven. “From the beginning, Signal Fire’s biggest hurdle was the huge amount of capital needed for infrastructure costs,” Detrick says. “We couldn’t see a way for it to thrive without community support for the oven.”

“We had to trust that our customers wouldn’t forget us,” adds Rauch.

A humble fundraising campaign by email brought in \$26,000, enough to get started.

“We can’t reiterate enough how grateful we are for this support and the confidence and cheering-on from our community,” Rauch says.

Detrick agrees: “It could have been a scary and lonely thing, and that hasn’t happened. Bread appeals to everyone. The industrialization of bread moved us away from that for a century; we’re changing that — doing something that people long for. The kind of bakery we’re opening taps into a through line of community bakeries.”

Along with returning to the Cold Spring market, Signal Fire will be selling bread from its Peekskill space at 706 N. Division St. and taking orders through Marbled Meats in Philipstown. See signalfirebread.com. Loaves range from \$7 to \$20.

NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – July 15th, 2021

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 15th, 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following application:

Riverview Industries, 3012 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516 TM#27.20-1-28

(Applicant is seeking major site plan approval for a parking area for commercial truck parking and storage. The applicant owns and operates a commercial truck repair and auto body business on two parcels located across Route 9 and this is an extension of that use. A wetland permit will be required for disturbance in the 100-foot local wetland buffer. A floodplain development permit will be required for disturbance in the 100-year floodplain.)

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 Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

The meeting will be held at the Town Hall at 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516. Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 17th day of June, 2021.

Neal Zuckerman, Chair

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Miles Ahead

Tracksmith opens pop-up shop in Beacon

By Brian PJ Cronin

Can the right clothes make you run faster?

“Look fast, feel fast, run fast,” says Lou Serafini of Tracksmith, a Boston-based running apparel brand that’s opened a pop-up shop and clubhouse at 2 Tioronda Ave. in Beacon that will continue through July 31.

Tracksmith, which has a devoted following, makes everything from merino wool tops and fleeces for training in the winter to running shorts that double as swimsuits. The brand is known for functional, understated pieces that allow you to grab a coffee with a friend after a run without feeling half-naked or like a neon clown.

“If you’re able to go on a longer-distance



race, over the course of two, three or four hours, and don’t have to worry about little things like chafing or your shirt sticking to you, it helps you mentally relax and focus,” Serafini says.

The firm has one retail store, in Boston, but has held weeklong events before major marathons around the world. It discovered Beacon three years ago while doing a promotional photo shoot on Mount Beacon for those running/swimming shorts.

Tracksmith hopes the pop-up shop will also serve as a hangout for runners. “Grab a coffee, drop a bag here, go for a run,” says Jeff Seelaus who, with Megan Muzilla, relocated from Boston for the month to live above the store.

The company will host daily runs ranging from fast workouts on Friday nights at the Beacon High School track to “Church of the Long Run” loops around the city on Saturdays and adventure runs on Sundays.

“Our programming is a good balance of structured marathon-style, long runs through town where you can get a good pace and a good workout going, and then fun adventure runs into the woods,” says Seelaus.

In addition to making clothes, Tracksmith publishes a magazine about running called *Meter* and produces podcasts that address topics such as racism in professional running and the challenge for nonbinary runners who have to choose whether to compete as males or females. It also sponsors the bilingual New York hip-hop group Circa ‘95, whose members are marathon runners. “We’re



Tracksmith's Jeff Seelaus and Megan Muzilla at 2 Tioronda Ave., where the running apparel company is hosting a pop-up shop and clubhouse this month. Photo by B. Cronin

trying to elevate voices in the sport that usually aren’t elevated,” says Serafini.

Serafini just returned to Boston from Oregon, where the U.S. Olympic track and field trials were taking place. About 30 of the athletes are part of Tracksmith’s Amateur Support Program, which provides them with free gear, coaching and mentors, and a few qualified for the Tokyo Games.

Serafini says he realized there was a need for the program when he was participating in the 2016 Olympic marathon trials as an unsupported runner and found many of his competitors were in the same boat.

Seelaus said the company is trying to reach

not just elite runners but anyone who uses the sport to push his or her limits, whether running their first 5K or their first 50K trail race (as Seelaus did last weekend in Vermont).

“I’ve run up there to the fire tower,” he said from the backyard of the Tracksmith shop this week while pointing up Mount Beacon. “I’m excited for a lot more of that.”

