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Cold Spring police install license-plate readers

By Michael Turton

ameras installed over Main Street and Route 9D earlier this month now capture the license plate numbers of every vehicle entering or leaving Cold Spring.

The three cameras, installed for the Cold Spring Police Department, are located in Philipstown on Route 9D just south of Peekskill Road and at Little Stony Point Park and in Nelsonville on Main Street (Route 301) just east of Peekskill Road. Routes 301 and 9D are state roads.

Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke said on Thursday (July 22) that the cameras are used only to assist with investigations, not to police traffic infractions such as speeding, seat-belt use or expired registrations.

"I know people's fear is Big Brother is watching," he said. "They're used only for criminal investigations or locating missing persons. We're not looking to give out cheap tickets."

The cameras, funded by the federal Department of Homeland Security, were provided by Putnam County at no cost to the village. Burke said he consulted with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department to select locations to cover all entrances and exits from Cold Spring, which meant placing them outside village limits.

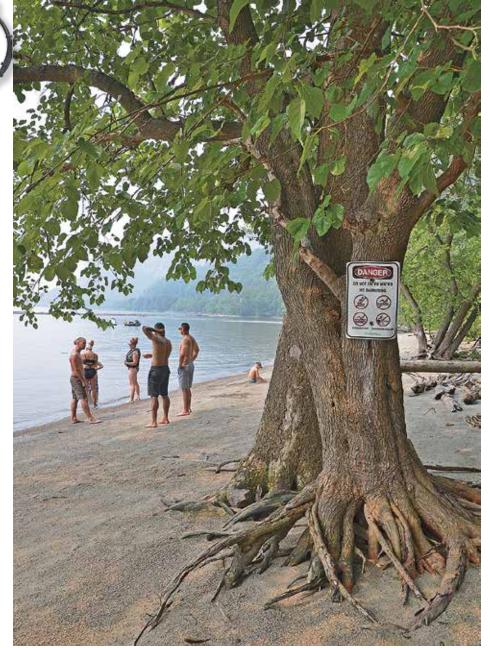
"If I had placed them inside the village, there would have been too many ways to get around the cameras," he said.

At the July 6 meeting of the Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy said he hadn't realized the cameras would be installed outside Cold Spring, and as a result, officials in Philipstown and Nelsonville were not notified until after the fact.

Burke said the cameras would have helped with crimes that have occurred on Main Street, such as a burglary at Joseph's Fine Jewelry in 2017 in which early morning thieves used a rotary saw

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A license-plate reader (above) installed near Little Stony Point Photo by M. Turton



A sign at the Little Stony Point riverfront, known locally as Sandy Beach, warns of the dangers of swimming there.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Could River Patrol Have Saved Swimmer?

Drowning near Cold Spring prompts criticism

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County's elimination of Sheriff's Department patrols on the Hudson River continued to make waves this month as some local officials linked it to a June 29 drowning near Cold Spring and neighboring counties were non-committal about patrolling in Putnam's absence.

After scuttling the river patrols, Putnam

County Executive MaryEllen Odell on June 17 appealed to Rockland, Orange, Westchester and Dutchess to "continue a conversation" about mutual aid on the river off Cold Spring, Garrison and Philipstown.

When contacted by *The Current*, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess officials said they would continue to provide emergency assistance but did not commit to regular patrols along Putnam's shoreline.

A representative of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department said on Monday (July 19) that it planned to continue

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Overdoses Reach Record High

Deaths in Dutchess surge during pandemic

By Leonard Sparks

hristina Goebel had just finished talking with a client in March 2020 at a Hudson Valley substance abuse treatment clinic where she worked when the news came.

Because of a new and fast-spreading viral disease called COVID-19, the program would be shutting down and its clients sent home.

Within a month, six clients had died of overdoses, Goebel said.

Those six were among a reported 93,000 overdose deaths in the U.S. last year, about 20,000 more than in 2019 and a record high, according to newly released data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In New York state, the number of overdose deaths rose by 31 percent and Mid-Hudson counties recorded significant spikes after seeing deaths fall in 2019.

Overdoses from opioids, a class of drugs that includes heroin, fentanyl and prescription painkillers, surged by 57 percent in Dutchess County, according to newly updated data from the state Department of Health. Putnam County also experienced an increase, to 16 fatalities, compared to 12 in 2019.

The trend extended to four of the region's other five counties: Ulster County (67 percent); Sullivan (57 percent); Orange (31 percent); and Westchester (31 percent). Rockland, where overdose fatal(Continued on Page 6)

Opioid Overdose Deaths

	2018	2019	2020
DUTCHESS	82	65	102
PUTNAM	21	12	16
ORANGE	107	79	102
ROCKLAND	33	46	40
SULLIVAN	34	30	47
ULSTER	60	33	55
WESTCHESTER	133	91	119
STATE (EXCL. NYC)	1,922	1,788	2,338

Source: New York State Department of Health



FIVE QUESTIONS: **BRIAN MERRITT**

he Rev. Brian Merritt is the new interim pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown. He succeeds the Rev. Doris Chandler, who left in October for a church in Michigan.

As a kid, did you dream of being a pastor or a New York Yankee?

I'm from Nebraska, so I would have been a Kansas City Royal. I wanted to be a missionary because I was a fundamentalist. When I ended that, I couldn't be a missionary. Instead, I attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas with my wife, Carol, who is the pastor in Bedford. I'm probably more liberal, and she's more humanistic. I have a little cynicism toward the human race. I've been an activist as long as I've been a pastor, nearly 25 years, including in Louisiana, New Mexico, Tennessee and Washington, D.C.

What do people mean when they say, "I'm spiritual, but not religious"?

It's an excuse to be a radical individualist. There is no spirituality without community. None of us walk into the desert and a beam of light comes down. Most Eastern religions, including Christianity, believe you practice religion, then have an experience. In the West, we want to have an expe-



rience so we can start practicing religion. Once I complete the sentence, "God is ____," I'm not sure I believe anything anymore. It has to be an open sentence.

How can the decline in so many congregations be reversed?

Churches have to admit their complicity in racism, sexism and prejudice, and understand if you're continually harping against critical race theory, you're sinning. It's coming to grips with how they have oppressed people and continue to be white supremacists. The Presbyterian denomination is 93 percent white; we opened Indian schools to assimilate Native Americans. We

have to face our history and repent. It's not just liberals; outside politics, conservatives are also saying: "We have to come to grips with this." Churches are ignoring things that are important to new generations. If churches, with people primarily over age 50, don't address the environmental catastrophe, what are they telling young people? Churches are inflexible. It'd take Presbyterians up to 10 years to write something that says we're anti-racist. My denomination has a \$10 billion pension fund, mostly from Wall Street. People see these things, the sexual abuse, the contradictions. We need to be flexible, transparent and willing to change.

Human sacrifice is considered barbaric, yet according to Christian theology, Jesus was sacrificed. Is that not barbaric?

A lot of feminist theologians would say it's divine child abuse. Up until the 11th century, the church allowed different views of atonement. Blood atonement, the cross, wasn't necessarily the earliest iconography. It was also Jesus as the good shepherd. Some early church fathers spoke of Jesus coming down, gathering people, bringing them back to who they were meant to be as humans. Some people need to have Jesus sacrificed to pay their debt. I understand that's important to them, but I'm less convinced in blood atonement. If Isaac had been sacrificed by Abraham, that would have been pretty horrendous. It's not where I am.

Religion often seems so serious. Is there any room for humor?

There should be. Unfortunately, many churches are humorless. In the liturgy, communion is a joyful feast, a celebration. It sometimes feels more like we're marching to our death. I often feel I need to use that line from *Fantasy Island*, "Smiles everyone! Smiles!" Most people who are religious take themselves incredibly seriously. There should be humor. You have to start with yourself and move outward. We just had four years of evangelicals being completely, hilariously absurd and illogical — and they're losing people like mad.



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ON THE SP&T

By Michael Turtor

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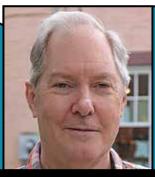
On the grill, with the husks off; butter and a bit of salt.



~ April Zimmerman, Beacon

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Grill it in the husks; have it with butter, salt and pepper.



~ Fred Norgaard, Cold Spring

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Boil it in sugar water. Just eat it; no salt, pepper or butter.



~ Gina Giordano, Cold Spring

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to cut a hole in the glass front door.

'There aren't many cars leaving the village at 4 a.m.," Burke said, noting it wouldn't take long to make a list of license plates to investigate.

The cameras also have assisted with locating missing persons, Burke noted. He cited the case of a Cold Spring resident suffering from Alzheimer's who left the village by car. He was located after his license plate was recorded by a camera in Danbury, Connecticut, Burke said.

