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Where Will The Cars Go?

*Beacon developers squabble
over parking*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council appears ready to move forward with an agreement to resolve a parking dispute between the former and present owners of the 344 Main St. apartment building, although the council tabled its vote on the proposal this week with only four members present for its July 6 meeting.

The spaces in question have become part of a confusing back-and-forth involving two parking lots in recent weeks after former 344 Main owner Sean O'Donnell brought a new (and neighboring) four-story project at 364 Main St. to the Planning Board last month. O'Donnell's new project proposes to utilize a parking lot behind 364 Main that was once used for 344 Main's tenants.

A lot — no pun intended — had already happened before that.

In 2016, the city began leasing 24 parking spaces in the municipal lot between
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A QUIET MOMENT – Beacon photographer William Flamholtz captured this moment on June 29 at Long Dock Park. More of his local photos can be seen at willflamphotography.com or on Instagram @willflam.
Photo by William Flamholtz

New Life for Old VFW

*Montessori teacher
opens new school*

By Alison Rooney

When Karen Kapoor found out a former VFW building on Cold Spring's Kemble Avenue was available for rent, she practically ran over there with excitement. Kapoor, long a preschool teacher at Hudson Hills Montessori in Beacon, had forever dreamed of opening her own school based on the famed education model.

She had a master plan all figured out: She would begin as soon as her kids, now 14 and 16 years old, graduated from high school. But when she heard the building, just a short walk from the West Point Foundry Preserve, was available, she thought: "This is it."

"I had seen it before and knew it had been beautifully renovated and was perfectly located. I knew if I didn't do it now, this kind



Karen Kapoor (center) is flanked by teachers Emilse Mora (left) and Bethany Ciulla.
Photo by Caitlin Chadwick

of a space wouldn't be available — not just the inside but what's outside," said Kapoor.

A mere year or so later, having cleared hurdles that included zoning, licensing from the state Office of Children and Family Services and inspections, and with assistance from Kim Conner, the building's owner, and Beth Sigler, its architect, The Foundry Montessori preschool opened its doors on Monday (July 5) for a four-week summer camp.

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More Days, Bigger Fines

*Cold Spring amends
short-term rentals law*

By Michael Turton

Mayor Dave Merandy at the Tuesday (July 6) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board announced that the proposed law regulating short-term rentals (STRs) will be subject to a second public hearing. A resolution to adopt the new law was tabled after Merandy was advised by Village Attorney John Furst that the Putnam County Planning Department must review recent changes made to the draft law and that a public hearing will be required after that review.

No date was set for the hearing.

At Merandy's suggestion, the board agreed to increase from 60 to 90 the number of days STRs will be allowed to operate in the village annually under the proposed law.

He also listed the "substantial changes" made to the first draft of the law, including:

- Increasing the percentage of residen-

tial properties that can be used as STRs from 5 to 7.5 percent ;

- Permitting 34 "hosted" STRs and 14 "unhosted" STRs;
- Including STRs in the I-1 light industry zone;
- Allowing one-time annual rentals of up to 14 consecutive days for events such as West Point graduation and vacations;
- Reducing the liability insurance requirement;
- Increasing fines.

The proposed STR law, which will become Chapter 100 in the village code, is posted on the Board of Trustees page of the village website.

Deputy Mayor Marie Early clarified dates for upcoming public hearings. On July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, a public hearing will address proposed updates to 11 chapters of the village code. On July 15 at 7 p.m. at the Cold Spring firehouse, a public hearing will consider two laws regarding mari-

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: TIM FERDINAND

By Leonard Sparks

Tim Ferdinand is a Beacon resident and director of 50 Cities Inc., which produces devices that disinfect indoor air using ultraviolet light.

What's your background?

My background is deeply rooted in renewable energy. I began in that industry in 2006 and worked in various capacities in the solar industry — installing up to operations management — and working for Tesla to deploy solar/electric systems: electric vehicle charging stations and home battery solutions. Eventually, I moved down from Vermont to take a position in Peekskill with a geothermal renewable-energy company named Dandelion Energy. I worked with them for about a year until this opportunity became available. My father is co-founder of the company.

How did 50 Cities get started?

The company is a little more than two years old. My father reconvened with a former colleague to pursue a solution for telemedicine for Third World countries that struggle with access to medicine. Essentially, this was a telemedicine system in a briefcase. He needed to make sure that it was an infection-free device and reached out to one of his former



colleagues who he had known to be interested in that technology. He [the colleague] was working on a new product, which is one of our current air-handling devices. They teamed up.

How long has ultraviolet light been used to disinfect?

A long time. It's interesting that it hasn't been utilized to a greater extent. Some of the studies that we have in our white paper date back to the 1940s and 1950s. The commercialization of it, I think, has taken a long time but it's been recognized for a number of decades as a disinfection source. We have a dental client, we have a medical client and we're in a large-volume fast-food organization. We're just bringing it to market and finding the right partners

for financial and sales collaborations.

What distinguishes your system from others?

One, having high-volume airflow. What our unit does is it pushes a lot of air through the device. What it does not compromise is the disinfection performance. So, you would think it's moving faster through the device, less opportunity for it to do its job. Number two, a lot of these devices are affixed to one location in the corner of a room or an office. What our device offers is distributive air footprint coverage so you can route ductwork to where you need it. As of last year, we began selling the first-generation unit and hope that we have a next-generation unit available within a couple of months.

Did the pandemic increase interest in ventilation systems?

We view the pandemic as certainly an accelerant to business, but general indoor air quality initiatives and future pandemics is certainly what we were preparing for. We are focusing on businesses that have been and will continue to be affected by the pandemic. I know, here in Beacon, there's a few restaurants that I'm aware of that have recirculation technology. Certainly there's a heightened interest.

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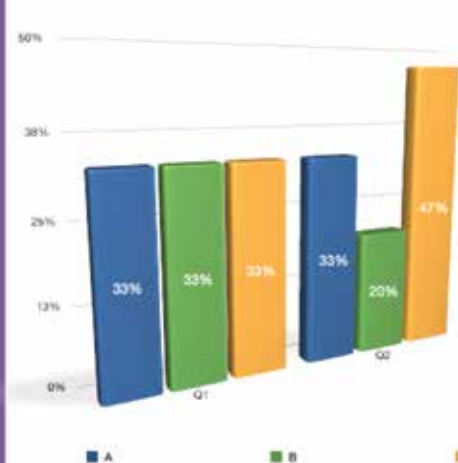
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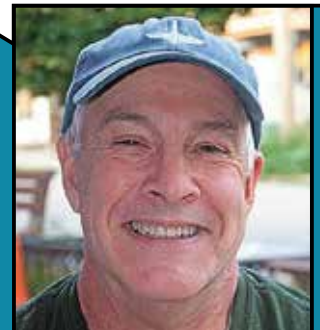


ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

How many books are there in your personal library?

“ At least 80, lots of history. *Killer Angels* by Michael Schaara may be my favorite. Also, *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu.



~ Bob Ransome, Cold Spring

“ About 300. I'm addicted to buying used books, though I don't read them all.



~ Brittany Chengeri, Beacon

“ Many. Probably 2,000. Mostly nonfiction. I like books about the history of food.



~ Jane Timm, Cold Spring



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Cold Spring Parking Plan

There were significant concerns raised at the meeting that this plan will polarize the village by creating two classes of citizens — homeowners on side streets who, for \$10 a year, will be guaranteed parking and homeowners, apartment dwellers, residents and employees who will be left to fight with visitors for whatever spots are available blocks away from their home or work ("Cold Spring Parking: Take Two," July 2).

Why was this issue, which was much-discussed at the meeting, not given more ink in this story? Are we willing to have second-class citizenship in this town? Moreover, how was this particular app company chosen? Could the town have gotten a better deal with another company? How will the privacy of app users be protected or is the Village Board going to require that everyone who wants to park in Cold Spring share their info with an app company so it can monetize that info?

What about those unable to access the app because they lack smart phones, credit or tech savvy (including the elderly)? Will there be a cost when the app is "turned off," as it is suggested it can easily be done? Why is the plan being rushed through without

first asking the state to include Main Street in the permit district, thereby protecting the interests and quality of life of Main Street residents? Are those interests and lives less important than the interests and lives of those on side streets?

Why are there no residents of Main Street on the committee, given the impact the plan will have on them? How will this plan push visitors to seek parking in other areas of the village — including the lower village — thereby further crowding the residents of those areas?

How will the lower village permit program the article discusses — which does not require permits and which doesn't apply to commercial streets in what's a commercial district — actually work and how is it enforced? Will it actually protect lower village residents from not having access to parking when the area is flooded by others looking for parking since they can't park on the reserved upper village side streets? How will these new funds be used by the Village Board? Who benefits and who doesn't?

There are many questions that remain unanswered by the proponents of this plan and serious concerns about how it will treat some residents better than others, about

the particular app company chosen, about privacy of app users and about the impact the plan will have as parking spaces are secured for some homeowners while everyone else fights over the available parking in other parts of the village.

Lastly, this plan does not address the root of the problem: too many cars coming into the village on weekends. It merely protects the interests of some by hurting the interests and quality of life of others. The village deserves better. Some serious investigative reporting on part of the paper and activism on the part of the village residents are called for before we are saddled with this plan and its ramifications.

Gaston Alonso, *via Facebook*

Haldane High School golf

Go Haldane golf ("Varsity Roundup," July 2)! Thank you, *Highlands Current*, for covering the team. I would love to hear any news about a new home course for the team, with The Garrison having its last season this year.