The Tracksmith Beacon Outpost is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Runs are scheduled for 7 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Reservations are required at journal.tracksmith.com/beacon-outpost.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board

will hold their regular monthly meeting on July 13th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

If you are unable to join in person, the meeting will be viewable on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Conservation Board July.

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ACROSS

1. Choose

4. Scale amts.

7. Diving duck

8. Diner workers

10. Dijon darling

11. Removes, as a brooch

13. Winter Olympics event

16. "— Clear Day"

17. Bolivian city

18. "Ulalume" writer

19. Favorites

20. Roman emperor

21. Drivers with handles

23. Battery part

25. Persia, today

26. "What's — for me?"

27. Lincoln or Ford

28. Accord maker

30. Baseball execs

33. 2016 Best Picture nominee

36. Net defender in hockey

37. Separated

38. Island near Java

39. Apple variety

40. Tax form ID

41. Reply (Abbr.)

DOWN

1. Alpha's opposite

2. Lima's land

3. Performer with a baton

4. Candymaker Willy

5. November birthstone

6. Revue segment

7. Tibia's place

8. Points

9. Took potshots

10. Corp. money manager

12. Napper's racket

14. Comestibles

15. Earth (Pref.)

19. Calligrapher's instrument

20. Word of denial

21. 007 portrayer Daniel

22. Legendary French actress

23. The King —

24. Falls on the U.S./ Canadian border

25. German pronoun

26. Draw a conclusion

28. Big wheels at sea

29. Leek's kin

30. Metric measures

31. Simple

32. Retired jet

34. Lectern locale

35. "Once — a time ..."

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 "down-to-earth" canine (9)

2 corporeal nature (11)

3 refuse specialist (10)

4 thinking big (9)

5 maroon (7)

6 eating the last piece of (9)

7 last part of one's moniker (7)

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Answers for June 25 Puzzles

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1. SILVER, 2. WEEPS, 3. ATROPHY, 4. IRRITATED, 5. COMPOSES, 6. QUADRANGLE, 7. JEWELL

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

SPORTS

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Baseball Update

By Skip Pearlman

BEACON

Beacon’s team for players age 14 and younger, which is managed by Beacon High School varsity coach Bob Atwell, got off to a strong start in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League, winning its first three games.

The Bulldogs edged Orange County, 6-5, on June 17; defeated Carmel, 7-3, on June 21; and won against Orefice Baseball (Poughkeepsie), 8-1, on June 25.

The team is led by Mike Fontaine, who will be a sophomore at Beacon High School in the fall, along with players mostly from the JV squad, including Nick Albra, Liam Murphy, Derrick Heaton, Ronnie Anzovino, Jackson Atwell, Jack Antalek, Mercer Jordan, Ryan Smith, Anthony Borromeo and Austin Jorgensen.

“They’ve been playing together for some time now,” Atwell said. “It’s a tight-knit group.” He said his pitchers, who include

Fontaine, Heaton, Murphy and Jorgensen, have been throwing well. “The strikeout-to-walk ratio has been great.”

Heaton, Fontaine and Atwell have been sparking the offense, Atwell said, also praising Jordan for his walk-off double to beat Orange County.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to play 12 games, along with playoffs, and take part in several tournaments. Their next league games are at Memorial Park at 5:30 p.m. on Monday (July 5) and Tuesday.

PHILIPSTOWN

A Philipstown All-Star team of players ages 10 and younger finished pool play in the District 17 tournament with a 1-2 record.

After falling to the Town of Wappinger in its first game, 11-0, on June 25, the team won a thriller on Sunday (June 27) over Pleasant Valley when Harry McGrory scored the game-winner by stealing home on a wild pitch with two outs and two strikes on the batter in the bottom of the final inning.

Philipstown was powered by a home run from Lughan McIlwaine and strong



Two graduating Beacon High School players signed letters last month to play in college: Matthew Manzoello at Mercy in Dobbs Ferry and Michael Lepere at Springfield in Massachusetts.

Photos provided

pitching by Theo Swan, Brian Rommel and Oliver Herman.

On Tuesday, Philipstown finished its pool play with a loss to LaGrange.


The Philipstown team, coached by Dan Valentine, BJ LeMon and Ben Drew, was scheduled to face Pleasant Valley in a best-of-three series starting Thursday (July 1) at the fields at the North Highlands Fire Department. The second game is scheduled for Tuesday (July 6) at Pleasant Valley, and a third game, if necessary, for Thursday (July 8) with the location to be determined by coin toss.

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