All photos from the Cold Spring cameras, which capture the license plate and usually the driver, are instantly transmitted to the Westchester/Putnam Real Time Crime Center. If a plate is associated with an investigation, missing person or Amber Alert when a child has been abducted or is in danger, the Cold Spring police are notified "in about a minute," Burke said.

He said the department will soon acquire a smartphone dedicated to alerts from the crime center, shortening the notification time further. Notifications are shared with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies.

At a Nelsonville Village Board meeting on Monday (July 19), Mayor Michael Bowman said its members "were a little bit ticked off because we weren't consulted or alerted" and that Burke had apologized for the lack of communication.

Chris Keeley, the husband of Trustee Chris Winward and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, asked why the Cold Spring police had the "jurisdictional authority to come in and install something on our street" and quipped that a few residents might go out surreptitiously and

remove the camera.

"I wouldn't go that route," Bowman responded.

Last year, citing privacy issues — although license-plate readers are installed outdoors on public roads — the Putnam County Legislature conducted a protracted debate over policies for use of the cameras before allowing the Sheriff's Department to supply them to the Cold Spring police.

Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong contributed reporting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cold Spring Delays Police Group

Receives five applications for five spots

The Cold Spring Village Board on Tuesday (July 20) said it would delay creating a community stakeholder group to assist with a state-ordered review of the Police Department because it received only five applications for five positions.

The board said it would advertise for more applicants after Labor Day. Last year, Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered municipalities to review the policies of their law-enforcement agencies.

When it announced the formation of the group in June, the village said it was seeking "a broad range of perspectives, experiences, knowledge and values of our community. Diversity of race, ethnicity, gender, age and nationality are sought and are essential to conforming to and reaching the goals of the executive order."

Hudson Valley Honor Flights to Resume

Applications being accepted for trips

Roundtrip flights carrying military veterans from the Hudson Valley to Washington, D.C., to visit war memorials and share a dinner in their honor, will resume this fall after trips were canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic.

Hudson Valley Honor Flight is taking appli-

cations for a trip leaving from Stewart International Airport in New Windsor on Oct. 9 and one from Westchester County Airport on Nov. 6. The trips are free for veterans and \$400 for their guardians, and everyone must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Priority will be given to World War II and Korean War veterans. See hybonorflight.com.

Maloney Appointed to West Point Board

Congressman will serve second, 1-year term

R ep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands, was appointed on July 15 by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to

a one-year term on the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors.

Maloney previously served on the board in 2016. Its members make an annual visit to West Point to evaluate its operations and policies and submit a report to the president.

Ferry Service to be Restored

Newburgh-Beacon resumes in August

Metro-North announced this week that it plans to restore ferry service between Newburgh and Beacon by the end of August.

The service, which operated during the rush hours, was suspended during the pandemic shutdown. The Haverstraw-Ossining ferry will also resume, although schedules have not been released.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Reformed Church

I wish the "planning" board had a little more foresight into the future needs of this incredible property ("Beacon Church Plan Questioned," July 16). If protecting the historical integrity of this church, parsonage and cemetery is a concern, why were developers allowed to dwarf and box in such a beautiful town asset that is clearly best used as a community space? Sadly, the opportunity to truly "get this right" has long passed.

While it would be great to see a youth center in Beacon, this is a property that needs substantial investment and ongoing maintenance; it would require significant funding from the city or a philanthropic investment. A hotel would bring significant tax income to the city, which can be put toward this type of programming, perhaps even using the facilities when available. And charging for parking along Beekman and/or on the unsightly lot across from West End Lofts could be another revenue source for the city that this project would bring to the table. This is also an incredible opportunity for a multitude of jobs and internships.

I hope the city not only finds a way to see this project through, but works with the

developers to make it a true asset for the economy and infrastructure of Beacon. It would also be great to see a city plan that celebrates Beacon's place as a cultural destination over championing housing developments wherever a plot of land exists.

Adam Izen, Beacon

I am concerned that yet another developer is rushing in to deface a beautiful historic building in Beacon, not to mention the nuisance it will create as a concert venue for 500 or more. Not only is there insufficient parking, but I don't think the new occupants of nearby townhomes will be terribly enamored. They deserve peace and quiet at night like anyone else.

If you want to put on concerts, there is a stadium just to the north of us with plenty of parking. If you want something made out of this historic property, please keep our residential neighborhoods in mind and put in something which would be appreciated by all, like an upscale farm-to-table restaurant such as they have at Blue Hill Farm.

The interior of this church must not be destroyed and the pipe organ is an integral part of that interior. There is parking

enough for a restaurant and the interior would be a spectacular setting for it. Plus, it could be used from morning to night, with little fuss every day of the week. This is a town that cherishes its history and neighborhoods; it's not the rundown industrial area of a big city waiting to be exploited.

Mary Fris, Beacon

Why don't they make a community center for children like we had some time ago before the real Beacon was forgotten about and disregarded for profit and gentrification? Folks put up signs supporting Black lives and whatnot, yet I see the opposite: The colonialist lives matter, not the generational townsmen and women.

Rachel Parker, Beacon

Almost every building in Beacon has gotten its zoning changed and it's going to get worse. Can anyone say "Craig House?" Beacon is circling the drain. Watch what variances they're going to get.

Dennis Moroney, Beacon

If we can put unused condos and 10 million bars here, I'm OK with focusing on an artistic endeavor.

Melissa Nastasi, $via \ Instagram$

I'm so sick of developers telling us that historic buildings which inconvenience their plans have no historical significance. This church most definitely is historically significant! Underneath that aluminum siding is a beautiful 1850 to 1860 Italianate Revival house.

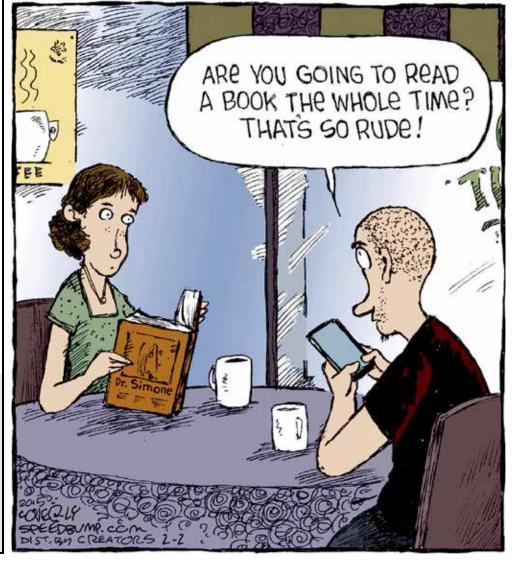
I'm not against repurposing the property, but I am against demolishing the parsonage to build a hotel. These buildings are already bookended by two developments. A 30-room hotel would complete the wall.

James Kelly, Newburgh

I would like to clear up any misconceptions about our development of the former Reformed Church. Our investment group has not proposed a concert venue; it will not be a nightclub, nor will it be Webster Hall or anything similar. We are not asking for a zoning change but a use change, as it was previously religious.

We are Beacon residents. We are proposing an event space (the church) that will function as an accessory to the hotel (the parsonage) — small, with 25 to 30 rooms. The new use will not be that different from the current use of an active church-going congregation. The capacity of 500 is the number that the building would hold. It's a big space, and we have considered the possibility of hosting a large event on occasion. However, we antici-

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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pate the majority of events to accommodate a much-smaller audience of between 100 and 200 people, and, to address concerns, we will reduce the maximum capacity considerably moving forward.

We anticipate hosting kid-friendly and family entertainment as well as art exhibitions and theater, conferences, education talks, weddings and other performances, such as dance and, yes, music. I have a background in music and theater, so these things matter and we are looking to host intimate, quality events.

To satisfy the Planning Board's concerns, we are reviewing the hotel plan and making changes to include the existing parsonage house. I know that everyone might not have the same vision for the space, but we're here to listen and work with the community to make this beautiful church open to all of us.

I live five blocks from the church and have two small children, and the last thing we want is to host a rock concert with 500 guests every night. We are listening to concerns about parking and neighborhood disturbance, and are preparing traffic and parking studies to address these concerns and figure out our impact.

Gavin Hecker, $via\ Facebook$

Code changes

As a safety matter — for both dog and human — dogs should be on-leash in

the village ("Cold Spring to Adopt Code Changes," July 16). But if you understand and respect dogs, a leash should not — need not — be the primary means of communicating and engaging. With a modicum of knowledge and training, that leash can be loose most of the time because Fido knows what you want and you know what Fido needs. Done that way, a leash is mostly for communication, not control, and "walking the dog" is fun for members of both species, instead of a burdensome chore.

Although "animal welfare officer" is probably better than "animal control officer," whatever the term, it's a difficult, sometimes dangerous job that often requires gaining physical control of a frightened, angry, maybe rabid animal.