Karen Doyle, *Cold Spring*

Sheriff's Marine Patrol

The unfortunate incident on June 29 with someone missing during a strong current underscores how critical a patrol boat is to Cold Spring, a river town with an endless supply of visitors ("Sheriff Criticizes End of Patrols on Hudson River," June 25).

Time is of the essence with a missing person, so let's leave the politics out of emergency management. When it is your loved one missing, you expect that those in charge will try their hardest to find that person, regardless of the political affiliation or voting record.

Courtney Gordon-Tennant, *Cold Spring*

What a slap in the face to Charlie Moore, who died in January 2020, and his family. Moore was recognized when one of the boats was named in his honor in May 2019. He was a Vietnam veteran who was wounded in action and a long-serving member of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He was instrumental in organizing the Youth Bureau, founder of the Toys for Tots program and ahead of his time in addressing drug addiction. What a way to honor his memory.

Lydia JA Langley, *Garrison*
Langley is the wife of Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr.

Rising rents in Beacon

Why did so many people move up from New York City ("5Q: Roland Traudt," July

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2)? Crime has skyrocketed and Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo made New York City a dangerous place for working citizens. Between bail reform and defunding the police, along with the strong anti-law-enforcement sentiment, people have moved to the Hudson Valley in droves. This made everything go up, and taxes will follow.

Tommy Kaye, *via Facebook*

New York is all about driving the average people out and letting the wealthy move in and take over. Pay increase, nope. With the cost of living way up, a choice has to be made.

Phil Junior, *via Facebook*

Clearly people can afford it or they wouldn't be rented.

Tommy Germano, *via Facebook***Confusion Over Community Choice**

A few years ago, I worked with other community members and the Philipstown Town Board to help form the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) that moved two-thirds of our homes and small businesses to 100 percent renewable energy in 2019. Recently, a few neighbors reached out to me after they received a confusing letter from Central Hudson informing them that Columbia Utilities would be their new electricity supplier.

For every household in Philipstown, there is an electricity supplier and an electricity distributor. Central Hudson continues to play the role of distributor and remains responsible for maintaining electrical lines, restoring power during outages and electricity delivery and service fees. This past May, Philipstown joined with nine other municipalities and selected Columbia Utilities as the new CCA electricity supplier because they provided the lowest three-year fixed rates for both a 100 percent New York state renewable energy option and a more standard polluting fossil fuels option.

If any Philipstown resident prefers to have Central Hudson select their electricity supplier for them, they can leave the CCA program at any time without cost by calling the Hudson Valley Community Power CCA at 845-859-9099 or submitting an online form at secure.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com.

I'm proud that our Town Board showed continued environmental leadership by selecting the renewable energy option, which between 2017 and 2019 helped our community avoid nearly 15,000 tons of carbon emissions — equivalent to taking 3,200 cars off the road for a year.

But I also hope that the three-year fixed electricity rate saves community members money over the life of the contract as energy prices rise and helps folks living on tight budgets know what to expect when their electricity bill arrives. And if any resident doesn't want to be a part of the CCA, they can leave — or join — at any time. It's your choice.

Jason Angell, *Garrison*

State Police ID Body of Missing Swimmer

Newburgh teen had been reported missing

By Michael Turton

The body found along the shore of the Hudson River in Cold Spring last weekend has been identified as a Newburgh teenager reported missing

last week from Little Stony Point Park, said New York State Police.

Yesvely Lopez, 17, was found off Dockside Park just before 6 a.m. on Saturday (July 3), said a spokesperson for Troop K, based in Poughkeepsie, on Tuesday (July 6). The investigation is still pending, said state police.

The teen was first reported missing from Little Stony Point at 6:08 p.m. on June 29.

In a press release issued the next day, John O'Connor, director of the Putnam County Office of Emergency Management, said a caller to 911 reported "a female party in the water, in distress, just north of the Cold Spring gazebo."

The disappearance triggered a search of the river by first responders, including dive teams from Mahopac Falls and Yorktown Heights called in by the Cold Spring Fire Co.

Putnam Legislators Amend Charter Despite Objections

Sheriff, DA accuse body of overreach

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam legislators on Tuesday (July 6) voted 7 to 1 to change the county charter, despite protests from the sheriff and district attorney that the revisions conflict with their authority and warnings from Legislator Nancy Montgomery that the amendment process ignored the public.

Montgomery cast the lone "no" vote. The only Democrat on the nine-person Legislature, she represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley. Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson missed the meeting, the first conducted in-person after 15 months of remote meetings during the pandemic.

The county can amend the charter at any time but has to at least consider changes every 10 years. The last formal review occurred in 2010-11. Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell must hold a public hearing on the changes before she can sign the amended charter into law.

One revision adopted Tuesday simply adds "submitted to the county Legislature" after the word "appointments" in a reference to picking individuals approved by the Legislature to serve in county posts.

Others are more complex. One allows the Legislature to demand audits of county offices and departments "at any time" instead of yearly, as the charter had long specified.

Another, criticized in writing by both Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. and District Attorney Robert Tendy, permits the county Legislature "to require the production or inspection of documents, records, bonds, papers and other information kept" by a county officer or employee. A related change both Langley and Tendy found troublesome says legislators can "establish, review, and approve policies to be followed by all officers and employees."

In a June 16 memo to legislators, Tendy cited concerns that the amendment on producing information "would give the Legislature the power to obtain records from my office — or the PCSO [Putnam County Sheriff's Office] — regarding ongoing investigations and active case files. Obviously, this would be in contradiction to state law regarding the duties and responsi-

bilities of my office — which are completely independent from the Legislature."

Likewise, Tendy wrote, the amendment on departmental policies might "mean that the Legislature could now be involved in numerous activities that are the independent responsibility of the district attorney."

Two weeks later, also in a memo to legislators, Langley expressed misgivings about the amendments' "vague language and overreaching authority." While acknowledging "that the Legislature has some investigative powers" he maintained that these "cannot interfere with" his responsibilities. He urged that the amendment on disclosing information be tweaked to recognize the limits to the Legislature's authority.

Likewise, he wrote, although the Legislature can set policies on such matters as equal opportunity employment, it "cannot usurp my legal authority over my law enforcement personnel, policies and protocols." Actually, he added, "public disclosure of sensitive law enforcement procedures and protocols can unnecessarily endanger the lives of officers and the welfare of the general public they are trying to protect." Again, he asked the legislators to refine the amendments.

They refused.

Langley also argued in his June memo that "public input should be welcomed," since the charter revisions offer "an inherent grant of power" to legislators.

Tendy asked that his written comments be included in the record of the charter revision process.

Montgomery pointed out at Tuesday's meeting that despite Tendy's request, his comments were not included and that Langley's were also omitted. She added that in June, she twice asked for the dates of the revision commission's meetings and its meeting minutes, in vain. Moreover, the commission provided "no report to the Legislature as is customary, in my experience, when any group is commissioned to change the laws of government," she said.

Furthermore, she observed that the commission consists entirely of Putnam County officials. "This should have been a collaborative effort made up of members of local government and the public — of every party," and ban participation by current county government members, as other counties do when forming charter commissions, she remarked. "Instead, this

commission is exclusive to county government and one party [the Republicans]. That is dangerous governing."

When the Legislature created a revision commission last December, it named as members Legislator Toni Addonizio of Kent, who chairs the Legislature; Legislator Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac, who chairs the legislative Rules Committee; Robert Firriolo, the Legislature's lawyer; and Jennifer Bumgarner, the county attorney.

According to Sullivan, the commission sent a letter to town supervisors, Republicans and Democrats alike, inviting them to submit suggestions or questions. But Montgomery said that dispatching a single letter hardly qualifies as involving local officials.

Sullivan also called Montgomery's belief that the commission is a one-party affair "completely untrue" and said a memo went out to all legislators a few days before the Tuesday meeting to announce a charter commission session on Thursday (July 8). "It's not unusual for her to sort of mislead and try to confuse people," he said, subsequently accusing Montgomery of "bringing up so many untruths and misrepresentations."

In a memo he sent to legislative colleagues on Saturday (July 3) and read aloud on Tuesday, Sullivan castigated the sheriff, as well, describing Langley's views as "silly." Sullivan argued that the amendments contain nothing that permits other branches of county government "to interfere with the constitutional and law-enforcement duties of the sheriff" and that "in suggesting otherwise, this sheriff is just playing politics in an election year and playing on the public's fears that their safety will be compromised, as he so often does."

Langley, like Montgomery, is a Democrat and Philipstown resident seeking re-election in the November election.

Sullivan further asserted that Langley has repeatedly withheld information. "This Legislature will not allow this sheriff to operate like the secret police," Sullivan emphasized. "And we will persist in our efforts to obtain from him the information to which we are entitled, for the benefit of the citizens and taxpayers of Putnam County."

Legislator Amy Sayegh of Mahopac declared that "there's no conflict with state law" in the amendments.

Concurring, Legislator Carl Albano of Carmel, a Rules Committee member, assured residents that the charter "is a living document. If anyone has recommendations or likes changes to be made, we welcome it. Come to our committee meetings. Send us suggestions. It's open. We can change it any time."

Beacon Parking *(from Page 1)*

Eliza and North Chestnut streets and on Church Street to O'Donnell, then the owner of 344 Main, which received Planning Board approval that year.