Art Lopatin, Cold Spring

Pot or cannibis?

In reporting about the legalization of marijuana in New York State, I wish *The Current* could begin to use the correct terminology ("Putnam Legislators Urge Towns, Villages Not to Inhale," July 9). *Pot, weed, marijuana* and various other names for the smokable and edible forms of this plant are slang. If news sources and those entrusted with making decisions about its use and availability want to be taken seriously, proper terms must be used. The law governing its legalization refers to *cannabis. The Current* and Putnam County Legislator Amy Sayegh

(*Letters and Comments*, July 16) should know this and write and act accordingly.

Lynn Miller, Cold Spring

The editor responds: We use The Associated Press Stylebook as a guide; it recommends "marijuana" but says "pot" and "cannabis" are acceptable, as well. According to the Stylebook, cannabis is the usual term outside North America and "some prefer cannabis because of arguments the term marijuana was popularized in the United States in the early 20th century to stoke anti-Mexican sentiment. Slang terms such as weed, reefer, ganja or 420 are acceptable in limited, colloquial cases or in quotations."

We have been living with the consequences of liquor legalization for quite a long time, and we know it hasn't been pretty. There is reams of data showing cannabis consumption to be far less dangerous than alcohol consumption, so I'm curious as to what kind of research Putnam legislators base their argument on, if any.

Heather Candon, via Instagram Editor's note: In its letter to town and village leaders, the county Legislature's Health Committee cited recent studies on the effect of marijuana dispensaries published in the Journal of Health Communication, the Journal of Addictions and Regional Science and Urban Economics. We have added links to the story online.

Utilities settlement

The companies should be returning the \$86 million to customers, not paying New York State ("Central Hudson, Other Utilities Settle for \$86 Million," July 16). Optimum (Altice) settled with the state and all we got was a \$5, one-time reduction. We suffer twice, once with the outages and then with the rate increase to cover the fine.

Charles Symon, Beacon

This is, in large part, politicians answering the sissy la-las who move from the concrete jungle to where there are trees. I have lived here since birth, and power outages happen. I have seen it lots worse.

Wayne Theis, Beacon

Rather than being forced to invest more in emergency preparedness, the utilities have to raise prices to give money to the state. Punishment but not rehabilitation. I'm not sure how this encourages good change.

Simon Butt, via Instagram
The editor responds: To clarify, the utilities will meet their settlement obligations
in a variety of ways other than direct
payments to the state. Central Hudson, for
example, agreed to set aside \$1.5 million
in shareholder funds to be used for storm
response, trimming trees and clearing lines.

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Cold Spring 'Opts Out'

By Michael Turton

he five members of the Cold Spring Village board on Tuesday (July 20) voted unanimously to opt out of New York State laws regulating retail outlets for the sale and consumption of legal marijuana.

Mayor Dave Merandy noted the decision allows for what is known as a "passive referendum," in which residents can collect signatures to force a vote on Nov. 2 over whether to overturn the board decisions.

New York legalized recreational use of cannabis this year for adults 21 and older, who can possess up to 3 ounces. While the state plans to license shops that sell marijuana or allow on-site consumption, it allowed towns and villages to opt out by Dec. 31 of permitting such establishments within their borders. Those that opt out can allow the establishments later. Those that "opt in" through inaction cannot later ban sales.

"There will be a larger debate later on," Merandy predicted, adding that Cold Spring could benefit from studying the experience of states such as Massachusetts, which legalized sales in 2016.

There was little smoke and no fire at the July 15 public hearing on whether the village should opt out. Held at the firehouse, the hearing drew only a handful of residents and concluded 11 minutes after it began.

Eliza Starbuck, a candidate for village trustee, asked if Cold Spring would have control over marijuana establishments if it opts in later.

"The village would be able to determine where they would be located and how many" through zoning laws, Merandy said.

After Starbuck asked for clarification regarding the sales tax benefits, Trustee Kathleen Foley said sales would be taxed at 4 percent, on top of the regular state sales tax. "Twenty-five percent [of the 4 percent] is retained by Putnam County,"



A public hearing on Tuesday about whether Cold Spring should allow marijuana sales drew only a small audience.

Photo by M. Turton

she said. "Seventy-five percent goes back to the municipality" where the sale occurred.

"It's the one tax under state law that the county has to share with us," Foley said.

Tara Vamos, who lives in the village, spoke in favor of allowing sales. "It would be a great asset to have a dispensary in town," she said. "Getting back that sales tax would be tremendous."

Earlier this month, the three members of the Putnam County Legislature's Health Committee wrote to town and village leaders suggesting they opt out. Their letter cited a study published this year that found home prices within a 36-mile area in Washington state of a new dispensary fell by 3 to 4 percent on average.

Vamos disputed that report, pointing to a 2017 study that found homes in Denver located closer to dispensaries increased in value by about 8 percent after cannabis sales became legal in Colorado in 2014. She also disputed findings that dispensaries lead to increased use of marijuana.

In letters to the village, two people wrote in opposition to allowing retail sales. Evan Hudson argued that opting out "will help to maintain our quality of life in Cold Spring," while Danielle Pack McCarthy, executive director of the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, said that opting out gives Cold Spring the opportunity to see how things unfold in other municipalities. Doing otherwise, she argued, would send a message to youth that smoking marijuana is OK.

"I see many young people who come in with serious marijuana dependency," Pack McCarthy wrote. "Easy access would likely increase these numbers."

Philipstown Mulls It Over

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

s the Philipstown Town Board last week began considering whether to allow retail marijuana sales and on-site consumption, two members declared their support for opting out. And all those present expressed reservations about "opting in" without more research and public input.

At a July 14 workshop at Town Hall, the board discussed the issue with its attorney, Stephen Gaba.

Gaba explained that unless the town opts out, "the state says you irrevocably

lose the right to have a law" that would ban retail sales, Gaba said. Beyond opting out, "there's not that much that municipalities can do." If it allowed sales, a municipality could amend its zoning code to limit them to certain areas.

Board Member Jason Angell suggested a municipality could permit lounges where marijuana is consumed, but not retail sales, or vice versa.

Pack McCarthy, of the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, shared the same message with the Town Board that she made in a letter to the Cold Spring Village Board, warning that "the easier the access, the more likely young people are going to use it. I'd just caution, regardless of the decision, the messaging to young people has to be so strong" to ensure they are informed of the risks.

The only benefit of accepting marijuana sales seems to be the 3 percent sales tax income that the town would receive, said Member John Van Tassel. "We're not talking about a windfall here."

"It's a complicated topic," said Supevisor Richard Shea, who predicted that Beacon, Peekskill and Fishkill would allow retail sales. If Philipstown officials "say that we're not going to have it here, we also have to be aware that we're passing up a revenue stream. It's a funny situation to say we're going to tax and make money on something that a lot of people see as a problem." Yet, he reasoned, "you're not going to preclude anybody from buying marijuana. People are going to get it. They're going to smoke it."

Shea added: "We want to have a town-wide discussion. If we opt out, it's on the public" to demand a referendum.

He said state government "loves" gambling, alcohol sales and marijuana "because they're cash cows. Money: It does drive politics. It's tempting" also to use the tax revenue to fund projects, he acknowledged. However, he revealed, "I'm leaning toward opting out. I'm not comfortable with making money off vice."

"I'm not comfortable with that [either]," Van Tassel said. "I'd also side with opting out."

Overdoses (from Page 1)

ities dropped to 40 from 46, was the sole county with a decrease.

The pandemic forced some treatment facilities to close and others to limit capacity. The contraction in treatment beds, combined with the large-scale closure of churches and other spaces that hosted in-person meetings by groups such as Narcotics Anonymous, left many people struggling with addiction without support.

Goebel, who began the pandemic employed at a treatment clinic in Orange County, since August has worked as a senior peer engagement specialist in Fish-kill for the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County (CAPE), working the phones to find treatment beds and providing support to people released from treatment.

"Sometimes phones would just ring and nobody was there," she said of trying to find

Naloxone* Use by Paramedics

	2018	2019	2020
DUTCHESS	371	258	295
PUTNAM	41	46	55
ORANGE	322	194	345
ROCKLAND	29	30	96
SULLIVAN	61	58	99
ULSTER	167	117	171
WESTCHESTER	185	238	339
STATE (EXCL. NYC)	6,788	6,052	7,513

*Naloxone is an opioid antidote. Source: New York State Department of Health

treament slots. She said people trying to stay sober "relied on being able to see their counselors, their peers, their therapists face-to-face. All of the sudden, that got taken away. They had to figure out how to do it on their own."

St. Christopher's Inn, a shelter and treatment program for men run by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, suspended new admissions in March 2020 after the state ordered a shutdown of businesses and organizations deemed "nonessential," said Jonathan Holz, a representative for the friars.

The program resumed accepting new clients in June and has gradually been building toward capacity, he said. "Our focus is on getting our resident population back to pre-pandemic levels, while offering virtual alternatives for those who are not yet ready to come in person to the Inn," he said.

During the pandemic, Goebel said there have been fewer calls from hospital emergency rooms about patients who had overdosed but agreed to treatment. She suspects many facilities were overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients.

The difficulty was magnified because

those addicted to drugs or alcohol may quickly lose "that window of willingness," she said. "You have to jump when there's the opportunity, and that would disappear a lot because of all the obstacles."

Virtual treatment was enacted statewide to fill the gaps, with support groups transitioning to Zoom, but Goebel said that some clients did not have the technology to participate. Others were wary of joining virtual meetings with large numbers of strangers who could see their face or residence, or may have been someone they used drugs with.

"When I spoke to people that was a big concern," she said.

There were bright spots, according to Goebel.

Some people she worked with faced the pandemic's challenges and decided to "find ways that were going to be different from the traditional treatment methods."

"I have clients who have done so well - they have almost a year of sobriety," she said.

Coronavirus Update

- The number of people with COVID-19 who are hospitalized in New York state as of Wednesday (July 21) stood at 483; the number in intensive care was 105; and the number of intubations was 34.
- As of July 21, New York had administered at least one vaccine dose to 74 percent of its adult residents, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 81 percent of residents ages 65 and older in Dutchess and Putnam are fully vaccinated and about 39 percent of adolescents ages 12 to 15.
- The Canadian border will open on Aug. 9 to fully vaccinated travelers.
- A party at a house in Red Hook is believed to be the source of eight cases that "impacted" the town's summer school, camp and pool programs, Dutchess County officials said on Tuesday (July 20). Those who tested positive included several people who had been vaccinated, it said.
- The state-run vaccination site at SUNY Orange in Middletown will close on Monday (July 26), along with four other more distant locations.
- A new book, Our Darkest Hours: County Leadership and the COVID Pandemic,

includes reflections from Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive who lost his father to the coronavirus. The book was commissioned by the New York State County Executives Association to "share the hard lessons learned" during the pandemic and also includes a chapter by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. Copies are available at Amazon.com and proceeds benefit Feeding New York State. In the book, Molinaro recalls his father's death:

My father went downhill at a terrifying speed. The doctors decided to put him on a ventilator, and it wasn't long before they informed me that it wouldn't be safe to take him off. Those two weeks remain a blur to me. I remember praying every day that I'd get five more minutes with my dad.

On April 9, a Friday, at 1:59 p.m., a nurse texted me to say that she thought my father didn't have much time left and asked if I wanted to call him. I thought how strange it was, in this circumstance, not to be there in person, but I was anxious to speak with him. The nurse held the phone to his ear. I told my father that I loved him and I wished we'd been able to talk about so many things."I promised that I'd stay close to my sisters, and that he should know that, despite the problems of years gone by, he was loved. My father, Anthony Molinaro, died at 2:04. I am grateful that I got my five minutes.

■ New York State is accepting applications for its Public Health Corps Fellowship Program, which will train up to 1,000 people to respond to COVID-19 and other public health emergencies and place them in full-time paid positions with the

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

10,667 (+32)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered:

248,929 (+4,302)

Percent positive:

4.3 (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

63.7

Percent in 10516: 72.9 Percent in 10524: 67.8

Number of deaths:

93₀

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

29,675 (+137)

Active Cases in Beacon: ≤5

Tests administered:

811,520 (+12,037)

Percent positive:

3.7₍₀₎

Percent vaccinated:

59.3

Percent in 12508: 54.9

Number of deaths:

447 (+1)

Source: State and county health departments, as of July 21, with change over past two weeks in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of July 16. Percent vaccinated reflects people receiving at least one dose.

state Department of Health, local health departments and other public health entities. Fellows are trained through an online program offered by Cornell University. See ny.gov/publichealthcorps.

■ Excelsior Pass is a free app that can be used to access proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test. See epass.ny.gov.

For more updates, see highlandscurrent.org.

River Patrol (from Page 1)

patrolling the river at its southern border with Putnam and that the New York State Police, state park police and U.S. Coast Guard could "provide satisfactory coverage of the Putnam County portion of the Hudson River." Westchester County declined to comment.

Last fall, when setting the 2021 budget, Odell and the Putnam Legislature removed \$45,000 in funding, effectively crippling river patrols. In June, Odell directed New York State to retrieve two patrol boats that it had provided to the county at no charge. Most of the cost of the river patrols, conducted on weekends and holidays, was overtime pay for deputies, according to Sheriff Robert Langley Jr.

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown in the county Legislature, put the annual cost at \$65,000, with the state reimbursing the county for half that amount.

The cutback left the Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol Unit with one countyowned boat used to police Lake Oscawana in Putnam Valley.

Montgomery said at a Philipstown Town Board meeting on July 8 that she had twice asked Odell to explain Putnam's plans for getting other counties to help. "To my knowledge, [the four counties] were only informed on June 17 that we were without a marine unit, despite the fact that we defunded it in November and dismantled it this [past] month."

The June 29 drowning of Yesvely Lopez,



Signs at Little Stony Point, including at the entrance, warn visitors that swimming is not allowed.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

17, of Newburgh, near Little Stony Point led to suggestions that the teenager might have been saved had the river unit not been dismantled.

During the July 6 county Legislature meeting, Montgom-

ery observed that the Sheriff's Department had docked a boat at the Cold Spring waterfront. Had the county not removed the patrols, "the call-time would've been very different," she asserted. "We would have had a boat in the water [already]. It would've been within minutes of Little

Stony Point. Time matters."

In addition, she said, deputies "would have provided extra eyes on the river," and that "extra eyes when somebody is drowning could be a matter of life or death."

Kathleen Foley, a Cold Spring village trustee and mayoral candidate, wrote on Facebook that "playing politics with public safety is sick and dangerous" while Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said at a meeting on July 8 that the quick launch of a Sheriff's Department boat could have made a crucial difference. "Instead, you have a dead 17-year-old," he said.

Michael Bowman, the mayor of Nelsonville and a longtime volunteer firefighter, noted on Facebook that on Sunday (July 18) he counted 25 people in the water near Little Stony Point, where swimming is banned, and noted the strong current. "With the lack of a police boat on the river, the state needs to either provide a lifeguard or start enforcing the law," he wrote.

Others, including Chris Tobin, who heads the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps, who commented on Facebook, and Putnam Legislator Carl Albano of Carmel, said that the boat likely would not have made a difference on June 29. "Accidents happen," Albano said on July 6.

In addition, the county Bureau of Emergency Services noted in a June 30 statement, a sheriff's boat would not have been on the river at the time of the drowning, a Tuesday evening, because the Marine Unit only patrolled on weekends and holidays.

However, Capt. Lisa Ortolano, a representative of the Sheriff's Department, said the patrol could have responded at any time if called upon.

"We have deputies to patrol the west side of the county who are assigned to the Marine Patrol Unit and who are able to quickly respond to emergencies on the river and other bodies of water," she said. Three of the deputies live in Philipstown, she pointed out.

On July 6, Montgomery also questioned "who will conduct day-to-day marine patrols" and investigations, deal with speeding or intoxicated boaters, or perform boat safety checks now that the river patrol has been disbanded.

Montgomery, an emergency medical (Continued on Page 8)

AROUND TOWN





▲ CLOSE CALL — A branch broke off an oak tree with a resounding crash on Morris Avenue (Route 9D) in Cold Spring on Sunday (July 18) just north of Main Street. A state Department of Transportation truck and crew quickly arrived to begin removal. Jill Ormiston, who lives across the street, said the branch just missed hitting a girl sitting in a car near the Sunoco station.

Photo by Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

■ TAKE A GANDER — Shamala
Thompson posted this photo online
of the plastic geese on Main Street in
Nelsonville arranged to be waiting in
Aisle 6 at Foodtown (the one with the
cereal) to check out. "I love these geese
so much," Thompson wrote. "Only a
Philipstown local who shops at the local
grocery store would understand this."

River Patrol (from Page 7)

technician, reiterated her concerns during her monthly report to the Philipstown Town Board two days later. River-based forensic investigations, keeping the peace on the waters and routine patrols "are not the jobs of fire companies, despite the fact they do a tremendous job," she said. "These are law enforcement responsibilities, and Putnam County has just walked away from its responsibility on the Hudson River."

Town Board Member John Van Tassel, who volunteers with the North Highlands Fire Co., said he was at Little Stony Point during the search for Lopez. He said having a Sheriff's Department boat responding likely would not have prevented her death. "But it *may* have prevented it," he said. "There are a million scenarios on how it could have helped. There's not one where it would've been a harm."