A year later, however, the City Council canceled the lease after a blow-up between then-Mayor Randy Casale and O'Donnell's attorney, Patrick Moore. Casale and Moore sparred during a council meeting because O'Donnell had purchased 364 Main St. and the parking lot behind the building, but Moore argued that 344 Main's parking should still come from the city's inventory of spaces.

In 2017, Bernard Kohn bought 344 Main St., which was under construction, from O'Donnell. (That same year, Kohn led the investment group that purchased the 64-acre estate that includes the former Craig House psychiatric facility and, in 2018, he purchased the 248 Tioronda development, as well.) Kohn began leasing the spaces owned by O'Donnell behind 364 Main for the tenants at 344 Main St., but attorney Taylor Palmer told the Planning Board last month that Kohn had defaulted on the lease and O'Donnell would be using those spaces for his 364 Main development.

City Administrator Chris White asked the council two weeks ago to allow him to re-lease the 24 municipal spaces (there are 117 in all in the Eliza Street lot and on Church Street) to Kohn for 344 Main for \$50 each per month — a \$10 increase over the city's 2016 rate. White proposed a five-

year deal that would net the city \$72,000.

The only other options, he said, are to revoke the certificate of occupancy for 344 Main or to have Kohn go back to the Planning Board to request a waiver for the spaces he's required to provide.

"The model that we're moving toward is less about private parking and more about having people pay into a parking fund and having a Main Street-wide parking district where the city owns and can improve and eventually do structured parking on our parking lots — and in some cases redevelop them with buildings over them and parking underneath," White told the council during its June 28 workshop.

“The developers come in, they do whatever they want to do, they make their money and the city is left holding the bag.”

~ Council Member Jodi McCredo

But given the limited options at 344 Main, "I figured it's better for us to take \$72,000 for our parking fund than to have Mr. Kohn spend tens of thousands of dollars fighting this out at the Planning Board and then we don't get anything," he said.

The council grudgingly agreed with White, but not before a nearly hour-long discussion on the mistakes made at 344 Main St., and how to avoid making them again.

"I hate everything about this," said Council Member Jodi McCredo. "I think the people that are involved knew exactly what they were getting themselves into when they got involved in it. This is exactly what everybody has been complaining about for the past five or six years. The developers come in, they do whatever they want to do, they make their money and the city is left holding the bag."

But with little restrictions on municipal lots (only that a car cannot stay in the same space for more than 24 hours), there's nothing stopping Kohn's tenants from using the city's spaces now.

"I don't disagree with you about anything. I'm just looking for a way to mitigate this," White said, calling the proposal a "practical solution." If the city revoked 344 Main's certificate of occupancy, "the only thing that could make this ugly building worse is if it's not maintained," he said. "If the [certificate of occupancy] could take away how big the building is, I'd take a run at it. But that [opportunity] has long passed at this point."

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said that Beacon has "to get back to that system where buildings that don't have their own parking need to contribute to a fund" earmarked for a city-wide parking system. But he seemed willing to work with Kohn on his issue, noting that the developer inherited, after his purchase, a project at 344 Main that city officials had erroneously approved and allowed to sprawl three feet into the public sidewalk.

"My understanding was the new owner just said 'fix it,'" Kyriacou said. "And [he] just paid for it."

The City Council is expected to revisit White's proposal at its July 19 meeting after opting not to vote this week. That didn't stop city resident Theresa Kraft



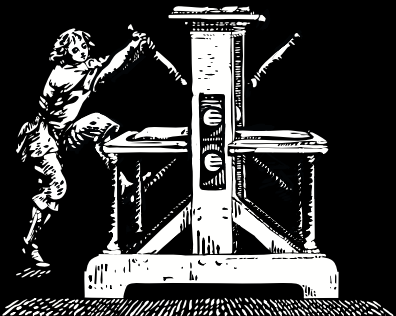
The four stories of 344 Main St.

File photo by J. Simms

from taking the council to task on Tuesday. "You are about to give away a section of the city's public parking for little more than a dollar per spot," she said, while noting that the developer, Kohn, is on the Zoning Board of Appeals' July 20 agenda, seeking permission to build the 64-apartment residential component at 248 Tioronda before constructing its 25,400 square feet of commercial space.

"This request should raise all the red flags," Kraft said.

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Rental Laws *(from Page 1)*

juana sale and consumption establishments in the village.

The board passed two local laws opting out of New York State's cannabis law. The state law would permit retail dispensaries selling pot and sites where people can smoke. The opt-out vote triggers a public referendum as part of the Nov. 2 election, when village voters will decide whether to allow dispensaries and consumption sites.

Early also said the Parking Committee was scheduled to meet on July 7. Once it presents its final recommendations to the Village Board, which can reject, accept or revise the committee's plan, a public hearing on the final plan will be scheduled.

In other business ...

■ "It was my bad," Merandy said while explaining the recent installation of license plate readers on Route 9D near Little Stony Point and Boscobel, and on Route 301 near the eastern boundary of Nelsonville. Merandy said he didn't realize the cameras would be placed outside Cold Spring village limits.

The LPR cameras were funded by a grant from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and are used to identify criminals sought by police and respond to Amber Alerts. Merandy said he will consult with CSPD Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke and present

a full report to the board. He added that he discussed the matter with Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea but had not yet spoken with Nelsonville Mayor Michael Bowman.

■ Village residents Nina Pidala and Roseanne Powell addressed the board, voicing concern about the potential environmental impact of two recharging stations for electric vehicles planned for lower Main Street adjacent to the pedestrian tunnel. Pidala complained that residents in that area are unaware of the proposed project. Merandy urged her to speak with the residents and bring concerns to a future meeting. He said he will consult with Krystal Ford, climate smart coordinator for the Town of Philipstown, which is spearheading the initiative. In 2018, Roberto Muller, the previous coordinator, asked the Village Board to identify possible locations for the stations.

■ The village will carry through with its plan to purchase a new garbage truck after it considered using a private company for trash collection and recycling. Merandy said the total annual cost of garbage and recycling, when handled by the village Highway Department, is approximately \$158,000. He estimated the lowest cost from two regional carting companies to be about \$212,000. "The gap was too big without raising taxes," he said.

■ The board approved hiring John Marti-

nez and James Hipple as police officers. The two candidates were recommended by Burke and were interviewed by the mayor and three trustees.

■ A settlement was approved with William McComish, owner of 29 Rock St., who sued the village. No details were provided.

Hear ye! Hear Ye!

The Cold Spring Village Board is currently addressing a number of significant issues. Here's an update on upcoming public hearings/meetings:

• Village Code Update

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall: A public hearing to address updates to 11 chapters of the village code.

• Marijuana Laws

Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m. at the firehouse: A public hearing to address marijuana laws governing dispensaries and consumption establishments in the village.

• Short-Term Rentals

A second public hearing on short-term rentals will be scheduled soon, addressing recent changes to the proposed law by the Village Board.

• Parking Plan

A date will soon be set for a presentation of the Parking Committee's final recommendations to the Village Board.

Beacon Adds Six Properties to Historic District

Council tables votes on nine others

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council voted to add six properties on or near Main Street to its historic district on Tuesday (July 6), but tabled votes on nine others nominated for inclusion because it lacked the supermajority needed to overcome objections from the buildings' owners.

The building at 269 Main St., built in 1929 and once the home of the *Beacon News*, and 314 Main St., built in 1889 and a former saloon, were two of the properties approved for historic-landmark status by the council. The council also voted to add 232 Main, 315 Main, 403 Main and 1158 North Ave. to the historic district.

Beacon has revised the requirements of the district in the last two years to make it more appealing to property owners.

Historic structures are now eligible to apply for permits allowing special uses associated with history, the arts or culture, such as hotels or other professional uses. The restoration of historic features may also be eligible for tax exemptions and, in some instances, historic preservation grants.

However, the district has its own architectural and design standards. Any alteration of exterior historic features visible from a public street, sidewalk or park would require a certificate of appropriateness from the Planning Board.

The owners of nominated buildings can ask to be excluded, but a supermajority of the council (five of its seven members, which wasn't possible with only four members in attendance on Tuesday) can overrule an objection.

One of the nominees still pending because its owner filed an objection is the Salvation Army building at 372 Main St. If it is added to the district, the decision on the special-use permit required to build a fourth story next door at 364 Main St. would shift to the City Council, rather than the Planning Board.

Visit highlandscurrent.org for news updates and latest information.



Built in 1889 at the corner of North Chestnut, 314 Main St., far right, was a former saloon and dress shop.

Photos by City of Beacon



An automobile showroom used to occupy 1158 North Ave. in Beacon.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

10,635 (+4)

Active Cases in Philipstown: ≤5

Tests administered:

244,627 (+1,970)

Percent positive:

4.3 (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

62.5

Percent in 10516: 72.4
Percent in 10524: 67.1

Number of deaths:

93 (0)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

29,538 (+24)

Active Cases in Beacon: ≤5

Tests administered:

799,483 (+5,200)

Percent positive:

3.7 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

58.3

Percent in 12508: 54.3

Number of deaths:

446 (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of July 6, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of July 2. Percent vaccinated reflects adults receiving at least one dose.



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New Indian Point Oversight Board Forms

Concerns raised about risks to pipelines

By Brian PJ Cronin

With the shuttering of the final nuclear reactor at Indian Point in April, the Indian Point Closure Task Force is no more.

But, per the order of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board has formed and held its first meeting last month. The board consists of the same mixture of state officials, elected officials and worker representatives that made up the task force, with additional stipulations that the board have a member of the environmental community and an expert on nuclear power plants.

Those positions have been filled by Rich-

ard Webster, the legal director for Riverkeeper, and Dave Lochbaum, a retired nuclear engineer who has worked at Indian Point, the Union of Concerned Scientists and the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a reactor technology instructor.

As with the Closure Task Force, the board will have no legal power in and of itself. But it consists of many members who do have legal authority, such as state representatives and members of state regulatory agencies, including the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Labor. Many of the laws passed with regard to the closing of the plant arose out of Closure Task Force meetings, such as securing funding over the next several years to offset lost tax revenue from its shutdown.

"To have this dedicated funding mechanism in place, it gives certainty to the taxing

jurisdictions that this program will be there to assist them," said Tom Congdon, the chair of the Oversight Board and the executive deputy of the state Department of Public Service.

Some of the items tackled in the first meeting picked up where the task force left off, including making sure that Holtec, the company that will be decommissioning the plant, is in contact with local unions and trade groups to make good on its agreement to hire local workers. New action items included setting up a real-time monitoring device at an elementary school near Indian Point to detect radiation, and creating a whistleblower hotline for the workers decommissioning the plant.

"Some of the most important information we can get will be from the employees themselves," said Congdon. "And we want the employees to know that this oversight

board takes worker safety very seriously."

Of particular interest to the board is the monitoring of the two natural gas pipelines that pass under Indian Point. A 2018 safety assessment of the pipelines conducted by the state highlighted the risks that the plant's decommissioning could pose, specifically when the pipes are excavated for maintenance and other work.

Enbridge, the company that operates the pipelines, is planning on excavating the pipes this summer for "preventative maintenance." The board's next meeting, which has not been scheduled, is expected to focus on safety concerns.

Lochbaum, the retired nuclear engineer, said that while the risk of a nuclear accident at a plant being decommissioned is less than one at an operational plant, "it isn't zero."

"You can't let down your guard just because the hazard is diminished, because if [radiation] gets to places it shouldn't be, problems can develop."

Putnam Legislators Urge Towns, Villages Not to Inhale

Advise against letting marijuana stores open

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Putnam County Legislature's Health Committee on June 23 approved sending a letter to towns and villages advising them to opt out of accepting marijuana retail stores and

smoking lounges — before it's too late.

New York legalized recreational use of pot this year, with adults 21 and over able to possess up to 3 ounces and the state authorizing licensed businesses where the drug can be bought and smoked. The law gives cities, towns and villages until Dec. 31 to opt out of permitting such businesses within their boundaries.

Because counties are barred from setting

marijuana policy, regulation "is ultimately up to the municipalities," said Legislator Amy Sayegh of Mahopac.

Speaking as chair of the Health Committee, Sayegh said that "opting out, in my opinion, would be the most prudent." Adopted by 3-0 vote, the letter she proposed warns that a municipality that fails to opt out automatically opts in and "will not be able to opt out in the future."

Citing scholarly articles, the letter states that young adults living within 4 miles of a marijuana store are more likely to use the drug, use it heavily and have more problems as a result, and that prices of homes within roughly a third of a mile from a store fall by 3 to 4 percent, on average, compared to those in "control" areas.

The letter urged local officials to approach the issue carefully. "New York is essentially forcing municipalities that do not opt out to live with the unknown consequences of cannabis legalization forever," it declared.

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The Nimham Trail offers a gentler descent from the first summit of Breakneck Ridge with a newly constructed bridge and new stone stairs

Photos by B. Cronin

Nimham Trail Opens at Breakneck

New route offers hikers a quicker, safer way down

By Brian PJ Cronin

Hiking Breakneck Ridge just got safer and easier for those who seek to tackle the popular trail and quickly find themselves in over their heads. Officials last week cut the ribbon on the new green-blazed Nimham Trail, a half-mile path that starts at the first summit of Breakneck and leads back down the mountain to Route 9D.

"This trail will help reduce congestion that we see on Breakneck, and it will give

people a safer way to head down," said New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid, who grew up in Philipstown.

The Nimham Trail is the first project completed by the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail group, an organization operating as part of Scenic Hudson and spearheading the construction of a new multi-use trail connecting Beacon to Cold Spring. The project's next phase, the Breakneck Connector, will allow for more parking at Breakneck Ridge while eliminating the need for hikers to walk alongside or across Route 9D, and through the tunnel. That phase is scheduled to be completed by next year, while the

entire trail is scheduled to be done by 2027.

The Nimham Trail was created in response to the large number of hikers who, upon scaling the trail's first section, have second thoughts and retreat back down the vertical face, injuring themselves and causing congestion. The new path also is a response to those who become lost after seeking to create their own way down by blindly heading into the woods. The new trail will allow hikers to bail out and head down stone steps, a smooth dirt path and a wooden bridge to return to Route 9D. It will also give first responders a much quicker way up and down Breakneck in order to attend to emergencies. The new loop takes about an hour to complete.

The trail was named in honor of Sachem

Daniel Nimham, a Fishkill native and the final leader of the Wappinger tribe who died in the Revolutionary War fighting on the side of the colonists. Breakneck Ridge, like Bannerman's Castle, lies within the town limits of Fishkill. Nimham, who was friends with Beacon's Madame Brett and supposedly learned English from her and her family, fought to preserve Native American land rights in court, even travelling once to London in order to do so. He will be honored again with a new statue that will be erected within the Town of Fishkill later this year.

"Having a trail and a statue in our town to honor Chief Nimham shows our commitment to our history and to honoring those worthy of our respect and admiration," said Fishkill Town Board Member Kenya Gadsden.

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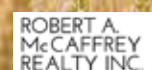
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The Hudson River and marshes stretch below the bluff at Boscobel, south of Cold Spring.

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Philipstown Gets Grant for Trail

Greenway would link Cold Spring and Garrison

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Philipstown has received a \$37,100 grant to plan a path linking Cold Spring to Boscobel and Garrison, part of an effort to build a town-wide network to lessen dependence on gas-powered vehicles.

The Philipstown Trails Committee, a group of volunteers working with town officials, on June 28 announced the funding from the Hudson River Valley Greenway, a 30-year-old state agency. The project earlier received a National Park Service grant.

The grant will fund a feasibility study for the first part of the proposed trail. Currently, anyone traveling from Cold Spring to Garrison must travel by vehicle, boat or train, or dare the hazards of walk-

ing or bicycling 4 miles along Route 9D, a narrow two-lane road that twists and turns, with minimal shoulders.

At a workshop in February, the Town Board and Trails Committee members discussed options for a path from Cold Spring to the Boscobel estate and the adjacent Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, which are about half a mile from Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

The trail network project began in 2018 when the Trails Committee evolved from a Philipstown Community Congress initiative to gauge resident concerns. A 2017 study pinpointed hiking and biking trails across Philipstown as the top priority.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said June 28 that the trail “will serve to disperse people — community residents and visitors — and so alleviate some of the congestion that we are experiencing” as tourism booms.

More than 240 Putnam Renters File for Help

Emergency rental assistance began last month

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County renters who lost income to the side effects of the pandemic shutdown responded quickly after the June 1 launch of an effort to help cover their bills, county legislators learned last week.

The county had received 244 applications for the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program as of June 30, according to Michael Piazza, the commissioner of the Putnam Department of Social Services.

The program will pay up to 12 months of overdue rent dating to March 13, 2020; cover three months of rent going forward for those who expect to spend 30 percent or more of their gross monthly income on housing; and help pay overdue utility bills.

It is designed for renters who had reduced income, significant costs or other financial hardships directly or indirectly related to COVID-19.

On June 23, Piazza told the Legislature’s Health Committee that 101 residents had applied for aid for back rent, 94 needed assistance for anticipated rent, and 24

wanted help with utility bills. Most were from eastern Putnam, he said.

By the end of the month, 125 residents had applied for rent aid, 119 for anticipated rent and 31 for utility bills, Piazza told *The Current* on June 30.

Private social services agencies are assisting residents with the paperwork, Piazza told legislators. “The state says it will remain open as long as they have money” and, so far, he said, “there seems to be no end to the money.”

Piazza said state and federal outreach also includes aid for the homeless or those who have shelter only because they “couch surf” or can live with relatives or friends. “If you don’t have secure housing,” he said, “a lot of your wellness and health is not taken care of.”

According to the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which oversees New York’s rental assistance program, applicants must provide official identification, such as a driver’s license; a Social Security number; a signed lease or receipt; and proof of income. Citizenship status does not affect eligibility.

For more information on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to apply, visit the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance at bit.ly/rent-aid or call **844-691-7368**. Those with a hearing impairment can call **1-833-843-8829**.

Renters can also call the Putnam County Department of Social Services at **845-808-1500**, or **dial 211** or **1-800-899-1479** for the United Way’s emergency helpline (211hudsonvalley.org).

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The Calendar

David Poses

By Alison Rooney



It isn't often that a public relations firm tells a client to "prepare for a war."

Yet David Poses received that warning when he was testing the literary waters for a memoir recounting not just his struggles with heroin addiction, but also his beliefs about its causes and effects and, most contentious of all, his conviction that some treatment approaches are wrong.

The Cold Spring resident, who says he has been clean for 13 years, credits his long-elusive success to buprenorphine, a federally approved medication used since 1981 to treat addiction to opioids. Like other medications used to help people recover from drug and alcohol abuse, buprenorphine staves off crav-

ings and withdrawal symptoms from heroin use, but "a lot of people think it's a substitute drug and don't condone its use," said Poses.