The night of the drowning, although there were multiple rescue boats and a state police helicopter overhead, "there was not one police department boat," he said. "I am disgusted with the fact the Putnam County sheriff's [deputies] do not have a boat on the Hudson. You would think that with the amount of tourism and use the Hudson River brings to Putnam County, that this is the least we could do. If we were in a dire financial situation, I'd still think there would be another place they could cut that would be more appropriate."

Shea juxtaposed Putnam County's

recent report on its sales tax revenue in 2020 — \$66 million, an increase over 2019, even with the pandemic shutdown — with its professed lack of funds for river patrols. "The county is flush with money," he said. And "the western side of the county, Philipstown, is always shortchanged, taking our sales tax money and not giving it back."

In its June 30 statement, the county Bureau of Emergency Services indicated that Putnam intends for voluntary civilian organizations, such as local fire departments, to handle water emergencies. "The volunteers of Putnam County have [been] and will continue to be the primary responders for all incidents on the Hudson River, supported by their colleagues from throughout the region," it announced.

But Montgomery countered on July 6 that "our sheriff's deputies have a lot more training in marine patrol and safety than our very dedicated volunteers in the fire departments."

The Cold Spring Fire Co. owns a boat equipped to extinguish fires on vessels or along the shore and to do basic rescues, said Chief Tom Merrigan. "We have responded to five marine incidents on the Hudson River this calendar year already with adequate manpower and an exceptionally fast response time," he said. He declined to compare CSFC and Sheriff Department response times.

The Garrison Volunteer Fire Co., which also owns a boat, did not reply to requests for comment.

REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

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39 Boyce St.	3	1	1,168	\$355,000	117 Catherine St.	4	2	1,992	\$477,000
54 Church St.	3	2	1,318	\$373,000	5 Green St.	3	1.5	1,300	\$525,000
21 South St.	3	2.5	1,266	\$430,000	6 Arbor Ct.	4	4	3,769	\$620,000
68 Rombout Ave.	3	2	1,152	\$431,700	6 Barrett Pl.	3	2.5	2,000	\$627,800

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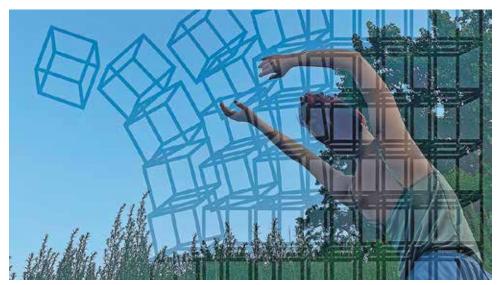


COMPASS

The Calendar



Hannah Straney, Tina Diaz and Claire Deane of A-Y/Dance



A promotional image for [loculamentum]

The Arts al Fresco

Dance, creative writing and music - in person!

By Alison Rooney

A swe move deeper into a summer made sweeter by the never-takenfor-granted-again ability to spend it outdoors, modern dance, creative writing and music will be presented al fresco next weekend in Beacon.

MODERN DANCE

On Sunday (Aug. 1) at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine, the A-Y/Dance company of Beacon will premiere *[loculamentum]*, which explores the process of coping with personal trauma. The dance, which will be performed in two acts on an outdoor stage at the Elks Lodge, was choreographed by Skyla Schreter.

This will be A-Y/Dance's first full live performance since the COVID shutdown began. The company was formed in 2018 by three graduates of the SUNY Purchase dance program.

[loculamentum], which will be performed to music by Claude Debussy and Miles Davis, will feature a cast of nine — Schreter, Preston Chamblee, Claire Deane, Kristina Diaz (of Beacon), Jessica Smith (of Beacon), Mimi Staker, Hannah Straney, Emma Von Enck and Craig Wasserman — that includes dancers from the New York City and Kansas City ballets.

The set was designed by Aaron Loray, who, with Schreter, runs the LotusWorks Gallery and Workshop in Beacon. The costumes were designed by Lauren Carmen.

Ticket are \$10 to \$100 at brownpapertickets.com/event/5164454. A preview is posted at bit.ly/loculamentum. The Elks Lodge is located at 900 Wolcott Ave. Seating is described as "festival style" — bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.

CREATIVE WRITING

For those in the community who, prepandemic, valued the camaraderie of Get Lit, a series of literary salons that began in 2017, there's good news: a variation will be launched on Thursday (July 29).

Julie Chibbaro led the earlier salons, which each month typically featured local writers reading from their published work, followed by an open-mic stream of community writers, mixed with meet-your-neighbors socializing.

The latest edition, Lit Lit, which will also take place monthly, kicks off at 7 p.m. in the garden at Homespun Foods, 232 Main St., which is sponsoring the series.

Donna Minkowitz, who is organizing Lit

Lit, says it is an effort "to revive Beacon's literary scene."

"Many of us have been pining for some kind of regular literary event in Beacon since the wonderful Get Lit series shut



Minkowitz

down and also since we were all cooped up during the pandemic shutdown," she says. "Beacon has some amazing, and wellpublished, authors, and we are lucky that quite a few of them are affiliated with our series and will participate."

Anyone wishing to read, tell a story or perform their work can sign up at bit.ly/lit-lit, or at the door if spots are open. The time limit is five minutes. Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. With rain, the event will shift inside.

If the atmosphere is similar to the Get Lit evenings, readers will feel supported, not intimidated, fulfilling Chibbaro's intent, which she expressed to *The Current* before the first of those gatherings in December 2017:

"Having an audience is important, because writers can sometimes feel like we're living in a vacuum," she said. "We need to get a feel for how our stories are going. I often hear about other writers in my town, but since I'm a homebody, I don't get to meet them. This is a way for me to invite them out and hear their work."

MUSIC

The garden area which fills the space next to the Howland Cultural Center at 477 Main St. is surrounded by bricks. On Saturday (July 31) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., music will fill the air above them, hence the title of the freewheeling and free concert, Brick Pan Alley.

"It's fun in the garden, an afternoon of various flavors," says David Henning-

sen, a photographer and musician who lives in Poughkeepsie and organized the event after being asked by Howland board member Hoodie Crescent. "I do a bunch of musi-



Henningsen

cal events, and know a lot of musicians. I came down and saw the outdoor space and thought it was wonderful. I started reaching out to Hudson Valley musicians who I thought would fit well together."

The lineup includes Frenchy and the Punk, described as "an unorthodox, feelgood, evocative, electro-acoustic cabaret rock duo"; Guitarmy of One, which is Scott Helland, a former punk bassist who uses live looping in his instrumentals; and Dust Bowl Faeries, "a fusion of circus, postpunk, gypsy and psyche-folk music founded by Ryder Cooley and Hazel, a taxidermy ram who performs with the band as their spirit animal." It also features guitarist and vocalist Jon B. Woodin.

Henningsen says he will provide "a small tent and really decent sound support. As long as we don't get rained on, it'll just be an upbeat day."



Dust Bowl Faeries



Frenchy and the Punk



Guitarmy of One

Photos provided

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 24

Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim

DEVCON

9 a.m. Riverfront Park

2 Red Flynn Drive | riverpool.org

Registration has closed, but spectators can watch from shore as swimmers traverse the Hudson for the mile from Newburgh to Beacon during this fundraiser for the River Pool.

THURS 29

Narcan Training

BEACON

6 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center 23 W. Center St. | 845-765-2470 beaconny.gov

Learn how to save a person who is overdosing on opioids and receive a Narcan kit to take home. Email hharrison@beaconny.gov. *Free*

SAT 31

Funniest Pet Contest

COLD SPRING

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

Capture your pet doing something silly in a photo or draw a picture and submit. Voting will begin on Aug. 4.

SUN 1

Emancipation Day Speech

POUGHKEEPSIE 2:15 p.m. College Hill Park

149 N Clinton St. celebratingtheafricanspirit.org

Paul Oakley Stovall, who performed in Hamilton on Broadway, will recite the speech that abolitionist Frederick Douglass gave at



the location in 1858. Souls United of Hudson Valley and the Center for Creative Education's Percussion Orchestra of Kingston will open the event with a procession at 2 p.m.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 24

Oliver! Jr.

GARRISON

5:30 & 7:15 p.m.

Philipstown Depot Theatre 10 Garrison Landing | 845-424-3900 philipstowndepottheatre.org

Directed by teens, actors in grades 4 to 7 will perform an abbreviated version of *Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens' second novel. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 24

The Most Spectacularly Lamentable Trial of Miz Martha Washington

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D 845-265-9575 | hvshakespeare.org

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival has returned to inperson performances with a play by James Ijames that explores slavery in America through Martha Washington's fever dreams. A recording of the show also can be streamed for \$25 plus \$10 per additional viewer. Also SUN 25, MON 26, WED 28, THURS 29, FRI 30. Cost: \$20 to \$175

SAT 24

Casablanca

COLD SPRING

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

Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman star in this 1942 film about an expatriate club owner in Morocco who is asked to help his old flame and her husband escape from the Nazis. Presented by the Cold Spring Film Society. Bring chairs and blankets. *Free*

THURS 29

Lit Lit

BEACON

7 p.m. Homespun Foods 232 Main St. | bit.ly/lit-lit

Donna Minkowitz organized this monthly gathering of writers in an effort to "revive Beacon's literary scene." See Page 9.