His advocacy of medication-assisted treatment is one of the topics covered in *The Weight of Air: A Story of the Lies About Addiction and the Truth About Recovery*. The memoir, published on July 6, will be formally launched on July 11 at the Desmond-Fish Public Library, where Poses will be in conversation with Brandon Del Pozo, a former Philipstown resident and former chief of police in Burlington, Vermont. Ten percent of all Split Rock Book sales at the event will be donated to the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, which provides local access to mental health and addiction resources.

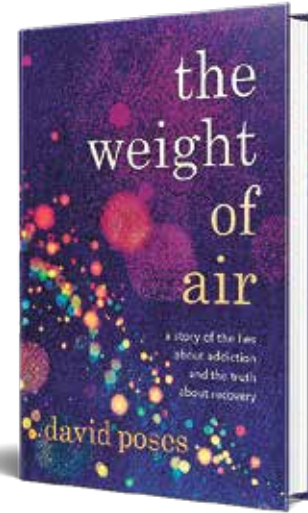
Poses, a former "corporate suit," is no longer "secretive and ashamed" of his struggles. "I'm completely unafraid and don't care what

anybody thinks. We're in this moment when change is happening, and clearly, it's necessary. We're failing to solve this problem and we're making it worse," he said.

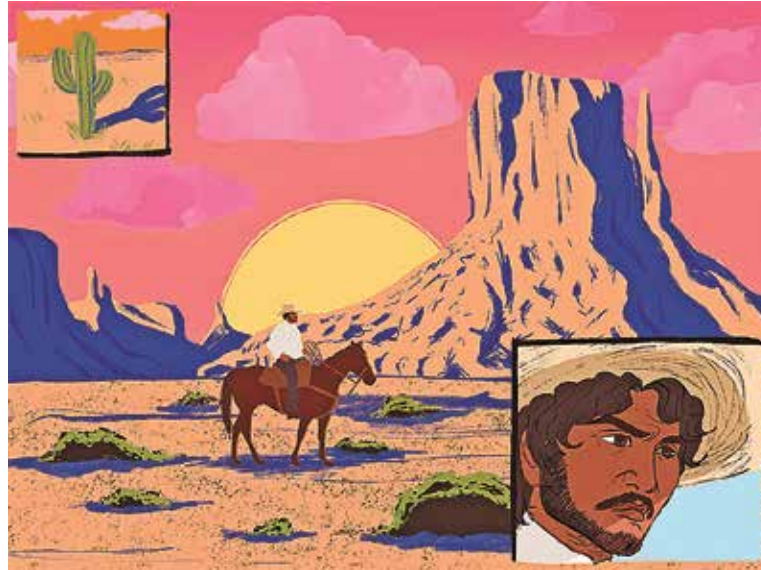
Poses' story, reduced to its bones, began in a middle-class New York suburb, where he battled sadness and depression from early childhood. An array of anti-depressants didn't help; suicidal and having heard about heroin's high, he tried the drug at 16 years old and immediately felt better.

The drug "really stopped me from killing myself" but Poses immediately became addicted and spent the next several years journeying through treatment programs, halfway houses and 12-step programs. Therapists told him that his depression was merely an excuse to use heroin and to "just snap out of it," said Poses. He mastered, by the time he was 19 years old, the art of hiding his many relapses, he said.

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Rachel Lavicoli

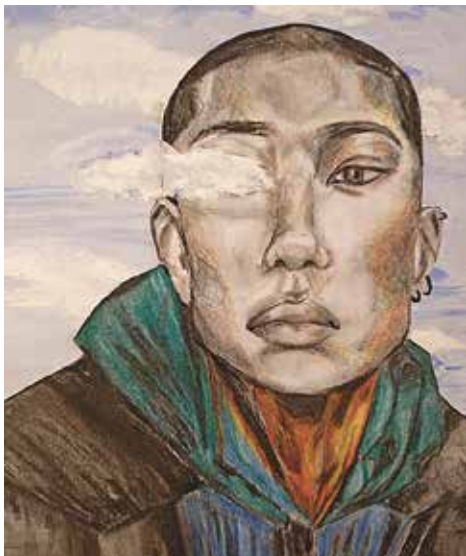


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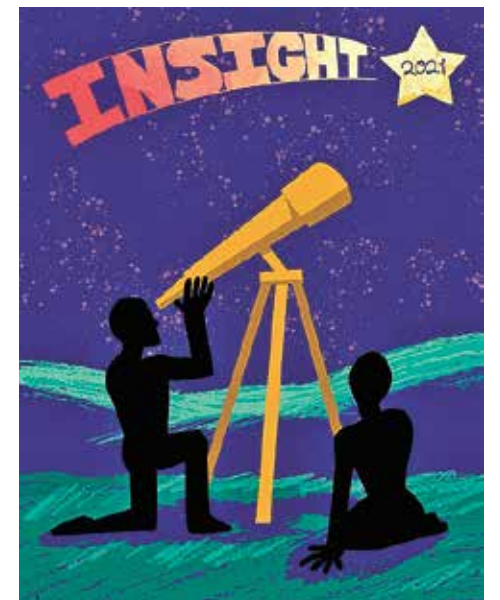
Shannon Ferri

Insight 2021 and Art Show posted online

Haldane High School published its annual literary magazine, *Insight*, last month and also posted artwork created during the 2020-21 school year.

Insight, which includes poetry, fiction and art, can be downloaded at bit.ly/haldane-lit-mag.

The end-of-year art show can be viewed at bit.ly/haldane-art. It includes works by students in Studio in Art, Drawing and Painting, and Advanced Art classes, as well as independent study.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 10

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. Also SUN 11.

SAT 10

Putnam Culture Festival

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312
putnamculturefest.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)*

TUES 13

Community Blood Drive

FISHKILL

1 – 6 p.m. Hyatt House
100 Westage Business Center
redcrossblood.org

Sign up in advance through the website. Type O blood is particularly needed.

TUES 13

Networking Event

BREWSTER

5:30 p.m. Clock Tower Grill
512 Clock Tower Commons
putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com

The Putnam County Business Council is hosting its first networking event in 18 months. *Cost: \$30*

THURS 15

Cold Spring Farmers' Market Fundraiser

GARRISON

6 p.m. Garrison's Landing (Gazebo)
csfarmmarket.org

Enjoy a catered picnic from Fresh Company. *Cost: \$85*

SAT 17

Modern Makers Market Pop-Up

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
St. Mary in the Highlands (Lawn)
1 Chestnut St. | stmaryscoldspring.com

The market will feature handmade goods from 40 artisans and artists, including wood, glass and leather workers, jewelers and potters, as well as live music, food, beer and cider.

SAT 17

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – Noon Hubbard Lodge
2880 Route 9
845-808-1390 ext. 43160
putnamcountyny.com/health

The Putnam County Health Department hosts a free clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets. Bring proof of residency and prior rabies vaccination.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 10

The Goonies

BEACON

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

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. Also SUN 11. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

SAT 10

Pride and Prejudice

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countypayers.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 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. Dockside 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*

WED 14

Dirty Dancing

BEACON

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

In the 1987 film, Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze become dancing partners at a Catskills summer resort, breaking class boundaries. Also THURS 15, FRI 16, SAT 17, SUN 18. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

THURS 15

Life Drawing Workshop and Performance

BEACON

5:30 p.m.
Pete And Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Drive | compassarts.org

In the first of Compass Art's *Interconnected* series, cartoonist and illustrator Ed Murr will draw Sophie Jackson in costumes, then lead an open drawing session followed by a large-scale drawing performance. Costumes encouraged. Rain date July 22. Register in advance. *Free*



Eva Salina and Peter Stan, July 10

SAT 17

Comedy Night

BREWSTER

6:30 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312 | 845-808-1840
tillystablerestaurant.com

The line-up will feature Joey Kola, Andrew Kennedy and local host Frankie Becerra. *Cost: \$40*

TALKS & TOURS

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*

SUN 11

The Weight of Air

GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library (Lawn)
472 Route 403
845-424-3020 | bit.ly/addiction-talk

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. *See Page 11.*

WED 14

The Birth of Dutchess County Courts

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. | dchsnny.org
Dutchess County Historical Society

To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the court system, Dutchess County historian Will Tatum will discuss its earliest days. Watch via Zoom.

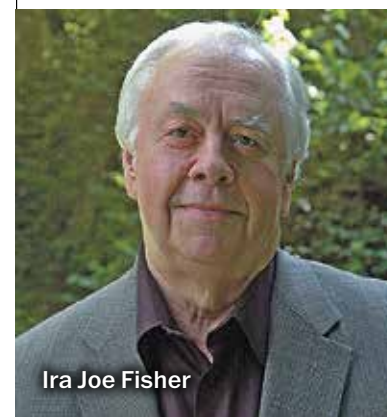
THURS 15

Poetry and Thinking with Ira Joe Fisher

COLD SPRING

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

The broadcaster, author, poet and teacher will present "Improving the Empty Page: Poetry & Thinking" via Zoom and lead a Q&A afterward. Register at bit.ly/ira-fisher.



Ira Joe Fisher

SAT 17

Harvest Dye Materials

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org

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Princess Bride, July 10

SUN 18

Strategies for Better Parenting

GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library (Lawn)
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Local award-winning journalist Melinda Moyer will discuss her new book about science-based parenting strategies with psychology professor and therapist Tracy A. Prout. Register in advance for this event co-sponsored by Split Rock Books.

MUSIC

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

FRI 16

The Flurries & The Costellos

BEACON

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

Local trio The Flurries will play rockabilly hits from their past two albums and The Costellos will perform a blend of rock, pop, surf and country originals. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 at the door)*

SUN 18

Klettner Bros. Band

BEACON

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Joseph and Anton Klettner will perform a variety of rock songs on violin, accordion and guitar. Boats



Sascha Mallon, July 10

leave the Beacon dock at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 children)*

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1 p.m. Beacon Farmers Market

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KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 10

JBL Sprouts Garden Club

COLD SPRING

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

Children 7 to 12 years old can plant their own vegetable or herb and work on crafts.

TUES 13

Tails & Tales Summer Reading

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Incoming first grade students will hear a story and then make crafts.

TUES 13

Kid's Concert

GARRISON

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

Miss Stacy Labriola will sing and engage children in this interactive program.

TUES 13

Campfire Sing-A-Long

WAPPINGERS FALLS

5 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | compassarts.org

Families are invited to join Miss Gina to sing, laugh and move. *Cost: sliding scale \$20 to \$40 per group*

THURS 15

Make Blobfish Slime

COLD SPRING

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

Children in grades 1 to 5 can create their own special slime.

FRI 16

Scavenger Hunt

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Children 6 to 10 years old can join the search. Register in advance.

SAT 17

Bring the Kids

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

Museum educator Miss Lisa will lead this outdoor program focused on Boscobel's history, the Hudson River and the American Revolution. *Cost: \$15 (\$8 ages 5 to 18; ages 5 and under are free)*

VISUAL ARTS

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.

SAT 10

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BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
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MON 12

City Council

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845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 12

Dutchess County Legislature

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. | 22 Market St.
845-486-2100 | dutchessny.gov

TUES 13

School Board

BEACON

6 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900
beaconk12.org

TUES 13

School Board

GARRISON

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

TUES 13

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 14

Public Hearing: Village Code Amendments

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St. | coldspringny.gov

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Village Board

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7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

THURS 15

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Carrot-Coconut Soup With a Thai Carrot-Tops Swirl

Mouths to Feed

Big Tops

By Celia Barbour

Last Saturday, I bought a bunch of carrots at the farmers market. Bright and tender, they had a plume of gorgeous greens sprouting from their tops.



I know how important it is to cut the green tops from root vegetables the moment you get them home, because they sap sweetness and moisture from the roots. Indeed, from a botanical point of view, the entire point of a root vegetable is to support the plant's development of flowers and then seeds — i.e. to create the next generation of carrots, beets, radishes, etc. — and not to taste sweet and lovely for our benefit. A root is simply a fuel pack for the green stuff growing out of its crown.

But once I'd lopped the fronds off my carrots, I could not bring myself to compost them; they looked so fresh and vital. Besides, with three young men bounding around the house this summer, our kitchen has started to feel a bit like the pit stop at the Indy 500, with my job to pump as much caloric fuel into their bodies as quickly as possible before they dash off to their next endeavors. It seemed silly to throw away anything edible.

And, as it happens, carrot tops are edible. It makes sense. Carrots are related to parsley, dill, cilantro, coriander and chervil, as well as to fennel and celery. In other words, they come from a family of plants whose leaves, stems, roots, flowers and seeds we all eat, although millennia of selective breeding have prioritized one aspect of each plant above the others — celery for its stems, celery root for its root, cilantro for its leaves, and so on.

Carrots are also closely related to Queen Anne's Lace, a fact that gives rise to my favorite bit of carrot-family gossip. Queen Anne's Lace didn't exist on this continent until settlers brought carrot seeds over from Europe and began cultivating them in their kitchen gardens. Some of those carrot seeds blew free, went rogue and evolved into the freewheeling wildflowers that now dot our summer meadows like giant snowflakes.

Once or twice, I've actually made pesto from carrot tops. This was back when I was cooking at a summer camp and we often took a nose-to-tail approach to our farm's harvest. We did it for fun and flex, and because carrot-top pesto sounds cool and kids go for that kind of thing when they're away from home. I followed recipes that I found online, made a variation on basil pesto, with carrot tops substituting for the herb, and succeeded in demonstrating that carrot tops are a disappointing substitute for basil in classic pesto.

This time I wanted to try something different. My favorite recipes for roasted carrots pair the vegetable with Moroccan or Thai flavors. I figured the same spice combinations would marry nicely with the tops. This time I wasn't wrong. On Sunday night, I tossed a grain salad with a Moroccan-spiced carrot-top paste, and it was delicious.

Yet for me, midsummer is above all a time for pureed soups. I love that they can be served warm on a cool evening, then eaten as ice-cold leftovers two days later when the thermometer pops back above 90 degrees. So, I made a super-simple carrot soup, with onions, butter, carrots, stock and coconut milk, then swirled a dab of Thai-flavored carrot-top paste into it. The result was exactly what I've been craving — the simple, pure flavor of the carrots offset by the lively, aromatic spicing of the sauce.

Perhaps it was just my imagination, but I thought I tasted something else in that bowlful as well, a hint of the rooted-yet-free, frugal wild-child spirit of the carrot family, a perfect embodiment of summer-time cooking.

FOR THE SOUP

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1 bunch carrots, washed, trimmed and sliced (green tops reserved)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 cup coconut milk
- ¼ teaspoon coriander
- ¼ teaspoon cumin

1. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Add the chopped onion and ginger, reduce the heat to low and gently cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is quite soft and translucent, about 15 minutes. (In the meantime, you can begin preparing the sauce.)
2. When the onion is soft, add the carrots, coriander and cumin, stir to coat well, then raise the heat to medium and cook until the carrots begin to turn golden, about 6 minutes.
3. Add the stock and bring to a simmer. Cook until the carrots can be pierced with a knife.
4. Working in small batches, transfer the carrot mixture to the pitcher of a blender and whirr until completely smooth (be very careful, as hot liquid can erupt if the pitcher is more than one-quarter full at a time).
5. Return the soup to the pot, add the coconut milk and heat just until barely simmering. Serve immediately, drizzled with carrot-greens paste. Or chill and serve ice cold.

FOR THE THAI CARROT-TOPS PASTE:

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| 1 loosely packed cup carrot tops, tender leaves only | 2 cloves garlic, smashed |
| ½ teaspoon salt, plus more for blanching | 1 jalapeno, stem and seeds removed |
| 1 bunch mint, leaves and tender stems only (about 1 cup, loosely packed) | 2 tablespoons lime juice, plus more to taste |
| 1 small bunch cilantro | ½ teaspoon each salt and sugar, plus more to taste |
| 1 tablespoon roughly chopped ginger | ½ cup grapeseed or other mild oil |

1. Bring a small saucepan of generously salted water to a boil. Add the carrot tops, return to a boil and blanch 1½ minutes. Drain and refresh under cold running water.
2. Combine the blanched carrot tops and all the remaining ingredients in the pitcher of a blender. Whirr until smooth. Taste and adjust seasoning. Put unused portion in a resealable bag and store in the freezer up to 3 months.



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Montessori (from Page 1)

The summer camps spots filled up fast, as did spaces for the school, which is preparing to open full-time in September pending New York State registration. Half of the 21 fall enrollees come from Cold Spring, while most of the rest are from Beacon, with a couple from Newburgh. Some are siblings of children Kapoor has taught in the past.

"The timing was lucky, with so many families moving from the city [New York]. There's a big need, and, in fact, all of the local preschools in the area are full," she said.

The school will serve children between 3 and 6 years old, reflecting one of Montessori's major principles: educating kids of different ages as a group. Students will learn together in the same large room, which will be filled with separate play areas, each emphasizing different subjects ranging from music to oceanography.

As the older kids graduate and leave for kindergarten, they are replaced by the youngest, meaning two-thirds of the classroom stays the same for the full three years. That stability helps build children's confidence as they "take ownership" in

the school, Kapoor explained. The mixing of ages also encourages peer learning, an interaction benefitting both older students and their younger classmates, she said.

"For the older ones it builds their own confidence, consolidates their own knowledge," she said. "For the younger, even if it's not direct teaching, through indirect learning a little child sees an older one working on, say, a map of Africa, and though she may not be doing anything at that level, like osmosis, when it's time for that lesson, she gets it."

Children will be allowed to learn at their own pace in each subject area and given individual instruction. With a child who may be strong in math but writing below their age level, "we follow his interest, his level, catering for his needs," said Kapoor. Starting at a child's interest level is "half the battle" and "we don't have to push him to do things he's not ready for," she said.

And then there's the other feature of the Kemble Avenue location that grabbed Kapoor's attention: the outdoors. Along with a small, gated porch set up for activities like gardening and painting, which will allow children to shift inside and outside as they please, there's the whole of the Foundry Preserve, a

mere 10-minute walk away, said Kapoor. The school's summer campers "looked at hundreds of snails" during one excursion to the preserve.

Children will also be taking trips to Tot's Park, writing letters and bringing them to the post office to mail, and visiting the Cold Spring firehouse for safety lessons and other local places.

"Maria Montessori said 'follow the child,' so we're following the child into the woods and coming back to quiet, concentrated play afterward," said Kapoor.

Her roots with Montessori go back to 1998, when she was training in her native India. After teaching two years in India, and helping a friend set up her school, Kapoor decided to go overseas. Hoping to live in the U.S. but finding visas hard to obtain, she

went to Canada instead, teaching in a bilingual Montessori school in Montreal.