SAT 31

Sunset Boulevard

BEACON

6 p.m. Bannerman Island bannermancastle.org

This staged radio-play version by Theatre on the Road of the classic film will be performed by five actors playing nine roles. Boats leave the Beacon dock. For ages 12 and older. Also SUN 1. *Cost: \$65*



TALKS & TOURS

SAT 24

Doggie Fun

COLD SPRING

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

Learn basic dog manners and

tricks as librarian Noelle and her dog Sunny help you understand how your behavior affects your pet. Bring treats. Register online. Also SAT 31.

SAT 24

Cory Parker

BEACON

3 p.m. Marion Royael Gallery 159 Main St. | marionroyaelgallery.com

Parker will read from her illustrated memoir, *La Finca: Love, Loss and Laundry on a Tiny Puerto Rican Island*, about her experiences opening and operating an inn for two decades.

SAT 24

Sunset Tour

GARRISON

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

Get a tour of the house and garden, and then enjoy the sunset with a glass of wine overlooking the Quarry Pool. *Cost: \$100*

TUES 27

Stories of the Brickyards

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon Historical Society beaconhistorical.org Rachel Whitlow from the

Haverstraw Brick Museum will share via Zoom the history of the brick industry along the Hudson River.

WED 28

A History of Hollywood Censorship

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library butterfieldlibrary.org

Brian Rose will discuss via Zoom

early film ratings systems and the ways that civic and religious leaders reacted to provocative issues and scenes.

THURS 29

Why Fats are Your Friend

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library butterfieldlibrary.org

In this virtual presentation, Kathryn Selman will explain the role of fats in food.

SAT 31

Dyeing With Regional Plants

WAPPINGERS FALLS

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

As part of the Sustainable Textiles workshop series, Laura Sansone will demonstrate how to use native plants as sources of color for fabric. *Cost: \$45 to \$65*

KIDS & FAMILY

MON 26

Tails & Tales Summer Reading

COLD SPRING

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

Rising third graders can gather in the reading garden to discuss *Balto and the Great Race*, by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel, who lives in Philipstown.

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TUES 27

Family Dance

WAPPINGERS FALLS

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

Harvest vegetables to make a salad and Chelsea Acree will lead a dance party and teach new moves. Cost: \$20 to \$40

THURS 29

AmbiArt Drawing

BEACON

5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park 2 Red Flynn Drive | compassarts.org

Donna Mikkelsen will lead a spontaneous symmetry ambidextrous drawing workshop followed by a performance with musical accompaniment by Gwen Laster and Damon Banks. Bring drawing materials. Register online. *Free*

MUSIC

SAT 24

WMD2 String Band

PUTNAM VALLEY 6:30 p.m.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center 729 Peekskill Hollow Road tompkinscorners.org

Will Demers, Mat Kastner, Dan Bonis and Dave Anastas will perform their interpretations of classic and popular Americana and roots songs. *Cost: \$15*



SAT 24

Tito Puente Jr. Latin Jazz Ensemble

NEWBURGH

7 p.m. Safe Harbors

107 Broadway | safe-harbors.org

The concert and dance party will include Melina Almodovar, the Dojo Dance Company and the Latin Jazz Express. Tickets (\$50) are available for an event before the concert that benefits Safe Harbors of the Hudson. *Free*

SAT 24

Almost Queen

BREWSTER

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

This tribute band will perform

Queen's hits. Cost: \$30

SAT 24

Vance Gilbert and Christine Lavin

BEACON

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

Expect witty storytelling and original folk music from the singers and songwriters. Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)

SUN 25

Tori & Mike

BEACON

12:30 p.m. Beacon Farmers' Market DMV Parking Lot

The duo will perform funky folk originals and covers. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

on piano, Mike Dipazo on sax and Stephanie Lovina on bass. Register

GARRISON

FRI 30 Bee Gees Tribute

MAHOPAC

online. Free

6:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course 187 Hill St. | 845-808-1880 putnamcountygolfcourse.com

Bert Rechtschaffer Trio

This family jazz concert on the

4:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

lawn will feature Rechtschaffer

desmondfishlibrary.org

The cover band will play all the classic 1970s disco hits. Cost: \$39

FRI 30

Jason Gisser Band

BEACON

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

The soul-rock band will play music from its forthcoming album. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 31

Pop-Up Concert

BEACON

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org

Frenchy and the Punk, the Dust Bowl Faeries and Guitarmy of One will perform. See Page 9. Free CAT 3

Doobie Brothers Experience

BREWSTER

6:30 p.m. Tilly's Table 100 Route 312 | 845-808-1840 tillystablerestaurant.com

The tribute band will cover the band's hits. *Cost:* \$10 to \$29

SUN 1

[loculamentum]

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Elks Lodge

900 Wolcott Ave. | aydancers.com

Members of the A-Y Dance company and other dancers will premiere a work choreographed by Skyla Schreter. See Page 9. Cost: \$10 to \$100

CIVIC

TUES 27

Public Hearing: Short-Term Rentals

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Village Hall 85 Main St. | 845-265-3611 coldspringny.gov

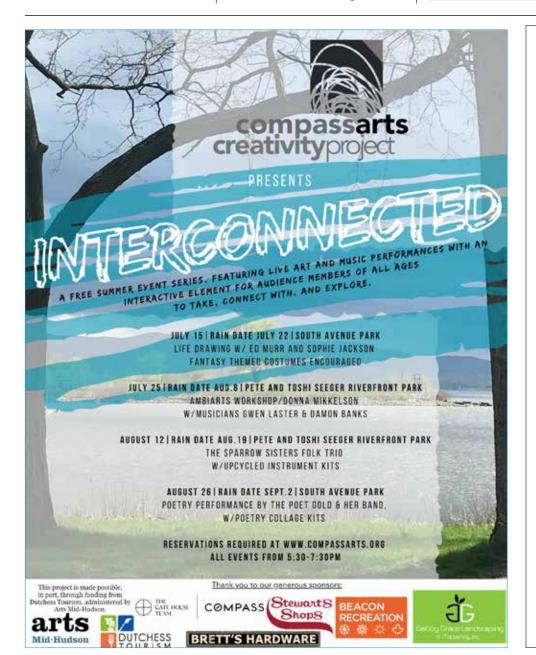
The Village Board will hear comments on a proposed law to regulate short-term rentals, plus other zoning changes. See bit.ly/cs-hearing.

TUES 27

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

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



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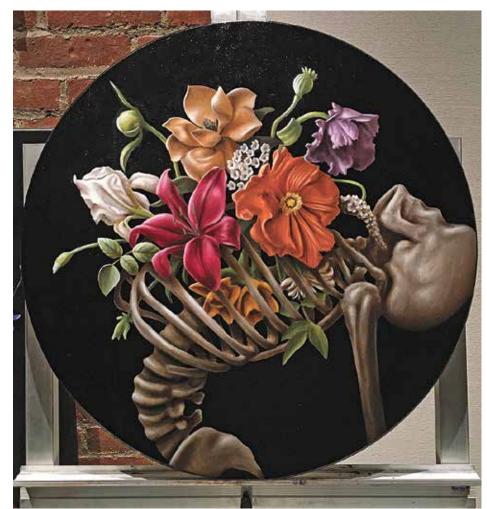
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Evan Samuelson at work on "The Seed Within" (below)

Photos provided



SAMUELSON: "This painting gets back into the mentality of attaining things to make you into something you're trying to be, and saying that's not it."

First Solo Show for Beacon Painter

Human forms and floral displays at Newburgh gallery

By Alison Rooney

first-ever solo show is a big deal for any artist, let alone one who has been painting for just five years.

Evan Samuelson, who has lived in Beacon since 2015, is experiencing that excitement. His show, *Primordial Substance*, which consists of 15 oversize oil paintings, continues at Newburgh's Grit Works Gallery through Sept. 18.

The size of Samuelson's paintings is a



"Let Go"

direct correlation (not uncommon to visual artists) to the size of his apartment, where he creates them.

"When I started, I was in a different apartment, and I was making smaller work," he explains. "Luckily, I landed a new place with a higher ceiling."

In his notes for the show, Samuelson writes that "working larger has always felt natural. I like that the preliminary lines and strokes utilize more of a full-body motion. It can also be viewed from further away and seems to create an immersive experience for the viewer."