After marrying and teaching in Charlottesville and Richmond, both in Virginia, for two years each, Kapoor moved to New York, where her husband took a job with a prominent advertising agency. After a hiatus of seven years, which included raising her children and becoming involved with Tots Park and the Haldane PTA, Kapoor returned to teaching, first at Thevenet in Highland Mills and then Hudson Hills.

Now, finally, the opportunity is hers, and Kapoor is relishing the results. "It's as close to a home environment as you can get," she said.

For more information about the school, visit foundrymontessori.com.

David Poses (from Page 11)

"I'd get clean, then use again, and was constantly told I was using depression as an excuse —that the addiction was the issue, not the depression," he recalls.

Poses secretly used and deceived the people around him for 13 years, despite desperately wanting to be sober. It wasn't until he was prescribed buprenorphine, often sold under the name Suboxone, that Poses was finally able to stop using heroin.

Poses isn't advocating widespread opioid use. The contentious part of his premise is that medical professionals, counselors and all others who work with people struggling with addiction need to focus on the trauma which causes addiction and acknowledge addiction as a symptom of a not-always-evident trauma, not the reason for it.

"In sobriety, I was no less depressed. When I started unpacking the emotional wounds, and started treating the cause of my use of drugs, that's when changes happened," he says.

Before writing a book, Poses had been writing articles and speaking publicly

about the effectiveness of medications like buprenorphine, and rejecting the idea that addiction and depression are rooted in immorality or personal weakness. He also criticizes health insurance companies, who he believes have failed to provide enough coverage for treatment, and is an advocate for more public funding.

Addicts "aren't bad people, they're sad people," he said.

The book represents a new level of openness that he has found to be liberating. He is also aware that opposition to his ideas — from rehab facilities to law enforcement agencies to family members of addicts — exists, even as science and medicine prove the effectiveness of medication-assisted treatment and the physiological roots of addiction.

"If you know that your kid is on drugs, treat them the same way as if they broke their leg," said Poses. "Kicking them out of the house is not the solution."

The book launch takes place at 4 p.m. on Sunday (July 11) on the lawn at the Desmond-Fish Library. Register for the free conversation at bit.ly/addiction-talk.

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Believe the 'Hype' About Hyperbole

Competitors join forces in fashion/art mashup

By Kat Merry

Andrea Podob and Carolyn Baccaro, the owners of hyperbole, an eclectic retail shop on Beacon's Main Street, were perfect strangers when each moved to the city in 2018. Both women, however, arrived in town with a zeal for entrepreneurship and a mission to open their own retail store.

The following spring, Podob opened her shop, Wares, on Tioronda Avenue and just a month later, Baccaro opened Artifact Beacon on East Main Street. Catering to a similar clientele, and just a short walk apart, the two became familiar with each other's storefronts right away.

"Andrea's store featured more clothing and fashion, and mine was more focused on art," Baccaro recalls.

"We hadn't officially met yet and, sure, we were competitors, but I just remember how much I loved her stuff!" said Podob.

Though they chose to highlight different products in their stores, both shared a mission to carry products from local artists and makers, with a focus on sustainability.

"Since our stores and missions kind of complemented each other in that way, we definitely started to notice an overlap in our customer base," said Baccaro.

After running into each other a few times and paying visits to each other's shops, the two began discussing the challenges of running a store alone, as well as their shared dream of a centrally located space on Main Street — something neither could afford individually.

Baccaro recounts that "those conversations kept happening as we got to know each other."

As they shared trials as budding shop owners, the two became friends, and the progression to business partners happened



Carolyn Baccaro, left, and Andrea Podob of Beacon's hyperbole

Photo by K. Merry

naturally and "very quickly," said Podob. "It just clicked one day. We were competitors, but instead of fighting it out, we thought, 'Why don't we just do this together?'"

So, in October 2019, only a handful of months after Wares and Artifact had opened, both women closed up shop and together sought a new space on Main Street. The hardest part, according to the women, was coming up with a name for their store. They spent weeks trying to combine the names of their old stores.

"One day we thought, what is a word that means the best store ever, with the best products ever?" said Baccaro, "and we chose hyperbole!"

But the transition from competitors to friends to business partners brought challenges besides creating a name. Their combined shop, hyperbole (the lowercase "h" is deliberate), opened at 484 Main St. just months before the pandemic shutdown. It also coincided with Baccaro giving birth to her first child. The time became a testament to their bond as friends and their ability to weather challenges as entrepreneurs.

"I was so grateful for Andrea at that time," said Baccaro. "Suddenly having to

close our doors [due to the pandemic] and me starting a family, it was so hard for both of us in different ways. I'm so grateful to have had a partner through all of that."

The two also dived into uncharted territory when, like most smaller retailers, they were forced to pivot to digital sales during the early months of the pandemic.

"It was pretty crazy to go all-digital, but it did allow us to build up that part of our business. We couldn't have done that alone," said Podob. "We had to work together in a new way, to reach customers that hadn't ever walked into our store."

As social distancing restrictions began to ease, the doors to hyperbole opened for good, hopefully, in March. That's when the advantages of combining their efforts became most evident.

"We had so much customer overlap at Wares and Artifact," said Podob, "and we noticed that so many people followed us here from the old stores."

Another striking advantage is the unique shopper's experience they have created at hyperbole. Since combining their passions of art and fashion, the duo can offer in-depth knowledge about all the products in their store.

Shopping for a piece of art? Baccaro has details about the local artists and can assist in picking out complementary pieces. With clothing, Podob can recount where she sources vintage pieces or the independent artisans that create the store's jewelry.

"Curating the store was definitely the easiest part, and the most fun. We love focusing on the experience for our customers and introducing them to unique and locally sourced pieces," said Baccaro.

It's hard to pinpoint one thing that makes hyperbole a success, but in their opinions, dedication to the customer and the local makers they feature has been essential. "Even when we had our own stores and were competitors, we supported each other. We really balance each other and it's kind of crazy how it all worked out," said Baccaro.

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Sloan was president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad for 32 years. In 1907, his son, Samuel Sloan Jr., and his wife Katherine moved into the home and expanded it by about 5,000 square feet and introduced a more Italianate style. In the 1920s, architect Fletcher Steele redesigned and expanded the landscaping.

The 11,800-square-foot home, which has six bedrooms, stayed in the Sloan family until Katherine died in 1951. The buyers owned it for nearly 60 years, until 2010.

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The Sloan mansion in its original state Putnam History Museum



Portrait of Samuel Sloan



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SPORTS

Black Baseball (from Page 20)

ued, but when Robinson, Doby and others broke the color barrier in the late 1940s, the Negro Leagues began a steady decline and had all but disappeared by the 1960s.

During the barnstorming era, teams such as the New York Lincoln Giants — whose lineup included Spot Poles, “the Black Ty Cobb” — Cuban Stars, Baltimore Elite Giants, Puerto Rican All Stars, New York Black Yankees, Indianapolis Clowns and the Satchel Paige All Stars all played in the Hudson Valley into the 1960s.

Satchel Paige entered professional baseball in 1926 with the Negro Southern League’s Chattanooga Black Lookouts and went on to become one of the most famous and talented players in the Negro Leagues. In 1948, at age 42, he broke into the major leagues with the Cleveland Indians, making him the oldest “rookie” in league history.

Late in his barnstorming career Paige would only pitch a couple of innings, but he was still a big draw and always sold tickets.

The Putnam County History Museum in Cold Spring recently opened an exhibit, *Putnam at Play: Recreation and Leisure in the 19th & 20th Centuries*, that includes a look at the history of Black baseball.

The exhibit was created over the course of a year by museum Executive Director Cassie Ward, working in collaboration with



Satchel Paige barnstormed the Hudson Valley as late as the 1960’s.

Photo courtesy of Bob Mayer

Putnam Valley resident and baseball historian Bob Mayer, whose work this article is largely based on.

Mayer is scheduled to give a talk on baseball history at the museum this fall. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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Tri-County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Director is seeking an office assistant to learn and manage the database system, as well as provide telephone intake coverage. The Tri-County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) is a program of the Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) and the Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. Ombudsmen help residents understand and exercise their rights to good care in an environment that promotes and protects their dignity and quality of life. The successful applicant will be required and paid to participate in a week-long training program to become a state-certified ombudsman.

Must have experience and/or a commitment to responding to residents in long-term care facilities who have multiple health conditions. Excellent computer, telephone, and interpersonal skills needed and an enthusiastic team player sought. The position is currently part-time, with up to twenty hours weekly. Please send cover letter and resume to judy@ltccc.org

Karen Chiappini (1954-2021)

Karen Chiappini, 67, of New Jersey and formerly of Cold Spring, died June 10.

Born in 1954, she was the daughter of Norman and Rose (Newkirk) Champlin Jr. Karen grew up in Cold Spring, where she began her musical career at age 13 as the organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown.

After attending Westminster Choir College, where she earned a bachelor of music degree in church music and music education, she later attended Montclair State University, where she received a master’s degree in organ performance.

Along with playing the organ, Karen directed vocal choirs and bell choirs and taught elementary school music at schools and churches of various denominations. At age 50, she earned her nursing degree at Bergen County Community College. After a short career as a nurse, she returned to music. She developed a Kindermusik program for children, and also entertained them as Rainbow the Clown.

Karen is survived by her son, Christopher Chiappini; and a sister, Dale Meck (David) of Hyde Park. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of the Assumption (assumptionparish.org) or First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown (presbychurchcoldspring.org).



Larry Fitzpatrick (1951-2021)

Lawrence Fitzpatrick, 69, of Fishkill, died June 28 at his home.