Samuelson says he typically begins with an underpainting, "shaping out the tone, to make sure the composition and balance make sense." From there, he uses a grisaille technique done in monochromatic grays, which can create the illusion of sculpture. Sometimes he stops there but more often adds layers of color.

Growing up, Samuelson says, he only dabbled in art. "I had a knack for copying things; in sixth grade I got the art award," he recalls. "But sports took me out of my head and into my body."

He became a physical education teacher (most recently at Green Chimneys in Brewster) and left art behind until about five years ago, when he returned to it as a form of therapy. "My day thing, being with the kids, is central, but later, comfortable at

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'Eternal Now'

SAMUELSON: "This piece is a play on time, working at the core of the present moment, especially for those people with anxieties."



"Form #2"

Beacon Painter (from Page 12)

home afterward, I paint," he says. "Painting every day is my goal."

Sometimes Samuelson is able to combine the two: He's painted murals on campus and worked on art projects with students for life-skills classes.

What began five years ago as therapy has evolved. "Now it's more about trying to provide visuals for love and connection," he says. "I've gotten more into philosophy and psychology, with the kids, and learning more about relating to people and ways to incorporate more of the natural world in my art.

"I've developed a love for the act of painting," Samuelson says. "I love to balance it with work. I want to go deeper into these ideas and connect, share and spread."

Many of his works depict the human form and expressive floral displays, on canvas or wood. "With a new painting, I want it to be relatable; that's where the forms come into play," he says. "I play with that a little bit, to give it an altered perspective. Then it's about trying to pull emotion out of the movement and positioning and trying to push it into a place you're not aware of."

The Grit Works Gallery, at 115 Broadway in Newburgh, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. See grit-works.com/gallery.



"Oneness #1"

samuelson: "This is about giving your energy toward something bigger, when you're connecting with another person in a level where you lose yourself, lose your body a little bit. We're brought up as individuals, but then the idea that we can be more giving, more charitable, comes in."

BABY and DOG



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Kelley and Phil Vallone of Beacon shared this shot of newborn Leonardo with Lucy. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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Tangle of Squash Ribbons, Peppers, and Tomatoes with Grilled Halloumi

Serves 2 as a light main course or 4 to 6 as an appetizer

Mouths to Feed

Out of My Hands

By Celia Barbour

ometimes an idea occurs to me that seems quite impressive. Then

I run it by the kids. In

no time at all, they make it clear that my clever notion is a dud, and moreover, that I may have lost my bearings completely. Who was I to think I could discriminate between things that are worthwhile and things that are not?

In other words, it's time for them to go back to school.

But here it is only July, and as long as they are still at home, how about we all benefit from their collective taste and wisdom? This week's recipe is something I scraped together one night when I didn't have quite enough of any one thing to make a meal — one roasted pepper and the first two zucchinis and a handful of cherry tomatoes from the garden — and the weather was too miserably hot and humid to turn on the stove for even a minute. In my head, I categorized it as the kind of dish that gets the job done, but not much more.

The family disagreed. One bite in, Henry said, "Mom, you have to do your next column on this." The rest of them quickly signed on to that notion. I had already decided to write about something else, but, well ... you are witnessing the outcome of that silly fantasy.

Many faiths preach surrender, whether

to God, nature or fate. Control is an illusion, they say. You never had it anyway. OK, fine, I get it. Yet here we are emerging from a year and a half at the mercy of global forces beyond our control, so surely we can be forgiven for wanting to imagine ourselves back in the driver's seat.

I therefore took charge of the dish my family had collectively determined to be the only worthwhile contender for this week's column and tweaked it. For starters, the taste needed more balance. Roasted peppers are so piquant and full-flavored that they can dominate a dish, so I added sliced, grilled halloumi and garlic, oregano and thyme to give them something to contend with.

Also, the textures were off. Summer squash ribbons are incredibly easy to make — all you need is a vegetable peeler and a couple of very young zucchini or yellow squash. But their window of perfection is fairly brief. Freshly made, they have the delightful, slippery toothsomeness of homemade pappardelle, and a mild flavor that supports savory toppings just as noodles do. But they go from crisp to flaccid to soggy in about 20 minutes.

That might explain why "zucchini pappardelle" had trouble catching on in restaurants and delis. Some years back, raw foodies got excited about this no-cook vegetable lookalike for pasta, and the dish experienced a spillover 15 minutes of fame in mainstream gourmet cooking. But it never quite hit it big, I'm guessing because a zucchini ribbon that has sat around waiting to be served is not a joy to eat.

In the end, this is a dish that shines only when made at home and served right away. And that's a goal that's within our control. As for those offspring? "We are your creative muses!" said Dosi when I told him what I was writing about this week.

Sure. If you say so, kid.



1 yellow or red bell pepper, or about 3/4 cup jarred roasted peppers

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons best-quality, fruity olive oil, plus ordinary oil for grilling

- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 dozen cherry tomatoes

8-ounce package halloumi (Greek grilling cheese), or substitute ricotta salata or fresh mozzarella and skip Step 4

- 2 pounds small zucchini or summer squash, about 4 or 5
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 2 teaspoons each fresh oregano and thyme leaves
- If you're using jarred peppers, jump to Step 2. If not, roast the pepper
 directly over the open flame of a gas stove, turning occasionally with tongs,
 until the skin is black all over and the pepper begins to soften, about 8
 minutes. Transfer the pepper to a small heatproof bowl, cover with a lid or
 plate and allow to rest 15 minutes. When cool, rub and wipe off the charred
 skin with your fingers (this is messy; keep a damp towel close at hand).
- 2. Cut the pepper flesh into narrow strips and transfer to a large bowl. Toss with a drizzle of olive oil, a little salt and pepper, and the minced garlic.
- 3. Cut the cherry tomatoes in half and add to the bowl with the peppers.
- 4. Slice the halloumi into ¼-inch slices. Heat a grill pan or skillet over medium heat. Coat with a skim of olive oil, and when the oil is hot, add the cheese and cook until golden or lightly charred, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a platter and set aside.
- 5. Wash the squash well, slice off each end, and, using a vegetable peeler or cheese slicer, slice lengthwise into long ribbons, rotating the squash as you go. If the core is very spongy or seedy, stop when you get to it.
- 6. Add the squash ribbons to the bowl with the peppers and tomatoes. Add another generous drizzle of olive oil, a squeeze of the lemon, and salt and pepper. Toss gently, then taste for seasoning, adding more lemon, salt, or oil as needed. Tear or chop the herbs, sprinkle over the vegetables, and add to the platter with the halloumi. Serve at once, with lots of crusty bread on the side to sop up the juices.

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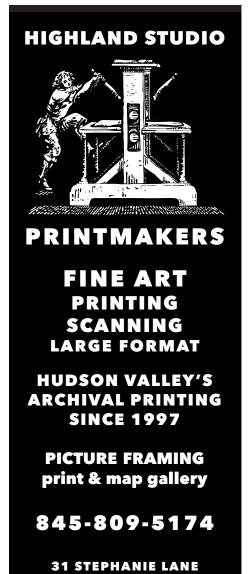
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This root-bound aster had to be soaked in water. Otherwise water would just flow out from the bottom without being absorbed.

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Roots and Shoots

What's Wrong With My Plant?

By Pamela Doan

ometimes, for no discernible reason, perennial plants and trees don't grow well, even if the leaves are the color

they are supposed to be, without pest damage.

Whether it was planted a few months ago or a few seasons ago, the plant doesn't get much bigger or wider. Instead of being covered in blooms, it has just a few, or none. It doesn't look or act the way you thought it would.

Why might this happen? Let's take a look at a few possibilities.

Planted incorrectly

Root-bound plants come out of a pot from the store with the roots in the same shape as the container. The plant outgrew its pot while waiting for its forever home. If you don't correct this, the roots will continue to circle the plant or tree. I've pulled up plants that have been in the ground for several seasons and the roots are still in the shape of the container. Since it isn't establishing roots in the soil, it can't get the nutrients it needs.

Other problems are planting too deeply and burying the root flare of a tree or shrub or planting too shallowly so that the roots aren't covered. All of these situations prevent the plant from establishing its root structure in the soil.

Small root-bound plants can be soaked in water and gently loosened until the roots come free. If that doesn't work, use a knife to make vertical slits in the root ball sides and on the bottom. Girdling roots of trees and shrubs can be cut off, leaving the root flare intact. It takes more knowledge and technique to correct a root-bound tree than a plant. If that is intimidating, closely examine the root ball before purchase to avoid problems.

Plant toxicity

If it's an entire area of plants that are not thriving, consider allelopathy. Certain

plants and trees give off chemicals through their roots, bark, leaves or seeds that prevent other plants from growing nearby.