He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on Aug. 7, 1951, the son of Victor and Helen (Niederriter) Fitzpatrick. Larry was a systems engineer for Eastman Kodak until his retirement in 2009. He was an avid gardener and hiker and enjoyed traveling with his wife of 45 years, the former Maria Bole.

He was also a volunteer at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, a key member of the Bridge Club, a Gallery Committee



member and an accomplished photographer who displayed his works at many of its exhibitions. He also contributed photos on occasion to *The Current*, including those taken at Long Dock Park and the Bear Mountain Bridge.

Along with his wife, Larry is survived by his daughters, Linda Cavanaugh (Michael) and Michelle Fitzpatrick; his granddaughters, Emma and Brynn Cavanaugh; and his siblings: Ed Fitzpatrick (Pat Miller), Kathy Rominick (Ray), Warren Fitzpatrick (Maria), Tom Fitzpatrick (Laurie) and Neal Fitzpatrick (India).

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 17, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home, 1089 Main St., in Fishkill. Memorial donations may be made to the Howland Cultural Center (howlandculturalcenter.org).

Mary Flaherty (1931-2021)

Mary H. Flaherty, 89, of Cold Spring, died June 27.

She was born in Peekskill on Aug. 2, 1931, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Ryan) Guzi. On Feb. 20, 1954, at the Assumption Church in Peekskill, she married William “Bill” Flaherty of Verplank. The couple moved to Cold Spring, where they raised five children.

Mary graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School in 1948 and the Cochran School of Nursing in 1951. She also held a master’s degree in nursing from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.

She began her career as an RN at Peekskill Hospital. After starting a family, she earned her accreditation in teaching from Russel Sage College and began a career as a school nurse teacher at Haldane and the Garrison School. She then returned to Hudson Valley Hospital and retired as its director of quality management.

After retiring from the medical field, Mary became an artist, painting in oils in the style of the Hudson River School.

She is survived by her children: William Flaherty (Deborah) of Beacon; Timothy Flaherty of Norwalk, Connecticut; Joann Sherman (Jamie) of Cold Spring; Robert Flaherty (Annette) of Cold Spring; Bridget O’Brien (Kevin) of Cohasset, Massachusetts. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 2 at Our Lady of Loretto, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery.



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Bill Smith, 73

Beacon

Linda Barry
Mario Dubiel, 60
Joe Hockler, 83
Gary Kemp Jr., 37

Mary Magee, 102
Richard Way, 75
Don Weed, 96
Vinnie Weyant, 79

For more obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org/obits.

Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Pack cargo

5. Billboards

8. On — with

12. Vagrant

13. Old Oldsmobile

14. TV’s “Warrior Princess”

15. Actress Falco

16. Rep.’s rival

17. Apple product

18. Criminal’s “why”

20. Latin love

22. Whiskey variety

26. Dishonor

29. Succor

30. Blue

31. Runner’s tempo

32. Greek H

33. *Three Sisters* sister

34. Last (Abbr.)

35. Nay undoer

36. Void

37. Outing for two couples

40. Bedouin

41. Boston athlete

45. Wrinkly fruit

47. Dhabi preceder

49. “— la Douce”

50. Thaw

51. Allow

52. Pants part

53. Adams and Schumer

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DOWN

1. Son of Noah

2. Commotion

3. Life story

4. “Alas ...”

5. *As You Like It* setting

6. Actor Billy — Williams

7. Neighbor of Kenya

8. Self-evident truth

9. Pre-game morale booster

10. Year in Spain

11. “Awesome!”

19. Compete

21. Club —

23. Like some exclusive

24. Cabin

25. “— the night before ...”

26. Tater

27. Head light?

28. In reality

32. Size up

33. Washington Monument, e.g.

35. Carte lead-in

36. Chowd down

38. Londoners, e.g.

39. Keen

42. Nest setting

43. One-named supermodel

44. Roman censor

45. Actress Thurman

46. Tiara sparkler

48. Spell-off

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 tiger is an endangered one (7)

2 boat “propeller” (5)

3 wadded into a ball (8)

4 distance across (7)

5 one offering solace (9)

6 subpoena (6)

7 what product is delivered in (9)

SOLUTIONS


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1. DACHSHUND, 2. TANGIBILITY, 3. GARBAGEMAN, 4. AMBITIOUS, 5. ABANDON, 6. FINISHING, 7. SURNAME

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Barnstorming helped Black players make a better living from baseball.



The Cuban Giants

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Black Baseball: The Hudson Valley Connection

Satchel Paige and other Black players barnstormed the area for many years

By Michael Turton

Even the most casual baseball fan probably knows Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, becoming the first Black man to play major league baseball in the modern era and starring at first base for the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers.

Slightly more devoted students of the game appreciate that just a few months later, Larry Doby became the second Black man to play in the majors, excelling behind the plate and at bat with the American

League's Cleveland Indians.

Ardent present-day fans of "America's Pastime" may be vaguely aware that prior to Robinson's and Doby's exploits, baseball's Negro Leagues epitomized the extent of segregation in the U.S., in and beyond sports. But knowledge of the history of Black baseball beyond that, including its presence in the Hudson Valley, is pretty scant for all but true scholars of the game.

Long before the Negro Leagues, white and Black men actually played the game together on professional teams as early as the 1870s.

But by 1890, as a result of hostility towards Black players, a "gentleman's agreement" among white team owners segregated the game. And so it remained until Robinson and Doby.

All-Black teams often took to the road, where money could be made playing exhibition games. They normally played as little as a third of their games in their own leagues.

"Barnstorming teams" began visiting the Hudson Valley as early as the late 1880s.

Established in 1885 on Long Island, the Cuban Giants were the country's first Black professional team. That year, they won the three games they played in Middletown against the Wallkill Baseball Club.

That same summer, the Wallkill team also lost a game to the Newburgh Gorhams, who would later go on to meet the Cuban Giants in the Colored Championship.

In the years that followed, the Gorhams, Cuban Giants and Cuban X-Giants often rolled into Middletown to play another talented local white team, the Asylum Base

Ball Club, which was sponsored by the State Homeopathic Hospital for the Insane. The Middletown hospital's superintendent felt patients' spirits would be lifted if they had a good baseball team to root for.

The Asylums were formidable; a number of their players, including "Happy" Jack Chesbro, went on to careers in professional baseball.

Chesbro, a pitcher, won 41 games with the New York Highlanders in 1906. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946.

The Wallkill and Asylum teams' rivalries with Black barnstorming teams lasted many years. In 1905, a reunion game played in Middletown between the Asylums and Cuban Giants drew 3,000 fans.

The Negro National League was established in 1920 and thrived through the Depression years. Barnstorming contin-

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Renegades Transition to Yankees Affiliation

Attendance increasing as team eyes playoffs

By Skip Pearlman

What could be more perfect than having a New York Yankees minor league affiliate just 60 miles north of Yankee Stadium in the Bronx?

The Hudson Valley Renegades last year made a change from being a part of the Tampa Bay Rays organization to becoming the Yankees High-A affiliate. In an area packed with Yankees fans, it's no surprise the response has been positive.

"It's been good, positive, different," Joe Ausanio, director of baseball operations, said this week. "The guys are just that much better."

While the Yankees affiliation has certainly been a positive for the club, it

also helps that COVID-19 infections are waning in New York due to vaccinations. Except for certain settings like schools and health care facilities, the state has essentially ended pandemic restrictions.

Fans visiting Dutchess Stadium to watch the Renegades "are really excited," and attendance has increased from the start of the season, when the stands at the 4,500-seat stadium were about 20 percent full, said Ausanio. "Some people are still a bit scared, with new variants. But if people are vaccinated, I think they should feel safe," he said.

It's still early in the season but the club also believes the Yankees affiliation helps with ticket sales and "energized" the Renegades' fan base, said Ausanio. While the area is predictably short on Rays fans, it is long on "rabid" Yankees supporters who can watch players destined to be major leaguers, he said.

The Renegades roster includes some potential Yankee stars of tomorrow, including pitcher Luis Medina, who has an "electric arm," and shortstop Oswald Peraza, who reminds Ausanio of a young Derek Jeter, the Yankees Hall of Fame shortstop.

"He's strong and hits for power and average," Ausanio said.

On occasion, Yankees from the big club will rehab with the Renegades, like star pitcher Luis Severino, who recently made two appearances with the club, both on the road, before straining his groin. Ausanio said that whenever possible the team will let fans know if a big name is going to be rehabbing at Dutchess Stadium.

"It all depends on where they are in their rehab," he said. "If we know a player will be rehabbing here, we absolutely will let our fans know."

Unlike the big club, the Renegades are "absolutely meeting expectations," said Ausanio. The team is in first place and on pace for the playoffs. On Wednesday (July 7) at Dutchess Stadium, the team played the second game in a series against the Brooklyn Cyclones, the New York Mets High-A affiliate. It's the first time the Renegades have faced the Cyclones since becoming a Yankees affiliate.

Saul Torrez's sacrifice fly in the 10th inning drove in the winning run, as the Renegades beat Brooklyn, 3-2.

Reid Anderson started for Hudson Valley and went six strong innings, allowing two runs and striking out six. Barrett Loseke pitched the last four (one hit, six strikeouts), earning the win, and was named Player of the Game. Josh Smith had a solo homer for the Renegades, and Elijah Dunham had a three-hit night.

The Renegades were set to host Brooklyn today at 6:30 p.m., Saturday (July 10) at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.