A common example is the black walnut tree, Juglans nigra. This native hardwood releases a toxic chemical called juglone up to 60 feet away from the trunk that can kill or suppress woody and herbaceous growth. Common landscape choices such as lilac, peonies, hydrangea, privet and yew are highly sensitive to juglone and will wither and die quickly.

There are many plants that don't mind juglone, however. Monarda, yarrow, day lilies, many ferns and other native plants will be fine and maybe even appreciate that the black walnut keeps other plants away. The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org) has extensive lists of trees, shrubs and perennials that will coexist with black walnut.

Ailanthus, or tree of heaven, is an invasive tree from Asia that is found throughout our area, more commonly than black walnut at this point. Its leaf litter has been shown to prevent native species from establishing — one more reason to keep this problematic tree out of your landscape.

Sun, soil, water

Once other issues have been ruled out, review exactly what that plant needs. Look it up in a plant database created by researchers and academics such as at the Missouri Botanical Garden (missouribotanicgarden. org). Always use the scientific (Latin) name when browsing because plants usually have more than one common name and it's easy to misidentify a plant without it.

Working with the specific needs for hours of sunlight, moisture and soil conditions, assess whether the plant is in the right place. A plant that prefers well-drained soil might not thrive in a heavy clay soil. The roots might sit in water too long. Amending the soil with organic matter can help. Or if you have an area of clay soil where you want to put a garden, let thick layers of wood chips decompose for a few months before planting to improve drainage and nutrients.

Sometimes only a detailed soil analysis will tell the story of a plant's lack of vigor. There may be concentrations of salt or other chemicals. The nutrients might be insufficient. I've found this level of detail isn't necessary for most landscaping projects. Start with the basics first.

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Historic District Review Board for the Village of Cold Spring will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY, to consider the application by Ethan Timm/The Figure Ground Studio, Architect, 50 Main Street, Cold Spring. New York, 10516, for the construction of a new garage. The subject property is 17 Marion Avenue, Cold Spring, New York 10516, designated as Tax Map Section 49.9-1-39. The property is located within the R-1 Zoning District and the Local Historic District.

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Median Price	\$337,500	\$466,000	\$857,500	\$443,000		
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- 5. Jolly laugh
- 9. Lustrous black
- 12. Zero, in tennis
- 13. Scent
- 14. glance
- 15. Border on
- 16. Reply to "Shall we?"
- 17. Rug cleaner, briefly
- 18. Gestation location
- 19. Goat's plaint
- 20. Roman censor
- 21. Fib
- 23. Medit. nation
- 25. Cellist Pablo
- 28. Keep perusing
- 32. Muscat resident
- 33. Sky blue
- 34. Lively dances
- 36. "Be that as it may ..."
- 37. Sch. URL ender
- 38. Atty.'s title
- 39. Libretto
- 42. Plead
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- 49. Competent
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- 52. Composer Bartok
- 53. Figure skating leap
- 54. Gender
- 55. Mideast gulf
- 56. Helen's home

- **DOWN**
- 1. Imperfection
- 2. Timber wolf
- 3. Egg
- 4. Stick-in-the-mud
- 5. Baker Street sleuth

- - 8. Hosp. areas
 - 9. Coffee

 - 27. Bando of baseball

- 6. Classic theaters
 - 7. Empty talk

 - 10. Coup d' -
- 11. Mexican entree
- 20. Hodgepodge
- 22. Homer classic
- 24. Penn and
 - Connery
- 25. Police officer
- 26. "I love," to Livy
- 29. "Gee, ya think?"

- 30. Spanish gold
- 31. Just out
- 35 Filled in
- 36. Sea off Greece
- 39. Old salts
- 40. Author Wiesel
- 41. PlayStation alternative
- 43. Vogue rival
- 45. 60 minutes
- 46. Beetle Bailey dog 47. Vague
- 49. Lawyers' org.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES SOLUTIONS **1** fish in a can (4) 2 book with many authors (9) 3 they may be made of milk (9) 4 ship in "Moby-Dick" (6) 5 trifling fault (10) 6 scale measurement (8) **7** exposed to public derision (9) MUS ANT **HES** TU CA OGY PO **IED** DI PIL LLO **AGE** UOD TAC HOL

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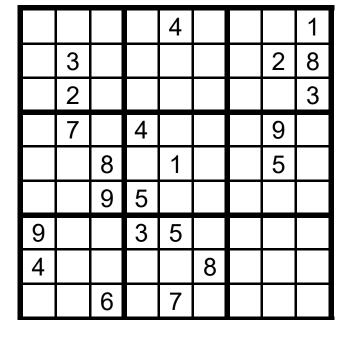
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Beacon 14U Baseball Wins 6 of 7, Heads to Playoffs

By Skip Pearlman

he Beacon baseball travel team for players ages 14 and under won six of its last seven regular season games in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League, with playoff pairings expected this weekend.

The 14U team had won six in a row before Wednesday (July 21), when it fell to Poughkeepsie, 5-3. The Bulldogs earlier defeated Cortlandt, 20–2; Marlboro twice, 3-1 and 13-1; Newburgh, 15-1; Orange County, 9-4; and a team sponsored by the Hudson Valley Renegades, 4-3.

"We've been playing pretty good baseball," said Coach Bob Atwell.

Atwell said his team's pitching has improved over the season and that Beacon (9-2) could make some noise in the league playoffs, which begin next week.

In Wednesday's loss at Poughkeepsie, Beacon got pitching contributions from Mikey Fontaine, Liam Murphy, Mercer Jordan and Morgan Varricchio, who threw three scoreless innings. On offense, Fontaine drove in a run, Murphy went 2-for-3, Jack Antalek doubled, and Austin Jurgenson had an RBI double.

"We had some opportunities," including the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth, Atwell said. "We ran ourselves out of a couple of innings with bad base running. We didn't hit the ball with runners in scoring position."

On Sunday (July 18) at Cortlandt, Jackson Atwell picked up the win on the mound. Derek Heaton went 5-for-5 and drove in three runs, and Antalek went 2-for-2 with two triples and five RBI.

In Saturday's doubleheader sweep at Marlboro, Anthony Borromeo pitched a complete Game 1 and Jurgenson got the victory in Game 2. Murphy drove in two



Liam Murphy delivers for the Bulldogs in a win over Newburgh last week at Beacon High School.

Photo by S. Pearlman

runs in the first game and Fontaine had two RBI in the second.

The prior Friday at Beacon High School, the Bulldogs rolled past Newburgh behind a solid performance by Murphy, who pitched four scoreless innings. Jordan relieved for one inning, in what Atwell called a "sloppy win."

Beacon's 11U baseball team picked up perhaps its most impressive win of the season on Wednesday, battling back from a 6-0, first-inning deficit to stun the Cadets Baseball Academy, 11-9, at Memorial Park. The Bulldogs scored eight runs in the third inning and three runs in the fourth.

"It was a great comeback," said Coach Jed Varricchio.

Hudson Fontaine started the game on the mound and went three innings with four strikeouts. Nolan Varricchio pitched two innings in relief, and Julian Rivers closed the game.

"After we came back, we held them down with our pitching," Varricchio said. "And we played good defense behind them."

Nolan Varricchio, Rivers and Fontaine each drove in two runs, and Hudson Barton, Jake Deluise and Jesse Apostolou each had one RBI.

"Barton gave us some good at-bats, and Jayden Lassiter had a nice game," Varricchio said. "It was a nice offensive performance."

The Bulldogs (3-5) were scheduled to finish their season today (July 23), hosting a team sponsored by the Hudson Valley Renegades at Memorial Park. The playoffs are scheduled to begin Monday (July 26).



Beacon Track Update

■ Last month, long jumper Rayvon Grey, 23, who recently graduated from Louisiana State University, became the first Beacon track athlete to compete at the U.S. Olympic trials since Arie Dixon (400 meters) in 2008, according to Beacon High School Coach Jim Henry. After three jumps in the qualifying round on June 25 at the University of Oregon, Grey was tied at 25-9¼ for 12th place — the last spot to move to the finals — but lost the tiebreaker because he had faulted on two of his jumps. An LSU teammate, JuVaughn Harrison, won the event at 27-9½. Harrison also won the high jump and will be the first

American man to compete in both events at the same Olympics since Jim Thorpe in 1912.

■ Four Beacon runners competed at the Nike High School Outdoor Nationals on July 3 at the University of Oregon. Zach Cader, Sal Migliore, Edward Manente and Henry Reinke finished 11th in the 1,600-meter sprint medley relay in 3:37.68. The trip was paid for by donors to an online fundraising campaign. Beacon finished three spots ahead of a team from Lexington, Massachusetts, coached by 2010 Beacon grad James Hall, whom Henry challenged before the race to an ice cream bet.

Rayvon Grey finished seventh in the long jump at the NCAA Tournament last month with a leap of 25-61/4. LSU Athletics